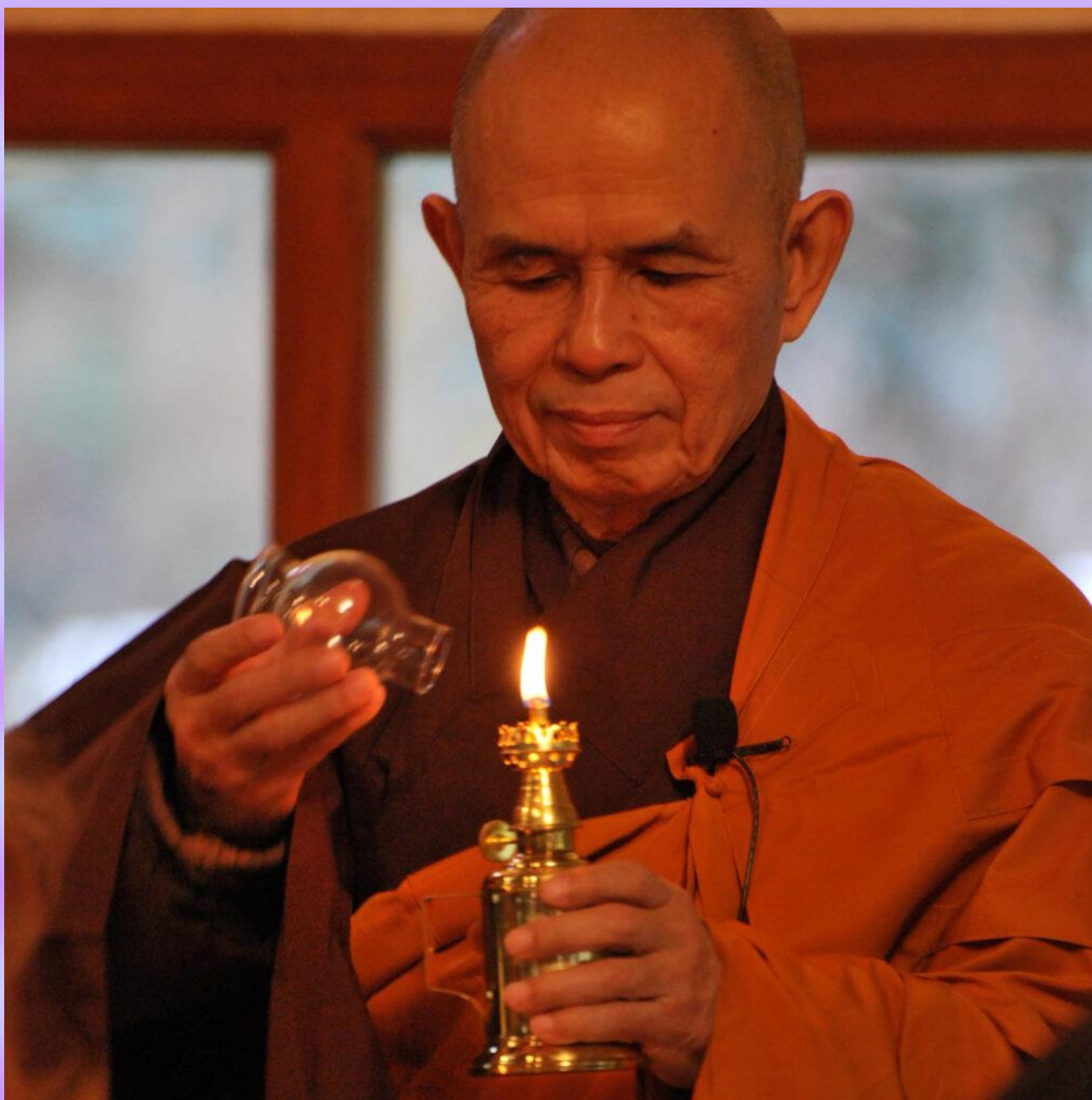
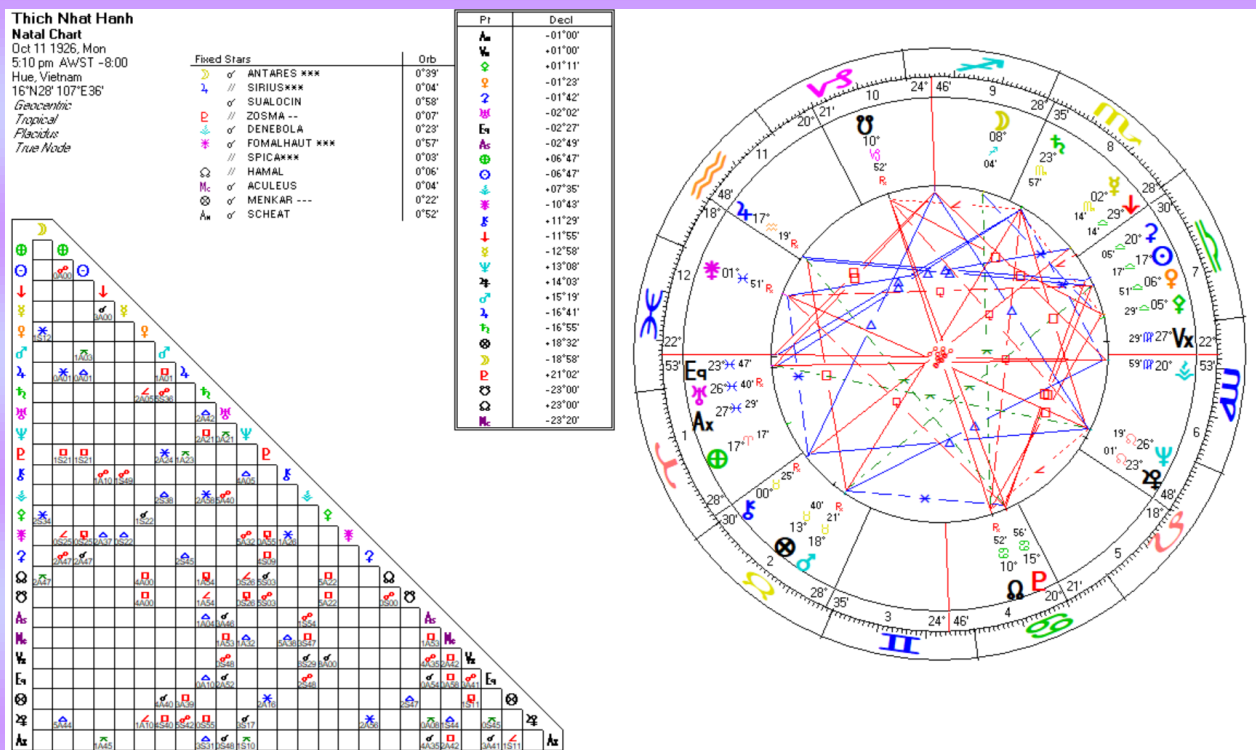


THICH NHAT HANH (1926 – 2022) - Zen Master, Author & Peace Activist

Spiritual leader, poet, and peace activist: October 11, 1926, Hue province, Vietnam.





Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh is a global spiritual leader, poet, and peace activist, renowned for his powerful teachings and bestselling writings on mindfulness and peace. He is the channel of the second ray of Love-Wisdom and Divine Compassion energy.

His life emerges as one of the great renunciation, salvation, and a complete sacrifice to the uplifting humanity. He is known worldwide to millions through his message containing the seeds of peace, healing, and reconciliation. His inspirational life awakens humanity, and his dedication serves all men and women of goodwill.

Physiognomy

Since we do not know the exact birth time, we need to rectify the Astrological Chart of Thich Nhat Hanh first from physiognomy. It can be indicative but not conclusive.

His Moon is in Capricorn if the early morning after midnight to 2h:00 am, 11th. If after 2h:00 am, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

If we compare, physiognomically, the Moon Capricorn and Sagittarius, we look at that he has high protuberant cheekbones. It is the signature of the Sagittarian Moon. A close examination of Nhat Hanh's life and character favors the Sagittarian Moon (in my opinion). He has focussed on the field of religion, which Sagittarius represents, rather than the matter or politic of Capricorn. His protruding teeth as a horse are the other characteristic of Sagittarius.

I have proposed the Pisces ascendant, which has bone structure sending the two sides of the face in different portal directions. We see the deep sea of love within his eyes, and these are receptive, compassionate, and kindly. Pisces make the eyes watery of glistening, and the water-sign eyelids tend to come down farther over the eyes. Exoteric Jupiter in Aquarius also gives this type of eyelids.

So, what decanate is ascendant upon? The apparent features in his face are a cleft in the tip of the nose and the dimple of chin. We notice that Taurus and Scorpio frequently have a strong dimple in the chin. If the last degrees of Pisces were rising, the third decanate which Scorpio rules would be rising.

Third decanate Mars of Pisces is also that of Aries. From another point of view, his face is like a Ram, and he has the frontal baldness which found sometimes with Aries.

Some thoughts about the ascendant Pisces proposed would give below.

Some Justifications for the Pisces Rising Chart

a. Pisces is a great sign of compassion and self-sacrifice and selflessness, the qualities which could easily be applied to Thich Nhat Hanh.

From the very first, Nhat Hanh was a Teacher (He is called by following to Teacher or “Thầy” in Vietnamese), relating him to the second ray of Love-Wisdom. He has also brought healing to millions around the world.

b. Pisces is the ruling sign of France. He has spent the most important period of his spiritual career in France, whose soul ray is five and the ruling sign of soul is Pisces.

We know well that some great leaders of the spiritual movement have the corresponding destinies such as Annie Besant having presumably Aries ascendant, and first ray soul has lived in India, whose ruling sign of soul is Aries with first ray soul; Helena P. Blavatsky, the great first soul links closely with India, and her Libran Moon with Great Britain through London (Libra rules personality of London); The Dalai Lama living in India, presumably his ray of personality is fourth, and his sun sign is Cancer relating to Aries and Capricorn of India as the arms of Cardinal Cross. Great esotericist, Michael D. Robbins, has his career in Finland, and both have sun sign Aries. It would seem that there was the karmic bond between them and these countries.

For this reason, with the spiritual status achieved, I think that Nhat Hanh has touched to and has resonated with the soul of France whose destiny will be on the Path of

Saviour. Jupiter of Pisces rules France and the Sun (ruling Leo, personality sign of France; two planets transmit the second ray, presumably, the soul ray of Thay). Two planets transmit the principal second ray to the Earth. “What is needed in the national life of France is the more spiritual expression of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom, [the soul ray proposed of Thich Nhat Hanh] which has in the past led to material success, but which can flood the world, via France, once she dies to self.” [DN 73]

“The soul pattern may be translated by the genius of the French intellect into terms which humanity can understand and a true psychology of the soul may come into being.” [DN 58]

When he lived in France, he has fused and blended Buddhism with Western psychology to develop uniquely Buddhist practices. The fusion resulted in his deep grasp of Buddhist psychology, leading the success in making Buddhism accessible to western audiences.

c. The keynote of his teachings is peace. It is not just Libra, but we know well that Pisces is Jerusalem and literally "the place of peace" [ExH 576]. Jupiter, the primary transmitter of the soul ray, monadically, is “beneficent” ruler which will “lead the human family into the ways of peace and progress.” [EA 264]

d. Thich Nhat Hanh is the example of the Disciple who walks upon the Path of Saviour. Through Pisces, the Will to sacrifice, Will to save, and Will to redeem is released.

“Strictly speaking those adepts who have achieved non-attachment but who have chosen to sacrifice themselves and abide with the sons of men in order to serve and help them are not technically Nirvanis. They are Lords of Compassion pledged to "suffer" with, and to be governed by, certain conditions analogous to (though not identical with) the conditions governing men who are still attached to the world of form.” [LoS 31]

e. Pisces is the sign of Buddha and Christ. This sign links him to Two great Predecessor. His book “Living Buddha, Living Christ.” In lucid, meditative prose, he explored the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two traditions meet, and he reawakens man’s understanding of both. "On the altar in my hermitage," he said, "are images of Buddha and Jesus, and I touch both of them as my spiritual ancestors." He has written a series of powerful books on Buddhist-Christian. This word has proved that he is not only a member of planetary Hierarchy, but he is also the result of transmitting the love force that focussed through the two great spiritual Lords of the Hierarchy.

“It’s not my intention to convert Christians and Jews into Buddhists,” he told The Washington Post in 1993. “It’s my intention to make them better Christians and better Jews.”

His visionary is the New World Religion. We know that the Christ stands in the centre of the great Triangle of Force in which the Buddha is a point, it is through the great channel of energies that the new religion began to take form. So Thich Nhat Hanh recognized his work in the Great Work, and he proceeded through Pisces with Sagittarius MC (the Hierarchy' work), both signs are frequently connected with religion.

Another point of view is that through ray 1, which esoteric ruler Pluto transmits, Pisces is related to Taurus, as he said that he want to follow the Path of Illumination of the Buddha. With Pisces rising, the third decanate is Mars, and Mars tenanted in Taurus, the linking with Buddha is reinforced. That makes sense if Pisces is the ascendant.

f. Pisces transmits ray 6, which is related to Buddhism and the astral plane. His great work noticeably performed. His intuition through the illumined mind focussed on the process of deglamorizing, the ability which Neptune proffers.

g. One can say that through the racial consciousness, Thich Nhat Hanh has reached the achievement of the Oneness of the Life, the status of "Isolated Unity", that of fourth degree. It involved the identification with the Father in Heaven when he said in the book "Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet" "When you wake up, and you see that the Earth is not just the environment, the Earth is us, you touch the nature of interbeing."

The word "The Earth is us" leads us to the quote, "Certain great initiates, down the ages, have fulfilled their function of revealers, and have held before the eyes of the pioneering disciples of life the ideal of Oneness and of Unity." [EP I 15]

He always called "My Mother, the Earth or Mother Earth" and we know that Pisces is the maternal sign.

Through Pisces, he can react to the Shamballa influence, the Centre of Life, and when this influence is established, he goes out and salvage and save. Pisces is the sign of Oneness and the sign looses the energy leading the human consciousness up to divine consciousness or Identification.

h. The emphasis of Uranus rising. Through Uranus rising, he can focus energies of four important signs:

- Aquarius: He performed the work of universal service, thus, as a member of the New Group of World Servers, and with the fifth ray of application transmitted through Aquarius and its exoteric rulers Uranus, later he transformed the "engaged buddhism" to become "applied buddhism".

- Sun sign Libra: Uranus is esoterically ruler, emphasizing the importance for through this planet the seventh ray works, linking the spirit (ideas for peace, the archetypal peace) and matter, god and man, and the principle of materialization concretizes that spiritual vision upon the physical plane. It is the core of his “engaged buddhism”.
- The monadic point Aries (for the initiate level, the Monad pours influence through the opposite sun sign, in this case, sun sign Libra, it is Aries): His book “Lotus in the Sea of Fire” provides one important clue. We know that the first logioic plane is so-called the Sea of Fire. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler, is the ruling planet of this plane and is the home of “Electric fire” and “Aries is also the purveyor to our solar system of Fire (Electric Fire)” [EA 96]. Aries is the sign of Individual Christ, “the Christ was the “Eldest in a vast family of brothers,” and “the symbol of this Hierarchy [I] is the Golden Lotus with its twelve petals folded.” [EA 38]
- Pisces: Uranus rising and Pisces, the Father's Home, the monadic plane where Monad is dwelled in, the plane of archetypal form. Uranus also is the archetype. Uranus rising Pisces linked him to the Hierarchy (through triangle Pisces – Uranus – Hierarchy). He has not just functioned as the Mediator between Hierarchy and Humanity but broadened the occultism through a reformed Buddhism. His teaching has corresponded to the Raja Yoga, and we know that Raja Yoga is linked with Uranus [EP I 163]. It is also occultly.

In an extraordinary teaching career spanning 65 years, Thày has revitalized Buddhism for the twenty-first century and transformed [Uranus] Buddhism from a devotional [Influence of ray six and the Piscean Age] or scholarly pursuit into a living practice that can continue to renew itself.

Thày was involved in a radical and transformative approach to religious and social problems. And later in his life, he became the spiritual leader.

i. Pisces is the sign of death. Thich Nhat Hanh led a 21-day retreat entitled “What Happens When We Are Alive? What Happens When We Die?” in which he presented his insights on the art of living and dying. [Pisces is one part of the triangle of the death concerning the Science of Divine Dying]

In addition, he has written some books on this subject of death such as “No death, no fear...”

He is “a cloud never dies”. What does this mean? It is the triumph of the death, the result of Pisces. Death is in the function of the “Great Releaser”. Pisces bring the Piscean Age's end, but Aries is the beginning, the New Aquarian Age.

j. The esoteric ruler Pluto in Cancer emphasizes the salvage through self-sacrifice in the realm of Humanity or “One Humanity”. In Cancer, the initiate realized “the Whole is seen as one”. (His Dharma title is One Action)

From another viewpoint, in the Vietnam War, Thầy encountered children bleeding from gunfire wounds, malnourished young men, and fathers whose entire families had been swept away. In a gesture of compassion and solidarity, Thầy cut his finger [self-sacrifice of Pluto] and let the blood fall into the river to pray for all those who had perished.

Pisces is the Rising Sign, then the angular Pluto in Pisces, the sign of saviorship, is very strong, indicating one willing to make all manner of sacrifices (even of life) to carry out a mission of salvation.

k. Over the years, Thầy embraced and healed the pain of not being able to return to Vietnam. It was, he explained, “thanks to the practice I was able to find my true home in the here and the now. Your true home is not an abstract idea, it is a solid reality you can touch with your feet, with your hands, with your mind. It is available in the here and the now, and nobody can take it away. They can occupy your country, yes. They can put you in prison, yes. But they cannot take away your true home and your freedom.” He described the phrase, ‘I have arrived, I am home’ as the ‘cream’ of his practice and “the shortest teaching I can give.”

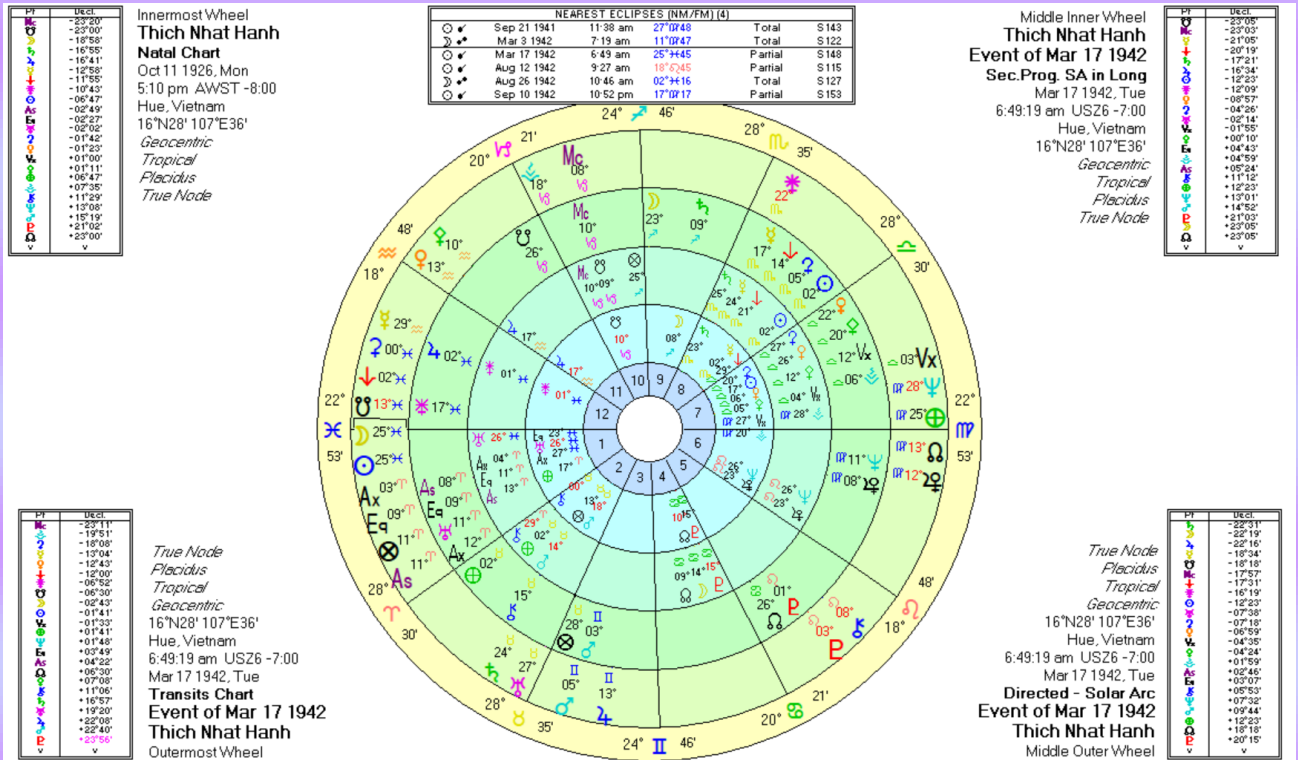
He realizes his True Home (in his books “finding our true home”, “my true home”). “I am home” (where the Monad or Father is dwelled in) means “I and my Father are One”. Pisces is the sign of the True Home, and with Uranus rising ruling the Law of freedom, it also means liberation.

l. Moreover, with a Pisces Ascendant, the MC would necessarily be Sagittarius (also ruled by Jupiter), and, therefore, Jupiter in Aquarius would be both his vocational and individual significator.

Rectification of the time of birth chart

I have justified Thay's chart to 5h:10 PM, yielding Pisces on the Ascendant.

1. 1942, he became a monk.

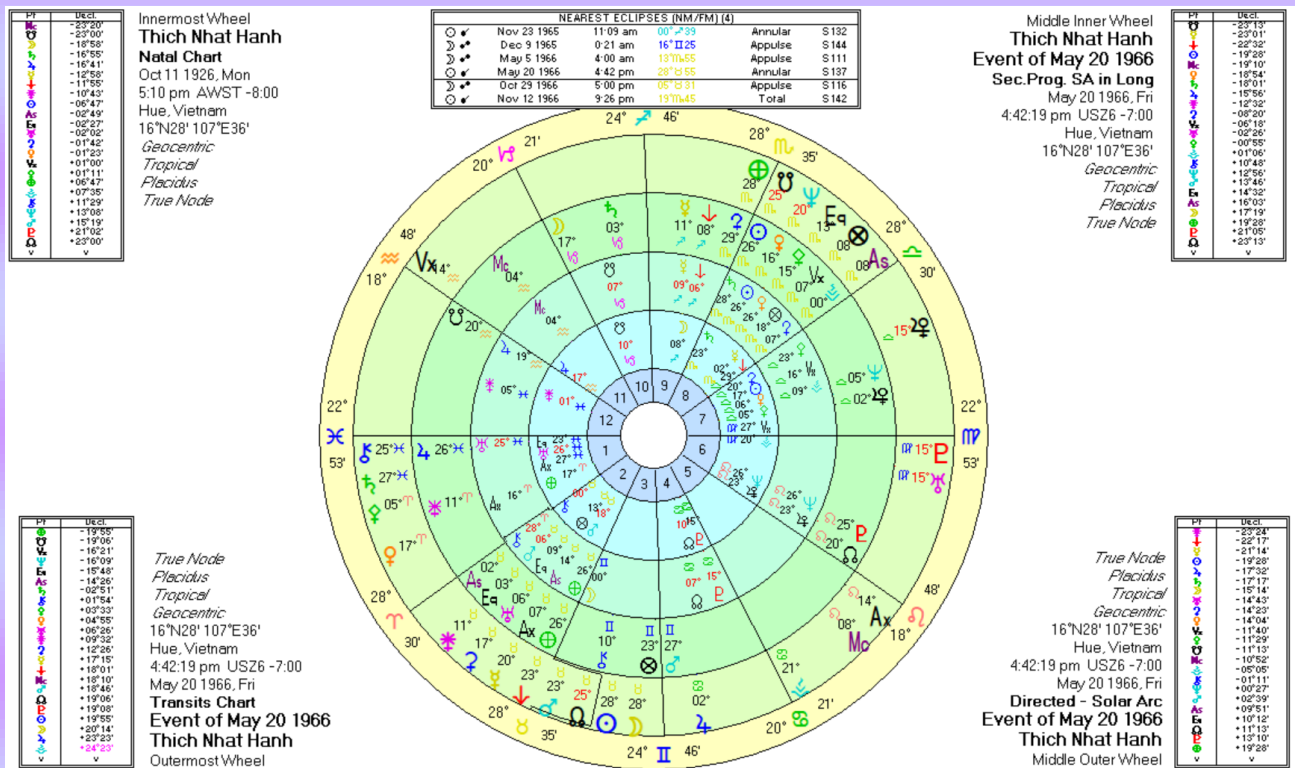


At the time of the Solar eclipse March 17, 1942, we found SAD – Moon, (the past life) crosses the MC (the career, the Master's work, the dharma). The Solar eclipse (the Sun rules personality and the present; the Tr-Moon rules the past) was exact in Ascendant of the purpose of Soul, producing the continuing of past, present, and future.

In a Q&A in Vancouver, Canada, August 12, 2001, Thich Nhat Hanh told about a discussion when he was eleven, in connection with what he wanted to be in the future [MC- Career]:"For me it was easy, because I had already fallen in love with the Buddha. [The connection with the Lord Buddha in the past life (Moon) in field of religion (Sagittarius)] During our discussion, it was clear that some strong aspiration [Sagittarius] was already there in me. I did not know what it meant—being a monk was a vague idea [Ray 6 legacy and Sagittarius], something about following the Path ⚡ of the Buddha—but I knew inside [Sagittarius is the sign of intuition, leading to the inner world] that it was what I wanted." [The vision of Sagittarius]

2. **He was exiled from Vietnam in 1966** (He left Vietnam on May 11, 1966 for the short trip, but it would be 39 years before returning home.)

In June 1966, Thich Nhat Hanh presented a peace proposal in Washington urging Americans to stop bombing and offer reconstruction aid free of political or ideological strings. He emphasized that he and his followers favored neither side in the war and wanted only peace. In response, the South Vietnamese government immediately banned him from returning home. A trip for peace that was supposed to last a few weeks became forty years in exile.



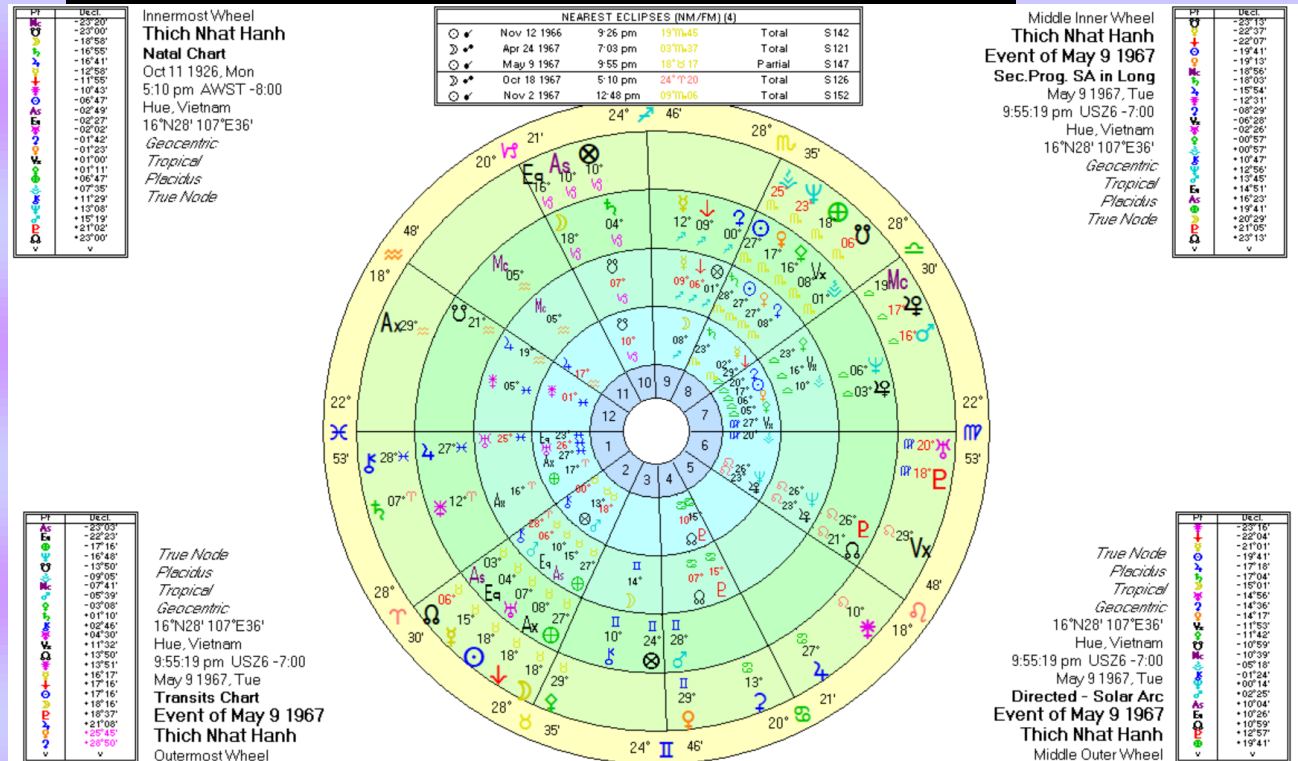
T-Pluto conjunction T-Uranus (in Virgo, being shattered from the Mother; Virgo is cusp of H7 of relationships between him and his body (“his nation”), and peace (He is banned for as he said “I had dared to call for peace.”) sextile exact Na-Pluto in Cancer (maternal sign) in 4H (native homeland); Na-Pluto opposite SAD Moon (maternal planet) in Capricorn (Karma and a politically motivated punishment), square T-Venus in Aries (Esoteric ruler of 4th house).

It is interesting that Uranus rising in the home, has been half cycle in Virgo (the sign of service) when he is banned such as the server, and after 39 years, when he return to home so Uranus also return to the Pisces, the true home, the Father’home. The mantram “I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save.” Then I come back again to Father’s Home.

Tr- Chiron across the Asc, this ban was the deep wound. But SAD-Jupiter conjunction with Na-Uranus (two rulers of universal sign Aquarius) and Asc (purpose of soul)

means that the Soul demanded him for the universal service, but not limited to a single country.

3. King nominated **Nhật Hạnh** for the 1967 Nobel Peace Prize.



Solar eclipse May 9, 1967 at 9:55 pm

SAD Jupiter (Exoteric ruler of Sagittarius MC of career and reputation) has just crossed Asc and conjunct widely Asc, and Na- Uranus rising (esoteric ruler of sun sign Libra of peace, which is the planet of global, universal organisation) making Grand trine exact T- Jupiter (Successful), and P-Sun (Radiance). Two planets Uranus and Jupiter are called “beneficent organization” [EA 74], both are rulers of Aquarius, the New Age of Organisation and Peace.

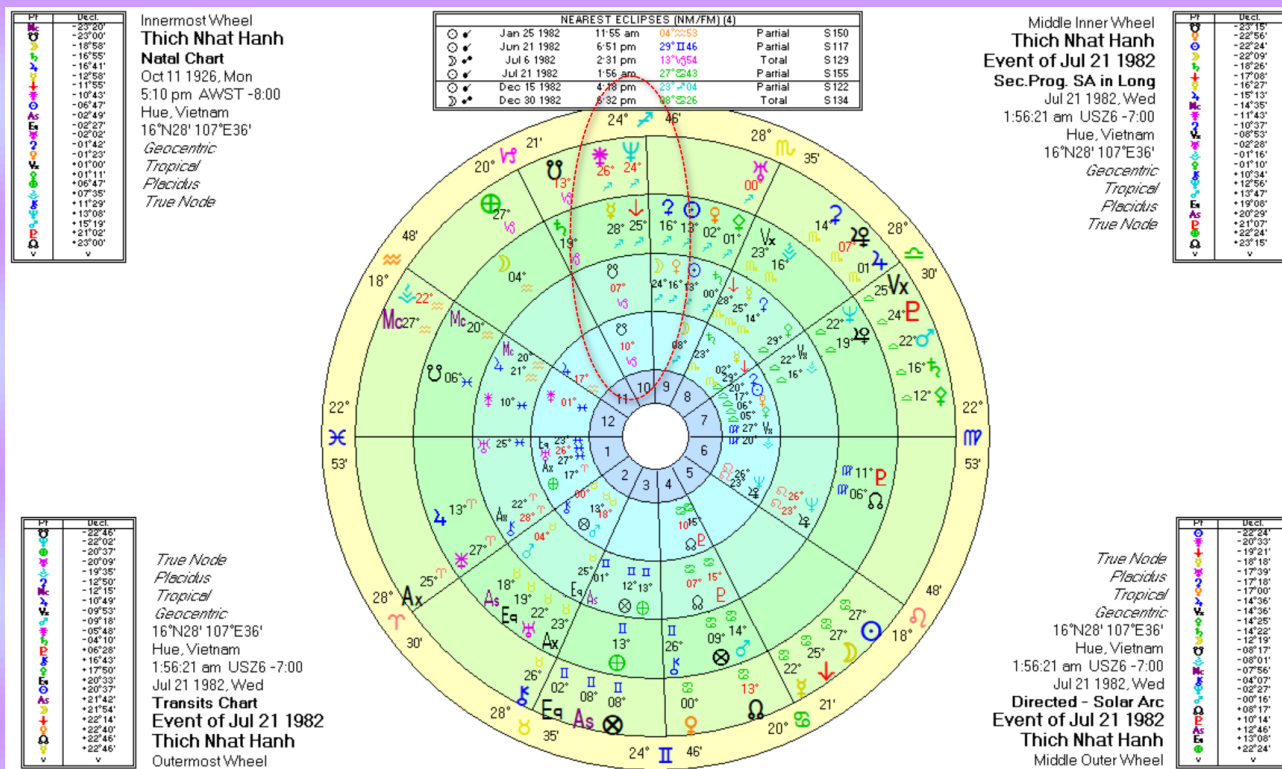
T- Uranus crossed the cusp of H7, which house it rules esoterically, the house of peace (Nobel Peace Prize).

T- Earth (esoteric ruler of MC – the global award) trine Na-Jupiter (Success). This event reinforced the choice of Pisces ascendant.

4. The foundation of Plum village:

We found a Solar eclipse at July 21 1982.

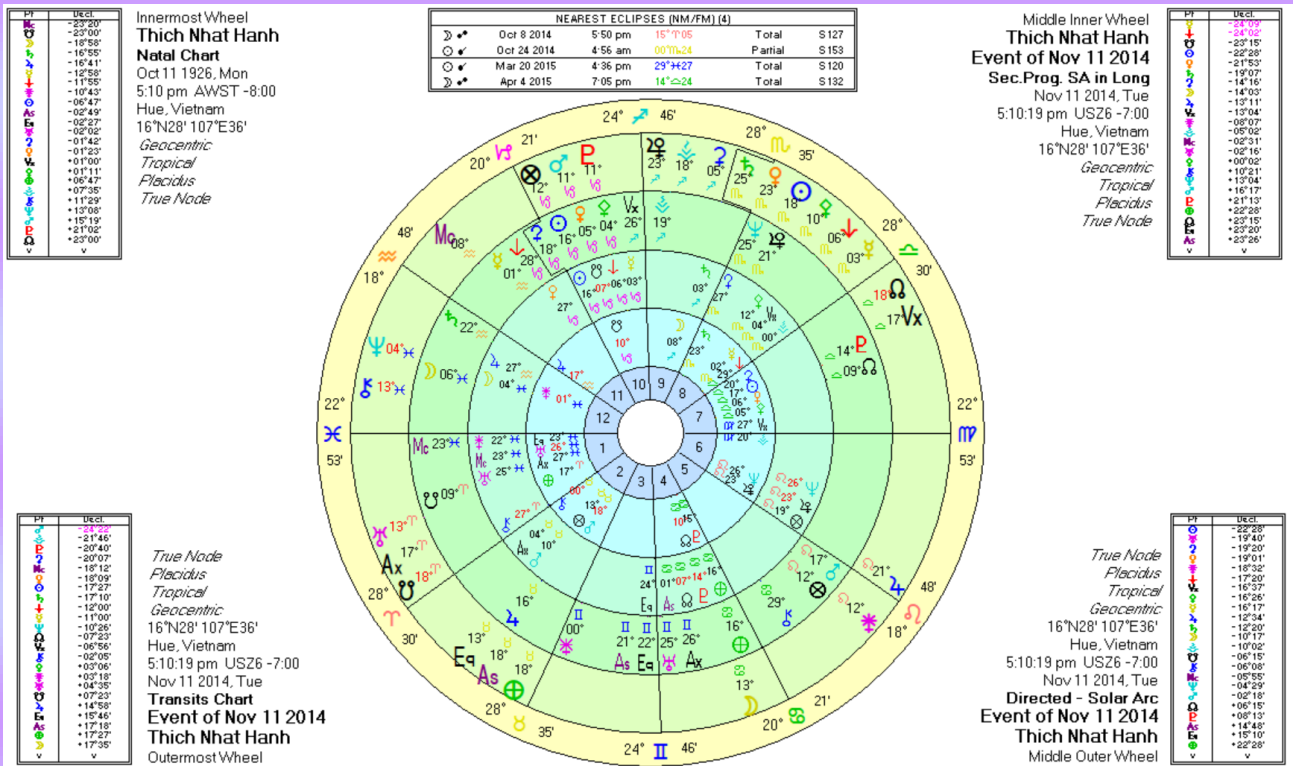
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A stellium of conjunctions in MC, especially T-Neptune (planet of Love) conjunction T-Juno (asteroid of partnership); Plum Village was founded by him and his Sister Chan Khong) cross MC, with SAD-Mercury (the planet of mind, communication) and SAD- Vulcan (Will to construct). It is simply interpreted that he and his sister (Juno) drew on their strong foundation (Vulcan) in Buddhist psychology (Plum Village in France, which has fifth ray soul of psychology) and understanding of Western culture (Sun Libra) to develop uniquely Buddhist practices for compassionate (Neptune) communication (Mercury) and reconciliation (Libra and Ray 4 transmitting through Mercury and Sagittarius MC). All these practices, developed by Thich Nhat Hanh in Plum Village in France, created a powerful new model (this stellium trine exact with Na- Uranus rising, the planet of “new”, reform) for mindfulness (Mercury) retreats (Neptune) that has today been popularised around the world (MC).

5. November 11 2014, the stroke.

A month after his 88th birthday and following several months of rapidly declining health, Thich Nhat Hanh suffered a severe stroke. Doctors at first said it would be impossible to survive, but he made an extraordinary recovery.



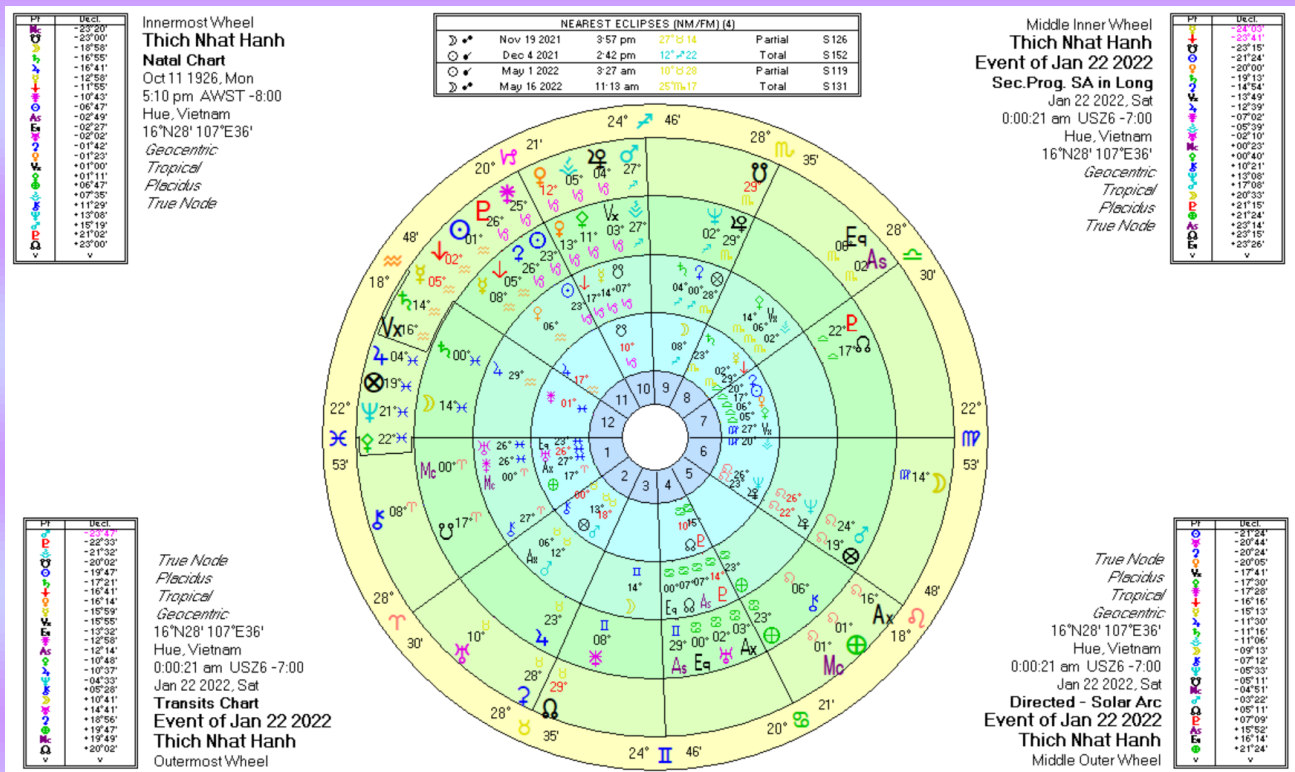
The third return of Saturn, and one Mercury return, T-Venus conjuncts Na-Saturn. All three planets govern the throat centre, ruling the organs of voice. This stroke left him unable to speak or walk.

T-Uranus square Na-Pluto square Na-Sun square T-Pluto conjunction T-Mars conjunction P-Sun.

T. Venus (ruling personality) conjunction N. Saturn (ruling brain). T. Venus squares also SAD. Saturn in Aquarius (ruling blood). But I think the triggering agent is T. Uranus in Aries (head and brain) in H1 (head). T. Uranus opposites in 4* Na. Sun, and squares, especially T. Mars, (stroke and blood) T. Pluto (blockage) and SAD. Sun. The disease incident to Aries is the inflammatory brain explosions such as a stroke. Uranus suddenly causes this stroke.

He has a miracle recovery, and I think of the T-square created by **P-Jupiter and Tr-Jupiter** (this stroke has without outer dissolution of his life form through the beneficent unified influence of Jupiter) with group conjunction T- and Na- Saturn, T-Venus.

6. His death on January 22, 2022



We see at that time, Tr- Mars (conjunct MC) sextile Tr-Pluto sextile Na-Asc conjunction Na-Uranus. Mars and Pluto are the planets of death, Uranus is the planet of liberation, tenanting in Pisces the sign of death and the end of cycle. The good aspect with ascendant proves that death is the fiat coming from Soul (Mars in the Sagittarius means that the death is directed from the buddhic plane or Triad, because of the death is the result of the harmony achieved. The instrument of the Soul is Mars, the seed of death). The Sun has just entered Aquarius, Uranus has been the transition or bridge between the past and the new cycle.

Considering the psychology:

The presence of ray 2

His inspirational life is full of compassion, love and wisdom. With the great heart, loving understanding, humility, openness, friendliness, and genuine inclusiveness, Thich Nhat Hanh is undoubtedly a second ray soul.

The “apostle of peace” endeavour to establish the right human relations between the humanity. He demonstrated the will aspect of the second ray: Will to Unify.

He has a close relationship with the Buddha in the sign of Buddha. Thich Nhat Hanh transmits many messages of the Lord Buddha. His teachings are love, compassion, understanding, and wisdom, which are anent to the second ray line.

I think that the transmission of soul ray 6 to ray 2 accomplished. The formula of the sixth ray is peaceful, standing still at the center. He is the master of peaceful meditation. He has the breadth of vision and a right sense of proportion, or balance. All the sign of balance is dominant, Libra (Sun sign), Sagittarius (Moon sign), and Aquarius (Jupiter tenanted). He always is still ("Stillness" formula of ray 3), peaceful, balancing despite the circumstances. It may prove that his soul has translated to ray 2.

I assume that his astral body also is second ray. Huffington Post in 2012 called him the "calmest man in the world" and Martin Luther King wrote in his nomination letter "I do not personally know of anyone more worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize than this gentle Buddhist monk from Vietnam,". Calmest and gentle are the most characteristic of second ray.

The presence of ray 3

When he was a young monk, he decided to affirm deep aspiration to become bodhisattvas of action by taking the new name Nhất Hạnh, meaning "One Action". He is a Uranian man, focussing on the first house of action.

He is a Libran man, and with the point of development, he is not just in touch with the Three Buddhas of Activity (He recognized intuitively Them as the "Bodhisattvas of Action"). He may be the channel of These Great Beings. They correspond to the Personality of the Planetary Logos, and Whose ray is third.

Though love and wisdom are always emphasized in his teaching, mindfulness is so. The mind is the third aspect of divinity related to the third ray.

He has great amount of speeches in his life, and the throat centre is always dominant, paralleling with heart centre.

He has maybe achieved the Omnipresence, which is the highly initiate consciousness. "The omnipresence of divinity within all forms pours in upon the consciousness of the initiate, and the mystery of time, space and electricity stands revealed. The major effect of this revelation (prior to the third initiation) is to bring to the disciple a realisation of the "great heresy of separateness," as it focusses in him, the separated fully conscious individual—aware of his past, conscious now of his ray and its conditioning power, focussed in his own aspiration, and yet part of the great whole of nature." [RI 41]

He has been described as "the most important figure in Western Buddhism... in terms of direct influence through number of students taught and the degree to which terms

and concepts he has coined or emphasized (“engaged Buddhism,” “interbeing,” “mindfulness,” etc.) impact the very language of contemporary Western Buddhism itself.” The third ray is that of Creative Intelligence.

He may speak fluid seven languages. Ray 3 has an ability closely related to skillful communication, which is the ability to understand and speak many languages. Mercury [Maybe monadic ray 3] is said to be the “God of Eloquence,” and is associated in astrology with the ability to speak fluently and to communicate skillfully.

He has the capacity to translate one set of symbols into another—one symbolic language into another. (He has translated the Heart Sutra, the most important sutra in Mahayana Buddhism; he produced modern translations of both classical Chinese, Pali as the *Ānāpānasati Sutta*, the *Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta*, and the *Diamond Sutra*) He can because he has an understanding of the abstract pattern upon which any particular language is based, then it becomes easy for him to fill in the details fluidly. He can interpret the abstract concepts as idea, God, “True Home”, time... in the apprehensive word.

The presence of ray 1

In the most intense war period, Thầy entered into a leadership role in the Buddhist movement for peace and social action, and later became the global spiritual leader. The first ray produces the natural leader.

Thầy published *The World We Have* (2008), fearlessly telling the truth, and with his courage to speak boldly on some of the toughest contemporary issues and outlining a Buddhist approach to the growing environmental crisis. The virtues of first ray are fearlessness and courage.

His service has strengthened others and liberated others, vitalizing and directing the power of their Will. He knows well the significance of strength; He reaffirmed the importance of not demonizing the enemy and described compassion as a sign of great courage and strength—not of weakness—and the best way to guarantee true security and peace. The strength, diversity and vitality of Thầy’s international community may be his greatest legacy of all.

He also has the capacity to grasp great questions in a large-minded way, not the part but the whole, not the many but the One.

He has used the word “breath” in his word, and the identification in the recognition of the all-pervading life in his teaching proved the fusion of ray 1 and ray 2 (Love is

the response to contact, meaning identification, inclusiveness and understanding; First ray is also identification). “We cannot separate human beings from the environment. The environment is in human beings and human beings are part of the environment... [Even] the distinction between living beings and non-living beings disappears after meditation.”

The word ‘interbeing’ although it still uses words and the idea of ‘being’ is a skilful way to go beyond dualistic ideas of separation to touch the true nature of reality. [Aries is the opposite sun sign, and through which Monad expresses; Aries demonstrates the Will to be of first ray] [Great Bear -> Aries – Libra → The Sun; He enters the realm of the formless worlds because Aries, the sign of beginnings makes this possible; through the potency of Libra ♎, he has succeeded in achieving that point of balance which makes the final escape from the pairs of opposites possible [EA 467]; Resulting the Inspiration]

The individual first ray once reaches a relatively high stage of evolutionary unfoldment. They become strongly identified with the source of reality; they instinctively realize that they (in their spiritual essence) are that very source.

The first ray is dominant in his life. I hypothesizes that his personality is on ray 1, which have the ability to demonstrate fortitude and apply power purposefully and dynamically.

The presence of ray 6

His steadiness, loyalty and devotion are further indications of the sixth ray, perhaps on the personality level. The sixth ray demonstration was not fanatical or fiery; the water element was at least as strong.

The devotion demonstrated when he saw one image of Buddha at eleven, “The image awakened a clear and strong desire in him to become just like that Buddha: someone who embodied calm, peace, and ease, and who could help others around him also be calm, peaceful, and at ease”

In the first book in the Mindfulness Essentials series, he taught about “how to sit”. It is related to a poised attitude or “posture” in the meditative process, which is ruled by the sixth ray force.

The service qualifies his life, and we know that sixth ray force governs the Law of Service.

He has the brotherhood or friendship with the Dr. Martin Luther King, the great sixth soul ray. Both shared idealism, courage, and vision.

The presence of ray 4

He considered himself a “reconciler”. He had a natural ability to relate constructively and harmoniously to a great diversity of people and institutions. These qualities point to the strong presence of fourth ray in his character—These also are especially the characteristics of Libra. He represented the Will to Harmonize leading to Peace.

Thầy taught his students to look with “the eyes of interbeing” to see that there cannot be a sheet of paper without clouds, forest and rain; there cannot be a mother or father without daughter or son. “Everything coexists,” he explained. “To be is to inter-be. You cannot just be by yourself alone; you have to inter-be with every other thing.”

In his early retreats, Thầy went on to teach that you cannot have happiness without suffering, the mud without the lotus. The ‘insight of interbeing’ became central to his teachings on communication, ecology, conflict-resolution, political division and even personal family relationships.

In his book “No Mud, No Lotus”, he represented the Art of Transforming Suffering. It is interesting to note the aphorism of ray 4:

“4. All flowers are thine. Settle the roots in mud, the flowers [he used the Lotus] in sun. Prove mud and sun, and roots and flowers are one.

Quality.....power to express divinity. Growth.” [EP I 72]

“No Mud, No Lotus” introduces ways to be in touch with suffering without being overwhelmed by it. "When we know how to suffer," Nhat Hanh says, "we suffer much, much less." The secret to happiness is to acknowledge and transform suffering, not to run away from it. Here, Thich Nhat Hanh offers practices and inspiration transforming suffering and finding true joy.

In addition, he also has an interesting and understanding of music. His works have a high cinematic nature, especially the book “Old Path White Clouds”, which transformed into a film with great influence.

The presence of ray 5

He discovered and researched many religious psychologies (Buddhist, Japanese Zen traditions, Tibetan Buddhism, Mahayana Buddhism, the Chinese and Pali canons, Christianity...), some ideologies (of Aristotle, Hegel, Marx and Engels ...) and Eastern-Western culture and developed the uniquely Buddhist practices. He is

knowledgeable scholarship in almost every field, based on in-depth research. The Tibetan has said: “This [Fifth ray] is the ray of science and research.” [EP I 207]

He has integrated ancient Buddhist wisdom with elements from Western psychology, science, ecology, ethics, and education, to address the deep roots of fear, violence, oppression.

His *Tiến Hóa* magazine published articles on the importance of studying science and economics in order to understand the actual roots of suffering and not rely only on chanting and prayer.

His seminal biography of the Buddha, *Old Path White Clouds*, a bestseller published in over twenty languages, with its lyrical language and accessible Buddhist teachings, and told without miraculous embellishments, successfully established the Buddha as a human being, not a god.

He works effortlessly in the realm of concrete mental world and the “Applied Buddhism”, Buddha’s root teachings take a form of application of the concrete mind for the helping of the race.

His teaching emphasizes mental concentration; it is the unique ability of ray 5.

He investigated the formless and timeless world and understandably pushed this into human consciousness.

He has the power of definition, wearing the garment to the abstract concepts such as “time is life, time is love”, “your true home [the world of being] is not abstract idea”, or his definition of God as the quote: “God is everything, and everything is a wonder, pebble, leaf, flower, butterfly... I can see God in everything. You can see God in pebble, piece of dust. You can see God in your fellow, if you see God like that, you are a happy person, you do not harm to do yourself, you don't want to harm other people. If you are mindful of concentration, [Ray 5] you can recognize to and are really in the kingdom of God. When you are walking meditation, you are walking in the kingdom of God. God is not abstract idea, but something is very real, you are able to encounter in every moment of your daily life.”

His dharmic name is One Action, and we know that the will aspect of the fifth ray is Will to Action.

The presence of ray 7

The effect of the seventh ray is to transform ideas from the archetypal plane (the will to good) into activities (goodwill and peace). It is the outstanding work he dedicated to the world.

In his teachings, we found the extreme care showing in the details. On the other hand, he gave all of us the value of rhythmic and timing.

“You Are Here: Discovering the Magic of the Present Moment,” He taught the value of time. In each retreat, Thầy guided the community to incorporate mindfulness and compassion in every action: whether making phone calls, drafting documents, writing letters, eating meals together, or simply washing dishes.

There is time for each activity in daily life. There is a peak moment when each activity can perform to best advantage. The seventh ray has the specific ability to schedule such moment.

As a young monk, Thầy studied the principle of counting and following the breath and trained in formal slow walking meditation. His teachings represent the art of mindful breathing; from another point of view, it is the “Pranayama”, which is controlled by the law of rhythmic living of seventh ray force.

When he returned to Vietnam in 2007, he organized and conducted "Great Chanting Ceremonies" intended to help heal remaining wounds from the Vietnam War; and lead retreats for monastics and laypeople. The chanting ceremonies were initially called "Grand Requiem for Praying. The seventh ray is clearly demonstrated through these great ceremonies. It is the power to organize and use magical sound to heal wounds.

With the seventh ray, Thầy has a strong social consciousness; He can excel at well-organized group work. Thầy always looks for the best possible way of doing something, and the rhythm is created when tending to repeat it. Thus, routines, rituals, and ceremonies are born. The Plum Village welcomes people of all ages, backgrounds and faiths at retreats where they can learn practices such as walking meditation, sitting meditation, eating meditation, total relaxation, working meditation and stopping, smiling, and breathing mindfully

The physical body would seem to be on the seventh ray, giving order and executive ability, but strengthened by the first ray personality to withstand the adversities.

Hypothesizing the Ray Chart

Monadic ray: II sub 3 or III sub 2
Soul: ray II
Personality: Ray 1 – legacy 6, or ray 7
Mind: Ray 4 – sub 5
Astral body: Ray 2
Etheric body: Ray 3

*Note: It is hard to assign the Ray Chart. This tabulation is suggestive but not the confirmation.

Determination the stage of development

His stage of development is presumed to be at least third-degree or close to the fourth degree. There is a close relationship between him and the Lord Buddha (He has speculatively third monadic ray). The hypothesis of his monadic ray is the second or third ray, but no one less than a Master can assign the monadic ray with certainty, but we can recognize that it was probably influential in the case of Thay.

When the qualities of 12 signs express all through soul, and full expression of 7 qualities of the soul ray (soul ray and 7 subrays is represented above), which is subray of monadic ray, he is on the verge of liberation. At the point of achievement, the expansion of second ray results in the final shattering of the causal body.

The second ray of Love-Wisdom expresses through all 12 signs in Nhat Hanh's life as follows:

Aries: the beginning into the divine Way of Love – Wisdom and expressing the second aspect of the Will to sacrifice “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”. He breaks into the cosmic ethers, the Buddhic plane.

Taurus: Illumination, the Light of the Wisdom coming from Monad/Triad destroys all the illusion, glamor in three lower worlds.

Gemini: concerning the Crisis of Soul, which is that of Crucifixion. His consciousness is not the triple, but the duality of the Monad/Triad and the transfigured personality or the Soul-infused personality. Gemini is the cosmic Christ, and the Will to relate spirit and matter has been expressed in Nhat Hanh’s life.

Cancer: Evoking the Will to good of the mass. Through Neptune ruling buddhic plane, the pure love poured in. He demonstrated the triumphant Disciples consciousness. The True Home of Monad (represented by hierarchical ruler Neptune on monadic plane) is recognized, and the causal body or causal “home” is unnecessary.

Leo: The Identification with the Higher Self or true Ego on Triadal level (Buddhic level).

Virgo: Approaching to the Full Christ consciousness

Libra: response to the energy coming from the Heart of the Sun, “the Divine Love”, expressing as Peace.

Scorpio: Overcome desire of the “ancient authority” of personality, the true spiritual love gives place desire. He has achieved the hierarchical consciousness of the Human Hierarchy, “Lord of Buddhi” on the buddhic plane.

Sagittarius: The goal of this world cycle see as Divine Love on Monadic plane.

Capricorn: The Mystery of Makara is revealed, it is the mystery of 5th Creative Hierarchy, “the heart of fiery Love”, the spiritual unfolded Lotus.

Aquarius: Touching the Universal Mind, then penetrating the Universal Love and becoming the world server.

Pisces: The Lord of Compassion, the Saviour.

An Astro-rayological Overview

The astrological conduits for the 2nd ray soul

If we think of Thich Nhat Hanh as essentially a second ray soul, and choose Pisces for his Ascendant, we see an easy flow of second ray energy through the soul-orienting Ascendant.

The Signs/Constellations:

Pisces with Uranus rising.

Only one sign given as transmitter of the second ray of Love-Wisdom is active and tenanted in his chart. The Piscean influence made the theme salvation of his inner life predominantly. It has also brought to the fore the critical subject of faith.

Uranus is related to the pulse of the heart of the Sun, transmitting one aspect of Will to good. Uranus was linking Pisces to the Sun sign Libra, with the initiate consciousness, Libra expresses the “Divine Love” [EA 333], coming from the heart of the Sun, reinforcing the love energy in his energy system.

Uranus in Pisces and Jupiter in Aquarius makes the close interlocking, because Uranus is ruler of Aquarius, and Jupiter is ruler of Pisces. Actually, we find Uranus and the Jupiter in mutual disposition—each the orthodox dispositor of the other. It means that salvation works out through the rendering service.

“Thus they are prepared for the final sacrifice in Pisces which "absorbs them back into their originating Motive," as the Old Commentary expresses it. It is for this reason that the life of service and the directed intention to serve constitute a scientific mode of achieving release. In Aquarius, the sign of world service, the lesson is finally learned which produces the world Saviour in Pisces. Hence my constant emphasis upon service.” [EA 118]

The Sun has a grand trine with Jupiter, the exoteric ruler of Pisces rising, so we have two important interlocking triangles of second ray Pisces – Aquarius – Libra, transmitting through planetary rulers Uranus – Jupiter – the Sun. It means that the Will to Save expresses through the work of universal service in the realm of relationship, “communities around the world”. In the process of manifestation, his radiant soul pours the archetypal inclusive Love into the world.

Another point of view, we have the disposition esoteric Pluto in connection with Uranus rising, so, Pisces – Uranus rising \circ Pluto (Cancer – 4H) – Jupiter (Aquarius – 11H), it means that the work of salvation uses the radical active transforming the physical -astral body of humanity, through the compassionate group such as Plum Village.

Uranus of Nhat Hanh was responsible for surprisingly sweeping reforms. With its spontaneity and revolutionary spirit, Uranus assisted him in changing Buddhism’s structure.

Jupiter (exoteric ruler of Pisces) is the disposition to Uranus, Jupiter /Uranus confer “beneficent organization”. Together, they are the most progressive combination possible, opening the doors.

Uranus and Neptune combined effectiveness in form with the transcendental spirit. Students of the Tibetan would say it unifies the mystic and the occult, or buddhi with atma/manas, or the heart and the mind.

We see that Uranus is involved in a powerful (and practical—because first house of action is involved) position, which suddenly swept through the Buddhism, changing everything.

The soul is the “quality of life”, and the quality of Thich Nhat Hanh’s presence and heart energy affected the dramatic changes. Love is the great transformer.

Interestingly, He has spent most of his later life in France, whose soul ray is five and ruling sign is Pisces. He has touched France's soul; her destiny will be on the Path of Saviour. France is ruled by Jupiter of Pisces and the Sun (ruling Leo, personality sign of France). “What is needed in the national life of France is the more spiritual expression of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom, which has in the past led to material success but which can flood the world, via France, once she dies to self.” DN 73

Uranus is in Pisces; it is the triangle Sirius - Pisces – Uranus focussing on Hierarchy works out through him. Pisces is the main transmitter of the second ray soul, which

means Divine compassion and the Saviour in some degree or Mediator.

Pisces has Will to Save.

He represented in the book “Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet” “When you wake up and you see that the Earth is not just the environment, the Earth is us, you touch the nature of interbeing. And at that moment you can have real communication with the Earth... We have to wake up together. And if we wake up together, then we have a chance. Our way of living our life and planning our future has led us into this situation. And now we need to look deeply to find a way out, not only as individuals, but as a collective, a species.”

“The Earth is us”, it is not just the realisation of the Humanity as a whole or the fourth Hierarchy, so he has penetrated to the consciousness of the Great Being or the First Saviour, in Whom we live and move and have our being.

This synthesis of the three energies, evoked through invocation and the response of certain divine Potencies, is esoterically given the name of "the saving Force." [ExH 276]

He called the Saving force the synthesis of energy coming from the centre where the Will of God is known, the Love of Hierarchy and the field of service Humanity.

His deepest insights for environment activists, captured in his book *Love Letter to the Earth*, are an invitation “fall in love with the Earth,” to create a truly sustainable energy source to inspire action and engagement.

Esoteric Pluto in Cancer:

The progress of Thich Nhat Hanh was from reconciler (Libra) to save the world (Pisces). One senses that it was Thich’s Love-Wisdom (Pisces) to anchor IC (Pluto in the IC in Cancer – Will to manifest in the physical plane) the energy of the heart and love in an deep transformative organization —the Buddhism IC.

Pluto is conjunct the North Node, indicating the importance of the function of radical guide, leading the Buddhist in the inner Path.

Pluto is the Lord of Underworld, in which the fear that is the greatest evil in the world, was. Perfect Love replaces all fear. The love energy dissolves and absorbs virtually all the negative energies around man. It is the work of Pisces Love through the transmitter deeply Pluto in the fourth house of glamour.

In the fourth house of the inner Ashram, during the Aquarian Age, the Ashramic work will emerge through the powerful individuals in the work group, one of whom Thày was.

It is an interesting note to the miracle relationship with Dalai Lama through Pluto in Cancer, both are the apostles of Love and Wisdom, and both was exiled from his native land.

The chief second ray planet Jupiter

Nhat Hanh was a Jupiterian (and Uranian) person. If the soul ray were the second (as it indeed appears to be), Jupiter would be a major conduit for its expression. Jupiter is the exoteric ruler of Asc Pisces, is in the sign Aquarius it rules, and is also the planet ruling his Sagittarian Moon and MC, and is, therefore, triple important.

Jupiter is the planet of the open heart, and it is trined to the Sun, and is opposed widely Neptune (the planet linking solar plexus to the heart and ruling the “Solar Flames” of the “Heart of the Sun☉”.)

This triple interaction, therefore, is profound love-wisdom conjunction. Love was applied, to a great extent, “at group” (eleventh house)—i.e., within Buddhism itself. Buddhism was set on a new course of action (Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter) and established on a new and more spiritually authentic group, organisation (eleventh house). The conjunction by the parallel of declination of Jupiter and Saturn, tells of the spiritual responsibility.

All the planets that serve as the second ray's conduits are active in his chart. It should mention that Jupiter (the chief planet of the soul ray) is also exactly trine to the Sun in Libra. Both Jupiter and the Sun express the second ray, and so this airy sign trine is extremely powerful for the good. It also reinforces Thich Nhat Hanh’s good nature and his Intelligent Love or Wisdom.

The second ray planet Venus in Libra

We recognize that Venus♀ is the planet more related to the influence of the Solar Angel; it is the planet of the light and love of the soul, and impulses the redemptive process within the lower human nature. Its healing, magnetic energies contributed greatly to the spirit of reconciliation and warmth which characterized Thich Nhat Hanh. It is fittingly placed in Libra, the sign of its ruling, representing as it does especially the harmony aspect, and the balance of third ray. So, Nhat Hanh was called in to bring more harmonious relations at especially tense moments.

Sabian symbol of Venus: “A Woman Feeding Chickens And Protecting Them From The Hawks”, the peaceful intelligent loving soul feeds the human and protects them from the glamour claw of evil.

The second ray planet Neptune in Leo

Neptune, the planet of compassion, is in Leo, which expresses the second aspect of fiery triangle, relating to Love and consciousness. The compassionate energy is focussed in the fifth house of soul.

Neptune is co-ruler of Pisces ascendant and opposite the main ruler Jupiter, but we know that there is not the conflict but harmony in the initiate consciousness. “It should be remembered that—from the angle of the final development of the twelve zodiacal potencies—the twelve opposites must become the blended six, and this is brought about by the fusion in consciousness of the polar opposites.” [EA 348]

It means that Thich Nhat Hanh, the “individualized Son of God”, which is sensitive to the higher vibration and recognises the intelligent service of the Plan, become humanity itself, proceedings to world service through the pouring in of pure love and fusing the heart and mind of man.

In the sign Leo, which it rules esoterically, Neptune transmutes the emotion – desire (of humanity) into love – aspiration. As the world server, this is the task manifested in his life.

Asteroid Chiron in Taurus, second sign, in second house, trine out of sign with Neptune

Chiron (the healing asteroid transmits the second ray) retrograde in Taurus, the second sign in second house. Taurus in the second house provides the source of wisdom, the light of love, we know that we could just access this spiritual source through meditation. Thầy had the intuition that, if only he could master his full awareness of breathing and walking, he would be able to heal truly. Therefore, Thầy always emphasised the power of collective meditation practice for healing and transformation.

Chiron trine out of sign Neptune in Leo (soul), means that the real healer is the transcendental soul.

The conduits of first ray

Leo – Neptune – Fifth house

There is only sign transmitting the first ray with tenating planet in his chart, Leo – Neptune – H5.

I propose his personality is upon the first ray, but not confirmed. At the initiate level, personality is transfigured by soul; therefore, the spiritual energy can pour in. Leo is ruled by the Sun on all three levels – Exoteric Sun (veiling Jupiter), Esoteric Sun (veiling Neptune), Hierarchical Sun (veiling Uranus). With the achievement of spiritual status of an initiate, the Hierarchical ruler Uranus and Esoteric ruler Neptune can affect. Two planets are respectively related to the “Central spiritual Sun” and “the Heart of the Sun”. One rules the atmic plane, the other the buddhic plane.

Through Uranus, Leo link to Pisces rising, the sign also transmits one aspect of first ray, the destroy aspect. Uranus is the planet of archetypal, authentic pattern. Leo rules the logic plane (first subplane of cosmic physical plane), the “Sea of Fire”. Uranus also links Leo to the Monadic point Aries. His book “Lotus in the Sea of Fire” provides one important clue. Leo rules the first Creative Hierarchy, “the symbol of this Hierarchy is the Golden Lotus with its twelve petals folded.”

Back to the first ray, we consider the effect of Leo - Neptune in fifth house. Leo expresses the Will to fulfillment. In this case, it maybe means that he achieved fulfilment of the mystical consciousness. Besides, Uranus ruler in Pisces rising, means the occult consciousness which soul has expression. Pisces – Uranus and Leo – Neptune, we find again Uranus and Neptune in mutual disposition—each the dispositor of the other, it leads to the close connection between one sign ruling soul and the other ruling personality, and both are one (soul-infused personality) and in the house ruling the soul (first house and fifth house), hence the fusion of both occult and mystical consciousness.

Saturn

Saturn with its first ray component is in Scorpio (the sign of Hercules, the first ray Adept). He has strong purpose in the tranforming and transmuting work. Saturn gives the restraint and choosing a more illumined word (Mercury in Scorpio) to transform man's consciousness psychologically.

Uranus

It is the first monadic ray of Uranus, the cause of all existence, the source of the divine idea. Uranus – Pisces – Ascendant, the beginning of the Will to good is not just destroying the old form of the passing Piscean Age, which is not adequate the new life, but also expresses through the Path of saviour.

The force of Uranus is reinforced, for it is the esoteric ruler of sun sign Libra. The materializing idea (Peace is the archetype idea which has true origin in Shamballa) upon the physical plane.

His personality is upon the Fixed Cross, rather than esoteric Cardinal Cross. Therefore, he can respond to the three other signs Capricorn, Cancer, Aries. All

esoteric ruler Uranus, Saturn, Neptune, Mercury has direct and indirect effect upon his personality.

The conduits of sixth ray

The sixth ray is present (at least astrologically, if not in the ray chart) as Sagittarius, the Moon Sign, is the strongest of the sixth ray signs. Further, the two major sixth ray planets (Mars and Neptune) are both.

Thich's Sagittarian Moon is placed in the potentially religious ninth house where an inclination toward religion reinforces a vision of the ideal (conferred by Sagittarius). He has two important signs in two essential fields of MC and Rising.

I propose the presence of the sixth ray, probably as a "legacy ray" (self-inherited from a recent incarnation).

The conduits of fourth ray

All three signs of fourth ray are very active in his chart. We would consider their effects in the realm of mind.

Taurus – Mars – H2, the sign of Illumination fuses with the planet of orthodox science, in the house of wisdom. His mind was illumined, intuitive and scientific.

With two planets tenanting Saturn and Mercury (the main transmitter of ray four), Scorpio produces the cautious and imaginative mind. The humor in his thought brings joy to everyone.

Through Moon (fourth ray non-sacred planet), Sagittarius offers him the bridging, harmonious mind.

His thoughts, words, speeches are aesthetic, colorful, poetic (famous poet), dramatic (famous book "Old Path White Clouds translated to film).

Mercury is in Scorpio (transformation), and Saturn, the planet of suffering. "We know [Mercury] how to suffer [Saturn], and the suffering is transformed [Scorpio] by inspiration or intuition [Ray 4].

From the higher point of view, the fourth ray rules the Law of Sacrifice, and its effect produces the World Saviour. The fourth ray expressed in the fields of the second house of sacrifice, the eighth house of transformation and ninth house of occult meditation.

There are two non- sacred planets Moon and Mars, both rule the personality. Sacred planet Mercury represents the Son of Mind or Soul, and Saturn, who is Dweller on the Threshold, in the other perspective, is the planet of karma, which is the imposition of law of God, resulting in a harmony of the lower and the higher. It is the fourth ray bringing harmony and peace out of the conflict between the personality of Humanity and its Soul.

His sun sign Libra is that sign that distributes the fourth ray. It is the sign of the Christ, the Spirit of Peace, and ruling Three Buddhas of Activity.

Mercury in Scorpio is the sign ruling the fourth Creative Hierarchy. He offers the harmony aspect of fourth ray to humanity, so that the conflict may be resolved into harmony and consequently unity.

The Sabian Symbol of Mercury is very revealing “A Youth Carries A Lighted Candle In A Devotional Ritual”. His remarkable ecumenical efforts were meant to bring the enlightened light through the religious ritual.

The conduits of fifth ray

All three signs distributing fifth ray are active in his chart. Jupiter in Aquarius transmitting the fifth ray brings the abundance of his research.

Leo rules the Law of Cleavage of the fifth ray, which offers Thy the power of the analysis, discrimination, differentiation, and the power to distinguish this and that. Neptune aids him the deep vision and observation in the abstract world. The ideal is known with keen and focused intellect.

He has the power of definition, wearing the garment to the abstract concepts [Neptune in the transmitter of ray 5 Leo] such as “time is life, time is love”, “your true home [the world of being] is not abstract idea”.

Sagittarius, with Moon in the ninth house offers him the ability to discover in the field of religion and philosophy, but it is the potential brought from the past (Moon). For this reason, I think the fifth ray is that of legacy ray and subray of the mind.

The conduits of the seventh ray

It has only Cancer distributing the seventh ray. It is the ray of materialization where the highest meets the lowest and finds its embodiment. We have Cancer with the Moon as the symbolic ruler of matter, so everything that starts as the divine idea has

to find its embodiment in Cancer and here we are with that Cancerian matram "I build a lighted house and therein dwell".

Cancer blends all together in the will of God, for Thay, which is the will to good manifesting into goodwill and peace. Cancer protects this idea in rhythmic living and conscious adaptation.

Pluto is the esoteric ruler of Pisces rising proposed. Its forces destroy all that hinders the expression of salvation in the lower worlds (H4).

So Cancer – Pluto – H4, the divine pattern of salvation is protected, then cooperation, anchor and organization in the physical life, through the clear channel, and alignment, which is the result coming from the transmutation of the individual will of mass into the spiritual will (Soul).

It is hard to assign the physical body of Thay. Even though being the seventh sign, his sun sign Libra transmits the third ray. Only one sign Cancer distributing seventh ray was active in his chart, but it also conveys the third ray. Mars (connected with ray 3), which rules the physical body, is in Taurus (the sign ruling animal kingdom, influenced by third ray).

The Sun also is connected to the physical body trining with Jupiter, which planet has the seventh ray [Jupiter ... is a deity who is the symbol and prototype of ... ritualistic worship – S.D II 49]. He has the monastic living which ingrained in him, it is the characteristic of the seventh ray. Uranus ray 7 is in the first house ruling physical body. Therefore, I assume the seventh ray for his physical body.

Influence of some Stars and Fixed Stars

The response of the Sirian force

Here are the cites on EA page 445, and I have some comments besides:

This triangle Sirius – Pisces – Uranus... the transmitter of Sirian force [Sirius is sevenfold second aspect of divinity, providing the **method of initiation on our planet, Sirius energy comes into Solar system via ⚡ and represents the **law of freedom**, it comes via Ψ and represents the brilliant star of **SENSITIVITY**, it's the Christ part. It comes via ħ and represents the law of **Karma**] From that "middle centre" it passes to that sensitive Ψ band of disciples, aspirants and workers to whose **hearts and hands** [2nd ray] is committed the heavy task, incident to the **re-organisation and the rebuilding of the shattered world structure**. It is regarded as the "**Ray of Ritualistic Decency**." It aids and inaugurates the **appearing of a new world order**, [Uranus rules the archetype on the high plane, finally within the Sea of Fire – Master**

R.] based on a spiritual drive [quality of first ray] [Human on the Path of return] and on aspiration, mental freedom, [A bounded mind Piscean age] loving understanding [All pervading love of Aquarian type] and a physical plane rhythm which provides **opportunity for full creative expression.**

Pisces governs this effort of the Hierarchy because the highest aspect of **Pisces** which humanity can at this time in any way comprehend is **that of Mediatorship**. This is the energy of mediation, of right relationship. Today as never before the Hierarchy stands as a "**mediating transmitter**" between:

The energy of **Uranus♅**, pouring upon and into humanity, produces **the urge to better conditions [archetypal pattern at the two highest planes producing the better conditions] to provide better forms for the occult and esoteric life and to blend more adequately the inner and the outer man. [The power word Ray Seven...Ceremonial Law or Order "THE HIGHEST AND THE LOWEST MEET"]**

We see the triple channel of Sirian energy expressed all in his chart:

Sirius – Pisces – Uranus: Law of freedom

Sirius – Leo – Neptune: Sensitivity


Sirius - Scorpio – Saturn: Law of Karma

Sirius is the prototype of our planet's Great White Lodge. Upon the Path of return, everyone is guided by Sirius. The Christ is the perfect example of the Sirian initiate.

In the tabulation of Fixed Stars, we find the conjunction of Sirius and Jupiter, consummation the work of triangle transmitting the energy of New Aquarian Age: Sirius - Aquarius – Jupiter, "Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men."

In the chart of Thich Nhat Hanh, we look at the full channel for the pouring in the energy of Sirius.

The Aculeus

The nebula Aculeus is conjunct his MC Sagittarius. Aculeus is the Sting of the Scorpio. Thây has endured many attacks in his life. But the conjunction of Aculeus with his MC gives him the power to attack directly  the enemies coming from the astral plane (Scorpio ruling) such as fear, anger, evil, slavery, blindness, ignorance... by the sharpest weapon, which is Love-Wisdom.

The Zosma

There is a close parallel of the esoteric rising ruler Pluto to Zosma, the Star of disgrace, danger, melancholy, the unhappiness of mind and fear of poison. It indicates

that the subject is a victim or the savior. He is a victim of violation and persecution, but he walks in the Path of sacrifice, service in the opposite angle. The association of Zosma – Pisces – Pluto is interesting.

The Antares

Antares which is the “Heart of the Scorpion”, conjuncts to Moon. It emphasizes the heart path, the power, and the prowess he has passed in the past. Another hand, Antares rules the success and brings in the attachment to the mission of salvation.

Other Astrological Features

- a. He is a global spiritual leader; this emphasized the Aries- opposite sun sign. “Thich Nhat Hanh has been a pioneer bringing Buddhism and mindfulness to the West and establishing an engaged Buddhist community.” Aries is the sign of pioneer and the sign of mind; it is the sign of beginning which establishes one organization. He was the Founding Plum Village in France. He has learned “the art of mindful living.” It means the art (Mercury) of mindful living (Aries).
- b. Mars in Taurus in H2, the illumined (Taurus) idea (Mars/Aries manifesting) precipitated from the realm of higher values, the source of wisdom (second house of spiritual value). Mars in the sign and house of the voice contributes the many books, the exhibition. Further Mars♂ is retrograde, so its normally outgoing expression is subdued and more inwardly directed.
- c. He is an activist, so we know that in Aries, the function of ruling Mars comes into being upon the field of action, the Earth, which is an expression of the third ray of Intelligent Activity.
- d. He is the master of resolving conflict and transforming fear, anxiety, and wrong perceptions into spiritual aspirations. The virtue which Mercury and especially Scorpio proffers.
- e. Mercury is in Scorpio, the sign of Illumination. The continuing of the dissipating of the glamor in his work is wrought out by the light of illumination. He has released the light and peace, which will brighten the astral plane and dispel the illusion.
- f. His teaching of emphasizing the right mindfulness (one of Eight Noble Paths) may be the expression of Mercury in Scorpio, the planet of mindfulness, illumination and intuition in the sign of illumination, intuition and memory.
- g. The Dalai Lama has said, “Thich Nhat Hanh shows us the connection between personal, inner peace, and peace on earth.”. I think inner (Scorpio) peace (Libra) results from the conflict being resolved.
- h. Libra is dominant in his life. The “engaged Buddhism” proved that esoteric ruler Uranus, whose planet transmits ray 7, was active. When the esoteric ruler of Sun sign is active, he may be one initiate who is taking or has taken the transfigured initiation. Ray 7 is the ray that Aries transmits. The idea in Aries becomes fruition in

Libra. Libra is related to the meditation process. Uranus rising is the planet of occultism, hence his occult meditation.

i. His definition of time is that “time is life, time is love”. In Uranus and Aries, it is no time, only the Eternal Now.

j. His Sun is in Libra and in H7. He was born in the sign of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Sun Libra exacts grand trine with Uranus in Aquarius in H11. I think he was the exponent of the Aquarian Age. This can be emphasized for his soul chosen the sun sign in his next life is Aquarius, which sign rules the Hierarchy. Jupiter tenanted Aquarius in H11 emphasized universally the intelligent, spiritual love (wisdom) in all organizations of all living fields, such as political, religious, economic, education, which he contacted. He called that “Collective Action”.

k. “He will come unfailingly when a measure of peace has been restored, when the principle of sharing is at least in process of controlling economic affairs, and when churches and political groups have begun to clean house.” [ROC 163] With the measure of peace and the broadening of the principle of sharing in his career, I propose that he is one of the members of New Group of World Servers, because of the work of preparation for the greatest event Reappearance of the Christ.

l. The real place of peace is in Shamballa “The only place of complete "peace" (the meaning of the word Jerusalem) is Shamballa;” [RI 314]. “What is peace? It is essentially the establishing of right human relations, of synthetic rapport with its resultant cooperation, of correct interplay between the three planetary centres and an illumined, loving understanding of the Will of God as it affects humanity and works out divine intent.” It is obvious that the establishing (Aries) of right human relations (Libra) is his great task in this life.

m. We know that Libra and Aries open the Door into the Shamballa, “Libra admits the soul into the world centre which we call Shamballa, for it is the polar opposite of Aries, which is the place of beginnings.” [EA 168]

n. He has two planets Saturn and Mercury concerning the fourth initiation, in the sign which rules this initiation. Scorpio with Mars and Pluto is the agent of destruction of the causal body. Neptune in Leo, which sign rules the Higher Self, the Solar Angel, and the causal body, brings in the boundlessness, even with the limitation of the subtle causal body. In Leo, the causal body is destroyed, the heart centre is especially stimulated. I think that the "internal conflict" you above mentioned is the Great Conflict or Crucifixion.

o. All three planets governing the Buddhic plane are active in his horoscope, Jupiter, Neptune, Mercury. He really expressed the intuitional consciousness or transcendental mind.

p. The 4th initiation relates to the heart centre and the Buddhic plane. Astrologically, two planets ruling heart center is exalted in placement. Neptune or the Heart of the Sun is in Leo, which in the three fiery signs demonstrates the second Love aspect and also relates to Sirius (the White Lodge on Sirius finds its reflection in the great White Lodge of our planet, the Hierarchy).

q. The Moon ruling the lunar vehicles is in the sign governing the Lunar Lord Sagittarius. The Moon represents the “prison of the soul”, (I think in this instance, the Moon veiling Neptune, which is the planet related to buddhi and the Buddhist plane, and in the case of the initiate is a definite redeemer) and Thich Nhat Hanh is definitely one of those who are engaged with “freeing the prisoners of the planet” through his compassion and sacrifice, for the fourth ray rules the Law of Sacrifice, as your above quote, the Lord of Compassion have chosen to sacrifice themselves and abide with the sons of men (the prisoners of the planet) in order to serve and help them...

r. Neptune veiled by Moon is the most elevated planet in the horoscope. It emphasizes Compassion in his life.

s. Venus, the orthodox ruler of his Sun sign, “the point of balance or equilibrium is attained between material personal desire and intelligent spiritual love, for the two qualities of cosmic desire are brought to the fore in the consciousness in Libra and balanced one against the other” [EA 245]. In this instance, it is the balance of the soul (Venus ruling soul ray) and personality (Venus orthodox ruler of Sun sign), or balancing the soul of humanity and the personality of humanity. His teaching assigned the mindfulness as a core, but it is used to the instrument of love. Venus is the intelligent love, and under Venus, the era of intelligent brotherhood is launched.

t. Sun in Libra exact grand trine Jupiter in Aquarius, two important signs in the airy triangle of mind Aquarius – Libra - Gemini (Universal Mind – Supermind - ordinary mind) is profound, if he is the world server, achieving the planetary consciousness, he can respond to the Universal Mind, thus, including Gemini.

u. Jupiter is in Aquarius, the sign ruling the planetary Hierarchy (an expression of the second aspect of divinity), the Heart centre of Planetary Logos.

“Sirius, Leo, the Sun, the Moon, and Mercury are now the influences with which the initiate is concerned. The influences of Sirius, three in number, are focussed in Regulus, which is, as you know, a star of the first magnitude and which is frequently called “the heart of the Lion.” [EA 300] It is for this reason that I think he is a member of the Hierarchy. Another reason is the choice of his sun sign Aquarius in the next life.

v. Jupiter in Aquarius sextile the Earth, esoteric ruler of Sagittarius MC: Thich Nhat Hanh has opened monasteries throughout the world, in California, New York, Vietnam, Paris, Hong Kong, Thailand, Mississippi and Australia, and Europe’s first “Institute of Applied Buddhism” in Germany.

w. Chiron opposing Mercury produced the wound in mental level. He is illness insomnia, the disease incident to Gemini, So Mercury, exoteric ruler of Gemini, opposing Chiron, causes that.

- x. Mercury represents the Son of Mind, in the case of Thay, the soul is communicating to the world, and in depth, attempting to bring resolution to pains. Thay was perceived as one who could psychologically (H8) communicate (Mercury) in depth (Scorpio ♏).
- y. The connection of Saturn and Mercury is not just in Scorpio, but in decanate of Libra and of Aquarius. It is preparatory of Brotherhood.
- z. Importantly, it would yield a **Sagittarius** MC, which fits Will with Thay's authority in the field of religion. Thay made significant contributions in the world to the spirit of peace and to right human relations. For Sagittarius in MC with esoteric ruler Earth, he moved worldwide.
- aa. Venus in Libra sextile Moon in Sagittarius. The work of transmission the Earth from non-sacred to sacred planet. Triangle, Libra (Divine Love)/Heart of the Sun – Venus (corresponding to soul of Earth) – Earth (second ray soul). Antahkarana is projected by the aid of Three Buddha of Activity. He broadened the goodwill; it is a part triangle work of goodwill.

Venus sextile Moon means that Venus Solar and Moon Lunar are in harmony. Sagittarius rules Solar Angel also rules lunar (additional redeemer by Neptune of Pisces).

- bb. Pluto/Pisces in Cancer, saving in the realm of mass consciousness, Neptune in Leo brings in self-consciousness, and Neptune in the field of Virgo H6, which means that this is under the stimulate of individual Christ.
- cc. Three rulers of Pisces are on three signs which produce triangle of consciousness Aquarius - Leo - Cancer. Pisces (Love of God, compassion) - >Aquarius - Leo – Cancer.
- dd. Pluto in Mercury second decanate of Cancer. The instrument of liberation is the mind, and the importance of the meditation before the aspirant enlightenes for the spiritual opportunity.
- ee. Triangle of the opposite sun sign – rising sign – sun sign rules the initiate: Aries - Pisces - Libra; Monad - Soul - Personality → Will to good - Saviour - Peace. Uranus - Neptune - Saturn, three synthesis planets, proves that he is a member of Hierarchy

Astrological features in some books

Uranus trine Saturn in Scorpio: Based on a retreat ☿ that Thich Nhat Hanh led for Westerners, You Are Here offers a range of effective practices for cultivating mindfulness and staying in the present moment—including awareness of breathing and walking, deep listening, and skillful speech. These teachings will empower you to witness the wonder of life and transform ☿ your suffering, ☿ both within and outside you, into compassion, tenderness, and peace ☿. As Thich Nhat Hanh

declares, “the energy of mindfulness ☸ is the energy of the Buddha, and it can be produced by anybody.” It is as simple as breathing in and breathing out. Saturn trine Asc demonstrate the energetic cooperation with soul purpose.

In his book, “Fear: Essential Wisdom for Getting Through the Storm”

“Written in words so intimate, calm, kind, and immediate, this extraordinary book feels like a message from our very own heart...Thich Nhat Hanh is one of the most important voices of our time, and we have never needed to listen to him more than now.”

—Sogyal Rinpoche

Fear [Astral plane] is destructive, a pervasive problem we all face. Vietnamese Buddhist Zen Master, poet, scholar, peace activist, and one of the foremost spiritual leaders in the world—a gifted teacher who was once nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Martin Luther King Jr.—Thich Nhat Hanh has written a powerful and practical strategic guide to overcoming our debilitating uncertainties and personal terrors. The New York Times said Hanh, “ranks second only to the Dalai Lama” as the Buddhist leader with the most influence in the West. In *Fear: Essential Wisdom for Getting through the Storm*, Hanh explores *the origins of our fears*, illuminating a path to finding peace and freedom [☸: the narrow Path] from anxiety and offering powerful tools to help us eradicate it from our lives.

Sun Libra, Venus – Libra illumined mind, using in astral plane.

Book “Anger” It was under the bodhi tree in India twenty-five centuries ago that Buddha achieved the insight that three states of mind were the source of all our unhappiness: wrong knowing, obsessive desire, and anger. All are difficult, but in one instant of anger—one of the most powerful emotions—lives can be ruined, and health and spiritual development can be destroyed.

With exquisite simplicity, Buddhist monk and Vietnam refugee Thich Nhat Hanh gives tools and advice for transforming relationships, focusing energy, and rejuvenating those parts of ourselves that have been laid waste by anger. His extraordinary wisdom can transform your life and the lives of the people you love, and in the words of Thich Nhat Hanh, can give each reader the power "to change everything."

Peace and tranquility [ray 2] are the attitude of mind and astral.

It is due to a feverish mind; until calm and peace and tranquility distinguish your mental processes, it will not be wise for you to penetrate any further into the Ashram than the point where now you find yourself. So endeavour to keep the mind quiet.

With many, much arises in the astral body that is based on old vibration and has no foundation in fact, and the battleground is so to control the astral situation that out of present anxieties and worries may grow confidence and peace, and out of violent action and interaction there may be elaborated tranquility.

In his book “How to Love”, love is understanding; understanding brings compassion; deep listening and loving speech are key ways of showing our love.

“The Art of Living [third aspect]: Peace ♁ and Freedom ♃ in the Here and Now” Sun in Libra.

Thich Nhat Hanh presents, for the first time, seven transformative ♃ meditations that open up new perspectives on our lives, our relationships and our interconnectedness with the world around us.

Containing the essence of the Buddha’s teachings and Thich Nhat Hanh’s poignant, timeless, and clarifying prose, The Art of Living provides a spiritual dimension to our lives. This is not an effort to escape life [Uranus in ♃/escape] or to dwell in a place of bliss outside of this world. Instead, this Path will allow us to discover where we come from and where we are going. And most of all, it will generate happiness, understanding, and love, ♃ so we can live deeply ♃ in each moment ♃ of our life, right where we are.

In **No Death, No Fear**, the acclaimed teacher and poet examines our concepts of death, fear, and the very nature of existence. Through Zen parables, guided meditations, and personal stories, he explodes traditional myths of how we live and die. Thich Nhat Hanh shows us a way to live a life unfettered by fear.

In **Touching Peace**, Thich Nhat Hanh expands the teachings on practicing the art [fourth ray] of mindful ♃ living begun in the best-selling **Being Peace** by giving specific, practical instructions on extending our meditation practice into our daily lives. Nhat Hanh reminds us to focus on what is refreshing and healing within and all around us, and how, paired with the practice of mindful breathing, it can be used as the basis for examining the roots of war and violence, alcoholism and drug abuse, and social alienation.

In **“How to Sit”** The first book in the Mindfulness Essentials Series by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, How to Sit offers clear, simple directions and inspiration for anyone wanting to explore mindfulness meditation. In short, single-paragraph chapters, Nhat Hanh shares detailed instructions, guided breathing exercises and visualizations, as well as his own personal stories and insights. This pocket-sized

book is perfect for those brand new to sitting meditation as well as for those looking to deepen their spiritual practice.

3. Sit in the centre and the east as well. Move not from there. Send out thy force to do thy Will and gather back thy forces. Use well the power of thought. Sit still.

Quality..... power to think. [EP I 87]

Analysis some events in his life

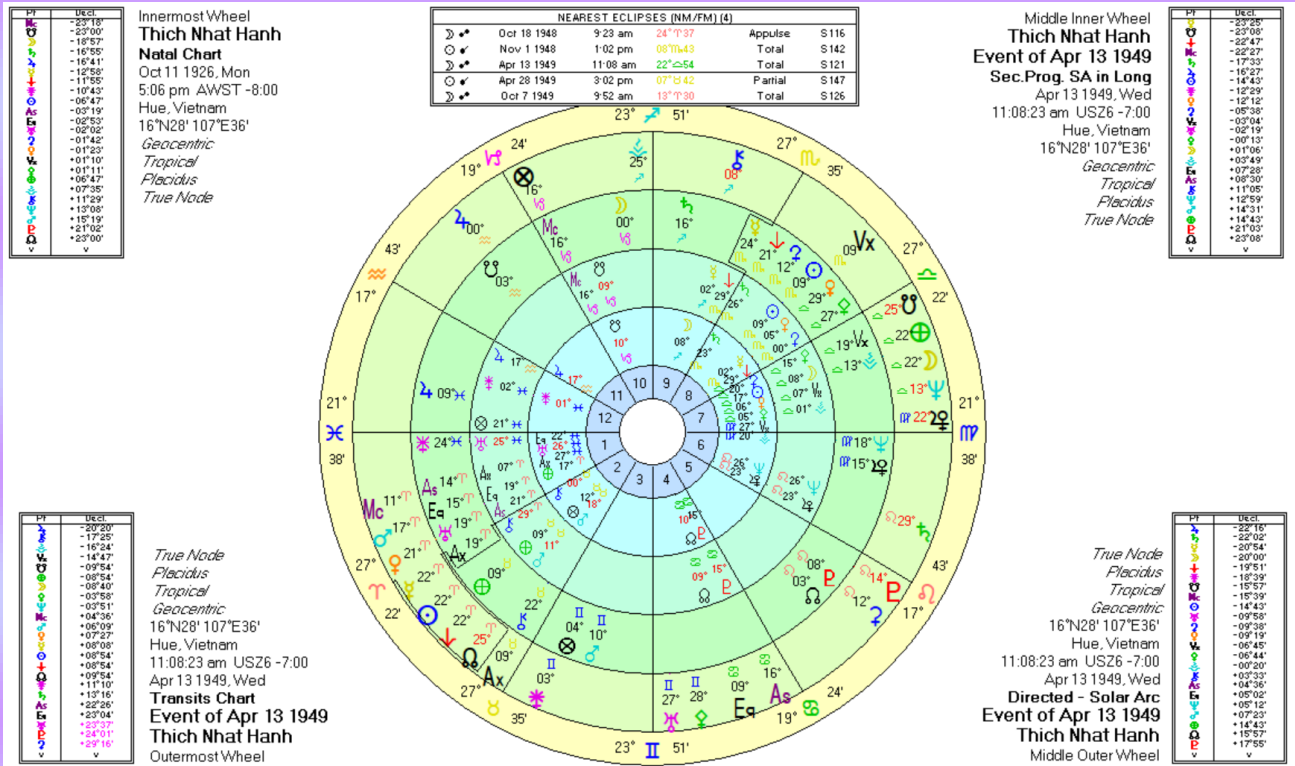
Thầy later said, “During that discussion, it was clear that some decision or some aspiration [Sagittarius] was there very strong in me already. Inside [Pisces, Neptune], I knew that I wanted to be a monk.”

In the spirit of the Zen lineage of Master Linji, Thầy was taught to become fully present [Being] and concentrated [Ray 7] in every task, whether washing the dishes, closing the door, sounding the temple bell, or offering incense at the altar.

Although many young monks were tempted by the Marxist pamphlets’ call to arms, Thầy was convinced that Buddhism, if updated and restored to its core teachings and practices, [radical esoteric ruler Pluto] *could* truly help relieve suffering in society, and offer a nonviolent path to peace, [Libra] prosperity, and independence [Uranus] from colonising powers, just as it had during the renowned Ly and Tran dynasties in medieval Vietnam.

Tiến Hóa published articles on the importance of studying science and economics in order to understand the actual roots of suffering, and not rely only on chanting and prayer. [Pisces – Uranus – Idea house: New recognition of religion, which is transformative]

[In late spring 1949- Monastic training: seeking a new path] Along the way, the young monks decided to affirm their deep aspiration to become *bodhisattvas* of action [Three Buddhas of Activity] by taking new names. They all took the name Hạnh, meaning “action.” In this way, Thầy (Phùng Xuân) became Nhất Hạnh (“One Action”).



Solar eclipse at April 13 1949; T-Sun ☉ SAD-Uranus ♀ P-Ascendant in Aries: “One Action” – “the first house of action in the physical body” [EA 508]. Wisdom connotes skill in action as the result of developed love and the light of understanding [EA 493]. The monad, the One. Mind gives place to intuition and reason to pure perception.

Thầy soon published his first books of poetry. Capturing his experiences of war and loss, his poetry was well received and were considered some of the best examples of Vietnam’s new and influential “free verse” poetry movement. From this time, he established a reputation first and foremost as a poet rather than as a monk or teacher; a real distinction since for centuries poets had been esteemed figures in Vietnamese culture and society. [Ray 4]

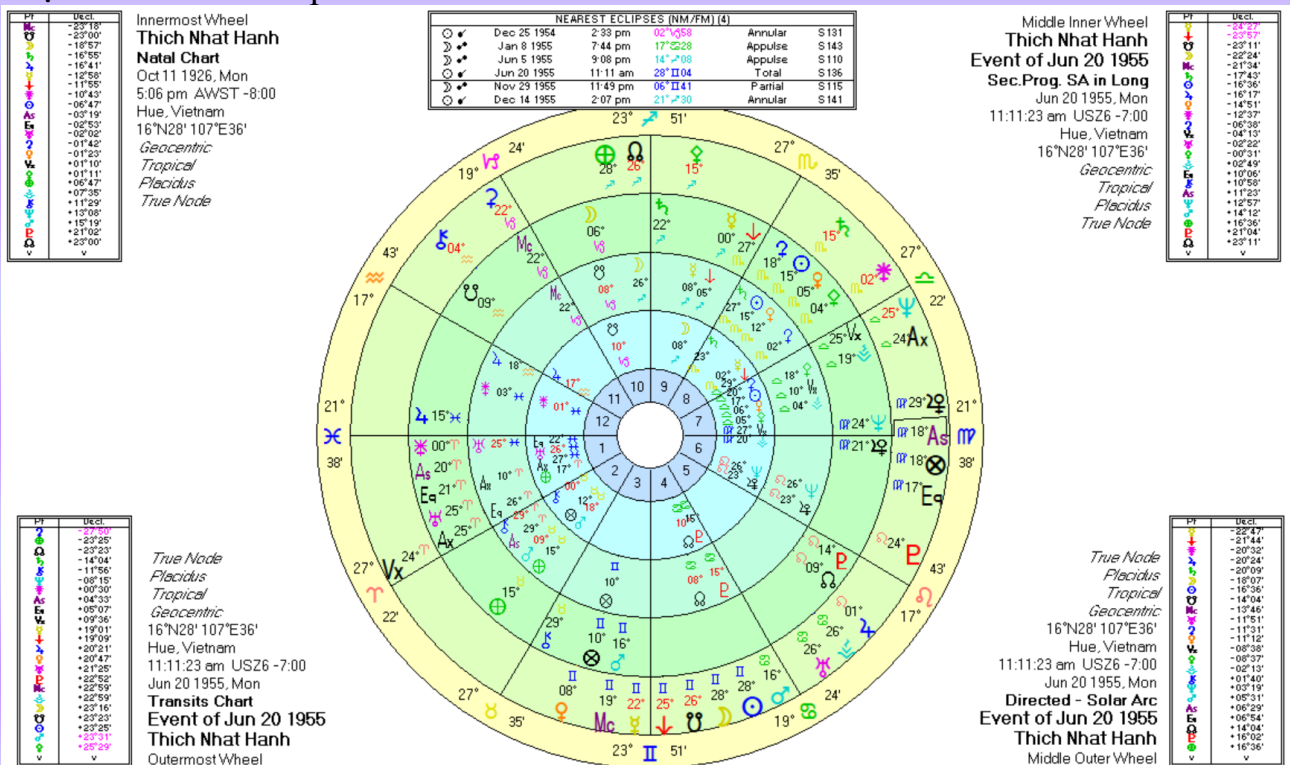
In autumn 1950, Thầy helped co-found Ân Quang Pagoda, a new temple built of bamboo and thatch. It would later host a reformist [Uranus ♀] Buddhist institute where he would become one of the youngest teachers and is today one of the most prominent temples in the city. It was there that Thầy received the Bhikshu precepts the following year.

While completing the formalities of his education, Thầy published in 1950 his first book on Buddhism, *Oriental Logic*, a discussion of Eastern logic in the light of Aristotle, Hegel, Marx and Engels. [Ray 5] He also continued with initiatives to renew [Uranus and Aries] Buddhism and apply Buddhist teachings to the issues and challenges of his time.

There he began to publish a new kind of book for lay Buddhists, proposing ways to apply the teachings in daily family life, beyond just offering incense and prayers. For the Lunar New Year of 1952 in Đà Lạt, Thầy directed his students in his adaptation of *Le Tartuffe*. Reflecting later on this time, Thầy wrote, “I was full of creative energy, **V** an artist, and a poet [**Ray 4 – Mercury**]. More than anything else, I wanted to help renew **H** Buddhism in my country, to make it relevant to the needs of the young people.

Creating a renewed, **H** engaged Buddhism

In 1955, And so, in the turmoil and pressure of the division of the country, Thầy’s vision for engaged Buddhism crystallised. Published on the front page, under the pen name Thạc Đức, and entitled “A Fresh Look at Buddhism” (*Đạo Phật Qua Nhận Thức Mới*), Thầy’s daring articles proposed a new way forward in terms of democracy, freedom, human rights, religion, and education. They sent shock-waves across the country. The tenth and final article was a bold Buddhist critique of President Diệm’s doctrine of “personalism.”



T- square P-Uranus ϕ Eq-Asc \square SAD-Saturn cross MC and T-Mercury crosses IC. Uranus is daring and developing a new approach to life, a new image, is daring the old, conservative (Saturn) idealism (Sagittarius), and also is daring the communication (Mercury in Gemini) of this country (H4).

In 1955, the regime of Vietnamese Catholic leader (Saturn is leader, Sagittarius is the Catholic) Ngô Đình Diệm began to consolidate power, using every means possible. Catholics were explicitly favoured (Sagittarius is in MC of popular religion) and Buddhists increasingly suppressed and marginalized. Hopes for democratic elections soon faded as guerrilla fighters continued to gain ground, and the government—under foreign influence—did everything they could to stymie a free ballot.

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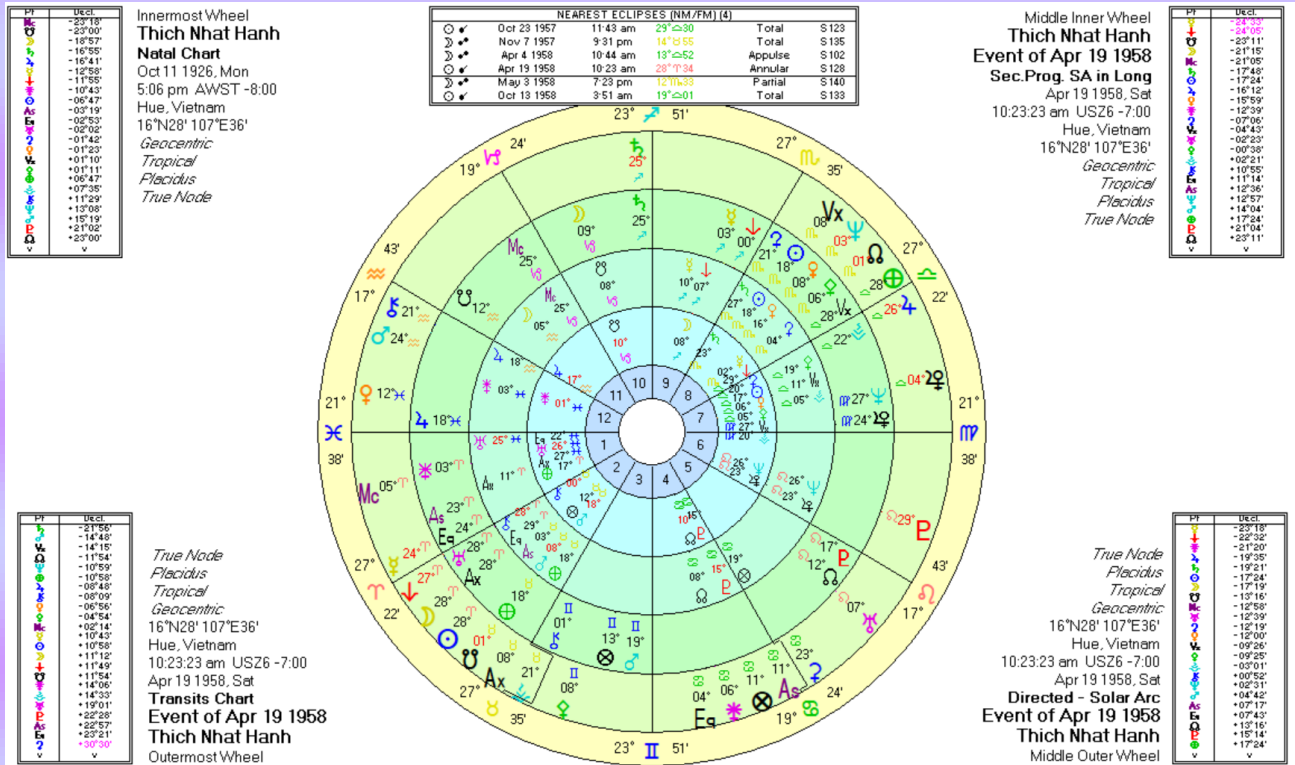
It was in 1963, during the annual spring Vesak festival, that the Diệm regime’s suppression [h - karma] of Buddhists dramatically escalated.

Thầy dreamed of ♃ creating a monastic community ♎ there in the mountains, and was soon joined by a number of young monastic brothers and students from Ấn Quang and Báo Quốc. It was from here that Thầy wrote and edited articles for the national *Vietnamese Buddhism* magazine over the next two years, while teaching the young monks. And it was also here that Thầy had a memorable dream ♃, recorded in his writings, in which he saw his late mother.

They called this new community “Phương Bối” (Fragrant Palm Leaves), after the name of Thầy’s hut in the tea field of Phước Huệ. Thầy recalled that Phương Bối “offered us her untamed hills as an enormous soft cradle, blanketed with wildflowers, grasses, and forest. Here, for the first time, we were sheltered from the harshness of worldly affairs.” With this new dream of a “rural practice center” Thầy definitively broke free of the mould of the traditional Buddhist temple with its ceremonies and rituals, and created an environment exclusively dedicated to spiritual practice, study, healing, music, poetry, and community-building. They enjoyed sitting meditation in the early morning, tea meditation in the afternoons, and sitting meditation in the evenings. Phương Bối was an experimental model for the renewal and reinvigoration of Buddhism. Though few may have foreseen it, Phương Bối became a prototype for Thầy’s many “mindfulness practice centers” that would flourish around the world by the end of the century.

Thầy put great effort into editing *Vietnamese Buddhism* magazine. But in 1958, after just two years of publication, its funding was discontinued. Thầy felt that it wasn’t just about a lack of funds, but also resistance in the Buddhist hierarchy to his bold articles. He felt he had failed [T-Saturn in MC square Natal rising Uranus] in his effort to renew ♃ and unify Vietnamese Buddhism.

With this setback, and still grieving his mother's death, and enduring the painful division of the country, Thày struggled to keep his hope alive. Thày fell sick and was hospitalized for almost a month in Grall Hospital in Saigon, where he was treated by French doctors. His body was weak and he suffered from chronic insomnia. Even the doctors were unable to help, and his spirits were lower than ever. [Saturn is the Dweller of Threshold, crystallised in densest concrete, thus the spirit is death]



[Gemini ♊ gives the tendency towards insomnia. Gemini ♊ often gives either the tendency towards insomnia or the ability to get along on very little sleep; often, in the execution of his endless responsibilities, he was down to perhaps two hours of sleep per night. We see the elevated Saturn standing austere in the tenth house of duty, and harmoniously trining the important Mercury (exoteric ruler of Gemini), but giving, in essence, no time for the personal self. The life of the initiate of the third degree is one of increasing pressure, internal intensity and self-sacrifice.]

Thày later described this period as a time of deep depression. But Thày had the intuition that, if only he could master his full awareness of breathing [Uranus transmits ray 1, "The Breath of Blast"] and walking [Uranus is the oldest planet of our system, coming from the first solar system, which transmits ray 7 and ray 3 of moving], he would be able to truly heal [If rising Uranus (consumation of awareness) in Pisces (healing) triumph T-Saturn].

It was the very challenges of the 1950s that forged the deepening of Thầy's personal practice, and gave him the spiritual strength he needed to find a way forward. As a young monk, Thầy studied the principle of counting and following the breath and trained in formal slow walking meditation (*kinh hành*). But Buddhist Institutes in Vietnam did not teach an applied meditation practice for personal healing; only meditation theory. And so, faced with deep suffering, Thầy had to discover for himself a healing way to meditate. He experimented with a new method to combine his breath and steps more naturally while walking and, instead of counting only the breath, he counted the steps in harmony with the breath. With this concentration he was able to tenderly embrace his pain and acute despair without being swept away by strong feelings. "With the practice of mindful breathing," he said, "I got out of the situation." He began this practice at Ân Quang and continued to experiment with it in B'laho and at Phương Bối, and later at Princeton University in the US; and over the coming decades as his understanding of the sutras on meditation and breathing 卐 deepened ☸.

In 1961, Princeton & Columbia, Thầy later reflected on these formative years in the U.S.: "I grew up in Vietnam. I became a monk in Vietnam. I learned and practiced Buddhism in Vietnam. And before coming to the West, I taught several generations of Buddhist students in Vietnam. But I can say now that it was in the West that I realized my Path." [Jupiter is ruler of Asc Pisces, and Sagittarius (foreign nation or.)trining Sun Libra]

... Written in natural, poetic language that even children could understand, *A Rose for Your Pocket* didn't have the form of a Buddhist teaching, but was in essence a guided meditation to help the reader to touch the wonder of their mother's presence in the here and now. For the first time, a Buddhist monk was showing how meditative awareness could be a bright and gentle energy. The reader could touch the fruit of meditation without having to turn their heart and mind into a battlefield, fighting anger, grief, or craving. With its publication Thầy, who hitherto had been known as a poet, editor and Buddhist scholar, became known for his deep and accessible Buddhism. Already on Mother's Day that year, Thầy's students organised a "Rose Festival" to celebrate motherhood, based on the book. The festival soon became an annual tradition celebrated across Vietnam, and it is today an integral part of Buddhist culture in the country. The book has sold over a million copies, and can be found in every Buddhist home. Its fresh and intimate tone that so appealed to Vietnamese Buddhists created a new genre in modern Buddhist writing, adopted in both East and West. [Libra]

Conclusion

Thich Nhat Hanh was responsible for the infusion of a major flow of Love-Wisdom into the world. The beneficent changes (Jupiter /Uranus) were extraordinarily welcome. His entire career was a surprise—a breath of soul that carried religion's spirit closer to its inspiration—the Buddha and the Christ. We, therefore, must view Thich Nhat Hanh as true disciple of the Lord Buddha and the Lord Maitreya with a significant role to play during the period of the Forerunner, which prepares the way for the Externalization of the Hierarchy and the Reappearance of the Christ.