

# THE SUPERMAN CURSE

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## The Mythology and Astrology of Superman

Superman was created in 1932 by two Jewish schoolmates growing up in Ohio. One was the Canadian artist Joseph Shuster and the other was American Writer Jerome Siegel. They tried for many years to get the idea published. Finally in 1938 Superman appeared in Detective Comic's Action Comics #1. It went onto the other mediums - radio, television, and movies.

Superman was born on the dying Planet Krypton. He was rocketed to earth by his Father moments before the Planet's destruction. He was found by an elderly couple and raised as their own. The Superman myth parallels other cultural heroes and religious figures such as Moses, Gilgamesh, Samson, and Krishna. He was raised to have restraint, idealism, a sense of fairness, and compassion for others. His birth name is Kal-L which later became Kal-El. In Hebrew this means the "voice of God" or "all God". Superman's alter ego Clark Kent could have a biblical meaning as well. Clark (cleric/clergyman) and Kent a derivation of the Hebrew word Kana (kna) in its (knt) form has the the bible meaning "I have found a son". Another derivation of the Hebrew word Kana is the Greek word Krista or in English, Christ. We call on this messianic savior when we need a hero to fight the never ending battle for Truth and Justice.

Superman was created amidst stirrings of fascism which were shaping the future events of World War II. After the war was over Superman turned his focus on tolerance. In 1946 he fought the Ku Klux Klan. Don't forget he knows how it feels to be different. He was an immigrant too.

George Reeves' television Superman ran from 1952 to 1958. These were the paranoid McCarthy years, as communism and spies were our new enemies. The Christopher Reeve's Superman of the post Viet Nam and Watergate years gave cynical viewers at least a two hour stretch of having an honest wholesome leader/hero to which to aspire. The current Superman hero, Brandon Routh, protects us from evil, catastrophic storms, and natural disasters. Bigotry and Fascism are on the rise as World Leaders wobble on their rocking pedestals.

On to the Curse. Our three "Super" men have strong connections in their astrological charts. There's a degree of the Zodiac associated with drowning, 24 degrees of Libra. Its symbolism is *A third wing on the left side of a butterfly*. This is about flailing and flapping out of control. George Reeves has a midpoint between his Jupiter and Neptune close to this degree being bombarded by an aspect called a tsquare in his solar chart. That tsquare consists of Jupiter in Capricorn opposing Neptune in Cancer at 27 degrees of Cancer. Both of these Planets are squared at a 90 degree angle by his Moon at 25 degrees of Aires. In other words this was a double whammy hit in an area of his chart which could already be problematic. He drowned in the sorrow of being trapped in a role that kept him from achieving his personal ambitions. He drowned his sorrows in alcohol, which played a part in his death. Jupiter makes things bigger and Neptune rules alcohol. The Moon is comfort and emotions. There were other signatures in his chart that support this idea. Also George has his Solar "lucky spot" the Part of Fortune at 3 degrees of Libra, one degree away (considered together or conjunct) from Christopher Reeve's Sun/Mercury Conjunction (2 degrees Libra). Which didn't turn out well for Christopher as you will see.

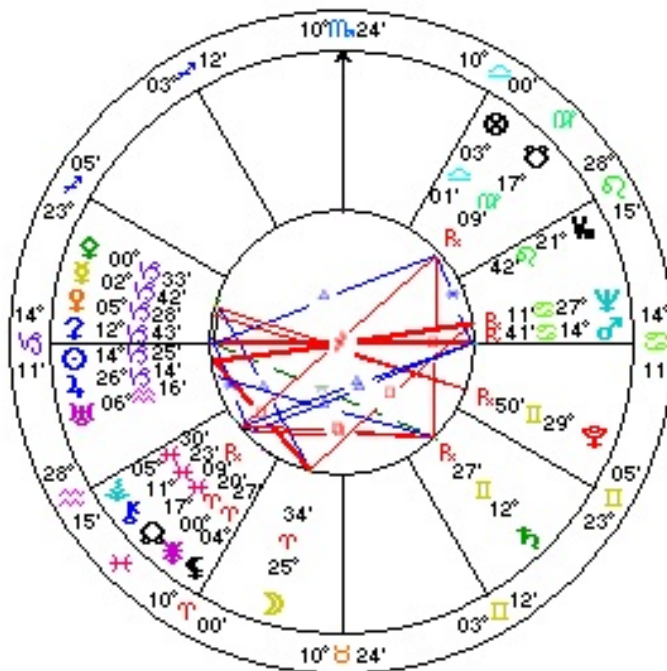


Chart 1  
**GEORGE REEVES SOLAR**  
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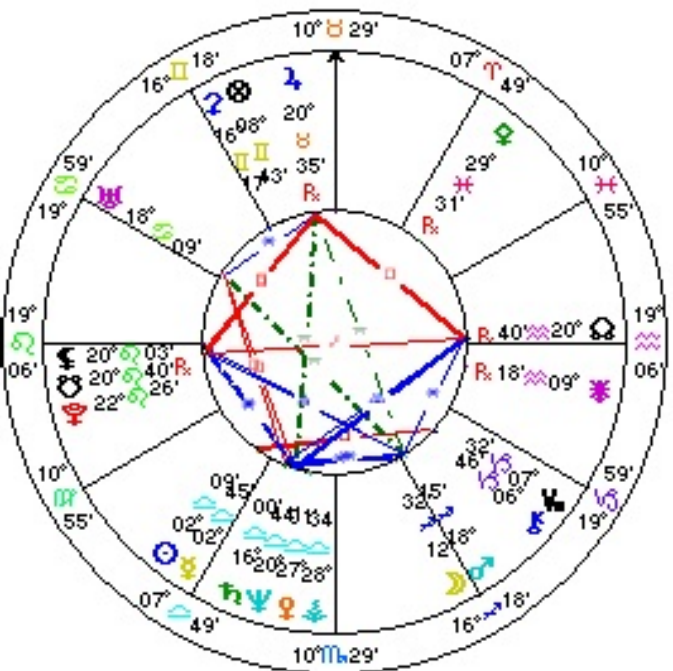


Chart 2  
**Christopher Reeve**  
**Male Chart (12)**  
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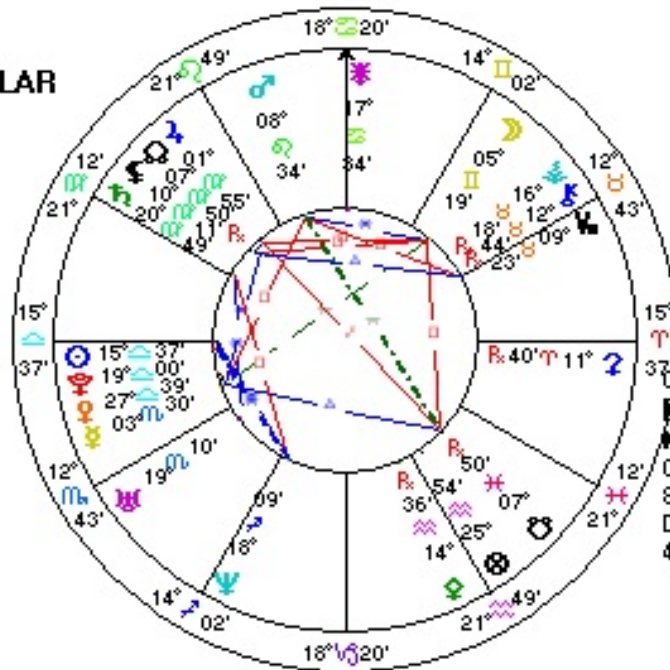


Chart 3  
**BRANDON ROUTH SOLAR**  
**Male Chart (11)**  
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Christopher Reeve's conjunction of Sun/Mercury has the symbolism of a sudden abrupt change in life circumstances, or no turning back. The Sun is the drive and essence of the person and Mercury rules communication, travel, and movement. After his riding accident, on the day of Chris's back surgery, the transiting Gemini Sun triggered the midpoint of his career (and standing in the world), an area called the Midheaven and natal Uranus in his chart. Uranus is abrupt change and the Sun is ego and drive. On that fateful day his career changed from a leading man to a leader in stem cell research.

Brandon Routh, the new Superman, has his Venus (the Planet which rules what a person attracts, as well as love and value) on the same degree as Christopher Reeve's Venus, 27 degrees of Libra. The Sabian Symbol rounds up a degree to give the meaning. Libra 28 is *A man alone in deep gloom, unnoticed, angels are coming to his aid*. This stirs up visions of the Curse of Superman as well as Superman's rescue and adoption in the Superman legend. It aptly describes the Super Hero's workday. Brandon, Chris, and George all have "drowning degree" energy (around 25-26 Libra) at critical positions in their charts. Christopher and Brandon were both born with a Libra Sun. They were meant to bring balance and fairness to the world with that Sun sign. Brandon's Sun Degree 15 Libra's is *Circular paths*. That degree rounded up to 16 Libra for the meaning of his Sun is: *After the storms of winter a boat landing stands in need of re-construction*. Sounds like this Superman has his work cut out for him. Brandon's answer when asked if he was worried about the Superman Curse was - he would prefer to get the part and have something terrible happen to him rather than not get the part and have something terrible happen to him.

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