
Book Reviews

Who is George Bush's astrologer?

by Carol White

My Turn, The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan

with William Novak

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"What Does Joan Say?" My Seven Years as White House Astrologer to Nancy and Ronald Reagan

by Joan Quigley

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A lot of feathers fly between Mrs. Reagan and Joan Quigley, over the subject of Quigley's claim to have orchestrated U.S. policy, particularly during the second Reagan administration, a claim Mrs. Reagan vehemently denies. Joan Quigley asserts that she was involved in bringing President Reagan and President Gorbachov together. It must be said that Quigley's account appears the more credible.

Indeed, reading Mrs. Reagan's account of her life with the former President, the question keeps coming to mind: Is Mrs. Reagan really so dumb? Is she as shallow as she presents herself, or is this book an attempt to mount a clever deception operation, to counter the Quigley revelations, which first came out with former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan's "hiss and tell" book?

Quigley boasts that, as the Reagans' house astrologer, not only did she control the President's schedule, chosen on the basis of supposedly auspicious, as opposed to threatening, astrological signs; but that she also was part of a well-orchestrated operation whose mission was to brainwash the President into seeing Mikhail Gorbachov as a loving friend.

The kook-spook from California

Joan Quigley, the kook-spook from California, who claims to have controlled Nancy Reagan and Nancy's hus-

band the President through horoscope manipulation, and through a cabal of pro-horoscope ladies around the President, says that she is responsible for the condominium established between the United States and the Evil Empire in Moscow.

In her book, Quigley gives us an amusing picture of the pathetically superficial, yet vicious Nancy Reagan, a woman Quigley opines is prepared to chew a person up and spit out his or her bones, without flinching. But that is just the superficial appearance of the story. Quigley by the way tells us little about her own background, except to clue us that she is in the upper reaches of the social hierarchy.

Quigley reports that as soon as Gorbachov took power, she was one of the people with a mission to transform Ronald Reagan's thinking about the Evil Empire. To quote her, first on her relations with the Reagans:

One of the reasons Nancy asked, if she could consult me, about the President's horoscope in late April of 1981, was that she knew from her own experience during the 1980 campaign, that my work was utterly reliable, and that I could solve problems, and avoid difficulties. Also, she felt comfortable, because I knew the world quite well, and understood people, and how they functioned, and interacted with one another, not to mention my knowledge of history, and grasp of politics.

This is what she said that day, I remember it verbatim.

First, she asked: "Could you have told about the assassination attempt?"

"Yes, of course I could, had I been looking. However, I hadn't been following your charts, or tracking the mundane material from Washington. I'm sorry: had I been looking, I would have warned you."

She then said, "I'm getting a terrible press; it's so unfair. I'm really a very nice person. Can't you tell me what to do? I'm willing to pay you."

According to Quigley, it was she who developed the campaign followed by Nancy Reagan to shift her image, from privileged vixen to semi-human anti-drug advocate.

As soon as Gorbachov came into power on March 11, 1985, Quigley twisted Nancy's arm to get an invitation to the White House, her second face-to-face meeting with Nancy. This occurred on April 10, at a reception for the Algerian head of state. While passing through the reception line, she said to President Reagan: "Mr. President, I feel that you have been chosen to bring peace." This resonated, and made a big impression on the President, and was discussed at length with Nancy subsequently.

On the same occasion, an unnamed reporter told Nancy: "If Ronnie were to do nothing more than he's done already, his place in history would be assured." As Quigley tells it, this planted the seeds for her operation, to bring Reagan and

Gorbachov together in their special relationship.

The Quigley horoscope for Reagan and Gorbachov showed that they had the potential for love and human affection. Reagan's profile of Gorbachov at the time was very accurate: It was that he had a thug personality, he was a KGB thug; and, of course, Reagan had given the speech on the Evil Empire two years previously. Now, Quigley saw it as her mission to transform Reagan's impression about the Evil Empire, and to convince him that, in fact, he would love Gorbachov. And one of the things that she produces in her reading of the horoscopes of the two leaders, is that both Reagan and Gorbachov have been reincarnated and are only now resuming a close friendship which they enjoyed in a previous life.

Quigley also worked Nancy Reagan over on the theme that Reagan had the same horoscope as Lincoln, and would be taking the role of eliminating war, in the same way that Lincoln eliminated slavery. She had a three-hour conversation with Nancy:

Even as I talked to Nancy for three hours, it was the longest session we ever had. I had in my mind, that some day, war would be like slavery. I knew it would not disappear overnight, or even in our lifetimes; yet, I visualized a day when war would be stamped out like smallpox; I could imagine a future time when schoolchildren, growing up, with regard to history of past wars as archaic and irrelevant in their lives as ancient Greek and Latin. Nancy was always open to my ideas. She respected them. She felt they had merit.

Sometimes, she would argue a point repeatedly; but, when I was sure of something I saw in the configuration of the planets, I would be unshakeable and firm. When I was absolutely certain that a thing was right, I would be able to bring her around to my way of thinking. This time, I was fighting for everything I believed could be made to happen, astrologically, to me, it was so clear, it was transparent. I finally convinced her, that, despite the way Russian leaders used to be, Gorbachov was different. I warned her repeatedly, that it would be disastrous for Ronnie to go to Geneva with mistaken preconceptions, and his old, outmoded bias.

"Ronnie's evil empire attitude has to go, before he can meet with Mikhail Gorbachov at Geneva," I told her. "Gorbachov's Aquarian planet is in such harmony with Ronnie's. You'll see," I said. "They'll share a vision. What's more, when Ronnie and Gorbachov meet, they'll get along famously. Better than you can imagine—and this is a very big if—if Ronnie goes to Geneva with the proper attitude."

"I know you're right," Nancy said, "but it won't be easy to change Ronnie. First, I'll have to persuade him. You know as well as I do, how he feels about

Russian leaders. I'll have to make him realize that what you say about Gorbachov is true."

Does Bush have a Rasputin?

Kookery in high places, as well as among New Ager, appears to be the affliction of this Dark Age. Well we may ask, "What is the operation now being run on President Bush, comparable to the brainwashing of President Reagan?"

The truth is that operations such as the one pulled upon poor President Reagan, are the means by which empires are destroyed. Joan Quigley was Ronald Reagan's Rasputin, but how strange life is. Now we see that there is another Rasputin who has come to power in Russia, the Rasputin just appointed to President Gorbachov's Presidential Council. Strange but lawful. Valentin Rasputin is a writer, and a member of Pam-yat. His astrological credentials have not yet surfaced, but he has already acknowledged his mystical attachment to Mother Russia.

Quigley's dossier should be researched. By her own testimony she was working against the national interest of the United States. The question is, who was her real employer? Was she (is she still) a double agent, an asset of both the British and the Soviets? It is an urgent matter of national security that the answer to this question be uncovered.

This appears to be one of those periods in history, in which the Merlins and wild kooks are controlling the monarchical chair by manipulating the monarchical perceptions. A historical precedent was the influence of the first Rasputin, who worked with the Czarina to destroy the Romanovs. The circle of lady friends around Nancy Reagan, which included Joan Quigley, but also Elizabeth Taylor, Betsy Bloomindale, and Mary Jane Wick, have extremely nasty pedigrees. The image is called to mind of witches gathered around the sacrificial pot, dismembering the U.S. presidency bit by bit.

The nature of the times

There is scandal in all of this, but that is not its essence. One must think about the nature of these times. It is in the nature of the times, that these things happen, that these things are tolerated, that these things are epidemic; that this is the state of the elite, of the Establishment, that these things go on. We seem to have come full cycle, back to barbarism; and we seem to be headed to a physical-economic condition, matching that psychological, or, shall we say, psychotic state. This is something out of a very bad science fiction novel, all of this; but it's really happening.

Hopefully these books will not merely titillate or horrify their readers, but awaken the response: "Enough of this garbage; let's get back to reason. We've had one Himmler with his astrologer, that's enough. We had one czarist regime with its Rasputin, that's enough. Let's get rid of this garbage, and go back to something sane—maybe bungling, maybe mistaken, maybe trouble-wracked, but at least sane, at least human."