



was invited to address a Joint Session of Congress, back in September.

Just before the Pope's arrival, Jupiter had returned to a conjunction with Regulus, but during his visit, Mars was precisely conjunct Regulus, and Saturn had moved into a 90° angle to Regulus, which is now in the first degree of Virgo. (Stars move forward in the zodiac due to something called the Procession of the Equinoxes. I know, it's complicated.)

This position of Saturn is also at the precise location the sun was at on November 22, 1963, the day the nation's first Catholic President was assassinated.

Those Jesuits who founded Maryland had set sail for the New World on November 22, 1633.

And, the Jesuit college that eventually became a reality on the banks of the Potomac

were financed by one Lord Baltimore, Leonard Calvert.

This university began teaching students in 1789, and the town itself was shortly thereafter subsumed into the new "Federal City" that eventually became known as Washington DC in 1791.

The original Washington DC straddled two states, Virginia and Maryland, which could be imagined as the "Virgin Mary."

Were the new American Constitutionalists partial to the Catholic Church? Perhaps so, as the movers and shakers behind the Revolution owed much of their historical relevance to the Catholic King James of Scotland, who was the first Catholic monarch of the Britons, and was instrumental in the creation of the "Royal Society" in 1660, from where much open scientific, and more "catholic" thinking would evolve.

The English Freemasons, who spurned the Colonial masonic entities that would eventually count as member many of the Revolutionary heavyweights, owed their own tolerance in English society to the Royal Society, which was eventually headed by a fellow named Isaac Newton in 1719, just two years after the birth of the London Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in 1717.

Also taking place in 1789 was the inauguration of George Washington, the first President of the USA, on April 30. Though there is no agreement on the exact moment he was sworn in, it is believed he did so when the star Regulus was "rising," or on the horizon. Could this have been a nod to the Jupiter/Regulus conjunction of 1540? Why, indeed, was the location of Washington DC chosen as such, to subsume the first Jesuit college of the nation? Was this done, at least partially, to protect the American Jesuits?

Pope Francis visits DC, Boehner resigns, Ryan takes his place

So, what's the punchline to all this? For us, in the here and now, we know that recently, for the first time ever, a Pope (who just happens to be a Jesuit)

enrolled its first student, future Congressman William Gaston, on November 22, 1791.

Quite the set of coincidences, I'll say! But, only visible to the wacky world of historical astrologers.

Of course, the most interesting thing that happened during Pope Francis' visit was the resignation of Speaker of the House, and Republican Ohio Congressman John Boehner. It was quite the surprise, this resignation, coming quite out of nowhere, and mere hours after the Pope uttered quite a few notions that tend to be at odds with the modern Republican Party,

After a few weeks of high drama, the eventual replacement for Boehner was Wisconsin Republican, and Catholic, Paul Ryan. Ryan took much heat in the press for demanding that he get plenty of "family leave" time for himself, in contrast to his staunch anti-labor stance on denying mandated "family leave" for the rest of us.

And, Ryan is also a big fan of the economic politics of Ayn Rand, the somewhat sociopathic icon of the Libertarian movement. Much pundit ink has been spilled discussing the very obvious dichotomy between Catholic doctrine and the writings of Ayn Rand, but oh well, in the modern Orwellian world of cognitive dissonance, Supply Side Economics takes a higher precedence than the New Deal economic morals that created the great American Middle Class, and powered the USA to the status of the world's major Superpower.

As my favorite "news decoder" Lionel said, "The Pope isn't a Liberal, he's a Catholic," and we have to wonder about the veracity of a new Speaker of the House who is even more "to the right" than the old one.

What's going on here? Who the hell knows! But, I do have a feeling that Mr. Ryan will be nowhere to be found on the next few November 22nds.

Where will your humble newspaper editor be? Celebrating his birthday, of course. Yes, I was born on a November 22, and this year, it falls on a Sunday. I'll be watching football, and sipping a good dark beer (or four). Please don't call. ••

*I wish you all the joy
that you can wish.*

*- Shakespeare,
Merchant of Venice*

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