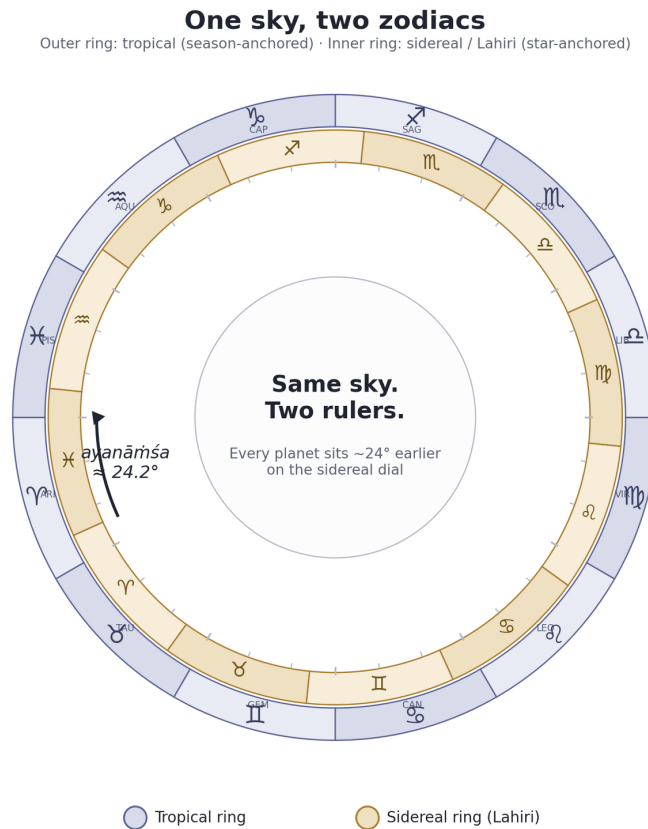


The Astrology of Remote Viewing

A History in Two Zodiacs — Tropical and Sidereal



Companion handout for a 30-minute talk

All planetary positions computed with the Swiss Ephemeris — tropical zodiac and sidereal zodiac (Lahiri ayanamsha) side by side. Untimed charts are cast for noon and marked as such. Prepared August 2026.

1 • One Sky, Two Zodiacs

Astrology's first surprise for newcomers is that there are two zodiacs, not one. Both use the same twelve signs, the same planets, and the same sky — they differ only in where they anchor the measuring wheel. The tropical zodiac, standard in Western astrology, anchors 0° Aries to the March equinox: it is a zodiac of seasons, of the Earth-Sun relationship. The sidereal zodiac, standard in Indian (Vedic) astrology and used by a minority of Western astrologers, anchors the signs to the fixed stars themselves.

Because the equinox point slowly slides backward against the stars — the precession of the equinoxes, one degree every 71.6 years — the two zodiacs drift apart. The current gap, called the *ayanamsha*, is about 24 degrees. Every planet therefore sits roughly 24° "earlier" on the sidereal dial than on the tropical one. Sometimes that shifts a planet into the previous sign; sometimes it doesn't. Neither zodiac is "wrong." They are two rulers laid against one sky, and — as this talk tries to show — they often read like two camera angles on the same scene.

The sidereal positions in this handout use the Lahiri *ayanamsha*, the Indian national standard. The sidereal tradition also divides the sky into 27 *nakshatras* — lunar mansions of 13°20' each, with four quarters (*padas*) — which are listed alongside each sidereal position.

Era	Lahiri <i>ayanamsha</i>	What it means
1918 (Price born)	22°43'	planets sit ~22.7° earlier on the sidereal dial
1933 (Swann born)	22°56'	gap widens ~50" per year
1971–72 (RV era begins)	23°28'	roughly a degree more than at Price's birth
1995 (program ends)	23°48'	
2026 (today)	24°14'	just under one full sign of drift since ~285 CE

Data conventions

Ingo Swann's birth time is recorded (2:30 AM, Rodden rating AA — from the birth certificate), so his chart includes an Ascendant and Midheaven. All other birth and event times are unrecorded; those charts are cast for noon local time, planets only. A noon Moon can be off by up to ~7° either way; each noon chart notes the Moon's possible range for the day. Joseph McMoneagle's birth date appears as January 10, 1946 in most published biographies and January 11 in some references; January 10 is used here. Rahu and Ketu are the Moon's mean nodes. "Rx" marks a retrograde planet.

2 • The Cast — Same People, Two Suns

Before the history: the five principals of the American remote-viewing story, and what happens to their Sun when the ruler changes. Note that a sidereal position is not simply "one sign back" — it depends on the birth degree. Hal Puthoff's Sun, at the very end of tropical Gemini, stays in Gemini on both dials.

	Role in the story	Tropical Sun	Sidereal Sun	Sidereal Sun nakshatra
Ingo Swann	Artist-psychic; codified the method; 'Father of remote viewing'	21° Virgo	28° Leo	Uttara Phalguni
Pat Price	Ex-police commissioner; the program's legendary natural	16° Sagittarius	23° Scorpio	Jyeshtha
Russell Targ	Laser physicist; co-founded the SRI program	21° Aries	28° Pisces	Revati
Hal Puthoff	Laser physicist; directed the SRI program 1972-85	29° Gemini	6° Gemini	Mrigashira
Joseph McMoneagle	Army NCO; 'Remote Viewer No. 1' at Fort Meade	20° Capricorn	27° Sagittarius	Uttara Ashadha

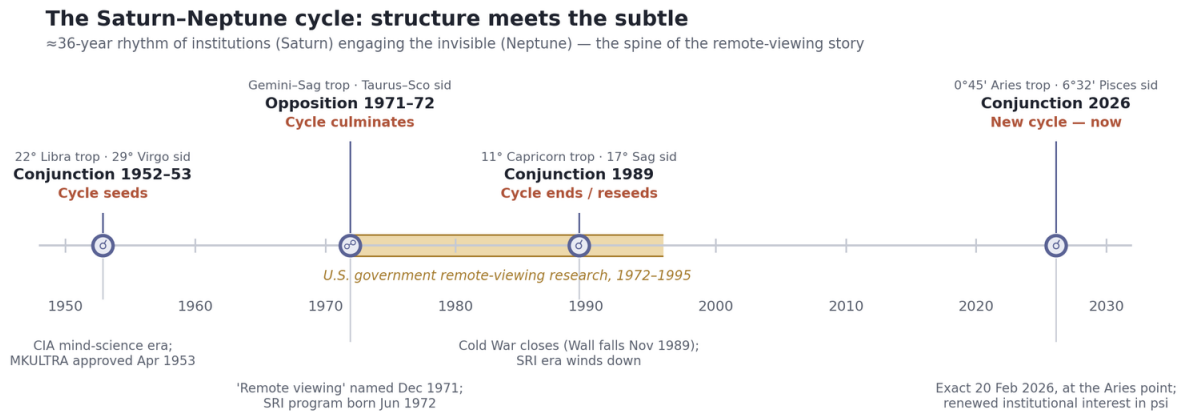
Read as a set, the two columns make a fair opening argument for the dual-lens approach. Tropically, the program is built by two Aries/Gemini scientists, documented by a Virgo, and executed by a Sagittarius and a Capricorn — initiative, information, protocol, range, discipline. Sidereally, the same five become a Leo performer, a Scorpio penetrator of secrets, two boundary-dwelling seekers (Revati and Mrigashira are both "searching" nakshatras), and a Sagittarius soldier-philosopher whose nakshatra, Uttara Ashadha, means "the later victory." Both portraits are recognizably them.

Timeline of the remote-viewing story

1918-46	The cast is born: Price (1918), Swann (1933), Targ (1934), Puthoff (1936), McMoneagle (1946).
Apr 1953	CIA approves MKULTRA — the intelligence world formally enters mind research (Saturn-Neptune conjunction era).
1965-66	Uranus-Pluto conjunction in tropical Virgo: the consciousness revolution that seeds 1970s psi research.
8 Dec 1971	At the ASPR in New York, Ingo Swann coins "remote viewing" during out-of-body vision experiments with Janet Mitchell.
6 Jun 1972	Swann perturbs a shielded magnetometer at Stanford; Hal Puthoff's report reaches the CIA within weeks.
Oct 1972	CIA signs an eight-month, \$49,909 pilot contract with SRI: the government program begins.
27 Apr 1973	Swann's Jupiter probe session describes a ring around Jupiter before Pioneer 10's flyby.
May-Jul 1973	SCANATE: coordinate-tasked viewing begins; Pat Price debuts with the West Virginia site descriptions.
Jul 1974	Price remote-views the Semipalatinsk site (URDF-3), sketching its giant gantry crane — a famous operational hit.
18 Oct 1974	Nature publishes Targ & Puthoff's "Information transmission under conditions of sensory shielding."
14 Jul 1975	Pat Price dies suddenly in Las Vegas.
1977-78	The Army stands up its own unit at Fort Meade: Gondola Wish, then Grill Flame.
Sep 1979	McMoneagle's session on a Soviet building describes a huge new submarine — the Typhoon class.
1983-86	INSCOM Center Lane; Swann codifies CRV training. In 1986 the DIA takes over: Sun Streak.
1989-91	Saturn-Neptune conjunction; Cold War ends; SRI's role ends; the program moves to SAIC as Star Gate.
30 Jun 1995	Congress moves the program's funds to the CIA; the Fort Meade unit stands down.
28 Nov 1995	The AIR evaluation (dated 29 Sep) is released; CIA confirms the program on ABC's Nightline; Star Gate is terminated.
Jan 2017	CIA posts the CREST archive online — millions of pages, including the Star Gate files.
20 Feb 2026	Saturn-Neptune conjunction at 0°45' Aries: the cycle that framed the whole story begins again.

3 • The Spine of the Story: Saturn-Neptune

Mundane astrology — the astrology of collective history — reads slow planetary cycles the way a geologist reads strata. For the remote-viewing story, one cycle does most of the structural work: Saturn-Neptune, the ~36-year rhythm between the planet of institutions, evidence, and walls (Saturn) and the planet of the oceanic, imaginal, and invisible (Neptune). When they meet or face off, the recurring theme is the state engaging the unseen — and its shadow side, the dissolving of official structures through leaks and declassification.



Conjunction, 1952-53 (22° Libra tropical / 29° Virgo sidereal). A new cycle seeds. Within months the CIA approves MKULTRA (April 1953) and Cold War "mind race" anxieties take institutional form. The theme is planted: intelligence agencies and the further reaches of the mind.

Opposition, 1971-72 (Saturn in Gemini opposite Neptune in Sagittarius). Cycles culminate at their opposition, and this one delivered with almost embarrassing precision: the second exact pass fell on 27 November 1971, eleven days before "remote viewing" was named; the third on 19 April 1972, seven weeks before the SRI program's founding demonstration. Note the axis: Saturn in Gemini (structured information, protocols, twin channels) opposite Neptune in Sagittarius (vision across distance) — a fair one-line translation of remote viewing itself. Sidereally the axis runs Taurus-Scorpio: recorded evidence versus hidden depths, the program's other signature tension.

Conjunction, 1989 (11° Capricorn tropical / 17° Sagittarius sidereal). The cycle that began in 1952 ends. The Berlin Wall opens on 9 November 1989, four days before the year's final exact conjunction — Neptune dissolving Saturn's most famous wall. With the Soviet threat went the program's rationale; the SRI era closed and the remnant drifted toward its 1995 shutdown.

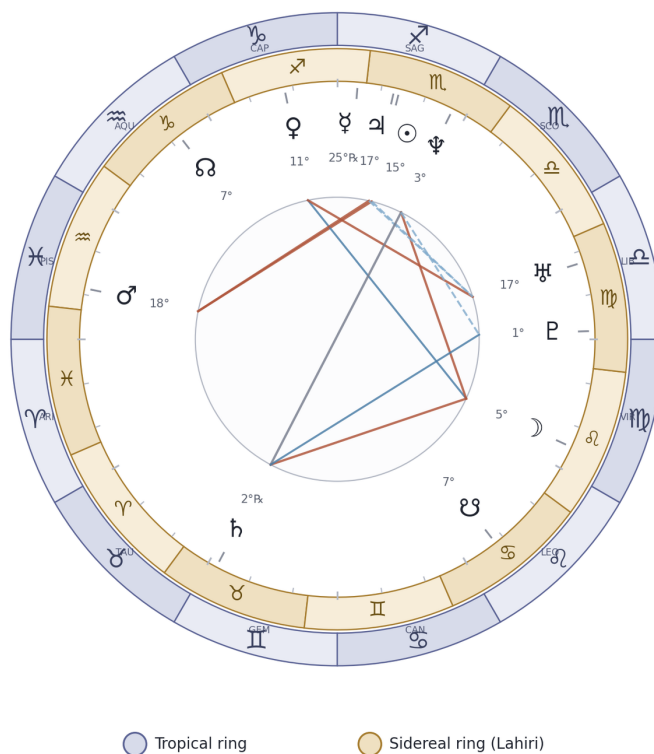
Conjunction, 20 February 2026 (0°45' Aries tropical / 6°32' Pisces sidereal). The next cycle begins as this talk is given — a single exact pass at the Aries point, the degree mundane astrologers associate with public beginnings. More on this in section 8.

4 • Act I — Naming the Phenomenon (8 December 1971)

Through the autumn of 1971, Ingo Swann — a Colorado-born painter working in New York — sat wired to a polygraph in a blacked-out room at the American Society for Psychological Research, describing objects hidden on suspended trays and, soon, the weather in distant cities. Dissatisfied with the term "out-of-body experiment," Swann proposed a cooler, more instrumental phrase. On 8 December 1971, in sessions with researcher Janet Mitchell, "remote viewing" got its name.

'Remote viewing' named — ASPR

8 Dec 1971, New York NY (noon chart)



Noon chart, New York. The day's Moon ranged 29° Leo → 11° Virgo (tropical); it crossed Swann's natal Neptune at 10° Virgo during the afternoon.

Tropical reading. The Sun at 16° Sagittarius applies to a one-degree conjunction with Jupiter at 17° — the naming of a discipline of far vision under the sign of far vision, with its own ruling planet standing beside the Sun. Neptune at 3° Sagittarius had entered the sign the previous year for a fourteen-year stay: the whole "golden era" of remote-viewing research (1970–84) fits inside Neptune's transit of the vision sign. Against all this Sagittarius stands retrograde Saturn at 2° Gemini — still within a degree and a half of the exact Saturn–Neptune opposition — insisting that the visions submit to protocol, judging, and paperwork. That tension is remote viewing as Swann defined it: psychic perception under laboratory control. Mercury, planet of naming, is retrograde at 25° Sagittarius: the

new term was a renaming, a reach back to recover something ancient under a modern label.

Sidereal reading. The same Sun-Jupiter pair sits at 22°-24° Scorpio, in Jyeshtha — "the eldest," the nakshatra of penetrating, protective seniority — with Neptune at 10° Scorpio in Anuradha. Where the tropical dial announces vision at a distance, the sidereal dial announces the piercing of the hidden — the espionage half of the story that the tropical chart leaves implicit. And Mercury, the naming planet, stands at 1°57' Sagittarius in Mula — "the root." The word coined that day became the root term for the entire field.

A SYNCHRONICITY WORTH THE PRICE OF ADMISSION

Pat Price — the retired police commissioner who would become the program's most storied operational viewer — was born on 8 December 1918. "Remote viewing" was named on his 53rd birthday, with the transiting Sun three arc-minutes from his natal Sun (15°57' vs 15°54' Sagittarius): an exact solar return for a man who would not enter the story for another eighteen months. On the sidereal dial both Suns fall in Jyeshtha pada 2 — the same lunar-mansion quarter. The drift between the two matches (0°03' tropical, 0°41' sidereal) is the 53 years of precession between 1918 and 1971, made visible.

	Tropical	Sidereal (Lahiri)	Nakshatra
Sun	15°57' Sagittarius	22°29' Scorpio	Jyeshtha 2
Moon	5°17' Virgo	11°49' Leo	Magha 4
Mercury Rx	25°25' Sagittarius	1°57' Sagittarius	Mula 1
Venus	11°56' Capricorn	18°28' Sagittarius	Purva Ashadha 2
Mars	18°37' Pisces	25°09' Aquarius	Purva Bhadrapada 2
Jupiter	17°06' Sagittarius	23°38' Scorpio	Jyeshtha 3
Saturn Rx	2°00' Gemini	8°32' Taurus	Krittika 4
Uranus	17°23' Libra	23°55' Virgo	Chitra 1
Neptune	3°17' Sagittarius	9°49' Scorpio	Anuradha 2
Pluto	1°51' Libra	8°23' Virgo	Uttara Phalguni 4
Rahu	7°52' Aquarius	14°24' Capricorn	Shravana 2
Ketu	7°52' Leo	14°24' Cancer	Pushya 4

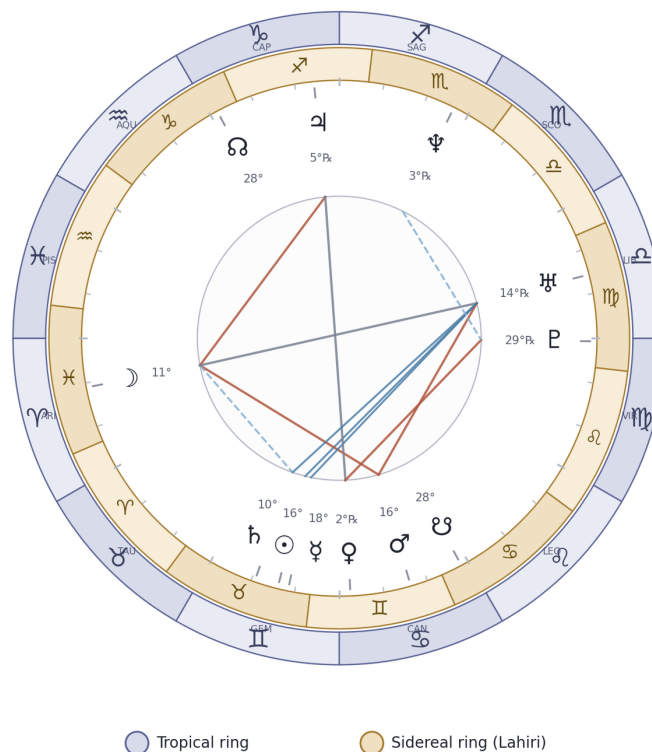
Noon positions; the Moon moved from 29° Leo to 11° Virgo (tropical) over the civil day.

5 • Act II — The Program Is Born (6 June 1972)

Six months later Swann flew west. On 6 June 1972, in the Varian Physics Building at Stanford, laser physicist Hal Puthoff walked him up to a magnetically shielded quark-detector magnetometer buried under the floor — an instrument nothing was supposed to perturb. Swann "probed" it; the output trace wobbled on cue; and Puthoff's write-up of the afternoon brought two CIA officers to his door within weeks. By October 1972 SRI had a \$49,909 pilot contract, and the twenty-three-year public-private research program that followed — SRI, SAIC, Fort Meade — descends from this afternoon.

Magnetometer demo — SRI era begins

6 Jun 1972, Stanford CA (noon chart)



Noon chart, Stanford. The day's Moon ranged 4°–18° Aries (tropical) / Pisces (sidereal).

Tropical reading. A daytime stellium in Gemini: Sun at 16°, Mercury at 18°, Saturn at 11°. Gemini is the sign of information transfer and paired channels — sender and receiver, viewer and target — and here the Sun illuminates both Mercury (signal) and Saturn (shielding, protocol, measurement). "Information transmission under conditions of sensory shielding," the title Targ and Puthoff would put on their Nature paper two years later, is practically a delineation of this Sun-Mercury-Saturn conjunction. Neptune, retrograde at 3° Sagittarius, still opposes Saturn from across the zodiac: the psychic and the physicist facing each other across a lab bench.

Sidereal reading. The same three planets stand in Taurus: the Sun at 22°40' in Rohini (the star of fertile ground) and Mercury at 25° in Mrigashira — "the searching star," the deer's

head, the nakshatra of the quest. A research program taking root in solid, funded, institutional ground (Taurus) with its signal-planet on the star of searching: the sidereal dial again supplies the espionage-flavored, star-level texture that complements the tropical headline. The Moon spent the day in sidereal Pisces (Revati, the guiding star) — tropical Aries: a pioneer's Moon on one dial, a navigator's Moon on the other.

The golden years, 1973-75

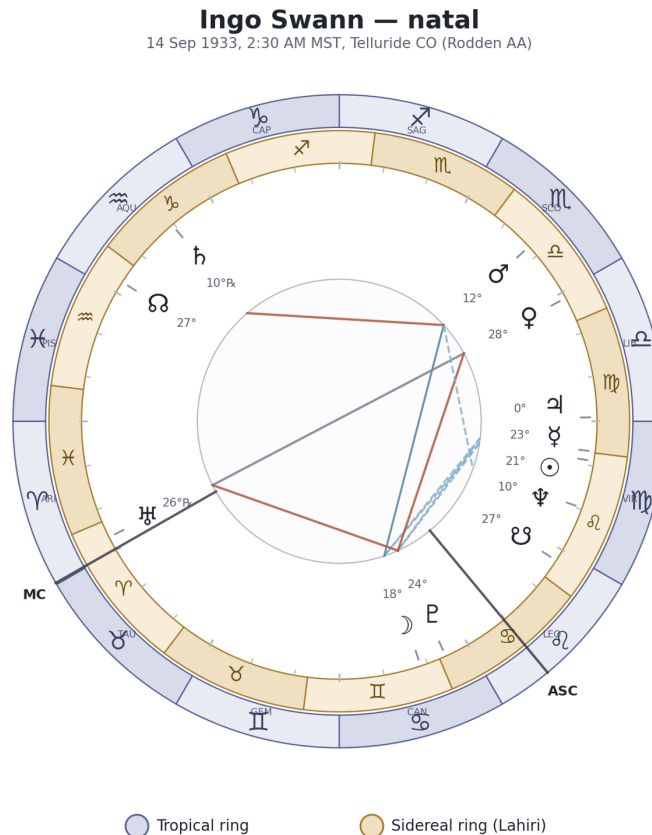
The chapter that follows compresses well: on 27 April 1973 Swann ran his famous Jupiter "probe" session (Sun 7° Taurus / 14° Aries sidereal, Mercury in Aries both ways), describing a ring around Jupiter six years before Voyager confirmed one. That summer SCANATE brought coordinate-tasks viewing and Pat Price's West Virginia debut. In July 1974 Price drew the gantry crane at Semipalatinsk — with transiting Saturn at 10-17° Gemini sitting exactly on the USSR's own 1922 foundation Sun-Mercury area and, more to the point, squarely on the 1972 program's founding Gemini stellium: the program's first Saturn test, passed operationally, arriving right on schedule at Saturn's first square to its own founding position. On 18 October 1974 Nature published the SRI work — Mercury that week newly in Libra, the scales, submitting vision to peer review. And on 14 July 1975 Price died suddenly in Las Vegas, the program's first and heaviest loss.

One structural note for the astrologers in the room: the entire SRI golden era ran inside Neptune's tropical transit of Sagittarius (1970-84) — which is simultaneously Neptune's sidereal transit of Scorpio. Far vision on one dial; secret depths on the other. When Neptune crossed into tropical Capricorn (1984) the program's centre of gravity moved from vision to bureaucracy — INSCOM to DIA, Sun Streak, tasking memos — and the field's public reputation began its long freeze.

6 • The Viewers

Ingo Swann — the artist who built the method

Born 14 September 1933 at 2:30 AM in Telluride, Colorado (birth certificate; Rodden AA), Swann is the one figure in this story with a fully timed chart — fitting, for the man who insisted psychic work be documented to laboratory standard.



Ingo Swann, natal. Leo rising (tropical) / Cancer rising in Ashlesha (sidereal); Uranus conjunct the Aries Midheaven.

Tropical reading. Sun 21° Virgo conjunct Mercury 23° Virgo: the great documenter, the builder of stage-by-stage protocol (his six-stage CRV system trained the Fort Meade unit). Moon 18° Cancer: the sensitive, retentive instrument. Leo rising with retrograde Saturn at 10° Aquarius sitting within a degree of the Descendant — the solitary genius yoked, his whole career, to institutional partners: the ASPR, SRI, the Army, the CIA. And at the top of the chart, Uranus in Aries three degrees from the Midheaven: a public identity as the maverick-pioneer, the man who made a career out of bolts from the blue. The 1965-66 Uranus-Pluto conjunction at 16-17° Virgo fell precisely between his natal Neptune (10° Virgo) and Sun (21° Virgo) — the consciousness revolution detonating on top of his Sun-Neptune axis just as he left the Army and moved to New York to paint and, soon, to experiment.

Sidereal reading. The dial turns and the showman appears: Sun 28° Leo in Uttara Phalguni (patronage, contracts, the generous performer) — Swann the painter of vast luminous canvases, the man who performed impossible feats on demand for physicists. Moon 25° Gemini in Punarvasu — "the return of the light," the arrow that leaves and comes back: as apt an image of a remote viewer's mind as the nakshatra list offers. Ascendant 17° Cancer in Ashlesha, the coiled serpent — hypnotic, penetrating, at home in altered states. Virgo protocol-builder and Leo psychic showman; Cancer instrument and serpent-eyed seer: anyone who has read Swann recognizes every one of these people.

	Tropical	Sidereal (Lahiri)	Nakshatra
Sun	21°06' Virgo	28°10' Leo	Uttara Phalguni 1
Moon	18°25' Cancer	25°29' Gemini	Punarvasu 2
Mercury	23°13' Virgo	0°17' Virgo	Uttara Phalguni 2
Venus	28°33' Libra	5°37' Libra	Chitra 4
Mars	12°37' Scorpio	19°41' Libra	Swati 4
Jupiter	0°54' Libra	7°58' Virgo	Uttara Phalguni 4
Saturn Rx	10°27' Aquarius	17°32' Capricorn	Shravana 3
Uranus Rx	26°43' Aries	3°47' Aries	Ashwini 2
Neptune	10°21' Virgo	17°25' Leo	Purva Phalguni 2
Pluto	24°24' Cancer	1°28' Cancer	Punarvasu 4
Rahu	27°20' Aquarius	4°24' Aquarius	Dhanishta 4
Ketu	27°20' Leo	4°24' Leo	Magha 2
Ascendant	9°41' Leo	16°45' Cancer	Ashlesha 1
Midheaven	29°40' Aries	6°45' Aries	—

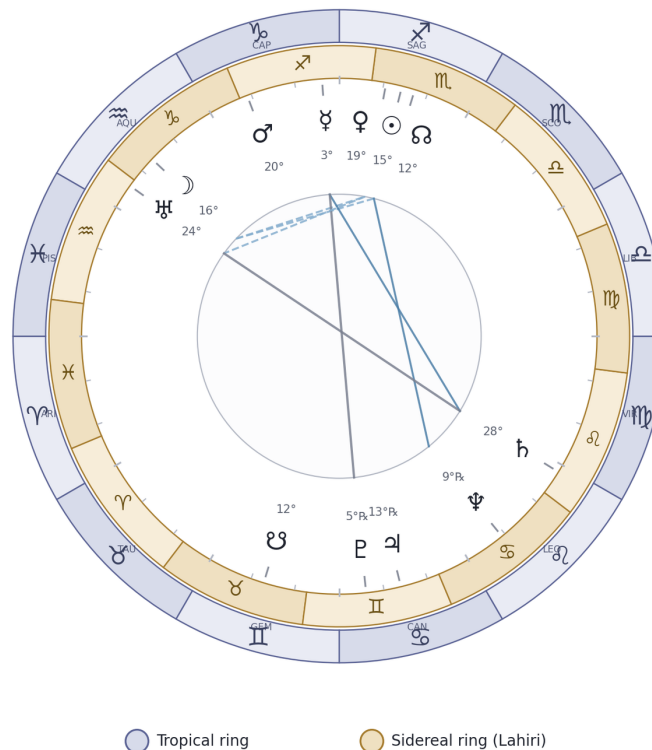
Timed chart (2:30 AM MST). Placidus angles shown; ayanamsha 22°56'.

Pat Price — the natural

Born 8 December 1918 in Salt Lake City (time unrecorded — noon chart). A former Burbank police commissioner and city councilman who claimed he had used his "ability" for years to dispatch patrol cars, Price walked into SRI in 1973 and became the story insiders still argue about: the West Virginia site, Semipalatinsk's crane, sessions the CIA took seriously enough to task operationally. He died of a heart attack in Las Vegas on 14 July 1975; the persistent rumors around his death are part of his legend.

Pat Price — natal

8 Dec 1918, Salt Lake City UT (time unknown — noon chart)



Pat Price, natal (noon). The Moon was in tropical Aquarius all day; sidereally it left Shrivatsa for Dhanishta.

Tropical reading. Sun 16° Sagittarius conjunct Venus 19°: the affable, expansive scout-master (he literally ran a Boy Scout troop) with vision for horizons. Neptune at 9° Leo trines the Sun from across the fire signs — the classic "easy access" psychic signature, perception arriving as naturally as mood. Mars at 21° Capricorn (exalted, in Western terms): the operational cool of a career cop. Moon in Aquarius: detachment enough to describe anything without flinching.

Sidereal reading. Sun 23° Scorpio in Jyeshtha, Venus 27° Scorpio beside it: the eldest, the protector, the one who sees into vaults — the police-psychic who spied on secret installations for a living. Mercury at 11° Sagittarius in Mula digs at roots; Mars at 28° Sagittarius in Uttara Ashadha gives the finisher's stamina. The tropical chart describes how Price felt to be around; the sidereal chart describes what he was actually doing.

	Tropical	Sidereal (Lahiri)	Nakshatra
Sun	15°54' Sagittarius	23°10' Scorpio	Jyeshtha 2
Moon	16°37' Aquarius	23°53' Capricorn	Dhanishta 1
Mercury	3°50' Capricorn	11°07' Sagittarius	Mula 4
Venus	19°29' Sagittarius	26°46' Scorpio	Jyeshtha 4
Mars	20°58' Capricorn	28°14' Sagittarius	Uttara Ashadha 1
Jupiter Rx	13°51' Cancer	21°07' Gemini	Punarvasu 1
Saturn	28°15' Leo	5°31' Leo	Magha 2
Uranus	24°18' Aquarius	1°35' Aquarius	Dhanishta 3
Neptune Rx	9°08' Leo	16°25' Cancer	Pushya 4
Pluto Rx	5°59' Cancer	13°16' Gemini	Ardra 2
Rahu	12°57' Sagittarius	20°13' Scorpio	Jyeshtha 2
Ketu	12°57' Gemini	20°13' Taurus	Rohini 4

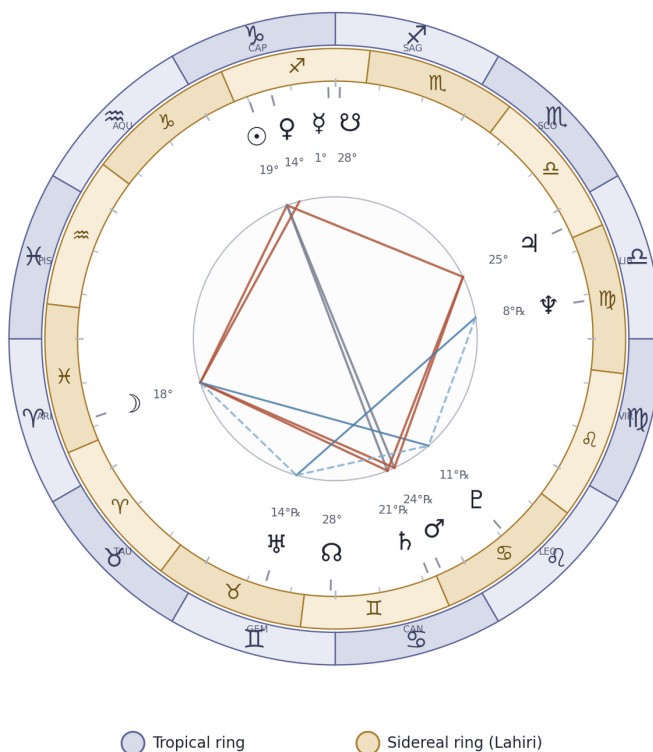
Noon chart. Moon range for the day: 10°–23° Aquarius (tropical); 17° Capricorn–1° Aquarius (sidereal).

Joseph McMoneagle — Remote Viewer No. 1

Born 10 January 1946 in Miami (time unrecorded — noon chart; some references give 11 January). A twenty-year Army NCO who survived a 1970 near-death experience in Germany that rewired his inner life, McMoneagle was recruited into the Fort Meade unit at its 1978 founding, carried the designation Remote Viewer No. 1, produced the September 1979 Typhoon-submarine description that became the program's most cited operational success, and retired in 1984 with the Legion of Merit — citing, in part, his psychic service record.

Joseph McMoneagle — natal

10 Jan 1946, Miami FL (time unknown — noon chart)



Joseph McMoneagle, natal (noon). Sun opposite Saturn within 2°; Moon in tropical Aries / sidereal Revati for most birth times.

Tropical reading. Sun 20° Capricorn conjunct Venus, opposed by retrograde Saturn at 22° Cancer within two degrees: the disciplined soldier defined by tests, duty, and institutional weight — a man who did his most extraordinary work inside a chain of command, and whose gifts were audited by skeptics for two decades. Mars, also retrograde in Cancer, joins the opposition wide: the warrior turned inward, fighting on interior terrain.

Sidereal reading. Sun 27° Sagittarius in Uttara Ashadha — "the later victory" — with Venus and Mercury in Sagittarius around it: the soldier-philosopher whose vindication came late (the Legion of Merit, the declassification, the books). Moon in Revati for most possible birth times: the last nakshatra, the star that guides travelers and shepherds souls home — the wayfinder's mansion, hosting the Moon of the Army's chief wayfinder. His

near-death experience, his psychic career, and his "safe return" through both are all Revati stories.

	Tropical	Sidereal (Lahiri)	Nakshatra
Sun	19°52' Capricorn	26°46' Sagittarius	Uttara Ashadha 1
Moon	18°00' Aries	24°54' Pisces	Revati 3
Mercury	1°35' Capricorn	8°29' Sagittarius	Mula 3
Venus	14°38' Capricorn	21°32' Sagittarius	Purva Ashadha 3
Mars Rx	24°36' Cancer	1°29' Cancer	Punarvasu 4
Jupiter	25°50' Libra	2°44' Libra	Chitra 3
Saturn Rx	21°34' Cancer	28°28' Gemini	Punarvasu 3
Uranus Rx	14°06' Gemini	21°00' Taurus	Rohini 4
Neptune Rx	8°37' Libra	15°31' Virgo	Hasta 2
Pluto Rx	11°06' Leo	18°00' Cancer	Ashlesha 1
Rahu	28°58' Gemini	5°51' Gemini	Mrigashira 4
Ketu	28°58' Sagittarius	5°51' Sagittarius	Mula 2

Noon chart. Moon range for the day: 11°–25° Aries (tropical); 18° Pisces–2° Aries (sidereal) — Revati for roughly the first three-quarters of the day.

7 • The Scientists — Targ & Puthoff

The SRI program was founded by two laser physicists, and the charts oblige the joke: both were born with the Sun beside a personal planet in a sign of speed and signal, and both charts flip instructively when the dial turns.

Russell Targ (11 April 1934, Chicago; noon chart): tropical Sun 21° Aries conjunct Mars within a degree, Uranus six degrees on — the fire-and-lightning signature of a man who helped invent the FM laser and airborne laser wind-sensing. Sidereally the same cluster stands at 28° Pisces in Revati — Sun and Mars in the guiding-star nakshatra, pada 4, within a degree — and the other Targ appears: the ESP-teaching, Dzogchen-quoting mystic of his later decades, author of *Limitless Mind*. Few charts stage the scientist/mystic double act this cleanly across the two zodiacs.

Hal Puthoff (20 June 1936, Chicago; noon chart): tropical Sun at 29°11' Gemini — the final degree of the messenger sign — with Venus and Mars at 26°–27° Gemini beside it and Mercury at 8° Gemini: a five-decade career of chasing signal at the edge (lasers, zero-point energy, psi, and since 2017 the UAP question with *To The Stars*). Because his Sun sits at the end of the sign, the sidereal dial does not move him: Sun 6° Gemini in Mrigashira, the searching star — the one principal whose Sun-sign survives the change of zodiac, and whose nakshatra names his biography. Saturn at 22° Pisces squares the Gemini cluster: the perpetual burden of respectability, carried by the physicist who kept lending his credentials to the impossible.

	Russell Targ (noon)	Hal Puthoff (noon)
Sun	21°09' Aries / 28°13' Pisces — Revati 4	29°11' Gemini / 6°13' Gemini — Mrigashira 4
Moon	Pisces (trop) · Aquarius–Pisces (sid)*	Cancer (trop) · Gemini, Punarvasu (sid)*
Mercury	25°12' Pisces / 2°16' Pisces	7°58' Gemini / 14°59' Taurus — Rohini
Venus	4°57' Pisces / 12°00' Aquarius	26°49' Gemini / 3°51' Gemini
Mars	21°47' Aries / 28°51' Pisces — Revati 4	26°31' Gemini / 3°33' Gemini
Jupiter	17°56' Libra Rx / 25°00' Virgo	18°17' Sagittarius Rx / 25°19' Scorpio
Saturn	25°35' Aquarius / 2°38' Aquarius	22°23' Pisces / 29°25' Aquarius
Uranus	27°01' Aries / 4°05' Aries	8°23' Taurus / 15°25' Aries
Neptune	10°00' Virgo Rx / 17°04' Leo	14°10' Virgo / 21°12' Leo
Pluto	22°32' Cancer / 29°36' Gemini	26°11' Cancer / 3°13' Cancer

Format: tropical / sidereal (Lahiri), with nakshatra where notable. *Noon Moons; true position uncertain by up to ~7°.

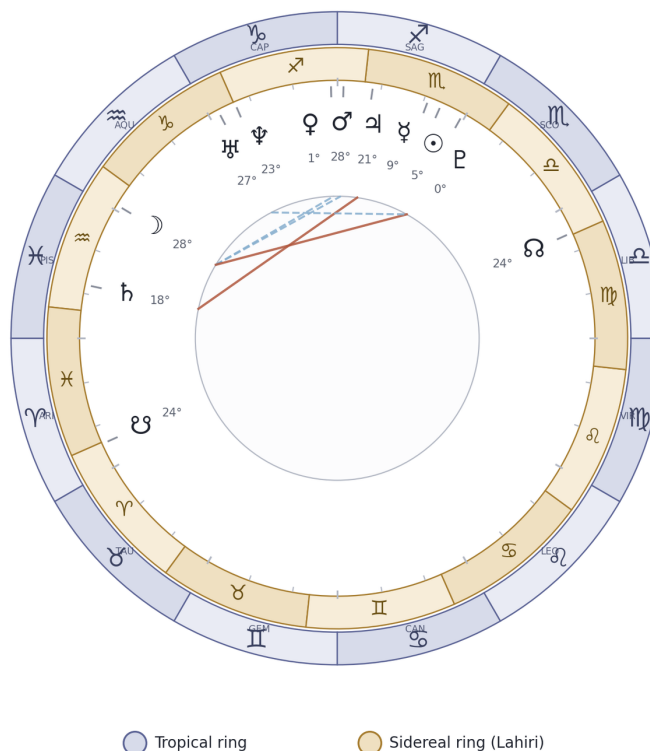
8 • Act III — Shutdown and Disclosure (1995)

On 30 June 1995, under the FY-1995 appropriations act, the program's funding was transferred to the CIA and the Fort Meade unit stood down. The sky that day is a study in endings-by-dissolution: Saturn at 24° Pisces (sidereally, just 0°56' into Pisces — newly immersed either way), Neptune and Uranus retrograde in late Capricorn unravelling the structures of the state, and Pluto retrograde at 28° Scorpio, holding at the last degrees of the sign of secrets — a program full of classified material, paused at the threshold of the sign of publication.

Pluto crossed into tropical Sagittarius for good on 10 November 1995. Eighteen days later, on 28 November, the AIR evaluation was released, the CIA publicly confirmed twenty-three years of psychic espionage, and Ted Koppel put Star Gate on Nightline. The secret about far-seeing surfaced within three weeks of Pluto's arrival in the sign of far-seeing — the tightest of this talk's mundane timings.

Public disclosure — AIR report / Nightline

28 Nov 1995, Washington DC (noon chart)



Noon chart, Washington. Five tropical Sagittarius planets; sidereally a Scorpio stellium with Venus and Mars in Mula.

Tropical reading. Sun 6° Sagittarius conjunct Pluto 0°43' Sagittarius, with Mercury 9°, Jupiter 22°, and Mars 29° Sagittarius behind them: five planets in the sign of broadcast truth, the Sun bringing the underworld planet to light. Disclosure, delivered as television.

Sidereal reading. The same morning is a Scorpio stellium — Sun 12°, Mercury 15°, Pluto 7°, Jupiter 28° Scorpio, all in Anuradha and Jyeshtha — with Venus and Mars newly in Sagittarius, in Mula, "the root": the exhumation of a buried thing, and the cutting of the program off at its root, in one sky. Tropical: the announcement. Sidereal: the autopsy. Both happened on the 28th of November.

Coda — the cycle returns (2026)

The Saturn-Neptune cycle that opened this story (1952 seed, 1971–72 culmination, 1989 dissolution) renewed itself on 20 February 2026, in a single exact pass at 0°45' Aries — the Aries point, the zodiac's public-beginnings degree — which is sidereally 6°32' Pisces, in Uttara Bhadrapada, the serpent of the deep. A new state-meets-the-unseen cycle, born at the world's most visible degree while still swimming in the imaginal ocean: whatever the next generation's version of Star Gate turns out to be, its natal moment is already on file. Attendees of this talk are living in the first year of it.

Since 2017, when the CIA moved the CREST archive — Star Gate files included — onto the open internet, the program's own documents have been the field's primary source. The history sketched here is reconstructible, session by session, from those pages; the astrology, as always, is a lens the reader is invited to test against them.

9 • Glossary

Tropical zodiac. Signs measured from the March equinox (0° Aries = equinox point). Standard in Western astrology; tracks the seasons.

Sidereal zodiac. Signs anchored to the fixed stars. Standard in Indian/Vedic astrology; used with the Lahiri ayanamsha throughout this handout.

Ayanamsha. The current angular gap between the two zodiacs (~24°), produced by the precession of the equinoxes (~1° per 71.6 years).

Nakshatra. One of 27 sidereal lunar mansions of 13°20', each divided into four padas (quarters). Older than the 12-sign zodiac in Indian practice.

Natal chart. The sky-map for a birth moment and place.

Noon chart. A chart cast for 12:00 local time when the birth/event time is unrecorded. Planets are valid; the Moon carries up to ~7° uncertainty and no Ascendant/houses can be used.

Rodden rating. A data-reliability grade for birth data. AA = from birth certificate or record.

Transit. The current position of a moving planet, read against a natal or founding chart.

Conjunction / opposition / square / trine. Planets 0° / 180° / 90° / 120° apart: merging / confrontation-culmination / friction / flow.

Retrograde (Rx). A planet's apparent backward motion; traditionally an internalized or revisionary expression.

Ascendant / Midheaven. The rising degree (self, embodiment) and the culminating degree (public role). Require a birth time.

Solar return. The Sun's annual return to its natal position — the astrological birthday.

Ingress. A planet's entry into a sign.

Aries point. 0° Aries (tropical), the equinox degree; in mundane astrology, the degree of public visibility and collective beginnings.

Mundane astrology. The branch that reads history and collective events rather than individual lives.

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Interpretive framings in this handout are offered in the astrologer's traditional spirit: as a symbolic lens on documented history, for the reader to weigh.