August 1918  
**Jupiter            Pluto**

Aug 6               5° Cancer 5’      5° Cancer 57’  
Aug 10             6° Cancer         6° Cancer  
Feb                  5° Cancer         4° Cancer

21 – 31  
May 1931     18° Cancer to 19° Cancer49 (5/31)6

28 July – 1 Aug  1943  
(July 30, 1943)**Jupiter            Pluto**  
 6° Leo 35         6° Leo 52

Nov 1-8 1955  **Jupiter            Pluto**  
 28° Leo 28° Leo  
Jan June November  1956  
**Jupiter            Pluto**30 Jan             28° Leo 44       27° Leo 50  
8 Feb               27° Leo 37       27° Leo 36  
13 June to  
17 June           26° Leo 31       26° Leo 29

Oct 1968  
**Jupiter            Pluto**Oct. 9              23° Virgo 00    23° virgo 33  
Oct 13             23° Virgo 39    23° virgo 39  (exact)

**Jupiter            Pluto**Oct 29 1981    23° Libra 57     24° Libra 43  
Nov 2               24° Libra 53     24° Libra 53

Out of orb by the 7th.

1994                    **Jupiter            Pluto**  
28 Nov             27° Scorpio 29   28° Scorpio 16  
Dec1                28° Scorpio         29° Scorpio  
Dec 2               28° Scorpio 26’   exact

2007                    **Jupiter            Pluto**  
07 Dec 2007    27° Sag 18      28° sag 11  
11 Dec 2007    28° Sag 22     28° Sag 22  
15 Dec               29° Sag 15     Out of orb

Perusing the table above, you might note that the Jupiter/Pluto synod comes and goes swiftly, as a peregrine falls onto a flying duck: first, there is a cloud of feathers, and within a few minutes, everything is ingested and it is all done.

This synod lasts for a few days, not to return for eleven or twelve years, depending on the longitudinal speed of Pluto. Sometimes Jupiter in its retrograde cycle will make it last longer, as happened in 1955/56 when the synod was exact at 26°, 27°, and 28° Leo. Even here the exact conjunction lasted only a few days.

These synods do not affect history in the same way that the longer lasting ones do. The Uranus/Neptune synod brought about the trial and execution of Charles I of England; it also brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union. These longer synods involve matters of astrologic influence affecting the vast structures of government devised by men.

Jupiter Pluto is as strong as some of these, but it has to be judged differently. It is best to measure how it changes the lives of the players of history.

During World War II, on August 2, 1943, Lieutenant Junior Grade John F. Kennedy captained a torpedo boat patrolling the Blackett Strait between Kolombangara and Arundel in the Solomon Islands; he was searching for Japanese ships to destroy. It was about 2:00 AM on a moonless night, and many of the crew were sleeping, when a Japanese destroyer, the Amagiri, moving at possibly 50 mph, rammed his ship and tore it in half, causing its fuel to explode and burn.

This was a Plutonian event. It came suddenly and was totally devastating. It was war: two of his crew were instantly killed; two were badly burned. The survivors floated in shark and crocodile infested waters; the destroyer steamed away. The two other PT boats in the area thought no one could have survived this explosion, and they turned away without looking for survivors and sped back to base.

A Jupiter/Pluto synod at 6° Leo lay within 1° of an exact sextile to Kennedy’s 7° Gemini Sun. How Kennedy handled this crisis would determine the course of the rest of his life.

After the smashing of the boat, Kennedy kept a calm mind. Those who couldn’t swim he assigned to a floating timber from the broken ship. Kennedy himself towed a severely burned crewman, and he moved the eleven survivors to a small island some 3 1/2 miles away. It took them four hours to dog paddle there. It was a small island about the size of a football field, no water, no food. While his crew rested, he swam about 2.5 miles further and found an island with water and food (coconuts), returned to the first island, and got his crew to that island, where they were able to survive for about a week until they were picked up. This was a natural leader, who with a calm mind continued to give the right orders to his crew all through the hard days. After sending a message with some passing fishermen carved on a coconut shell, his crew was rescued within a week.

This synod brought out the qualities of courage that only an event like this could bring out. That night he was not able to depend on a wealthy and powerful father, on influence and contacts, on his Harvard education, or on many other benefits coming from a family of influence. The only quality of character that worked in the burning water was courage, and courage was what he found in himself that night and the days that followed. The Jupiter did bring protection but the Pluto demanded courage. After that week he would be a different man for the rest of his life.

That it happened on the synod meant that millions of people would learn of his courage, of the test that he passed, and it raised him to the presidency.