

THE BETRAYER AND THE BETRAYED

An Astrological Contrast between Jawara and Jammeh

Though born four decades apart, both **Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara** (16 May 1924) and **Yahya Jammeh** (25 May 1965) share the sign of **Taurus**, suggesting a karmic link rooted in persistence, determination, and a desire to shape their environments with lasting impact. Yet, beneath this shared solar influence, their charts diverge dramatically—one infused with Pluto's transformative depth, the other driven by Mars's aggressive assertiveness. This polarity illuminates how the *betrayed and the betrayer* mirrored each other in destiny.

Jawara: Pluto and Venus in the First House

Jawara's **Cancer Ascendant** with **Pluto–Venus in the first house** gave him a magnetic, transformative aura. He was the archetypal statesman who rose through patience, diplomacy, and resilience. Pluto made him capable of constant renewal, surviving political challenges and even the trauma of exile. Venus added grace and charm, allowing him to govern with persuasion rather than intimidation. But Pluto–Venus carried an archetypal shadow: the fear of betrayal by those he trusted. This was his karmic vulnerability, mirrored in the ultimate act of betrayal when his young bodyguard seized power from him in 1994.

Jammeh: Mars and the Martial Drive

Jammeh, born May 25, 1965, carries the **late Taurus Sun**, close to Gemini's edge, giving him a restless, assertive energy unlike Jawara's steady Taurean calm. His chart is heavily influenced by **Mars**, the planet of aggression, conquest, and force. Mars signatures are common in leaders who rise through **military means**, and Jammeh did exactly that with the July 22, 1994 coup. Where Jawara embodied **Venusian diplomacy** (peace, persuasion, charm), Jammeh embodied **Martian willpower** (force, domination, confrontation). Their destinies were astrologically opposed: the peacemaker and the soldier.

Shared Taurus Sun: Earthly Builders, Different Tools

Both men, as Taureans, were builders who left indelible marks on The Gambia. Taurus energy seeks stability, material progress, and rootedness in land and tradition. Jawara expressed this through **gradual reform, education, and development projects**, while Jammeh pursued it through **grand displays of infrastructure and centralized power**.

Yet the difference lies in their planetary tools:

- Jawara used **Pluto–Venus**: transformation through charm, resilience, and diplomacy.

- Jammeh used **Mars**: conquest through assertion, military force, and personal will.

The Archetypal Drama: The Father and the Son, the Healer and the Warrior

Astrologically, their relationship reflects an archetypal drama: the **older Taurean statesman (Jawara)** embodying Plutonian endurance, and the **younger Taurean warrior (Jammeh)** embodying Martian rebellion. Pluto in Jawara's chart made him the "snake that sheds its skin" — capable of renewal after downfall. Mars in Jammeh's life made him the "sword that strikes" — capable of seizing power, but not of sustaining it with peace. Thus, the coup of 1994 was not merely political; it was the **astrological collision of Venus–Pluto diplomacy and Mars-driven militancy**. Jawara's greatest karmic wound (Pluto–Venus square Chiron, fear of betrayal) was enacted through Jammeh's Mars (the bodyguard who became the usurper).

Conclusion

The lives of Jawara and Jammeh remind us that astrology often weaves leaders into each other's fates. Both were sons of Taurus, builders of The Gambia in their own ways, yet one led through patience and peace, the other through force and fear. Their charts mirror a cosmic duality: **Pluto and Venus, the power of transformation and harmony, betrayed by Mars, the power of conquest and domination.**

In this way, the betrayal of 1994 was written not only in history but also in the stars.