

# Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Pope Francis

*'The People's Pope'*



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## Biography

Seventy-six year old Jorge Mario Bergoglio is the first person from the Americas to be chosen as Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Prior to being selected the 266<sup>th</sup> Pope, he was the Jesuit Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, which also makes him the first Jesuit to become Pope. He is also the first Pope to choose the name Francis after Francis of Assisi who was Christ-like in simplicity, humility, and poverty (Novak 2013).

He was born in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936 at 21:00 hours to Italian immigrants who fled the advent of fascism in Italy (Wikipedia 2013). Had his parents remained in Italy, the Americas would not have had their first Pope. His father was an accountant for the railroad and his mother worked at home, raising the family of five children of which Jorge was the eldest. They were poor and the mother refashioned the fabric from worn out clothes to make new ones.

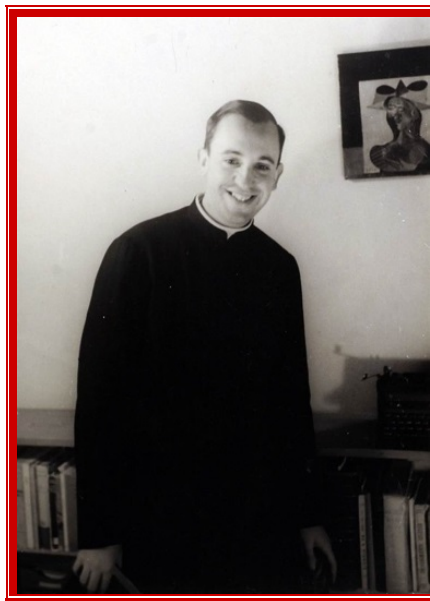
He is a man of longstanding simplicity and a very spiritual man who is so devoted to the poor that he wants to live amongst them. While living in Argentina, he shunned the more elaborate living quarters provided by the church, preferring to live in a small apartment and ride the bus to work. He gets his shoes resoled and for his papal ring, he chose a 'gold-plated' ring, rather than a solid gold one. His philosophy is: *"My people are poor and I am one of them"*, (Puga 2013). His simple style of life reflects his philosophy and teachings.

He was very close to his grandmother Rosa, and was so inspired by her and her devotion to others that he joined the Society of Jesus. She was the person who taught him to pray. She was also a woman of great courage who stood in the pulpit of a church in Italy and spoke out against Mussolini. She is pictured in the photo below sitting in front of him. He has spoken out on behalf of women and believes they are of fundamentally important to the Catholic Church; yet he follows church doctrine and does not advocate their ordination. This is interesting in light of the high regard he had for his grandmother and how she impacted his life and choice of the priesthood (Wikipedia, 2013).



(Photo by Worldcrunch/La Stampa)

There were circumstances in his life that nearly caused him to veer from the priesthood. Early in life he graduated as a chemical technician and could have remained on that course, but chose the priesthood instead. When he was twenty-one he became extremely ill and was eventually diagnosed with severe pneumonia that caused the partial removal of his right lung (Meko, 2013). While studying with the Society of Jesus, he attended his uncle's wedding, where he met and fell for a young woman. This caused him to question his path, but in the end his devotion to God and the priesthood endured (Day, M. 2013).



The Jesuit Order and the Society of Jesus are both reflected in his coat of arms.



### *Pope Francis' Coat of Arms*

He has a love for learning and spent many years teaching and studying in various countries. He studied philosophy, theology, humanities, literature, and psychology, just to mention a few areas of study. He is multi-lingual, speaking Latin, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, English and Ukrainian, although he is most comfortable with Spanish (Day, M. 2013).

With much of his life spent in academia, one might assume he is strictly a man of the mind; yet this is not the case. He is a man who loves soccer, opera, Edith Piaf, and dancing the tango! He also has a sense of humor. While speaking at the final dinner with the conclave after being selected, he said, "May God forgive you!" (Novak 2013)

Francis is a man of devotion and prayer and has a true concern for the poor and homeless. When he was appointed Cardinal, he asked the other Cardinals not to travel to Rome to celebrate the occasion and instead to donate to the poor the money that would have been used for travel. He loves to be amongst the people and even in the position of Pope still leaves the security of his vehicle to hug and kiss those who have traveled to see him. He is in essence a simple priest devoted to his people. He is referred to as the '*Pope of the People*' or '*The People's Pope*' and is drawing crowds to the Vatican City.

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He has expressed dissatisfaction with the church's staunch focus on sex, contraception, abortion, and homosexuality. He believes the focus should be upon helping the poor and those who have slipped through the cracks. He believes families should be strengthened and supported. He has a genuine spirituality and love of the common person or the 'voiceless', families, and communities. He is vehemently opposed to building the power of the church. This is a message that resonates with many people and it is bringing people back to the church—and the hope of a different church. He believes the church should go out to the people and has championed this approach for years.



In an interview, he compared the church to a field hospital after a battle:

*“The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.” (Manney, 2013)*

Throughout his life this Pope has tried to live a simple life and live amongst the people he loves and serves. He sees God in them and in all things and lives in gratitude. He may be the transfusion the Catholic Church has needed for some time.

Pope Francis is certainly throwing out the mold when it comes to the papacy. From the beginning when he chose the name Francis people sensed there was something different about him. They saw a man of compassion, a man who stood up for the poor, and a man who could model how each of us, Catholic and non-Catholic, could be in the world. The new Pope brings hope for a better world and he is a catalyst for change.

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## The Path

Pope Francis has reached the stage of the Initiate. He is a man who has definitely transcended the ego and whose philosophy is that of oneness and unity, which are traits of an Initiate. His life is a living example of service to others. His being in such a visible leadership role in which millions of people can witness his compassionate life of service is a true gift for the world. One could imagine his selection for Pope was divinely orchestrated. According to his predecessor Pope Benedict, his retirement to make way for Pope Francis was the will of God:

*“The former Pope Benedict related to reporters that after witnessing the ‘charisma’ of his successor he has a greater understanding of the ‘mystical experience’ that lead him to becoming the first pope in 600 years to retire.*

*Benedict remarked that his stepping down and making way for the election of Pope Francis was the ‘will of God’.” (Day, M. 2013)*

There was another mystical experience that occurred in regard to this shift in leadership. Just hours after Pope Benedict resigned; lightning struck the roof of St. Peter’s Basilica (Cockerton, 2013).



(Mirror News)

Francis is a Sagittarian and as such is a ‘directed, focused Light’. His arrows of one-pointedness focus on his message of serving the poor. This he projects to the world for others to see and hopefully emulate. He is a teacher and leader for humankind. Gandhi would say he is the change he wants to see in the world.

## Rayological Profiles

### Physical-Etheric Ray

Pope Francis appears to fit the profile of someone who has a **Ray 7 Ceremony and Order Physical-Etheric Ray**. There has been a great deal of ritual in his life because of the various positions he has held as he worked his way up through the ranks of the Catholic Church. He lives an ordered life and prays every night at eight o’clock. He expresses ideas in an ordered way, although in interviews he continues to want to clarify earlier responses. He uses his hands a lot and loves to dance, his favorite being the Tango. He is strong, thoughtful, courteous, and a group leader.

### Emotional Ray

The Pope exhibits the characteristics of the Idealistic and Devotional **Ray 6 Emotional** individual, such as devotion to his ideals of helping the poor. He is intensely devoted to them, unshakeable in his faith, earnest, and persistent. It is because of his unwavering

devotion to the poor and his ideal for the church to be about the people—rather than the church—that he has reacted and criticized church officials for the misuse of church funds. When a Catholic official spent millions renovating his private quarters, Pope Francis criticized him and relieved him of his post. He also spoke out regarding church leaders in the Vatican:

*“It is Vatican-centric,” he said. “It sees and looks after the interests of the Vatican, which are still, for the most part, temporal interests. This Vatican-centric view neglects the world around us. I do not share this view and I’ll do everything I can to change it.” (DeLuca, 2013)*

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This man does not mince words. In this regard, he might appear emotionally reactive and passionate about his message that money should go to the poor who need it, not into decorating the private quarters of church officials. However, this is probably coming from another and higher Ray 1 influence. He is definitely devoted and can possibly be described as fanatical about helping the poor; but this is a good kind of fanaticism born from compassion for the voiceless. He is so devoted one could consider him narrow and fanatical; but it is a good kind of fanaticism as it will have a positive effect on the lives of many.

According to DK, a person with the Pope’s Ray combinations can:

*“. . . fight fanatically to bring about these ends because his fourth ray personality and sixth ray astral body will force him to do so . . . .” (Bailey, EPII, p. 444)*

He also has a one-pointed attitude to life and the spiritual world, which could be considered a Ray 6 characteristic. It is also a Sagittarian characteristic. The 6th Ray flows through Sagittarius and through its Hierarchy Planet Ruler, Mars. His type of devotion constitutes the ‘seeds of selflessness’ and leads him in service to others. He does not appear to exhibit the Ray 6 weakness of being intensely jealous or lacking in emotional control. One does not see fiery anger and he is not violent. He is reverent and kind and forgiving according to statements made by those who knew him long before becoming Pope. He is an inspiration to us all.

## **Mental Ray**

Pope Francis appears to have the characteristics of a **Ray 1 Will and Power Mental Ray**. He has a strong academic background and a synthesizing mind that can clearly determine what is essential and what is non-essential. He is purposeful, realistic and dynamically one-pointed. He has strong opinions, seems fearless, and is decisive. There is great strength of

will. He is an outspoken leader who takes a stand for what he believes is right and against what he believes is wrong. He responds to the will of God and expends energy and focus to further the plan. When he takes a stand and speaks out, people notice. He is a destructive force that can tear down what is broken (DeLuca, 2013) and make way for those who are to create and build a better way and world. One could say he is rigid in beliefs and actions, but this is apparently what is needed to fix an organization as old and large as the Catholic Church. For all intents and purposes he is a general and a statesman, which are Ray 1 types. As a Ray 1 Mental Ray Pope, he is divinely placed and has the characteristics that can initiate meaningful change on a global scale. The expression “power realized as the major weapon of love” aptly applies to this man.

## Personality Ray

Pope Francis appears to have a **Ray 4 Harmony through Conflict Personality Ray**. A fourth Ray quality that is strong in Pope Francis is his identification with humanity and his tremendous sensitivity to others. He uses right judgment and reason. With a Fourth Ray Personality and a Sixth Ray Astral he is truly idealistic. He has spoken out in ways that former Pope’s would not have considered. When a fire burned a factory in Bangladesh in 2012 killing 402 workers and injuring 2500, the Pope spoke out for human rights and condemned factory owners who had little regard for the safety of the people working for them. When he was told of the workers being paid 38 Euros a month, he said:

*"This was the payment of these people who have died .... And this is called 'slave labor.'" (Associated Press, 2013)*

He called for an end to such conditions wherever they exist in the world. He has spoken out for various causes to improve human and animal rights and to protect the environment. This not only reflects his compassion and sense of right and wrong, but also his courage to speak out. By challenging the status quo, he is using conflict to create harmony. He has a fighting spirit and is steadfast. Throughout most of his life he has been a spiritual leader, which is a Ray 4 type.

## Soul Ray

I hypothesize that Pope Francis has a **Ray 2 Love and Wisdom Soul Ray**. This ray-energy influence dominates the life of advanced men and women. He is an excellent example of the right balance of Ray 2 characteristics of love and wisdom. He is emotionally calm and is very affectionate to others. He has shining eyes and an embracing smile. He is kind, forgiving, loving and truly compassionate. He washes and kisses the feet of those that many



would think of as street people. He recently stopped to hug and kiss a man who had tumors and boils all over his face and body that were caused by neurofibromatosis (Farberov, 2013).



His heart goes out to others and he is very inclusive. This is seen in his commitment over many years for the church to develop an outreach program. In Argentina he visited prisons, hospitals, and retirement homes (Bermudez, 2013). He is a man who wants to include all people—those who are poor, those without a voice—and he campaigns on behalf of all forms of life. His love of others seems to be on a divine level and he appears to have a great sense of the sacred and infinite inclusiveness. He is an ambassador for the church, a role model and a teacher and according to D.K., religion comes under this ray. (Bailey, 15<sup>th</sup> ed., 2012).

Pope Francis lives a simple life and simplicity is a word that truly describes him, his philosophy about life, and his mission for the church. He is the polar opposite of anything glamorous. He has called for “a poor church for the poor” and has asked the Catholic Church and its people to “rid themselves of earthly concerns” (Agence France-Presse, 2013).

Given the Pope’s humble philosophy, it was no surprise when he reacted so strongly to the German Catholic Bishop Franz Peter Tebartz-van Elst, referred to as the ‘Bling Bishop’. The German bishop spent 31 million-euros building a diocese headquarters that included a museum, conference halls, and lavish 783,000-euro gardens. His private quarters costs 2.9 million-euros and included a 15,000-euro bathtub. The initial overall bill was supposed to be 5.5 million-euros, but that ballooned to a whopping 31 million-euros or 41 million dollars! (O’Neal, 2013)



The 'Bishop of Bling', Bishop Franz Peter Tebartz-van Elst

By contrast, the simple Pope refused to move into the papal palace in the Vatican, choosing instead to live in the residence for visiting clergy and lay people. As further confirmation of his commitment to a life of humility and modesty, he accepted a priest's gift of a Renault 4 with 186,000 miles on it. Some thought the Pope would drive a **Christ-ler!** (Kandra, 2013) (For non-Americans, the reference is to the Detroit auto manufacturer named Chrysler.)



Needless to say, the 'Bishop of Bling' was called on the Papal carpet. It should be noted that rather than flying his usual business class, he flew the cheaper Ryanair to Rome. This type of extravagance has occurred again and again in the Catholic organization, in Chicago, Philadelphia, and numerous other places around the globe. The offenders are referred to as the 'High Rollers' of the Catholic organization. Fortunately, in the Catholic organization there are others like Pope Francis, such as Berlin's Cardinal who rides a bicycle.

The new Pope has his work cut out for him, but he is up for the task. He is steadfast in intention and effort and in his message of serving the poor, rather than the poor serving the church. This message is a centerpiece of his work. He has clarity of purpose and is acting upon it because the *Bishop of Bling* has been removed from his post and his lavish headquarters are being considered for housing refugees or for a soup kitchen (Paterson, 2013).

## **The Active Chakra or Set of Chakras**

The working hypothesis is Francis is at the Initiate level. According to course material about consciousness evolving through the chakras, a person at the Initiate level is focused consciously in the head center (Morya, 2012). Since the crown is dominant after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Initiation, he is at least there but appears to have gone beyond. Francis is a living example of love and compassion. This speaks of an involvement of the heart center, which is fully opened after the 4<sup>th</sup> Initiation.

*“The heart centre is the custodian of second Ray energy of Love-Wisdom”.*  
(Bailey, 2008/TEV, p. 135)

At the 4th Initiation, all one's personal life is stripped away, and the man or woman is then identified only with humanity and life as a whole. This fits Francis and also his compatriot the Dalai Lama, another loving and compassionate world spiritual leader.

From the course material describing the three transferences of energy from lower chakras to higher (which occurs as one advances upon the Path), Pope Francis appears to be in the Soul control period, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transference: Base to Crown and at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> Initiation. This is the period when the polar opposites of spiritual energy and material forces come together and blend. At that point, a person is controlled only by the Soul. He is a Ray 2 Soul Level, which is reflected in his actions, philosophy, and teachings. He has achieved a beautiful balance of the Love-Wisdom attributes. Looking over his biography, one might assume his journey was one that has gone from a concentration on study and teaching to a concentration on love and compassion. However, that journey has involved both throughout his life. He simply has the wisdom under his belt now and he can let the love and compassion flow in a way that can make a difference on a bigger scale.

In the final analysis, the working hypothesis is that Francis is at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transference, which is from the Base to the Crown. He is at a stage where he is controlled by his Soul and has crossed at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> Initiation and possibly the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Rays Flowing Through the Chakras

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Transference is from the Base Chakra to the Head Center. For the Initiate, the Base Chakra involves Ray 7 and the Head Center involves Ray 1. Francis has both Rays. He has Ray 7 at the Physical Level and Ray 1 at the Mental Level. This could potentially cause swings in these areas. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transference indicates the kundalini has burned all etheric webs between the centers, which is a point where the person is controlled by the Soul. According to the course material:

*“1. The soul begins to pour its energy into all the etheric or vital centres, via the head centre. 2. The point at the heart of each centre becomes so brilliant, that it ‘dims the light of all that lies around.’ All the centres in the body are then swept into ordered activity by the forces of love and will.” (Morya, 2012)*

Being controlled by a Ray 2 Soul has probably enabled him to be more focused in regard to his spiritual purpose in life and his service to others. Both appear to be very important to him. Since the adrenals are associated with the Base Chakra, it may be important for him to watch his health in terms of having a busy schedule and overdoing things, so he will not burn out his adrenal glands that could cause an imbalance in the thyroid. Psychologically he seems to have a strong mind and is mentally one-pointed in regard to safeguarding those who have been forgotten by the church. The Mental Ray 1 may impact in a helpful way by enabling him to be the strong, purposeful, and forceful leader needed to turn the course of that large ship that is the Catholic organization. He has proven on various occasions that he can be the general and stand up against established practices to create a better church—one that serves its people.

## Summary

The working hypothesis is Pope Francis is an Initiate. The hypothesis for his rays and levels are:

Physical-Etheric Ray is 7  
Emotional Ray is 6  
Mental Ray is 1  
Personality Ray is 4  
Soul Ray is 2

The Ray most ably demonstrated appears to be the Soul Ray 2 because of the beautiful balance of Love and Wisdom he exemplifies in life.

His Sun Sign is 25° 54' Sagittarius. The negatives that a Sagittarian must overcome don't appear to apply to him, such as excesses and the use of cruel words. He is after all a very

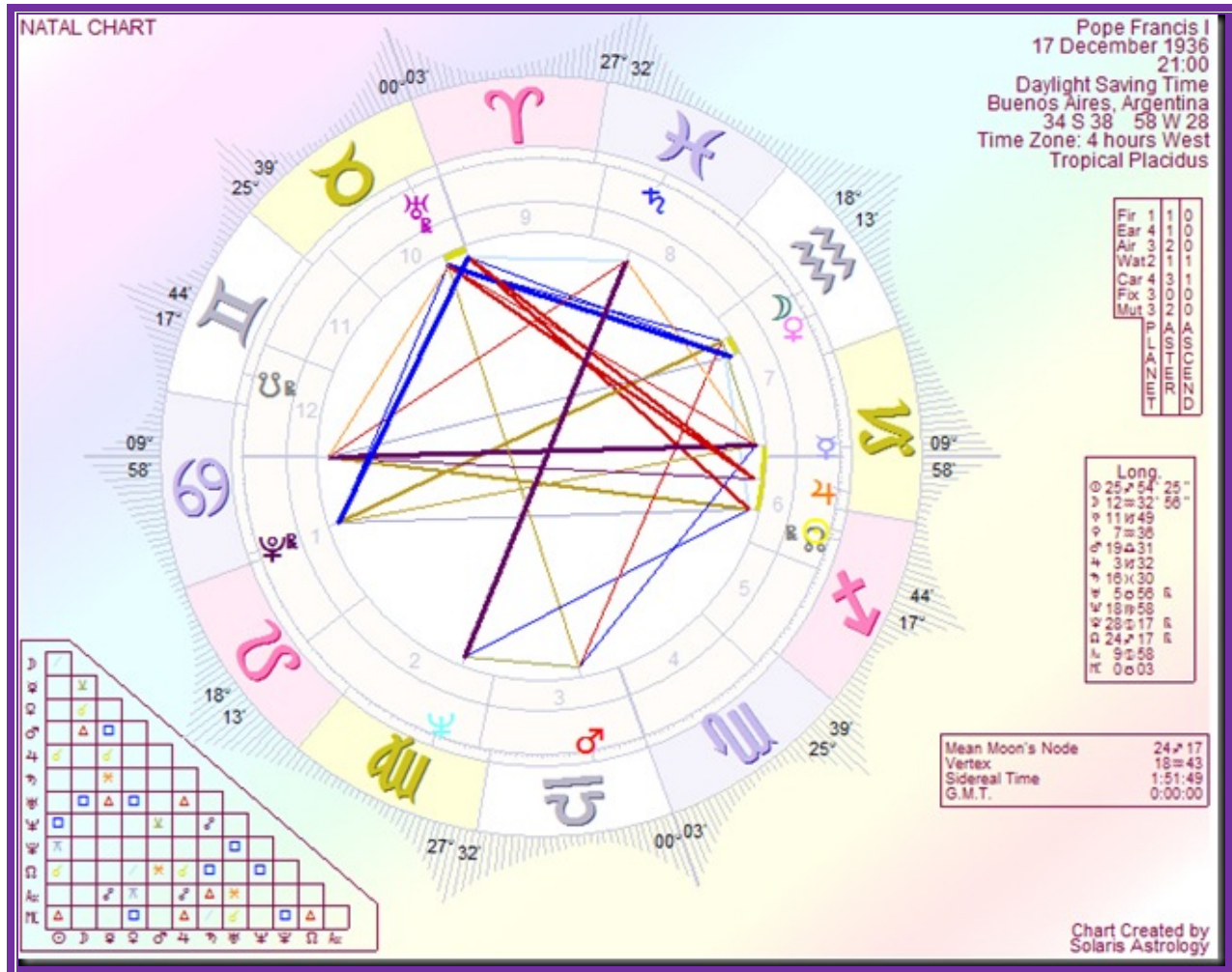
sensitive, compassionate, and humble man. Perhaps being mindful of the fact that the more he advances on his path as a spiritual being and the more power he gains, the greater will be the potential for him to do harm (Morya, 2009/EA). He is very sensitive to misuses of church funds and this could cause him to lash out. He has corrected misuses of church funds right away and publicly condemned inhuman practices in third world countries. He does not hesitate to stand up for the poor and he does not seem to mince words either. He is one-pointed in his determination to do the right thing and to correct injustices. (For Natal Chart see Appendix.)

The positive qualities of a Sagittarian that he exhibits are his 'directed and focused Light'. He is a leader and teacher. Through his compassionate way of life, he can guide humanity to great heights. He is very focused on his goal of creating a church for the people—all people—and for speaking up for those who do not have a voice.

Overall, Pope Francis exhibits many of the qualities of a Soul Ray 2 person. As a leader and teacher he is blessed with a magnetic quality that draws thousands of people to him when he appears. He seems to have achieved a beautiful balance of the love/wisdom qualities. Although he has a strong background as an academician, people do not get an overwhelming sense of academia with him. What people see and hear is a humble leader who lives a life of simplicity, pure love, and compassion. He is the perfect person for such a prominent position. He is not only a leader and role model for the Catholic Church. He is a leader and role model for all of us.

# Appendix

## Natal Chart



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Paul Saunders at Solaris Astrology

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