

# Cosmic Views

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## Today's Solar Eclipse

The eclipse this morning at 9:32 Leo is important for several reasons. First, when it is in a fixed sign, it may have a longer impact than eclipses in mutable or cardinal signs. I've read a lot about it being "total," but in actuality, it is barely in range of being a total eclipse. The nodal axis is 18:32 degrees, and we count a total eclipse as being within 9 degrees of the nodes. This one is exactly nine degrees from them. However, the amazing thing about this one is that when a chart of the eclipse time is cast for Washington DC, it is about a quarter of a degree from the ascendant (9:18 Leo). This would put our capitol at the forefront as an affected area.

In the eclipse chart for DC, Venus is opposing Neptune within a degree. They rule the 3rd, 4th, 10th and 8th houses. This can point to a dissolution of financial bases. Venus rules the 3rd and 4th which have to do with the grassroots populace and the thinking processes of the masses...i.e. showing what they are deciding will give them the most emotional security. This is in conflict with what is being propagated, since Neptune rules the 8th and is in the seventh (public perception --7th-- and hidden agendas of others --8th). Venus also rules the intercepted 10th, the leader of the country. If opposite Neptune, it can point to either deception from the leader or his confusion about what is happening--maybe both.

Even though there is a grand trine between Venus, Pluto and the MC, Pluto is, for the first time in a long time, within range of squaring Uranus --an orb of about 6.5 degrees. It won't be exact until Uranus finally enters Aries, but this is the beginning of the energy of that square. A potent month, since it is going out of range shortly after this. That energy was last experienced as a conjunction for almost all of the sixties. We can expect another period similar to that one. We know how turbulent that time was. In this chart, Mars is in orb of opposing Uranus but not in square to Pluto. Mars, ruling the cusp of the 10th, in opposition to Uranus shows a leader who is surprised, upset, and probably erratic.

Oddly, Saturn is not in major aspect to anything, making it very, very important. It is in the 2nd house -- the country's resources. As soon as the Olympics are over, we may have some financial issues with China. Saturn is just out of range to trine Jupiter, and if wider orbs DO count, then maybe we'll have the creativity to find solutions in the year ahead. This eclipse, I believe, ushers in an 18 month period of upheaval and surprises. That is because it will definitely be in effect for the next year; then it is re-energized on January 26th when there is another eclipse within 3 degrees of the nodes, which is more powerful. That adds another minimum of a year, but most likely a lot longer.

### **Compared to the USA chart**

The main thing the eclipse activates is the nodal axis in the US chart. It is a three degree orb, and the eclipse in February will be right on it. Karma. I've had many people in audiences where I've given speeches and workshops let out an audible "groan" when I mention Karma. However, there has to be a reason for things, and it isn't always found in the current incarnation of an entity, whether a group or individual entity. The USA has the south node in Aquarius (north in Leo, as most of you know). With our Moon also in Aquarius (which will receive the next lunar eclipse on August 16th, by the way) we are a nation of "detachment" emotionally. In other words, we can be very mothering and generous with the Sun in Cancer, but not really connect to the masses we may be affecting. With north node in Leo, we are learning love and how to become more "personal." I believe what is happening is related to our detachment about the rest of the world and our insular attitudes. We are being forced to see the unity in all of life, AND to see the viewpoints, habits and thinking processes of other cultures. They know how we tick a lot better than vice versa.

### **Obama and McCain**

Of the two candidates, Obama is far more affected by these eclipses. The one today is three degrees from his Sun and less than one degree from squaring his Neptune. The nodes are right now transiting his ascendant at 18 Aquarius, so the eclipse is within 9 degrees of that too, as well as his Mercury. All the meanings of the configuration of his Sun/Mercury square Neptune are being highlighted. What does it mean? Well, it depends on how he has chosen to use this energy. It is possible that it's positive, but since it's in fixed signs, that shows it's an issue he has brought into many lifetimes, and it is really ingrained in his nature... being imaginative, but not always completely honest. Over-imagining his abilities maybe, or being under various illusions we may know nothing about.

With so much being affected in Obama's chart, it may point to his being the next president. The only effect for McCain is a square to his Uranus within 2 minutes and conjunction to his Mars within 3 degrees--shock and surprise? Upsets and erratic behavior? It is highlighting his temper, which we mentioned before. Both these men will learn a lot about themselves during the next two years if they don't try to blame others. Most people with fixed squares in their charts try to get others to take responsibility for their own shortcomings until they cannot rationalize them any more.

Also: There are more paintings finished and posted on my website. Go to the URL below and click on "inspired art." There are now captions under them explaining the interpretations.