

Cosmic Views

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Inauguration Chart By Carole Devine

According to what I've heard, but haven't verified, the constitution supposedly states that the old presidential regime ends and the new one begins, not when the oath of office is administered, but at noon, January 20th in the year after the election, unless on a Sunday, when it is then on the 21st. Much is being said about the retrograde Mercury at that time and the Moon being void-of-course until 12:30 pm. (*Void-of-course means the Moon makes no more major aspects until it enters the next sign.*) Conventional wisdom says we should not start anything important under either one of these—the first being mix ups and snafus in communication, and the second being “without energy.” My first thought was that there may be an end to the president's tenure before it even gets started, like an assassination. However, I think the meanings of these may not be fully understood, so I, for one, will just stick to reliable interpretations of unfolding planetary configurations and pray for the best, most positive outcome of these two phenomena. One astrologer I know interpreted void-of-course moons as “nothing to worry about.” Let's hope she's right.

That said, the rest of the chart has some very positive indicators. The best feature is the triple conjunction of Sun, Mercury and Jupiter in the tenth house. They are all trine the asteroid, Pallas Athena, which is notable for representing talented, empowered women. This is underscored by the Moon being in the last minutes of Scorpio in an angular house and in sextile aspect to the triple conjunction just mentioned. We have seen the passage of equal pay legislation recently, so this bodes well for women reaching new heights of success—especially with a first lady like Michelle Obama.

Whenever there is a chart of an event that takes place on a specific date, the rising sign and degree for a specific place will be the same each time, as will the position of the Sun. I mentioned that last month when doing the chart for January 1, 2009 for Washington DC. At the time of the New Year, the Sun will always be close to the same position in Capricorn with the rising sign being Libra because it is Midnight when Libra rises on that date and at that place. Similarly, on each Inauguration Day, the Sun is at the beginning of Aquarius and the rising sign is Taurus at noon in Washington, DC. This year Venus, the ruler of Taurus, is conjoining Uranus, which would bring great excitement and charisma to the office. It will most likely be remembered for its daring innovation.

Even though we are contending with the long-lasting opposition of Uranus and Saturn, they are both softened by good aspects to Mars and the MC. Mars, particularly, is strongly supporting both of them. Its position indicates direct energy in engaging disciplined activity with foreign countries done primarily behind the scenes without a great deal of publicity, although the publicity that does surround it is mainly positive. There is a feeling of easy-going diplomacy with this chart that is easily carried out in unexpected, but successful ways. The Saturn/Uranus opposition with its attendant support from Venus and Mars are even aspecting the Ascendant and MC positively. The transition from the old to the new should run smoothly.

Pluto is going to be a major player in the USA chart in coming years, but in this Inauguration chart it is tucked away in the 8th house with only one aspect: a trine to the

asteroid, Vesta. That asteroid represents service—symbolized by a female tending the hearth. Therefore, my conclusion is that the populace or public (seventh house and ruled by Pluto) would have a service attitude and willing to sacrifice when necessary. Vesta is located in the 12th which has undertones of the sacrificial sign, Pisces.

Obama's chart

Some things about this chart concern me. Particularly, solar arc Mars coming to his natal Neptune in less than two months. Interestingly, the USA Sibly chart's Neptune that squares Mars (which I've often mentioned as being activated when we have a war) is in the same position as Obama's Mars: 21/22 degrees of Virgo. Obama's Neptune, at 8 Scorpio, squares his natal Sun at 12 Leo. This solar arc Mars will move on to square his Sun just about the time his first term ends—actually more around the time a new term would be getting underway. That usually brings in some animosity—in this case with the public. Also around that time his solar arc Mercury will have just passed his natal Mars—more animosity.

The natal aspect of Sun square Neptune is not the most wonderful thing for a leader. There can be an overly generous or sensitive nature—not always seeing clearly. Sometimes it can manifest as guilt for not doing more. But, he has a wonderful Moon/Jupiter trine and Venus in Cancer is trine Neptune. Those are clear indications of kindness and a “missionary” spirit. It's a very good thing his Moon squares Pluto so that some toughness is folded into his character.

At first, he'll be wildly popular. Solar arc Venus will oppose his ascendant in about five months. He'll probably do something related to foreign countries that we all love. But just prior, solar arc Mars conjoining Neptune (the first thing mentioned above) indicates confusion about “what to do.” He'll find that things are not so black and white or easy to resolve during his first two or three months in office, but at least he'll be aware of it and not over-confident. In two and a half years—maybe a little less—he'll again be getting high approval ratings when the progressed Sun trines his natal Jupiter. That should indicate his reaching a very public goal.

There is an emotional upset six months from now when progressed Moon opposes Uranus in his chart. This will be very public and probably concern unemployment. About three months after that (a little less than nine months from now) is another such upset.

He has natal Venus at 1:47 Cancer, so Pluto will be in range of opposing that all year, particularly from late June to the end of November this year. That is enormous pressure from the world stage, as well as domestically—not an easy year at all. (That's no surprise.) Plus, progressed Mercury and Mars (only minutes from each other) are square progressed Saturn—very frustrating to get his ideas across and accepted. These are all moving, so they'll be in range for a few months at least.

Meanwhile, the Saturn/Uranus opposition continues to affect the USA's Neptune/Mars square and Obama's Mars into the fall. That's like having one foot on the gas pedal and the other on the brake at the same time. Very frustrating. Perhaps, though, it will be prophetic that the Sun and Mercury will be tightly conjoining his natal Jupiter in the 12th house on Inauguration Day—one of the indications of a Guardian Angel and spiritual mission.

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