

Cosmic Views

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In previous issues, when I was briefly delineating the candidates' charts, I was not looking at their forecasts, but rather, their characters. Now that the field has thinned, it's time to see what their charts show regarding the "weather" ahead for each of them as well as more about their personalities. I want to state at the outset that I'm not particularly leaning toward any of these three, so this should be rather unbiased. I even like John McCain on some issues, which for me is unusual, being the liberal democrat that I am.

I also want to state at the outset that every one of us is flawed. Just because someone is born with some character challenges, however, doesn't mean that s/he has not overcome them nor that they will choose to use them negatively. When I first interpreted George Bush's chart years ago, I chose to interpret the positive spin on it. After all, he could have chosen to amplify his more positive traits—how could I make that judgment? I should have given equal time to the very negative traits he also possessed. This time, I'm going to do that with these candidates, although it pains me to criticize them. But, the times are important, and we need to know all we can about these people.

Barack Obama: Character

Mr. Obama is a Leo with Scorpio rising and Moon in Gemini. I've heard lately that his birth time is suspect, but even without it, he still has that troublesome T-square between Neptune, Mercury/Sun, and Jupiter. Saturn is out-of-sign conjunct Jupiter and also opposite Mercury. The Sun's participation is mainly a square to Neptune. That is a LOT of energy involved in a major pattern. This is also the source of his imaginative rhetoric and acting ability.

Neptune, when it is in challenging aspect, is an indicator of deception or illusion. The accusations leveled at him about being "without substance" are well-founded. When square Mercury and Jupiter, it indicates fuzzy thinking, over-confidence (especially in a Leo!) and a lack of clear judgment. Underneath the apparent confidence of this Leo (who has to look good regardless) there is basic self-doubt that can produce confusion when he is confronted with problems for which he would have to take responsibility and possibly look bad. He might often choose to save face. (Bush has Leo rising.)

On the plus side, he has Moon in Gemini (very intelligent) trine Jupiter—an indication of generosity and a positive attitude toward women. It's a "good family man" indicator. It has a certain amount of "luck" connected with it, but mostly because he exudes sincere benevolence. However, the Moon squares Uranus and Pluto—in fact, the midpoint between them. This is a deeper emotional issue with women, whom he would unconsciously see as controlling and unpredictable. His own nature is like that. He will suddenly change direction unpredictably and defend it fiercely to maintain control. With Moon sextile Mercury, though, his rhetoric is so smooth and emotionally appealing, we would not see it that way until later.

Obama: Forecast

The weather is stormy immediately ahead. There is a progressed Mercury/Mars conjunction approaching that will be exact on September 29th. Progressed Mercury (and later, Mars too) then goes on later to square his progressed Saturn, but that isn't until next February. However, this is important and shows basic angry frustration the whole time between now and then—and even beyond. It is like background music showing how difficult this time is for him. And it shows that if he wins the presidency, he is immediately confronted with a lot of sobering and depressing times.

And that isn't the half of it! In about 14 months from now, solar arc Mars will conjoin that troublesome Neptune, and he will be utterly confused about what to do (whether he is president or not), and the traits described above about that, will come out in his life for resolution. After all, when you get right down to it, our charts are a description of what we are here to learn, and forecasting is a timing mechanism for when the various lessons will manifest. Whether a president or a school teacher, it's personal.

In the interim, he is happy in early March when progressed Sun trines progressed Jupiter and transiting Jupiter sextiles his (hopefully accurate) ascendant. Starting in June, however, times are hectic. Uranus opposes his Mars, stations on it and goes over it twice. Both months should be hectic and upsetting. Especially since the progressed Moon will activate his natal Mars (sesquiquadrate) and move on by August 1st to square his Neptune (another lesson about fuzziness). It is on August 1st that there is an eclipse within **one degree** of also squaring his Neptune. Progressed Moon **and** an eclipse? Wow. It will be hard for him to ignore illusions or deceptions—or in its most benign form, lack of clarity. Not only that, but in late July Saturn transits his Pluto—very hard work. All the eclipses—those before now and in the year ahead—activate his chart vividly. Oddly, Obama is not happy at convention time, but mainly confused (progressed Moon square progressed Neptune), yet, at the November election time, he is delighted if we have the right time of birth. Transiting Jupiter sextile ascendant (but the accuracy of that is suspect). At inauguration time, he is also very pleased. Venus will align with the nodes, which is a beautiful home and congenial surroundings. The eclipse following at 6:30 Aquarius, is square his Jupiter/ Sun midpoint. He could very well end up in the White House, or else he is very happy to be out of all this stress.

Hillary Clinton: Character

Both Hillary and Barack have strong Leo and Scorpio representation—fixed, proud and determined and a love of attention and control. *[There is speculation about whether she was born in the morning or evening. I looked at both charts (the time is not so suspect as much as whether a.m. or p.m.), and the evening one is really describing what is going on now. The a.m. chart is ho-hum for right now, and I cannot believe it is the right one.]*

She has a very well-placed Neptune being sextile all her Leo planets in the third house. That indicates vision and great discipline in her thinking processes. Neptune is not stressed at all using traditional methods—i.e. she may have some midpoint structures that bring it into more prominence. She has no illusions, nor is she a fuzzy thinker. But, the third house planets—all in conjunction—are difficult in themselves. Mars and Pluto are in close conjunction and within range of conjoining Saturn, as well. They all square Venus, and Saturn's position brings in a square from them to Mercury, too. This is a "prickly" personality. It's difficult to like her. Pride is her Achilles heel and probably the major lesson of this lifetime. South Node in the fifth shows in past lives she was a very important person who was probably highly respected or notorious. She is used to being important and expects due respect now. But the squares from the fifth to the third indicate attention is going to be forced if not easily forthcoming.

Hillary has a very formidable mind. It is probing, disciplined and vigorous. There is no doubt she could hold her own in any confrontation with anyone. But, she is also angry (born enraged) and not as forgiving as some of her "stand by your man" (which she did not say, actually, but did) behavior would have us believe.

On the plus side, her Moon is in compassionate and kind Pisces in the last degree. That is an indication of a life that is spent in sacrifice for a greater cause, and often it is tragic in some way. It is in a quincunx to the Sun—barely and not in incompatible signs—so it will not manifest as difficultly as it might have. She is not what she seems. She is tough, but she is also genuinely caring in an ambitious sort of way. With Uranus rising, she comes across as excessively independent and strong, although that position really means that she feels she, and everyone else, has the right to be

who they are without apology. I think she would really fight for individual rights because she holds them so dear, herself.

Clinton: Forecast

Whether she was running for president or not, this is a very difficult time for her. She has 29 of Gemini rising, and Moon at 29 Pisces. Both have Pluto transiting in difficult aspect all year as it goes in and out of Sagittarius/Capricorn. Plus, progressed Mercury is also at 29 Sagittarius square the Moon and opposing the ascendant. No matter how hard she tries, her words do not really express what she is trying to say because she is so emotionally and obsessively distraught. However, it does indicate passion in her message.

Saturn is transiting her fourth cusp and opposing her MC right now—minutes from being exact—and this does not bode well for public acceptance or success. A couple months ago, her solar arc ascendant was trine Jupiter, hence her optimism at that time, but these things change rapidly, and the overwhelming indications right now are not good. Transiting Neptune has been opposing her Saturn and square her Mercury (now between them), which must be indicating that she is wondering “what happened?” It is utter confusion and feeling weak about being able to force things. Eclipses are just as active in her chart as they are in Obama’s since their charts are so similar in degree positions.

Despite these dire indicators, though, there are mitigating circumstances. March 4th progressed Moon is sextile Mars and just after that Jupiter is sextile Venus. She should be very happy with March 4th’s results or have some other uplifting event in her life. In other words the progressed Moon is in Gemini, about to sextile all of her Leo planets in the third house. This is a lift for her emotionally. The next difficult time is in June and July when Pluto will go over the angles again (if this is the correct chart) and also stressfully aspect her third house planets. In addition, Saturn will oppose the MC again on July 7th which is what it is doing right now. It looks like Obama and Clinton are equally stressed this summer.

At the convention, August 27th is a great day for her. Progressed Moon is sextile Saturn (emotionally stable) and Uranus is trine Mercury—inventive and visionary thinking. No sign of depression. She is extremely upset in late October, and not very happy on election day—or else she is just enraged over something going on in her life. There is just enough activity, though, to leave room for winning.

Many years ago when I was just a student at this, a friend of mine was running for the US congress, and he asked me if he would win. I looked at Election Day and saw that his opponent, the incumbent of many years, would be very depressed. I concluded that my friend would win. He didn’t, but his opponent just at that time had a personal tragedy—either his wife or mother passing away or getting a dire diagnosis, I’ve forgotten which. These people have personal lives, of course, and many times what they are feeling has nothing to do with winning or losing. That is why I never try to predict winners of anything.

John McCain: Character

Born on August 29, 1936 at 9:00 a.m. (according to his mother’s memory) in Cocosolo, Panama, McCain has Libra rising (which he looks like), Sun in Virgo and Moon in Capricorn. He doesn’t have nearly the obsessive ambition of the other two. His is a nature that is conciliatory, service-oriented and traditional. Moon in Capricorn is self-effacing and usually conservative. The Moon is opposing Pluto which can be obsessively controlling—or more likely being attracted to controlling women, but it is also trine Venus lending loads of charm. He has Jupiter square Neptune, however, (as Obama does) and that is not good for rational judgment. Usually, people with this go into a lot of personal debt, which he might not, given his assets, but it isn’t good for handling other people’s money, either. Saturn squaring both of these, makes it a T-square similar to Obama, but instead of Mercury being involved, it is Venus with McCain. Venus in his chart has to do with his persona (ruler of first) and other people’s money (ironically enough) because Venus rules his 8th house. He may not keep campaign promises about taxes. He may have no choice. He also has a bad temper that can erupt suddenly—Mars in Leo square Uranus in Taurus. It very quickly dissipates, although he won’t forget the provocation.

This man is a “good guy”—very kind, with his heart in the right place (in my humble opinion), but if you are looking for someone who is really tough, like Hillary, it isn’t here. Toughness is not really Obama’s style, either. How you vote will depend on the kind of character you admire or feel

the country needs right now. McCain has perseverance, kindness, old-fashioned values, honesty and integrity. He isn't too sure of himself (Saturn opposing Venus, the ruler of the ascendant). He just isn't a very strong leader type.

McCain: Forecast

His health may be an issue in the not too distant future because Saturn, which is transiting his Sun right now, is going to go on to oppose Saturn in his sixth (health) and square Neptune, ruler of his sixth—all between late September and mid-October. At that time, he is probably exhausted.

Right now, his progressed moon is opposing Saturn. Five months ago, it was square Jupiter—extreme, but not particularly justified, self-confidence. Four months ago, he realized how inflated that was, and became a little wary. Right now, with Saturn right on his Sun and progressed Moon opposing Saturn, I have to wonder if he's sorry he's in the race at all. Of course, it is coinciding with the attempted smear campaign going on regarding the lobbyist. (Sort of makes you wonder how much free will we really have, doesn't it?)

March is good. Early April he feels free of something (Huckabee giving up?) and a weight is lifted. Late April goes great as does May. It is early June when he gets into some deeper thought processes and a little fatigue. July is very tiring. August 1st the eclipse is on his Mars/Uranus square, bringing out the temper. Something is really going to rile him soon after—more than likely around August 31st—when the progressed Moon is conjunct progress Mars. This anger lasts for several weeks, and may lead to the health issues. Election Day is a disappointment. The only aspect is a quick transit of Jupiter square the ascendant, and we can't be sure of that because the birth time is probably a few minutes off. Around the inauguration there is nothing much going on.

The eclipses are not particularly strong in this chart. They have been earlier, but only the one on August 1st is active from now on. That would indicate that this is not going to be a life-changing time for him as it will be for the other two. McCain is ending a cycle and about to go into an obscure period. Saturn is conjoining his Sun and after that going into his twelfth house for a couple years, which would indicate behind-the-scenes activity.

Conclusion

I think a lot boils down to what I wrote above about voting for what you think the country needs. The democratic candidates are strong personalities with many similarities, but very marked differences, too. Obama may be far more waffling than you may believe now. He is a good actor and orator, but intelligent and good-hearted. Hillary is tough to like, but she is strong and clear-headed. Both have Achilles heels in ego. Personally, I think any of these three would be better than what we have now.

After the final candidates are selected at the conventions, I will do a compatibility analysis with the country, as usual.

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