

Cosmic Views

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Saturn Opposite Uranus **By Carole Devine**

On November 4, Election Day, Saturn will complete an exact opposition to Uranus. It will be just minutes under 19 degrees of Virgo/Pisces. Anyone who has points in their chart at this degree will feel it keenly.

Although these two activate each other at various times in their cycles with various aspects, the opposition only occurs about once every 44 years. In 1920 it was with Saturn in Virgo and Uranus in Pisces as it is now. In 1964, it was reverse; Saturn in Pisces and Uranus in Virgo. I didn't look further back to see where they were by sign in the 19th century, but those of us living on the planet now have seen this opposition repeat in these signs.

Saturn represents the status quo—the old, traditional and familiar. Uranus is the harbinger of change, and when these two face off, the change is a long time coming, or drastically pushed forward. We call the 20's "roaring." It was a tumultuous time with flappers daring to change fashion in the extreme. Only ten years earlier in 1910, clothing for women was much more demure. There was extreme violence with the Mafia terrorizing businesses. Prohibition went into effect in 1920 (a Saturnian action aiming to limit, discipline, etc.) and then speakeasies followed. Uranus is rebellious.

In 1964, the opposition repeated. We remember the sixties as especially violent with protests against the war in Vietnam, which had escalated in the early '60s. Never have we seen so many assassinations; this opposition was just six months after the President's death in Dallas.

We now have a perfect symbolism of these two energies in our candidates: the old and familiar with McCain, and the unusual and new with our first black candidate, Obama. It is amazingly appropriate that it reaches partile on Election Day. More about his next month...

Sarah Palin: A '60s Aquarian

Even though we are still trying to verify Mrs. Palin's birth time, there is one put forth as "from the birth certificate" for 4:40 p.m. She was born on February 11, 1964 in Sandpoint, Idaho. We have not verified the source of the alleged birth certificate data, but the time seems to fit, not only character, but events, as well.

There are positive and negative attributes to all signs. Not every Scorpio is nasty and vindictive, and not every Aries is self-centered. Likewise, not every Aquarian is a "know it all." It all depends on the aspects to the Sun and other conditions in the birth chart. The Sun's position in her chart is problematic. It is very closely conjunct Mars and Saturn in the seventh house and square Neptune. If the time of birth is correct, then Leo is rising and the Sun/Mars/Saturn conjunction is also opposing the ascendant and Neptune square that, as well. When Leo is combined with Neptune in stress aspect, there can be an "illusion of grandeur," but when also including the Sun and Saturn, a self image of a "victim" can emerge. To add to the element of grandeur, the south node is in the fifth house in Capricorn. If any of you have read Jan Spiller's book, *Astrology for the Soul*, you might be familiar with the interpretation of south node in the fifth and in Capricorn. For the fifth house, Spiller says: *Attributes to leave behind: Insistence on getting one's way; Making changes just to exercise authority; Attachment to taking risks; Willfulness and stubbornness; Attachment to the need for approval; Melodramatic tendencies; Unbridled passion—going to extremes; Doing what's expected instead of following one's heart; Unawareness of others' importance; Prideful responses bases on fear.* I'm quoting these so you will know that it isn't solely from my personal opinion, although I do agree they are most likely true, and we have had reports about behavior resembling this in the past. (In the book, you can find these under the NORTH node position of the opposite sign—i.e. "North Node in Aquarius or the 11th house" is where you'll find info about south node in Leo and the fifth house. All north node positions tell you about the south node in the opposite sign and house, in case you want to check this out.)

For south node in Capricorn, the attributes to leave behind are: *Needing to control everything and everyone; Compulsion to take charge without fully understanding the situation; Ignoring the process—being too focused on the goal; Feeling completely responsible for everything; Hiding feelings and fears in intimate relationships; Doing things to gain respect or admiration from others; Taking care of others' feelings and neglecting one's own; Doing what is "socially acceptable" rather than what is totally honest; Thinking that things have to be difficult in order to be important.*

The nodes are extremely important to gain a glimpse into past life habitual patterns. Aspects to the nodes tell us how well things have been learned regarding the lessons they represent. In this case, although Palin has a trine to Uranus and Pluto in Virgo, there is also a square to the stellium of Venus, Eris and Jupiter in Aries. This indicates that ego and pride has been an inner conflict and is not yet overcome, unless she has grown enormously since she was born.

The Uranus/Pluto conjunction of the mid-'60s

From around 1963 to 1969 (depending on your personal preference for orbs) there was a conjunction of Uranus and Pluto. In the early '70s when I was first studying astrology, I read something somewhere that these souls born during that time would "clean up" the planet—either by going to extremes and blowing us all up, or by initiating courageous and sweeping reforms that would raise us higher in consciousness. When we are electing people born during this time, it is imperative that we know what kind of person we are putting into office because the willfulness of Uranus and Pluto is unbridled. When one has this in the first house, as does Palin, then there is a chance that it will come out in her feeling that anything against her is a personal attack (first house), and it is further exacerbated by those planets in Aries and the Sun in close conjunction to Mars—extremely impulsive, especially when angered. Saturn there only adds to the danger since it is indicative of a deep need to prove oneself born out of unconscious low self-esteem hidden by dramatic Leo rising. With Neptune square this stellium, she can be in denial about all of this, which is dangerous.

Current positions

The current positions of many placements show this to be a very karmic time for Mrs. Palin. The transiting nodes have just aligned with the ascendant/descendant axis. **Solar arc nodes are aligning with Saturn**—exact when she was tapped for this position, and Neptune in transit was exactly conjoining her Sun when she gave her convention speech. Since Neptune is squaring her Sun natally, there is a lesson about honesty vs. illusion going on now. Transit Uranus is square progressed MC which speaks of the sudden change in her career, and solar arc Ascendant trine the natal moon very tightly convinces me this is probably the right time of birth. Solar arc Uranus is trine natal Mars, a good indication of a sudden, happy event for her, giving her more freedom and latitude. The progressed Moon changed signs three weeks ago showing a major shift in her life.

Even though Jupiter will transit Aquarius over the next year bringing many things her way that she will find pleasing, solar arc Venus, which rules the MC, will oppose Neptune in about one year and ten months bringing exposure to some of the illusions we may not be seeing now. Right now transiting Pluto is exactly square her progressed Mars, (an apt symbol for a pit bull) and will go on next year to square natal Venus (MC and third house ruler) for much of the time. Natal Venus is in the 8th; there is much about her career that is based on pleasing or controlling other people and is largely covert.

The VPs

We are approaching a very dynamic decade. It will be reminiscent of the '60s and perhaps the '30s combined. We could have assassinations, a depression, escalating war and other unforeseen events. If we were to elect Obama, there are some extremists who think he's Muslim—not to mention racists—and therefore a justified target for assassination. McCain is elderly and has had some serious health issues in the past. If he is elected, the state of the world right now could add enough stress to push him into a serious illness. Before the election, I'll examine the likelihood of these. But for now, we need to focus on the qualifications of the VP candidates in case something should happen to the elected president. I, for

one, shudder to think of a president with Leo rising, Sun conjunct Mars in Aquarius, both square Neptune! Especially with Neptune transiting and triggering that aspect for the next couple years. Actually, both McCain and Palin are hot-headed and extremely reactive. We have to ask ourselves if the world stage needs that or cool, reasoning leaders.

Announcement

So many people have expressed regret that they could not have the budget for one of my paintings of their character, I've decided to offer a much smaller version for \$150. I'm not sure exactly what the size will be but it will be probably around 11X14 or thereabouts. If you're interested, please contact me.

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