

Cosmic Views

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It's Official! By Carole Devine

An official birth certificate for Barack Obama was just published because someone questioned whether he was really an American, so it was offered as proof. The time of birth is 7:24 p.m. AHST (Honolulu, HI). Now we can examine his chart with confidence. I am sending this out early because so much is about to happen.

He has Aquarius rising with the ruler, Uranus, in the seventh opposite the ascendant. This shows a very independent and almost (if not actual) “know-it-all” attitude—especially when the Sun is in confident Leo. The ascendant, however, is one’s projected image, not necessarily the core character. The core character is shown by the Sun and Moon.

Taking the Sun first, it is square Neptune, as is Mercury, which I’ve mentioned before. Since the Sun rules the seventh and Mercury the eighth and fifth, he can be either deceptive, delusional or “inspired” regarding his relationships, both personal and public, and with his sense of others’ power. Usually, when it’s a square, it is more deceptive or delusional. This would not bother me so much if the Sun had some mitigating aspects to dilute the influence, but it doesn’t. Mars by solar arc, incidentally, is now only minutes from conjoining his natal Neptune, and this is initiating a period of time (until it parts from a square to the Sun in less than four years) when he is learning important lessons about his delusions, deceptions or possibly his inspirations, if he has learned how to use his Neptunian influence positively. Since Mars is in the 8th house, it also brings into play others’ power over him, as well. Neptune rules his second house, so it can be anger regarding personal wealth coupled with debt/financial obligations (8th).

His Moon at 3 degrees Gemini in the fourth house is square his natal Pluto in the 7th. He may joke about his wife being able to list his shortcomings, but in his home, he is in control, and when Pluto squares the Moon in a man’s natal chart, there are issues with women in general. He may see them as tough, stubborn or constantly engaging him in power struggles, and one way to diffuse it is to belittle their power. Remember the time he called a female reporter something like

“Honey, Sweetie or Darlin’”? (I forgot the exact word.) He wouldn’t dare use such a demeaning word with a male reporter! A slip like that reveals an innate disrespect for women or difficulty in treating them as equals. Having a very powerful wife is inevitable. Pluto, after all, is in the 7th. The Moon is ruler of the sixth, so he is going to be in control in his day-to-day operations, as well, especially since Scorpio is on the MC. The Moon is sextile Mercury and trine Jupiter, so he has a pretty good ability to speak to the populace (Moon in the fourth identifies with them) and to use relatively good judgment in off-the-cuff responses. Jupiter, however, is opposite Mercury, so over-confidence can catch him off guard as we have seen.

With Mars in Virgo and Sun and Mercury in the sixth house, he is good with details and minutia for the most part, but that square to Neptune (from Sun/Mercury) can get in the way of prioritizing or seeing clearly. Neptune square the Sun usually indicates one who is overly sensitive to ego issues and might not see oneself clearly; the Mercury, a slick, very imaginative mind that is not always rational.

Surprises of Uranus

Interestingly, his Mars is now being opposed by transiting Uranus— notorious for accidents or violence. His Mars is also natively conjunct the USA Neptune, which is also being opposed by Uranus, and Neptune holds a square with the natal USA Mars. All of this is at 22 degrees of Pisces/Virgo (USA Mars is 21 Gemini). Uranus stations at 22 Pisces on June 26th, and then moves backward (retrogrades) to again oppose the USA Neptune and square the USA Mars as well as oppose Obama’s Mars starting July 10th. It all could wait to explode when Uranus comes back again to these points by direct motion in March 2009 (and by that time the solar arc Mars will be just about exactly conjunct his natal Neptune), but with Saturn about to also conjoin Obama’s natal Pluto exact on July 24th, plus an eclipse on his Sun August 1st, it probably will manifest soon. In fact, the next eclipse on August 16th aligns with his natal Uranus which is being opposed by transiting Neptune right now!! This echoes the USA’s Neptune being opposed by transiting Uranus. He is certainly not an accidental candidate. There is a reason for all this, and a lesson for the country as well as the man. Our nation’s Neptune square Mars aspect has been active in every war by one system or another in astrology, and since it represents deceptive behavior, it has something to do with that kind of energy. We’ve certainly seen it in the Bush administration. I would not be surprised if all this coincided with an attack on Iran.

Furthermore, Obama has a natal square between his Uranus and MC, which can show a sudden rise, but also sudden disruptions in career. Uranus by secondary progression is within a degree of partile to square the MC. His career for the next decade will more than likely be a roller coaster ride if something doesn’t happen to disrupt it.

To top it all off, progressed Mercury conjoins progressed Mars on June 25th. That’s this month. These are within minutes of squaring progressed Saturn, as well, and the full moon on July 18th will align with his natal Saturn and in range of this configuration.

His amazing rise in politics is shown by his progressed Sun trine progressed Jupiter, but that is waning, having been exact six months ago. Also solar arc south node was trine his natal Sun less than a month ago, which could have been the indicator of his getting the nomination. I fear, however, with all the Uranus/Mars activity in his chart, plus Neptune in the USA chart, Mr. Obama is in for a tough battle ahead, if not some really jolting surprises. He needs to be very careful. With Saturn contra-parallel Venus October 31 and progressed Mercury square progressed Saturn November 10th, I don't see jubilant celebration around election time.

Obama/USA Composite

Every election I try to do a composite analysis of the candidates to the USA chart in an effort to see who is most compatible with the country. We'll do Obama this month and McCain in the Leo Ingress newsletter.

First, further comparisons between Obama's birth chart and the USA natal chart is revealing. The USA Moon is 27 Aquarius which is square Obama's MC and opposite his Uranus. And vice versa, his natal Moon/Pluto square is right on the USA Uranus! As if one way was not enough! He would bring emotional upset with his leadership style for some reason. This is further shown by the fact that his natal Saturn is closely conjunct the USA Pluto (which opposes the USA Mercury). He is popular because his Venus conjoins the USA Venus/Jupiter conjunction and his Sun sextiles the USA Saturn. His natal Uranus also sextiles the USA Mars, so we "awaken to action" when he presents himself. With the ruler of his ascendant in the seventh house, he can awaken the public easily.

The Composite

This chart has me concerned. There is a grand square—very tight—with the ascendant/descendant axis and Neptune/Uranus/Moon. The Moon squares the ascendant within four minutes, Neptune in the 9th squares within less than a half degree (and it opposes the Moon) plus Uranus opposes the Ascendant within two degrees (and of course, square the other two). If this were a marriage, it would be highly unstable and deceptive. The Moon in Aries is conjoining Jupiter—an indication of his superficial popularity (superficial because of being in the 3rd house and in impulsive Aries); however, both being opposite Neptune and Uranus sure does speak of the sudden rise in popularity that is also delusional. Mars conjoins Mercury and Sun in the 7th, which can indicate anger of the public, but since Mars is trine Saturn, it can take some time manifesting. Mars, Mercury and Sun are also square the MC.

If this man is elected, most of this would not be evident until Saturn enters Libra—and then only after it is well into the sign, which would be late in 2010. Saturn is square the composite Saturn over the next two months, but it may indicate just a little doubt from the country.

Next month we'll examine McCain's chart to see if it looks any better, but with him we have an estimate of the birth time, so it may not be as accurate.

July's Astro-Analysis

Actually this is also a bit of June up to Leo's ingress. The lunation of June 18th, which is just before the Sun's ingress into Cancer, shows a rather dramatic pattern for Washington DC. A new or full moon is a lunation, and this one is the full. With it is a conjunction of Venus with the Sun and Pluto with the moon, which means that Venus and Sun are opposing the Moon and Pluto—all very close to the MC/IC axis of the lunation chart for Washington DC. On a personal level, taken on its own, it can manifest as just more intensity in relationships, but when it is in a configuration affecting the angles of a chart in a certain place, it intensifies the emotions of that place en masse and usually indicates important events taking place.

Besides that, Uranus is in range of being equidistant between them (astrology is really a kind of geometry) forming a right triangle, or in astrological terms, a T-square. This adds the element of surprise. Further, Mars opposes Neptune on a point that will receive an eclipse in August. Some of this can be confusion of the populace concerning what is going on daily in their effort to just make a living.

The new moon on July 1st has an angular Sun also. This time it's the Sun and Venus on the lunation chart's ascendant opposing Jupiter. This can indicate inflated sense of optimism and, on a financial level, a leap in inflation. Uranus is conjunct the MC and still in a T-square, although this time with Pluto, Mercury and the Moon. That's rather nervous and impatient. Most of all, though, Mars is moving to conjoin Saturn on July 10th—a rather important day given other indications. Most of the time Mars is the trigger for whatever Saturn may be contacting. In the case of Obama, transiting Saturn is square his Moon this month, and on July 10th Mars can trigger whatever meaning that has for him. He should be quite somber.

One more lunation occurs on July 16th. That chart is not as dramatic as the other two, but Uranus is still on an angle, this time the IC. It is in better aspect to other planets, but Mars and Saturn, still close together, are squaring the ascendant. A feeling of frustration on the part of the whole country would be evident.

None of this should be surprising. However, I think the next thirty days will be more dramatic than we anticipate.

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