

Cosmic Views

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John McCain By Carole Devine

Every now and then there is something written about John McCain's temper. There were stories floating around about his actually grabbing someone at a meeting by the collar and getting right in his face. His chart does show a temper that can suddenly flare and just as suddenly go away—Mars in Leo in the 10th square Uranus in Taurus in the 7th. Aspects that are angular, like this one, are strong traits. This is assuming that his time of 9:00 am on August 29, 1936 in Cocosolo, Panama is correct.

Why is this important? Because a president can start something in a second, and although people born with various traits usually learn from experience and mellow with time, this is a high pressure job with many potential incidents to inflame a hair-trigger temper.

Also in the 10th is Pluto, and it is opposite the Moon, which rules the 10th. (Obama has the square between these two.) At least with the opposition, the owner of the chart is aware of this trait of emotional tenacity. The reason I mention all this is because presidents usually have a strong 10th house emphasis; McCain has a presidential chart.

Right now both McCain and Obama are feeling the Saturn transit. It is conjoining McCain's Sun and squaring Obama's Moon. McCain has found his Iraq war challenge to Obama backfiring, Gramm has left his team, and Obama has slipped dramatically in the polls.

Character

McCain is running largely on his war record and love of country. With Moon in Capricorn in the fourth opposing Pluto, there is no doubt that he loves his country. We all do, but we each have different ideas about what is good for it. For starters we need to do something about our financial issues with China (as indicated in the "springside chat" I sent out a few days ago) and the economy in general. A person's natal chart shows financial attitudes. His is mixed. He has a trine from Saturn to Pluto, ruler of his second house, so he can be frugal with his

own money when he needs to be. But, contradictorily, Jupiter in his second is square Neptune and Saturn. Jupiter represents his mental processes, since it rules the third house. Venus rules the 8th house (other people's money) and it is also involved in this T-square. His thinking about both his own income and shared finances can become not only muddled, but rigid, as well.

Although his Mars is trine Jupiter, it rules the seventh, so his judgment about how to communicate to the public is good. (ruler of the third trine ruler of the seventh) However, because Jupiter is square Neptune very closely, he can either confuse the truth or deliberately be deceptive. This aspect is hard to handle because often one feels "inspired"—i.e. a spokesperson for a higher power—and doesn't use the best of judgment. (Obama has it, too, with a wider orb.)

Health

I may have mentioned in the past that whenever I've been seriously ill, the asteroid, Hygeia, has been involved. By solar arc, Hygeia in McCain's chart will conjoin his natal Neptune about 3 1/2 months after November's election. Neptune rules the sixth house. If he does become ill, it would be hard-to-diagnose or any one of dozens of Neptune-ruled ailments. It rules nerve fibers, for instance, and can be indicative of any number of related diseases. Hygeia already squared Jupiter, ruler of the third (mental acumen) about five months ago, so something could already be in process.

Meanwhile, transiting Uranus is also activating this configuration, having just opposed Venus in retrograde motion, but coming back again as we end the year and enter into 2009. Uranus can add impatience and abrupt behavior to this, which can appear to be instability. Saturn in his natal sixth house and transiting Saturn in Virgo quickly approaching the T-square is part of all this. Pluto is transiting his solar arc Ascendant, and so if his time is correct, he might be finding the campaign a bit hard physically.

In a few years...

Solar arc Mercury is going to square his Neptune and then begin to activate the T-square starting in about 2 1/2 years after November. It would be a long period of about six years of real confusion and lack of direction. Solar arc Mars will square the Moon in 3 1/2 years from November and then square Pluto in about 4 1/2 years. Behavior then would be obsessively emotional. Progressed Mercury will square natal Mars about six weeks after November 4th, and could indicate annoyance with general public opinion. The next several years are *not* indicating that he will feel in control and competent.

However, in November it looks somewhat good for him. Most of the indicators are separating, but the time of birth could be a few minutes off. He has progressed Sun trine the MC, the progressed Moon about to change signs—often a move. Solar arc Neptune sextile the natal Moon, ruler of the MC, and transiting Jupiter trine the ascendant. Plus, in early January, transiting Pluto will be conjoining his North Node, which can also indicate a move. However, if his time is really 9:00 or earlier, it is possible that his success peak has passed.

Composite with the USA

The composite shows a love affair of the USA with John McCain. I've met no one who did not like him, personally. Sun is conjunct Venus in the 9th house both in Leo and closely opposing the moon in Aquarius. The ruler of the composite is Pluto, which is placed weakly in the 12th and is not strongly connected to anything. There is a sextile to Saturn, so it would appear that the relationship would be predictable.

However, Uranus in the seventh is square Mercury in the tenth and conjunct the MC. Since Mercury rules the 8th and Uranus the 4th, their partnership, if it occurs, would have upsetting or unpredictable consequences regarding the economy and the way it affects grass roots America. That, however, is already underway, regardless.

The best thing in the chart is Jupiter conjoining Neptune (true inspiration) in trine aspect to Uranus. That is extraordinarily helpful. Plus, Mercury is trine Saturn and sextile Pluto—both very helpful in offsetting the Uranus aspect.

August 13, 1971

I sent out an article a few days ago about “springside chats” in Berkeley Springs which are sponsored by the Arlington Institute. In it the date August 13, 1971 was mentioned as the day that Nixon had to find a way to go off the gold standard because France wanted to redeem its paper money for gold, and it would have taken all we had to honor that. Read the article to find out the disastrous aftermath. I had to see what was going on in the USA chart at that time.

I've often mentioned that the Neptune/Mars square in the USA chart is far, far more important than it seems to be given credit for. Neptune rules foreign countries and our legal system (being in the ninth), and Mars rules the fourth and fifth and is in the seventh. By itself, this aspect has many meanings. One is that this country doesn't have a clear concept of other countries. We have illusions that we think are true, but there is no common effort collectively to try to understand other cultures. It also means, literally, “deceptive behavior”—especially in government because Neptune is in the ninth. It also indicates deception *from* foreign countries.

That day, solar arc Uranus, the great awakener, was just about exactly midway between opposing Mars and squaring Neptune. Uranus rules the third—decisions. Solar arc Mars and Neptune (all solar arcs move the same amount) had moved to activate the USA Venus and Jupiter—Mars opposing midpoint between them, and Neptune squaring Jupiter within a half degree. Venus and Jupiter are together the epitome of excess, and here was a lesson about both deceptive behavior and excessive habits. Good judgment would have been sorely lacking. The progressed MC was also opposing natal Saturn within less than a degree, transit Pluto was only three minutes from the MC and transit Saturn was fast approaching Uranus. Mars was progressed to less than a degree squaring the Sun, and transiting Uranus would square the Sun a few days later. This, indeed, was a disaster, and even though the decision made at the time averted the worst, it still was the beginning of where we find ourselves now.

It is interesting to note, too, the progressed Sun was about to conjoin Pluto, which it did right around the time of the Watergate break in, less than a year later.

August's Astro-Analysis

Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto continue to retrograde though out this period. When so many outer planets retrograde, we are re-examining whatever they represent in our personal charts. It's different for each of us.

Most important are the eclipses. On August 1st, the solar eclipse will be at 9:32 Leo. Anyone born around that date, within a few days, (or three or six months away from it) will feel it keenly. Wherever that degree is in your natal chart will be where the spotlight will fall. Usually, your attention is drawn there for about a year.

August 6th is a busy day. Mars opposes Uranus, and Mercury opposes Neptune. Accidents could be more numerous, and confusion might be hard to avoid.

The lunar eclipse is on August 16th at 24:21 Aquarius, and this one is important because it conjoins transiting Neptune. It strongly affects anyone born close to this date or three to six months away from it.

Keep in mind that the eclipses will be felt if they fall within five degree of any point or planet in your chart—usually up to a year. However, these are in the fixed signs and those can last much longer, casting a long shadow. It doesn't have to be negative, either—just an important time in your life's journey.

Venus enters Virgo on the 6th as does Mercury on the 10th. They remain close together for most of August, and therefore, most of us can find it easy to be diplomatic and reasonable in our communications.

August 15th, Sun opposes Neptune and Mercury conjoins Saturn—not a day to make important decisions. On August 17, Mars will square Pluto—a classic for intense anger, but Mercury trines Jupiter later in the day, so if you just wait awhile, whatever bothers you will not seem so enraging.

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