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Joe Biden By Carole Devine

Joe Biden's birth data is given as November 20, 1942 in Scranton, PA at 8:30 a.m. After examining some of his life events, I'm inclined to think it might have been three or four minutes later, but the aspects coming up are so numerous and strong, it will suffice to just use the 8:30 a.m. time which is listed in the Rodden system as "A: from Memory."

Biden has been vilified for padding his resume regarding his education and for plagiarizing parts of his speeches. His chart doesn't really indicate such deception as much as it does independence and feeling he is free to do as he wishes. With four planets in Scorpio in the 12th house, he is an extremely private person and Sagittarius rising is quite outspoken, as well. He is said to be extremely charming. Absolutely! Venus is not only rising, but conjoining the Sun and in out-of-sign opposition to Uranus, which indicates great magnetism.

Despite that, though, he is very strong-willed and can be controlling. There is a Pluto square Moon aspect as well as Pluto square Mars—all in fixed signs. This campaign seems to be full of strong-willed Plutonian people. However, Biden's Mars/Pluto square is not going to be all that visible. It is from the ninth to twelfth houses, and Pluto is trine the ascendant with Saturn opposing it—enormous discipline. He doesn't have the hot-headed instant anger that is so prevalent in both McCain and Palin, but it is doubtful he'll forget an injury or give up in any test of wills.

What about November 4th?

I got a message forwarded about Bush declaring a financial emergency in October and postponing the elections indefinitely. I don't know if that is verified, but assuming the elections do go on as planned, Joe Biden has some life-changing aspects around that time. Most notable is his MC, by progression and solar arc, conjoining the Sun. That is a classic for ultimate success. If the time of birth is 8:30, it is only 35 minutes of a degree applying. If the democrats do win the election, then all it takes is his being born two or three minutes after 8:30 for it to be exact.

The Saturn/Uranus opposition that will be exact on Election Day is aligning with his MC/IC axis. Saturn on the MC is a pinnacle of success; Uranus on the IC is a possible move or upheaval in the home life. And the infamous struggle between the "old and the new" would be extremely pertinent to him.

Progressed Jupiter is approaching a sextile to the natal MC, and transiting Jupiter is triggering it that day by being opposite natal Jupiter and trine the MC. Plus, solar arc Mars, ruler of the fifth, is also trine the MC.

Also, progressed Sun is closely conjoining progressed ascendant and progressed Mercury, which in turn is sextile the natal ascendant. Solar arc Uranus, ruler of the third is closing a sextile with natal Saturn which can indicate freedom from inhibitions or awakening to public values, since Saturn is located natively in the seventh. Solar arc Mercury is sextile Venus, and natively they are conjunct. Plus solar arc Jupiter is just past conjoining Neptune and is in between trining the natal Uranus and seventh cusp. All this looks like a spectacularly good day for Mr. Biden with life changing repercussions.

On the down side, the transiting Sun is conjoining Mars, and transiting Mars is aligning with natal Mercury—weaker influences—which indicate annoyances in private. It's the nature of 12th house aspects to be out of sight, so we may never hear about this. The one thing that bothers me is transiting Neptune is aligning within minutes with progressed Venus, and both are square natal Mercury. Mercury is the ruler of the MC, seventh and eighth houses. The aspects between them all close over the next week or two, so there may be something confusing or deceptive about the whole event, but I think many people, remembering Florida and Ohio in previous elections, would almost expect that. The good part about it is that the moving positions will echo the natal chart; Neptune is within range of a sextile to natal Sun and Venus is conjunct. Therefore, this will probably be an indication of new goals, new challenges and the task of building a new foundation (Neptune rules the fourth).

Biden's health

The only indicators I see for a health problem would be in a little less than four years when solar arc Uranus conjoins Hygeia, and simultaneously, solar arc Mars opposes Jupiter, which is in his 8th and rules the ascendant. Even so, those may not really have anything to do with his health because they can mean other things, but they are the first aspects I note in the near future that could.

When he had his aneurysm surgery on February 11, 1988, Jupiter was very much involved. Progressed Venus, ruler of his sixth, was opposing natal Jupiter (and had been for several months), but on that very day, transiting Jupiter squared both ends of that opposition, and transiting Venus sextiled Uranus—sudden relief. Not only that, but solar arc Saturn had been conjoining natal Jupiter, too; although having already been partite, it was still within a degree. This had been going on for some time. Also Saturn was squaring his Ascendant/ Saturn midpoint within one minute of arc. The Sun was quincunx Hygeia within one minute of arc, as well.

General U.S. Conditions

The United States Sibly chart continues to reflect the actual events unfolding right before our eyes. Sometimes I think we are a mass consciousness just responding to influences without exercising free will!

The major influences right now are the transits of Saturn, Uranus, Pluto and Neptune. That is quite a bit! Uranus has been activating the U.S. Mars/Neptune square. I've often written about this square being prominently triggered in times of war. Saturn was going over it in February and March 2003, for instance, and it would take a long article to cover all the instances this has been prevalent when we are in turmoil with foreign countries (Neptune is in the U.S. ninth). Uranus has been opposing Neptune and squaring Mars for some time now, and it is not finished. Uranus has been called the great awakener; this time we're awakening to how much has been hidden regarding the true state of our largest financial institutions. Since Mars rules the fourth in this chart, homes are in crisis, as well.

Pluto is active when major "rebirthing" activity is needed. It has been squaring the MC/IC axis all this year—echoing the housing crisis again. Early in 2008, it was in the

first couple of degrees of Capricorn, then retrograded back into Sagittarius. However, in late November, it is going to finally go into Capricorn steadily until 2024, and we will witness amazing upheaval with all things “Capricornian,” such as government’s big business and leadership. Immediately, by late December this year, it will square the MC again, and thereafter will oppose the U.S. Cancer planets until 2015. By spring of 2009, it will oppose Venus, stationing in opposition (11 minutes of orb) on April 4. Venus is in this chart’s seventh, and rules the sixth and tenth. It should bring some important things out of the “backrooms” (Pluto rules the 12th) and into public view (Venus is in the 7th), as well as bring overhaul to leading business conglomerates, which are Capricorn-ruled. Employment issues will be prominent, as well. Saturn is now squaring the U.S. ascendant/descendant axis, and since it rules thesecond, it indicates our concern about personal income and fear about the economic picture.

Right now, and over the past year, progressed Sun has been trining Venus, and transiting Neptune has been trining Mars. I think this is indicative of creative solutions, and is currently a big help. Solar arc Jupiter is going to conjunct the Moon in about eight months. Jupiter can be tricky, leading to excess or over-optimism in its negative form or confidence and well-being in its best expression. But, we have to look at the whole picture. In the natal chart Jupiter conjoins Venus, the source of our expansive and positive outlook, but it squares the MC which is where we get our overtrusting confidence in our leaders. *We could* really be sold a “bill of goods” in eight months (and the months preceding and following that time) that makes us all complacent again. However, Neptune is getting ever closer to the U.S. Moon (representing the populace) becoming exact in March 2010. This is confusion or delusion, and it’s leading to very important solar arc aspects in three to four years from now.

In three and a half years, solar arc Saturn will conjoin Uranus. That is traditionally indicative of a loss of freedom. The country may feel there is nothing they can do. It can be paralyzed initiative and *could* limit freedom of speech because Uranus is not only on the cusp of the seventh (the public) but the ruler of the third—the “mind” of the collective. We need to be on the alert to look further for the truth outside what is being “fed” to us. Subscribing to online foreign newspapers might be a good idea.

In four years, solar arc Pluto will conjoin Neptune, and the year before that it will square Mars. Again, that Mars/Neptune square is being triggered, and this could be one of the worst wars we have ever been in—starting in about 3 to 4 years, although these things are in operation and planned months ahead of our awareness of them.

Aspects like these are more of a warning of possibilities than ultimate absolutes. I think astrology is a God-given tool to help us make better decisions, and that the crises we face are opportunities to correct our personal and collective unproductive habits. The worst does not have to happen, if we look within to see where our own behavior either helps or hurts the collective spiritual progress of our country.

These are very serious times. The coming infamous year of 2012 will also add its own drama reminiscent of the sixties. We need to be very, very careful who we vote for and be vigilant in regard to legislation being considered and passed. Many of my books are in storage, and I can’t put my hands on references to quote, but there was something written early in our history about being proactive in monitoring our freedom or we would lose it. I don’t believe in war to settle anything; I believe what we struggle *against*, we actually create *more* of. But, when it comes to freedom, laziness and unawareness can cause it to slip away little by little until we have it no more. This could very well be the case in the years ahead.

To Raise or Not to Raise

Most of my colleagues are raising rates because of the increase of prices across the board and the falling value of the dollar. However, when this happens, people are less able to afford many things, so the dilemma arises about “what to do?”

I have decided not to raise any prices. I just made changes in shipping costs. I can download voice files to clients at no cost to them at all, thereby saving me postage, gas to the post office, CDs, labels, ink, etc. and saving you shipping costs. But if you want a CD burned and mailed, I’ve raised the fee to \$8 extra over the cost of the analysis to cover all my costs for doing it.

Secondly, I’m introducing a less expensive option for forecasting. Although I feel that tertiary progressions and solar returns are valuable, most of the time they reenforce the message of the secondary progressions, solar arcs and transits. So I’m adding the option of ordering just those (no tertiaries or solar return) for \$98. The other is still \$125. This should help those of you who are most affected by current conditions.

“Attention” Creates Reality

I received something recently that gave me pause. It came from an anonymous person and was eventually forwarded to one of my students, Dolores Warner, and was said to be inspired by “Abraham.” I don’t have the actual document now to quote, but the gist of it was that we get what we give the most emotional attention to, and we often actually inadvertently attract what we really DON’T want!

If we are constantly lamenting how “bad” anyone or any message is, we are actually attracting that very thing TO us. The more passionate we are about what we DONT like, the more we inevitably are creating a magnet from us to it.

The law of attraction is impersonal and non-discerning. It is energy. What you give thought and energy TO, is exactly what you will draw, whether you really want it or not—and in direct proportion to how much passion you attach to it

Perhaps the best thing we can do to change the future, is to change what we think about. Instead of being *against* something, perhaps we should be passionately **for** what we do want and give a lot of emotional energy to envisioning a brighter future, not only for yourself individually, but for the whole country. Fear is the real enemy.

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