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Astrology — Venus

by Christopher Gibson

Venus, is the brightest object in the night sky after the Moon. As the second planet from the Sun, she falls between the orbit of Mercury and the Earth. Venus, is referred to as the *Morning Star* or *Evening Star* and achieves her maximum brightness just before sunrise or just after sunset. The Ancient Greeks called her appearance as the Morningstar *phosphoros*, or “Bearer of Light.”

As Venus and the earth are somewhat similar in size, gravity, and composition, she is often

referred to as Earth’s “sister planet.” The planet Venus takes 225 days to make a complete cycle through the Zodiac, spending less than 19 days in each sign. Venus is never more the 47 degrees from the Sun and therefore can only form conjunction, semi-sextile, and semi-square aspects to the Sun. Although all planetary orbits are elliptical, Venus’s orbit is the closest to being completely circular. Venus is unique among the planets in that she rotates in a clockwise direction, a condition that is very puzzling to scientists.



Venus—Titian, 1525

To the Sumerians she was known as Astarte to the Phoenicians, Inanna, and to the Babylonians she was Ishtar, all represented the

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Transmuting Copper

by Peter Tourian

The metal copper, being of a bright, lustrous red-orange color, is symbolic of the planet Venus and all of the influences indicated under her domain. Most especially in Church of Light teachings, she is given dominion of the *Social Thought Elements*, which are those urges that cry out in us for companionship, relationship, and interaction with others. The famed psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud did not consider these influences

important, focusing more on innate drives, but students after him, most notably Adler, defended the critical importance of this component of all living organisms.

No living thing exists in a vacuum. For example, while the hermit who moves to the mountains may no longer keep much human company, he is still surrounded by an infinite number of living things, whether they be flowers, squirrels, or birds. There are very few, if any, environments on earth where organisms do not have at least

some interaction with others of their own or another kind. Developing the skills and abilities necessary to successfully navigate these social waters is at least part of what transmuting Copper is about.

In addition to her indication as Queen of the Social Elements, Venus also retains many other qualities, such as artistry, beauty, peace, and above all, **love**.

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Editorial

by Christopher Gibson

“Study lends a kind of enchantment to all our surroundings.” Honore de Balzac

Anyone who has spent an autumn in New Mexico will understand why this state is affectionately called “The Land of Enchantment.” In September the air is redolent with the uniquely New Mexican aroma of roasted chile pepper. This is also the month of State Fair where the harvest of many farms, ranches, and personal gardens is on display along with handcrafts, food products and livestock. Also on exhibition are the cultural offerings of the four ethnic groups that developed this land; the Native American, Spanish-Mexican, African-American, and Anglo-American. The Summer ends with this harvest festival display of all that is good about our state.

The Autumnal Equinox brings cooler nights and the eventual coloring of the trees. In the high mountains the quaking aspens are first to display their palette of various golden hues. The cottonwoods in the *bosque* or forest that extends either side of the Rio Grande are next to enchant with their autumn colors. The cooler evening and morning air also heralds the most photographed event in the world—the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta—where weather permitting, for ten days the early morning skies are filled with hot air balloons of all sizes, shapes and colors.

The first frost or snow always seems to come too soon, blackening the tropical tomatoes, squash, and peppers, bringing the gardening season to a hurried end. With the cold and early nightfall arrives the images of skeletons, pumpkins and black cats which announce that Halloween soon will be here along with costumed children begging for treats.

November is announced by the clamor of migrating birds such as geese and cranes as the noisily make their way to their wintering grounds. This month brings the cold in earnest, along with the Native corn, squash, and turkey, gifts of the First People of our nation for the Thanksgiving Feast. In New Mexico it's not a Thanksgiving feast without offerings of green or red chile. Usually by this holiday the mountains are capped in snow and the skiers begin to arrive in droves.

December brings the Winter Solstice and Christmastide celebrated with *farolitos* or little lanterns which light the night on December 24, bringing us full face with the season of winter.

Studying the Brotherhood of Light Lessons can also fill our lives with enchantment. This course of study brings us closer into observation of the natural world in which we live filled with marvels, beauty, and a myriad of life forms. Through Astrology our study provides deeper insights into human nature, revealing the map of our character. Through Alchemy we discover exactly what we need to do to make our lives happier and more constructive. The study of Magic unveils the inner workings of the universe and refines our intuitive selves with the ultimate goal of directly experiencing a more profound connection with Deity. These Hermetic teachings assist us in bringing the enchantment back into our world.

The Quarterly provides supplemental material to the Brotherhood of Light Lessons. This is the fourth volume in a series that will span another six issues in which each Quarterly will feature the influence of one of the planets. We will highlight the planets with articles related to the three branches of Hermetic Science; Astrology, Alchemy, and Magic. We hope that by reading and applying these lessons you experience greater enchantment in your life.





Venus Associations

Thought-cell: Social
 House influence: Gratuities
 Metal: Copper
 Gemstone: Amber and Coral
 Color: Yellow
 Musical tone: E

Venus Figures

Artist, beautician, candy maker, caterer, confectioner, costumer, debutante, decorator, designer, escort, event-planner, fashion designer, florist, graphic artist, hairdresser, host, hostess, lyricist, maître d', jeweler, make-up artist, match-maker, musician, painter, pastry chef, poet, receptionist, sculptor, set decorator, socialite.

Positive Venus Traits

Aesthetic, affable, affectionate, agreeable, amorous, artistic, attentive, attractive, beautiful, caring, charming, companionable, convivial, cordial, creative, demonstrative, elegant, fashionable, friendly, graceful, gracious, gregarious, hospitable, kind, loving, pleasant, poised, popular, refined, sociable, stylish, tender, warm, welcoming, well-mannered.

Negative Venus Traits

Acquiescent, coy, debauched, decadent, dissolute, dissipated, docile, fawning, flamboyant, flattering, flirtatious, garish, gaudy, lazy, lurid, idle, indolent, lethargic, languid, obsequious, overly-sensual, submissive, tasteless, tawdry, permissive, plastic, pliant, self-indulgent, sycophantic, yielding.

Venus... (continued from page 1)

personification of feminine beauty and love. To the Hindus Venus is the male god Shukra, yet represents feminine qualities in a horoscope.

In Aztec traditions, the planet Venus was considered masculine and associated in her form as the Morningstar with *Quezalcóatl* the plumed serpent, and as the Evening star as his twin god's brother the dog-headed *Xolotl*.

The symbol for Venus ♀ is a cross surmounted by a circle and is used in biology to represent the female sex. Our word *venereal* comes from Venus and is more commonly used when speaking of sexually-transmitted diseases.

In most Romance languages the word for Friday is extracted from *dies Veneris*, the day of Venus. In Spanish it is *viernes*, in Italian *venerdì*, and in French *vendredi*. The English "Friday" comes from *Frigdaeg*, Frige being the Anglo-Saxon goddess of love.

In Hermetic astrology Venus governs the Social Urges of the soul, which express as a need for love, companionship, friendship and socializing. As the goddess of beauty and the arts, her prominence in a chart can bestow a strong aesthetic sense. Like the planet Jupiter, Venus is naturally conditioned with harmonious energy. Ptolemy was the first to coin the term "Lesser Benefic" to describe Venus as she contributes ¼ harmony to any aspect she is engaged in. Venus receives additional conditioning energy from the sign she is in which she is found.

Venus is said to be home in Taurus and Libra; the two signs in which her sense of grace, beauty, and sensuality can receive full expression. Opposite her home signs, in Aries and Scorpio, she is in her detriment and expresses with far less grace and refinement. Venus is at her exaltation in the sign of Pisces. Here, her affectionate nature can find full expression in the romantic and compassionate sign that represents soul-mates. Opposite Pisces, in Virgo, Venus is at her fall. This position is unfriendly to her innate sensuality and creates a more prudish attitude. Venus is at her harmony in the sign of Aquarius where she is free to socialize and make friends to her heart's content. In Leo, the sign of her Inharmony her aesthetic is less sophisticated and yields to the gaudy and flamboyant.

The best quality of Venus is summarized in the word "affection." She is charming, warm, loving, caring, and romantic. She creates friendships and easily forms close bonds with others. Harmonious expressions of Venus can be found in the vocabulary listed in the sidebar under Positive Venus Traits.

Pliancy is considered the worst trait of Venus. Whether it is through the fear of losing the love of others or not wanting to hurt anyone's feelings, Venus has trouble being confrontational or taking a stand. Her social needs are so strong that she will often yield to peer-pressure or conform to the group needs so as not to be an outcast. The vocabulary words listed in the sidebar under Negative Venus Traits all describe some aspect all express to some degree the pliancy, laziness, or over-sensuality that can mar the beauty of this planet.

The professions that most accurately reflect the social and artistic nature of this planet are listed in the sidebar under Venus Figures. This list is not intended to be comprehensive, but to merely trigger the creative imagination of the astrological student. ♀

Alchemical Copper



“Copper, or Venus, is the minor benefic, furnishing man with compassion, affection, refinement, and a love of the artistic and beautiful. It lends a pleasing aspect to every metal with which it associates; in human life bringing friendship, mirthfulness, amiability and conjugality. It is especially useful in brazing, that is, strengthening the union between other metals or between their parts. Similarly it exerts itself in society to draw people into harmonious companionship. It is the metal of love, presenting, when uncorrupted, the bright and cheery aspect of good will; very unlike the hard gray tone of iron which normally is cold and cruel and when exposed to the elements becomes a dull passionate red. Copper, however, while less easily tarnished and sullied than iron, is readily affected by acids of various sorts. When so attacked it degenerates into the vile verdigris of jealousy; a slimy green corruption that soils wherever it touches.”

Alchemical Meditation

I, (your name here), am a loving, caring, and creative being. I use all my artistic talents to create beauty in world in which I live. Even if I do not see myself as being particularly artistic I do have some talent through which I contribute to a more aesthetic and tasteful world. I use music, art, drama, and entertainment as a means to uplift my vibratory level.

Everyday I find opportunities to be more loving, be it in my relationships with family, companions, friends, coworkers or complete strangers. I treat others with the kindness, compassion and patience that I would like to receive.

I (your name here), am attentive to any tendency I might have of taking the line of least resistance or allowing others to manipulate me.

I am quick to replace any judgmental or critical thoughts with a positive, optimistic attitude. I am no longer a faultfinder. I am a praise-finder. At those times when pettiness or small-mindedness threaten to disturb my mental poise I quickly switch to expansive and broad-minded thinking. It is easy for me to continually think good thoughts about myself and others.

I accept that just as I have arrived at this juncture in my personal growth through the advice, instruction, and counsel of others, that it is my duty to teach, and share my knowledge with those who enter my life requesting my assistance.

So shall it be!

Dominant Venus Personality Ted Turner

by Christopher Gibson

“I’ve gone from a man of war to a man of peace.” – Ted Turner

On the surface, Ted Turner appears to be an unlikely candidate for a dominant Venus. With Sagittarius on the Ascendant, Turner is a rugged outdoorsman and sportsman, who emanates a “macho” persona that is not normally associated with gentle, artistic, peace-loving Venus. There can be debate as to whether Mercury or Venus is Turner’s dominant planet. It is not that uncommon to find a

chart where two or more planets are vying for top power. In this chart there is a difference of only 0.16 astrodynes or 0.1% of Astrodyne power between these two planets. Following traditional astrological techniques for determining the chief ruler of a chart, Mercury is more powerful being placed in the first house in close conjunction with the Ascendant. Because of this Turner’s Mercurial

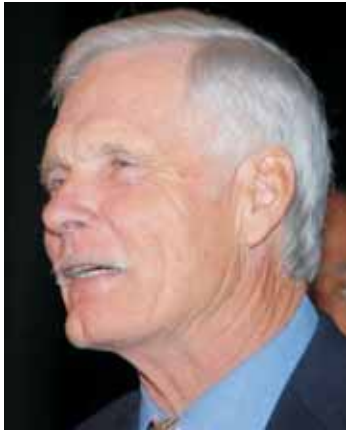
qualities are going to be more obviously recognizable to the world, as they have little difficulty in finding avenues for expression. Although Venus is conjunct the Sun and slightly more powerful by astrodynes, she is in the Twelfth House where her love of literature, classics, and the arts may be known only to the native. This case study is an excellent example of how two equally powerful planets can shape a personality.

With Mercury in Sagittarius in the First House conjunct the Ascendant and Mercury in Sagittarius in the First House, Turner has been dubbed “the Mouth of the South” for his outspoken opinions. His prominent Sagittarius also contributes to his love of sports. He holds four Yachtsman of the Year titles, has owned the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks, and was the original organizer of The Goodwill Games.

Born Robert Edward Turner III in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 19, 1938, “Ted” Turner is probably best known for his work as a philanthropist and as the founder of CNN, the cable television news network. Ted moved with his family to Savannah, Georgia, at age eight. In 1963 at age 24 Turner took over Turner Outdoor Advertising after his father’s suicide. A highly competitive businessman, in 1970, Turner began

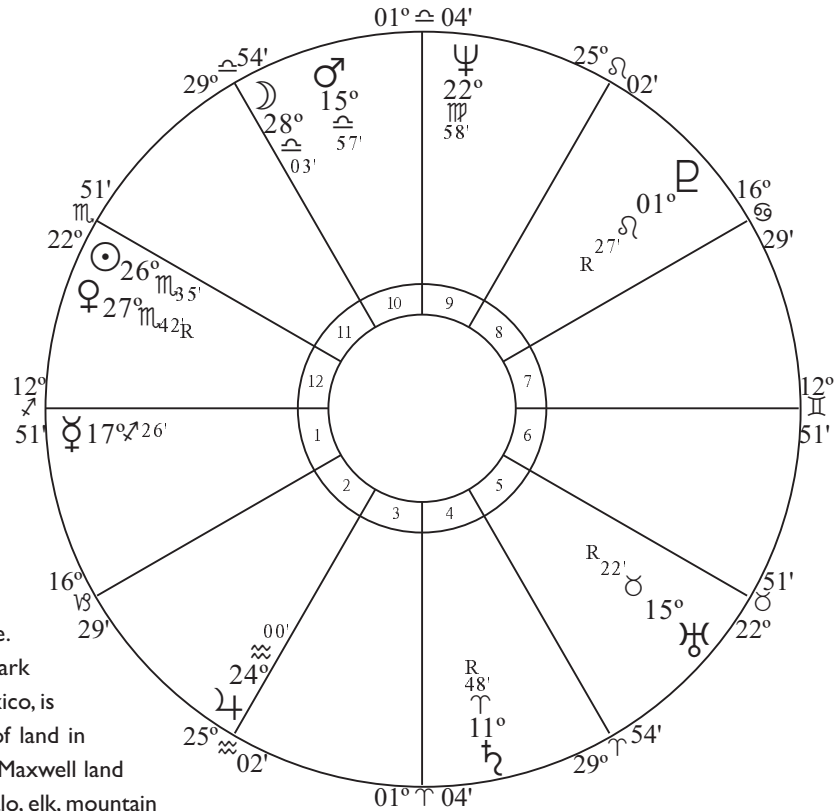
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☽		♂ 1.63 -1.63	♂ 3.65 4.56	♂ 2.89 -0.72	♁ 7.95 11.92				♁ 8.60 -8.60	♂ 0.99 0.99	♂ 5.80 -5.80	
♀				♆ 6.52 4.89	♆ 1.42 2.13	♁ 6.37 3.19	♁ 1.94 0.00	♁ 6.47 -6.47	♁ 5.02 -5.02		♂ 10.43 0.00	
♂				♁ 1.76 -1.76	♁ 4.30 -1.08	♁ 4.10 -5.12		♆ 0.26 0.32	♁ 4.25 5.31	♆ 3.64 4.55		
♃					♁ 1.94 2.43	♆ 7.85 -13.74	♁ 2.42 -0.60				♆ 3.91 2.93	
♄						♁ 2.21 -2.21		♁ 0.96 0.48				
♅									♆ 1.27 -1.90	♁ 8.94 4.47		
♆								♁ 0.40 0.40		♁ 4.30 -4.30	♁ 0.49 0.00	
♇										♆ 3.90 0.00		
♁			♁ 6.49 1.62							♆ 6.62 6.62	♁ 1.41 -1.41	
MC												
ASC			♁ 7.64 1.91							♁ 3.43 0.00		

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Ted Turner

November 19, 1938; 8:50 A.M.; Cincinnati, Ohio; 39N09 43; 84W27 25



organizing Turner Broadcasting System, revolutionizing news media with his Cable News Network.

Owning approximately two million acres, Turner is America's largest landowner. Saturn, the planet of acquisitiveness is located in his Fourth House of land, property, and real-estate. Measuring 920 square miles, the Vermejo Park Ranch, headquartered near Cimarron, New Mexico, is the largest, privately-owned, contiguous tract of land in the United States. Originally part of the Lucien Maxwell land grant. Vermejo Ranch supports black bear, buffalo, elk, mountain lions, mule deer, pronghorn, and wild turkeys. Livestock and other large animals are ruled by the Twelfth House – his most harmonious house. In an effort to combine capitalism with environmentalism, Turner raises bison meat for his restaurant

chain Ted's Montana Grill. The ranch also contains unmeasured reserves of oil and natural gas, and a 300-year reserve of

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☉	19S24
☾	12S27
♀	25S23
♃	22S43
♂	05S15
♃	14S33
♅	02N12
♆	16N05
♇	03N50
♁	23N04
MC	00S25
ASC	22S21

PLANETS	Power	%	Harmony
ASC	57.05	11.3	2.10
♀	55.09	10.9	15.79
♃	54.53	10.8	5.09
♁	49.50	9.8	9.65
♅	48.77	9.6	-20.49
☾	47.17	9.3	3.24
♂	41.89	8.3	0.63
☉	40.44	8.0	7.34
MC	38.22	7.6	8.46
♃	32.22	6.4	15.97
♇	23.82	4.7	0.12
♆	16.72	3.3	-4.50
Total	505.41	100.0	43.42

HOUSES	Power	%	Harmony
10	154.82	19.3	20.23
1	127.69	15.9	15.18
12	118.37	14.8	25.71
8	73.08	9.1	11.27
4	69.72	8.7	-20.17
9	57.67	7.2	5.07
2	56.60	7.1	5.73
5	37.66	4.7	-4.18
6	27.54	3.4	7.90
11	27.54	3.4	7.90
7	27.26	3.4	2.55
3	23.38	2.9	-4.24

SIGNS	Power	%	Harmony
♈	182.36	22.8	28.13
♉	127.69	15.9	15.18
♊	118.37	14.8	25.71
♋	90.66	11.3	-19.85
♌	69.72	8.7	13.32
♍	48.59	6.1	9.72
♎	44.26	5.5	3.40
♏	37.45	4.7	1.39
♐	27.26	3.4	2.55
♑	24.38	3.0	-10.24
♒	23.58	2.9	1.62
♓	7.00	0.9	2.01

bituminous coal. Saturn in the Fourth house also rules commodities, mineral wealth, and mining.

Jupiter, the planet of abundance is in Turner's Second House of personal wealth. In 2007 Turner's wealth was estimated at about 4.8 billion dollars. Not only has he been successful in making money, he has also been successful in giving it away. In 1998 Turner created the United Nations Foundation. By 2006 the foundation had delivered its billionth dollar to the U.N., 600 million came from Turner.

The planet Uranus is retrograde in Turner's Fifth House of love, romance, children, and entertainment. Turner has five children, two from his first marriage and three from his second. Uranus is known for being both revolutionary and eccentric. Turner Entertainment Company manages one of the world's largest film libraries, including the MGM library, which owns Hollywood classics such as *Gone With the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Citizen Kane*. Sometimes called by the nickname "Captain Outrageous," he shocked film buffs when he began the process of colorizing black and white classic films.

Turner's Venus is retrograde in the sign of Scorpio in his Twelfth House. The conjunction that is formed between the Sun and Venus which makes him attractive and charismatic is the second

most powerful aspect in his chart. No doubt his Sun-Venus conjunction contributed to a powerful love nature, for which he has earned the reputation of being a consummate womanizer. In 1999, Turner proposed that the Ten Commandments be rewritten to eliminate the prohibition against adultery. Venus in the Twelfth is sometimes associated with clandestine romances, and may have contributed to two of his three divorces.

The Twelfth House is often considered in context of secret sorrows and places of confinement. Turner spent time in boarding schools separated from his family. Turner's father, who suffered from mood swings and eventually committed suicide, mistreated his son with severe beatings. Turner's abusive home life might also be revealed through the configuration of Saturn in the Fourth House in opposition to Mars.

Turner's M.C., Mars, and Moon are located in the Tenth House in the sign of Libra. This sign of peace is the most powerful sign in his chart. Turner was the founder of the Goodwill Games, The Better World Society, The United Nations Foundation, and helped sponsor the Nuclear Threat Initiative. With his laundry list of accomplishments Turner will probably be best remembered for having used his wealth to promote the cause of peace. ♀

Timeline

1960	Expelled from Brown University	MC ♃ ♀r	1986	Created the Goodwill Games	♀ △ ♀r
1960	Married Judy Nye	☉ ♂ ♀r & ♀ ♃ ☉p	1986	Purchases MGM/UA Entertainment Company	♀ □ ♃p
1963	Father's suicide (March 5)	♂ □ ♀p	1988	Introduces TNT (Turner Network Television)	♃ ✱ ♃r
1963	Takes over Turner Outdoor Advertising	♃ △ ♃r	1988	Divorced Jane Shirley Smith	♀ ∠ ☉p
1964	Competes in Olympic sailing trials	MC ♃ ☉r	1990	Created Turner Foundation	MC ✱ ♀r
1964	Divorced Judy Nye	♂ ∠ ♀r	1991	Married Jane Fonda	♃ ♃ ♀r
1965	Married Jane Shirley Smith	MC ♃ ♀r	1991	Named Time Magazine's Man of the Year	MC ☉r
1970	Founds Turner Broadcasting Systems	☉ ✱ ♃r	1993	Inducted to the America's Cup Hall of Fame	MC ♂ ☉r
1976	Purchased Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks	♀ □ ♃r	1997	Pledges one billion dollars to the United Nations	MC △ ♀p
1977	Wins the America's Cup	MC ♂ ♂p	2001	Divorced Jane Fonda	♃ ∠ ♀r
1980	Creates CNN (Cable News Network)	MC ♂ ♃p			

Transmuting Copper *(continued from page 1)*

How does one explain love? It is like trying to explain “hot” or “cold.” It is so basic to our human experience that only direct investigation will suffice. Nevertheless, in the interest of furthering our discussion, we must try.

In its most basic sense, not only humans, not even just animals, but every single living entity loves. That is, if we consider love as a basic attractive power, capable of bringing together, and when balanced, keeping together, disparate forms, then every single speck of matter in the universe is “in love,” as it were. For example, the proton is attracted intrinsically to the electron. The Sun and his satellites, the planets, engage in a stable, mutual attraction that balances them all. Obviously, this form of attraction differs in quality from the love that two people might feel for each other, but nevertheless we must concede some similarities. Zain teaches often that life differs not in type but rather in degree, and it seems fair to also extend this treatment to love.

What makes the love between two human beings so special is that humans possess, so far as we know, a unique ability to develop **self-awareness**. Perhaps all organisms retain this ability as well, but it is especially marked in those sentient humans who take the time, and apply the effort to contemplate the mysteries of existence itself. Depending upon the point of view, such contemplation can lead to deep, dangerous existential dilemmas, or a renewed appreciation of the gift of Life. Indeed, preceding even a conversation of Love and its remarkable characteristics, one must first engage in a reasonable discussion of Life itself.

Life is, quite literally, the “be all and end all”. Without existence, all of life’s miraculous, dynamic variations would cease. For this reason, those wise adepts who first developed the Church of Light’s Trinity of Expression indicated that “Life, Light, and Love” were all needed in proper proportion in order to create the universe. Without Life, without existence itself, any and all other considerations become moot. Once Life has exploded into being, in order for it to exert any

distinct influence whatsoever, it must first diverge. Thus is born the world of opposites. The primary pair of opposites the Ancients thought to describe in relationship to Life itself were Light and Love. That is, this simple, yet deeply potent axiom instructs us that Life has two primary goals: the accumulation of knowledge, or Light, and the direct experience of those highest states of emotional consciousness which can only be termed Love.

We can see countless examples of the complementary nature of such Light and Love in so many mundane experiences. Most especially, the relationship between two human beings offers ample opportunities to purify and transmute the malleable metal Copper.

Relationships are not poorly compared to the building of a fire. Creating a fire requires three distinct things: an ignition source, fuel (which is often provided by wood or gas), and oxygen, so commonly found in air. Relationships, then, also require three things to burn robustly: firstly, we might conceive of **passion** as providing the ignition source — those immediate and intense feelings which initially draws two individuals together. However, in order to create a lasting, enduring fire, the fuel source must be set alight. In relationships, we might compare this to the **similar interests** of the parties involved. When those common interests are set alight by passion, and fanned alive by the “fresh air” of new experiences shared together, something wonderful is born: not a small, weakling of a flame which can only be expected to last a moment, as with passion, but a bold blaze which warms and nourishes the soul for years to come. This fire, then, is the only flame worthy to be called love: it is bright and hot, but *sustainable*.

If one is able to marshal the various forces necessary in order to achieve this delicate balance of passion and common experience, as fanned to life as love, Copper will most definitely have been properly transmuted.

♀

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Major Progressions

Enter	Aspect	Peak	Exit
11/28/2006	☉ △ ♃p	12/03/2007	12/07/2008
08/19/2006	♂ √ ♂r	02/20/2008	08/21/2009
02/12/2007	MC ∠ MCr	02/21/2008	02/28/2009
02/12/2007	☉ ∠ ☉r	02/21/2008	02/28/2009
06/28/2007	♃ √ ♂r	04/18/2008	02/12/2009
10/07/2006	♃ ♂♂p	06/26/2008	05/15/2010
08/30/2007	☉ √ ♃p	09/29/2008	10/31/2009
12/30/2007	♀ π ♃p	10/25/2008	08/21/2009
01/20/2008	♃ □ ♃p	11/11/2008	09/08/2009
05/28/2006	♀ ♃ ♀p	01/16/2009	07/29/2011
04/09/2008	♃ ∠ ♀p	02/11/2009	12/22/2009
09/11/2007	♂ □ ♃p	03/03/2009	08/26/2010
06/29/2008	☉ * MCr	07/08/2009	07/16/2010

playful spirit add to his charm and charisma. Neptune is also sextile to Pluto in the seventh. By emphasizing cooperative partnerships his visionary energy finds direction and purpose. With the harmony of Pluto it is likely the public can relate to his agenda of cooperation.

With seven planets in companionship houses, if elected president, he will work to build either cooperative or coercive relationships. Most of the harmony of his Plutonian energy comes from parallel aspects which suggest that he likely feels very intensely about building cooperative relationships.

His only two personal house planets are the two business planets in the twelfth house. Saturn is at home in Capricorn and Jupiter is in the humanitarian sign of science and technology. Both planets form a grand trine to the Moon in the fourth and Mars in the seventh. The twelfth house is secret enemies. The seventh is open enemies. The fourth house rules the home. Given the harmony of Jupiter (12%, +32.72) and that Saturn is essentially dignified in its home, it seems this thought compound might incline Obama to exercise Jupiter's best side for *Good Will* and Saturn's energy for *Economy & Safety* when it comes to harmonizing the homeland's relationship with open and secret enemies.

Progressions:

To gain office as president one would expect to see aspects with his Sun, the MC and rulers of his tenth house.

Aspect Power Grid

	☉	☽	♃	♂	♂	♃	♃	♃	♃	♃	MC	ASC
☉	0.78 0.00			0.03 -0.04					4.06 -4.06			♂ 6.50 -6.50
☽		* 6.97 6.97	√ 2.43 3.04	△ 1.22 0.91	△ 9.50 14.25	△ 3.97 1.99	□ 3.91 -3.91			□ 8.38 -8.38	♂ 10.53 -10.53	
♃			√ 1.46 1.82		♂ 9.53 -4.76	♂ 4.00 -6.00				♂ 6.56 6.56		
♂		 0.67 0.17		□ 0.79 -0.79	π 1.07 0.80		* 0.48 0.60	△ 1.18 1.48	*	1.81 2.26	π 0.10 0.03	□ 3.74 -2.80
♂					△ 1.72 2.15	△ 7.25 1.81	√ 0.31 0.23	∠ 3.97 -4.96			*	0.68 0.51
♃		 9.83 4.91			♂ 2.47 0.00						*	5.03 7.55
♃		 4.92 -2.46	 6.14 -1.54		 2.72 0.00		π 2.94 -1.47		□ 1.65 -2.47	*	3.44 1.72	
♃									♂ 0.29 0.00	□ 6.38 -6.38	♂ 4.78 -4.78	
♃										*		□ 0.55 -0.55
♃		 10.45 0.00			 11.73 5.86	 3.82 -1.91				□ 1.92 -1.92		
MC		 2.62 0.00			 3.90 1.95					 4.17 0.00		
ASC	 11.20 0.00											

In the Major Progression Grid in the upper left column it is noted that at the time of the election Obama has three Sun aspects that are being energized. He has one MC progression, waning, that peaked at the end of February and March of 2008. With Scorpio as the ruler of his tenth house one looks to Mars and Pluto aspects of which he has four.

He is riding the closing wave of the Sun trine Jupiter that peaked in Dec. 2007 and the building wave of Sun sextile MC that began in June 2008 and will peak in July 2009. Of the identified aspects the Sun semisextile (growth aspect) Uranus peaks closest to election on September 29th. This aspect provides an aerial into which the other solar energies may converge thereby adding sufficient energy to gain the confidence of the people in his leadership ability and therefore a new job. Sun is progressed into the eighth (other people's money). With Uranus one can expect a sudden change as the result of human intervention. Uranus in the seventh suggests a person with whom he has a partnership.

Obama's aspects are sufficient but not something to bet on without seeing McCain's chart and progressed energy. Unfortunately there is no AA chart for McCain. According to Astrodatbank.com there are two times quoted by his mother. One is for 9:00 A.M. and the other is "by 11 A.M.!" This is not close enough for the Hermetic System of astrology that encourages the application of "scientific" principles. Close is not sufficient to make reliable predictions. ♀

The 2008 US Presidential Election

by Dennis Sutton

On Nov 4, 2008 the eyes of the world will focus on the US Presidential election. What political ideology will drive the world's economic and military powerhouse? And will the person sitting in the driver's seat have the intelligence to drive with wisdom.

When it comes to the two candidates you can't believe what you see and you can't believe what you hear: But the great science of astrology and the astrological intelligence it provides will guide you through the illusion, confusion and deception.

The winner of the presidency can be foretold by astrology but there's a definite procedure to follow. Guess work and flimsy evidence are not involved. This assessment follows the precise procedure as presented in *Mundane Astrology* by C.C. Zain – Serial 194 – Cycles of the Moon.

The first and most important factors to consider are the birthcharts of both Presidential candidates – with special attention being paid to the progression's influencing the 10th house on Election Day. The volume of harmony or discord influencing each candidate's 10th house on that day can be measured and the candidate with the most harmonious, or least discordant, 10th house will win the election.

Next consider the Jupiter cycle and Saturn cycle charts and the aspects formed by their respective rulers – Jupiter and Saturn – on Election Day. Jupiter rules the Republicans and the fortune of the Republican candidate is influenced, for better or worse, by any aspect formed by transiting Jupiter in the Jupiter cycle chart on that day. Saturn rules the Democrats and the fortune of the Democrat candidate is influenced, for better or worse, by any aspect formed by transiting Saturn in the Saturn cycle on November 4, 2008.

The data for the current US Jupiter Cycle chart is: February 24, 1999 at 6.41am EST Washington – 77W01, 38N53. The data for the current US Saturn Cycle is: February 16, 1997 at 12.26am EST Washington – 77W01, 38N53.

Then consider the new Moon (or lunation) chart that immediately precedes the election. It influences mundane trends and developments during the following month, but its trend should be blended in with the charts of the two candidates. If, in this lunation chart, the 10th house and its ruler – representing the Republicans – are more powerful and harmonious than the 4th house and its ruler – representing the Democrats – the

Republicans will remain in power. But if the 4th house and its ruler have more power and harmony it indicates that the Democrats will win. Please note that when making this assessment it is not a matter of checking the astrodynamic power and harmony of the 10th and 4th houses and declaring a winner. It's not that simple and the devil is in the detail.

The data for the lunation chart that immediately proceeds Election Day is: October 28, 2008 at 6.13pm EST Washington – 77W01, 38N53.

Finally consider any other astrological phenomena occurring in the sky at the time of the election that may provide important clues to its outcome. There are two astrological events that are perfect in the sky on Election Day 2008. They are: Saturn opposition Uranus and Mars square Neptune.

The data for the Saturn-Uranus opposition chart is: November 4, 2008 at 8.36am EST Washington 77W01, 38N53. The data for the Mars square Neptune chart is: November 4, 2008 at 2.44am EST Washington 77W01, 38N53.

The Contenders – John McCain and Barack Obama

A person's birthchart provides an astrological model of their soul's thought-structure. It displays unconscious thought patterns that influence the conscious thoughts and behaviours and these unconscious thought-structures, through the psychokinetic power they possess, attract events into the life that match how they feel.

John McCain was born on August 29, 1936 at Coco Solo Air Base, Panama Canal – 79W53, 9N22 at 'about 9.00am' according to his mother.

The scientific assessment of a birthchart requires an accurate birthchart and this requires an accurate birth time – preferably the time recorded on the Birth Certificate – and this means the 'about 9.00am' time from McCain's mother only has an A rating. Thus in the interest of greater precision, for this article, I have worked the Prenatal Epoch (an accepted method of chart rectification used by astrologers) on this 9.00am time to determine the precise birth time. The epoch time was found to be 9.10am – which is 'about 9.00am'. It can be noted that the 9.00am and 9.10am charts are almost the same. In fact no planet changes house position between 8.56 and 9.11am, but the Ascendant and MC – both very important markers – do change: The MC moves from 15Cancer24 to 18Cancer54; and the Ascendant from 16Libra56 to 20Libra 42.

There being no documented record of his birthtime his chart is automatically eliminated from any astrological research work.

The Moon in the 4th house – home-life and later-life events and development – dominates John McCain's birthchart. It's in the diplomatic and ambitious sign Capricorn: And he's got a practical mentality and extraordinary adaptation skills. His father and grandfather were both admirals and as his role models they taught him what to do. He became a naval flyer (Neptune, planet of flying, has above average power and is cusp ruler of the 6th house – the navy.) He served as a naval aviator in Vietnam and suffered severe injuries when his plane was shot down over Hanoi (Mars square Uranus): And during his 6 years as a prisoner of war his 12th house (imprisonment) was stimulated by progression. His doctors say he's in tip-top shape but he has trouble with his knees – Moon in Capricorn. John McCain is a family man and he's been married twice and has 5 children.

The man who would be President entered politics in 1981 when the progressed Sun in his chart formed a conjunction aspect with the Ascendant – but the Sun is very weak and he lacks political and leadership skills. He knows about foreign affairs (Uranus in the 7th house) and the mysteries of the economy (Jupiter and Saturn are both strong), but the weak Mercury (reasoning, decision-making and communication skills) is a handicap. McCain is very conservative – pro-life, pro-gun, anti-tax and anti-regulation – and he cares for the underdog and those less well off (dominant Moon).

The winning of an election is a 10th house event – for all intents and purposes it's a job promotion – and John McCain's 10th house is high in discord. It has four astrological rulers. They are (in power order): the MC, Pluto, Mars and Moon. Their best aspects support career success. They are: MC trine Saturn, MC parallel Jupiter, MC sextile Neptune, Mars trine Jupiter, Moon trine Mercury and Moon trine Venus. Their worst aspects thwart career success. They are: Pluto opposition Moon – the worst aspect in the chart – MC opposition Moon, MC square Asc and Mars square Uranus. The Pluto-Moon opposition is the main source of discord. It maps a mental conflict involving his career and home-life, but the mental dissonance is greatly eased by Mercury – the planet of reasoned thought in the 12th house of solitude – playing a peace-maker role. This Moon-Mercury trine aspect maps a static-free psychic connection between his unconscious thought processes (Moon) and his reasoned judgements (Mercury).

Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961 at Kapiolani Medical Center Honolulu, Hawaii (157W52; 21N19) at 7.24am according to his Birth Certificate.

Barack Obama's mother was a white American and his father was a Kenyan. They separated when he was two so he had no male role model. He was educated in Indonesia and in 1971 moved to Hawaii to live with his maternal grandparents. His father was killed in an automobile accident in 1982 and his mother died of ovarian cancer in 1995. He moved to the US, attended Columbia University (New York) and graduated in 1983. He majored in political science and international relations. Obama entered Harvard Law School in 1988 and in February 1990 was elected the first black president of the Harvard Law Review. He graduated from Harvard in 1991 – JD magna cum laude. He's worked with law firms and taught constitutional law (Jupiter). He's married with two children and has written three books (Mercury). Book deal proceeds have allowed him to buy a \$1.6 million home in Kenwood, Chicago (Neptune in the 9th house) and in December 2007 his net financial worth was estimated at \$1.3 million.

Barack Obama's birthchart reveals a clear snapshot of his unconscious psychology. The Moon, in clever and versatile Gemini, dominates the chart. It's in the 4th house – the home and later-life events and developments. Jupiter and Mercury have above average power and he's an intelligent lawyer, a best selling author and a dynamic orator. Pluto (groups, globalization and universal welfare) has above average power. (Pluto is consistently prominent in the birthchart's of politicians.) The Sun is the weakest planet and he has very limited political skills and lacks authority. With 7 planets on the East side of his chart Obama has been molded by his environmental circumstances.

There are no planets in Obama's 10th house. With Scorpio on the 10th house cusp the rulers of the 10th house are MC, Pluto and Mars. Their best aspects support career success. They are: MC trine Mercury, MC sextile Jupiter, MC trine Saturn, Pluto sextile Neptune and Mars trine Saturn. Their worst aspects thwart career success. They are: MC opposition Moon, MC square Uranus and Pluto square Moon. The Moon-MC-Pluto T-square is very difficult although Mercury plays the peaceful conciliator easing the discord of the MC-Moon opposition. Like John McCain, Obama has a harmonious connection between his unconscious (Moon) and conscious (Mercury) thought processes.

The two chart's have quite a lot in common. The Moon dominates from the 4th house; the Moon (bread and butter issues), Jupiter (finances), Pluto (global issues) and MC all have above average power; the 12th house (restriction, disappointment, crime and secret enemies) is a prominent influence and the Sun is very weak.

Astrodynes, harmodynies and discordynies

The astrological energy patterns displayed in a birthchart can be measured. An astrodyne is a unit of astrological power – and the

On November 4, 2008 John McCain has 16 progressed aspects influencing his 10th house. Five (5) are having a neutral influence, six (6) are having a harmonious influence and five (5) are having a discordant influence. The best aspect is progressed Mars trine (luck) birthchart Moon. The worst aspect is progressed Mercury square (obstacle) birthchart Mars. This is the obstacle he has to overcome to win the Presidency.

The 10th house in John McCain's birthchart has 191.11 astrodynes and with progressed Pluto in the 10th house, carrying 27.21 astrodynes, the normal progressed 10th house has 218.32 astrodynes. The power being added to the 10th house due to the progressed aspects involving Pluto, Mars, MC and Moon is 407.75 astrodynes. When this is added to the power of the normal progressed 10th house the total power of the 10th house on November 4, 2008 is 626.07 astrodynes. This means that the 10th house has increased in power from its normal power of 218.32 astrodynes to 626.07 astrodynes.

The 10th house in his birthchart has 19.80 discordynes and with progressed Pluto in the 10th house, carrying 5.56 discordynes, the normal progressed 10th house has 25.36 discordynes. The net harmony being added to the 10th house by the progressed aspects involving Pluto, MC and Moon is 78.18 harmodynes; and the net discord being added by the progressed aspects involving Mars is 44.68 discordynes. When the total discord of the normal progressed 10th house and Mars (70.04 discordynes) is subtracted from the net harmony of Pluto, MC and Moon (78.18 harmodynes) it reveals that on November 4, 2008 John McCain's 10th house has a net harmony of 8.14 harmodynes.

On November 4, 2008 Barack Obama has 19 progressed aspects influencing his 10th house. Two (2) are having a neutral influence, eight (8) are having a harmonious influence and nine (9) are having a discordant influence. The best aspect is progressed Pluto sextile (opportunity) birthchart Neptune; and the worst aspect is progressed Mars square (obstacle) birthchart Saturn. This is the obstacle he has to overcome to win the Presidency.

The 10th house in Barack Obama's birthchart has 83.18 astrodynes and there are no progressed planets in the house. This means that the normal progressed 10th house has 83.18 astrodynes. The power being added to the 10th house due to the progressed aspects involving Pluto, Mars and MC is 140.50 astrodynes. When this is added to the power of the normal progressed 10th house the total power of the 10th house on November 4, 2008 is 223.68 astrodynes. This means that the 10th house has increased in power from its normal power of 83.18 astrodynes to 223.68 astrodynes.

The 10th house in his birthchart has 0.40 harmodynes and there are no progressed planets in the 10th house. This means the normal progressed 10th house has 0.40 harmodynes. The harmony being added to the 10th house by the net harmony of the progressed aspects involving Pluto is 1.58 harmodynes; and the discord being added by the net discord of the progressed aspects involving the MC and Mars is 29.00 discordynes. When the total harmony of the normal progressed 10th house and Pluto (1.98 harmodynes) is subtracted from the net discord of the MC and Mars (29.00 discordynes) it reveals that on November 4, 2008 Barack Obama's 10th house has a net discord of 27.02 discordynes.

But as the planets forming progressed aspects have their birthchart harmony or discord this modifies, for better or worse, the relative harmony and discord of the progressed aspects they form. Thus the approximate average relative harmony or discord of each aspect influencing the 10th house on November 4, 2008 is a more accurate guide to the average benefit to be expected – and the outcome of the election. The truth is the thought-cells in the unconscious mind are doing most the work and their normal mode of expression, as indicated by the birthchart, is modified by each progressed aspect.

In John McCain's progressed chart on Election Day the progressed aspects involving Pluto, MC and Moon have an approximate average relative net harmony of 57.28 harmodynes. The Mars progressed aspects have an approximate average relative net discord of 36.47 discordynes; and the progressed 10th house has a net discord of 25.36 discordynes. This gives the 10th house a total of 61.83 discordynes. When the harmony (57.28 harmodynes) is subtracted from the discord (61.83 discordynes) the 10th house has an approximate average relative net discord on November 4, 2008 of 4.55 discordynes.

In Barack Obama's progressed chart the progressed aspects involving Pluto have an approximate average relative net harmony of 5.53 harmodynes; and the normal progressed 10th house has a net harmony 0.40 harmodynes. This gives a total harmony of 5.93 harmodynes. The progressed aspects involving the MC and Mars have an approximate average relative discord of 41.29 discordynes. When the harmony (5.53 harmodynes) is subtracted from the discord (41.29 discordynes) Obama's 10th house has an approximate average relative net discord on November 4, 2008 of 35.76 discordynes.

John McCain's 10th house on Election Day has a relative harmony of 8.14 harmodynes but the more accurate approximate average relative assessment reveals the house has 4.55 discordynes. Barack Obama's 10th house has a relative discord of 27.82 discordynes, but the more accurate approximate average relative assessment reveals the house has 35.76 discordynes. In one instance John McCain's

10th house has more harmony and in the other it has less discord – and because he has the more harmonious 10th house he will win the election.

The Jupiter and Saturn Cycle charts

Previous astrological research reveals that Jupiter rules the Republican Party and Saturn rules the Democrats – and that an aspect formed by transiting Jupiter or transiting Saturn in their respective cycle charts on Election Day influences voting trends.

Jupiter in the US Jupiter cycle chart, at 22S41, is parallel the Mid-Heaven – an aspect that has a supportive influence for the Republicans on the last days of the election. It indicates the Republican voter turn-out will be higher than expected.

Saturn in the US Saturn cycle chart, at 18Virgo57, is square the Moon – an aspect that has an adverse influence for the Democrats during the last week of the election. It indicates a lower than expected vote for the Democrats with many (female) Democrat voters changing their vote or simply not voting.

The Lunation chart – October 28, 2008

Most of October is under the influence of the Libra lunation chart which commences on September 29, 2008 at 3.11am EST. In this chart the lunation, in the 2nd house (finances, personal wealth and banks), is square Jupiter – the planet of banks and financial transactions in the 5th house (Wall Street and the market): And the financial news during the month will give rise to some misguided optimism on Wall Street. Neptune – the planet of easy credit and oil in the 6th house (employees and working people) – dominates the chart mapping great uncertainty and confusion: And Saturn, the planet of fear, loss and economy, in the 1st house maps a powerful conservative trend influencing the people. Then on October 28th the mundane agenda comes under the influence of the Scorpio lunation – and this chart will have considerable influence on the last week of the election – and most of November.

The lunation in this chart is in the high-discord 6th house and there's bad employment news for the workers. Saturn in the 5th marks for falling stock prices and an anxious mood on Wall Street: And Uranus in the 11th house marks for radical action by Congressional leaders. Saturn and Uranus form a high-discord opposition aspect, but the social discontent is eased by the conciliating planet Jupiter – the planet of good-will – in the 9th house – religion and the courts. Venus (peace moves and social functions) in the 7th house (foreign affairs and overseas events) is cusp ruler of the 1st house and the public are more interested in the peace moves, or social events, taking place overseas. But it's the chart's influence on the election that interests us here.

The astrodyne printout reveals that the 10th house – the Republicans – has 6 times more power than the 4th house – the Democrats – and 4 times more discord – but the discord is variable. Idealistic Neptune, the planet of oil, inflation and easy credit, in the 10th has a small amount of harmony. It forms an obstacle (square) aspect with Mars (the war on terror) in the 6th house – the armed services; and a high-harmony luck (trine) aspect with Mercury (students, academics and the press) also in the 6th house. The MC is high in discord. In any mundane chart it's the reputation and publicity marker and the election will have an adverse down-side that results in unfavorable publicity. Saturn and Uranus – the cusp rulers of the 10th house – are both quite discordant. Saturn is in the 5th house and Uranus is in the 11th and the opposition aspect they form is the worst aspect in the chart. Saturn also forms a friction (semisquare) aspect and Uranus forms an agitation (sesquisquare) aspect with the lunation in the 6th house.

The 4th house – the Democrats – is weak and discordant – and there's no harmony. The Sun in the 6th house (labor and the work place) is the cusp ruler – and the Democrat voter support base is the working people. But the Sun forms no supportive (harmonious) aspects and his high-discord square aspect to the MC does not favour political success. This aspect by itself turns the tide in favour of the Republicans, while Neptune's trine aspect to Mercury provides some much needed luck in what looks like being a very hard and close fought election. This lunation chart – with Neptune in the 10th house trine Mercury – favours a Republic victory on Election Day.

November 4, 2008 - Saturn opposition Uranus in the sky

It certainly is interesting that on Election Day 2008 the two rulers of Aquarius – Saturn and Uranus – form a high-discord opposition aspect in the sky.

Saturn rules the conservatives – those who support the status quo – and Uranus rules the progressives – those who support reformation and change: And the opposition aspect marks for a separation – in this instance a separation of political ideals. This conflict in the sky will replicate itself in the US election as the polarization of the electorate into two opposing camps: One supporting the elderly conservative candidate John McCain (Saturn) and the other supporting the radical young change-agent – Barack Obama (Uranus). Saturn is tough, cunning and very well organized and when he's feeling nasty he won't hesitate to play the fear card. He marks for recessed economic conditions, bad economic news and an atmosphere of doom and gloom. Uranus supports the common man and human-rights and he won't hesitate to take radical action. When feeling nasty he won't hesitate to play the race card. He marks for dissatisfaction, disruption, protests,

demonstrations and a sensational exposé. The social division created by this aspect will be reflected in the voter-opinion polls, but whether the polls reveal a clear winner prior to Election Day remains to be seen.

This aspect goes into orb in early September and will exert a high-discord influence on the last two months of the election campaign. At first glance this discord could easily reach highly destructive proportions but, with the Sun – planet of political moderation, Mars – the planet of energy and quick action and Jupiter – the planet of good-will and tolerance all providing harmonious conciliation, the social division and political discord could be reduced. The aspect maps two powerful political ideals in deadly conflict and the election will be a no-holds barred fight to the end – and very close. Saturn (John McCain) is conjunct the MC and Uranus (Barack Obama) is opposition the MC – and Saturn has a slight edge in power. It's going to be a tough political fight – expect the worst – and both political machines will employ muck raking tactics, but in the end the idea of electing a radical change-agent in times of great economic uncertainty could be just too risky for many voters.

November 4, 2008 – Mars square Neptune in the sky

Because it is perfect on Election Day it's highly likely that Mars square Neptune in the sky will have some influence on the political proceedings.

In this chart Mars, the planet of impulsivity, energetic action, strife and violence, is in the 3rd house – the newspapers, roads and rail: And Neptune, the planet of oil, gas, inflation, deception, confusion and exaggerated expectations is in the 5th house – the stock market. The aspect will influence the final two weeks of the election and marks for strife, violence and exaggerated expectations. With Neptune in the 5th house the traders on Wall Street will be in a state of confusion and uncertainty. Newspaper polling on voting trends will stir up strife and contention. This aspect may map independent events and conditions that don't have a direct influence on the outcome of the election.

George W. Bush – an astrological retrospective

An enlightened electorate, with astrological knowledge, would not elect any old Tom, Dick or George as their President. For your information, a country's fortune is closely linked to the progressed aspects forming in the chart of its political leader. When this is understood much greater intelligence and care will be exercised when electing the president. A careful assessment of the progressed aspects forming in the charts of both candidates would be made and voters would use this information to guide their voting intentions.

For example, when George W. Bush won the top job progressed Mars in his chart, planet of war, strife and violent attacks, had moved to form a high-discord obstacle (square) aspect with the Sun. Mars moves slowly and the aspect did not peak till March 2002: And four months before it reached its end date in September 2003 progressed Sun moved to form a conjunction aspect with birthchart Mars. Then in March 2005, two months before this aspect came to end progressed Mars moved to form a conjunction aspect with birthchart Moon. This aspect finished in March 2008, but in May 2007 progressed Mars formed a conjunction aspect with birthchart Jupiter – an aspect that doesn't end till June 2010. This means that very powerful Mars progressions have influenced his entire Presidency. You could say that between 2000 and 2008 George W. would be running on aggression and testosterone – and this information was known to the astrologer prior to his election. (Bush was born at New Haven CT – 72W55, 41N18 on July, 6, 1946 at 7.26am. This data comes from Kim Castilla.)

Yet the crucial astrological event that triggered the war on terror was not a Mars progression: It was progressed Ascendant square birthchart Uranus – the planet of extreme, sudden events and cusp ruler of the 7th house (open enemies). This aspect was at its peak in December 2001 and on September 11, 2001 George Bush got the biggest shock of his life. The terror attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon shocked the world – and desperate to keep the US economy on track Bush encouraged everyone to do their patriotic duty and go shopping. Then he decided to go and hunt down the terrorists. On March 19, 2003 with public support on his side (progressed MC had moved to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Jupiter and progressed Mercury had moved to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart MC) he gave the order to attack Iraq – it was the worst decision he could make. Progressed Mars was square birthchart Sun and progressed MC had moved to form a conjunction aspect with birthchart Uranus – cusp ruler of the 7th house (war and foreign enemies).

Bush was re-elected for a second term in November 2004, but during 2005 with progressed Venus – co-ruler of the 10th house (popularity and public standing) – forming a high-discord square aspect with birthchart Saturn his popularity began to wane. Then, when progressed Mars, cusp ruler of the 10th house moved to form a conjunction aspect with birthchart Moon, he got into strife with the public: And over the next 3 years his public support steadily eroded. It is interesting to note that the discords to the Sun in his birthchart became very evident the minute he stepped on the electoralates toes.

Neptune square the Sun marks for vagueness, deceit and unrealistic expectations; Jupiter square the Sun marks for conceit and the tendency to completely over-estimate what can be accomplished

and the Moon square the Sun marks for public disfavor and very poor relations with the general public. You could say that George Bush only has himself to blame for the mess that became his presidency.

In April 2001 progressed Jupiter, planet of banks, finances and extravagance, had moved to form a parallel aspect with birthchart Mars the planet of war – and Jupiter financed the war on terror. Then in November 2004 when progressed Jupiter in the 4th house (the homes of the people and weather events) moved to form a high discord square aspect with birthchart Saturn, planet of loss and economic contraction and cusp ruler of the 8th house (taxes and lending practices) an ill-wind started to blow. Since then bad weather events – disastrous storms, floods, and fires – have plagued his presidency and in 2006 the subprime credit crisis hit. The banks were behaving badly and the economy suffered. Then in May 2007 when progressed Mars moved to form a conjunction aspect with birthchart Jupiter Bush defied expert opinion and expanded (Jupiter) the troop numbers (Mars) and the financial commitment (Jupiter) to the war on terror: And with Mars, cusp ruler of the 10th house (business) and co-ruler of the 4th house (the housing sector), stirring up financial strife the subprime credit crisis went from bad to worse.

Bush's entire Presidency has been a dangerous (Mars) war-game and the financial damage, in particular, will have far reaching consequences. He's put his honour and self-esteem on the line – and if he loses the war on terror he's a failed president. Each high-powered Mars progression in his chart could be viewed as an explosive situation – and unless he harnesses the aggressive Mars energy to a constructive purpose it tends towards destruction. But the point is the last 8 years were not inevitable. What happened was clearly mapped in George Bush's birthchart and if the electorate knew that Mars would be a prominent feature of his presidency it could have said 'no' and elected an alternate candidate. There's no guarantee that the alternate candidate would have done it differently or better, but George Bush was the reason why it happened the way it did – and with astrological knowledge he could have done it differently too. In the end you might conclude that the guy just wasn't very good at doing his job, but going to war with progressed Mars square the Sun was folly – and that's an astrological fact. The great mystery regarding his chart is how could any one with a dominant Mercury have such poor communication skills?

John McCain – his next 4 years

The election of a new president will not automatically solve the big problems facing America – the war on terror and a stumbling economy – but the progressed aspects in John McCain's chart over the next four years do provide an accurate compass as to

what he has in store: And the first thing that hits you is the number of high-powered Mars (war) progressions – and progressed Saturn square Jupiter.

McCain's big asset till July 2010 is progressed Mars trine (luck) birthchart Moon – and till March 2013 progressed Mars sextile birthchart and progressed Pluto – terrorist groups. The liability aspect – starting in June 2008 and reaching its peak date in July 2012 – is progressed Mars square progressed Ascendant (his health and physical wellbeing). On a personal level these Mars progressions mark for strife, haste and increased energetic activity – which will take its toll on his health. And on a mundane level they mark for conflict, military matters, accidents and manufacturing.

Progressed Saturn square Jupiter is an economic dark spot. It marks for business problems, employment problems, financial woes, difficulties for the banking sector and a generally tough economic time. What needs to be noted is that progressed Jupiter formed a square aspect with birthchart Saturn in George W. Bush's chart in February 2004; and in the USA chart in November 2006. It was the astrological trigger that set-off the financial crisis following the subprime mortgage crisis in 2007-08 – and John McCain has essentially the same aspect operating in his birthchart too.

Those who prefer to use the 9.00am birthtime for John McCain will notice that on Election Day he has progressed Sun forming a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart MC and this aspect, due to the environmental harmony and support it fosters, would be an election winner, but in the 9.10am chart this aspect does not kick in till April 2009 – and for the next two years John McCain will experience political luck and great popular support. Progressed Sun sextile progressed Neptune at the same time adds political vision.

In August 2010 progressed Mercury moves to form a luck (trine) aspect with progressed Saturn and over the next 12 months McCain has luck on his side when making major economic decisions: And then in October 2010 progressed Sun moves to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Saturn – an aspect that supports political and economic success for the next two years. At the same time progressed Mercury sextile birthchart Neptune adds vision to the decision-making process.

In July 2011 progressed Venus moves to form a conjunction aspect with birthchart Jupiter in the 2nd house (banks, money and financial institutions) – and this high harmony conjunction aspect supports financial good times and a period of economic prosperity. Then, in May 2012, progressed Mercury moves to form a luck (trine) aspect with the birthchart MC – another lucky aspect that over the next 12 months favours accurate decision-making and great personal popularity. I should point out that the trine aspects involving the MC are dependent upon an accurate birthtime, but the sextile and

other trine aspects over the next four years do mark for opportunities, luck and personal popularity. And the electorate should factor this astrological evidence into their decision-making on Election Day.

Barack Obama – his next four years

Barack Obama over the next four years also has a number of progressions involving Mars (war) and Saturn (economic problems). In August 2008 progressed Venus, the planet of affectional matters, moved to form a conjunction aspect with progressed Uranus, the planet of exposé and sudden, unexpected developments, in the 7th house (war and marriage). (Note that the Saturn-Uranus opposition aspect in the sky also inclines towards unfortunate exposés). Whatever Uranus brings always comes suddenly through a human agency. This aspect maps a prominent 'emotional' situation in Obama's life during 2009 and then, in September 2009, progressed Mercury moves to form a square aspect with birthchart Saturn in the 12th house (disappointment). His thinking at this time will become worried, anxious and despondent. 2009 will be a very emotional year for Barack Obama with a lot of worry, disappointment and soul-searching.

In February 2010 the progressed Ascendant moves to form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Saturn – an aspect that inclines towards difficulties with the personal life and personality and health problems. Then in July 2010 progressed Sun, planet of politics, moves to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Jupiter, planet of hope, faith and optimism – a fortunate political influence. In October 2010 progressed Mars the planet of war, strife and conflict moves to form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Saturn – an aspect that inclines towards the destructive use of the available energy: And in February 2011 progressed Ascendant moves to form an opposition aspect with progressed Mars – a high-discord separation aspect that will have an adverse – strife and haste – influence on his personal life and health during 2012.

In June 2011 the progressed Sun moves to form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Venus – another emotional aspect that inclines towards unfortunate social experiences; and in the same month progressed Mercury moves to form a high-discord square aspect with progressed Jupiter – activating their birthchart opposition. At this time Jupiter's over-optimism and misplaced faith will color Obama's thinking processes (Mercury) resulting in some very unwise and misguided decisions. Then in August 2011 the progressed Ascendant moves to form a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Uranus; and in September 2011 the progressed Ascendant moves to form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Saturn. These progressed aspects

involving the Ascendant mark for events involving Obama's personal life and health during 2012

In January 2012 the progressed Sun, planet of politics, moves to form an opportunity (sextile) aspect with birthchart Mercury and in May 2012 progressed Mercury moves to form a parallel aspect with birthchart Uranus and an opportunity (sextile) aspect with progressed Uranus, the planet of intuition, original ideas and sudden change. These aspects involving Mercury and Uranus will turn on his intellectual and individualistic urges stimulating original thinking, revolutionary new thought processes and his desire to write. A variety of trine, sextile, square and opposition aspects over the next four years will see good-fortune and opportunity mixing with misfortune and separation: And that's an astrological recipe for worthwhile character development.

Various end comments

Electing the right President is not easy and the next US President will have some very big and difficult problems to deal with. It's an impossible, thankless job. Why anybody would want it is a great mystery, but the invitation to possess great power is an irresistible lure to some souls. The US economy is a core problem – it's a key election issue. The question arises – can either candidate really fix the problem?

The world seems to be experiencing a crisis in leadership. This is not an idle comment – it's based on the fact that so many recent and current world leaders have a non-prominent Sun in their birthcharts. It's a situation that highlights ineffective leadership and raises the question: Where are the souls possessing natural leadership and political skills?

The weak Sun in John McCain's and Barack Obama's birthcharts marks for a lack of political skills: And while the evidence does indicate that a prominent Sun is not a political prerequisite, it does reveal inadequacies that make the handling of the 'political' job difficult. Both men have one thing on their minds – the Presidency of the USA – and they share this vision with their souls. They allocate the mental work to be done to specific unconscious control factors – and they do the work. But when the thinker gives his soul a job to do and it lacks the skills and resources to do it the soul experiences stress and the job performance suffers. That's what happened to George W. Bush – he has a very weak Sun: And it will happen to the next US President too.

Every experience leaves its mark on the soul and John McCain's POW experience and Barack Obama's separation from his father and parent's separation have left their marks. How the two men have dealt with these distressful experiences – and whether they have been able to reconcile the conflicting unconscious thoughts is unknown. The pain of a misfortune experience is etched into the

soul's consciousness structure. The thinker usually struggles to make sense of the experience and unless reconciled the resulting mental conflict usually results in behavioral abnormalities that, in turn, result in further misfortune experiences. So, just how much damage are John McCain and Barack Obama carrying, and will this damage impact on their competency as President?

Neptune gives the ability to trick and deceive and while this trait is not necessarily intentional it does reveal a potential in those deceived to engage in uncritical mystical thinking. This means that an indiscriminate, uncritical electorate is easily fooled. Astrology allows you to navigate the tricks and deceptions.

All the assessed charts point to a McCain victory in the US election, but with Pluto, the planet of division, forming a

high-discord opposition (separation) aspect with the Moon – planet of the common people, he will have a very divisive influence on the American electorate. This means that with the economic problems, the employment problems, the financial woes, the rising prices, the housing problems and the credit crisis John McCain also has to unite the country. And with Mercury acting as a peaceful conciliator to the conflicting Moon and Pluto he can do this by talking with the people.

And finally: The astrological intelligence coming from the sky is 100% reliable but if I have misread the signs this in no way reflects upon astrology. It simply represents inadequacies in interpretation skills. ♀

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2008 Schedule of Classes

The Fort Worth branch of The Church of Light offers classes on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m.

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Sunday services are held on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. - 1p.m.

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For more information contact Rev. Gail Carswell or Rev. Michael Foltz at: 817-921-5809.

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The Church of Light Convention Committee is busily preparing for next year's Convention to be held June 19-21, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Church of Light conventions are great opportunities for building camaraderie and learning from expert Church of Light mentors.

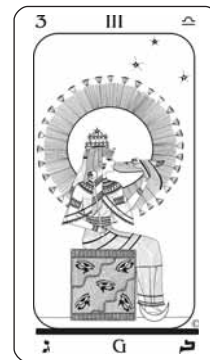
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The Best Western Rio Grande Inn, 1015 Rio Grande Blvd., NW, Albuquerque, NM, 87104-2031, Phone 505 843 9500

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Preconference Workshop—Tarot and Initiation: the Three Paths



This year a special preconference presentation titled *Tarot and Initiation; the Three Paths* will be offered by Christopher Gibson on Friday June 19, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

In *The Ritual of Egyptian Initiation*, the very first serial in *The Brotherhood of Light Lessons*, C. C. Zain writes about the rigorous trials an initiate underwent as preparation for acceptance into the mystery schools. Zain's descriptions were based on the translation of a more ancient, mysterious manuscript which also included the admonitions associated with each of the major Arcanum in *The Sacred Tarot*. Hidden within the overall narrative of initiation

pictured by the major Arcanum are three separate paths of initiation which correspond to the Egyptian trinity of Osiris, Isis, and Horus. In this three hour tarot intensive taught by Christopher Gibson we will explore the possible sources of this secret manuscript, describe each of the three paths, and identify our personal path of progress.

If you are interested in being a presenter at the 2009 Convention contact The Church of Light Convention Committee for an application at: 2119 Gold Avenue SE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4072. Or e-mail to: marymeg@light.org.

Tarot Correspondence — The Two paths



Divination

Expresses in the spiritual world, the knowledge of good and evil. In the intellectual world, the balance between liberty and necessity. In the physical world, the antagonism of natural forces, the linking of cause and effect.

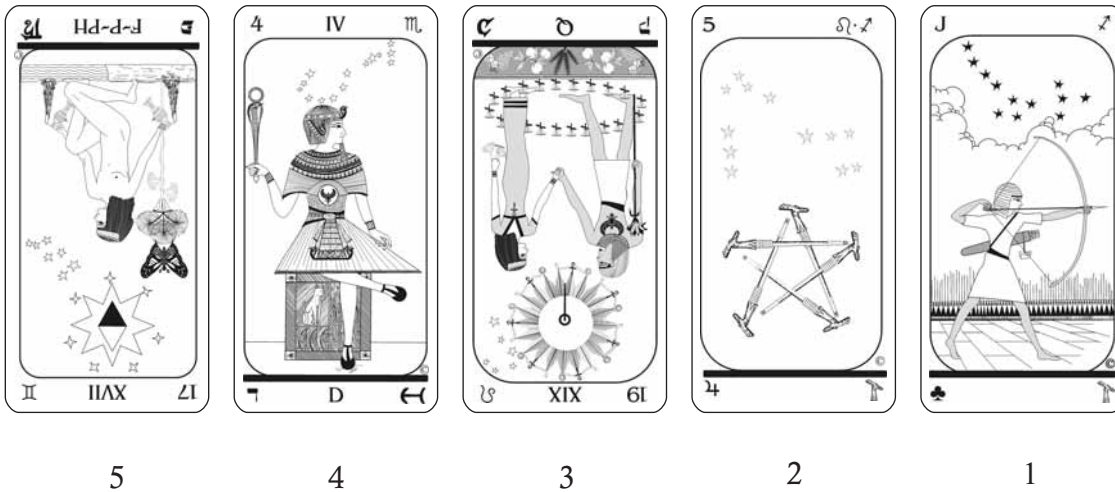
Admonition

Remember, then, son of earth, that for the common man, the allurements of vice has a greater fascination than the austere beauty of virtue. If The Two Paths should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, take care of thy resolutions. Obstacles bar before thee the path thou wouldst pursue, contrary chances hover over thee, and thy will wavers between two resolutions. Indecision is, above all else, worse than a bad choice. Advance or recede, but do not hesitate; and know that a chain of flowers is more difficult to break than a chain of iron.

Astrology

Venus governs the affections and the social relations. It gives love of ease, comfort, luxury and pleasure. It is not essentially evil, but in seeking the line of least resistance it may be led into vice. When it thus fails to resist the importunities of the wicked, it comes under the negativeness of Arcanum II, and is then under the dominion of Arcanum XV, or Saturn, which is the second decave of VI.

Tarot Spread Example: Yes or No Spread



Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent, an artist, was invited to participate in an exhibit which was part of a music festival in held in Ohio. He asked the question "Will my participation in the Ohio art festival be a success?"

- 1) The distant past of the matter is represented by the Youth of Scepters which symbolizes a Sagittarius male.
- 2) The recent past of the matter is pictured by the Five of Scepters which is read as "good fortune in business."
- 3) The third position in the Yes or No Spread indicates the present and is worth two points. Here we have Arcanum XIX, The Sun (reversed) representing joy, happiness, creativity, entertainment, and the arts.
- 4) The fourth card signifies the near future of the matter inquired about. This is represented by Arcanum IV, The Sovereign, which is interpreted as "realization".
- 5) The fifth card in the Yes or No Spread indicates the distant future and the outcome of the matter inquired about. Arcanum XVII, The Star (reversed) is found in this position, interpreted as truth, hope, and faith.

Summary

In the Yes or No Spread, cards which fall upright represent a "yes" answer while reversed cards designate a "no" answer. All the cards are worth a value of one point with the exception of the center card which is worth two points. This reading contained equal yes and no points which can be read as "maybe" indicating that the outcome had not been completely formulated. The Querent a Sagittarius male (Youth of Scepters) was invited to travel and teach and demonstrate art at a music festival in Ohio. Although he loves music, teaching, and traveling, he was concerned about taking time off from work to engage in an activity that might not be profitable. This was an all-expense paid opportunity to share his work with an out of state audience (Five of Scepters). He returned from the trip describing it as "a three-day party" (The Sun reversed) and "my version of heaven." He offered demonstrations in his art-form and participated in panel discussions (The Sovereign). Upon his return he questioned his measurement of success. Financially, he did not achieve his goal, as he gave away more artwork than he sold. However, psychologically he was renewed, feeling reinvigorated by the experience (The Star reversed). Not having a clear idea of the measurement of success might have been a factor in the "maybe" answer he received in the reading.

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