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# Foreword

This very important and powerful book discusses the growth and evolution of the United States as a country; and how the people (presidents) chosen to lead the country filled powerful needs at the time of their election and during their service to oversee this growth. This emerging country was coming about (i.e., being born) at a time when a shedding of old ideas was creating demands for change. Issues and methods which were no longer acceptable to this land's populace were being forced upon its people by a distant and uncaring monarchy. People living in the upcoming "United States" (actually then a collection of 13 independent colonies) were unhappy with the careless way in which their lifestyle, the way they had chosen to live, was not only threatened, but also trampled upon without their representation or input.

Our forefathers and their families came to this land because they sought freedom of expression. They sought freedom from the bondage which had persisted for generations in their home countries. People came to this land with a vision that they could start their lives in a new way, create an atmosphere of freedom and cooperation, and have their wishes and demands incorporated into a system of government which would put the needs of them, the people, first. These people had the idea, the dream, that government could serve the people, and not vice-versa.

Issues such as religious freedom, the opportunity to determine how revenues were collected and allocated, and the rights of land owners, common defense, etc., needed to be explored, defined, and set into principles of government. And, they were. Leaders of the colonial entities came together, not easily or with any sense of comradeship or familiarity, but driven by such common needs and purposes to create answers to the reasons why they and their families had chosen this land for their home.

What Marilyn has done in this book is to investigate and explain how the leaders chosen over a period of more than 200 years worked to further and fulfill this initial dream. Imbedded within the psyche of the United States are the ideas of freedom, brotherhood, equality and fairness. Every four years the people of the United States decide and choose the prime

leadership needed to continue with these ideals. This is embodied in the presidential election process. The people examine the candidates, they debate their qualities and somehow make decisions about how each proposed candidate could or would further their own personal picture of these ideals. For this set of common ideals to persist and shape decisions, and to happen every four years, there must be some energy which persists through historical time to shape this process. This energy can be considered to be the country's ideal.

Marilyn conducted a large amount of research, using her unique and insightful talents, talents honed and expanded over many years, to uncover an underlying set of patterns from which the electorate seems to unconsciously draw to help in their voting choices. The United States has a political system of majority rule. Somehow, the majority, according to Marilyn, quite consistently chooses a set of leaders who embody the founding fathers' intended ideals, with promises to uphold and further those, accordingly adapted to the current issues of the day.

What is novel in this book starts with the notion that such unconscious expression of ideal can persist through time, and that it can be quite consistently drawn upon, in ways not well understood, by the majority of voters participating in elections to further move the needs of this country. Marilyn, with her talents and through her research and investigation, has uncovered certain repeating patterns of time and energy which occur within the destiny of the chosen and elected leaders of this country. This book shows her findings and contains her well thought-out explanations.

Marilyn points out the consistent patterns which voters unconsciously perceive in their potential leaders, and then how these patterns shape the duration of their elected terms.

This book has the potential to change perception about the history of this country. Marilyn has uncovered a consistent set of almost a dozen sets of fundamental "energies" which almost all 43 elected presidents embody. Not each of the presidents, current and former, embody all of these "energies", but at determining points of history a single person steps forth, who, in the eyes of the electorate, carries enough of these energies to merit their vote to carry the country's ideals forward and to continue the country's consistent historical pattern.

You, the reader, have to address why this book is important. What is it that you can learn, if you choose to, from the research and work presented here. I cannot answer that for you, but I can say that if you open your mind and heart to honestly considering the evolution of facts and findings presented in this book, then both you and those you interact with will be suitably enriched.

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# Foreword to Second Edition

Why a second edition of a book written and pertaining to 2009 events and activations? All the research for the book was based on the July 4, 1776 USA Declaration of Independence and the first 43 Presidents. The narrative of the original book has not been altered or expanded. At the request of the publisher, the original book was written for the man on the street with a slow and careful exposure to astrological technicalities. I am an astrological research nerd. My original intention was to offer a companion edition including all the research, specifically for astrologers. Been busy... fourteen years later, here it is.

The original book stands on its own, with sidebar notes inserted where helpful. All my backup research and spreadsheets are in a new appendix (D) so astrologers can have the research material I generated to identify and verify my findings. Please remember that all the original counts were done using only the first 43 Presidents, including Barack Obama.

It is now 2023 and we have elected two more Presidents: Donald Trump and Joseph Biden - so I wanted also to add that additional information to complete the research package (another new appendix - E). Just know that the two additional Presidents were NOT included in the original counts and those original counts were not changed for this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Hope you find both value and validation for this research.

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This book is a marvel. I never set out to write it. It wanted to be written and write me it did. I did all the grunt research work out of curiosity as the book revealed itself to me insight by insight. I didn't choose the theme, the book choose its own theme. The cast of characters chose themselves. The book wrote and rewrote itself through me, its instrument, and I am very grateful to be so well-used. I was not alone in this process. Many people helped me and they deserve very special mention.

On February 6, 2009, I outlined the political research I had been doing to my friend Layna Fischer. In a ninety-second marathon, she conceptualized that research as a book. This book was born in that moment. All I had to do was another month of sheer research to get to a point where I understood what the book was about. It was a journey of writing and rewriting that took time, but it was born in that exact moment of time.

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Last, but definitely not least, thank you to the Founding Fathers who gifted us with this amazing country and our rights, freedoms, and opportunities. Thank you to the 43 men who have served as Presidents of the United States. I have been privileged to read their stories and their charts and understand that they answered their country's call and contributed so much to this ongoing nation.

I feel so privileged to have given birth to this book and I hope I have honored the universe for that privilege.

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# Part I:

## Overview and Historical Perspective



# Current Polarization

*"Yes we can"  
Predicting the Presidency  
The First Patterns Emerge*

The 2008 election was astounding to me. I have always had a deep love for my country, have been quasi-informed as I have done my voting duty, have become increasingly interested as I have aged, and was totally mesmerized and alternately disgusted and electrified by the campaign and its outcome.

Because I have a 35-year love affair with astrology (the real stuff, not the dime store novel stuff), I was naturally curious as to what I would see and what I could find out about the four major candidates and the outcome of the presidential election. I had done this for several prior elections, using my own technique and had really gotten good results, having televised two, got confused by one (but called it correctly), skipped one (or don't remember doing it), up to November 4, 2008.

Leading up to this election, the American populace was polarized and unhappy. The country seemed to be internally challenged; our diplomatic face had a black eye. We were alternately appalled at what we were witnessing, yet still believed strongly in the freedom of the Iraqi people. Everyone I spoke to from every side of the political fence was solidly behind our military and their brave efforts on our behalf. Their patriotism was unquestioned, yet the polarization that exists in America fostered accusations against that patriotism whenever the war effort was questioned. If I am horrified by what I see, I have a right to say so, and it has nothing to do with my patriotism. It has to do with my citizenship and my right to question the actions of my government. That's the right for which the Founding Fathers and so many other courageous heroes have fought and died for over the centuries - that *specific* right. That's what our military is fighting for—*democracy*—not just for the more than 300 million in our country, but for the rights of citizens worldwide.

In 2008, the American people were looking for change. Americans demanded our constitutional rights be honored and upheld, our way of life to be set back on track, for honesty, integrity, and transparency in government, economic stabilization so we could begin to grow again, safe and secure borders that would stop the flood of illegal immigration which was crippling our economy and our institutions, reasonable and effective health care, and a system that worked for the common man and not just

the wealthy and powerful. Our nation was not built on a class basis. It was meant to offer fair and impartial representation and opportunity for all. Do you think those brave men who have become our heroes would have placed their lives and fortunes on the line so the rich could get richer and the poor could serve them? That is not a democracy or a republic. That looks like, sounds and smells exactly like the situation in place at the time the colonists revolted. And if it looks like, sounds like and smells like \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank), it usually is.

The American people were crying “foul” on what was happening to our country. Many of us were very afraid it was wending its way toward unfixable. We were looking for a hero, a man or woman on a charging horse, to lead us to victory and success over the fears and the disintegration we were witnessing. *We the people* have become accustomed to being treated to a wide range of political candidates. I watched, along with millions of others, as they debated, and campaigned, and accused, and lied, and inspired, and entreated, and so many other “ands” that this sentence could go on and on farther than it has.

Our system unfortunately pits party against party. George Washington did *not* want this type of polarization to happen. His personal vision for the government he helped to create excluded the polarization of political parties. Even though he is credited with being a Federalist, he himself said he belonged to no party and asked that his fellow Founding Fathers not allow themselves to be caught up in that polarization. Unfortunately, they ignored his misgivings; *politics as usual* was born. Political party polarization was totally in effect within Washington’s time, much to his chagrin. And it is with us today.

As Americans, we have to cast a vote that is informed and valid. Who do you believe? What part of it do you trust? We have to trust someone. For the 2008 election we had the usual range of candidates, but this time a woman and a black man made steady progress for the Democrats and the slate of Republican men narrowed as time progressed, until they eventually placed a woman on the ballot for vice-president. The primaries came and went and each party nominated a champion. The American public was finally faced with two male candidates who promised much of the same things, honesty, integrity, truth, justice, solutions, change, etc. Again, we have to trust *someone*; we have to cast our votes. There was a difference this time.

One candidate refused to allow the usual funding by big money and refused to take tax dollars for the campaign. One candidate went to the grass roots of the American people and said, "If you believe in me, help me win." The American people, astounded at being asked what they thought and what they wanted, responded with a deluge of personal support and financial donations.

Barack Obama was truly a "people's" candidate and let those who would argue with me look at the campaign finance reports of those candidates on the November 2008 ticket and see where the funds and the personal support came from. The American people voted for change, inspiration, and a change of the guard. Our way of life and our system of government allows that it could change with the times and that all men, women, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds have an equal chance to make it. We lived up to our promise in 2008. The testing was terrible; the results magnificent.

## ***"Yes we can."***

"Yes we can" became a battle cry. *Change* itself was the Liberty Bell clarion call. The American people voted for the person they thought was the most capable of the change we were seeking and we surprised our nation and a world.

Why?

As an *individual*, I don't know any more than you do. As an *astrologer*, I can attempt to read the sky maps (charts) and see if my skill and experience can ferret out the details. What is a sky map? A map or chart of our sky for a date, time and place of the birth of a person, a company, a city, a country, or just about anything you want to examine. If the initial information and the mathematical calculations are done correctly, what you have in your hands is a diagram of the energy of that moment in time, a map of the available energy itself. I know, I know, the scientists and skeptics say it can't be done. But I've done well over 20,000 of them over a 35-year period and I'm telling you it can be done. So I did.

Once I got into the election sky maps (charts), I was drawn into deeper and deeper research until I had in my possession the full complement of the United States of America's (USA) data and all 43 presidents with a multitude of choices for several presidents. Fascinated, I continued the

Liberty Bell clarion  
Call for Change,  
Uranus key to change

work for weeks and then months, first trying to ensure that I had the correct sky maps for the presidents and the country, and then determining the meaning behind those maps. I refused to start with assumptions, allowing the information flow itself to dictate the course of my work.

Slowly but surely, as I started to see patterns of commonalities emerging, I received insights—flashes of connectedness—and realized that when I looked at the USA sky map as the birth of an entity (not human, but a distinct energy) that I could see that our country actually “was born in a moment of time that carried with it the qualities [inherent] of that moment of time” (paraphrased from psychiatrist / psychologist Carl Jung) and that I had a map to the country’s reason for being, intention and possibilities. I could see the unfolding of its process stage-by-stage. I can see the need of the country at the time of a presidency, the person drawn in to fulfill that need (good, bad or indifferent), the effect of the country on its people, the effect of the country on its chief officer, the effect of the chief officer on the country, and the progress of that moment in time. This does not mean that every individual person who was chosen was perfect for all things. Just because there is an event or a need and a time presents itself, it doesn’t mean it will be successful. Are you successful at everything you try?

The universe gave us a map. The stars do not rule us. Only the Creator does that, but Creation does allow itself to be used as a map. As usual, the Creator provides, we just have to recognize the opportunity and develop the skills to read the map provided. We did the same thing with electricity. We didn’t invent it, we discovered it as an existing force. I’m a fledgling at this particular application of my knowledge. All the 35 years of my developing skills carried me to a new beginning point. This book is an attempt to show you what I’ve found and continue to find, explained without astrological symbols and words, and as close to plain English as I can make it.

Astrologically, every 45 years or so, a repetitive and specific pattern forms. This is a pattern that pits conformity against change. The pattern does not occur often, but it does take a couple of years to unfold. Which one wins? That changes from time to time, but this time it was change that won. Unfortunately, this current pattern is not finished. The forces that want us to remain the same (because it is known and therefore safe in our minds) and the forces that clamor for change (because our current “knowns” are just not working well) are in a desperate battle. *What we fail to learn we are doomed to repeat.*

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Just because the majority in 2008 demanded and voted for change does not mean the forces of conformity will sit down and shut up. No, no. Those forces tend to get louder. They argue with the same old arguments that were not working when change was demanded. When arguing and shouting does not work, the proponents of conformity just lie down and play “big rock” in the middle of change’s road.

These proponents of conformity can act as spoilers; they can make enough noise and cause enough division to win a battle they supposedly already lost. It is so important that those who wished to see change hold to their intentions if they truly want change. The arguments of conformity will be ferocious and frightening in the face of every change we must make if we are to survive. If sufficiently frightened by the spoilers, we may roll over and do what they want and back away from the change we felt was necessary to heal our country. What will *you* do? Can you keep repeating, “Yes we can?” Or will you be backed down by the sense of fear being spread? This has happened repeatedly over the course of our country and the course of human history.

In order to understand what was happening astrologically for the 2008 election I calculated the necessary sky maps and ran the data through my personal filter system. You have no idea how hard it is to find accurate birth charts (the precise time of birth). Astrologers finally published birth certificates on both presidential candidates, together with the vice-president charts (as near to accuracy as we could get).

## *Predicting the Presidency*

October 2008: *Obama / Biden will win.* That’s what the sky maps said. Color me surprised. A black man? He said, “Yes we can,” and he did...and we did. Astrologically, Uranus (change) took the floor this time in its challenge with Saturn (conformity). This pattern I mentioned earlier (Saturn opposite Uranus) was exact on the day of the November 4th election and was very close to exact January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the inauguration. Think about this: *Change* itself was elected. But that pattern is still alive, and it is only part way through its cycle. The ongoing battle to effect the changes called for can be, and will be, ferocious. Watch the battles of conformity (losing side) versus change (winning side).

While I was allowing the sky maps to reveal the energy patterns that affect our developing country, I recognized the necessity of establishing some sort of goal. You don’t set off on an ocean cruise with no destination in mind...there’s a lot of ocean out there. *Commonality* appeared to be developing as the tool of choice, so my rough goal would be to know what that commonality meant within both our choice of presidents and the needs

November 4, 2008  
(Election Day) exact  
opposition;  
January 20, 2009  
almost exact  
opposition

Commonality

of the emerging nation.

The outcome is *not* guaranteed, but this book will show that history does indeed repeat itself, and there is a clear thread running through our *Presidents of Hope and Change*.

Back to the election: right *now*, right *here*, I want you to know that the universe gave us a larger gift than most realize. We are so excited that we have grown into the ability to elect a black man president that we are really short-sighted if we stop there. It is true; Barack Obama is the first non-white man to be elected president of the USA. That is something for us all, but particularly the black race, of which to be proud. But that is not where it ends. The president and vice president of the USA are the two top officials in our country, with the vice president a heartbeat away from the presidency. Early in our country's history the vice presidency was a very boring non-demanding job, almost like window dressing, necessary but not particularly useful unless the president died or was unable to perform his duties. In recent years, the vice president's role has been developed and the skills and time of that person used more productively. President Obama has declared that the two of them are a team and that Vice President Biden will have a full and active role. So far, the president has kept his promise. To have skills and opportunity and not use them is such a waste.

## Team of Rivals

Beyond these two men, who are joined at the hip, is the next most powerful position in our government, the Secretary of State. Obama appointed his primary challenger, Hillary Clinton. She is not the first woman to be Secretary of State. That honor went to Madeleine Albright, a very capable lady. Obama declared he would build a "team of rivals" based on Abraham Lincoln's theory. Senator Clinton was his primary rival and she joined him in this drive to heal and repair our country. Both should be honored for their choices because they chose to do what our country clearly stated it wanted.

2008 - 9 Economic  
Crisis, began 2008,  
became visible 2009

President Obama inherited the whirlwind, and yet he stays steady, promoting the change he promised. Only those in the know in November 2008 could foresee the economic calamity that would overtake our country in the early part of 2009. Conditions were far worse than understood or anticipated. In March 2009, news revealed that the actual cost of the Iraq war year-by-year was never included in the financial yearly reports; only

the cost of maintaining the ordinary military appropriations was included. Let us see, that is six years times the cost of the Iraq war per year unreported. Oh, and it was also discovered that no money to run the war in the foreseeable future was included in the reports or budgetary figures. Do you think that could create a financial problem? I think it's called creative accounting.

Creative Accounting:  
Cost of Iraq War to  
date, future of war  
not funded

From listening to all the so-called financial geniuses, the media pundits and the elected officials who were supposed to be paying attention and responsible, few regular citizens could have foreseen the crisis that erupted as President Obama took office. To be fair, I doubt that anyone could have foreseen the extent of the financial debacle. Forensic accounting should reveal all that was hidden. (We will discuss that later when we look at Pluto).

Forensic Accounting

It would be easy to point fingers, but President Obama does not blame. He reaches out for bipartisanship (which is regularly rebuffed). He asks for transparency and no pork barrel spending, but he gets to live with what Congress gives him. The president does not write the bills, he just gets to approve or disapprove of them. And the timing is really critical. Let us put all that unsolicited and unwanted pork barrel spending inside of something that critically needs to get passed, such as USA government fiscal funding. If it doesn't get passed and signed, the funding for the country ceases. What would you do? Sign on the dotted line so the country can continue to function or stand on your principles and someone else's promises and not sign that flawed bill.

Many of the pork barrel bills were written by President Obama's own party, but he has clearly indicated that no spending bill is off the table as he attempts to stimulate our economy. He will need the cooperation of a majority of both parties as time goes on. You do remember that we are talking politics and politicians, do you not?

Returning to the Saturn / Uranus pattern I have referred to, there are three more activations ending the last week of July 2010. This pattern normally covers an extended period of time, affecting more than only a single day, and all the days of that pattern are related. The pattern is a tug of war between factions, with America (also known as the American people—us) playing monkey in the middle, as the polarization between conformity (Saturn) and change (Uranus) works itself out.

Do we still want to push square rocks down a hill or will we round off the corners and reach for progress? Do we want to eat our meat on the hoof, raw and uncooked and suffer whatever fate that gives us, or do we want to throw the fat into the fire and see if we can make something safer and more edible? Do we want to hang around in the past and watch our shortcomings

Saturn = Conformity  
(past)  
Uranus = Change  
(future)  
Opposition – versus,  
Uranus won this  
vote: change

Uranus conjunct  
Declaration of  
Independence  
Midheaven

pull us under or do we want to risk, take a chance, try to advance, and allow hope and inspiration to lead us...to a better future?

Can you see the pattern yourself? It is a battle between the *past* and the *future*. Where are you in this battle, the safety of the *knowns*, including those that just do not work, or anticipation of the future? I chose the future but I do not doubt that there will be a price to pay. All progress requires risk, and with risk sometimes we scrape our shins. The past did work to a point, it is just not working now. This is the battle we all are facing. We voted for change. Will we put our money where our mouth was?

Astrologically, Uranus won this current round for change. President Obama is attempting to do what he said he would do—change the way his Cabinet and Advisors are chosen and reduce the influence of lobbyists. He has attempted to reach across the political aisles and into all the parts of government and the private sector to find the best people for the jobs that need to be done, regardless of their status as rivals. He looked for the brightest and best for his team of rivals and seems to be getting it, but not without wrinkles and missteps.

Obama's team of rivals should be commended, but the universe gave us so much more. President Obama has given us a black man, a white man, and a woman in our leadership roles. The universe gave us a half-black, half-white president to bridge the gap between the races. It gave us a man who shares both a Christian and a Muslim heritage. He was raised in a non-traditional household by his grandmother. He is a bridge between cultures that requires us to look beyond the usual stereotypes. We must look to the individual—the man—the actions he takes, the principles upon which he stands; not his race, his color, his religion, or his heritage. I can recognize the gift from the universe of a man who is a bridge, a man who offers hope and change, a man who attempts to honor his promises. I also do not underestimate or disregard the spoilers who have a vested interest to impede change and the progress by placing big boulders in the middle of change's road, while simultaneously seeding fear and anger into the fields of *hope and change*. What we plant now will grow. Do we want a useful crop or weeds? We must follow the course we have chosen, toward change.

America itself was born on the energy of an emerging Uranus. The birth of America occurred by, because of, and within revolution—change is our heritage. Why should we be afraid? The change we are currently seeking is a relatively quiet revolution compared to what our Founding Fathers

embraced. Thomas Jefferson thought that we should have a mild revolution or government shake up every nineteen - twenty years just to keep the government honest and focused on filling the needs of the people. His election was termed the revolution of 1800. He was not advocating open warfare, just a cleansing and a moving forward of the country on a regular basis. We don't need to hurt anyone or be hurt to achieve new and forward motion. The past was good for us, it got us to this place...but it is our past, not our future. We must embrace change and move forward. We honor yesterday by facing tomorrow.

As I worked my way through all the sky maps used in my research, I saw themes starting to appear. The USA pattern started to reveal itself in relationship to its presidents. The presidents fit into the USA chart like a jigsaw puzzle. The jigsaw puzzle took shape and clarity. Certain presidents connected to one point or pattern, other presidents connected to other points or patterns in the USA sky map. Fascinated, I created a spreadsheet to keep track of the commonalities.

The first three patterns that appeared were Aquarian / Uranian (change, freedom, future-oriented), Mercury / Pluto (communication and power) and Neptunian (inspiration). As I progressed, I saw more patterns, but these three showed themselves first.

## *The First Patterns Emerge*

I discovered that 37 of the 43 presidents had a special Aquarian / Uranian energy. That's an amazing statistic, far more than chance should allow. What else?

Our need to have heroes, to have faith, to be inspired, to reach for the dream, all dynamic representations of our country and our people—Neptune forged strong connections among the presidents and the USA sky maps.

Who can argue that our country is an enormous communication device? We will tell anybody anything, sometimes more than they wanted to know, sometimes boisterously, sometimes at the cutting edge of emerging technology. Mercury appeared prominently in our sky pattern because of its connection (opposition) to Pluto. Our drive for success and power to make something out of nothing, of exposing our underbelly and doing our best to heal and repair it, power in numbers, psychological persuasiveness, is shown by Pluto. (Yes, I use Pluto as a planet despite its recent demotion by astronomers.)

As I searched, more and more patterns emerged, showing distinct



Spreadsheet for  
Commonalities (see  
Appendix D)

Aquarius / Uranus =  
Freedom, liberty

Neptune=  
Faith, inspiration

Mercury opposed  
Pluto = Powerful  
Communication

Uranus conjunct  
Midheaven,  
Moon in Aquarius

Uranus identified  
March 13, 1781, during  
ratification of USA  
Articles of  
Confederation

Constitution took effect  
March 4, 1789;  
Washington's Oath  
April 30, 1789;  
French Revolution Estates  
General convened  
May 5, 1789;  
Uranus energized  
revolution (change) itself

Hope and Change  
commonalities:  
Jefferson, Lincoln,  
Kennedy, Obama

connectedness between the USA and its chief officials. What I found was way too much information for this book. I had to condense what I generated and focus on what was primary and bring it into today. Then I wanted to report what I saw in a format understood by non-astrologers.

Thirty-seven presidents have strong Aquarius / Uranus connections. Why is that important? Because the USA sky map has Uranus (revolution) in the primary and very active position representing our national achievements, goals and reputation (Midheaven). Our Moon (emotional underpinnings, gut reaction, public appeal and the public itself) is in Aquarius (freedom, individuality, future seeking).

Amazingly, Uranus was being discovered at the time of both the American and the French Revolutions. It had been spotted earlier but was not identified until March 13, 1781, almost five years past our Declaration of Independence but within two weeks of the final ratification and signing of the Articles of Confederation. (The Articles were introduced in 1777 but not fully ratified for several years.) Why is *that* important? Because that's the moment we *became* what we had *declared* years earlier that we *were*. It took that long for the thirteen colonies to get that primary document established, signed, and legal.

The USA Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. Unbeknown to most Americans, it was not initially ratified until July 1788 after intense debate and a media war, the likes of which had never been seen before. The French Revolution also seethed and simmered throughout the 1780s, but on May 5, 1789 the Estates General was convened demanding change in the French form of government. That is the same year that our first president took office—George Washington—on April 30, 1789, just five days before the French Estates General was convened. Do you think that revolution and resolution were in the very air we breathed at that time?

Thirty-seven presidents were far too many to present for this volume, so I continued research into *patterns* of what the country needed from their presidents at the moment of their election to office. As I worked, four particular presidents seemed to come up over and over again as I researched each connection: *Jefferson, Lincoln, Kennedy* and *Obama*. What a combination of leaders. Was this real or was my mind playing a trick on me?

As I tried the other patterns, these few people were reinforced over and over again and I added a few more presidents to my short list. I ended up with eleven patterns and ten presidents who seemed to fit many (not all) of the patterns. They all connect very strongly to the USA. What will I do with the other 33 presidents? There are other patterns to follow and I will do them in a separate study. I am learning as I go, I have never before attempted deep political issues. Looking up an election is so much simpler. When you are doing research, there's always more; you never truly finish.

The ten presidents who best fit the patterns used in this book were Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy, Carter and Obama. Of the ten presidents, President Kennedy fit into eleven of the eleven categories. Presidents McKinley, Wilson, and Roosevelt had eight of eleven categories, Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Carter and Obama had six of eleven, President Lincoln five of eleven. There were seven others that fit reasonably well, but I chose arbitrarily these ten to share with you. Those other seven presidents will be covered in my larger study. It is not possible to say that one president was better than another with this cast of characters. However, in terms of what the country needed at the moment of their elections to office, it is fairly easy to see which ones fit the bill for the moment.

The country is a dynamic changing thing, with changing needs and demands. American presidents either fit into all or some of those needs. A president may be successful at some things, a failure at others. Just because a person is drawn into a pattern, that individual may or may not fulfill their place. I think I was a decent mother to my four children, but every minute of every day to every one of them? Probably not. Life is that way.

Many may be surprised that President Hoover was part of this patterning. Of the 43 presidents, only he had what I believe was a disqualifier. While economic times were difficult at various times during the centuries since our birth as a nation, President Hoover got to preside over (but not necessarily cause) the Great Depression. He inherited a time bomb which blew up in his hands, and on his watch. History tells us he did nothing to fix the situation, but my research proved that is just not true. It shows he tried, but what he tried simply did not work. Although President Hoover did have three of the eleven categories and belongs on my larger working list, his personal pattern, which included a very difficult Saturn in Aquarius, worked against him and his role as president.

Eleven primary USA  
chart patterns,  
Ten presidents  
best fit



In order for you to see the commonality between these presidents, I will incorporate brief biographical material for each of them. Brief in the sense that it will be short (just to refresh your memory) and not meant to be a full description of what these presidents did or did not do. It is my intention to be complete enough for you to see the commonalities between the chief operating officer and the USA sky map. Who these people were and what they did or did not do is beyond the scope of this book, so I will stick with simple explanations for this purpose. If you are truly interested, there is a multitude of biographical material available written by very capable authors who have spent substantial time developing their material and their conclusions. All you need is the interest and a little time to study our history.

If you do study our history, be eclectic—read both the good stuff and the bad stuff. Our presidents were human, with all the human characteristics and traits we all have, good, bad, and indifferent. Do not be afraid to see the foibles or the warts. These were truly great men. They are a part of our history and are to be respected. The presidency is not an easy role. Remember we are a raucous people and we have had a raucous history. There should be a variety of human traits in our presidents and our experiences of those presidents, good and bad, that helped to shape us as Americans and our nation.

Do not let yourself get caught up in the “fate versus free will” argument. This country has an identity and a purpose and ongoing experience that will give expression to that purpose. The USA presidents were mostly very strong men who would not allow themselves to be pawns of history. They made choices, some good, some bad, some disastrous, some courageous, and so did we when we elected them. If our history books were truly accurate, and I have discovered they are not, we might be able to evaluate them more fairly, their work and their true gifts to our nation. In spite of the flaws in our history books, we learn about our presidents, we teach them to our children, so that we better understand where we have been and what we are doing in the future, and not just to sit in judgment of the choices made by, “We the People of the United States of America...”

# Historical Perspective

*Power and Communication*

*Spirituality*

*Identity*

*Social Values and Success*

*Aggression*

*Responsibility*

*Relational Skills*

*Achievement*

*Personal Projection and Coping Skills*

Before I start showing the connections to our USA chart and the ten presidents finally chosen, I want to remind you that when we describe qualities of people we revere, we tend to use positive characteristics. We can build up a person to the status of perfect because we do not ever want to think, or believe, our hero has flaws. That is a ridiculous place from which to review any life or any work. Of course, every one of our heroes had flaws. I see this experience as a big schoolhouse and we are all students because we have things to learn. If we did it all perfectly every minute of every day, what would be the point of being here to have experience; we would already be know-it-alls. We are in school all our lives, we learn by doing. We are not perfect, we may never become perfect...and that is okay. We are a work-in-progress.

My way of noting these flaws of our human condition is to say that every front has a back. For all the positive qualities we can ascribe to any president, we have to make room for the possibility of negative qualities or of negative application of what we believe to be positive qualities. Part of that is perspective. Perspective is unique to each of us. What I consider positive may not appear the same in the eyes of another person. We are talking about human beings. Our presidents were also in school, learning by doing with no instruction manual, with all the foibles of other humans, ego, opinion, fear, pride, etc.

Astrologically, if I look at the Aquarian / Uranian qualities of intellectuality, individuality and freedom, these are good qualities. Could they be misapplied, misunderstood or misused? Sure they could. Take a coin that has the positive qualities of freedom just described and turn it over and look at the negative qualities that are the other side of that particular coin. Personal freedom and revolution could lead to anarchy, not unity or equality. Intellectuality can be very intolerant of simpler minds. Few rules plus individuality could lead to rampant inequality. An



**Mother Earth:  
our schoolhouse**



**Coin has two sides,  
freedom or license**



37 of 43 Presidents  
evidenced  
Aquarius / Uranus  
theme



attempt to cut back government and its potentially uniting qualities could lead to chaos as individuality and freedom run free and unfettered. The flip side of the coin really is not freedom; it is called *license*. We do want qualities of freedom and individuality, but they need to be positively expressed and not allowed to run rampant by the few over the many. As mentioned earlier, 37 of our 43 presidents were drawn into their presidency for this specific quality. It is very active in each of their charts and their connections to the USA chart, but we are going to get to spend time with only *ten* of them.

An important note here is that these presidents are not my personal choices. As I was writing this book, friends, family members and other well-meaning individuals asked me to include a particular president as part of this book. I intend to include all the presidents in a subsequent book, but for the purpose of this book, ten presidents stood out based solely upon the data or particular energy pattern that repeated itself. It is those patterns and the presidents that stepped in to fill the need that are the subject of this book regardless of their political or ideological affiliation, or my personal opinion of that individual or what they did while in office.

What are the important energy patterns for the USA chart that seem to draw in our presidents? The Aquarian / Uranian qualities previously described above seemed to be primary. What else?

## ***Power and Communication***

The USA power (Pluto in Capricorn) is connected to our communication function (Mercury in Cancer). The USA has a dominant pattern of communication that is coupled with power and that does not always go down easily because they are in tension (opposition). We have the memory of an elephant and never forget an injustice or an insult.

Americans emote when we communicate. We readily give vent to our emotions and feelings, our opinions and our beliefs, at times with a zeal and force that is not always welcome. I remember a person commenting several years ago that if I were not pro-life I must be pro-death. Well, I thought I was pro my individual right to vote personal choice. As a country, we have, and use, the power of persuasion, which can be expressed forcefully or in quieter, but equally effective ways. “My way or the highway” is the call of the far right. “None of your business” is the call of the far left.

Mercury in Cancer  
Opposed  
Pluto in Capricorn



The power struggle, the polarizing factor itself is shown in this pattern where the energy is involved in that tug of war. “If you are not with us you must be against us.” Wait—is that the country or a political party? All but one of the selected presidents has this power / communication pattern. Surprisingly, President Franklin Roosevelt, an extraordinary orator in his own right, was not drawn into his presidency for this pattern, but he certainly used it effectively. What else?

## *Spirituality*

Even when we grant no religious belief system superiority over another in the USA, there still is a system of spirituality afoot. Neptune, which rules (indicates) spirituality (Jupiter rules religion), in our sky map is strong in the USA map for attracting head honchos. There is a huge difference between religion and spirituality. Religion is a mass emotional belief system, founded on a combination of part-fact and all faith. Spirituality is the inherent quality of kindness, empathy, inspiration, and non-judgment, which may or may not have a form, a name, a building or a following. Many believe corporations have no soul, no spirit, but all of *them* and all of *us* have a Neptune in our sky maps. Alcoholics Anonymous calls spirituality “walking your talk”.

I was raised by a man who believed that a group or a building, or a label was unnecessary for him to talk to his God, who was everywhere. He lived a simple life as the man who his spirituality said he was. I experienced his love, his kindness, his care, his belief in me. To me, that is my definition of a spiritual person. Nine of our ten presidents were drawn into the presidency by this USA pattern: Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy, Carter and Obama.

A country has a spirit within its people; a belief that gives them the courage to hang in there when chaos abounds; the faith to step into the unknown and risk without proof-positive of the outcome. Every country gives its people something that inspires from within. It is the character of a country that reaches out or holds back to anyone that needs its help. In spite of our shortcomings, and there are many, we reach out to every need, every hurt, every time, all over the world. That is because of our country’s spirit. Our inherent spirituality allows us to reach across borders, ideologies and political boundaries, economic or social restrictions from within us when disasters strike other nations. It could also be simply and possibly because we are truly very nice people at heart. As individuals, we may not aspire to this level, but as a nation, we are drawn to do so, even when it is not welcome by those we seek to aid.

If we turn over the coin of spirituality, we can find delusion, confusion,

Neptune in Virgo =  
Religion or  
Spirituality,  
Not the same



deception, and a loss of faith. Life is way too difficult to survive without faith in something, or someone, whether that is a deity, ourselves, a mentor or teacher, or nothing. Negatively we can chase pipe dreams, or use lies, deceit and subterfuge to attain our own dream—at the cost of what? Our spirit!

About lies - there are lies of commission where we directly tell a lie. There are lies of omission, where we leave important pieces out of the telling. There are half lies, where a kernel of truth lies buried or at the base of outrageous misinformation. There are lies of good intent such as surprising a person with a gift or a party. There are lies of personal power and greed. These are each a type of lie including the one we currently seem to be experiencing in the USA, the rewriting of our history. All of us, at some time in our lives manage to tell a few lies, even with a clear conscience. A spiritual person does not need to lie. That person operates from his spirit. Can you imagine life if mankind operated from that spiritual center? It would be amazing. It may be a pipe dream to believe that any nation can survive without resorting to some form of deceit, whether overt, covert, or just plain ignorant, but we should never stop striving to do better, to be more, to try harder. Our national spirit should direct our personal course and the course of our country. What does spirituality need to succeed more than any other quality? Transparency, honesty and integrity from its people and from its leaders.

## *Identity*

As individuals, we all have an ego, a sense of self-identity, some healthy, some not so healthy. We are even aware of corporate identity; e.g., GE has a very different corporate personality from Baskin-Robbins. Any country has an individual identity as well. China is quite different from Canada. Iran is different from Scotland. Astrologically, our American national identity is pure Cancer: mom, apple pie, family, the breadbasket, security that stems from emotional concerns, the cultural womb into which immigrants poured from all over the world, the melting pot of the world.

What about the flip side of the coin? Cancer is self-protective, doesn't give trust easily, can smother or play mom-knows-best. The USA started as isolationist in its infancy and grew itself into the world mother—mom-knows-best at its finest.

Sun in Cancer,  
Think of the group  
identity mindset  
for 1776

Seven of our presidents were drawn in to fulfill this need: Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, McKinley, Wilson, Kennedy, and Carter. Surprisingly, this pattern did not include Presidents Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt or Obama.

President Obama is apparently not our mother, and the USA doesn't need him as mother. He does not need to do it for us. He has not told us that he is going to fix it for us. He treats us as though we are capable of standing on our own two feet and of helping ourselves. He is willing to do what is necessary from that larger perspective, but he does not intend to hand-feed us, burp us when we have bitten off more than we can chew, change our diapers (the mess we have made of things), or support us in the manner to which we would like to become accustomed (free-loading). In other words, he came to *lead* us, not just hold our hands.

For over 224 years of our history, our reputation grew in prestige, with normal ups and downs along the way. Our world reputation has been devastated recently for a multitude of reasons beyond the scope of this book. Since this is not a current need according to the USA chart, perhaps our reputation will restore itself simply by returning to whatever is our “normal”. Hopefully time and President Obama are on our side.

## *Social Values and Success*

The USA is a country built on *family values*. This is not to be confused with the political “traditional family values” used as the clarion call of various religious and political groups. Think about the condition of life in 1776. People relied on each other, their families, and their communities (our larger family). Our infant values as a new nation reflected that experience.

As a nation, we have an excellent connection between our personal values and our cultural values, and they are connected in the sign of family (Cancer). Along with our national identity, this combination of Venus (values themselves) and Jupiter (expansion) contributes to our overall success. Not only were we raised collectively with these internal values, it was taught down the line to each generation.

How do you / we succeed? Family, clan, community and country (United We Stand).

How do we get in trouble? By forgetting or devaluing our country’s value system (Freedom, Justice, and the American Way).

This would be true of any country, regardless of what that value system

Personal values Venus  
conjunct Jupiter  
of cultural values  
in Cancer



United we stand as  
one nation, under  
God, indivisible

might be. Our strength—and therefore our potential weakness—will be the structure and success of our family (individual), slightly larger, our community (states), and even larger, our country (We-the-People) and eventually our largest family, humanity itself. We may have started as isolationists in our infancy, but we were internally directed to expand, (Jupiter) toward that increasingly larger sense of family (Cancer) and the world community.

The flip side of that coin would be only “my” family, personal mistrust, the inability to forgive and forget, and for a country, isolationism, including xenophobia. It can also be expanding beyond our borders, opening our borders too far, or attempting to inflict our values onto others.

Seven of our ten presidents were drawn to the presidency by these national social value and expansion needs: Presidents Jefferson, Taylor, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy and Obama.

This pattern shows our potential for economic, cultural and collective good or bad. President Obama has his work cut out for him, but the USA needs his skills and drew him in. How many times can one man tell us how great we are as a country and how great we are as a people and “Yes we can”? What is our response going to be? Is it “no”? Or is it “yes, we can”? Yes, we must. Will we return to the place where we remember that our values may be shared but not forced?

## *Aggression*

One of the weakest categories in this study is the USA assertive / aggressive urges symbolized by Mars. Considering that several of the ten selected presidents were war presidents, this was a surprise to me. There’s a war going on somewhere on this globe every minute of every day, so it is possible that it might be such a normal condition that it is not easy to pin down in a national chart.

The USA chart has Mars in Gemini. We would rather *talk* incessantly about war and the possibility of war and how we have practiced war, than actually doing the act of war. Every one of our wars, until recently, including the Revolution that led to our creation as a nation, came at the end of a very long discussion; Mars in Gemini. One thing I am sure of in this study, aggression was not the quality the country was seeking at the time of eight of the selected ten presidencies. Only two presidents have



this particular connection to the USA charts, Presidents Franklin Roosevelt (World War II) and Kennedy whose only foray into potential war didn't really work that well. It was surprising the President Wilson (World War I) did not have this connection.

What is the flip side of this coin? *Détente*; seeking alternate solutions or peace. The flip side of the Mars coin is Venus. Interestingly, in 2004, the Mars orbit brought it closer to Earth than at any other time in recorded history. There is no real winner in a war. Sure, one side wins, another side loses. But when you count the cost financially, in the lives of the fallen, in the costs to the people who had to first support the war and then suffer the awful repercussions on both sides of the war, there are no true winners. The presidents in our study group who were *not* drawn to the USA presidency for this assertive / aggressive pattern were Presidents Madison, Jefferson, Taylor, Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson, Carter, and Obama.

We may be fighting wars on two foreign fronts, Afghanistan and Iraq, but that is not what the USA was seeking in the current president. Instead, we are seeking the flip side of this coin, to bring our troops home from a war the majority of the American people evidently no longer support. We are seeking alternative solutions to our continued involvement or a workable peace solution.

Look at the reason behind these wars; terrorism and the potential of destruction of our and the world's way of life spurred by the dictates of the terrorists and their beliefs. We may be the target of terrorism, but terrorism does not respect any person, any culture, or any country; it simply promotes its own agenda regardless of cost to others and to the world. To me, it is sociopathic in nature. Perpetrators of terrorism fully expect to rule the world with their values, beliefs, traditions, or political system. Terrorism is not a *national* problem, it is an *international* problem.

The world itself is not safe; the world itself is at stake. The USA was attacked at home (Cancer). The USA took the lead and thus stands like a great lighthouse, so the terrorists know exactly where to point their weapons. We are spotlighting ourselves and believe we are super-heroes and are bulletproof. We do know better. We want to help the world, we want to catch the bad guys, but it is rather stupid to kill our own country in the process. If a man is in a ditch, you don't climb down into the ditch with him to rescue him; you pull him up and out of the ditch.

The American people are collectively fed up with a political war that is draining us financially, tying up our assets, sucking the life out of our economy, taking our children and wounding them or worse. We want the war to be done. We want to turn our energy to fixing what is going wrong in our own country. As Mars moves away, the voice of Venus is getting

Mars in Gemini =  
Talk aggression or  
*Détente*?



louder. Who are we to tell others what to do and how to do it when *we* are not a good example? We need to get the splinter out of our own eye before we try to see the way for others. Time to get this thing finished. America wants the troops brought home now. The USA sky pattern concurs with the sentiments of its people.

Not only does President Obama bring us hope for peace, he brings hope for a healing of our country on many major fronts, including the economy, employment, health insurance, Social Security, and infrastructure. He seems to realize that the secret to being a good leader is not that you know everything about everything, but that you surround yourself with capable people who do know each subject well, and know what to do to make it work right. President Obama broke traditional protocol in his seeking out of advisors.

People who rise to high political office are not usually known for humility or *détente*. Confidence, at times arrogance, at times insufferable superiority, is the hallmark of a leader who can then evolve into a petty dictator. I have never met a person who liked to feel stupid or inferior regardless of the role they play. A person of power would not usually jeopardize that image of power. Why would President Obama reach out to others, particularly those with superior knowledge? His sky map affords him a unique perspective into the value and contribution of others. He understands that his success as a president and as a human being is best served through partnering with others. He does not see those others as competition. He sees them as assets and necessary to the successful completion of his task (half his sky pattern clusters around his partnership point).

Look at his forums for each major subject within the elite of each field, the sharing of knowledge, pooling of assets, selection of the best in each field to lead. How does he make his decisions? He asks for the input from his people, listens, and then decides. He is the leader. Have you noticed that our president won't be pushed into declarations before he's ready to make them? He has the coping skill of detachment (Aquarius Ascendant). He can watch people do their dance on his stage and play observer. What an incredibly handy *coping* skill. What else about the USA sky map?

# *Responsibility*

Uh oh, here comes Saturn. No matter how far we run or try to avoid it, responsibility can always find us to make us pay attention. Sometimes we refuse to pay attention and accept our personal commitments. Some people or countries never do accept these responsibilities. Have you noticed how life pursues them, attempting to teach them that for what they expect and take there is or will be a price? When, as a responsible parent, you raise a child, you slowly and surely build a sense of responsibility into that child, so that when the child becomes an adult, they know how to handle responsibility. If you, the parent, do not instill that sense of responsibility gradually through childhood, your child (upon becoming an adult) does not know how to accept or handle responsibility. The emerging adult is going to be a problem and have problems where responsibility is concerned. It is difficult at the moment of adulthood to suddenly develop a life trait or skill of which we are largely ignorant. If we have been taught responsibility throughout our lives, it becomes a life skill. When we live up to our responsibilities with an open heart, doing so can reap rewards. When we don't, we, and the others who are affected, pay for our neglect or our avoidance.

Our USA responsibility mechanism (Saturn) is symbolized by the sign of Libra and the scales of justice, which need to be fairly balanced between giving and taking, between I / me / mine and us / we / ours / yours. We are all takers in this living environment. It is fair that we should also be givers. If we take only, we as individuals are out of balance and any activity we are involved in is thrown out of balance. If we as individuals give, without allowing life and others to balance out those scales, we as individuals are also out of balance (the other side of the coin). The key is in the balance.

The USA needed this ability to deal with the balance of give and take from Presidents Madison, Taylor, Wilson, and Kennedy. This pattern did not seek itself from Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln, McKinley, Franklin Roosevelt, Carter or Obama. However, listen carefully to President Obama; he constantly issues a resounding call for personal, congressional and fiscal responsibility. Saturn is currently prominent in several patterns through 2010, but we will discuss that in later chapters.



North Node in Leo



## *Relational Skills*

All of us are aware of our one-on-one or what are called intra-personal skills (Venus). But there is a larger set of skills we must develop beyond the usual one-on-one application—how we relate to our environment and our larger world in general (Jupiter) and how we develop and apply those skills. That would be exceptionally important for a country on a world stage, such as transcending race and cultural barriers, developing diplomacy and détente (Node), working toward the achievement of world goals (Midheaven).

The USA sky map was seeking those *extra*-personal skills in Presidents Taylor, McKinley, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy and Obama. Wait—the USA is not seeking national *self-identity* with President Obama; it is seeking his *extra*-personal, broader relating skills. This election made it clear that we know who we are and we know what we want - change. President Obama told us he heard us. Only time will tell if that is true. The USA has suffered terrible blows to its international reputation, prestige and diplomatic relations in recent years. As a nation, the electorate made it clear that we want our reputation back. I had to be willing to suspend judgment for a moment to see what else the country might be seeking and that's the answer. Moving ahead...

## *Achievement*

A person *has* achieved or *wants* to achieve. I call that the mountain we all climb; the Midheaven in a sky map. In a country, it represents the sum total of the journey, the prestige and reputation on a much larger stage than the individual. It is the principle of achievement within a national or world context. Perhaps as an individual, I want to be a butcher, a baker or a candlestick maker. I want to achieve position, reputation, success and I have to apply myself to the task and the attainment. These positions are revealed in our personal sky maps as represented by the Midheaven.

Oh, and by the way, it should be comforting to note that in the USA sky map, Uranus, representing our freedom, individuality, revolutionary energy is joined at the hip with our energy for achievement, reputation, and mountain to climb. We have been and still are on a merry ride of fluctuation, sometimes up, sometimes down, usually dramatic and *really* fast and unexpected surprises along the way.

How does a *nation* achieve? The purpose of a nation is to achieve the collective good of its citizens and if we do it right, the world. There are a lot of ways for a country to do that well or to do it poorly. Countries are born in a moment of time, a framework for a group of people. Countries can die just as easily, as history has illustrated. The sign on the Midheaven suggests the theme behind the country's drive for achievement. It is the sign of success or failure.

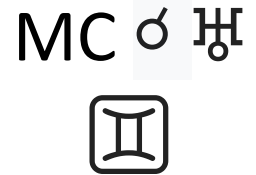
For any sign (there are twelve signs), one in twelve would be average. When I set up the 43 presidential placements on a grid to look for commonality symbolized by sign, I found that 24 of 43 presidents showed close commonality of achievement and that five of our list of ten *exactly* fit into that commonality: Presidents McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy and Carter.

The five remaining positions were explained by other patterns which I will describe briefly.

If you have a pencil or a pen handy, watch what happens to the eraser end as you write with the writing tip. It is not possible to wiggle one end of the pencil without wiggling the other end of the pencil. President Lincoln falls into that “wiggle both ends of the pencil” category. President Madison’s achievement principles (Midheaven) connect instead to the USA spirituality mechanism (Neptune). That's good. And the remaining three Presidents, Jefferson, Taylor and Obama each have their Midheaven in the sign of Scorpio.

Scorpio is the sign that has to do with taxes, insurance, indebtedness, joint financing, money that comes through others (also known as trade deficits) or is controlled by others such as credit cards, stock market, banking, etc. Sound familiar? President Jefferson was a States-rights believer who shut down the existing USA banks during his presidency. I'll bet that caused quite a commotion. What is happening to the USA sky chart right now? Issues with banking, indebtedness, Social Security, Medicare, health care reform, balance of trade, national debt, stock market and credit dominate the economic landscape. The USA is facing major crises and President Obama’s achievement pattern (Midheaven) is right on target.

Midheaven in Gemini  
Conjunct Uranus



## *Personal Projection and Coping Skills*

We are individuals, each with a personal view of our selfhood. But that is not necessarily the face we project to the world. As a nation, our individuality is paramount in our laws, our values, and our system of government. As individuals, we have learned behaviors and coping skills that enable us to navigate our everyday lives. Our country experiences that dual projection as well. There is the insider's view of the country, the populace that lives behind the face we project to the world. There is an outsider's view of the country from those who interact with that country. As an *individual*, I may have a specific concept of whom and what I am to myself, but I do not always show that. Instead I rely on the skill set I developed to help me cope with interactions with my environment and those in it.

### Commonality

This pattern of commonality exists in the charts of four of the ten presidents on our short list: McKinley, Wilson, Kennedy, and Carter. The pattern is in Libra, and is a seeker of peace, unity, cooperation, balance and fairness. It should be noted here that two of these presidents, Wilson and Carter, were winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. President Teddy Roosevelt, who is not a participant in this particular grouping, received the first presidential Nobel Peace Prize and should also be recognized for his accomplishment in this arena.

President Madison connected with our ambition, goals, prestige and our internal rebel both before and after he became president. President Franklin Roosevelt connected with the USA spirituality (Neptune). Nothing wrong with that. Aquarius connections are strong in three of the ten presidents in this study, highlighting their coping skills. None of these men is a surprise for this skill: Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Obama (a really nice grouping). This grouping was one of the first patterns that became visible in my research and set me off on the Aquarian / Uranus search.

These three men are their own persons. Each had / has the ability to do what they know to be right regardless of what anyone else thinks, says, or does. The Uranian qualities of individuality, freedom and rebellion are the keys to projecting onto the surrounding environment. They also provide unique and inventive responses for the first thing that comes to mind when having to respond to that environment. President Jefferson did not like slavery even though he did own slaves, which was common at that time. President Lincoln freed the slaves at a great cost to the nation; just remember that he did it initially to save the Union itself. President Obama

is a work in progress, our 21st century gift from the universe. He truly is a bridge over troubled water both literally and figuratively. In this instance, we can truly call him the *Miracle on the Potomac*.

Before we delve deeply into the presidents who most embody the qualities given above, let us remember that every president of the USA deserves his place in our history, regardless of whether or not they were successful or whether history has been kind to him. Each held our highest office. So far, there are only 43 of them for our entire 232-year history to guide the millions of citizens that existed during that entire period of time...43 out of millions of possibilities. These are truly special men. Some were more successful than others in their presidencies, but all are to be respected in their official capacities, regardless of personal opinion about their policies or their accomplishments and our knee-jerk reactions based on our own unique perspectives.

As mentioned previously, as I did this research certain names started to repeat themselves in each category. In the course of my research, I certainly learned things about our country I had never previously experienced. I was appalled and horrified at moments, and reduced to tears of joy at others, as I learned of the human foibles and the marvelous humanity of our presidents and the development of our country. This was better than any TV show I have ever seen. I made sure I was reading a wide spectrum of points of view so I would stay relatively unbiased and as non-judgmental as possible (I, too, am human).

The charts of Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln, Kennedy and Obama repeatedly surfaced in the various patterns in important ways. Not all of the connections were apparent at first, but as I grew deeper into my research, the puzzle was eventually resolved. I did tell you the patterns and the presidents fit together like a jigsaw puzzle.







# Top Ten Presidents of Hope and Change

*President John F. Kennedy*  
*President William McKinley*  
*President Woodrow Wilson*  
*Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover*  
*Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison*  
*President James Madison*  
*President Zachary Taylor*  
*President James Carter*  
*President Barack Obama*  
*President Abraham Lincoln*  
*The United States and President Lincoln*  
*Recent History*

I have already revealed the names of those who made it to my final list. Why *those* presidents? Because of their multiple specific contacts to the eleven USA patterns.

All the presidents in this study came into office on the USA energy of *freedom*, individuality and great minds (Aquarius). All but one of the presidents in this study came in on the USA powerful *communication* energy (Mercury, Pluto). All but one of the presidents in this study came in on the USA *spiritual* energy (Neptune). Those were the three most important keys I encountered in this study. And each president brought far more to the country than just these three keys.

Distributed across the presidents who served our country also came our national identity (our Sun), popularity and representation of the populace itself (our Moon), social and cultural values and success patterns (our Venus and Jupiter), a minimal contribution to war and aggressive urges (our Mars), remember most of the presidents who went to war, including our generals, did not want to go to war, responsibility and structure (Saturn), extra-personal relating skills on a world stage (Node), a national goal and reputation (Midheaven), and coping skills and a national projection onto the world landscape (Ascendant).

They were quite a mix, but the country does not require that all its needs are met at one time, only those needs that have risen to the forefront at a particular time. Each president met those needs in the best way he knew how. History remembers those who gave their best, and frequently their

all, to their country's service. How can we, as recipients of their courage and their skills, reciprocate with less?

Do you believe that Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, our five Founding Father presidents knew what they were doing when they did it? There was no instruction manual. They were men who had a dream of freedom and liberty and a government that was designed to suit the needs of a fledgling nation. They were men who were willing to give what they were, what they knew and what they believed to form a country and a government that would give such freedom to all of us. They weren't perfect. There are no perfect people in a schoolhouse... there are only people going to school. These men were unique and they disagreed with each other much of the time, sometimes quite fiercely. The country used their various and considerable strengths to give the USA life. They gave, we took. Today we honor them. Others have taken heart from their examples and emulated those outstanding qualities. Those others grew into presidents we could honor and emulate in turn.

And, perhaps more importantly, why do not we learn this intense lesson we keep repeating so we can successfully complete the test and move on? I am sure the country can figure out other things for us to do.

## *President John F. Kennedy*

A perfect score eleven of eleven went to President John F. Kennedy, whose personal patterns fit so well into the USA sky map it is truly amazing. Just about every position he had personally meshed with every major position in the USA chart. There is no point in trying to pick out the important ones because the whole combination was pregnant with possibility. Many in this country have very personal memories of President Kennedy.

I was a young wife and mother for the saga of President Kennedy. I lived in Massachusetts and went to my very first political coffee hour for the Kennedy campaign. I had no clue what I was doing. I was learning. We had such high hopes for him but we did not know we would have him such a short time... not even one full term. Was that hope justified or realized? At that time, the public was very disillusioned with our government; we were very jaded in our outlook. The McCarthy era was a bleak time for our nation. We were looking for *hope and change* (sound familiar?) and along came Camelot. President Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline and their young family were a spring breeze in a disillusioned culture. Youth, charisma, verve—they were alive with possibility. President Kennedy made us believe we could break the negative patterns, we could make *changes*. President Kennedy gave us *hope*. He thrilled us in 1961 with,

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“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” It was a call to action and the American people responded. He was a powerful communicator to this impressionable young woman and a nation desperate for possibilities.

The USA patterns are the attractor for what we need in a president and with all the connections in President Kennedy's sky map, our hopes were justified. He was the right man for the right job at the right time. The hope did not get completely realized because one person (or more) committed what was essentially a terrorist act and we *all* lost the hope we asked him to fulfill.

Prior to his election, we did exactly what we were doing in the 2008 election. We were at a standstill in our voting and we were polarized, very close to 50/50, also known as stalemate. The voices of conformity were clamoring to keep things status quo and predicting disaster at the mere possibility of change. If the change we anticipate does not happen, then we, the electorate, get mad at what does not get done. If the opposing sides are reasonably equally balanced, how does progress and change happen? President Kennedy's Congress was determined to thwart Kennedy at every possible turn, leading to standoff when what we were seeking was change. Does this pattern sound familiar?

If you have a Congress that blocks as many actions of the president as is possible—or if you have a president who declares his intention to veto just about every bill that is going to be presented to him by Congress—how can you have progress? It has nothing to do with partisanship; it has to do with logic. A standoff means *no progress*. If we voted that in, how can we point fingers at anyone else? How many times do we want to go through this pattern?

This Saturn / Uranus opposition happens about every 45 years in the sky and is happening right now. The end of World War I was a previous activation; the polarity between conformity and change. The mid-1960s were the next challenge of the polarity of conformity and change. Do you remember what happened in the 60s? Here we are again. Do you suppose it is possible to look directly at this lesson just once again and identify it

Saturn / Uranus  
Opposition  
2008 – 9



so we can move on? If we want conformity, we really don't have to do anything. Just stand still and the same old stuff keeps happening with the same old results. If we want *change* and *hope*, we have to get on that ride and stay on it until it happens. We voted for *hope and change*, why can we not just actively *work* on change and hope?

Presidents McKinley, Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt were next in line with eight of eleven connections from the individual president's pattern to the USA pattern.

## *President William McKinley*

The nation was seeking—and William McKinley brought to the presidency—individuality, freedom, change with all his heart, national identity, powerful communications, aspirations, responsibility, economic and family support, spirituality, extra-personal relating skills, stature and dignity, with a dose of wanting equality for his fellow man. That is an amazing skill set.

President McKinley had the strongest Aquarius / Uranus energy of the group of ten, with six connections. He also connected strongly into the USA self-identity (Sun), that vital power communication pattern (Mercury / Pluto opposition), our collective social values (Venus), our spiritual essence (Neptune) and our extra-relational needs (Node). The USA had just started to move outside the continental USA into international affiliation. He was definitely the man for the job at that moment. The country called, the man came, and sadly, another act of terrorism when an anarchist gunned him down in 1901, dashed that possibility. And the universe went on, and the country went on, and life went on, and the universe gave us another chance to get it right.

## *President Woodrow Wilson*

President Woodrow Wilson stepped right into the middle of a hornet's nest. We had not quite given up on being isolationists even though a few presidents had worked on it. We can be slow to learn. President Wilson made it through his first term keeping us out of World War I, which was raging in Europe. It was called "the war to end all wars" but it did not. Bombing our ships tends to put the battle in our laps, doesn't it? President

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Wilson was not able to keep us out of the war during his second term and boy, did that cause some problems. President Wilson was the person who negotiated the Versailles Peace Treaty and received the Nobel Peace Prize for doing so, and he gallantly attempted to join the League of Nations. What happened?

Well, if you remember the polarization between conformity and change I've mentioned, that pattern was in full battle array. Congress was absolutely determined to block anything Wilson said or did to punish him for taking us to war. Among other things, Congress blocked approval to the League of Nations as retribution. The League never made it, but it did pry open the door slightly for the development of the current United Nations. Regardless of whether or not you like or approve of the United Nations, I can't imagine what we would do if it were not there. I think that there are times when it is useless and expensive, but I do think we are much better having it than not having it.

President Wilson's personal patterns fit exceedingly well into the sirens' call the nation was broadcasting. Once again, he was the right man for the right job at the right time. Thank God we didn't kill the messenger that time; we just probably aged him in the process. We are not kind to most of our presidents. Remember that part about "we are a raucous bunch"?

What were the USA connections for President Wilson? His personal emotions and sense of family (Moon), his social values (Venus) and his assertive / aggressive patterns (Mars) fit right into our USA Aquarius / Uranus freedom, individuality and future orientation. His ambition, goals and credibility (Midheaven), his communication pattern (Mercury), and his sense of responsibility (Saturn) answered the call of the USA national identity (Sun). His personal emotions (Moon) also fit into the USA power communication pattern (Mercury / Pluto opposition). His personal identity (Sun) and responsibility (Saturn) fit into our USA social values (Venus), and his personal projection (Ascendant) and extra-relating skills (Node) fit into the USA sense of responsibility (Saturn). Big one, his personal spirituality and the USA spiritual essence (Neptune) were joined, plus he had that wonderful Libra ability to work towards peace, even in the middle of a war.

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## *Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover*

President Franklin D. Roosevelt tried so hard to keep us out of war, even though he knew far earlier than anyone else that it would not be possible to stay out of it; it was a matter of time and a trigger. Nazi Germany was willing to beat up on Europe and everything else it could reach in its quest for domination. Eventually it would come for us and he knew it. The Japanese tried to expand their territory and gave Roosevelt the push needed to fire up the American electorate by directly attacking us at home. War was inevitable. Is any of this sounding familiar? See the patterns working? It is not in my imagination.

Before Roosevelt took us to that war, he had to fix the financial debacle known as the Great Depression. President Herbert Hoover came to the presidency on March 4, 1929, about six months before the stock market crash. Now it takes longer than six months to bring about a national financial calamity; I don't care how good you are at it. Hoover gets to take the blame in our history books, however. 1929 was just the beginning. Things got worse until the very depth of it in 1932, the year President Franklin Roosevelt was elected. Both men had inherited a nightmare—President Hoover's in the making, President Roosevelt's at hand. President Hoover is accused of being a do-nothing president allowing the financial collapse and that is not quite true. He did try something. He believed the system could right itself and he asked for business and society to volunteer to fix what was wrong. Unfortunately it was not the right thing to do. Starting to sound repetitious?

President Hoover believed that businesses did not need regulation. He fervently believed they would do what was right for the economy and the country. Greed and power do not need to be controlled; they are self-regulating was the policy of the day. Oh dear, did we not just do that again in recent years? Will we never learn that our lessons will repeat themselves as long as we need to learn from them? Are you ready for a different lesson yet? President Obama has his hands full. Only time will tell if he and his administration will be more like President Hoover's or President Roosevelt's.

Roosevelt, confined to a wheelchair with polio, was a strong character and his handicap didn't seem to affect his ability to be effective. The country called and President Roosevelt with eight of the eleven connections was a beautiful fit from pattern to pattern. He was again the right man for the right job at the right time. We were able to hang on to the messenger through three of his terms, but we got to keep him long enough. President

The Great  
Depression,  
Hoover did try

Franklin was elected to four terms; the only president to do so in our history. The effort took a heavy toll on him and he died in office toward the beginning of his fourth term. He literally gave his all to his country and to all the generations that followed.

What were his patterns? He had so much Aquarius, identity (Sun), communication (Mercury), social values (Venus) and Uranus (the rebel) itself on his point of personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant). His sense of family (Moon) joined to our social and cultural values and sense of expansion (Venus / Jupiter). His career, ambition, prestige (Midheaven) joined the USA assertive / aggressive pattern (Mars, he was a war president). His extra-relational pattern (Node) connected to the USA ambitions, reputation and goals (Midheaven) that involves the rebel, the individualist and the future (Uranus). His personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) and his personal uniqueness and rebel (Uranus) was connected to the USA spiritual essence (Neptune). His identity (Sun) and social skills (Venus) fit right into the USA need for extra-relational (Node, the world) needs. I think you will agree he fits extremely well.

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## *Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison*

It is not possible to say enough good about our Founding Fathers of which five became president. They risked everything so we could have what we have today. Regardless of your politics, you have to take your hat off to each one of them.

Presidents Jefferson and Madison, along with a lot of collaborators and their input, gave us the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution of the USA and the first ten amendments (our Bill of Rights).

If they did nothing else, that alone is amazing. Talk about fitting into our USA patterns, Presidents Jefferson and Madison were two of the men who were instrumental in establishing those patterns. They gave us freedom, individuality, liberty, our national identity, our value system and success mechanism, communication skills and power, spirituality, uniqueness, responsibility, and more. They gave us all those wonderful qualities that are the words we use to describe our country.

We remember President Thomas Jefferson by his eloquent words and his quest for individual freedom. We remember President James Madison because of his tireless work in drafting, promoting and recording our Constitution and the Bill of Rights that followed. Both of these presidents

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are known for their passionate promotion of our rights, for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, right to bear arms, and all the rights we take for granted and sometimes are too lazy to protect. If we do not take care of our rights today, we will lose them for tomorrow. The literal finger of blame will fall to those who were too busy or too neglectful to keep those rights secure. We have met the enemy and it is us.

Revolution (Uranus) was a main theme for these two men, but they gave so much more. They helped give birth to a new nation based on the concept of liberty, freedom and self-government. They, along with so many others, gave us all the principles for which our country stands. We must keep our rights and our way of life secure. We should pay attention to what is going on, educate ourselves and cast informed votes. We are learning to vote with our brains and our hands, not our knees. We can do ourselves the most damage in our neglect of the gifts and heritage passed down to us.

Jefferson and Madison were instrumental in forging our government and the values upon which we have based this “grand experiment”, so obviously they synchronize with the call to the presidency. In each instance, they were the right men for the right job at the right time. I will be spending time with President Jefferson in the next chapter, so let us see what connected President James Madison with the USA sky map.

## *President James Madison*

President Madison's communication (Mercury) and individuality (Uranus) fit right into our USA Aquarius / Uranus energy of independence and individuality. His assertive / aggressive energy (Mars) fit in with the USA national identity (Sun). His spirituality (Neptune) fit nicely in with the USA power and communications (Mercury, Pluto). His social values (Venus) fit in with the USA responsibilities (Saturn). He reinstated the nation's banking system after President Jefferson dismantled it. His personal projection and coping skill (Ascendant) and his personal power (Pluto) and responsibility (Saturn) connected to the USA goals, prestige and ambitions (Midheaven) and to our rebel, innovative, futuristic energy (Uranus). His personal position, ambitions and reputation (Midheaven) and his self-identity (Sun) connected with the USA spiritual essence (Neptune). He was known then as the “Little Giant” and his contributions have made him a *giant* of a man, as a president and as a human being during his journey throughout life.

## *President Zachary Taylor*

The USA loved its war heroes starting with General George Washington. Many of our presidents, particularly in the 1800s, came from our military.

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Madison was 24  
years old at the  
Declaration of  
Independence



Nicknamed by his men as “Old Rough and Ready”, President Zachary Taylor was a hero of the Mexican War due to his victory over the Mexican leader, Santa Anna. He did not seek the office himself. He was nominated by those who loved and respected him. When he accepted the nomination, he vowed to represent the whole nation and not just the party that nominated him.

In his acceptance, he stated that “my acceptance must be without pledges...so that I could be the president of the *whole nation* and not of a party” [italics mine]. I do admire that man.

The polarizing factor at the time of his election was still slavery and his stance fell under each State’s right to choose for itself. He felt that any attempt to deny the people of any State their right of self-government would be regarded by those people as an invasion of their personal rights. The subject of slavery was a tinderbox that culminated in our Civil War just over twenty years later. Slavery was the burning issue of the day. Enter the new territory of the *Mexican Cession*. What should we do with that property? President Taylor, himself a slave owner, suggested the Mexican territory should be divided between the new States of California and New Mexico and that it should be slave-free. The southern states threatened to secede from the union, a common threat at that time. Don’t forget, slavery was a polarizing issue at the time of the Revolution itself, and it was tabled and removed from the Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution due to the refusal of two colonies to sign the documents. This left a festering wound that is still in its healing process today.

How did the USA draw President Taylor to the presidency? What fit? His cultural and expansive energy (Jupiter), his personal power (Pluto) and his extra-relational energy (Node) was all connected to that lovely USA Aquarius / Uranus pattern. His individuality and uniqueness (Uranus) fit into the USA national identity (Sun, war general as leader). His personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) and his personal responsibility (Saturn) fit into that USA critical power communication energy (Mercury, Pluto). The USA and President Taylor connected through the social value (Venus) axis (stick). His spirituality (Neptune) connected to the USA responsibility energy (Saturn) and his point of personal power (Pluto) connected to the USA extra-relational pattern (Node). This was a time of expanding territory (Jupiter). Pretty good!

The USA drew President Taylor to itself because his individual patterns and the collective patterns of energy for our country wove together so well. President Taylor loved his country and what it stood for. He fought for her, devoted his career and life to her service, he stepped up to the plate whenever asked, he held his ground and voted his conscience, he laid his life on the line not once but many times, and served his country well. We

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were only able to keep him as a president for sixteen months before he died. He died of natural causes, but great controversy surrounded his death. Old Rough and Ready, who fought his way through an army, dying because of a bowl of cherries and milk, was a tad suspicious. Was it assassination? This has never been proven, so it stands as a natural death.

## *President James Carter*

And now we come to two of our more recent presidents: Presidents Carter and Obama. What was the USA pattern that drew these two men into service as president of our country? I remember saying, “Jimmy who?” A little-known name at the time of that election process brought to the USA presidency a man who would soon receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He was not nationally known. He was a farmer and businessman, an engineer and scientist, and a governor of Georgia. More importantly, he was a man who acted on his principles. He was a simple man of great faith, a humanitarian, a diplomat and a negotiator. What in the world do you suppose a country would do with a president with those qualities?

Every president faces myriad dilemmas and sometimes inherits ongoing problems. It is one of the known risks a president accepts when he assumes office. These ongoing problems have to do with the state of the nation’s concerns at that moment in time. President Carter inherited problems dealing with inflation, energy and oil, human rights, equal rights and nuclear proliferation. He also experienced what was called the Iranian Hostage Crisis. I remember it well. I remember his failed attempt to rescue the hostages and I remember with great suspicion that the hostages were released the day prior to the inauguration of his rival. Along with many others, I had the distinct feeling that politics and not just *release* was part of this timing. There are still questions about the hold-up after 444 days of captivity.

President Carter’s seeming inability to solve the then-current problems versus a movie star-turned-politician led to his defeat for a second term. But he did not retreat into obscurity on his Georgia peanut farm. He entered into personal success, achieved amazing humanitarian accomplishments, became a world-class diplomat and respected and admired friend to the world, received a Nobel Peace Prize, and he is still going strong.

The USA called and the man moved into the presidency. What were the connections? His assertive / aggressive urges (Mars) were placed in that Aquarian / Uranus theme so important to our country but his uniqueness and individuality (Uranus) and his communication (Mercury) tied directly to the USA spiritual essence (Neptune), softening those aggressive urges.

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His was that Libra energy I talked about—the one that seeks peace, the peacemaker himself. His personal power (Pluto) was committed to the USA national identity (Sun), and his goals, prestige and ambitions (Midheaven) were the power and communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto) of the USA. Do you have any idea how difficult it is and how strong you must be to keep your eye on the goal of peace when everyone is pushing and shoving, shouting and threatening for war? A peacemaker carries an extraordinary burden and needs vision, logic, patience and a genuine desire to create a win-win situation. Tenacity, purpose, responsibility, endurance, all sorts of words fit this man. No surprise that he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

President Carter is another example of an American president whose personal energy patterns fit so skillfully into the USA energy patterns. He responded to the USA call; gave his tenure more than his all. He is incredibly respected around the world, a topnotch ambassador for USA goodwill worldwide and has helped many through his efforts for Habitat for Humanity. Ask someone who was without a home how they feel about the home his project constructed especially for them, I think you will find approval. The USA drew to itself a winner, regardless of the report card of that moment. History will be kind to President Carter because of who the man was—and is.

## *President Barack Obama*

The country has a need at this moment. The nation's energy has attracted President Obama's energy to deal with that need. Now we have the opportunity to see what he can do. If President Obama does have what it takes—and I believe he does—then it is important for us to cooperate with him and his efforts. Or is your role to be the big rock in the middle of the road?

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President Obama follows an impressive lineage. He comes into the USA pattern along with Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy, and Carter.

What does the USA need or seek in President Obama? We see again a president's personal pattern woven very deliberately into the USA pattern. Who is President Obama and what is he about? Let us examine why the country called him into service.

Let us see—his personal hero is President Abraham Lincoln. President Obama wants to be president of *all* the people and not just his party. That reminds us of President Taylor, doesn't it? President Obama wants to put together a team to heal our nation based on President Lincoln's team of rivals. He reaches across the aisle and lines of political power to attempt to unite us. He is the current end-result of President Lincoln's action and hope when he freed the slaves, a black man—no, make that a half-black, half-white man—a universal bridge who brings strength and striving to the table as did our Founding Fathers.

President Obama is intellectual, educated, successful, and interested in his community through his outreach programs. That reminds me of President Jefferson. He is friendly, open, listens, positive in outlook and action. Sure sounds like President Kennedy. He inspires, he attracts world-class, knowledgeable people as advisors. Here he shows the qualities of President McKinley. He has asked the American people for their input and opened multiple websites for that input, similar to President Madison's practice in a long-gone age. He has promised transparency and to me seems so far to be working to fulfill that promise. That reminds me of President Wilson. He has promised to look back only so he can move forward in knowledge, policy and practice, so much like President Franklin Roosevelt.

President Obama is an unknown quantity to us realistically. He is young, with a modest amount of experience, but he gives us *hope* and offers us *change*. He is surrounded by knowledge, he loves our country, he has ideas that he believes will work, the energy of the country called to him and we voted him into office.

## *President Abraham Lincoln*

There is one pattern we have not done as yet, the one who is considered by many to be our greatest president—certainly one of the more controversial—President Abraham Lincoln. He is the last American president to round out our cast of characters in this special pattern. Everything seemingly worked against him, poverty, lack of education, an ungainly frame, an almost homely (now beloved) face, melancholy (what we call depression today), adversity, hostility, the threat of the Union he loved being torn asunder, civil war, subterfuge, vilification, personal threats and attacks, an unstable wife, the early loss of his children, the list goes on and on, and yet the man prevailed. This litany of ills could have broken any man, but like Job, who was sorely tested, President Lincoln accomplished the most amazing feats. Perhaps he didn't realize it at the time he took the actions, but his personal principle of accomplishment (Midheaven) was freedom itself (Sagittarius). President Lincoln held the Union together despite a war that pitted brother against brother; a country divided among itself to the point of destruction, and took a step in the direction of resolving the slavery issue which was a festering sore at the heart of the Revolution itself.

President Lincoln was not an abolitionist by any fashion. His initial drive was to preserve the Union, the country whose energy pattern called to him for aid and assistance. He gave his personal energy without reservation, gave his best regardless of whether or not you liked his politics, and gave his very life to do what his country asked of him. In doing so he freed a people. He did not set out specifically to free the slaves. He acted to prevent the spread of slavery, but he accomplished emancipation anyway. A few days after the war officially ended, a group of people (terrorists) took *their* personal rights and ended *his* rights, his family's rights, and our rights to him and his gifts. The nation mourned the loss of a great man, a great leader, and a champion of individual human rights. Why do we sometimes kill our messengers? I write this with pain, but with the knowledge that we received the gift he gave to us all. We still have a country. We still have our individual rights. We have descendants of freed slaves who now live as citizen brothers and sisters. He gave us that gift. His assassination was a huge loss, but out of that *pain* emerged a greater *gain* for the nation.

The death of this man, who would have forgiven the trespasses of the war and welcomed back the prodigal son (the South) into the national fold without rancor or punishment, was devastating to the South. Andrew Johnson, who became president upon the assassination of President Lincoln, was from the opposition party. To his great credit, he tried very hard to implement what he understood of President Lincoln's post-war

policies. The anger in Congress and nationwide was too powerful for him to combat, but he did try.

President Lincoln never intended punishment of the South. Had he lived, he would have followed the healing path. President Johnson did his best, but he was crucified politically for his attempts and the South was severely punished for threatening the Union. Do not underestimate this point; this war was brother punishing brother. Within this country we are all brothers and sisters; we just choose to forget the fact sometimes. President Lincoln was a Unionist, not a northerner. He was the president of *all* of the USA not just those with whom he agreed. A great man? A hero? A true loss to our nation? All of that and more—he gave freedom to an entire race of people and proved that they were a people not separate from us nationally and in equality. Boy, have we had a hard time learning that lesson. I was born in the North, moved to live in the South, and I discovered that life was quite different in those two locales.

President Lincoln's ties to the USA chart are in only five categories, but those ties are so strong and reinforced that his statistics make up for the low basic count in sheer intensity.

## *The United States and President Lincoln*

So far my presentation has not been too astrologically technical for a reason. I don't want to lose your interest in the unfolding story itself. I do want to show you, however, what I mean by *intense* and *reinforced* and Lincoln is a very good example. I will be technical for only a few paragraphs, I promise.

During my research, any time I found more than one connection to the same sky map energy, I saw immediately that they reinforce each other. Any time you have a very close connection, that connection is interpreted as even more important, stronger or more intense.

I am sure you know your own “sign”. You probably read your daily newspaper or magazine horoscope for your sign, be it Aquarius, Libra, Leo, Taurus, etc. These non-specific predictions cover everybody under that sign, regardless of age, location, etc., and do not take into account the technical details associated with your exact time and place of birth.

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*Technically and astronomically speaking*; the sky map / chart of the USA Moon (emotions, populace, family) is in the sign of Aquarius at 22 degrees and 36 minutes. President Lincoln had his personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) in the sign of Aquarius at 22 degrees and 4 minutes and his self-identity (Sun) in the sign of Aquarius at 23 degrees and 27 minutes, which tell astrologers that these connections are very tightly connected and reinforced.

President Lincoln's sky map / chart of his Moon (emotions, family, love of country) is in the sign of Capricorn at 26 degrees and 59 minutes which connects directly with the point of USA *power* (Pluto) in the sign of Capricorn at 27 degrees and 34 minutes and opposite (wiggling pencil) the communication point (Mercury) in the sign of Cancer at 24 degrees and 26 minutes. These sign locations are from the science of *astronomy* and simply interpreted through *astrology*. As you can see, however, both sciences are extremely precise.

That is enough technical stuff to illustrate my point. The parts of his nature that closely reinforced his connections to the USA chart are President Lincoln's sense of responsibility (Saturn), spirituality (Neptune) aims, goals, achievements (Midheaven) with a wiggling pencil (opposition) to the USA's sense of individuality, rebel-within, revolution (Uranus) and USA's aims, goals and achievements (Midheaven).

President Lincoln's cultural values, religion and expansive quality are tightly connected in opposition (wiggling pencil) with the USA spiritual essence. It is important to note that President Lincoln's communication (Mercury) conjoins his personal power (Pluto) and, in turn, they are closely connected to the USA partnership, networking point. This is why the five categories qualify President Lincoln as the answer to the needs of the country at that moment.

We will spend time with Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Kennedy in our next chapter and more time with President Obama after that. All six men I introduced through this chapter are heroes in their own right. They were the right men to fill the needs of the country at the time they were called to service.

Remember my premise that the energy that represents the USA and the nation has wants and needs of its own? Our country is a living, dynamic thing; not a person, but an entity. Any country has strengths and weaknesses, plusses and minuses, it gives some and it takes or needs some.



A country is uniquely suited to a people, to the lessons of that people (the Earth-is-a-schoolhouse concept), and only the people themselves (and your occasional dictator) will cause the rise or fall of that country.

Time itself has a funny way of making an example of a country or a person or group who misuses the gift that the universe has given. We've already written about history and its reports and judgments. How about use or misuse of power and position? Do you think that those who would impose their will, for a time, are remembered by history for their *personal* version or the actual record? Who have we applauded through this book, those who misused their position and their power, or those who did their best, regardless of momentary outcome? Personally, I would rather be remembered for a small thing, done well, than a large thing done poorly.

Be sure you take away from this brief history lesson the memory of all those incredible men who voted their conscience and not just their party line. The president of the USA is not the president of a *party* or a *constituency*. The president becomes the President of us all. He represents our nation as a whole and he is responsible for our nation. Those individuals who fulfill only Party-line thinking and demands, who behave in the Party's best interest or who feeds and perpetuates his own personal power issues, does not understand the responsibilities of the *office* itself, its duties or its obligations.

That said, it is the responsibility of the *electorate* to vote into office an honorable and capable person. It is the president's duty and obligations to not only *govern* the whole, but also to *serve* the whole. In order to do that he must "listen" to the whole, evaluate the principles of the whole, and then act on those principles for the good of the whole.

## *Recent History*

Think of what we ask when we elect our presidents. Think about our recent history. Who understands these "rules"? Who reaches out? Who listens? And more importantly, who *doesn't*?

If you have noticed, I have mentioned the parties themselves infrequently, mentioning them where it was important to the story, but only when necessary. We have had so many political parties. Every time someone disagrees, we start a new party. Tagging a party name to a candidate distorts the picture. The parties are in a continual state of flux and they



change as the topics of interest change and the people within the party change. The two major parties of our time have changed and distorted over the history of our country so as to be almost unrecognizable by their origination or originators. Thomas Jefferson was a Democratic Republican... darn near impossible today.

The smaller parties, while passionate in their aims and goals, pop up whenever someone or something pops their trigger. I'm not denigrating our right to form non-popular parties. It is our right and our duty to speak up when we are not comfortable with what's going on politically. The strong Uranus / Aquarius nature of our country demands nothing less. That's how we will preserve our personal and our collective freedoms. But there is a lack of understanding and problem here.

These small parties almost exclusively come from one side of the aisle, the more liberal side, which is known as the political left. When they form, they dilute that liberal base and occasionally give the victory to their big-party opponent. One of the more dramatic moments in this was the Bush (Jr.) / Gore / Nader election in 2000. That is historically shown as a 50/50 result (polarization), with one side claiming the popular vote, the other side claiming the electoral vote in a political war for recount.

Much to the chagrin of most knowledgeable students of history and Constitutional Law, our Supreme Court stepped in and picked a president. Our Founding Fathers would have had hysterics. The Founding Fathers made specific provisions to prevent such an incursion by the courts. They deliberately set in stone a three-part governing system and two Constitutional Amendments that prohibited the Supreme Court from interfering. What got lost in this political scandal was that candidate Ralph Nader got something like two million votes. These votes did not come equally from the two main parties; they came from one side only, the liberals. Reconsider that 50/50 result with this information included.

As voters, we have to be careful not to accidentally give victory to the candidate we do not want. If our candidates are knowledgeable (they should be because they are running for office), then they must know the result they are going to produce. Astrologically it is possible to create a sky map for each of these parties in order to understand their motives, intent, process and goals. That would make an interesting study.

Both sides of the political aisle and their minor or fringe parties can be dedicated, passionate and consider themselves patriotic as they exercise their political rights. These small parties and their constituents have both a right and an obligation to our country to exist. However, that passion can lead to assertive and aggressive action regardless of the side of the political aisle involved.

Many don't give recognition to the fringe groups on the conservative side, which we call the political right, but they do exist, do mount candidates, and do campaign. Again, we have the right to express our political opinions in this country. We don't have the right to superimpose our rights over others. Politically, if these conservative fringe parties don't win their point, they still vote conservative, they do not dilute the conservative base.

Small parties have their best power and positioning in the early stages of a primary, for their power, their purpose, their candidates. As the campaign progresses, their ability to have real clout diminishes. If we, as a people, want to make meaningful change, we must do it in the grass roots phase, where our voices are equal to the other voices of the moment.

# Sky Maps—Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Kennedy

*Thomas Jefferson*

*Abraham Lincoln*

*Lincoln and His Political Legacy*

*Lincoln and His Astrological Legacy*

*Lincoln's Connections to the Lineage of Hope*

*John F. Kennedy*

*Background on Kennedy's Election*

Their personal sky patterns emerged as pivotally synchronized with the USA sky pattern. What did they do in real terms to bring hope and change to the nation? In order to understand their role in our country's development, it is necessary to establish a brief history as we examine these three presidents.

## *Thomas Jefferson*

What are the strong themes in President Jefferson's chart? We looked at the overview previously, but a quick recap shows strong freedom, originality, individuality and liberty (both Uranus and Aquarius on the Ascendant), plus a strong tie into the USA communication and power pattern (Mercury, Pluto) involving that same freedom and individuality (Uranus and his Aquarian ascendant). Do you suppose that might be why he wrote the Declaration of Independence, and influenced both the Constitution of the USA and our Bill of Rights?

His personal emotional makeup was philosophical, challenging and exploratory. He saw the world as his larger home, even in 1776 (Moon in Sagittarius). Do you suppose he was any good at being the Secretary of State if he had deep feelings for other cultures? The USA national identity (Sun) coupled with Jefferson's spirituality (Neptune) plus his personal

Declaration of  
Independence  
July 4, 1776

spirituality (Neptune) was also coupled with the USA social / cultural values and expansion (Venus, Jupiter). The spirit behind the movement of our country, our strong sense of national family (Cancer) and his love for our country and its potential connected. The Force was strong in young Mr. Jefferson.

What else did President Jefferson have in his personal pattern that did not necessarily tie directly into the USA pattern but still describes him as a person? His need to achieve prestige, power and position (midheaven) was met with passion, intensity and drive (Scorpio). He knew about power and he would expect to exercise power. He was capable of being the power behind the throne for a time, but he was too independent (Uranus on an Aquarius ascendant) to stay that way forever. He had a great love for his environment and he saw it as his roots and base of operation (Venus / home). Have you heard of Jefferson's estate called Monticello? This was his home, his design, his love. He built and rebuilt it many times over the years of his life. His personal committed relationships had some problems (Mars / Saturn / partnership). His wife died early and he never remarried. So he took that drive involving others and made new beginnings in foreign lands and with other cultures (Jupiter). He could see himself as a communicator, a lawyer, a politician, an architect and a leader. It is not difficult to see where President Jefferson was coming from.

When President John F. Kennedy welcomed forty-nine Nobel Prize winners to the White House in 1962 he said, "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent and of human knowledge that has ever been gathered together at the White House—with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."<sup>1</sup>

Wow! What an incredible compliment from one president to another. Historically, Thomas Jefferson is one of our most revered presidents. His words stir us and helped define the basis on which our country and ensuing personal rights were founded.

President Jefferson (1743) was a decade younger than either President Washington (1732) or President John Adams (1735) and far younger than Benjamin Franklin (1706 and not a president). He was more a contemporary to, but older than, President Madison (1751) and President Monroe (1758), both of whom saw him as mentor. These are our only five Founding Father presidents. In 1776, at age 33, Thomas Jefferson was more of the firebrand, with both George Washington and John Adams more settled in their mid-40s. Benjamin Franklin, the elder statesman, was

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<sup>1</sup> April 29, 1962 dinner honoring 49 Nobel Laureates (*Simpson's Contemporary Quotations*, 1988, from *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*: John F. Kennedy, 1962, p. 347).

in his 70s. James Madison was only 24 and James Monroe was only eighteen at the time of the Declaration of Independence. Look at the people around you to connect to the ages and potential wisdom of our Founding Fathers. Men *did* and learned as they went. They didn't start out with that knowledge, they earned it step-by-step or even step-by-misstep, learning as they went, which is the way of our world.

We must separate in our minds the Revolution itself from the *country* as we understand it today. Initially, the shabby treatment of the colonies and the colonists set up the outcry for fair treatment under British law that eventually led to the establishment of a separate government. This was the reason for our Revolution. The conception of our country was stirred up at the first meeting of the Continental Congress on September 5, 1774. The discussion was about injustice, petitioning for redress from what the representatives saw as a lack of their rights as British subjects. It was not about revolution. Independence and revolution took more time and was based on the frustration that they were recognized only as second-class citizens. They were continually punished for impudence by the crown for their demands and frustrations and the crown made it clear that circumstances were not about to change. Their frustration grew over time, step-by-step. The futility of their claims, the lack of redress, and the punishment by a country only dimly remembered, moved inexorably toward revolution.

It would have been so simple for the British Crown to recognize the needs and concerns of the colonists, back off the injustices (which, unfortunately, the Crown saw as its own legitimate rights) and treat the colonists with reason. Those colonists were not seeking independence as British subjects. We'd still have tea as our national drink *if* "absolute power [had not] corrupted absolutely" and those in power thought themselves bullet-proof. Monarchs, dictators and occasional presidents have the tendency to get deluded by their own self-importance. The seeds of personal freedom were planted long before the American Revolution and slowly ripened into being. We were not the first or only British subjects to rebel. We just won our freedom.

Our famous Boston Tea Party, December 16, 1773, was an act of frustration and not really an act of independence. From a host of accounts, that particular episode was *not* all that dramatic (although over fifty half-naked white men dressed as Indians throwing boxes of tea into Boston Harbor could become a movie in our time). The colonists were expressing

1<sup>st</sup> Continental  
Congress  
September 5, 1774

Boston Tea Party  
December 16, 1773

their frustration with their treatment by the Crown *not* attempting to dissolve their ties as British citizens. But that event was inching closer. Acts such as these threw one switch after another, and matters quickly moved toward independence as a means to resolve otherwise irreconcilable differences.

It was Samuel Adams and his cousin, John, who really lead the fray for independence. If you want to know about the drive to eventual revolution and liberty, read about Samuel Adams. Did you notice that John Adams was *not* on our list of ten presidents? His motivation was practical and was not the “past giving way to the future” of our ongoing Aquarian theme. He clearly understood that what had been was no longer tolerable, that justice could not be achieved as British citizens, and establishing independence from the Crown was the only solution. Practicality, not rebellion, was Adams’ motivation. He has only more recently been acclaimed for his early role in the documentary series on our modern airwaves. He was misunderstood and not very popular at the time of his presidency. He was defeated for a second term by Thomas Jefferson, his enemy at that time, and spent the rest of his life in relative obscurity, frustrated and hurt by his nation’s attitude and actions. But he wasn’t finished with history—he founded the very famous Adams Family—no, not that TV show. John Adams founded a family of politicians, historians and diplomats, a genuine dynasty of practical, dedicated and largely misunderstood citizens.

At the time, in the early discussions and documents such as the Declaration of Independence, of which Jefferson is acclaimed as the author, individual freedoms were not specifically addressed. That came later with the Constitution and the attached Bill of Rights. The Revolutionary War was specifically about breaking the bonds with England and founding a new country. Once the break was announced and the war was underway, the representatives turned their attention to other matters of state, which included the establishment of a Constitution for the country and individual freedoms for the citizens. The Articles of Confederation were our first attempt and these were ratified in 1781.

Jefferson was minister to France and was overseas during the time of the writing of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but he participated in the discussions and was informed through his relationship with James Madison, our fourth president. It is thought that Jefferson contributed to the original writing and he is known to have shipped numerous books to James Madison that many believe led to the first drafts of the Constitution. Countless hands and minds and much passage of time participated in the development of what the Founding Fathers often called our natural rights; it was never one person. But it takes a wordsmith to make it ring true in our minds and hearts and for it to be memorized and repeated through the

generations. These two documents established what we now consider as our personal freedoms. Our freedoms are guaranteed by the master document, our Constitution, but are truly enumerated in the first ten amendments known as our *Bill of Rights*. We have both Presidents Jefferson and Madison to thank for these gifts of personal rights.

Thomas Jefferson was the main proponent of the Bill of Rights through his earlier efforts. Throughout the ratification process for our Constitution, many States suggested a Bill of Rights to be incorporated into the Constitution. Twelve of these rights were introduced by James Madison to the First United States Congress in 1789 as a series of Constitutional amendments. Ten were adopted and came into effect on December 15, 1791 as the Bill of Rights, after they had been ratified by three-fourths of the States.

Many of the Founding Fathers focused on the establishment and perpetuation of the country itself. They called themselves the Federalists, which included John Adams and George Washington. Thomas Jefferson became more focused on individual rights and what were called States Rights. George Washington did his level best to be the moderate and not fall prey to the party politics that truly concerned him because of the potential for polarization. Thomas Jefferson, along with James Madison, co-founded and belonged to our initial Republican party. This was later called the Democratic Republicans which are not the same as our modern Republicans.

We, the United States of America, were established as a *republic*, not as a *democracy*. The word democracy was rarely used in the early stages of our country and became more popular in the form we now recognize over a century later. Both words are valid, but the meanings are subtly different. Remember that words tend to change meaning over time, especially when someone is trying to develop or make a point. Be assured that all the delegates vigorously debated the issues of State's rights versus a federal system. Strong opinions were held by all sides of the debate and the delegates were individual people with personal opinions they were not afraid to share.

Many colonists also wanted to open the door back up to Great Britain. Why? Because Great Britain was our parent. Most of us don't turn our backs on our parents that easily. Thomas Jefferson himself was a Francophile. He believed in the elegance, intellectualism, and drive for liberty of the France at that time. France had helped us in our war for freedom from Britain. Thomas Jefferson and others supported France figuratively in its war with Britain, but France was also in the middle of its own revolution with a changing cast of characters, political intrigue, and wholesale massacre tendencies (and you thought our revolution was

Bill of Rights  
effective  
December 15, 1791

Republic or  
Democracy?

Jefferson  
supporter of  
States Rights

violent). Presidents Washington and Adams wanted to stay out of that melee in order to heal and grow our own country. America should mind America's business and *not* get involved in the centuries old rivalry between France and England was the logic of the day. Thomas Jefferson as President Washington's first Secretary of State, despite his preference for a French alliance, agreed with President Washington that the USA should stay out of the centuries-old conflict.

As Vice President, Thomas Jefferson strongly disagreed with his sitting President John Adams. Adams was a Federalist and Thomas Jefferson a supporter of State's rights. Banking was another divisive issue between these men and their parties. This personal conflict eventually became an all-out personal war, the manner of which was not very nice. If you think today's politics are nasty, read our history.

The history of Thomas Jefferson is very interesting, complex, and very long because he was a very busy and accomplished man. We will not delve into understanding all of his life at this moment, but for our purposes, his writing of laws, interest in modernizing education, the establishment of the University of Virginia, his architectural skills, insistence on the separation of church and state individual religious freedom, and insistence on individual rights illustrate his chief philosophic and character qualities. As we look at his personal history and character we can see the qualities from his sky map clearly reflected in who he was and what he did.

When we look at Thomas Jefferson and his position in this study, it is easy to see the strong USA connection with his Aquarius / Uranus qualities of revolution, freedom, intellectuality, personal rights, few rules, modest government. These are all commendable as qualities. Individual freedoms cannot, however, hold a country together. There has to be some sort of glue that looks suspiciously like "common purpose". His focus on personal freedoms allowed him to see the overall requirements of government to be less essential and he acted from that premise. This did not always work well with the needs of that moment.

*The pen is mightier than the sword:* Thomas Jefferson certainly proved that. All of the work of all of the heroes of our revolution was worthy and honorable, but it is this patriot's words we remember most about him and the cause he served. Thomas Jefferson's connection to the USA sky chart for communication and persuasion is revered down through the centuries.



“We hold these truths to be self-evident” is a beautiful example of a man whose poetic communication connected strongly to the USA spiritual essence (Neptune). He wrote (Mercury) the words that both described and enacted the spirit behind our nation (Neptune). The man with the lisp, who was not good at public speaking, carved his words in stone for us all to live by.

“We hold these  
truths to be  
self-evident”

Thomas Jefferson also had his spiritual essence (Neptune) join the USA national identity (Sun). There is a spirit behind our country. It is one of inspiration, faith, and the pursing of the dream of liberation itself that embodies individual liberty and equality. Thomas Jefferson fit so neatly into that pocket. His words are the dreams that we hold up 232 years later. He acted out his own personal makeup. I was relieved to read that, as their lives wore on, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams mended their personal fences and became friends. If these two men could become friends, it means that, in spite of our differences, we too are capable of mending our fences, reaching across that great political divide and remembering that we started off as compatriots and friends. Two great men in our history showed us that they could stand together as compatriots, tenaciously fight for what they believed in, and eventually come together as friends for the sake of a collective dream we all share today. We can do this. The two men died the same day, hours apart on the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The universe was both poetic and fitting.

“One nation, under  
God, indivisible”

“United we stand,  
divided we fall”

These quotes below illustrate Thomas Jefferson, his character, and his personal influence. Throughout his life, Thomas Jefferson was intensely interested in theology, spirituality and religious study, though his religious views diverged widely from the orthodox Christianity of his day. His religious commitment is probably best summarized in his own words as he proclaimed that he belonged to a sect with just one member.

In an 1802 letter to the Danbury Baptist Association, he wrote:

*Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that*

## Separation between church and state

## Preamble to original draft of the Declaration of Independence

*act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between church and State.<sup>2</sup>*

In the Preamble to his original draft of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson wrote:

*We hold these truths to be sacred & undeniable; that all men are created equal & independent, that from that equal creation they derive rights inherent & inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, & liberty, & the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these ends, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government shall become destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles & organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety & happiness.<sup>3</sup>*

## Abraham Lincoln

In order to understand what President Lincoln did and his legacy to us, we have to understand a little about who he was. Life was primitive in the early 1800s. While not quite a frontier, it was past the point of initial settlement. His community was not far removed from those events and it was a small, rural, widespread and loosely-knit community. From what I have read, his family was impoverished with many failures and restarts. He was uneducated by our standards, but by the standards of that time he did have twelve - eighteen months of schooling. His father was a storyteller and young Abe would listen, practice and repeat those stories. This was primitive by today's standards, but great training in the art of listening and his skill as a future orator.

For the most part, he valued education and learning to such a high degree that he educated himself by whatever means possible and read voraciously. He had the potential of an amazing intellect and that intellect

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<sup>2</sup> Letter to Danbury Baptist Association, CT, January 1, 1802

<sup>3</sup> Professor Julian Boyd's reconstruction of Jefferson's "original Rough draft" of the Declaration of Independence. From: *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson*. Vol. 1, 1760-1776. Ed. Julian P. Boyd. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1950, pp 243-247)

drove him to learn. By university standards, his debating oratory skills might have lacked polish, but he stirred men's minds and souls. Even more important, he had the capacity not only to hear but also to listen. Listening is quite different from the physical act of hearing when you think about it. There is a mechanical part, but that does not bring understanding. Listening is where understanding enters. I do think his early training in the art of storytelling helped him become a good listener.

Two ears, one  
mouth per person.  
Listen twice as  
much as talk!

## *Lincoln and his Political Legacy*

In 1837, while in the Illinois House of Representatives, Abraham Lincoln gave his first protest argument against slavery. After a hiatus from political position, in 1854 Mr. Lincoln gave another important, pivotal anti-slavery speech opposed to the Kansas-Nebraska Act. This Act repealed the limits of slavery determined by the Missouri Compromise and Mr. Lincoln was a Free Soil advocate. His opponent / debater was Senator Stephen A. Douglas who proposed and had incorporated popular sovereignty into the Kansas-Nebraska Act as a solution. Popular sovereignty was based on the right of the people to decide on slavery for their territory rather than allowing Congress that ruling. This was, and still is, a reasonably laudable position. This is not “for” slavery. This is “against” government rule over personal choice. This was the central issue of the famous Lincoln-Douglas Debates, in which Lincoln lost to Douglas but rose to the attention of his nation. In what has been dubbed the “Peoria Speech” Mr. Lincoln said:

*The Act has a declared indifference, but as I must think, covert real zeal for the spread of slavery, I cannot but hate it. I hate it because of the monstrous injustice of slavery itself. I hate it because it deprives our republican example of its just influence in the world—enables the enemies of free institutions, with plausibility, to taunt us as hypocrites—causes the real friends of freedom to doubt our sincerity, and especially because it forces so many really good men amongst ourselves into an open war with the very fundamental principles of civil liberty—criticizing the Declaration of Independence, and insisting that there is no right principle of action but self-interest.<sup>4</sup>*

Increasingly dissatisfied with his Whig political party and the splinter groups that formed, Abraham Lincoln was instrumental in forming the new Republican Party in 1854. This was not the Democratic Republicans of President Jefferson's time but was, instead, the beginning of the current Republican Party. To maintain party unity, Mr. Lincoln deferred to another candidate for the Senatorial election. That is the mark of a man

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<sup>4</sup> Basler, Roy P. (1955). *Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press

“United we stand,  
divided we fall”

“One nation, under  
God, indivisible”

who puts the good of his group before himself, whether that be a party or a government, a fine ingredient in a president. In 1856 Abraham Lincoln placed second for vice president at the Republican Convention. In addition, his acceptance speech for his nomination to the Senate in 1858 stands out as one of the most memorable all-time quotes in history.

*A house divided against itself cannot stand. 'I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other.'*<sup>5</sup>

As he grew in stature, Mr. Lincoln's words and ideas took hold and he became the Republican presidential candidate in 1860. In the presidential election of 1860, he won solely on northern votes as he was not even on the ballot in nine southern states. The southern thinking of that day clearly had trouble recognizing him as president. Remind you of anything about our 2000 vote?

It is difficult to compare yesterday's elections to today's elections. Abraham Lincoln was elected as president of a nation already divided, and joined the ranks of so many heroes and patriots. Through his continuing acts of freedom and liberty he rose to his current rock star status as one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest, presidents in our history. He certainly has placed high in President Obama's regard.

*Hope* lived even then. And we certainly did experience *change*. Abraham Lincoln is our current president's hero and he wishes to walk in the great man's footsteps and allow his voice and his thoughts to influence him. Lincoln was himself influenced by President Washington and other Revolutionary War heroes. He resonated and identified with the theme of freedom, personal liberty and union. Those positive, constructive revolutionary themes move forward through time as a presidential lineage. What the issue of slavery left unresolved in the Constitution was to be addressed by President Lincoln in yet another war, our Civil War. Once again, our nation made only partially successful attempt to resolve the issue of slavery.

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<sup>5</sup> Lincoln, Abraham (June 1858). "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand". National Center for Public Policy Research.

As he listened to all those around him, President Lincoln internalized and pondered as his values evolved and he acted accordingly. President Lincoln's journey eventually led to the Emancipation Proclamation and finally to his death at the hands of those who could not and would not hear about the evolving of humanity.

This act falls into the category of knee-jerk thinking. And it does not matter which side of the political fence on which you sit. I have met many of these rigid thinkers. I occasionally become one myself. I even call some friends and relatives. They are good people and definitely keepers, but philosophic discussion and reason between us is not truly possible. I just have to hug them and appreciate them for their many other good qualities. I can or should reach across the great divide but can / will I be heard? I am sure that some of them feel the same way about me as well. Perspective. Does that sound like anything else that's going on in our country at the moment? Is anyone else living / experiencing this conundrum? Is there an echo here of a current president attempting to reach across that great divide into a sea of knee jerks?

The Emancipation Proclamation, announced on September 22, 1862 and put into effect on January 1, 1863, freed slaves in territories not already under Union control. As Union armies advanced south, more slaves were liberated until all of them in Confederate territory (over three million) were freed.

Lincoln later said: "I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper." (*Wikipedia*) The proclamation made the abolition of slavery in the rebel states an official war goal. Lincoln then threw his energies into passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to permanently abolish slavery throughout the nation.

I believe there is probably more written about Abraham Lincoln than any other political figure. There are masses of biographical material out there and some of it is contradictory and inaccurate. You will have to take every historical selection with a grain of salt. If you are interested, read it for yourself. As I was writing this section, PBS Bill Moyer's show featured actor Sam Waterson and historian Harold Holzer (author of 22 books on Lincoln) in a memorial tribute to Abraham Lincoln celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. Two hundred years ago, a man was bought forth to answer the 1860 call of a country born in 1776 and we still celebrate him in 2009. What I am interested in now is how President Lincoln fits into the star map legacy I am exploring in this book.

## *Lincoln and His*

Emancipation  
Proclamation  
announcement  
September 22, 1862;  
Effective date  
January 1, 1863;  
Led to passage of  
13th Amendment

Speaking from  
one's spirit

## *Astrological Legacy*

Presidents Lincoln and Jefferson are most likely the framers of what I'm writing. Please know that I am not intentionally slighting any other president, particularly the Founding Fathers, because each of them contributed something, and at times everything, to this *cause* we call our country. Some of them are heroes; some may not be heroes in your mind. Some of what they did was to our benefit, some was not. All of it was valuable because perhaps we simply needed the lesson. I have my favorites and believe it or not, that list is slightly different from the list I am writing about because we all resonate to different people and their actions. Some presidents I personally liked did not make this list. The list created itself through the commonalities among the presidents and the USA sky map. The universe does not pay attention to parties or personal bias. The words to describe what I found are mine and yes, I do have opinions. Not to worry, the other 33 presidents are on another list and I will show them deference and respect. I just haven't gotten to that yet.

What most of us know about our history and our presidents is miniscule. We know a couple of themes about Lincoln, such as the Civil War and the emancipation of slaves. But these men lived, and worked, and accomplished, and fell in holes and scrambled out of them, and did far more than that for which they are remembered. For example as mentioned previously, when the Civil War ended and the Union had won, Lincoln never intended to punish the Confederacy. His death led to a terrible injustice, one he would have attempted to prevent if possible, or control if prevention were not possible. During the Civil War, President Lincoln was vilified by many and subject to attack. He thought he would not be re-elected in 1864. By the end of the Civil War Abraham Lincoln was a hero to many, he would have been able to make many of them listen.

I also mentioned earlier that President Andrew Johnson was pilloried because he attempted to put President Lincoln's and his own intentions into practice. They each shared a similar view that when the war was over and the family was back together, punishment should be bathed in forgiveness and forgetting. The Confederate States would each be allowed to draft a new State Constitution and the conditions would include renunciation of secession and the abolishment of slavery. President Johnson and the post-war Congress did not provide for the slaves after they were freed, which resulted in chaos when more than three million slaves were sent into a society devastated by war, with no place to go and no way to get there. The angst over the war on both sides was tremendous. The post-war Congress voted into office by and through that war punished the south in ways that President Lincoln would never have allowed and President Johnson was unable to prevent. He was shunned politically and

3,000,000+  
Slaved freed,  
no provisions  
made

impeachment was attempted for even trying.

Someone exercised his vote with a gun (a terrorist act today). Sometimes we kill the messenger, realize our error and then lionize the messenger instead of the message. America's citizens lined the train tracks by the thousands and openly wept as President Lincoln's funeral train returned him to his Illinois home. He was a great man and we do not like losing great men.

President Lincoln, and to the best of his ability, President Johnson made an attempt to act as a team in life and in death. Remember, these two men were from opposing parties, yet they formed the foundation of a "team of rivals" that President Obama aspires to achieve today. Their joint message? It is possible to reach across the political aisle and forge cooperation in the name of the good of the country. They provided a marvelous example and each paid the price for an unpopular political view.

What are the strong themes in President Lincoln's patterns? The patterns of freedom, liberty and individual rights are very strong in this man. Not only does President Lincoln have his self-identity (Sun) and his personal projection and his coping skills (Ascendant), but the energy ties directly into the USA emotion / family, clan urges (Moon). Lincoln's rugged individualism (Uranus) marked his appearance and his manner. He had a power and communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto) that resonated with the USA power / communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto). Slightly different, but similar in experience, he had the power of persuasion but it was very intuitive and was closely affiliated with the USA national projection and coping skills (Ascendant). That was a handy little skill. But more importantly Lincoln was able to offer that sense of personal identity (Sun) to an enslaved people, to grant them an official act of freedom (Aquarius). We seem to be still working on his theory. President Lincoln's intention was driven by the USA sense of union, clan, family (Sun in Cancer). To him the Civil War was not all about slavery, as important as it was, President Lincoln's primary motivation was preservation of the Union, the country as a whole, all equal under the law. His personal hero was President George Washington and his role in establishing the Union, the living entity that is our country.

5 of 11 Connections

Abraham Lincoln did not initially believe that war would divide or destroy the nation he so deeply loved. The flames of the civil unrest grew hotter and hotter through several presidents who did little to stem the fire. Remember, President Taylor faced slavery issues during his truncated presidency in 1849. The election of President Lincoln, who wanted most to preserve the union, acted as an incendiary device to ignite the war he wanted desperately to prevent. His 1858 nomination speech about the nation becoming all of one or all the other prophetically came to pass. Unfortunately polarization (conformity versus change) definitely won. Boy did it ever, and the Civil War erupted because a man who had wanted peace and the brotherhood was put into office believing he could navigate us through the changes he had seen coming years previously.

War for the purpose of peace is a common thread throughout human history. Our Civil War took place between 1861 and 1865 and has been over for more than 150 years, but it is still being fought in the minds of some. The twin issues of freedom and slavery are still divisive, but we are slowly healing. What do you suppose the universe had in mind when it sent us a bridge named President Barack Obama? Perhaps we can finally dispense with the band-aids and get on with the cure for a festering wound that has caused so much pain and suffering for so many years. *That which we do not learn we are doomed to repeat.* Please let us just get this right. Yes, we can.

Personal themes: I've not spoken much about President Lincoln on a personal level. He was a very large man for that time, 6'4." He was not a "pretty" man physically, he was rugged and strong. While gifted in so many intellectual and eventually political ways, the bulk of his life was not very rewarding. His early love life is sketchy, but he eventually married Mary Todd who is depicted by historians as unstable at best. President Lincoln was subject to very dark moods and melancholy (Capricorn Moon) in his adult life, yet he was known for his sense of humor which was his "coping skill". Lincoln knew that the way to kill off an apparent liability was not to ignore it, but to kid the devil out of it. He defused attacks through humor. President Kennedy shared this trait, and so, it seems does President Obama. When President Obama was accused recently by the media of being too serious, he used his sense of humor to illustrate a point.

President Lincoln seemed to pour himself into being a good lawyer, a good president, and the great emancipator. His personal iron grip held a nation together. He lived with a sense of foreboding that turned out to be true. He sensed that he would be elected to two terms but would not live out the second term. He was inaugurated for his second term March 4, 1865 and



was assassinated April 15, 1865, six days after the Civil War ended. He fulfilled his mission and unfortunately his own prophecy. That non-physical “sensing” would have come through his three Pisces planets, Mercury, Pluto and Jupiter.

President Lincoln did what he believed and knew was necessary, but the price tag was extraordinarily high, unless you can count the love of a grateful nation from the moment of death to well over a century later and the enormous gift of respect of our current president. President Lincoln, a brand new Republican, helped found a brand new party. He admired George Washington, a non-party person who feared the divisive political party system yet was, more by default than choice, part of the then-emerging Federalist party. The presidential ticket for Lincoln (Republican) included a Democrat, Andrew Johnson as his vice president. President Johnson, the Democrat, tried to implement the assassinated Lincoln’s policies. President Obama, a Democrat, admires and wishes to emulate President Lincoln, the original Republican. These men do not consider party lines or partisan politics. The call of the USA sky map requires that they operated from the heart and personal conscience for the greater good of our nation. The presidents in this book that share the eleven traits studied thought of the country and of their roles as leaders of us all. We can do this. Each of these presidents has shown us the way.

To me, President Obama’s respect, regard and emulation of Abraham Lincoln is the greatest compliment possible. That does not mean President Obama will become Lincoln. It means that President Lincoln had qualities that President Obama takes to his own heart and he wants to emulate those qualities in his personal makeup and experience. My personal description of that is to either ask a great man to hold your hand as you walk your own path or to walk in a great man’s footsteps. When we pray, we do a similar thing. We ask for guidance. We ask for the essence of our belief to hold our hand. We attempt to walk in the footsteps of, “yes, *he* can” and perform “yes, *we* can”.

A quick reminder of the Aquarius / Uranus theme; simply put, it is individuality, uniqueness, good intellect, future-oriented, capable of risk and change. With great respect the American people see President Lincoln as one of our greatest, if not *the* greatest, president of our country. His task was enormous and he was the little engine that could. He freed a people, held our union together, and was the midwife of a new way of being, of

Lincoln’s 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Presidential  
Inauguration  
March 4, 1865;  
Civil War ended  
April 9, 1865;  
Assassination  
April 15, 1865

living. He was the moderator of *change* itself. He provided us with an example of accomplishment in the face of enormous adversity. He gave all that he was to our country. We are inspired by his dedication, his accomplishment and the gift of his life. Yes, he died tragically, but not in vain. He is a hero to so many and most importantly he is a hero to our current leader.

President Lincoln's own personal self-identity (Sun), his coping skills and self-projection (Ascendant) both connect to our national sense of family, of country, nurturing, emotion, our clan (Moon). This is the signature of his popularity and the citizenry hold him as their own, the common man in the position of power. But there is far more than the usual connectedness here. The principal of expansion and freedom, the great philosopher, (Jupiter) his goals, ambitions, and the mountain he chose to climb (Midheaven), plus his personal spirituality (Neptune) are connected to USA individualism, uniqueness, and sense of the future as well (Uranus). How could he be other than he was? He was born to greatness and he certainly accomplished that, much to our country and our citizens' benefit.

President Lincoln's feelings and sense of family / clan (Moon) connected strongly with the USA communication / power pattern (Mercury, Pluto). Again, he was able to communicate what he deeply felt to the American people, and he stirred them with his deep beliefs, they identified with him, he embraced them and they responded by embracing him. Can you imagine the influence of the USA communication / power complex (Mercury, Pluto) at that moment in time? The issues were about as large as you can get. The battle was ferocious. The polarization was devastating. Along came a person who could "feel" the estrangement (three Pisces positions), who could walk the middle of that complex and dangerous road. A man who knew instinctively the path he must take and the potential price of taking that road. To do what he saw must be done could alienate him from everyone. President Lincoln had the courage and the fortitude to do so, despite the outcries, despite the dangers to his nation and to his person. This is a remarkable example of personal dedication, courage and responsibility.

President Lincoln's personal sense of cultural values, expansion and philosophy (Jupiter) connected tightly to the USA sense of national spirit and inspiration (Neptune). He attempted to break through age-old negative thought forms and beliefs. He knew that reform of a nation must occur from within, not by division.

Many years ago, I was elected to the presidency of a local club which had been in disarray for some time. You know the old problem of governing by committee versus one man rules all. Many members were ready to form another, effectively competing group. I remember asking those grumbling members to give me a chance to fix things before they acted on that division. I was not the problem, I had just been elected; but the problem was mine because I was elected. The way to fix a problem such as this is truly from the inside, not by division. I am happy to say the problem was fixed (“yes, we did”), the group coalesced and is still functioning today.

You know that phrase that is going around right now “a company too big to fail”? Well, the USA is a huge company, with so much dependent on a successful outcome. Think about it. We just cannot fail, can we? So let us concentrate on fixing what is wrong, healing our wounds, rebuilding our country. What is the alternative? We have to do this together, come together and heal our differences, stop the band-aids and concentrate on fixing the problem, together. We can do this. “Yes, we can.”

There is one more connection that I must mention that is outside the eleven categories I have investigated. It is best explained by the pencil wiggling both ends concept described earlier. President Lincoln's communication, decision-making, mind (Mercury) and his point of personal power (Pluto) are on the opposition point (wiggling two-ended pencil) to the USA national projection and coping skills (Midheaven). He used these facets of himself as a war president specifically for “the people”.

Very interestingly, the only other of our ten presidents to have a similar position is President Obama and it is also his point of personal power (Pluto). In President Obama's chart, however, it joined the USA personal projection and coping skill (Ascendant). That does not mean to say he will have to exercise his power as a war president, but he definitely has the equipment.

## *Lincoln's Connections to the Lineage of Hope*

Aside from his personal connections to the USA patterns, what else can we learn about President Lincoln through his sky map? He was a kind, internally gentle man, with an incredible personal power of persuasion (Mercury / Pluto conjoined). You can bet he fit into our country on that point and that he used it very effectively. He was highly empathetic and intuitive (Pisces) He had a strong savior / victim energy (Pisces) and his personal philosophy (Jupiter) was cultural (community, national, international) in nature. He was a self-made person and was stretching his

“United we stand,  
divided we fall”



concept of his own capabilities. He was internally dependent on his own impressions and philosophy of life (Jupiter in Pisces). He wanted peace, but participated in war to achieve that peace, the purpose of which was a profound and deep change of society's cultural values. He personally experienced a mix of philosophy with so many catalysts, so many changes.

His personal emotions were rarely observed or shared, with the exception of his melancholic moods (Moon in Capricorn) that concerned those around him. His sense of emotional responsibility was strong. His mood swings and depression were a source of his own self-undoing. Such conflict was debilitating at times and only he could reach into it and pull himself back up. This person who embodies the concept of *hope and change* fought constantly against deep and debilitating (we now call it chronic) depression. However, "yes, he could" and "yes, he did". President Lincoln felt personally responsible (Moon in Capricorn) for so much of what came down as a product of what he did and what he allowed. This was never a man outside his own actions; he held himself accountable for all of it. That would drop most men to their knees, but this great man could pull himself out of the pit of despair to fulfill his destiny. Look at his deep eyes in all his pictures and you can see his pain, it was visible. Yet he persevered and he did accomplish.

This last part, a sense of personal and emotional responsibility, is common to Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Obama in our grouping. How long has it been since we have heard the phrase, "The buck stops here" from our politicians? That was Harry F. Truman's famous statement on the sign on his desk. Jefferson understood he was personally responsible and Lincoln understood he was personally responsible.

President Obama understands he is personally responsible. Now there are many presidents who had a sense of responsibility in various manners, but only these *three* men of the 43 presidents have this very tight connection on this personal emotional level. They, as individuals, would not express their emotion outwardly easily, but what went on internally was not always visible to outsiders. These men felt it deeply and expressed it through responsible action. This people might not verbally tell you they love you, but would ensure you were fed and safe. A few days ago someone called out, "I love you" from a crowd. President Obama said, "I love you back." This is from a man who has very private personal feelings.

Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt shared tight connections to that expansive, philosophic, freedom, crossing cultural divide on several levels of activity. Only President Lincoln's connection was an ambition, a goal, the pinnacle of his achievement (Midheaven). Presidents Kennedy and Obama are the polarity of that pattern, sharing in the drive but expressing it differently. They both will use the communication energy (Mercury) to do their work and live their own personal drive. The kick to this is the common connection to the USA individuality, liberty, change pattern (Aquarius / Uranus). They give life and meaning to the country's drive for such individualism.

Presidents Lincoln and Obama share a connection that is so tight that it deserves to be separately mentioned. President Lincoln's personal sense of cultural values, expansion and empathy (Jupiter) and President Obama's personal sense of assertion and aggression (Mars), acting on one's principles are joined at the hip with the USA national spirit—the inspiration that founded, and drives the country from an internal spiritual place (Neptune). Several other selected presidents had positions close, but not as tight as this Lincoln / Obama / USA connection. It is now clearer why President Obama identifies so strongly with his predecessor, and the two are in good company with Presidents Jefferson, Madison, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and with Carter close by.

As previously discussed regarding this research, President Lincoln had the lowest number of connections with the USA categories for the ten presidents in this study. However, the connections were very strong and reinforced energies. Lincoln did not connect with the USA aggressive / assertive urges (Mars) yet he led us into an incredible internal war. Wait, there's more to this coming up. He was not specifically connected with the USA responsibility pattern (Saturn), yet he felt personally responsible for what occurred on his watch. Remember, he didn't start the trouble, but as president, the responsibility was his.

Another interesting tidbit comes up here. President Lincoln was the first president to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* (our personal protection against arbitrary federal action). He was the first to use his war powers in a way that had never been done, by proclaiming a blockade on a State. And Lincoln was the first to imprison suspects without trial (suspected Confederate sympathizers, 18,000 of them). These are acts by a man who believed so much in personal freedom that he freed a race of people and changed the heart of an entire nation. We were recently outraged, however, by a few hundred foreign prisoners held in Guantanamo Bay. Is this the “what we don't learn by doing we are doomed to repeat” pattern?

President Lincoln was not connected with the USA social / cultural values (Venus, Jupiter) and that was not a specific purpose to his presidency as

far as the USA pattern itself was concerned. The Civil war tore us apart, north against south, family by family, and survival was the name of the game. It divided the slaves from their masters. But the social / cultural values were not what the USA energy needed from President Lincoln at that time. It needed other elements of his nature and he supplied those in great abundance. You'd be right in thinking that the USA energy itself thought it was time for a teacher to appear. You do know how we feel about being taught a lesson.

In Lincoln's time, the USA energy did not need that extra-relational energy (Node) where we are involved with those outside our own borders. A potential war with Britain in 1861, the Trent Affair, was averted by Lincoln. How in the world would we have handled our Civil War along with war with Britain? This was a job well and timely done by President Lincoln.

The USA pattern draws a president to itself based on its own needs, which are not necessarily themes the citizens or historians deem important. Those humanly-limited views are too shallow to understand or anticipate the broader scope of a country's needs. The USA got what it needed in the man and the country itself was preserved. I personally think the nation was in survival mode.

## *John F. Kennedy*

As I identified the themes and inserted the information into the USA categories, I was quite surprised that one president of our group of ten had connections into all eleven categories. One only. Three others had eight of eleven, but only the one had eleven of eleven, and we had him such a short time—John Fitzgerald Kennedy. My first question during this research was usually, “What are the strong themes in this chart?”

We know that the theme that drove this whole study was the Aquarius / Uranus theme, so this should show up quite readily. It is the way it shows up for this president that is so interesting. It is not Aquarius itself, which has been common in the other patterns we have explored; this time, it is Uranus.

The planet most closely associated with our Aquarian theme is Uranus, which was discovered (not invented) in 1781 just after the moment of the Declaration of Independence itself, but during the time of our Revolutionary War and all the activity associated with founding a rebellious new nation. This positioning is appropriate because Uranus represents the rebel within. With an 84-year orbit and 232 years of national history, it does repeat down through the generations. Uranus in its familiar

sign of Aquarius shows up in seven of our 43 presidents, but within our group of ten, only for Presidents Madison and Kennedy. For the purposes of this description, this equates to the astrological term, “strongly placed” and it did come with reinforcement. Kennedy’s self-identity (Sun) was closely connected to the energy at the root of our rebellion and organization as a new and future country, the USA Uranus as well as the USA goals, prestige and ambition (Midheaven). That is a double play for this theme and another solid connection into the USA energy pattern itself.

Two of our eleven USA categories are satisfied, what else is active from the USA chart? Everything. JFK’s extra-relational, more international point (Node) is connected to our USA national identity (Sun). JFK’s personal goals, achievements, and reputation (midheaven), sense of personal responsibility (Saturn) and spirituality (Neptune) are connected with that dominant USA powerful communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto). President Kennedy’s personal power (Pluto) is connected with the USA social and cultural values and expansion (Venus, Jupiter). His personal social values (Venus) are connected to the USA assertive / aggressive energy (Mars) and his personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) are connected to the USA responsibility point (Saturn). His emotional, family, nurturing energy (Moon) is connected to the USA spiritual essence (Neptune). His personal spirituality (Neptune) is connected to the USA extra-relational, international point (Node). Everything.

## ***Background on Kennedy's Election***

Kennedy was elected in the fall of 1960 on about as close to a 50/50 split in the vote as you can get. That reminds us of a recent election, does it not? When the nation votes like that it is a clear indicator that distinct polarization exists within our country. It certainly does not create a landslide in one direction or the other, which we refer to as a political mandate. A 50/50 vote equals polarization in the voting public; a big percentage difference equals mandate. In 2000 we had a 50-50 split in the voting, with massive confusion, charges of manipulation and illegality, and for the first time, election by decision of the Supreme Court. So the

two 50-50 splits, while they sound the same on the surface are quite different by comparison. Remember too, in these 50-50 splits, the importance of the less prominent political parties and their candidates as explained previously because votes are siphoned off only on the left side of the political divide. In 2008 we had an election that handed down a mandate, quite decisive.

Does a single vote count? Yes it does. Does a single vote *uncounted* matter? Yes, it does. Here is an example. We still have one 2008 election awaiting final results as I write this in March 2009, Franken versus Coleman. Which one is the senator? The question is at the core; should certain votes be counted? Why is that a question? Why—almost six months after the election—have not they been counted? If they were cast by a voter who was qualified to vote and were cast timely and legally, I just do not understand the question. This should be a given, an election mandate, not to be dragged through the courts and decided by the courts. We are back to the 50/50 polarization and a court deciding what is truly up to the voters to decide. Maybe, by the time you read this, we may know who was chosen senator. This would have been anathema to the Founding Fathers.

As you may remember, in 2000, as voters, we were so polarized we stalemated ourselves. A few votes can truly make a difference in any election particularly when they drain from only one side of the political fence, not both. All candidates should be smart enough to be aware of the effect of such action, and smart enough to know whether or not they should be running for office *if* the outcome of the split vote is to give the opposing side the victory. The question then becomes quite different. Are the candidates standing up for what they believe? Or are the candidates, who are assumed to be smart people, aware of the effect of such voting, consciously, knowingly, and deliberately affecting the outcome of the voting?

As I said previously, to me the true power for a candidate outside the two major parties is negotiation during the primary process. When a citizen votes to make a personal statement through their vote, they need to be sure they understand the statement they are making and the price of their single vote. Politicians are quite capable of knowing what that outcome means or they just are not intelligent enough to be running for major office. I doubt if most of the voters intend to swing the vote one way or another or even realize what their one vote is capable of doing. They are usually just upset and want change or effective representation. As I have become more



politically educated, I slowly but surely started to understand the importance of grass roots voting and I will be far more careful to pay attention to early stages of voting. I had not done that before this election. As voters, we should select better candidates up front. Vote in the Primary Elections. Our single vote does matter right here in the earliest stages of voting.

Why did we call President Kennedy's short era *Camelot*? I was there. I was young, and I was developing clues about what was going on. We were looking for *change* and we hated politics-as-usual. We were tired of building bomb shelters, chasing phantom Communists, having our children duck under their school desks (as if that would help in an atomic bomb incident, strange choice of words), teaching our children fear instead of *hope*. You can use scare tactics on the general populace some of the time and it works. But if you do it for a long time, and the threat that is implied is not realized (God forbid), people will revert to living their normal lives. Now there is some backlash built into that concept. You know the story of the boy who cried wolf - soon no one believed him. When the wolf was really a threat, the villagers in the story would not help. If you scare the hell out of me, I will react to protect my family and my larger family, my country. If you keep me on the fine edge of the knife with no proof, I will start to doubt you. If you do it long enough, I will get totally disgusted and discount you. Herein lay the problem at that time. If there is a real threat, I am liable to ignore it to the point of potential personal and national oblivion. Does any of this sound familiar?

Let us use the example of a barking dog in a neighborhood (and before you get yourself all upset, I do like dogs). It is truly annoying when an animal barks and barks and barks. If I wanted to live with a barking dog, I would have one live with me. If you were to confront the owner, they would claim such noise alerts the neighborhood and prevents crime (been there, done that). But that is just not true. If a dog barks continuously, you do your very best to tune them out because they are so annoying. Threats are not usually continuous, they are infrequent. To announce the possibility of threat, the dog would have to be more specific (words would be good, something like "there is a thief breaking into the house") or we will tune them out. That has the opposite effect of protection; it can hurt rather than help. The same thinking is true of terrorist threats and the sky is falling.

Jack Kennedy was young, vibrant, and our first Catholic president. The populace had been afraid that the Pope would rule the Catholic president and, through him, our country. I think we had the same problem with Mormonism this past year, didn't we? And I recall the same fear with a Jewish candidate. I do believe that similar fears previously were at the core of electing a black man president.

Perhaps here I should note if we repeat the past we will continue to live in and with the past. If we want to move forward, we have to accept the risk of change. President Kennedy represented change in that time. The politics and the results of the past were pulling the American people down and they wanted to move forward and upward.

The Kennedys were young, hopeful, beautiful, and they focused on the future rather than the past. They gave us the warrior king and his regal queen. They were both raised in affluence and culture and the White House became their stage for us as they ushered in a new wave of culture and hope. On an international level, this can be called statecraft. They encouraged the arts. We were tired of fighting the boogey man, whether or not he was real, and we would not know what *real* looked like even if it stood directly in front of us. We were tired of the boogie man.

We had endured a World War, Korea and the economic backlash as the war efforts shut down. Our women, who had effectively been running the country while the men were away at war, were told to just go home and give their jobs to the returning servicemen. The service men certainly deserved the jobs, but can you see the possibility of a problem erupting here? Let us see, you were smart, good, and capable enough to run the country. Good for you, pat on the head, now go home and run your kitchen. All those wise decisions you made can be put away now your men are back to run your life. When husband Kennedy remarked that he was the man who accompanied Jackie to Paris, women everywhere felt vindicated. And you wondered where the 60s and the bra burnings that followed came from.

I mentioned previously that Lincoln knew that the way to kill off an apparent liability is not to ignore it, but to kid the devil out of it. He defused attacks through humor. President Kennedy had that same trait, a sense of humor, self-deprecating at times, both *diffusive* and *defusing* most of the time. That is a tremendous asset.

We have that same humor response in our current president. As I was writing this section on Lincoln, President Obama appeared on the Jay Leno show.

President Kennedy and his brother Robert (Bobby) Kennedy, fought

organized crime and supported civil rights for *all* Americans (think knights in shining armor on charging steeds). President and Mrs. Kennedy brought us the elegance of culture and beauty on the world stage. He started hopeful new programs. He asked us to face the future with hope and subdue the fear. There were children in the White House and oh, how we cried with the first family when their baby died. Their loss was America's loss as well, heartfelt because we personally identified with our young president and his family. He was not everyman, but he was ours, warts and all. He took responsibility for his actions in the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and it certainly was a fiasco. His back hurt and we hurt for him. After all, to our minds his injury occurred during an act of heroism. All those with back aches (and there were lot of us) commiserated with him and his pain. He asked us to look forward, to act as a team, to recapture the building of America and the American dream.

*Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country.*<sup>6</sup>

And then he showed us what we could do, and we did it. The Peace Corps and NASA were born out of that moment. *Hope and change*; that was the Kennedy dream and legacy.

Please remember we had President Kennedy for only two years. Much of what he proposed and worked on would not be enacted during this presidency but was brought to fruition by his successor, Vice President Lyndon Johnson. I think it is poetic that President Lincoln was succeeded by Vice President Johnson and President Kennedy was succeeded by Vice President Johnson. In 1973 President Lyndon Johnson continued the work of the fallen President Kennedy. Remember what happened to President Andrew Johnson in 1865 when he tried to continue the work the fallen President Lincoln? Apparently we can learn from our past.

In a book called *The Presidents* is a short article written by President Kennedy called, "*Take the [military] Academies out of Politics*," as an excerpt from the June 2, 1956 issues of *The Saturday Evening Post*. If you want to look at the motivation of a president, look to these little tidbits, they tell you a great deal. The title of this article speaks for itself and the article was well-written and informative. I liked the source because it reflected the values and thinking of the applicable period of time.

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<sup>6</sup> "Inaugural Address of President John F. Kennedy". JFK library. 1961-01-20

President Kennedy worked on economic policy, reorientation of military strategy, reconstruction of foreign aid, the fledgling civil rights movement and many other measures too numerous to mention, because they got lost in the snow flurry of political history. In 1960-63, we were still in the Cold War. The Berlin Wall was built, but still Kennedy held the torch of American freedom and liberty high.

The Bay of Pigs invasion was a *big* error, but President Kennedy took full responsibility (Saturn). Kennedy also faced the Cuban Missile Crisis with Russia as they built missiles on the island nation of Cuba just 75 miles to the south of Florida, most definitely within USA attack range. He used our navy to blockade the island and negotiated with Russia for closure of the base. This was a negotiation, not another war. Russia exacted a promise that the USA would not attack Cuba again. USA has used blockades effectively in the past during this same energy pattern. Think about the blockade by President Lincoln. And the naval blockades that occurred during the War of 1812 under President Madison or blockades by Britain and France during the Revolutionary War.

President Kennedy is well known for the space-race. He believed that the American people were smart enough to put a man on the Moon in ten years. And we did just that. Russia and America were neck-and-neck. Russia had several significant firsts, usually only days or weeks ahead of American accomplishments. But the first steps on the Moon were done by America's Neil Armstrong, long after President Kennedy died. It was his and our collective dream that went front and center stage with that accomplishment. We have done so much more with our space program as the years have passed. Our entire space program owes its conception and existence to President Kennedy and the challenge for the race of space flight he envisioned. Of course other presidents have contributed and funded, but he founded and gave us the dream, and we remember that hope.

Civil rights were on his plate as well. President Kennedy did what most presidents do. He tried to govern for all the people and their very diverse ideas. Somewhere along the line this will stop working. You can't please all of the people all of the time. This wound had been festering since the Revolutionary War and was actually 50/50 during the Civil War (there is that polarization again). Why 50/50? Because President Lincoln emancipated the slaves (that is the plus side) but died before he could implement sanity after the war (that is the minus side) so we effectively went nowhere until the Civil Rights movement nearly a century later. The cry from the civil activists was, "America, put your money where your mouth is." The cry from the establishment was, "Get back in your corner."

Heroes arose and were smitten from that cauldron of change started at the

beginning of President Kennedy's time of service. President Kennedy's brother, Robert Kennedy was a hero to the civil rights movement that began under President Kennedy. Individual rights were challenged, and there was brutality and rampant law-breaking and the trampling of our Bill of Rights. The universe that called him to service forced a young president to take a stand. President Kennedy, like Lincoln before him, had hoped for a peaceful solution but it was not to be. Kennedy moved to the role of champion of civil rights for all Americans, whether or not he ever intended it. I am not saying he did this under duress; he had the heart of a caring and patriotic man. Of course he cared, but he did not want the fire, division and pain of such strife any more than Lincoln did. Civil unrest was seething and threatened to tear our nation apart over the issues of civil rights, equality, and the fundamental rights guaranteed to us by the Founding Fathers themselves. The very fabric of our dynamic national life force was twisting just under the surface and the living entity we call America was struggling to breathe. I can just about hear their sky maps humming in harmony with the USA sky map. Does the sky hum? What a legacy.

Vietnam was a constant thorn in the side of democracy and the USA had invested their backup and support. This was a very divisive war—hawks versus peaceniks—in the midst of a cultural revolution (there's that theme again) between the conformists of the past and the "radicals" looking for *change*; the hallmark of the 1960s. In the years after President Kennedy's death, conscientious objection flared up all over. Vietnam, unlike the wars before it, was not a universal belief for Americans. Soldiers who had long been lauded for their personal efforts and sacrifices in previous wars were not treated fairly or well during that war because of deep *polarization* and the *social revolution* consuming America. We seem to have learned the lesson of this negative repetition more recently and offer our respect to our current war heroes.

How could one president handle the Vietnam conflict, the Civil Rights movement, the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, NASA and the Peace Corps at the same time? These events don't even speak the same language, do they? Well, the man tried. Was he successful? That's another story. When you ask for change, you get it. With change comes risk. The in-between stage of what you have or want and do not want does not

transition seamlessly to the change envisioned just because such change is desirable. The *death* of one stage of development is traumatic. The *birth* of the next stage of development is traumatic. To have death and birth occurring simultaneously must look a bit like the edge of absolute chaos. Ferment, polarization, frenzy, fear of letting go, fear of the unknown, and their counterparts all happen at once.

Let's throw in the generation gap for good measure. Your children did not have your conditioning or your experience, so they don't relate to your concepts. Your children relate to later conditioning and experience, some of it supplied by the adult—you. Life does not tarry with yesterday. Want an example? My grandchildren understand far more about computers than I do, despite my years of hands-on experience. If I have a question, I ask them. Life moves forward and hopefully not backward. If backward movement is to be our experience, keep an eye out for square stones to roll down that well-known hill. Change scares us. (Mankind fears what they do not understand.) We know it is necessary, but we have to let go of our *knowns*, particularly those we like, in order to embrace change. We are creatures of habit, therefore change is difficult. Even when we have good intentions, our fear of letting go to risk can sabotage the best of good intentions.

One of the major accomplishments of the Kennedy administration was the establishment of the Peace Corps and it is still in existence today. This single thing has done much good in the world and is a perfect example of how the deeds of a president can live long after the person has left the planet. The volunteers illustrate his request. He asked what we could each do for our country, but he literally embraced the world with that question and its resounding answer is called the Peace Corps.

Many criticized President Kennedy for his ambition. (See our earlier discussion on "rocks in the road"). What couch potato do you know who would run for president of the USA? Ambition is not the real problem here. The motivation behind the ambition would be the source of the problem created by the exercise of such ambition. Ambition for ambition's sake is similar in my mind to power for power's sake, very dangerous in the wrong hands. Ambition for the purpose of accomplishment is a different story. What would we have done if our Founding Fathers were not ambitious? And they were. We would be drinking tea instead of coffee. What would we have done if Abraham Lincoln were not ambitious? And he was. What would we have done if Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt were not ambitious? And they were. (We'd be speaking German as our primary language).

Ambition in the hands of a well-motivated person brings accomplishment and progress. How could Jack Kennedy have been raised as Joseph

Kennedy's son, in the Kennedy household, schooled that his duty to his country was civil service, and groomed for a life in politics, and acted differently? Joseph Kennedy, Sr. made all the Kennedy children stay on their toes: "When the goin' gets tough, the tough get goin'." Do you think this book could get written, poorly or well without some sort of ambition on my part? Why am I writing this book? The real answer to the question of my ambition, as close as I can tell, is that I'm driven by insatiable curiosity.

President Kennedy did have ambition, but it was slanted toward doing service for his country. His father bestowed millionaire status on him at age 21 (in 1938 that was a pretty good status). He stood to inherit, along with the rest of his siblings, the extensive Kennedy fortune. He was well educated, did not need the money or the position. He honestly thought he could and should give service to his country. He had been conditioned to do so.

The assassination of President Kennedy was devastating to the country. I, along with millions of others, was glued to the TV. We watched live and with great horror when Jack Ruby shot President Kennedy's suspected assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, in the basement of the Dallas Police Station. I had never seen a man die before. I was no less horrified as a witness to death when the Challenger blew up more than twenty years later. We are not built to withstand such horror and that is why I truly honor those who fight and die or live with such horror. What a waste.

Was it one terrorist or a conspiracy? We will never truly know, will we? History tells us that one man again allowed his personal opinion to vote for all of us and his vote was by gun, the vote of terrorists to silence the dream of a nation and threaten the call of the future. The hope of a nation, the dream that united we could do anything, the inspiration of Camelot, and the grace and beauty we were on path to achieving was dissolving.

We did put a man on the moon within ten years, and so much more. Civil Rights did blossom and bear fruit. Vietnam veterans are now (finally) receiving some measure of due respect and care at last. The Peace Corp still lives and spreads Kennedy's dream of service and hope throughout the world. President Kennedy's "queen" taught us about grace and dignity and courage under fire. We have never forgotten Camelot, have we? Camelot

Recently my grand-daughter, Maegan, contributed 2 years to the Peace Corps in Paraguay. President Kennedy's dream came true in my life.

was hope and change in the persona of our young President Kennedy. The country called him and he answered, bringing his dreams and aspirations with him. He left us a legacy based on the *hope and change* he represented. Did he do it all perfectly? No. There are not any perfect students in this schoolhouse we call our world. But he “done good” as we say, in the brief time he had, using all his connections to the USA sky map.

Because so many of President Kennedy’s positions fit into the USA patterns, there are only a few that could be considered truly personal themes. Three of them are in an important cluster with two more in close proximity. Within a very tight area of space (30°) are found five energies, all of which are located in the chart area I would term “destiny”. There are only a couple of these more fated points in a sky map but this one is vital when you think of the tragedy that befell this president and his family. The Kennedys are tough people, raised to be tough in this world, but also raised in service to their country. What greater service is there than to give your life for your country and your beliefs? When a person is killed, the memory of that person lives on in the minds of those affected. When a great man is killed, that memory lives on in millions of minds and in our national history. That pattern is in President Kennedy's chart. The capacity to act on what he thought (Mars), his communication and decision making function (Mercury), and his expansiveness (Jupiter) were tightly bundled in that destiny area along with his self-identity (Sun) and his social values (Venus). He remarked earlier in the trip to Dallas that if someone wanted to assassinate him it would not be that difficult. That was a prophetic statement. Half of his available energy (the ten bodies) were caught in this destiny pattern.

*Profiles in Courage*  
(1955) by  
John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy's ability to think in detail was well connected to his ability to think in big pictures (Mercury, Jupiter) and he had the capacity to act on what he thought and decided (Mars). This is unusual in a human. Most of us think of the trees *or* the forest and many of us think a great deal, but may not act upon the thoughts. President Kennedy could do both the forest *and* the trees and act on it as well. He could be very fixed and stubborn (Taurus) but that was masked by his geniality (Gemini). His personal sense of family was part of a generation of people that your country comprises your larger clan (Pluto in Cancer). He was an intellectual, a Harvard-trained lawyer and wanted to be a law professor. He was also a Pulitzer Prize-winning author.



Because Kennedy had eleven out of our eleven categories represented in his makeup, the USA energy was very interested in him. It called, he responded. Because of this high count, he also had something in common with each of the nine other presidents in this study. He shared the themes of USA independence, freedom, intellect and future orientation (Aquarius, Uranus) with all the presidents.

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He shared the USA communication / power energy (Mercury, Pluto) with Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson, Carter, and Obama. Kennedy shared the USA spirituality issues (Neptune) with Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Carter, and Obama. He shared the USA social / cultural values (Venus, Jupiter) with Presidents Jefferson, Taylor, McKinley, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Obama.

His USA extra-cultural skills (Node) are shared with Presidents Taylor, McKinley, Franklin Roosevelt, and Carter. The USA national identity (Sun) was shared with Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, McKinley, Wilson, and Carter.

In an exclusive club of two, the USA assertive / aggressive urges (Mars) were shared with President Franklin Roosevelt. The USA responsibility mechanism (Saturn) was shared with Presidents Madison, Taylor, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Obama. President Kennedy's personal goals and prestige energy (Midheaven) was shared by Presidents McKinley, Wilson, and Carter. His personal self-projection and coping skills (Ascendant) were shared with Presidents McKinley, Wilson, and Carter and in a secondary, but complimentary, way with Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, and Obama. President Kennedy is in some pretty good company.

The presidents in this short list are remarkable as individuals and they share remarkable traits. The important thing to remember here is that all this fits like a jigsaw puzzle piece into the USA energy map. That is pretty astounding to me.



# President Obama: Called to Duty

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In this chapter, we look at President Obama's chart to compare the historical perspective and how he was called to duty as were Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Kennedy before him.

What about the assumption of office, the inauguration and the taking of oath, you ask? I have not done anything with that up to this point, but I will now take you a step further. Astrological research and principles can be complicated at times and I didn't want to lose your interest by using technical terms. My aim was to reduce the content to understandable language for a non-astrologer and present it in fairly small doses. The pure research itself will be made available for colleagues.

This is what this book is about.

## ***Research Background***

I have done the research work, checked my work repeatedly and have asked others to cross-check to ensure that I have not followed a path to nowhere.

It is possible that some folk could question this work, based as it is on astrological principles, and some may be judgmental as a result. I can only tell you that as a non-scientific, non-academic type, I did the best research

I could do as accurately as possible, with as little bias as possible. I arrived at some profound conclusions and am thrilled to share those conclusions with you.

I have already explained that 37 of our 43 presidents showed significant connections to the USA chart. That statistic alone is astonishing when we realize that out of the millions of citizens from 1776 to now, only 43 men became president and of those, an unusually high (statistically speaking) number—37—have at least one specific personal tie to the USA chart. Out of all the possibilities, this is truly a significant handful. What is that tie?

It is the Aquarian / Uranian theme I spoke about earlier and this was the first exciting pattern that came bursting out of my study. Aquarius and Uranus are directly related to each other astrologically and both are prominent in the USA pattern as it stands by itself. Of the 43 presidents possible, 37 have one or both of these placements. Each time there is repetition of such a connection between an individual and the USA pattern, that repetition will reinforce or ramp up the strength of the tie. This theme was my beginning point and led to the ensuing work that we have done up to this moment.

I researched the next intriguing point that echoed frequently throughout the charts; the communication / power / family theme. This was followed by a closer look at the next repetitive message running through all these charts, our spiritual essence, our inspirational energy. I narrowed the search for this commonality to seventeen presidents and then narrowed it further to ten, progressively tightening my parameters. What connects with what?

## ***Research Highlights***

The results were heady: thirty-seven presidents shared this main theme, but only Presidents Jefferson, Wilson and Obama share tight, significant connections with each other in this Aquarian / Uranian theme of individuality, liberty and freedom.

1. Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Obama share important and tight associations with the theme of *communication, power and family*.
2. Presidents Madison, Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and Obama share extremely tight connections to theme of *spiritual essence and inspiration*.

3. Presidents Kennedy and Obama both have tight connections for international (extra-relational) ties, the personal ability to reach into other cultures. Remember, we tended to be an isolationist country until the end of the 19th century. We first opened the door to allow immigration starting in the 1880s, then moved onto the world stage and reached out across our borders at the turn of the century. The ability to reach into other cultures was just not as important early in USA history.
4. Presidents Jefferson, Taylor and Obama share the theme of intensity, power and the ability to work behind the scenes for ambitions, goals and achievements.
5. Presidents McKinley, Wilson, Kennedy and Carter share the theme of seeing the viewpoints of others plus the ability to play chess in their dealings with others, not bad for the two Nobel Peace Prize winners, a Pulitzer Prize winner and the man who tried to form a League of Nations.

There is always more, but these were the most exciting highlights to me. Remember also that President Kennedy aligned with all eleven points studied. He did not necessarily share a tight association (degree of orb in the chart described previously), but he shared the energy associated with one or more patterns with all of these men.

I mentioned previously that the USA as a country is a living thing and that, astrologically, its chart is viewed as a living thing, just not necessarily as a human thing. It is more like a *humanity* thing. Over the years, this humanity energy has called upon its citizens to provide direction and aid (through voting). Over the years great men answered, our presidents. Through the lens of history, some did well, some did not, but all had the qualities required by the nation at that time.

I am not surprised that the theme of freedom and individual liberty is the strongest thread. We are the largest free society experiment ever conducted in our world's history. Yes, of course it has been tried before, in sections or parts, in various cultures or on smaller scales. But the Founding Fathers, all of them and not just the presidents, birthed our capacity to build, experience and support this grand experiment of personal freedom. They supplied us with the raw material 232 years ago and gave us a Constitution that was capable of growing and developing to support us throughout our journey.

The USA is a  
humanity entity

Each succeeding generation must preserve, enhance and evolve into something better or the grand experiment may wither and die. A stagnant pool kills everything in it. Life itself seeks change and the universe itself is always moving. As the beneficiaries of life, we must embrace change and adapt to the forward momentum of the universe itself. We could choose to die in the stagnant pool of conformity, but we would miss all the wonders that lay before us on the road to the future. We can be fascinated by and study the dinosaurs of our past, but none of us want to bring them into the present.

In world time, 232 years is not huge. In human achievement, these 232 years have witnessed amazing things. In the last 100 years, mankind has grown more than in all the prior years combined. This is both a blessing and a curse, but we cannot go back. We can only go forward. We know where we have been and some of us are afraid of where we are going, but “we the people” agreed to go there together and to help each other along the way. It is put up, or shut up time.

Now it is personally *our* turn. *We, the people*—at this time. What we have allowed to develop is a mess. What will we do to fix it? We must fix it, because that is our job. We collectively broke it. How do we do that? That is why we select and elect a leader.

## ***How the USA Government Works***

In our playbook, our leader is the president. We vote to express our choice, our electoral college then casts its votes in a hopefully similar fashion (most, but not all of the time) and the selection of the president is certified and the oath is taken. That was the intent of our nation at its founding and it is true today. So we look to the role of the president as the captain at the helm of our country, not a king upon his throne.

Our president is our collective and electoral choice for leader. We have a tripartite (three-part) governmental system for an important reason. Each part of our government is separate and distinct. Each part of our government performs a specific role.

1. Congress (comprised of the USA House of Representatives and the USA Senate) makes the laws. The president serves as the head administrator. In corporate language, he would play the dual role of

2. CFO and CEO. His Board of Directors is known as The Cabinet. The departments in his corporation are known as federal agencies (NSA, Immigration, FBI, etc.).
3. The USA Supreme Court arbitrates or interprets the laws passed by Congress, the enforcement by the government (administration), and the behavior of the States within the national framework. Neither the Supreme Court nor the President makes the laws. Only Congress has the power to create a law. Remember that part about us being a raucous people?
4. Our Founding Fathers gave us an outlet for our individual needs (USA House of Representatives) and each State's needs (USA Senate). But can you conceivably see the USA or any country being led by committee? Just watch C-span for a few minutes each day and you will get the point. There has to be a leader or we would mill around in circles while several hundred men and women try to agree and move us in any conceivable direction within a reasonable amount of time.

The leader we chose fits into the energy pattern we call the USA and we, as citizens, believe his skills are the best available at that moment to serve our country. My research shows that Obama has the skills. The current patterns between the country and our elected presidents do mesh in astonishing ways. We've been in trouble before and the life force of our country reached out to the universe for a leader. Our previous leaders with the particular chart patterns of *hope* and *change* I described in this book did indeed have the skills to serve our country well.

## ***How Obama's Patterns Align with the USA Patterns***

What about Obama's presidential ties to the USA energy? All of the connections mentioned were developed within the framework of the USA energy. Much of what I have talked about was intrinsic to the country, a pattern set at birth. I have only been discussing one interpretation of an energy called a human being or an entity, that may be called a *humanity* being, known as our nation. The pattern shown at the moment of its birth is the framework upon which our individual or collective experience will hang. That is the canvas upon which we must paint our masterpiece. The good news is, the canvas has awesome qualities that allow it to grow, shrink, change, adapt, and reform in concert with the artist.

You were a helpless infant when you were born. Why would we think differently about a country being birthed? At the moment of birth it has all

its potential in the hands of its midwives, whoever they happen to be. It is *potential*, expressed, but untested. How does that potential experience develop and become and how can we see that as well?

Astrologically, we study this potential at birth as it moves in its natural cyclic pattern of life. The experiences it encounters, successful or not will shape it and reshape it as it grows and becomes. We can do this for a person or for a country or any other question we might have. The numbers are constructed using well-known mathematical calculations. The interpretation, however, requires specific astrological skill. Like all parts of life, this is a growing, evolving skill as we develop our understanding and our skill through experience. I have studied philosophy and human activity for over forty years and I am still learning.

Because of the passage of time itself, the USA is an entity that is only 232 years old. Because of the passage of time, the presidents each aged and developed and became what they eventually turned out to be. At every stage of these lines of development, they were as complete as possible at that moment in their journey of being, but that moment were not necessarily all they were *capable* of becoming. As a human we have a natural life cycle. Many of our presidents lived to ripe old age. Some we lost early, due to both natural and unnatural causes. In this instance, a bullet from a gun is an unnatural cause.

As a nation, we have not become all we are capable of being. A living breathing “thing” such as our “humanity being” does not experience the same time or life limitations as a person. Rome was active for several hundred years, and yes, I know that approximation will be challenged by many history buffs - but this is not a history book. Be aware, I’m not a true history buff myself. The exact number of years is just not as important to me as the effectiveness of the living. I prefer to seek quality of life over duration. There are also those who will disagree with me and that is okay. More important than arguing semantics is the question: what do I want from such knowledge?

Astrologically, it is possible to compare and connect a president and the USA pattern through this passage of time, one to the other. Having the sky maps that illustrate their strengths, weaknesses and potential, we are able to watch the unfolding of that potential and to gain a new and changed sky map for each individual at chosen points. Before we go any further, realize that the charts or sky maps are part of a closed pattern of our solar system and simply repeat their cycles with little change for vast amounts of time. A map of a repetitive cycle does *not* make conscious choices for human beings, only people do that. A map of energy simply describes a location or a process; it does not determine that process. The map merely reflects the process and shows us what it looks like.



For potential of any kind, change and growth is expected. Our journey through life is really a process, regardless of whether we are a “thing” or a person. If I founded a company, I would expect it to have a shelf life, not be stagnant, and to grow, trip, and develop, repeatedly throughout its life span. If I could produce a map of that progress it would be handy, would it not? I could perhaps see the development itself, the stage of potential at a given moment, and still know that it was not a finished process. There will be more “grow, trip, develop” for the future and new maps possible for the next adventure whenever we chose.

To view development in individuals, we usually look at milestones like marriages and/or divorces, accomplishments, accidents or surgery, birth or death of a loved one, or some important events in a person’s life or the natural life process of anything we choose to map. For a non-human entity such as a corporation, we would choose important points of development such as expansion, contraction, partnership, public offerings, stock splits, takeovers, mergers, misadventures or accomplishments, failures, successes, etc. At each point during a similar timeline, also known as “their process”, our humanity entity’s chart (the USA) can show the current conditions of that ongoing process.

I had the good fortune many years ago to run into two of these mapping examples. Both were corporations, but only one of them was mine directly, part of my own personal learning curve. I didn’t invent the concept, but my research proved that the mapping concept indeed worked in both corporations. As I was doing this presidential study, the pieces of my earlier experiment seemed to fit. I pulled out my dusty old notes and I was able to put another jigsaw puzzle piece into place.

Both corporations were born in a moment of time that embodied the characteristics of that moment in time. They were founded by individuals, grew and became major corporations, experienced lots of ups and downs, but kept on rolling. Their founders grew old and eventually died, but their “children”, the corporations, lived on. Each corporation experienced new owners and management, but continued in its own life cycle, independent of the humans at any given moment. Life is not static. What I learned was that I could follow the sky maps of both the corporation and its parent, the



human who founded it. I needed to suspend any judgment I might have had based on ignorance of possibility. After all, how do you continue to map a person after they have passed on? I had to allow the parent human's sky map to continue as if it still lived (dead person, continuing map). The "ongoing" human maps clearly reflected major events in the corporate entity's life cycle long after its creator had moved on. Oh, that ought to get me in trouble.

Isn't the universe amazing? Our universe did give us a map, and for thousands of years we have known how to read those maps. Remember that part about "humans fear what they do not understand"? As humans, we have been busy talking instead of listening (think: two ears, one mouth, and you will recognize the problem). Only a few people started to catch on to what they had been provided by the universe. Unfortunately, telling anyone could be hazardous to your health. Those few individuals who recognized the possibility, understood the language, and could translate the information were busy dodging stones being thrown by the non-believer types (known as knee-jerk voting). It is hard to do real research or teach others how to do it while ducking rocks and dodging burning stakes. The universe itself is a map. Anyone can learn to read it with a little training and dedication. Oh, that ought to get me in trouble as well.

The ongoing sky maps for a corporation readily show its progress. Again, it would take a particular skill to read this, just as it takes a specific skill to read a schematic versus a floor-plan, versus a topographical map. The ongoing sky maps for the human who gave birth to a corporation show the effects on the corporation, *even past their personal death*. The universe is so amazing to me. Please remember that I see the universe as the manifest Creation of the Creator. And I do believe the Creator could allow us a map of the Creation if the Creator so chose because the Creator can do whatever it darn well wants. It does not need my permission or my approval. This belief is my choice. You do not have to agree with me, I won't call you names, I promise. I hope you will do me the same courtesy. Is your knee twitching yet?

The original example I read so many years ago was that of a major Japanese corporation and its founder. The example I personally experimented with was Walt Disney and his incredible entertainment conglomerate. I could clearly see the conglomerate's activities in the moving sky map of its founder, long past the point of his death. Do I believe it can be done? Yes, I do. Did I believe the concept would also work with this presidential study? Yes, I did. Did I apply this concept (with a little tweaking) to this presidential study? Yes, I did. Does it work? Yes, it does.

Does the ongoing-ness of a single president, work well with the ongoing-

ness of the country at a particular moment in time? Yes it does. What is the measure? I chose the inauguration of each president. The inauguration was a consistent event that was important to both the person and the country, and could be easily verified for the study. I looked at the state of being of each particular president at the moment of his inauguration. Yes, it did work within the president's own personal pattern. I could also see the emerging president connected to the USA energy patterns. I could also see the emerging USA energy setting out new connections for its ongoing self. These emerging needs tend to be temporary in nature because change itself is inevitable.

Through this and other research, at times it seems that the country's pattern appears to be instructive in nature to its citizens. The pattern appears almost as if the child were instructing the parent. Having four grown children and a large number of grand and great-grandchildren, I do believe they have become my very best teachers, so I know this dynamic is possible. Does the ongoing sky map of the particular president fit with the ongoing sky map of the country as well? Yes it does, for a time, and then it moves on. What did I use as an example?

Probably 35 years ago I awoke in the middle of the night, in the dark, in my hallway, on my knees in front of a small bookcase, reaching for a book that contained a sky map for the presidential inauguration of General George Washington. At that precise moment I had no clue why I was in that position doing that act. I had gone to bed like an ordinary person, to go to sleep. I was a single parent with a job and four kids to get ready for school and for life, so sleep was vital. I had absolutely no clue what to do with that middle-of-the-night information, so I went back to bed and went to sleep like a normal person. For years afterward, however, I did watch that sky map whenever I had questions about the USA. It has served as a continuing example. It is hard to ignore that type of experience.

Fast-forward 35 years to this research. I had the sky map of the inauguration of George Washington in my file. I had his personal sky map. I had the sky map for the USA. I knew who, what, when, where, why, and how. How could I resist? I did say that curiosity was probably behind my ambition. I aligned the George Washington sky map with his inauguration sky map; bingo! I compared the USA sky map to the first presidential inauguration of George Washington—double bingo! I looked at who



President Washington was, who he had become, and what he had to offer in his own right as a person—triple bingo! I looked at the entity USA and what it had become in its own right and what it was seeking—quadruple bingo! I looked at the sky map of the inauguration itself—where are we?—jackpot! All of it fit together beautifully like a jigsaw puzzle, in both time and experience.

The USA is a living entity with motivations, needs, strengths and weaknesses. It draws to itself the person needed for leadership at a moment in its development. The person that we call our president has at least some of the qualities the country needs. That person may or may not fit the whole bill, but is the right person for that job at that moment in time. Sometimes that person teaches us a major lesson rather than doing a good job as president. I mentioned that it seems to me that the USA pattern does supply us with teachers. Sometimes we don't like the lesson and sometimes we are inspired by the lesson, but we do get to go to school. Regardless of outcome, the right person is in the right job at the right time. The universe is absolutely awesome!

That is a statement that is true for all 43 presidents, including those with whom we are unhappy. But what about the president we have now? The USA itself has an energy pattern and it has drawn a person toward the presidency at this moment in time, the one we selected by our vote. Remember, there are no perfect people. This is a schoolhouse we live on and in, but in every classroom there are some people who seem to be better suited for a job than another.

## *Is President Obama the Right Man for the Job?*

Because of this reasoning, I believe that President Barack Obama is the man for this job, at this time, through my particular viewing portal. The USA pattern has produced both the incredible and the not necessarily credible presidents that we have experienced throughout our history. We want to know how well President Obama compares or connects to both the USA energy and / or the commonality with other presidents. I have done bits and pieces of this up to this point as I have looked at and described each individual president. Now I want to focus on President Obama.

You will notice I have made no attempt to act as a biographer. I am not qualified. There have been literally thousands of articles, reports, and books over the centuries about every president in this study. No matter how hard I tried, I could not match or better what has already been done. That is not the job I set out for myself nor is it the purpose of this book. I have drawn from many of those sources to share a concept of a person to see how those qualities showed up in their sky maps. I looked to what the USA energy was seeking, how it was fulfilled and what qualities seemed to predominate. I will do the same here. I will look at President Obama's personal sky map for a sense of who he is and what he has to offer. I will look at how he fits into the USA patterns already described.

I have already written about the comparisons between President Obama and the other presidents meaningful to this study as I did each section. But because this presidency is current, I will also look at this president's election, inauguration and oaths (plural). Most importantly I will look at his potential as president, rescuer, teacher, and the point in history. There is a tremendous amount of biographical and autobiographical material already available on President Obama. If you want more of that type of information, I urge you to explore.

Who is Barack Obama at this moment in time? What caused him to come to the forefront of this study in my primary group of ten? Which past presidents have similarities to President Obama and to each other? Which past presidents have similar connections to our country? How does President Obama personally fit into the USA energy pattern?

Briefly, President Obama's energy makes connections to the USA energy six times. He connects to the USA independence, intelligence, uniqueness (Aquarius, Uranus) and that is reinforced, to our power and communication (Mercury, Pluto), social/cultural values and success (Venus, Jupiter), spiritual essence (Neptune), and the extra-relational cross culture pattern (North Node). Okay, try that again in English. Those six connecting patterns to the USA sky map reflect the attraction between the president and the country, what the country was seeking in a president at the moment of his election. Now re-read that first section slowly and I will explain.

President Obama's personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) immediately fit the overall Aquarius / Uranus theme from the USA pattern joining energies from Presidents McKinley and Wilson to the USA emotion, citizenry, family energy (Moon). President Obama is popular and

well-accepted by the general citizenship; we like him. In addition, his cultural values and expansion energy (Jupiter) joins energies from Presidents Jefferson and Wilson (not bad company) also connecting in that strong USA Aquarian / Uranus theme.



We have already discussed President Obama's independent, futuristic, intellectual energy (Uranus) that is on the opposition point (think both ends of the pencil wiggling concept) to the USA emotion, populace, nurturing point (Moon). President Obama has that futuristic, individualistic, intellectual energy (Uranus) as a projection through his partnership energy. We all have seen what appears to be an unusually good relationship with his wife, each person unique, each allowed to express individually yet supportive of each other and their personal relationship. We have also seen what appears to be a genuine respect and working relationship between President Obama and his Vice President Joseph Biden. Each person is unique and allowed to express individually, yet supportive of each other and their relationship to the nation.

Astrologically, who would hold the place of the partnership energy of a sitting president? The people themselves, the citizenry. The president does not swear his oath to Congress or to the Supreme Court. He swears his oath to the country itself and the people that country represents collectively. President Obama has said he is president of *all* the people, not just those who voted for him. His thrust for individual liberty and to walk hand-in-hand into the future lies with the people of our country. He will encourage individualism, hope and change (Uranus) itself for the American people. But do not make a mistake. He will walk with us, he will show us the way, but he will expect us to do the work. He will not give us a free ride or encourage the lazy, the dishonest, or the “me first” screamers.

Before I leave this theme, I must note that President Obama's personal emotions and sense of family (Moon) require communication and conversation (Gemini). He will spend a lot of time asking about the feelings and thoughts of the American people. This is normal for him and has already endeared him to many because he listens. He will want us to communicate what we feel and think and he has already set up multiple web sites for the citizens to communicate with him. Why us (the citizens) and not just himself or his family? I have said many times in this book that the USA energy drew this man to itself. As a country we were born rebellious, futuristic, independent, and intelligent. We have been one of the brightest, most inventive countries in the world. We have always been craftsmen, artists, innovators, and inventors unless we choose to let a particular skill slide—which would be truly stupid. Now, change the “have been” in that sentence to “are”. We Americans are communicators to our core, as I said earlier. We will tell anyone, anything, perhaps more than

the world wants from us. If we have something to say, we say it, we explain it, we thrash it around intellectually, we test it, tweak it, then we discuss it more. That is the point where President Obama connects with the USA energy.

President Obama's sense of personal responsibility (Saturn), cultural / expansion (Jupiter) and concrete, reasoning mind and decision making ability (Mercury, yes, all of that) is connected to the USA pattern of communication and power (Mercury, Pluto), the second of our important themes. How many times so far have you heard him say, "I am the president, I am responsible?"

About every twenty years or so the constantly moving principles of cultural contraction (Saturn) and expansion (Jupiter) get together and hold hands in the sky (sort of). Talk about push / pull, forward / backward, yes / no and the like. They experience a new beginning of their repeating cycle. President Obama was born at such a moment in time. It is a part of his makeup and it connects directly to the USA energy (Pluto), and his communication energy (Mercury). The USA called, the man answered, the results, for good or for ill, are yet to be determined. President Obama fits the USA pattern and the historical moment of revolution itself that defines the moment of change itself (00 Aquarius, a new start) and we did vote him into office.

What else can we see about our new president? What about his assertive / aggressive urges, his energy to act and not just think or talk. The best ideas in the world can go unfulfilled unless we *act* on them. President Obama is not a pie-in-the-sky person. He will calculate, discern, subject to logic and reason, and then act in an informed manner. Political analysts are making a great living on trying to guess what he is going to do, to push him to reveal what he's not ready to reveal, to second-guess him, to point at him for doing too much, or too little, or too soon, or too slow. President Obama is going to do it step-by-step as I've described. He is a deliberate and deliberative man and is likely to drive the media to distraction. This is the analogy of the media as a child wailing, "Are we there yet... are we there yet?" And President Obama as the parent allows the child to vent until he gets where he is going.

Have you ever seen a small dog who is so excited that he hops up and down attempting to either get someone's attention or make things happen sooner than is even possible. That is what the pundits are doing and it does not matter if they are politicians or media. They are jumping up and down like excited puppies, wasting all that energy, while the object of their fixation is still opening the can of food. It is fun to watch, however, as they try to force his hand. President Obama will be methodical and will not be pushed to reveal what he is just not ready to reveal. The rest of us should

just get on with our lives until we are needed. I don't know about you, but I have lots of things to do. I don't hang onto his every word every minute of every day, but when, and if, he asks for something, I will probably stop what I am doing to listen to his request. In the meantime, I'm supposed to be living my life, not his.

Personally, I would rather President Obama gets it right the first time than he gets it fast with *do-overs*. On the other hand, the media has to report on something and his opposition has to say something, and so they each push. Unfortunately, if President Obama doesn't say *what* the pundits want him to say *when* they want him to say it, they speculate with each other, then report the speculation as news. I do hope you have caught on to that trick. Speculation is not news, it is manufacturing of news and it happens thousands of times a day in every medium possible. Remember the part about we will tell anyone, anything? Well the media will tell us anything about anything. Truth is not necessarily the object in every 24-hour news slot or every newspaper or magazine. I watch for this trick and still I can get caught up in it if someone's opinion is mentioned as fact enough times. Pay attention. Our nation's sky map gave us this Mercury / Pluto communication pattern and it gave us the responsibility to learn wisely. This is an important thing for USA citizens. Repetition of false information falls into the "if it is not the truth, it is a lie" category. I do not care if you are the media, the opposition, exaggeration, or a person with a jerky knee. It is either the truth or a lie. We will discuss the emerging sky patterns that the universe is providing right now that will deal with this issue later in this book. For now, I will say we are in for a rude awakening if we do not fix this particular widget.

What else did I find in my research? We are a nation conceived and born with a beautiful spirit. The USA spiritual essence (Neptune) put out a call, the people voted, and a man who can act to support what our spirit is calling for stepped onto our stage as our leader. This is probably the *most* important part, to my way of thinking. What I just described about President Obama is sitting directly on the USA spiritual essence (Neptune), the third of our three most important themes. That is three for three on the biggies in this research project. Two hundred thirty-two years ago, the Founding Fathers gave birth to a pattern that would call a man to service 232 years later. *Wow*, the right man for the right job at the right time.

## Social and Personal Values

President Obama's personal social values (Venus) fit hand-in-hand with



the USA social and cultural values (Venus). He values *personally* what we *collectively* value. What a great connection. Keep that one. His sense of family handed to him by his mother's side of the family (remember he had an absent father) is the same sense of value that he sees with his clan, his country, us (Venus in Cancer). I am not worried that he will scrap his personal values and run amok with our country. These are deep-seated values, taught, learned, and expressed over a lifetime. Watch carefully how he values and sets up his home and family and you will see how he will treat us and our country as his extended home and family. *As within, so without*. Speaking as plainly as possible, he genuinely cares. His personal values exactly match our country's values echoed down through the centuries. We, as a nation, are the winners here. The American people have responded to this man and they genuinely seem to care about him. The overwhelming feeling in this country, at this moment, is to give the man a chance to do what he was elected to do. It is much easier to follow a leader you like and trust through the hardships we must eventually have to deal with to fix our damaged economy, our damaged reputation, our failing infrastructure, and the myriad problems we handed him when we asked him to take this job.

There is another important point about President Obama's emotion / expressive pattern. It also connects to the USA prestige, reputation, ambition, and achievement pattern (Midheaven). Think of the world stage, with the leader of our country and the free world talking and feeling, discussing and strategizing about our world's position. You know we are not the only country in economic free fall. The entire world is in economic panic. It is not egotistical to recognize that many countries are looking to us to come up with ideas to fix the mess we have collectively created. This president did not cause the problem. He did, however, accept the hand that was dealt to him and he has vowed to try to fix it. Not just for us. We do not live in a vacuum and what we do as a nation does have impact around the world. Have you noticed President Obama does not place blame on the individuals, the policies, the programs, the politics that got us here, but he will *not accept* the blame for what was done by others? The pundits are having a field day with this new game. It is called "the blame game" and everyone is pointing at everyone else, and no one is accepting responsibility including the pundits—except President Obama. He simply says, "I did not cause this," but he does not point fingers to who did cause it. That's a fine line on which to walk, is it not?

President Obama's extra-cultural relating skills (Node) are on that wiggling pencil point to the USA power placement through Cancer (emotion, nurturing, family urges). This is quite handy when we think of the world as our larger family.

## Personal Power

Last major connection, but this is a really big issue and it requires a little groundwork before I get to the point. Only two of the ten presidents I've presented have the pattern I am about to describe. During my research I investigated other things in addition to the eleven categories presented for all of the sky maps. For the most part, the numbers were smaller and I left them for the larger study that is sitting on the back burner of my astrological stove at the moment. This one aspect, however, is important enough to include even though it goes outside this intended study.

Each one of us has a position of *personal power*. Sometimes we exercise that power and sometimes we play victim to it. Either way, it is *our* power. It may not seem that we have control over it, but we do—it belongs to us—we can rule it or it can rule us. We all have choices in this area and at times we do not exercise those choices wisely. Am I the power or am I the victim of the power?

Criminals and law enforcement showed that the patterns of the good guys and the bad guys can be similar in nature because they are dealing with the same energy. They just each individually choose a different acceptance and outcome. (Remember our discussion about the flip side of the coin?) Who and what we become is usually a matter of the choices we make at critical junctures of our lives. Make a different choice and you will find a different outcome. Throughout this book I have used the analogy of a wiggling pencil as an image. A criminal chooses one view; law enforcement chooses the opposite view. If law enforcement does *not* choose the view opposite the criminal, they are playing with the criminal end of the stick. They either enforce the law or they misapply the law. If you break the law to enforce the law, you still broke it. The stick does not care which way it wiggles, that is personal choice.

Many years ago I did a lot of work for a psychologist and specific patients. A mental health patient plays out one view and medical professionals play out the opposing but matching view. What is the difference between these views? A dark journey, or for some, tragedy. If you have a problem or a question about your mental mechanics you seek to fix it through a variety of means. A patient may go through therapy, or medication, or other treatments to fix the problem. A medical professional goes through education to provide therapy, prescribe medications or other treatment to try to fix the same problem. The choice is to make lemonade out of lemons. This is a school and we are all students. We can choose to be victims or we can do what is at our disposal. We can become

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personally empowered, we can misuse power, or we can become victims of power. A map suggests a journey. Where we go and how we get there is a matter of personal choice and the map itself does not guarantee the outcome.

Power that is developed for the purpose of power *itself* can corrupt and engulf an individual and that person can become a pawn to that power. (The storybook characters of Lord Voldemort and Darth Vader come to mind.) Power that comes naturally with the development of the individual is solid, valuable and very useful (now Yoda comes to mind). Our sense of personal power keeps us centered and steady and is available to us when we need to express it for ourselves or in our human role, whatever that is. True power does not announce itself, does not need to be stroked, and it does not need to take advantage of others. It is the sure, steady drumbeat of a person's life, and each of us marches to a different beat based upon our unique experiences, choices and personal goals and demons.

The two presidents of our selected ten who have that significant position of personal power closely connected to the USA energy are Lincoln and Obama. President Lincoln had a double dose; President Obama has a single dose. The two men share a common thread we have called the stick but from opposite ends of that stick. President Lincoln's communication pattern (Mercury) and his personal power pattern (Pluto) joined in empathy and personal sacrifice (Pisces). That surely was his experience.

President Obama's power (Pluto) is logical, reasoned, well thought through and deliberate (Virgo). How do they connect to the USA energy? They connect at the USA point of self-projection and coping skills (Ascendant). What a great coping skill, personal power. Although this particular alignment was outside this, the intended scope of this book, you can see why I thought this point was important to include. President Obama's personal sense of power is in balance, in proportion and harmony with the national entity that called him to serve.

## *Special Information about Obama's Chart*

What other possibilities can be revealed through Obama's sky map? This is where I go beyond what we have been doing thus far, so we can see other connections that are pertinent to this moment in time for our country and its new president. Here I must introduce important new technical information.

A chart is not static (a *chart* is the same thing that so far I have referred to as a “sky map”). It changes and moves with us. Astrologers call this Progression. Thus far we have looked at the snapshot of a single event such as a birth or an inauguration. Astrologers refer to this as a *natal* (birth) chart. A natal chart is only the tip of the iceberg in the astrological research available for this type of study. When I compare President Obama's personal sky map (natal chart) to his inauguration date by progression, I find exciting new information relative to his presidency, and what do I find relative to new connections to the USA chart?

President Obama's contraction / expansion pattern mentioned previously (Jupiter / Saturn) is much stronger and now it is directly connected to both ends of the USA communication / power stick (Mercury, Pluto axis). This strengthens the connection promised at his birth. His emotion, nurturing, family urges (Moon) are now directly connected to the USA Aquarius / Uranus theme. (*Aquarius / Uranus* is also our main theme, of course). His partnership point (Descendant) now connects to the USA responsibility pattern (Saturn). Amazing as it may seem, this activity takes place in the area of Obama's personal joint finance, taxes, other people's money (8<sup>th</sup> house). What were the primary issues that faced him upon his inauguration? Taxes, banking, stock market, trade, deficits, and a credit crisis. And significantly, his pattern of achievement, ambition, and success (Midheaven) in the world is now directly connected to the USA national identity (Sun). Clearly, we, *the people*, want to fix this. We want our reputation back. We want answers. Yes, we can—for now.

Next we compare the USA original natal chart to its moving pattern (progression). Has anything strengthened and is there new information? Progressed patterns (charts) give us a snapshot of that moment in time and then move on as new patterns develop. What I see in particular by looking at these charts is that the progressed point that represents USA achievement, ambition and success (Midheaven) in the world is now tightly connected to the original USA communication / power axis (Mercury, Pluto) and that the

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progressed USA communication pattern itself (Mercury) is now part of the original *Aquarian / Uranus* theme. That, in turn, is tightly connected to our original USA emotion / family / nurturing urges (Moon), its citizens. That tells me what the USA pattern was seeking. We elected the man who answered that call. President Obama resonated to the call of the national chart, that living entity we call America.

In 2008, wanting to gain insights into who will win the election, I researched the charts for the primaries and the final election as I had done for several presidential election years. The validation and excitement of this science is seeing the charts reflect exactly what happened in reality.

## *Inauguration Day*

When the Presidency itself began as an institution, Inauguration Day and the transfer of power of the presidency was set in stone by Congress for noon on March 4<sup>th</sup> for every president from President Washington to President Franklin Roosevelt. The time of the oath did not matter relative to the time of passage of presidential power. Many of our presidents were inaugurated on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and a few were inaugurated on other dates and times due to circumstance. President Franklin Roosevelt was the last president inaugurated on this date. The congressional powers at that time thought Inauguration Day should be moved to January 20<sup>th</sup>. Astrologically, I could argue with that choice because we gave up an important chart advantage. Philosophically, I believe in a purposeful existence, so some purpose unknown to me was served. President Franklin Roosevelt had four inaugurals. The first occurred March 4<sup>th</sup> and the remaining inaugurations were moved to January 20<sup>th</sup> of each transitional year. This subject requires its own research; it is not for this book. Stay tuned.

What about the day of this presidential inauguration itself? What insights does its chart offer regarding President Obama or the USA as a country? This research required separate charts relative to what was going on at the moment compared to both President Obama personally and the USA as a humanity entity (one event, two charts for different perspectives). On inaugural day for President Obama, his personal self-identity (Sun) aligned with his point of self-projection and coping skills (Ascendant), with his point of drama, pride, loyalty and flair as mannerisms (Leo). If you watched the inauguration on TV, you surely noticed the record crowd of over a million people gathered in front of the stage to watch the event.

Five of the thirteen chart points I used in this study on inauguration day were in the sign of the brotherhood of man, Aquarius. Those positions

were communication (Mercury), identity (Sun), cultural values and expansion (Jupiter), extra-relational, international issues (Node), and spirituality (Neptune). Here, the change of inauguration date from March to January now bore fruit. The alignments on January 20<sup>th</sup> clearly reflected the themes of individualism and humanity, futuristic, intelligent personal liberties, while acting within a humanitarian group. We got the full Aquarius / Uranus theme so common in our presidents. We witnessed history on that date. What a beautiful picture. The universe sent us a bridge, and for a moment we saw what we can do if we just remember we are in this together.

Do you suppose we could remember that picture and keep it in front of us while we do the work to make it permanent? Or do you suppose we will get scared and forget that we asked for change which requires risk and allow conformity ruin possibility?

I voted for change and I know that involves risk. I vote to look toward and act on behalf of the future, not the past. The past was useful to get us to here but now we must move forward using the best information, technology or people we have at our disposal. Why use an abacus when we can use a calculator? Twenty years ago, personal computers were considered revolutionary, but they were bulky, slow, and expensive. Advanced calculators are now integrated into our small mobile phones and our hand-held computers. We have 24-7 internet connectivity through ubiquitous wireless networks, and four-year olds create their own digital photo albums, and we're still moving forward.

The spiritual essence of Inauguration Day 2009 was tightly connected to the USA urges of emotion / public, nurturing / clan. We were one people on that day knowing we were on the moment of change. As if that weren't enough, the day's social values (Venus) and newness, futuristic, freedom-loving, intelligent activity (Aquarius) were beautifully aligned "holding hands" (conjunction) and in turn, this pair connected back to the USA pattern of spiritual essence and urges (Neptune). The overall pattern was one of conformity versus change.

For those who were concerned about President Obama's oath repeated the following day, I did check that out. The power of the presidency passed at noon of January 20, 2009 as set by law. The taking of the oath six minutes later and the repetition of the oath the following day were ceremonial and important to the citizenry of the USA and the world, but the power passed at noon on January 20th.

I always vote to rebuild and reinforce my personal freedoms and rights—and yours as well. What affects, or infects, *one* affects or infects *all*. I vote that together we can win because I know that divided we will fall. If something around your heart is stirring and it feels suspiciously like joy, we are going to be okay. You just joined us for *hope and change*.

Oprah Winfrey, on witnessing the election results on TV, told reporters, "Now, we're all brought together in the name of hope, it feels like hope won, it feels like America did the right thing."

President Obama's personal chart for the inauguration day activities put his pattern of self-projection and coping skills (Ascendant) right on the point of his partnership (business or personal) or networking (Descendant). The day's energy pattern was so Aquarian, it was almost overwhelming. Self-identity (Sun), conscious, logical, rational thought and decision-making (Mercury), the ability to see the larger picture (Jupiter), the extra-relational skills that help us deal with other cultures and ideas (Node), and the other point (Descendant) which equates to the public, and the spiritual essence (Neptune) were all clustered in Aquarius, the brotherhood of man, representing individuality, uniqueness, freedom, intelligence, and humanity. *Wow*. The country sent out a call and we elected the man who responded to that call.

Perhaps now you will understand why I saved this detailed technical part until now. I wanted to build the astrological picture one step at a time while maintaining the narrative.

## ***Background on Why Charts Work***

Our country is a *humanity* entity in its own right. It is a living thing with a national identity, with a strong sense of family and nurturing. It has its own spirituality. Like any person, it struggles with issues of its own; power, communication, social and cultural values and a need to expand itself. America has a deep sense of responsibility, an appreciation for uniqueness, originality and independence and a healthy dose of ambition and drive, coupled with self-projection and a very technically-oriented coping skill. I haven't said much about our agricultural, industrial, and emerging technologies, but those are present in the patterns as well. I have saved these topics for my further study.

United We Stand

The USA is a  
humanity entity



## Full Moon behavior and resonance

Why do these charts work? My best answer is *resonance*. Just in case this concept is not familiar to you, a tuning fork is a fairly simple instrument that a piano tuner will use to tune a piano. It is usually made of good steel and has an appearance of a combination of a “U” and a “Y.” The business end of the tuning fork looks like an elongated U with very little space between the two upright bars. The bottom has the leg of the Y and that is where you hold it. When you lightly tap the fork end on a solid object, the tuning fork vibrates with a single tone. There are many tones but each tuning fork emits only one single tone. The set of tones is what the skilled tuner uses for each key on a piano. If you have a room with a variety of such tuning forks and you strike the key of “C” all the C tuning forks in that room will resonate even though they have not been touched individually. Like attracts like.

What does resonance have to do with a chart?

A pattern can attract its opposite or another like pattern (two ends of our pencil, or axis). Either is acceptable until proven otherwise. If it is another “like attracts like” pattern, resonance can occur. I find that resonance occurs between the patterns of energy for a chart and in the same manner as the tuning forks just described.

Most readers know about the theory about the tendency of people to get weird on the full moon. Science has done its best to disprove it, but it is difficult to take a personal experience and discount it just because someone else says it is not true. Many years ago I was a waitress. I had the late shift in a 24-hour restaurant. My clients were police, ambulance drivers, restaurant workers, bar tenders, hospital and medical workers. From them I learned a lot about human behavior on full moons. Resonance is the answer. In my experience, it does work.

If a person were born on a full moon, every month when our Moon achieves full circle, a resonance is sounded and the individual can have a response in experience. Sometimes we *meet* the werewolf and sometimes we *are* the werewolf. The circumstance and the manner can change, but resonance does occur. The USA chart has its own set of resonances and from time to time they are activated. My initial research that eventually led to this book looked specifically for resonances at election time for each of the candidates. When the tone sounds, mirror-like resonances will respond. Now whether or not that response can be demonstrated by the voter or comes from the leader who is about to be elected or inaugurated needs to be researched further. However it works, the harmonic frequency attracts the outcome.



President Obama is facing a mess of mind-numbing proportion. All of those activations to the USA chart means that all of the issues those points represent are being triggered. Remember, this earth is a school. President Obama, the citizens of our country and the country itself are all in school. Not only is President Obama the right mentor at the right time, but it seems that the country is now ready to learn this lesson and it was drawn us, as citizens, to round out the class.

For example, recently I watched a rerun of *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* profiling the Hughes family. Their first son was born with no eyes and is therefore blind; he has very little in the way of legs and he has short arms that won't fully extend. His parents were devastated at first, wondering "why us" and then decided to make the best they could out of a difficult situation. They loved their child and they trusted that the universe knew what it was doing when it gave them the job of raising what turned out to be a marvelous gift. They set to work on the task they were given, with great love and tremendous devotion. They taught this child to be all that he could be and participated in that development as fully as possible. Along that journey they had two other sons with normal development. That oldest child is now nineteen years old, intelligent and in college. He plays piano, writes and sings music, plus he plays trumpet in a marching band—in his wheelchair. His dad does the legwork and Patrick Hughes plays the trumpet, quite well. It was awesome to watch the marching band perform with him, with his dad providing the "legs". This young man, who has been through far more than many of us have ever faced, is wise beyond his years, and he is very inspiring. I have mentioned that I believe the Universe sent us a bridge between the races with President Obama. Here is another messenger.

This amazing young man said, "A blind man does not see color."

Patrick Henry Hughes, you are a very wise young man. This is the first time I have ever thought that color blindness could be used as a positive political statement directing our focus to what is truly important and to lead us into the future.



**Mother Earth:  
our schoolhouse**

**"A blind man does  
not see color."  
(Patrick Hughes)**



# The Team of Obama and Biden

*The Obama / Biden / USA Energy*

*Vice President Joseph Biden*

*The Obama / Biden Team*

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*War Link*

*Teamwork Discussion*

*The First Ladies as Part of the Team*

What about the team of president and vice-president that we elected? How do they work together and what are their connections to the USA chart? After all, we not only elected a president, we elected a *team*. We spend most of our political education learning about and deciding on a president. In the first election of our country, this would have been a good goal. George Washington and our Founding Fathers did not have political parties as we understand them today for that first election. They had a lot of rugged individualism, a lot of personal opinion, passion, and the like, but they did not have political parties. The first general election was about the president. The office of vice president was awarded to the person who received the next largest vote. No parties. Doesn't that sound very relaxing? Now fast forward to modern political parties and we get political whiplash at election time. The war hero of the American Revolution, George Washington, won the first presidential race by a landslide. The vote of the Electoral College was unanimous for both of his terms.

President Washington wanted to avoid separation into political parties because of the inherent polarization and he passionately tried to stem the tide of political polarization already forming by his second term in office. By the time President John Adams was elected as our second USA president, the parties were in full force with a battle emerging between John Adams for the Federalists and Thomas Jefferson for the Democratic-Republicans. President Adams won the victory for one term. His vice president, Thomas Jefferson, however, did not give up his politics as President Adams' second-in-command. Our historians report that the

animosity and the politics within the White House were just awful. The polarized party system prevailed over the unity that President Washington preferred, but there were more than mere politics that caused the enormous rifts between the parties of that time (a topic beyond the scope of this book).

Initially, the office of vice president's was strictly a back-up position, just in case something happened to the president. His main function was to act as president of the USA Senate and he held the tie-breaking vote. This political wild card is still in place today. The party of the vice president automatically won in any tie-breaker. The rules of the game were vague and the vice president had very little to do with himself for his term of office. The vice president was often out of town. There were no cars, phones, planes, etc., and this could make running the country very inconvenient at times. It also made the transition of power tricky at best. Research into this area seemed to limit the office of vice president to a patronage position. It could be used as a negotiating tool between factions of the parties or as a place to park a rival to keep him out of the way for four years. It was definitely not anything I would want to do or be, but it still retained its purpose to ensure a reasonably smooth transition of power just in case. The "just in case" system became important through history, thus this function cannot be underestimated. Beyond the limited roles of back-up leader and Senate President, the office was mostly ornamental. This had to be very frustrating for the men called to service because bright, ambitious, personally motivated men are the ones who usually run for political office.

As the political parties evolved into the 1800s, a two-person party ticket became more common, but there was no guarantee that both candidates would come from one party. As our country and the world evolved, a smoother transition became mandatory to prevent anyone, inside or outside the country, from taking advantage of a lax moment on our part. Rules evolved, usually created out of necessity or experience, and the vice president's role started to change. Bright men no longer had to wait for the president to be incapacitated or dead (most cases) to become useful. The skills and experience of these smart and capable men were brought into play prior to a catastrophe.

If you look at our history, you will notice there were many vice presidents who probably should not have been allowed to use their power. Their positions came from political expediency and these men were *not* necessarily our best choices for the office itself. Several vice presidents through the first two centuries were downright dishonest. Despite this, you

must realize that these men do connect to the USA energy and therefore had their usefulness to the country. If our study is true of the presidents, it must also be true of the vice presidents. Astrology tools work on all charts for all people.

Over time, the duties and obligations of the vice president's office and the skills of the individual inhabiting that office were eventually turned into an asset as the presidential plate overflowed. Initially, the federal part of our government was relatively small. As we grew into a nation, the role of the national government took on greater importance. The issues of the individual States became the issues of the many States. Added to this burden was the increasing role of the USA president as the leader of the free world. The vice president is no longer an ornament. He plays a pivotal role in more ways than one. *If* he is thrust into the presidency today, he is at the same time thrust into the role of the leader of the free world. We are no longer voting for one man. We are voting for a team, and we are voting to protect ourselves if the worst comes to pass. Our vote counts here in ways many of us fail to consider.

Many of our states are larger than many individual countries. We are a huge country by territory. We have differences among sections of our country just in language, social mores, values and attitude—and politics. Give some thought to what we ask of our president. He spends about a year running all over the country canvassing for your vote while usually holding another political office at the time. Then we give him about two months to get up to speed on the entire world. How much worse would it be for the vice president who may have to step in within hours or minutes of the unthinkable? He has to assume the mantle of office seamlessly in all its facets as the new leader not only of the USA but the free world.

While I am at it, have you noticed the accelerated aging of the men holding our highest office? No matter how old they are when they start their service, the aging process for these positions is brutal. That is because the demands of the office and the national and international responsibilities are astounding. It is the highest and most powerful position in our world. All have chosen some form of service to their country, whether we agree with the form of service at the time. Our nation wears out our presidents, whether they are elected or chosen by circumstance.

For centuries the vice-presidential role was miniscule, discounted and not a major ingredient to our voting choice. The vice president is a heartbeat or a single breath away from the presidency. That alone should make us

consider the entire presidential ticket and not just the front man. Keep in mind that in our brief national history, eight of our 43 presidents (nearly twenty percent) have died in office. The president and the vice president are now voted in as a team.

The 2008 election spotlighted the true importance of this critical position in our national framework. Senator Joseph Biden of the Democrats was pitted against Alaska's Governor, Sarah Palin, for the Republicans for the office of vice president. Republican presidential candidate was Senator John McCain, a well-respected Senator, war veteran and well-known political figure. This choice for vice president was even more critical because Senator McCain was over seventy with a history of health problems, regardless of their origin. I doubt anyone can get to age seventy without some ailments, but when you are electing the leader of the free world, you have to think more carefully about it. I am also over seventy and while I consider myself very healthy, I do have a history of the usual ailments that accompany my generation. Americans, for the first time, acknowledged that a vote for Senator McCain was actually a vote for Governor Sarah Palin. A vote for Senator Obama was a vote for Senator Biden.

Both presidential candidates in the 2008 election made it clear that we were voting for a *team* to run the country this time. We consciously considered and elected the future vice president in this election. It took us 232 years to figure this out. As president-elect, Obama stated he had every intention of using Vice President Biden as an asset, as a right-hand man, and as a potential replacement. They are a team and we know it.

Throughout human history, the leader's replacement (usually a king or dictator), was potentially that leader's greatest threat. If he raised his sons to succeed him, they might murder him before time. Brother against brother, friend against friend, faction against faction was common and political coups were a real threat. Historically, the world was not a safe place for a leader. Some of the leaders were very touchy about this and often acted with a preemptive strike to eliminate the threat.

Our presidential pair, with respect for each other and their individual talents, and out of respect for our country, works as a team, every day, in every way possible. We elected a working team. That is very Aquarian.

We voted for a president of *hope and change*, who belongs to the lineage of presidents of *hope and change*. At the very same moment we consciously voted for a vice president of *hope and change*; one vote, one *theme*.

How does this man who is one heartbeat away fit into our country's energy

and our elected theme of *hope and change*?

Using the same criteria I used to research the credentials and connections of all our presidents, I closely examined Vice President Joseph Biden's chart. How does he fit into the USA energy? And perhaps even more importantly—who is this *team*? How does the team fit into the USA energy?

## ***The Obama / Biden / USA Energy***

When I put the two men in an astrological stewpot and stir it all together, what is the name and flavor of that stew? Called a composite chart, this chart shows cooperation, partnership, chess, détente, a united front, peace seekers, and responsibility. They see themselves within the brotherhood of men, particularly true when involving communications of any kind (transparency of thought and deed), individual freedom for others, a building up of the homeland and people, great affection for that land and those people, transformation, social values and extra-cultural values in joint finance, taxation, indebtedness and long range financial planning. Remember our current mess is not simply a *national* economic crisis; it is a *global* economic crisis. These men also capable of bringing in a whole new philosophy based on service and cooperation. That is, if we allow them to get on with the job.

## ***Vice President Joseph Biden***

Biden's public reputation is honest, hard-working, devoted to his family and to his service to his country. He is a survivor of personal tragedy, reasonably well-to-do, but he is not as rich as most political figures. Personally I like his smile, his laughter, his sense of humor, his ability to stick his foot in it, his humanity, his likeability, and on a wider scale, all the qualities previously mentioned. However, a likable person is not necessarily a good leader. We may like them in the way we like a good friend or neighbor. Honesty, devotion to country, hard-working, these are more usable qualities in a leader, but I personally like Biden's *humanity*. I can identify with him and he seems to have few pretensions. It is difficult to have pretensions with your foot in your mouth as a normal part of your apparel. I know. I am accustomed to living with my foot in my mouth; I could never live my life without saying many things wrong and therefore he feels human to me.

In my research, I looked for Biden's connections to the *Aquarian / Uranian* energy or connections to other important national traits. Who is he and how does might he fit into the patterns we have already discussed? Uranus

is very prominent in his chart; independent, unique, freedom-loving, individual rights and liberty are strong in his birth chart. Biden's self-identity (Sun), his personal relationship skills (Venus), personal self-projection and coping skills (Ascendant), and his sense of responsibility (Saturn) and partnership or networking skills (Descendant) are aligned with that drive for individuality, uniqueness, and liberty so important to our USA chart.

Biden's cultural relationships and sense of expansion (Jupiter) are family-oriented, nurturing, and emotionally based (Cancer). He has true feelings for his larger family, his country and can reach effortlessly beyond these to a world family. His ambition, career, and goal orientation (Midheaven) is practical, earthy, service-oriented (Virgo) and his spiritual essence, imagination are even stronger. His service orientation (Neptune) is strongly placed. He is deep, intense, passionate (strong Scorpio), and a very good reader of character. His apparent informality stems from his personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) that speak spontaneously (Sagittarius), sometimes speaking before the thoughts have fully formed in his head. He is, however, a people-watcher and a people-knower (Scorpio); he can read between the lines very well. His sense of personal power requires that he validates himself and does not wait for validation from outside (Sun in 12<sup>th</sup> house). Some people might believe that winning a skirmish is winning a battle with him, but they would be wrong; Biden waits for the appropriate opportunity to win strategically (Scorpio).

What about his connections to our country's chart? He definitely possesses qualities the USA energy was seeking. Previously I mentioned that seven of our USA presidents had their Uranus energy in common with the USA Uranus energy. You can add Vice President Biden to that list.

Biden's career, ambitions and his personal mark on the world (Midheaven) are closely connected with our USA spiritual essence (Neptune). His career has been serving our country.

What about that USA communication / power energy (Mercury, Pluto) which is so prominent in our history? His sense of cultural relationships and sense of expansion is perfectly aligned with this USA energy. This is a man who has forgotten more about foreign relations than most of us will ever know. I will get back to this point later.

Vice President Biden's personal sense of empowerment and ability to wield power (Pluto) is tightly connected to the USA extra-relational energy (Node) where we reach outside our own culture to relate to other cultures. This is a good quality in a man who is a heartbeat away from the presidency. He is *not* after power for power's sake. When power comes to



a man who does not seek it, it is because he is personally ready for that power and its use. Notice I did not say he *would*, because that involves his personal will. I said he *could* because it is entirely possible and it can be given in a positive application. The Founding Fathers picked a pattern that would thread itself through history right down to the core of a vice president 232 years later. That is awesome from any perspective!

## *The Obama / Biden Team*

What about the *team* we have elected? Both men ran on the Democratic ticket, or the “left” of the great political divide, what we typically view as the more liberal-thinking side. Biden is not a loose-thinking man. He is intense and deep (Scorpio). But he also comes with a liberal dose of competitive spirit and can be a calculated risk-taker that influences his self-projection (Sagittarius Ascendant).

Obama and Biden are a team; with similar wit and skill. President Obama has the self-confidence to allow another bright, talented, ambitious man to stand by his side, work hand-in-hand with him, and is not threatened by those qualities. Vice President Biden has the grace to stand by the side of a man who debated him on the public stage and beat him in the primaries. Biden has offered Obama all of his skills, talents and loyalty, to be his friend and confidant, thus they both serve our country.

I love the precision of astrological charts. Not only can I see who Obama is and how he and Biden fit into our country’s needs, but I can view how they work with each other—and how they work as a team. Their charts reveal how the team works with the country. We are now going to dig a little deeper into their astrological aspects.

President Obama is a man who believes in and works for service to others (Sun in the 6<sup>th</sup> house). He identifies himself by how and who he can serve, it gives him great pride (Leo) to do so, and he is tremendously loyal. Biden has that same type of service energy but his originates from a different perspective (strong 12<sup>th</sup> house). These men can recognize that quality in

each other and it resonates between them. President Obama has the natural flair and the drama necessary to capture our attention (Leo). Vice President Biden is capable of working hard and long behind the scenes (12<sup>th</sup> house). What a great combination. They may have moments of disagreement; but through mutual respect, they get through them.

President Obama has the capacity to think part-to-whole *and* whole-to-part; to see the big picture (forest) and the detail (trees). Occasionally those viewing portals conflict, but what a gift. He is able to grasp what he wants to do and how he needs to do it, quickly and easily, on the fly. This quick grasp is marvelous, but there is a twist. *Seeing* and *doing* are two different acts. Occasionally an issue needs to be run through logic, changes can occur, and more information may be necessary, but for Obama the immediate grasp and application are definite.

The flow between these two functions in Biden's chart is a softer combination and it shows that he needs to ponder things a bit more. He does not like superficial information (Scorpio). He has an easy flow that takes place between the logical and the imaginative aspects of his mind if given a moment to process. Since his coping skill jumps the gun a bit (Ascendant in Sagittarius), he may speak before thinking something through, as we already discussed. In our team, however, we have one who thinks and speaks quickly and one who may need a little more time to process. We have one who sees the whole picture and all its parts, and the other who has the ability to look deeply into each part and find what is hidden.

There is a very nice, strong connection between Obama's feelings and sense of family (Moon) and Biden's sense of uniqueness and individuality (Uranus). Biden will give Obama emotional support for his ideas and his communications through this *hope and change* theme. Biden's sense of empowerment (Pluto) synchronizes well with Obama's way of thinking and reasoning (Mercury) and his self-identity (Sun), thus adding support to both. They have a good combination between Obama's areas of assertion and aggression (Mars) and Biden's areas of ambition, goals and prestige (Midheaven). These qualities are, in turn, tightly connected to the USA area of spirituality (Neptune).

The next area I researched was their combined connections to the USA Chart to reveal new or reinforced connections to their existing individual connections.

We know Obama fulfilled the USA energy's requirement for independence, freedom, change (Aquarius, Uranus) and ambition, goals and prestige (Midheaven). His personal projecting and coping skills (Ascendant), his inner rebel and sense of freedom (Uranus), and his extra-relational skills (Node) connect with our country's emotions and people (Moon) and our independence and uniqueness (Uranus). His own social values (Venus) exactly match our USA social values (Venus) and connect to our cultural and expansive pattern (Jupiter). His sense of responsibility (Saturn) connects well into our communication / power structure (Mercury, Pluto). His self-identity (Sun), communication skills (Mercury) and personal sense of cultural and expansion (Jupiter) fit snugly into our extra-relational world stage needs (Node). His sense of personal empowerment (Pluto) connects to our country's self-projection and coping skills (Ascendant). His assertive / aggressive (Mars) qualities fit into our country's spiritual essence (Neptune). This works extremely well.

To complete the research I added Biden to this mix to see what aspects are strengthened and see what shifts or changes. Biden brings his own uniqueness, individuality and freedom energy (Uranus), his personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) with an extra dose of freedom (Sagittarius) thrown in, and his sense of personal responsibility (Saturn) which fit comfortably into our country's sense of freedom (Uranus) and its prestige, reputation and ambition (Midheaven). All these connect to his natural partnership or networking point (Descendant). His cultural and expansive values (Jupiter) fit into that important communication / power combination (Mercury, Pluto).

Biden's personal sense of empowerment (Pluto) is connected to that extra-relational urge (Node) that makes the world our stage and our larger culture. His personal ambition, goals and prestige (Midheaven) connects into our country's spirituality (Neptune). That covers each man individually.

These aspects give us comfort that we voted for the right *team*.

## *The Dark Side of America*

Before we move on, I need to explain something about the *dark* side application of what may appear to be a primary asset. This is *not* personally about President Obama or Vice President Biden, but do you remember our discussion about the flip side of the coin and making lemonade out of lemons?

Communication  
Ratio: Two ears  
to one mouth

The dark side of the USA coin exists because every front has a back. I mentioned that I wanted to do more with the USA communication / power urge (Mercury, Pluto) connection earlier. This is one of the three “biggie” areas that is strongest in this particular USA presidential research, and shows up in nine out of the ten presidents in the study. One of my terms was the “power of persuasion”, of which the country seems to have an abundant supply. To communicate effectively with a national population of communicators is a handy skill and many of the presidents in particular relied upon this mechanism. Communication is a two-way street. Communication involves speaking, writing and listening. I mentioned that the best proportion to be an effective communicator was “two-ears-to-one mouth.” In order for us to have a discussion, all parties to the discussion have to be willing to truly listen. If one person is doing the talking and refusing to listen, it renders the word “discussion” pointless. That is not a discussion, it is a diatribe. Both have their place, but do not confuse the two dynamics. When we talk over the top of one another, refuse to listen, or disrespect the views of others, there is no real discussion. Another word for diatribe is “rant”.

Many years ago I was called on the public carpet by a religiously zealous radio group relative to a regularly televised New Age program I sponsored. The station wanted me to come and “discuss” my views. Turns out they were not interested in my views. They controlled the microphone and the discussion. What they wanted was a victim. They were not interested in what I had to think or say. I had listened to the station as they presented their preliminary view of me and I had recorded one of those broadcasts. No facts. There was nothing in the program but condemnation and what I call “frothing”, with a complete and utter disregard for the truth or anything that had to do with my work or my views. Why in the world would I participate in something like that? To defend myself? There would be no discussion; there would be a blood sacrifice. *Me*—in the name of their misinformed opinion. I have never aspired to be a “sacrifice” for anyone, except perhaps for my children (grin). I ignored the group and eventually their frothing stopped. Unfortunately, the voice of misinformation, the zealous diatribe of ignorance, had a price tag. The price tag was the public service TV show I had sponsored. Every person who was interested in the content of the show was outvoted by a collective zeal and opinion not associated with fact, or truth, or knowledge shouted from the ramparts known as a religious radio voice. There is, of course, far more to this story, but it does not serve this book's purpose to tell it here.

Can you imagine what would happen if a whole country did that? The USA has a tremendously active and extremely powerful communication pattern that can be a great asset or a terrible liability. Remember the McCarthy Hearings? His “cause” was a personal vendetta against anyone who thought to disagree with a single USA Senator. In my opinion, McCarthy was a mentally unbalanced man who was permitted great power and he wielded it with the intense ferocity of hatred run amok. He misused it terribly at the cost of thousands of broken lives. You did not have to be guilty to be crucified by the public opinion he controlled. You only had to be the target. To utter your name was the death knell of your reputation, your life's work, your dreams and ambitions. Mere suspicion was all that was needed to expose every detail of your life on a public stage built solely to humiliate anyone targeted. McCarthy and his “committee” could destroy anyone who stood up to him. What *you* had to say or think did not matter. *Truth* did not matter. He had the full power of Congress and a USA president behind him. They either believed in him or they were afraid of him. He was the materialized form of the reverse energy granted to us by that powerful communication pattern inherent in our USA chart. Eventually someone stood up to Senator McCarthy and the nightmare and destruction stopped. The cost was unimaginable. He was a shining example of the dark side of our communication coin. I asked at the beginning of this paragraph what would happen if our communication pattern were warped to permit this kind of abuse.

With great power comes great responsibility. It is very easy to sell a bill of goods to the American public, because the pattern for selling the bill of goods sits there in the chart and can be awakened to do great good or great harm. People as humans, and countries as peopled by humans, respond emotionally to most problems. Citizens of the USA emotional aspect (Moon) respond through their desire for freedom and liberty (Aquarius).

I remarked earlier that my being “pro-choice” caused someone else to brand me as “pro-death”. No such thing. This was clearly a misuse of that person’s free speech probably produced by having their knee in their mouth. Misdirected thinking. Similarly, if I don’t like what is going on in a war, I don’t blame our troops. The funding of the men and women who serve in our armed forces is not in question with me. That is *misdirection*. If you called me unpatriotic for questioning if there is another way to accomplish our objective, that is also known as *misdirection*. If I can cause you to emotionally react to misinformation, I can control your mind

Negative USA  
Mercury / Pluto  
opposition



= Conversational  
bullying

Negative USA  
Mercury / Pluto  
opposition



= Misdirection

Negative USA  
Mercury / Pluto  
opposition



= Intellectual  
manipulation (also  
known as lying)

“If something is not  
the truth, it is a lie.”

through your emotions. I can make you act on those emotions if I push enough of your buttons. The rest is pure knee-jerk reaction and the knee votes. The American public has been and is currently witnessing, and we are getting hammered by, the misuse of this double-sided coin of powerful communication on its negative face. In case you didn't see this, let's review the situation.

Think of this on the scale of a country. Think of the damage. How do we remedy this? How do we make sure this energy is always used wisely? We must pay attention to what is being said, how it is being said, who is saying it, and recognize it if the elements of a lie are present in what is being offered. A couple of days ago, a man on television held up a fancy folder that contained very little, if any, information and presented it as a plan. I do not know how *you* would evaluate it, but to me a blank page is a blank page. Attempting to pass it off to me as a plan makes me suspicious of your actions and therefore your intent. I will probably never believe you again. More importantly, how many people thought that blank piece of paper was really a plan merely because he said it was?

This goes on day-in and day-out and the isolated incident is probably not that big a deal. Multiply that moment by 24 hours in a day, 365 days in a year, on 500 television stations, thousands of radio stations and newspapers, and throw in the internet for good measure. What if, instead of a blank piece of paper, it involved a political, judicial, or religious ideal that may have been critical or sometimes a controlling issue in our lives? Most of us have not been educated to recognize when we are being played for fools. Those who perpetrate these misdirections count on our ignorance and fear; ignorance is never your friend. They also count on our knee-jerk voting through that misinformation and emotional manipulation. The universe gave us this gift and it gave us responsibility for it.

Want to turn me off? Lie, repeat the lie, embellish the lie, then repeat the embellishment and the lie, be nasty, stay stuck in the past and do not give any viable solutions for the future, play big rock in the middle of the road of potential progress; you probably already know what else I would think. I will turn that person, that party, that system totally off, and it does not even matter if they have a kernel of truth in what is being said. I cannot, will not, hear you because it is clothed in trash talk. Lie to me and it is all over, for good. That includes promises that started out as lies, but not promises that just could not be kept because of circumstance. Did you just see my own knee jerk? We all have it somewhere inside us. How to judge this is quite simple. If something is not the truth, it is a lie. Misinformation given *ignorantly* is an error and can do a certain amount of damage with a little “d”. It may not be easy to repair, but there is no malice. Mistakes do happen - frequently. Misinformation given *deliberately* is not an error and can do enormous damage, with a capital “D”. This is actually a heinous

crime because the price-tag for a country or the world can mean great loss of life, devastation, and economic ruin. If this sounds familiar, think of President Richard Nixon. There are others as well.

We want powerful communicators for our leaders. Our Founding Fathers were nothing less than powerful communicators. Our leaders have to act in the spirit of the entity and life force we call America. They must be listening to our collective voice as well as speaking to our collective conscious, because our leader speaks for us all. If our leader does not speak the truth to the world community, we as a country, as a people and as individuals will be branded as liars. It is that old adage, “You are known by the company you keep.” This is a critical matter for our country’s reputation, prestige, and standing in the world community. Our leaders must be honorable and they must be accountable. They speak for us on a world stage. I am not a liar. I do not want liars to speak on my behalf. Honesty and transparency are critical, as is accountability. With great power comes great responsibility. That is the message of *hope*. That is what I see and that is what I hear from President Obama and Vice President Biden.

We have a very powerful communication pattern in our country’s chart and it can be used for good or for ill. We are currently working our way through a vast amount of misinformation and we still don’t know, and may never know, the whole truth. We can never fully eliminate any disastrous effects of what has been done or said through that misinformation. However, we can find the truth to the best of our ability, bind up the wounds and heal what is possible. Most importantly, we can make sure that any future communication is honest, transparent, and responsible. We are a country. Our impact on the world is huge. Our country has the power of persuasion as a skill. The responsibility for it is ours. There will be a test around 2020. We need to get this right now.

## *War Link*

There are three points in the USA energy chart that lack connections from either President Obama or Vice President Biden as individuals. Two of the three points receive a connection from the *team* chart, but one point is still untouched. The team chart brings to the USA table personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant) chock full of responsibility (Capricorn) and

individualism (Uranus) to the USA national identity (Sun). The USA national sense of responsibility (Saturn) receives a connection from the team's assertive / aggressive energy (Mars) which means responsible reaction to war.

Think about what current news is reflected here. The immediate and first action of this team was the Lilly Ledbetter Act. This bill amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 stating that the 180-day statute of limitations for filing an equal-pay lawsuit regarding pay discrimination resets with each new discriminatory paycheck.

Directly on its heels was the announcement of the closing of Guantanamo Bay Prison in Cuba, addressing the appalling lack of individual civil rights for the people involved. Yet, these prisoners could be men who are dangerous to our country. We need to go slowly, research and review, because a mistake could be costly, but this review is now underway and long overdue. Not fast enough for some, too fast for others, but the acceptance of responsibility is already in action and it has not even been seventy days as I write this.

This is an administration that is acting on so many fronts; the media is openly questioning the ability of the president to tackle so many projects. President Obama is not a single man acting within a bubble. It truly is a dynamic duo doing the work both in front of and behind the camera and the stage.

What about the one missing connection between the two men individually, the team itself and the USA energy? What is that gap? It is the USA assertive / aggressive urge (Mars). Despite our recent involvement in war, the USA is not usually overtly aggressive. Throughout our history we have mostly been the defender of human rights; our own and others. Until the 1890s, the USA did not participate in wars outside our nation's borders. In 1898 we stepped outside our borders because we believed we were personally attacked in the form of the sinking of the USS Maine on February 15, 1898 which precipitated the Spanish-American War. We did not enter any other wars until World War I.

Neither Obama nor Biden have in their charts the aspect of war as a primary motivation and energy. They inherited two wars with the potential of several more developing - Pakistan, North Korea, and Somalia to name a few. We live in a volatile world with international leaders who appear to run amok at times. I believe this pattern means our team would not want to start a war of their own unless circumstances totally force them into that position.

President Wilson and the country did not want to join World War I in



Europe. President Franklin Roosevelt and the country did *not* want to get involved in World War II. Circumstances provoked both presidents and war became necessary. There are those presidents who exercise their aggression and those who really prefer to work on the country and its needs and avoid war wherever possible.

For the first century, we fought our wars on our own turf, the War of 1812 (Madison), the American Indian Wars (Tyler to Grant), the Mexican American War (Jackson and Taylor), and the Civil War (Lincoln). Reticence on the part of our leaders leading up to the Civil War did not do the country a favor. Perhaps if the escalating problems facing our country internally were confronted earlier, we might have avoided the catastrophes of that time. Then again, we are in school and perhaps it was another one of those life-on-earth lessons.

In the USA today, we must handle the wars in which we are currently ensconced; whether they are right, wrong, or indifferent. There are those who advocate immediate withdrawal regardless of consequence. There are those who advocate winning regardless of consequence. There are those who advocate that to pull out of Iraq under a knee-jerk reaction would nullify any good we might have hoped for, render all the costs and losses insignificant, give us a black eye in world opinion that would damage us for all time, undermine who we are and what we said we were fighting for, and turn us into a huge hypocritical target. The plight of the people of those countries and the safety of the world itself must be the determinants if we are to serve the spiritual essence of our country.

## *Teamwork Discussion*

The relationship dynamic has many ways of behaving and should be continually changing because change is normal. It is unnatural to demand that anything remain static. It creates unnecessary tension and relationship skills disappear. There are no perfect people in this schoolhouse we call our world. We are using each other to learn and to grow, unless we stay stuck in the past. People grow and change. The relationships they inhabit must grow and change as well.

To illustrate this dynamic, let us take a moment to examine our own lives. You have or should have had two biological parents. Your parents may or may not have been present in your life, and they may or may not have been good for, or to, you. The point is that you had an individual relationship with each of them (no relationship is still a form of relationship). Each parent had an individual relationship with each other and any other member of your family unit. Each relationship was individual and different and each combination of three or more of these relationships

formed a new relationship. That new relationship, in turn, changed the dynamic between any combination of any other two relationships.

For example, my parents behaved in one way when they were alone, another way when one of the children moved into the room with them, and another way when visitors came. That is normal. When my mother died, I still had a relationship with her. My father still had a relationship with her and with me, albeit changed by her death. My brother and sister each had their own relationships with my mother, with each other, with me, and with my father. The death of my mother did not end those relationships, but it changed the *dynamic*.

President Obama and Vice President Biden had a congressional relationship of relatively short duration. Senator Biden was in Congress for a long time (35 years). Senator Obama served in Congress for a shorter period of time (three years). Their relationship was for the nation and for their own constituents (Delaware and Illinois). They were both compatriots in the same role for different reasons. Were either of them downright nasty to the other in the Senate? Not that I saw. Did they disagree? About some stuff. Did they agree? About some stuff. That was one facet of their relationship.

Change the circumstance and you change the dynamic. The relationship must find new ways of acting and interacting. Let us have them seek the same political office for the same constituents. They become rivals in the same role for different reasons.

Change the circumstance again and you change the dynamic. Let us have them serve together for the same constituents in different roles as a president and his vice president. Only time will disclose the new relationship pattern, but astrologically these two men have been in sync a long time before they entered the White House together.

These two men are at the beginning edge of a changing dynamic. Who they are to themselves, to each other and to the nation—and what they are as a team—must now be performed within the context of the roles they have assumed and the needs of the country itself. Viewing their charts by comparison against the USA chart, I truly believe we have a winning team. The connections are there. The life force of our nation called these men at the same time, for different reasons, to serve us all. They each answered that call in their own way.

We make an observation of something from the outside based on what we know and can see. When we get inside, we may have to change our minds or have them changed by a completely different viewing portal. The other day I was talking to someone about my concept of life having different viewing portals and remarked that that we also peer through those portals in different ways. We can have tunnel vision and look straight ahead. We can be afraid to look outside and avoid looking through the portal. We can strain to see as much as possible and cause ourselves pain from the strain of looking too hard. My friend observed the possibility that some viewing portals are made of magnifying glass and some are made with rose-colored glass. A rose-colored glass viewing portal; I think I will label it “Pollyanna”.

Through our personal  
viewing portal

Conversely, *not* looking through the portal breeds ignorance. Ignorance is never your friend. Tunnel-vision is another problem view and as close as I can tell often leads to the disease of knee-jerk voting. If you peer through your viewing portal with your knee, you'll find it limits your vision. Telescopic vision into the future could be another view, not necessarily bad, but we must remember to “be here now” and not forfeit the present by limiting our view to the future. A microscopic viewing portal catches all the small stuff, but misses the grandeur of the larger picture. I think rose-colored glass portals have to be the most painful of all. When we do not deal with life realistically, it can hurt us.

Ignorance is never  
your friend

I believe in positive thinking and positive attitudes. This book is named *The President of Hope and Change* for a reason. I have a “yes, we can” frame of mind, but I must take my common sense with me as well. President Obama and Vice President Biden will present new facets of themselves and their teamwork. It is unavoidable. How we choose to view life through our selected portals will determine just how far and how successful our personal journey will be. How we choose to view our presidential team through our selected viewing portal will determine (but only for ourselves) just how far and how successful *their* journey will be. The relationship we see unfolding as the presidential team will change with circumstance and experience. Hopefully it will stretch, grow and evolve, bringing us *hope and change*.

## *The First Ladies as Part of the Team*

First Ladies also form a team with their presidential husbands, but that is not a topic for this book. As I write this section, President Obama has just paid a surprise visit to Iraq. This is the tail end of his triumphant tour of Europe following the G-20 conference. President and Mrs. Obama are rock stars in Europe at the moment. The reputation of the USA is undergoing a healing and repair by a president and his first lady who are bringing intelligence, dignity, humanity, and honesty to the world and right now the world is delighted. Earlier I was concerned about our national identity because it has taken such a bruising in recent years, but our new president and our First Lady seem to be the tonic for what ails us. I wonder how the two charts and the team of the President and his First Lady fit into the USA chart? Alas, that is a project for another day.

I have not written about First Lady Michelle Obama, and that is not a lack of respect or admiration. This book is about the political arena and she currently holds herself slightly detached from politics, although she champions many important issues. Many recent First Ladies were assets to their husbands and to their country, that is whenever a pack of ravening wolves was not on their trails.

It was Dolly Madison who saved our national treasures along with the portrait of George Washington. She stood her ground as the British advanced to raze her home. She preserved as much of our legacy as was possible. I am old enough to remember Eleanor Roosevelt. She was very politically active and was my grandmother's heroine. I also remember Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower from my youth with great respect. Our last First Lady, Laura Bush was a tremendous asset to her president-husband, serving many causes. These and others were women who were respected and not attacked in the mean-spirited and disrespectful ways we have experienced in our modern era.

You know I have never understood why politicians or the media attack a family, a spouse or child of a sitting president. That is just plain wrong. I would not want a president who did not respect and consider his wife an asset. I see no point to wasting talent, skill and intelligence regardless of role. I sincerely hope that all our First Ladies are assets to our country if

they are willing. I also sincerely hope that they receive our respect for their freely-given efforts in our behalf. I did say *free*. No First Lady is paid a salary for gracing us with her gifts. Remember that the next time you are looking that hard-working, dedicated, inspiring gift horse in the mouth. They do not receive compensation for what they do.

Respect for our  
First Ladies

Unpaid contributions

Never look a gift  
horse in the mouth



## Part II:

# President Obama and Our Future





# Current Trends and World Patterns

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Up to this point, we have dealt with *people* (the presidents) and our *country* as individual entities, using their charts as frameworks for experience. Now we are going to leave the world of individual people or countries and use our charts in a different way. We are going to look at events. A chart is not a static thing as I described in Chapter 4 when discussing President Obama and his inauguration. The earth turns and thus the view of the sky never stops moving. We develop a method of looking at that movement as growth for the individual and for the country. The moving map reflects the current point of evolution of an individual or a country and the current activations for either. We take those same charts and use their natural motion and activations to investigate what is currently going on for our country, the citizens it serves, and our sitting president. This is the same base of information with a new way of viewing it.

Let us begin with the world in general. If you are an evolution devotee, the solar system and our Earth are billions of years old. No one took any notes at the Big Bang. If you are a creationist, we are around 6000 years old. Again, no notes. Whichever way you look at it, I do not have a beginning point. How do I know what happened in that moment of

Where, when did  
this all begin?

creation, way back when, with no witnesses? If I were a geologist, I might have a small chance, because that particular science has been working hard on this for centuries. Alas I do not have that kind of time—this book has to go to the printer. That being said, what is possible even if I don't have a chart of the beginning of the world?

## *Effect of the Cosmos*

There are patterns in the sky that affect the world and all of us collectively. Patterns of energy exist all around us continuously. The cosmos is moving and changing all of the time. Our Earth and its inhabitants orbit through that cosmos as we spin on our axis and literally bathe in that cosmic energy. Imagine this. A comet (think giant ice ball) flies our way and, due to gravitational attraction, is drawn toward our Sun. As it gets up really close to the Sun, at the last possible minute, propelled by gravity, it whips back into space, possibly close to us. We are grateful that it does not *hit* us, but does that mean it has no *effect* on us? No. As it melts, the comet leaves little bits of itself wherever that melting occurs. Then the extremely powerful solar wind blows the remnants of that comet all over the place, saturating the inner part of the solar system.

In our blissfully ignorant orbit around that same Sun, our Earth moves in and out of that deposited microscopic material thought to be leftovers from the formation of the Solar System itself. Good grief! We are bathed in discarded matter (read: garbage) *all the time*. Do not freak out, this is normal. It does, however, contribute in a continuing way to our evolving planet and solar system; and since we live here, there must be some effect on us. Perhaps our problem is that we do not realize it is happening; we do not believe it means anything even if we do know about it, plus interpretation could be very difficult. By the way, did you know we recently sent out a space probe and deliberately smacked an unsuspecting comet right in the face? Will that or any other comet return the favor?

Earlier I mentioned that right now there is an energy pattern that repeats every 45 years or so involving a conflict between conformity and change. The conflict in astrological terms would be called an opposition (planets on opposite sides of the sky) and is between Saturn (conformity) and Uranus (change.) The Earth with all of us Earthlings gets to play monkey in the middle. This pattern was perfect on Election Day 2008. (The odds are astronomical; pun intended.) The same opposition was very close to perfect again on Inauguration Day 2009 and will make three more connections before it is complete.

We are continually  
affected by  
our universe

Heliocentric  
Saturn / Uranus  
conjunction  
September 1, 2009

This particular opposition pattern usually does five of these specific connections once each 45-year cycle. There are, therefore, five dates that should be important in this energy pattern. How do you choose impact and meaning? That is fairly easy. A pattern starts at a particular moment, ends at another particular moment, and affects everything in between. Thus all the dates are pertinent, albeit slightly different. Just to keep you on your toes, there is also a 6<sup>th</sup> connection using a different mapping technique (a heliocentric star map scientifically places the Sun in the center of everything). The key date to all this is September 1, 2009. To me, that becomes the very center of the lesson, perhaps its very core. It is not the end of the lesson, but it is the pattern's pivotal point in time.

We are truly on the horns of a specific dilemma between conformity and change. And we, as a country, are not alone. This is being played out all over the world. The struggle came to a head on Election Day and pitted the future against the past, hope and change against conformity. The American people voted for change and the future. The battle is still ongoing and will not be concluded until the planet of change and the planet of conformity end their current dance the end of July 2010. Will we stay on the course of hope and change to lead us into a potentially successful future or will we be diverted back into our unsuccessful past patterns? Only time and experience will answer that question. September 2009 is not that far away as I write this. I vote for the future, change and the hope offered.

## *The Battle between Conformity and Change*

The world spins on its axis in its daily race orbiting the Sun. The whole world, not just the USA, is affected by that energy. It affects us as a country; it affects our president and our politics *du jour*. It affects each of us individually in some (at times, very obscure) way. Likewise, it affects the whole world, all the countries, all the people, again, at times in obscure ways. Astrologically, *obscure* translates to "hard to read" or "only God knows what that means". There are many different energy patterns in existence, affecting us simultaneously. If all that energy actively affected everyone all the time, we would never survive. Another old adage gives a good explanation, "Some of the people, some of the time." You could paraphrase it to, "some of the *countries*, some of the time" as well.

The battle I described previously between conformity and change affecting USA politics at this moment is also affecting the world; many countries are affected in *general* but some very *specifically*. If the world is in economic crisis, and the USA is part of that economic crisis, then the general population of the world is also in economic crisis. Current experience bears this out. Some of us are okay at the moment. Many of us are not. It is heartbreaking to hear of good, hardworking people being devastated by this energy pattern and it does not matter in what country they live. Iceland has no economy at this moment. How in the world do those people survive something like that? Somehow we humans survive these problems, but it can be terrifying to live through the experiences. Right now, our focus is our own country, but we need to look up; the world is having the same experience.

## *Cycles of Hope*

These astrological patterns exist within cycles. They form, they affect huge numbers of people and countries, they complete themselves, they move on. There is always going to be a light at the end of each particular tunnel just because these patterns and cycles have limited duration. Sooner is better than later under current circumstances.

What could I say to a person who asks me to look at their personal chart in the midst of such turmoil? I may be able to see clearly the circumstances, but I cannot influence the outcome or the timing. I am emotionally supportive to somebody in distress but more importantly, I can talk about duration, circumstance and severity. This vital information offers *hope* that the end of the distress is in sight.

When I was raising my children alone, there were many devastating tunnels and just as many lights at the end of those tunnels. I could not and still cannot change *what* is going on, but I can offer the *when* to look for the light at the end of the tunnel. That is what I have to give as an astrologer. I may see the same devastation for myself. Do you think I would be less scared just because I could peer ahead and see the problem coming? The only thing I might be is more prepared. That did happen to me in 1976-77 and I am still here. I saw it coming, I did what I could to prepare, I hung on for dear life, and we (my children and I) made it. I clearly remember thinking, “How am I going to feed my kids?” Because of that experience, I recognize economic devastation when I see it and I feel for those experiencing it. I did not like my own experience way back then, and the words “bail out” had not yet been introduced for economic disasters.

## *Past versus Future*

Do I have a better explanation for conformity versus change for the USA? My other explanation would be when what we *have been* does battle with what we *must become*. In the 1700s, the question was *colonists* or *free citizens*? Answer: Free citizens (because the past was not working). In the 1800s the questions were *union* or not and *slavery* or not? Answers: Union and emancipation (because the past was not working). Right now? *Conformity* or *change*? Change (because the past is not working).

A black man for president or not? The last part has already been answered. A half-black, half-white man is president. The continuing question is whether or not the past is working well for us. If not, the inexorable forces of change will walk with us or drag us forward. Change is just another name for the future. "For life goes not backwards nor tarries with yesterday." (Khalil Gibran's quote on children from *The Prophet*). I raised my children on the strength and wisdom of this passage.

## *Mapping the Future*

As far as the future of the world is concerned, how can I attempt to tell you about what is going to happen to whom and when? I would have to do that individually, one chart at a time and I could not live that long. How about a chart for each country? That is far more possible, but beyond the scope of this book. How about a chart for *one* country, the USA? That is what I am working on as I map our leaders. There have been only 43 presidents and 47 vice presidents in our history. Only two men are directly pertinent to our current patterns.

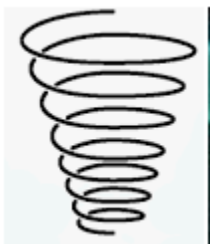
There is another way to do the country workup as well, but I do not have that particular skill. I have an astrologer friend who periodically sends me charts of various world locations showing the eclipse paths and energy patterns. Now there is a fascinating skill. She and I are particularly interested in hurricanes because she once lived here in Florida where I still live. Many Floridians are interested in hurricanes for the same reasons someone in the Midwest might be very interested in tornados. Imagine. If you have never had the pleasure of experiencing these particular wonders of nature, try ducking one of those big babies.

Choose 1 country  
(USA) and its leaders



Mother Earth:  
our schoolhouse

The spiral more  
closely describes our  
universal travel



For those of you who want to know some of the locations for upcoming world news, you can start by watching the eclipse paths and the countries affected along those paths. This research is no different than any other mainstream study. You start out knowing nothing, and after a period of recording your observations, comparing the data, checking your hypothesis, testing the results, you start to see clarity. Perfectly? No. Just think of our schoolhouse on Earth.

Astrology is possibly older than any other science on Earth. Once upon a time Astronomy and Astrology were perceived and practiced as one unit. Can you imagine what would happen if a genetic scientist tried to explain DNA to a Puritan in the 1600s? Just because people fear a thing, or misunderstand a thing, or do not want to believe what is right in front of them does not make that thing any less real, or any less valid. It just makes people more ignorant and doomed to repeat until they figure it out. Astrology is a growing and expanding skill just as is true of any other skill. I could no more know all there is to know about this subject than a geneticist could know all about creation.

## *Circles and Spirals: The Age of Aquarius*

Think of a circle within a circle, within a circle, and on and on. That is the shape of our cosmos. We have only flat pieces of paper and linear descriptions, but the cosmos and its cycles are more circular and spiral in nature. A circle has a common beginning and ending point which is described as no beginning and no ending. Somehow, when I put my pencil down to draw a circle, only a dot appears and I have to actually draw that circle from beginning to end. A spiral is circular in nature but moves out and away from its beginning point, and to all intents and purposes theoretically should be never-ending. That is not quite accurate, but I am trying to help you draw a mind picture using words so you too can see the spiral concept.

That spiral concept roughly describes our universe and our cycle of life. We do not move in a circle, round and round the same path. We actually move in a spiral, moving, growing, spreading outward over time and space—always changing, but maintaining the basic spiral pattern. This is true of the universe and it is true of life, progressing, always moving forward (wherever forward may be) circling back on its beginning but at a slightly different level, changing, becoming, but definitely not “tarrying with yesterday”.

For the next section of this book, I am going to describe the largest circle

and then move to successively smaller circles. Remember that many energy patterns are in existence at any given moment. Remember also that you personally sit at the very center of a tiny circle of your own, right smack in the middle of all those galactic circles.

The largest circle we are able to comfortably describe from our earth perspective is solar system-sized. There are much larger possibilities beyond that, but we are still exploring them. Do you remember the old song by the singing group the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension called *The Age of Aquarius*? I am asked frequently “Are we there yet?” relative to that song. At times, I sing that song at the top of my lungs because I like it but it does not mean anything astrologically.

“When the Moon is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house...” That happens every day. “And Jupiter aligns with Mars...” That happens every two years. “Then peace will guide the planets...” Nope, we are not there yet.

I never intend in this book to get overly technical because you may lose interest. A brief explanation, however, is necessary to continue our discussion. It will be mercifully brief.

## *The Circle of Ages*

What exactly are the Circle of Ages and the “changing” of an age? A complete Circle of Ages is just under 26,000 years long and is scientifically measurable. This circle is divided into twelve (zodiac) ages of approximately 2160 years each. The concept is thousands of years old, but there is no rule book, there are just commonly accepted practices. Traditionally each age is equal in duration and a specific sky measure is used to determine the ending and beginning of each age. The changing of the ages occurs in the reverse order of signs. That measure is determined by the position and direction of our North Pole as it describes the 26,000-year circle in the sky. Our North Pole has been recently pointing toward the sign of Pisces and is now moving (backward) into the sign of Aquarius. This passage is called the Changing of an Age.

As the Earth rotates on its axis and revolves around the Sun (which in turn revolves around the center of the galaxy), we move in and out of continually changing and evolving cosmic energies. How does that influence us? For the purposes of this description, create a mind picture of Earth’s North Pole as a soda straw rather than a solid rod, capable of taking in and distributing cosmic energy (getting out there, aren’t we?). Our magnetic pole will always be directed toward some point on our 26,000-year circle. During that complete circle, we move towards and eventually away from four major “pole stars” roughly equally distant around that

Changing of the Ages

## Earth resides in an electromagnetic field

circle. Right now our North Pole is pointing almost directly at the star Polaris. The general fluctuation of energy has moved to a specific. For our purposes, the picture I need in your mind is the soda straw lined up with Polaris, galactic distances, and cosmic energy pouring into the Earth through the straw.

We are currently experiencing a mix of energies brought about by the completion of one age, the Age of Pisces and the commencement of the next age, the Age of Aquarius. *When* is the real question. Using traditional rules, the change would occur after 2400 A.D. Using visible experience, the change is upon us now. *If* the ages are not equal (to me, life is not equal) and if we use current, visible experience, my contention is that such change is upon us now. Cosmic energy, galactic distances, tradition versus experience are the variables. Why would such a thing affect the Earth?

Earth lives inside an electromagnetic field. Many of you may remember an old science textbook from school with a picture of Earth within the Van Allen Radiation Belt. Our poles act like the ends of a bar magnet. One end flowing in (negative) the other end flowing out (positive). The Earth generates a magnetic field. Have you ever heard of or seen pictures of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) at the North Pole? The lights are comprised of gorgeous, undulating waves of color that spontaneously erupt and disappear. In North America they are visible in Canada, Alaska, and occasionally the northern edge of the USA. Just a few years ago, these ribbons of light became visible in north Florida. Why were they visible that far south? Something not really understood is causing fluctuations in our magnetic field. There doesn't seem to be a scientific explanation that I have been able to find, and I have been prowling the internet. The Northern Lights illustrate the fluctuating energy by giving us images of dancing light.

Energy is energy and time and space do not seem to have a diminishing effect over vast distances, eons of time, or the passing of the ages. Incoming waves of cosmic energy still can totally buffalo our scientists. They will figure it out, I have great faith in them. But these cosmic energy patterns and fluctuations are happening now. What does it mean? Could the North Pole lineup have anything to do with the fluctuating magnetic field? Perhaps it is something else like solar eruptions or dimensional vortices? Relax, I am playing with you in that last sentence. We really have no idea yet, so it is anybody's guess.

*If* my observations are correct, we are in the Age of Aquarius now.

In the Bible, it is suggested that the second coming would be, "When the sign of the Son of Man is in the sky." Matt 24:29-30. That is taken religiously as the World Savior arriving in the sky usually accompanied



by a host of angels. Astrologically it is taken as the vernal equinox (exact moment of spring) reaching a certain point involving the sign of Aquarius (symbolically represented as the constellation with man and the water jar of knowledge) and that would put the changing of the age somewhere around 2400 AD. So much for the figurative, what about a literal interpretation? Is there any sign of the son of man in the sky? That is a resounding yes, and we are all over the place.

For many years humanity has been sending out rockets, satellites, planetary landing craft, all kinds of cosmic stuff. We have littered our immediate space with junk and debris. A few weeks ago one of these small objects threatened the space station and the astronauts aboard had to go into protection mode inside the space capsule. Our space station has been manned for years and our astronauts spacewalk frequently (no feet touching ground, long periods in the "heavens"). We have landed on the Moon, on Mars, and we have crash-landed in many other locations. In some instances the crash landing was deliberate, in some instances, oops. Nevertheless, we have left the "sign of man" all over our heavens.

Probably the most evocative sign of man in the heavens is that stark picture of a lone astronaut in his white spacesuit in the middle of the black sky, with Earth as a backdrop. Nobody confused him with the World Savior. (Oh, that is going to upset some religious types somewhere.) To me, the sign of the son of man is already in the heavens. In my mind, we have arrived at our destination; therefore, we are already in the Age of Aquarius. (Oh, that is going to upset some astrologers.) I did not set out to upset people, but our discussion requires that we look beyond our own viewing portals and disturb our preconceptions. We have a couple of thousand years to learn this Aquarian energy, so there is really no rush.

My description of this energy is, "Today we must know, and not just believe." This is a time of learning, advancing, experiencing. This energy brings newness, future, risk and change, all those nice words that keep coming up in our USA charts and those of our presidents. Clearing the deck of our past so we can move into our future is essential. Think of it as clearing out a junk closet. We may find our favorite old t-shirt, or some memento of a special event or person, but we must reluctantly let those nostalgic items go in order to make room for all the new things we need to put in the closet. We want to build a future on clear ground without clutter. Change is inevitable, but have you noticed there are some people, countries and cultures that continue to resist? These are the moments when we must clear the debris and limitations of our past to make way for new possibilities and opportunities, and for our future. Now is good. We do not need to give up our memories, just the debris that clutters our life and gets in our way as we try to move forward.

The sign of the son  
of man is in the sky



We have had a couple of thousand years of developing under the Age of Pisces. Pisces refers to our belief systems, faith, art, poetry, beauty, stagecraft, inspiration, and service to others. The devastating flipside of the Age of Pisces can be blind belief, intolerance, delusion, dogma, sacrifice, and victimization. Pisces was an energy based on faith, whereas the Age of Aquarius is an energy based on knowledge. Pisces is based on empathy; Aquarius is based on understanding.

Add to that reasoning the industrial revolution with its emerging intellectual, technological and future orientation, ground breaking discoveries, space travel, and our world as we know it, and you have just described Aquarius.

Change is here. An exciting choice; you can walk boldly and happily into the future or be dragged by your feet kicking and screaming. The future will take place whether or not you cooperate.

## *The Changing of the Ages*

Experience teaches us that death and birth can be traumatic each in their own right. When birth and death occur simultaneously, it just has to be that much more traumatic. The Age of Pisces is in its death throes and the Age of Aquarius is in its birthing trauma. The changing from one to the other takes about 144 years. It is important to understand is that this is a *process* and not just a pinpoint in time. We are in this process.

To me, there are no fences in outer space. There are no clear lines of demarcation between one energy and another. From our spatial perspective, things merely flow in a fluctuating cosmic rhythm.

Changing the dynamic of Pisces energy may be uncomfortable to experience because we have become accustomed to the energy of Pisces these past 2000 years and we are now entering the experience of another very different energy pattern. For a visual example, hold your hands up in the air with the tips of your fingers facing each other, fingers spread. Now

merge the two sets of fingers so they look woven together. That was easy. Now, translate the concept to differing energies, adjacent and merging. We are probably at some point in this merging process, but we are not clearly in one energy pattern or the other. That can make our experience somewhat chaotic. The important key is the direction in which we are traveling. We are moving toward Aquarius. That is our future. Pisces is our past. Now, having said all that, how does this discussion apply to *your* life?

We are all influenced by what happens to our planet and it does not matter if we are human, animal, corporation or country. We live in a world that has more unknowns than knowns at the moment, and our scientists are working diligently to turn those unknowns into knowns. In the meantime, I get to interpret and that will make some scientists nuts. Have you noticed I am good at that?

Let us return to the image of the soda straw. Polaris, our pole star, has sway over the energy for a quarter of our 26,000-year circle. To find Polaris, go outside when you have a clear sky view any night of the year. Face north and you will see the Big Dipper's cup pointing toward a bright star on the handle of the Little Dipper. That is the star you want, Polaris, also known as the North Star. Is it possible that when the Earth's North Pole lines up with that distant polestar, that somehow we more specifically experience that energy? Are the magnetic fields fluctuating unusually? Yes. The energy I have just described is active now. Our North Pole has the polestar in its sights, Earth lives in an electromagnetic field, and the time is now.

This very slow-moving alignment will perfect itself on March 24, 2100. That is a bare hiccup of time in a 6500-year process. Distances in space are determined by degrees not years. We are so close that we are already feeling the effects (as illustrated by the changes in the northern lights example). In the meantime, enjoy the ride and go outside at night occasionally and thank Polaris for this incoming kick in the pants to our world, our country, and your own self. There will be more change, but the time to act on it as change is now. This energy is available to us for about ninety more years and then we get to capitalize on what we've experienced and learned. Hopefully we will incorporate it into our daily experience. Then that energy will move on to the next set of lessons.

To me, we are experiencing the changing of the age from Pisces to Aquarius now!

Pisces is our past;  
Aquarius is  
our future



Perfect alignment  
Earth's Axis  
to Polaris:  
March 24, 2100

## *The Energies We Live With*

I am dizzy with the distances. Smaller, make the circles smaller. Most of our personal lives embrace a small piece of life in all its glory. Astrologically, the “planets” closest to the Sun describe our daily lives and experiences. Our Sun (which is a star), our Moon (which is a satellite of the Earth), Mercury, Venus and Mars represent those personal daily living energies to an astrologer. But we are not just personal; we are also cultural in our experience. We are not isolated islands to experience. We reach out and enlarge our personal worlds through interaction with others individually and collectively. We must make sense out of those interactions and experiences and be constructive and responsible for ourselves and our extended cultures. Astrologers look to Jupiter and Saturn for those types of more cultural and less personal experience.

Generational influences are interpreted through the much slower moving outer bodies in our solar system: Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Okay; I can hear the astronomers screaming right now. I said the bad phrase of the day, “Pluto is a planet.” I want you to know that about five percent of the astronomical community voted to change Pluto from a planet to a dwarf planet. The other 95 percent are still arguing. I may have a very small voice, but I also have over 35 years of experience using Pluto. It remains a planet in my use of it, so there. If you’re interested in the argument check out “As Science Evolves, So Does Pluto” on [space.com](http://space.com).

There is far more out there than these few energies that relate to everyday life. They are well beyond the scope of this book. Know, however, that there are other energies that help us shape our ongoing experience to make a good life for ourselves so we can move forward (hopefully) in our evolutionary path. Remember, we are describing energy. It does not matter if that energy is a person, a corporation or a country.

For the purposes of this book, I am going to skip past the personal and the cultural for the moment and move directly to the generational. Why? Most of what I will have skipped is our day-to-day living and our outreach into our cultural contacts. They are common to most of our experiences on a regular basis. We are trying to understand change at this moment, so I am going to go directly to that concept.

Awareness comes  
in many forms

There are several ways to experience change. Perhaps a light bulb goes off in our heads and we realize the necessity for such change. Perhaps a screaming headline occurs, or our lives blow up and change occurs spontaneously. At such times, change occurs quickly, with little warning or announcement. (I call that “out of left field”.) That roughly describes Uranus.

Perhaps we dream of the future, we experience illumination or inspiration, or sadly, sometimes we are deluded or chase pipe dreams, crash and drown. That roughly describes Neptune.

Sometimes we do not have a clue, but we feel as though something is happening... we just cannot quite put our finger on it. It takes time to surface and we wait. It feels like walking along the edge of a cliff in the dark. We feel it, we know it is there, but we cannot quite see it yet. The dawn breaks, realizations occur, hidden issues surface and must be dealt with. Reformation, regeneration, reorganization are the keywords here. Changes that affect us as a group in turn affect us as an individual. That roughly describes Pluto.

Those are the types of changes and the energies that we can map that affect not only the individual, but groups, and cultures, and countries, and the world at large. Remember, the energies are cyclic and repeatable and they do not “cause” or make decisions for you. Astrologers map the energies that are available at any moment, then watch and interpret them in terms of our experience. The measure is mathematical; the interpretation is dependent on individual skill. There is also that real tricky discourse between fate and free will. A predictable pattern does not make choices for you, any more than a roadmap decides what you will have for breakfast. The map simply does what it is supposed to do, over and over and over again, and you decide what to do with it.

For example, say an earthquake occurs, and you survive physically. It is possible you might have to make some changes in your life. You did not initiate those changes, but they must be accommodated. You can choose to continue to live in the house with the big crack down the middle of it, being sure to hop over the crack *every time* so you don’t break your neck or your ankle. You will need to watch the kids every minute of every day... all of them, particularly the crawling baby. If you drop something, you could be in real trouble. If you lost something down that crack that was really important to you, you could be stupid enough to go looking for it down the crack. This is your choice, but I will just say my goodbyes

Uranus, Neptune  
and Pluto set stages  
of development

now. Alternatively, you could choose to move on because life just gave you a kick in the pants. You could move, change jobs, buy an earthquake-proof home, set some money aside for repairs, learn how to fix things yourself, etc. These actions are, again, your choice. The earthquake did not decide which acts and decisions you will make. It simply provided you the opportunity to make them.

We live on a volcanically active planet and the earth changes are a normal part of experience here. You are here. Life will happen. Is that fate or is it a normal part of experience on this planet? Life is not out to get you in particular. The stars and planets are not crashing on your personal behalf. The cycles are repetitive and predictable.

These are the cycles that Astrologers use to look at what is going on in the world in a much tighter time frame. These charts are easy to assemble and understand and it does not matter if it is a person or a country, all we need to do is choose the words we use for description. Earlier I mentioned that an individual has an identity, a company has a corporate identity, and a country has a national identity. It is all the same thing, I am just choosing the words that best apply.

Uranus was active at the founding of the USA. It was the highest planet in the sky at that moment, directly overhead, and was therefore joined to USA goals, mission and position (Midheaven). Very dramatic events heralded the day. Rebellion, independence, invasion by Great Britain to quell the uprising of their wayward colonists, the uncertainty of the outcome, and the extraordinary cast of heroes that founded our country. I think it is amazing that Uranus, which takes 84 years to complete one full cycle with seven years per sign, was in Gemini at the moment of our country's birth, was in Gemini for the Civil War, and was again in Gemini when the USA went to war for World War II. When, you ask, will Uranus be in Gemini in the future? My calculations show the years 2025 to 2033. Heads up. Uranus is a key to a certain type of energy and experience for the USA and the sign of that association is Aquarius. We have had pages and pages of this association with our country. Uranus is the rebel and heralds headline-making change.

Neptune is much further away than Uranus and therefore appears, from our perspective on Earth, to travel much slower. This means the effects last for longer periods of time in activation. Neptune has a 165-year cycle. This is another key to the energy and experience described by the USA chart. Two important periods of time are connected. The first is the founding of the country and the second is the period around the stock market crash, the great depression and the beginning of World War II. Oh, I think those are quite important to our history. During the Revolutionary War, there was great economic pressure from the British Crown as it

sought to control the colonies through economics. Add to that the cost of both the War and the recovery to a nation with no national economy in place. Very few Americans realize that much of that Revolutionary War was funded by once-rich patriots. Several of our Founding Fathers lost their shirts and died in virtual poverty or overwhelming debt, including Thomas Jefferson. Heroes. Believe it or not, this important event trigger is *not* in play at the moment. This is good for us. We would have to look at the other country maps to see what is important to them individually, but this energy does not appear to be in focus for us at this time.

Neptune's generational energy, which was in Pisces for the buildup of the Civil War, will be returning to that same sky zone between 2011-25. Do you remember the polarization of USA citizens during our Civil War? North against south, slavery against freedom, we were a country divided against itself. That was a spiritual test for our nation. That same energy is returning again and we are, again, polarized. Conformity versus change has reared its ugly head again. What have we learned since the last time this energy passed through the USA chart? Has anything changed in the nature of the polarization? We are still going through the growing pains of racial relations but there seems to have been some progress.

We have not, however, truly addressed the serious rifts between north and south. Remember the map of the USA during elections? It was blue versus red. That dynamic exists even when we are not voting for a president and it is not getting any better. It is my fervent hope that we have at least recognized the problem itself so we might move on to learn other lessons. If not, we can face each other in war. As I re-write this section, the Governor of Texas is talking about secession and I have heard a certain news anchor from a news source that shall remain nameless suggesting that our citizens to arm themselves and begin "taking our country back". Dear God, not again! What an incredible waste. Think about your children and your grandchildren. Please, America, we must find another way to solve this challenge. Does this sound anything like the polarization I spoke of? Is this "reporting", "journalism", or inciting to riot?

Since the previous run of this energy occurred while we were at Civil War, wouldn't it be wise for us to learn the lesson? Remember, I said 2011-25 is a leading-up-to time. What about the war itself? The Civil War pattern is matched in 2025-2039. During the lead up time to the Civil War, several presidents avoided confrontation of the emerging polarization and the ensuing frenzy. If war is a possibility, we need to pay attention to it now and fix what's wrong so it does not bite us later. Since Neptune also rules inspiration, ideas and creativity, let us use the positive qualities of Neptune when the energy pattern returns. We may find more wonders than we ever dreamed of rather than awaking the nightmare of our past. Any kind of war is definitely not a good answer, and we certainly do not want a

repetition of the Civil War.

Finally we come to Pluto. Pluto is normally the farthest away from the Sun and the inner solar system, therefore its passage is much slower and its effects usually last longer. Pluto takes 248 years to complete one cycle. Think giant cosmic rotor rooter. Pluto takes that which is underground or hidden in our lives putting it up on the front porch for the world to see, Pluto covers mass movements, rotor rootering (a physical example: removing obstructions from drains and sewer lines), the unconscious being made conscious, major life-shaping change, regeneration or reformation, investigative reporting and things that may take years to reveal. Now apply that concept to a person. Oh boy. Now apply that concept to a country. *Wow.*

I am going to take you on a brief one paragraph journey of Pluto through the signs because you will see the major shifts in consciousness that have occurred during its most recent journey. I am going to choose psychiatry / psychology as my subject because it has to do with the mind and the various approaches that have been used as a healing process. Please remember I am not a psychologist or a psychiatrist. As an interpreter of energy, I am really a story-teller and I use examples to illustrate my story.

When Sigmund Freud first presented his concept of the human psyche, Pluto was in the sign of Taurus. Taurus is very practical, down to earth, preferring slow and methodical steps, and with strong sexual themes. Pluto in Gemini expanded psychology with Freud's students Carl Jung and Alfred Adler. They were more mental, at times conversational or dualistic in their approach to therapy. Pluto moving into Cancer developed the family, clan, nurturing, family background and issues, and also emphasized "my country right or wrong". Pluto in Leo focused on self-identity, the "I" in the equation, the Id, the ego. Pluto in Virgo energy would sound more like Transactional Analysis. It is the "I'm Okay, You're Okay" mantra, almost codified. Pluto in Libra looked at relational, teamwork, group therapy and sharing. Pluto in Scorpio (Pluto's most powerful position) emphasized the unconscious becoming conscious, deep therapy, past lives, hypnotism, deep-seated sexuality issues. Pluto just left Sagittarius with lots of philosophy, alternative methods, self-help, more is



better, happy pills, and trans-cultural techniques. It was a much looser approach. Now that Pluto has entered Capricorn, it will be more about duty, responsibility, obligation and authority. It is very practical, perhaps even business-like, and it could be cold and possibly restrictive. The balance of Pluto's travel through the signs are ahead of us, stay tuned! See that, I did it in one fairly uncomplicated paragraph.

This description should give you a feel for Pluto's energy. The old myths are more than the retelling of old stories; they are concepts of human behavior. Psychologist Carl Jung felt that astrology was the psychology of the ancients and he did practice astrology.

## *Pluto in Capricorn*

These three outer planets take so long to complete an orbit, thus they allow time for the issues they bring into focus to be developed—usually years. Pluto is the odd one in this timing thing. Because Pluto has such a strange orbit, its passages through each sign can take between twelve to thirty years to accomplish. Capricorn (current) takes about sixteen years and has that much time to churn up the underground. That's a lot of churning. It can become very stressful. Why is this important? Pluto takes 248 years to do one circle and it is getting ready to complete the first full circle it began when our country was born.

The last time Pluto was in Capricorn was at our birth as a country. The original contact point of the return will be reached at the end of 2022, but the completion of this passage will occur over a couple of years. I am specifically interested in two dates, our national birthday of 2023 and the end of June 2024. Mercury was opposed Pluto at the moment of our birth and that USA pattern re-forms in the sky (resonance) during those periods. It will take a little while to complete the Pluto return, but that is the ballpark for timing. What does that mean?

Our powerful communication / power category that seems to be so very important and so powerful to our country and our presidents is back on the table for completion. We have had 248 years to learn about this energy and its effects on our lives and by now we really should have made some progress. These lessons are not on the surface of life. They are deeply rooted and take time to surface. Pluto activates slowly and subtly but it exposes everything we don't want anyone else to know and puts it on the front porch for resolution, regeneration and reformation. Pluto is relentless change and it shows no mercy. I am sure you have heard about the conflict between the immovable object and the irresistible force. Well, meet the perpetrator, Pluto.

Pluto / Neptune  
496 – year cycle



Pluto stirs up matters relative to the sign it is in. Resolution seems to follow because many of these matters take some time to resolve. Between 1983-84 and 1995-96, the twelve years when Pluto went through Scorpio, ecology, the environment, sexuality in all its incredible disguises, euthanasia, abortion, regeneration, stem cell and other medical research topics all got stirred up, but are not yet resolved. That names merely a few topics because this book is just not big enough to cover them all. It has been fourteen years since Pluto moved out of Scorpio and we still have not resolved what was stirred up at that time.

Let us go back one more cycle to Pluto in Libra between 1971-72 and 1983-84 when all forms of relationships, partnerships, networking, and their international cousins, treaties and alliances went through fourteen years of Pluto churning up their psychological basements. We have come a long way toward resolving those issues into a more manageable situation. Yet unresolved are homosexual unions and we still have some work to do on international treaties and alliances but the bulk of this particular churning cycle seems to be pacified for the time being.

## *The Pluto-Neptune Cycles*

I need to throw one more thing into this astrological discussion. Two Pluto cycles of 248 years and three Neptune cycles of 167 years coincide once roughly every 496 years. The beginning of any cycle like this involves the two planets meeting in the same sky zone and it represents another type of beginning; this time the *cultural* cycle was set in motion. This pattern is more on the scale of humanity and it can carry a wave of migration or a major shift in cultural consciousness. Neptune could inspire a change and Pluto can rotor-rooter itself through these changes over a prolonged period of time. It takes the completion of three orbits of Neptune coinciding with two orbits of Pluto to finish this pattern. This is an example of those circles within circles I mentioned earlier. The 500-year timeline is in this circle, but that topic is too large for this study - it simply illustrates a few of my points.

In 1398-99 this Neptune / Pluto union took place in Gemini (communication, transportation, education). Europe had burst out of the Dark Ages and entered the Renaissance; mankind experienced a flowering of possibilities. Explorers set off on many voyages that opened up a whole new hemisphere for immigration and settling. Communication was at the

core of this new beginning. The printing press was invented within forty years of that joining. Education, knowledge, and books were suddenly available to the common man. This put a halt to only the elite having education or access to knowledge. Do you think the printing press and opening the new world might have provoked a few cultural changes?

In 1891-92 the next Neptune / Pluto union took place again in Gemini. The message was still communication, transportation and education. Guess where it landed? It landed directly on the USA chart's point of ambition, goal setting, prestige and accomplishment (Midheaven) *and* the Revolutionary War's theme of rebellious, individualistic Uranus.

The USA opened its immigration policy in the 1880s and waves of immigrants surged *into* the USA to make it their new home. My Welsh paternal grandparents came in on that early wave, and my Irish and Italian maternal grandparents came in on a subsequent wave. It would be fun to look at the immigration records for that time. Genealogy and personal family history have opened that door.

The Spanish American War of 1898 heralded the first move by the USA toward *outward* expansion and away from a century of isolationism. The USA added territories. The "Rough Rider" of that war, Theodore Roosevelt became the first president of the 20th century just ten years after that stellar union.

We are given 496 years to learn this lesson using the visioning energy of Neptune and the relentless drive of Pluto. The telephone was introduced in 1876, part of that dual communication wave. During the last 100 or so years we invented or expanded the telephone, automobiles, planes, space craft, computers, media, the internet, virtual education and so much more—and we are less than 120 years into this pattern. The possibilities are endless. Life moves forward and does not tarry with yesterday. *Change*. Yes, we can do this.

Pluto and Neptune bring us to another fascinating energy. Once during Pluto's 248 year orbit, the elongated oddity (ellipse) of that orbit produces a strange phenomenon. Neptune's orbit is roughly circular; Pluto's orbit is like an exaggerated oval that does not coincide with the travel of the other planets. This exaggeration causes Pluto's orbit to slip within Neptune's orbit for about twenty years once in its 248 year cycle. Closer equates to stronger in influence. Astronomically, since it is closer, it appears to be moving faster from our perspective. This juxtaposition, or realignment, recently occurred (January 15, 1979) and finished just a few years ago (1999, twenty years). It has a significant effect on us at this time.

Neptune illustrates our capacity to envision, to see ahead, and Pluto

## Pluto moved inside Neptune's orbit

illustrates relentless change. It would seem to be a good idea for vision to move faster than actual change. When the two switch proximity to the inner part of the solar system where we live, change moves faster than vision. Our capacity to see / know where we are going is seriously affected. We cannot *see* the change *before* it happens. Does that sound like our world in the last few years? When that pattern ended in 1999, things should have started normalizing, but it still seems like we are on a runaway train to God knows where and that the changes we are experiencing are still outstripping our ability to see where those changes are taking us. The train of change is still driving the engineer.

While Pluto moved inside Neptune's orbit, it was towards the end of the fourteen-year rotor-rootering of Libra with all the relating concepts I described earlier, which made the changes of the last four years of that cycle exceptionally strong and fast. Pluto then spent twelve full years stirring up (rotor-rootering) Scorpio covering all those life and death concepts that make us so uncomfortable. Pluto rounded out the last four years of the twenty-year cycle in early Sagittarius, digging up expansion and speculation concepts before resuming its normal orbit outside Neptune. Pluto remained in Sagittarius another ten years, but it had normalized its position relative to Earth. This was the period of the inflationary, speculation fever that seemed to grip our nation.

This is all behind us, but it did stir up so much trouble we are still trying to figure it all out. These are major issues that have to do with change and the vision it takes to make that change successful and constructive. It will take us a long time to bring all those issues to resolution, but that is okay. Would you rather be punched now or be recovering from a previous punch? Part of what we are experiencing is residual activations seeking resolution. It will be over 200 years before we have to do this again and hopefully we will be a bit smarter. We still have a lot of issues to resolve but failing to do so would be like dealing with a festering wound. It is just better to deal with the infection, clean it out, bandage it, and let it heal. We may end up with a scar or two, but we will be healed. We can deal with what comes down the pike later when it gets here. Get it done.

Get what done? Relationship issues for one. Who are we as a nation? What are our principles? We need to make our decisions based on who we say we are. We must walk our talk or we damage our own credibility. If our principles are freedom, individuality and equality, then we must do it / be it. The country was founded on those principles and we must adhere to

them or prove them false. If we do not believe in what *our* country stands for, we should move somewhere else where we can believe in what *that* country stands for. We do have the options of travel and choice. If we prove our country's principles false, we will endanger our own rights. I cannot protect my rights if I am willing to step on the rights of others.

As a society, we have the right and obligation to make general rules to live by (Libra and Sagittarius, law). It would be easier to choose a few really important principles so we have fewer rules with which to conduct a workable society. Our laws are supposed to protect the many from the few who will take advantage, not rule ourselves into oblivion. We overload our Congress making rules, overload our courts with unnecessary complexity, train more and more people to try to remember and to figure out the rules (lawyers, accountants, medical staff), and we as a people get lost in and at times burned by those overwhelming rules. Are we after the spirit or the letter of the law? We have forgotten the spirit of those laws, why we felt the need to make a law in the first place. We've gotten all tangled up in semantics and loopholes. We need to simplify. We need to bring about change. We need to remember why we write laws.

Most of the Founding Fathers were concerned that a strong central government may become too large, may be burdensome to the public, may override the rights of the individual states and their citizens. They were concerned that a central government would become the ruling entity. Those men were fighting to get out from under an oppressive central government and most were not interested in creating a new one. This same fear haunts the face of the United Nations, NATO, the European Union, and NAFTA. It is an innate fear of a possible one-world alliance. Having said that, there is still definitely a use for a collective body such as these entities.

Let us try a couple of examples. A state does not have the ability, the interest, or the money to form an internationally-capable military. That is a good job for the central government. Can you imagine a banking system based on each state controlling everything that goes on financially within that state without considering the other 49 states in their rules? This cannot work. Europe faced this a few years ago and the European Union is the result of that dilemma. Central is preferable in some instances and it is probably the only workable solution for the two areas I just described.

As to other rules, why should I decide whether or not you should get married and to whom? Why should that be *my* business? It is *your* life. I certainly would not want you to make that decision for me. I will make my own decisions and my own mistakes, thank you. As recently as 1967, interracial marriage was illegal in some USA states. Does making the union of a child's parents illegal make a child born of that union less

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human or less real? Look at our sitting president to understand that we have started to resolve part of that issue. We need to choose a few really important rules that we can collectively live with and enforce those rules. Simplify. This is a residual Pluto in Libra activation that we are still working on but it has just been stirred again up by Pluto's passage through Sagittarius (law is both Libra and Sagittarius). The time for solution is now.

Another of the Pluto through Scorpio activations that we have not addressed is our criminal justice system. Our prisons are full. Does every single prisoner belong there? How long? Simplify. Find another way. We are smart people and we could do this if we really tried. Do not let really dangerous people out to hurt other people. Help our children; do not throw them in jail with criminals. A rude awakening to personal responsibility in the form of a spanking would be preferable to a child's education in prison! That ought to make a bunch of people (who probably never raised children) nuts. Enforced community service or a military academy could also help. Prison makes them worse than when they started. My children behaved themselves because I did not give them a choice. Today I would be arrested because I was a believer in tough love. Have I changed my mind? Absolutely not. Our prisons should not be filled with our kids. Fix it. We are bright enough to figure this out.

## *Research on Criminals and Violence*

As mentioned earlier, one of my other research projects focuses on really violent criminals so I am *not* into opening prison doors for violent people. Violent people should indeed be isolated from the general population. Terrorists should not be allowed to run free and terrorize. Isolation from society is absolutely needed. I would not give the criminals a free ride and I certainly would not allow them access to my credit card information. I believe we should make the criminals perform work for restitution for the victims and for their personal support. And I am not talking about those prison work scams that we have read about. Criminal behavior is just *that*, no matter which side of the law (or bench) from which your behavior manifests. My own take is that those who sanction such awful nonsense and exploit those who have no defense need to join the prison population.

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They are no less criminals just because they wear a badge or a robe. Also, abuse of prisoners and their rights is just plain wrong, especially if it performed by someone sworn to uphold the law. It is not our right to make new victims. It is our right to not be victimized. If law enforcement, the judiciary, or prison officials did it wrong, they own it. We are smart. Figure it out, make changes.

Can you see what is expected of us as voters when we elect our leaders? How we elect those leaders is within the grasp of the citizens but it is strongest at the grass roots level. We make our choices known when we plant it and we watch it grow up through the entire political structure. If our forefathers could do it, so can we. We come from the same stock, and we do not have to declare war on each other. This is a time of change. We cannot exist without hope. It is the way we are built. We must move forward with *hope* toward *change*.

## *Pluto in Sagittarius*

We have discussed Pluto in Libra and Scorpio. What about Pluto in Sagittarius? We just went through fourteen years of Pluto rotor-rootering (my word for putting what is in our collective basement on the front porch) the principles of Sagittarius. Let us see if it is familiar to us because now is the time of resolution. What are the negative signatures of Sagittarius? We do not need help with the positive signatures of which there are plenty. Sagittarius has courage, but at times that courage becomes foolhardy and the excess can hurt many. Sagittarius would seek expansion on all levels, competition for the sake of stretching oneself to the outer limitless boundaries, speculation, freedom in excess, be bulletproof. Have we learned any lessons recently about excesses in business, the economy, credit, unchecked expansion, unfair competition? What happened in our bulletproof stock market? Housing market? Need I say more?

We are reeling from a bubble and bust economy largely produced by greed, speculation, and deregulation. What is the outcome of that deregulation? Excessive freedom, no responsibility, no rules, no oversight, and a sense of entitlement. The rich got richer, and the poor tried to jump on the same bandwagon and get something for themselves. Who can blame them? They just reached too far, encouraged by their government and the unscrupulous, and the price tag for that overreaching has been just awful. The supposedly really smart people at the helm have proven themselves to be not so very smart. They have managed to take down the economy of an entire country, possibly the world. If I in my relative ignorance of economics bought into the fact that I could have a piece of that wonderful pie, why does that make *me* a bad guy? It makes me ignorant and possibly foolish. However, I now get to pay the price of my

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own foolishness. That does not excuse those who took advantage of my ignorance and my foolishness. They willfully and with knowledge set up an uneducated consumer for devastation. That is just plain wrong in every sense of the word. It is criminal and should be prosecuted.

Negative Sagittarius is the conman. What about those who held themselves out as smarter, leaders, watchdogs, or successful entrepreneurs? Many of them are now in the same trouble as the rest of us. Let us go a step further, to those who understood what they were doing and did it anyway. What about those who lied, who criminally misled, those who covered up, those who participated knowingly, who passed laws when they knew where it could lead, who used their power corruptly, who were simply greedy? They should be held accountable. If we do not act on their infamy, we give them tacit approval for their actions. We cannot afford to do that and remain credible. I really do not want to hear that the laws are going to protect them. Who wrote those laws? Was there collusion? If they were smart enough to pull this off, we are smart enough to figure out how to fix it and how to catch and prosecute the perpetrators.

Computer hacking is a big deal in our society; very bright people do very destructive things. What a waste of human potential. It is called cybercrime. There are bright people who do not have criminal tendencies and we must trust them to fix what is going wrong. We must tap into our bright minds to stop the criminal behavior of a few. To truly heal this and to prevent recurrence in the future, we must head off the criminal tendencies and redirect the efforts. We have to turn to our children and grandchildren and their generation to fix what's wrong. We *must* educate our young to the best of our, and their, ability. Education is key in this single area. We are international in culture now (Pluto through Sagittarius) and we are vulnerable in ways we have never been. Pluto in Sagittarius has forced us to see the inherent problems in our schools. We must supply a 21<sup>st</sup> century education to our 21<sup>st</sup> century children or we will be passed up by the world. We can do this, we can change the system, and we can use this same concept to fix other parts of our society.

What else has been put on our Sagittarius front porch? What went before were hot topics, but that is not where it stops. You better add to that law and the courts, philosophy and religion, education, promotion and publicity, news and media, immigration and foreign relations. Some topics are more visible than others at the moment, but they have all had their little



cans of worms exposed. These few paragraphs illustrate the point that when Pluto passes through, nothing is left untouched. We have no idea yet as to all that has been churned up waiting for us to address and heal the rift. We still have not finished with the previous exposures. If you wonder why it is so wild and woolly out there, here is a big part of the answer.

For our country, the specific issue is that powerful communication aspect. We as a country have slowly but surely worked our way through almost one complete cycle specifically related to that communication / power key to our country's purpose and lessons. Have we learned anything or does this circle return and we get to do it over again? Please, not that. Have we at least learned something so the circle becomes a spiral of evolution? We did grow. We did resolve at least some of it. We did look at the use and misuse of communication. We are looking at it right now. We tackled the hard stuff and did our best to be constructive, positive and successful. The energy could begin again on a much higher turn of the spiral and we will have to stretch beyond what we thought was possible. Communication and its use and application are the testing points.

This book is about the *Presidents of Hope and Change*. I have just pointed out one of the keys to change *itself* and some of the topics that the USA is addressing within its own energy. Our presidents occupy the lead point in all of this. They are drawn in by and contribute to the inherent character and gradual development of the country itself. The country is a collective expression of its citizens, the populace. The populace has an identity, a range of emotions, and a voice. It has social values, assertive / aggressive urges, a need for expansion and cultural involvement. It has a sense or a lack of responsibility. The country is also subject to learning and growth via the experiences it encounters and the generational energies that affect us all worldwide. All those elements exist within the chart of the country, of that collective. That is what this book is attempting to describe.

## *The Collective Voice*

We are looking at our collective voice, sometimes listened to, sometimes ignored, sometimes lied to or about, sometimes honored. Sometimes we shut up when we should speak out or speak when we should be listening. The voice I am describing is our collective voice and is the communication pattern for the country representing our populace. Any country is an entity with an individual yet collective expression. Our country obtains its laws from our Congress, whether Congress is listening to their citizens or not. Congress acts whether they are representing us fairly and honestly or not, or paying attention to detail or not. The power of our communication pattern is immense, but so is the responsibility to make good and positive use of that pattern. I know I have said it many times in this book, but it

bears repeating. Every front has a back and the flip side of the power of persuasion is the silencing of truth. We are a collective. We operate as a unit. What do you want said or done in your name? I vote for truth and whatever it takes to achieve that truth. *If* we have such an enormous gift of communication, we should have the grace and character to use it wisely and to accept such a responsibility. We are facing a test.

What happens if a president doesn't honor his task? What happens if the country does not live up to expectations? Life would not be over, but we would have participated in the beginning of our own disintegration. The universe took a chance on us. It provided an energy pattern of such enormous possibility. Very brave, very intelligent men and women from all walks of life and culture laid their own lives and personal success on the line to give us that right and that hope—and they paid a very dear price for that privilege. Nothing like that has been asked of us. Like privileged children, we feel these are our rights and that we are entitled to them. Rights without the personal acceptance of responsibility to handle those rights wisely is not called freedom, it is called license. Freedom requires that we take those actions to keep ourselves free. Having rights makes us responsible for our use of those rights. Equal rights means your rights are as important as mine. When a test comes along, it is not someone else's responsibility to confront that test, it is ours. Our communication pattern is really whacked out at the moment, is it not? Who is responsible for fixing it? The collective *us*; individually, you and me.

The universe is boundless, it has all the time and opportunity needed to teach us, but only if we are learning. Archeology and history are full of relics of disintegrated species and cultures. The universe allowed other forms and cultures to develop, usually at the expense of the existing energy. We adapt and progress or we die off. That is true of a species and its true of a country. There have been a few forays into human individuality and freedom throughout history, but each of those earlier forays offered a step-by-step progress into our current land of opportunity and freedom we call our country. It is up to each of us to recognize the gift we have in our hands and do our part in preserving and advancing that opportunity. If we do not do so, we risk the whole thing. Disintegration does not occur all at once. It occurs over time as a result of failure to maintain and repair. What would the universe do should this grand experiment fail? The universe would probably slowly but surely build up the possibilities and await the time when it could give humanity another gift of opportunity, and built on the successes America did accomplish.

The same theory is true of a man who occupies the office of president. The need is expressed by the collective we call our country. *We the People* go through all the stages to select the best person to fill those needs and a suitable person steps up to the plate. We elect him or her, and that person

steps into the office of leadership, the presidency. There is no question to me about this country's aliveness or its emerging need. A problem could exist in how that need is perceived and then filled. The process of selection takes time and takes individuals answering the call to service and hopefully produce the best possible product of that selection process.

The person elected to the office is totally dependent on that process. Is it an honest and fair process? Are the people handling that process interested in choosing the highest and best candidates? Are they hearing the country's and the people's need? Are they seriously looking at the potential outcome of their choices? Do they have the country's best interests at heart or their own personal interests and agendas? You must know we are responsible for all of it, from beginning to end. We want this gift of freedom. We use this gift of freedom. We are responsible to this gift of freedom. We must preserve this gift of freedom. And, if it is at all possible, we must enlarge and expand this gift of freedom. The universe gave us a gift and we are responsible for it.

There is a need and that need must be met by the best person available chosen through the process I have just described. All we can ever do is the best of which we are capable. But our choices must start very early in that process. A committee chooses the candidate, so we must be very careful in our choice of those who are on those committees. Here is a key point. To affect the outcome, we must be in it from the beginning. Otherwise other people make our choices, others who may or may not have our sense of responsibility or the honor and character to do their job well. We cannot blame the leader if the process of choice is flawed. We cannot blame the committee if we didn't choose them well and hold them accountable.

Let us say we have done all that, good choice of committee, good choice of candidate, the people vote and the best choice becomes leader. We will have done our part successfully. We recognized it was our responsibility, we did the very best we knew how to do, and the results are in. That is all we can do, all the country can do, and all that our universe can do for us. Now it is up to the individual who either offered him or herself or allowed themselves to be appointed leader. Will that person fulfill the pattern? It is now his or her personal choice. Some people are so good at looking good, that we are fooled and trouble takes the stage.

If I believe and trust in you because you are a good conman or liar, who is really guilty? The trouble is not going to go away just because I can now see my error clearly. But even if I am taken in by an unscrupulous person, I still have choices. I can exercise my free speech. I can be sure that lies are exposed. I can be sure that credibility is served. I can learn from my error and be sure this never repeats itself (think: re-election). If I do nothing, I again become responsible. I must not give tacit approval through my lack of action. Other than that, the conman or liar is responsible for the lies and deceit, for the trouble, and for fixing what has gone wrong.

Just why would a conman or liar fix what is wrong? They are going to spend most of their time defending themselves and their actions because no human being likes to be branded as wrong. Self-preservation is paramount. Denial of wrongdoing is the result. Conning and lying can be a way of life. Why would we expect someone to act differently from who they are? These are all personal choices made by someone who has an absolute need to avoid detection, responsibility, blame, restitution or retribution. If they are politicians, kick them out, and, if possible, make them fix what is wrong. Now that Pluto has moved into Capricorn, we are going to have a perfect chance to see it and hopefully fix it.

We are witnessing many of these quandaries at this moment in time. In the past few days as I am writing this, the Spanish Court is considering indictment of several of our highly placed individuals from the previous presidential administration. The issues are only now becoming evident in our country but our current administration has not addressed them as yet, choosing to look back only for the purpose of moving forward. Please know that if our own people did illegal acts, it is *our* responsibility, not the world's responsibility or authority to address and fix it. We do have world agreements in place. If we do not do this for ourselves, the world might do it for us. If the world does this for us because we will not step up to the plate and accept responsibility, our country will have the biggest, international black eye and we will be branded as hypocrites. What will we be communicating about our nation's power, identity and values? If we accept responsibility for determining and clarifying the actions of our own officials, we will help restore our country's honor and integrity.

When World War II crimes were prosecuted, time, good deeds, age, or current position were not criteria used to determine to guilt or innocence. If you did what could be proven, you were guilty and you were held responsible. There is no difference here just because these new charges are for USA citizens. We signed international agreements to prosecute wrongdoing involving international perceptions. We are responsible to the world through that agreement. We are being tested.

## *Summarizing the Patterns*

To summarize the patterns we have reviewed thus far, Uranus returns to Gemini in 2025-33. Neptune makes an important passage 2011-25. Pluto, now in Capricorn (2009) returns to its starting place and the significant moment in time for that communication pattern test starts in 2022. We want to avoid the possibility of Civil War during 2025-39. There are more patterns out there that also must be addressed and incorporated. This research is limited to the energy of the USA chart and those of our leaders, the presidents. This somewhat extended time period, now up to 2039 is important. Our leaders must have a more distant vision of the long term to be truly effective.

The sky patterns are moving to complete several energy patterns within a relatively short time. Not only are we in a significant time period evidenced by the ongoing events and tensions, we are moving toward the culmination of several more existing patterns. The changing of an age is an amazing moment in time. There will be massive changes in experience and shifts in consciousness. We have been allowed to be here at this time, to witness and to participate in that change. Awesome. These changes will inspire us, frighten us and challenge us.

We just might be on the moment of the changing of the age between Pisces and Aquarius. We are so close to the alignment with our pole star that we are already witnessing the shifting energies. We are approaching the returns of two of the three generational energies, Uranus and Pluto, to the positions they held at the moment of the founding of our country. We are at a spiritual essence moment for our USA chart that resembles the approach to the Civil War. We are on a conformist versus change moment, a repeat of a 45-year cycle that seems to occur in pivotal moments in our country's history. And I am just scratching the surface. Do you wonder why it is a wee bit hectic in the world?

## *The 45-Year Pattern*

We started this book with a *conformist* versus *change* pattern that occurs every 45 years. It fits into the category of "doomed to repeat" unless we learn what it wants to teach us. It will be back in 45 years or so. If we've learned this lesson, we are free to move on to other lessons. Two of the five connections in that pattern have already occurred; the Saturn opposition Uranus on election and inauguration days. There are three more of those connections ahead of us. What are the dates? September 15, 2009, April 26<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I also mentioned that there was a separate measure that could also be used to time this pattern and that is September

1, 2009. This is a pivotal moment or crux to the pattern. From November 4, 2008 to July 26, 2010, 21 months, we are experiencing conformity versus change in all its glory, in all its changing faces, and all of its experience. During this period, we will progress and some of that time we will regress, sort of the two steps forward, one step back theory. The system is truly broken, fixing it will take effort, and not all attempted cures will work.

President Obama has told us that it will take some time to fix what is wrong. This is basically the timing it will take to fix this particular piece of what is wrong. There are other pieces going on, but this is a really important one. If we were allowed to fix one problem at a time, life would be a breeze. If you've been paying attention, however, life just does not seem to work like that. To me, life has often appeared as a run-away baseball throwing machine and I am often the target.

What's the good news? *There is a light at the end of this tunnel.* There is always a light at the end of an astrological tunnel. This is a cycle; it has a beginning and an end. Those points are conveniently listed by our astronomers. There will be multiple connections in this ongoing process, but it too will end. The nonsense will quiet down and something else from life will take its place as uppermost in our minds. My question is, will we have learned anything or are our descendants doomed to repeat what we did not learn? I will not be here for next time so it is not going to affect me. You may be young enough to be here for the next time. You might want to fix this while you are still young enough to enjoy it.

When Uranus moves into Gemini, let us not play war. Let us explore or educate ourselves into brilliance and invent something absolutely marvelous instead. When Neptune next moves into Pisces in 167 years, let us be spiritually advanced human beings; let us be inspired, creative and uplifted. When Pluto comes back around in another 248 years, let us be prepared for what will be placed on the front porch of our collective home (nation) and push ourselves to understand and incorporate it. The next time that conformity versus change pattern appears, let us be so advanced in our humanity that we can move into new and better lessons from our universe.

The freedom in which we exist was not available to the Founding Fathers until they found the way for us. They invented a country. It had never existed before them. They lived in and were influenced by the energy that was the potential of our country, but the country did not create its own identity. That occurred when brave men looked adversity in the face and founded a new nation.

## *The Pattern for the Presidents Who Died in Office*

Before I close this chapter off, I want to address the concern that so many presidents have died in office. There are no guarantees in life. Whoever allows himself to pursue the office of president of the USA knows that he has just declared himself a target. He is protected every way possible and that is as it should be. He has the right to life and his family has the right to his presence in their lives. All those who voted for him or aided him in his quest have rights as well. It is just plain wrong to take a life because you disagree with someone, regardless of whether or not they occupy the highest position in our country. So now that I have said I am against such stupidity, that doesn't guarantee anything. Stupid people do stupid things and they do not ask our permission. Why would we expect logic and responsibility from stupidity? Hindsight is always 20/20 and we always go back and look at what went wrong, what could have been done, what can be done to prevent a recurrence in the future. Is there a pattern that has or could influence this?

There was an energy pattern at work that seemed to produce the death of an elected or sitting president. Let me say that again, the operative word is "was". There *was* an energy pattern at work, but it has ended. For 140 years, the presidents who were elected or were sitting in a year ending with zero died in office of natural or unnatural causes. It was a little scary to think about that in 1980 when Ronald Reagan and in 2000 when George W. Bush ascended to the presidency. Regardless of anyone's politics, we cannot as spiritual human beings wish for someone else's demise. President Reagan suffered a life-threatening attack but did not die. President G.W. Bush did not die in office, although he, as well as many other presidents, had attempts made on his life.

The pattern was a common twenty-year joining (conjunction) of the two cultural planets Jupiter and Saturn. Remember the instructions for circles within circles? Now think cycles within cycles. This joining occurs about every twenty years. It just so happened those twenty-year repeats occurred close to election years. Four presidents were assassinated (gun): Presidents Lincoln, McKinley, Garfield and Kennedy. Two died of natural causes: Presidents Harding and Franklin Roosevelt. Presidents William Harrison and Zachary Taylor both died in office of assumed natural causes. There is an anomaly in the dating of their deaths, close but not precise. That particular Jupiter / Saturn joining was the first of this 140-year series I mentioned. Why did these incidents take place over a 140-year period of time, and not before that time, and not since that time? Again, a cycle within cycle.

What is important to this moment is that the pattern of seven did finish with President Kennedy. *The old pattern is finished.* The pattern that was of concern is part of our history and not part of our future. I think that is very good news. It does not offer us a guarantee that nothing will happen because there are other patterns and activations that exist, but this particular pattern has completed itself.



# Education, Religion, Law, Infrastructure, Finance

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## *Education*

As I mentioned earlier, we have just come out of a period of Pluto in Sagittarius and it has unearthed a plethora of problems. I explored these areas for a few paragraphs but did not do them justice. It is just not possible in this book to discuss all of what the resolution of so many issues might mean in today's terms, but we can single out a few of them for examination. I briefly mentioned a couple of items about education. This is such an important theme for both Gemini and Sagittarius (remember our two-ended stick?). Gemini corresponds to primary education, learning to learn, learning about our immediate environment and relationships, learning the value of an education, learning to develop basic skills about learning and about life, getting us ready for future or advanced learning, and preparing a receptive mind for advancing our intellectual skills.

What would be the negative or flip side of that learning coin? Failure to learn the basics (reading, writing and arithmetic), not recognizing the need for a good education, not being able to advance with your class on the learning curve, getting left by the wayside as your classmates progress and you fall through the cracks, teachers who are not up to their job and not inspiring or reaching the kids in their care, school officials who are short



sighted and lazy or stuck in the past. Life moves forward and we need to prepare our children's minds to move in the same direction. Other countries are starting to catch up to us and many have passed us. This is where we begin.

Just what is school? Is it a fashion catwalk? Is it a tug of war between the haves and the have-nots? Is it a place of prejudice for cultural or religious bias? Is it a place of discipline? Is it a place of tormenting, bullying, or political confrontation? Is it a church? Is it a home? Is it a restaurant? Or is it a place of *learning*?

Before we blame the teachers and the administrators, let us examine one issue for which they are not, or should not be, responsible. Behavior is a parental thing. Either you have raised your children with the ability to interact in a positive social way, respecting the rights of others and their authority roles, or you have not. If you have not, when you send your children to school, you dump your responsibility on the teachers, the school, the other children, and the other parents. That is not their job. It is *your* job. If your children are reasonably well-behaved and respectful of others and authority, a teacher might be able to spend his or her time teaching. If not, your disruptive and disrespectful child will tie up the teacher and class time with behavior issues.

Through a program called Rolling Readers, I volunteered to teach reading for several years to second graders who were falling behind in their reading. Did you know that in our education system children are only taught *how* to read through the end of third grade? Up to third grade, children "learn to read". From fourth grade onward they only "read to learn". If a child has not yet learned to read, how can they possibly read to learn? Many children fall through the cracks right here. They are marked for failure by the age of eight because of some arbitrary curriculum guideline that lumps all children into a collective basket. Everyone is concerned about teenagers dropping out of school. Here is one major ingredient to that problem - many of these children cannot read. How embarrassing that must be for them. How embarrassing that should be for us. How sad when they are held back and held up as a failure to their classmates and peers. It is the adults responsible for teaching these children, including the parents, who should be held out for their failure. Children depend on us to teach them, to prepare them, to guide them.

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The Rolling Readers program was designed to intercept second graders and try to effect a rescue before they hit the slippery slope of educational disregard. I wish I had been able to do more. It was very frustrating. The teachers did need the help. A teacher cannot simply stop the development of the class and address the issue of one child when there are thirty others ready to progress. Many of the children who sat with me to read could not even recognize “the”, “and”, “is” and so on—in second grade. I was horrified. My grandchildren have all taught themselves to read at a young age, with our family’s assistance. Reading is a primary skill in our family.

I had so little time to work with students. If I had even thirty minutes of quality time a week, I would have been thrilled. What I got was twelve minutes per child to rescue their reading skills. Do you know what most of what little time I had to help them was used for? *Discipline*. That is what our teachers are being forced to do every day in nearly every classroom in America. Discipline, not teaching. It is *not* the teacher’s job; it is the parent’s job. The children are the victims, but so are the teachers. Can you see my frustration and the frustration of our teachers? We are smart people, we can fix this.

I am lucky. I raised four boisterous children on my own. I am a tough love person. I do not put up with nonsense from children (and I do not ever hurt them either). I have a very effective “mother’s voice”. Never underestimate children, if they can get away with something, they will. It is their job to challenge us. Thank God for my previous training by my own children. Because of my particular approach to children, I had it easier than the rest of my Rolling Readers team. There were four of us on a team. We each had twelve minutes per child per week. That is, 48 minutes of actual teaching divided by four different volunteer teachers per week. I watched my team cave in and read to a child instead of the child reading to them, just to get through the program. Every one of us was a volunteer. We were all older women who did this because we loved children and we wanted to help. We did not sign up for a battle. Those ladies were heroes to me, they did their best. The solution? Parents who instill a reasonable amount of discipline in their child.

I am nothing if not persevering. The children seated next to me were required to read to me, week in and week out. Slowly but surely over the space of the school year, most children advanced to some degree. By the end of the year, they read entire books. They still read, step by step, agonizing over and sounding out each word, but they were reading. I did read to them at moments, as a reward for reading to me. Sounding out words does not reveal the story to the child. It is the story (not the sounding-out) that makes reading interesting to us. Each child’s reward for the agony of effort was the two of us reading that story together so it sounded like a story. One child, only one, did not allow himself to be

helped in all that time. He was determined to turn every session into a battleground of behavior. The successes we had were team successes. I did not do this alone. Despite all our best efforts, we lost one with minimal progress. It broke my heart. It is his life and his future. Behavior is *not* the teacher's job. Teaching is the teacher's job.

Administrators have the same problem. Instead of administering, they are forced to deal with discipline issues and political correctness. They must constantly be on guard for any misstep that may offend any group anywhere, for any reason, regardless of its relation to the education of our children. What is the purpose of school? I thought it was learning.

About a year ago, I was asked to participate in a fund-raiser for one of my grandchildren's schools. I offered my skill at mini-readings. These tend to be very popular, they are fun, can be done quickly, they are entertaining and they can make some money for any project. They are not designed to be in-depth, nothing serious, a fun thing. One parent decided it was against their religious principles and complained. The school suddenly was placed in the middle of a problem they did not expect or did not need. It forced the school into a battle between individual rights versus religious freedom. If I had pursued it, and I chose not to, my grandchild would have been the pawn in a ridiculous and unprovoked battle over religion in a public school.

One person voted their religious beliefs and trumped my personal rights and beliefs. The school was caught in crossfire. A child was nearly subjected to undeserved embarrassment and humiliation by an adult in the name of their interpretation of God. My personal rights were violated. The purpose of the event was raising funds for a school project. That was defeated. This is not the first time I have had something like this happen and I refuse to waste my time arguing with a closed mind, there is no point. Religion in school was abhorrent to our Founding Fathers. As an American, I can honor anyone and everyone's religious faith because our Founding Fathers insisted on the separation of church and state. In return, you should honor mine. By the way, astrology is not a religion. You do not have to believe in what I believe or worship with me. You do not, however, have the right to denigrate or disregard my, or anyone else's, religious belief. The flip side of enlightenment (Aquarius) is intolerance. The flip side of spirituality (Neptune) is dogma. All of those dynamics are available to us right now. Which will you choose?

Countries all over the world are doing their very best to encourage education and they are climbing really fast in their success rates. American is rapidly falling behind. We have always been the best, the brightest, the innovators, the inventors, the leaders. If we do not take care of the education of our citizens (and children are fledgling citizens), we will fall victim to ignorance as the world breezes right by us. We were, and should still be, a nation of craftsmen. We can be; we just have to take some personal pride in who we are and develop a vision of who we want to be in the future.

New point relative to educational funding. If you reduce state or federal income, you must reduce outgo. Since there are certain areas that cannot be cut, repayments of money borrowed for one, contracts, etc., then cuts must come out of what is termed discretionary spending. Discretionary spending would be education, social services, police, fire, ambulance, parks and recreation, to name a few. I have watched here in Florida and in our nation while tax cuts are put forward as solutions. The general public just loves them. For those who live in the lower end of the economic scale the few dollars we are talking about would be a nice windfall. But we must also be willing to look at the price tag for that windfall. If you are bright enough to read, you should be bright enough to know what that tax cut really means.

Last year Florida did cut real estate taxes. The residents were delighted. Immediately after that came the spending cuts and those same residents were screaming. Why? If you cut income, you must cut spending. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction (Newton's laws of physics). Last year my Florida city experienced a fire nightmare when an arsonist set multiple fires throughout my small heavily-wooded city. It looked like the end of the world from my front yard. Do you realize you cannot really fight a raging fire with a lawn hose? Can you imagine what happened when the first proposed tax cut effect went after the fire department?

Why is school spending being cut? Is education just not that valuable anymore? Florida has a lottery that is supposedly dedicated to augment (not replace) the funding our schools. That's how the concept was sold to the public when we voted yes to allow the lottery. Millions of tickets are sold, so the obvious question is, "Where is all that money going?" However, our schools do not appear to benefit from the so-called augmentation of school funding. How many children do we have to prepare for failure through inadequate education before we step up to the plate and fix this? We are smart enough to fix this.

This whole educational debacle is just an awful issue. Our children absorb from their home environment first. If fashion, wealth or advantage or any

other similar plastic principle is present in a young child, it has only one source. It comes from the home environment, the parents, and what the parents allow the child to absorb from their environment such as television, movies, friends, social activities, etc. Privilege, wealth and social advantage do not make anyone a better person. They may make their lives easier. Parents usually want to give their children the best they have to offer and that is admirable. Don't allow that sense of privilege to warp their thinking relative to the "others" in their environment. If you want an example you can share with your child, watch the video *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* to see a picture of warped childhood privilege.

Education and its physical location, the school, is not a tug of war between the haves and the have-nots. School is not a place for bullying, tormenting, victimization or the violent backlash that has plagued our schools in recent years. School is not a fashion catwalk. School is a place to learn. Developing social skills based on normal interaction is important to overall education, but it is not the primary purpose of school. Bias of all forms falls into this category, religious intolerance, political polarization, race, sexuality issues, the list is endless. Children bring this conditioning with them to school. If you wonder about the headlines over the last few years about the horrendous events happening at our schools, know that the universe was listening. The USA chart shows that education has been put out on our collective porch to solve, warts and all. Thank you; Pluto. We have the technology; we can do this.

One last point I want to make on this subject, nutrition at school. Our children should be, but are not necessarily, fed reasonable nutrition at home. Obesity has become a national disaster. Health care costs are going through the roof. Junk food has become a way of life. Our schools are actually our best secondary avenue to address nutrition for our children. I think we should do more, not less in this area. The object is nutrition for children who may not get it any other way. Nutrition should guide the choices of foods, snacks, and vending machines available to our children on campus. Remember the mission and choose the weapons. School is for learning and receiving an education. Feed the children nutrition and teach them *how* and *why*. A mind fed on cupcakes and soda is a terrible waste. This is fixable.

How do we fix education? We remember our objective. What is education's importance in the overall scheme of things and the cost to us as a country if we fix this? People rise to the level of their own incompetence (The Peter Principle). Get rid of incompetence. Be willing to pay fairly for competent teachers and administrators. It has been proven that throwing more money at schools is not the answer, especially in this age of spending cuts. Encourage innovation and experimentation. Stop making the children take these currently meaningless tests and develop

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new meaningful ones. Set goals based on what you wish to accomplish and then figure out what you have to do to achieve those goals.

We live in a society of computers, cell phones, text messages and video games. How many of our schools have computers? Use video games to teach difficult concepts. Allow the children the option of turning in their homework electronically if they have the capacity. Television has been in the classroom for years. Use it. Instead of many book reports, give the children an appropriate software application and let them run with their imagination. The “old” ways are no longer working (conformity). The universe is offering its inspiration in powerful astrological patterns right now. Grab that energy and run with it. Fix what is wrong. We can do this, and this is just the Gemini end of the stick that has been wiggling.

Now we get to tackle that Pluto through Sagittarius trip I discussed earlier. We have just looked at primary education, the Gemini end of the education stick. Now we must look at the other end of the same stick, Sagittarius. In Sagittarius we move from primary education to everything that goes *beyond* the concept of primary. First we must learn to read, write, do math, learn how to learn, establish our basics, and prepare ourselves for adulthood. As adults the learning curve that awaits us is much more difficult. Gemini develops our ability to access information. Sagittarius develops our ability to turn that information into wisdom. We cannot be lazy. We have to want to take the next educational step and be willing to do what is necessary to achieve it. Not everyone will choose to take the next step. We may choose to do so in our teens or we may choose to do this later in life as circumstance allows or requires us to learn. At times we are just not ready to move from high school to college. A great many people do not know what they want to be when they grow up. Sometimes we just do not want to grow up. Have you noticed that some people never do? We need to move beyond the basics and ramp up to the higher requirements. The stick or axis partner of primary education is advanced education. Same stick, same subject, different perspective. Sagittarius is where the rotor-rooter we call Pluto really shook things up in recent years (fourteen of them).

For years there have been questions about testing, qualifications, quotas, criteria for college, selection committees, etc. The report card on education has not been good. If our education system were top-notch, and our students certainly do pay top-notch prices, our colleges and universities and the students they produce would not be falling behind in the world. Incredible amounts of money are bestowed on our universities through grants, federal education funds, state funds, and alumni. Alumni pour millions of dollars into the coffers of their alma maters, but costs for college have risen outrageously and value-to-cost ratings are falling. What are the colleges and universities doing with all that money? It is certainly

not finding its way to the student body. Does this remind you of the Florida lottery that is allegedly run for school benefit while school budgets fall apart? Where is all this money going?

In Sagittarius we must look at available programs, costs, quality of the professors, tenure, grants, scholarships, administration, including deans and all those who actually help the students. One of my children signed up for college many years ago, did everything correctly, turned it all in, and the paperwork was lost by an administrator. The funding never materialized. The student had to drop out, not because of poor grades, laziness, or lack of effort, but because someone who got paid to help the student did not do their job. That child did not die of this injury, but it sure destroyed those college plans. Fast forward almost twenty years before that child finally went to college. Twenty years was the price tag for an administrative funding error. I have heard so many of these stories. If this is your job and you have been trained to do it properly, it is your job. The student should not be penalized.

Unless the really important educational issues are investigated and corrected, this unsolved problem could cost us our long-range economy. Education is primary and not just because we owe our children a good education. We owe our country an educated society. We ask a great deal of our country and the people who run it. If we handicap it through lowering our educational standards, forcing our schools to bare-bones survival, and expect the teachers and the administrators to achieve high standards with little to no resources, we will fail. It reminds me of the problem in our courts where parents are not allowed to discipline their children yet they are held responsible for the child's behavior. We will get to the topic of courts and law shortly.

We have a huge retirement community with awesome skills. Perhaps we might reach out and ask those citizens for some help. While we are on the subject, why is it that only people with degrees can teach at our colleges and universities? Do you know how many of the highest achievers in our history did not go to college? If Bill Gates wanted to teach a class would you tell him *no* just because he does not have a college degree? If Isaac Newton were alive to teach a physics class would you send him packing because he “lacked a certain number of college credits” in his area of expertise?

My generation is retired, many of us did not go to college; we were too busy living life. We did, however, spend a lifetime learning our skills and most of us still have enough wits about us to teach those skills to others. Since I have been retired, it seems to me that people believe that I retired my brain as well. I actually have had to say to people, “I simply retired; I did not turn in my brain.” I worked hard for over fifty years. I am still



working hard at writing. I earned and deserve my retirement. I do not want to “have” to work or to take a job away from a younger person who *needs* that job. If you ask me to help, I just might do it. If you tell me my country needs my help, I just may show up that much faster. The baby boomers have led us into places never dreamed of when they were born. They are beginning to retire right now. Are we going to throw them away because they attained a certain age or are we going to utilize them to move forward in the 21st Century?

The rotor-rootering in education has already occurred. We have so much on our collective front porch at the moment that we are unlikely to notice that education got all stirred up as well. Now is the time to be thinking about solutions. If you properly maintain and tune anything, you are less likely to have to replace it completely. Education's turn is coming up shortly.

Pluto has recently moved into Capricorn. As it progresses a couple of more years, it will take on our USA Jupiter energy. That is when all this educational stuff will hit the fan and be up for resolution. I like President Obama’s committees of knowledge and expertise that he established to research specific areas. I sincerely hope he has an Education Committee because this is going to be a huge undertaking from primary to advanced education. Both sides of that stick are frantically waving at all levels and layers. A couple of years of forward thinking are definitely required for this huge task. Triage is not the answer. Being prepared for the battle is what will win the day. Make no mistake, the battle is coming. We can ignore it at our collective peril. We need to begin now. Yes we can.

As important as education in all its forms is, there are other Sagittarius principles that have been activated, such as religion (Jupiter) and its buddy, spirituality (Neptune).

# Religion

As a student of philosophy, this is one of my favorite subjects. Before I begin, I want to point out to you once more that traveling Pluto has been bedeviling Sagittarius for fourteen years and producing a plethora of problems for us to solve. How do we time when and where those problems will actually present themselves? Watch Jupiter. After leaving Sagittarius, Pluto is approaching a stressful connection (tug of war, opposition) to our USA Jupiter. *As above, so below*. Stress in the heavens will create stress for us as we work on the issues Pluto dug up and placed on our collective front porch. Education is one issue, religion another issue. The courts and the judiciary are another issue. Those are just three of many, but they are major themes I can outline for you at this time in this book. Infrastructure is a somewhat different topic and is largely influenced at this time by that ongoing tug-of-war between conformity and progress as well as the Pluto in Capricorn already mentioned.

I have pointed out that our country has a spiritual essence; a national spirit. I also explained that it is one of the three dominant issues for our country. This one that calls our presidents to service is our national spirit or spiritual essence. There is quite a difference between spirituality and religion but they belong to the same family of issues. What are the similarities and what are those differences between spirituality and religion? The majority of the people through the ages believed and still does, in something. a deity, a force, nature, life. Mankind generally believes “something” created or is responsible to, or for, our world and our lives. We differ in description, but we look to something beyond us, greater than us for divine creation, interaction, decisions and protection. The ancients left us volumes of material, structures, theories, and relics describing man's spiritual journey. What ancient man did not fully understand, he tended to worship. Lightning, earthquakes, tsunamis, ice ages, famine, drought, death; all were mysterious and were believed to be in the hands of a higher power. We do much the same thing today. It just looks a little different and is described by different words. We no longer sacrifice virgins when an earthquake occurs and we no longer slaughter animals to make our crops grow. Instead we look to who attends church on Sunday, or who faces the sunrise and prays, or who meditates, who tithes, etc. as the outward manifestation of our acknowledgment of that “higher” power.

Most religions believe that man has a spirit or a soul, or some other label that our culture chose at that time. We believe there is something larger than us, but that it hopefully sort of looks like us, that it has some sort of control over our circumstance. When we do not like what is happening,

we blame that *something*. When an outstanding or spontaneous event happens, we attribute the “miracle” to that *something*. The name or label does not matter. At the core of most belief systems is commonality with miscellaneous labels. Believers might seek to serve, to emulate, beseech, or cower before the “higher” power of, intending to put us in the good graces of that big something out there. To some, that something is intensely personal. To others it is impersonal. To some, belief in anything outside themselves and their experience just does not exist. This too, is a form of spirituality. To some the power is within, to others the power is without. Who is to say which belief is correct?

Commonality

The belief that something (or nothing) is greater than us, that we aspire to comprehend, is our spirituality. If several of us get together and share a set of values and beliefs as inspiration and practice them together, a set of rules comes into existence and a religion is formed. The concepts of *spirituality* and *religion* are therefore related, but are not necessarily the same thing. The spirit is free, religion is bound. It is as simple as that. History is fraught with examples of the servant (the rules) attempting to control the master (the aspiration). It is also fraught with examples of the master (aspiration) using the student (the rules) to control the family of man.

Spirituality inspires,  
religion codifies

Do you think God (this is the label I will use for this discussion) cares what name you call him / her / *it*? If it is God, this *something* knows all language and all labels. If it is God, It knows what is in your heart / mind. If it is God, you cannot surprise *It*. You cannot barter with *It*. You cannot con *It*. Can you serve *It*? Could you ask *It* to hold your hand as you walk your path? Where do you go if you fall off that path? Can you, as a separate and distinct identity, be lost or destroyed? These are the spiritual questions that have plagued mankind for centuries and yet, have slowly but surely led man forward as we learn our place within “the kingdom”. Spirituality helps us know our place within all this, our connectedness to the All.

Religion codifies our behavior. It gives us rules to live by and attempts to identify the unknown in personal terms. This was a very important part of mankind's development and emerging society. Religion will eventually get caught up in the rules to the exclusion of “other” beliefs. Those “others” may not be inclined to believe in that particular religion's rules, values and behaviors. The *others* therefore break the “rules”. That religion's structured rules must condemn the others to an eternity of being outside their rules and therefore not allowed to share in that religion's blessings or allowed into that form's afterlife. My father taught me that he did not need a group or a building to talk to his God. I think that is where I got the idea that I was more interested in the spiritual essence than the religious form.

## USA Spiritual Essence of the people

When I describe the USA spiritual essence, I am talking about the spirit of our country, not the form or shape it might take. Our Founding Fathers were spiritual men, metaphysicians in fact, but they were not religious men by today's standards. They believed in a greater power. They each, in their own way, believed that greater power shaped character, including their own characters. Each man, in his own way, placed his trust in a higher power. They came from all the different religious backgrounds that were available at that time. Some attended church (George Washington) at least some of the time while others swore to never step foot in one (Benjamin Franklin). These men honored the spirit within themselves and the creative principle they felt was guiding their efforts.

Just a century or two earlier, religious persecutions drove America's forefathers to a new land. They were seeking a place to exercise their faith in peace. These settlers were spiritual in that search. They had been bounced around Europe and were very battered by negative religious experiences and the intolerance they faced for expressing their spirituality differently. Because humans feel safe with form, their descendants began codifying their spiritual behavior. Even among those small groups of spiritual mavericks, there was disagreement as to the form and structure of their belief.

Many new religious groups formed. Our Founding Fathers were still close to the generational persecution memories. They shied away from allowing any one religion to overshadow the spiritual quest of another. Today, many so-called religious people ridicule the Amish in the Northeastern USA because of their "primitive" practices. These are the last vestiges of the Puritans who brought us all that we have today. Their spiritual quest continues and their rules remain intact. The rest of those earlier Puritans moved on, grew different spiritual aspirations. Who is to say which is right?

## Separation of church and state

This country was founded on the principle of separation of church and state by spiritual men who acted out of their own spiritual nature. Repeat that sentence. *This country was founded on the principle of separation of church and state by spiritual men who acted out of their own spiritual nature.* Religion is a codified set of rules and is not always spiritual in nature. If I force my religious belief system down your throat and demand that you agree with me, that is called *dogma*. However, if I make laws or behaviors that impede your own personal belief system, why is that considered a spiritual act fondly blessed by a god of form instead of the formless spirit of God? If I am going to hell in a hand basket because your religion believes in a vengeful God, why is that considered "good news" to me and my spiritual quest?

When I talk about the USA spiritual essence (Neptune), I am not talking about religion; I am talking about the spirit of the people and the country. How do I tell the difference between spirit and religion in a chart? There are two different measures with two different patterns. *Spirituality* is key to America. Because of that freedom of spirit, we are able to experience and allow freedom of belief. That spiritual essence is shown by Neptune and this is what I have referred to as one of the three “biggies” in our USA chart. When we talk about form, ceremony and ritual, that is shown by Jupiter. Pluto is about two years or so from engaging Jupiter in a stress pattern (opposition, tug of war). Everything of a religious nature that was stirred up by Pluto traveling through Sagittarius is about to become visible over the next several years.

During that Pluto cycle, there were several church scandals in this country. I do not believe that this is finished or that all that was dug up is resolved. Headlines recently blared about another religious leader running a Ponzi scheme. Heads up, more is coming. Religions currently involved in such large scale investments should appoint an oversight committee. Because of the deep emotions involved in a belief system, this could get very touchy. It will mean that things religious can come to a head, to a boiling point. This is one of those key moments in time where spirituality and religion are clearly defined.

I’m not talking about *one* religion; I’m talking about *all* religions. Worldwide, we have fanatical factions of many different religions clamoring for domination. Headlines from the Middle East shout “infidel” at anyone who displeases them. Christian groups dominate the West and Europe, and some preach insurrection or resurrection to “save” us. There have even been some scary suggestions that such fervent believers might actually assist our path toward so-called Armageddon. Jerusalem is under constant barrage from every religious faction of its neighbors. That election red and blue map of the USA depicts more than just political polarization. Organized religion is currently a major political rallying cry. Organized *anything* naturally falls into the category of conformity. We need to be aware that religion should not be a weapon used by the energy of conformity to challenge the energy of change.

Have you noticed that there is a real clash between fundamentalism of any persuasion and moderates and / or liberals of a similar persuasion? In our country it usually takes a slightly more passive turn (not always), but in the countries of Islam, fundamentalism is truly terrifying to our way of life. This is an example of the difference between actions taken physically and actions taken mentally and emotionally. Fundamentalism of any persuasion, called by any other name, is *fundamental* in nature and tends toward rigidity. Until and unless people of a culture defend their own liberties, a small faction of extremists can bully them into submission.

Religious fervor is a form of minority rule but is based on extreme action that can sometimes win.

Religious fervor led us to the Crusades and it fueled and fed the Inquisition and the Dark Ages. It lit the burning stakes and built the gallows that murdered millions of innocent souls in the name of one religious faction or another. Religious fervor and its henchman, dogma, have opposed modern advances and attempted to silence the voices of progress since man first appeared on this planet. For example, Galileo was held under house arrest for the remainder of his life because he told the world that the Earth revolves around the Sun in our Solar System. Some of mankind's greatest heroes were spiritual men who were persecuted or limited by dogma and fear perpetrated upon them because of religion. Nostradamus is very difficult to read and understand. Why? He was required to mask the content of his visions or face terrible consequences.

When we are appalled at what we are seeing or living, it is time to do something about it. It does not matter if it is here at home or in some other part of the world. Much of the bloodshed and wars over the millennia were caused by belief systems. It might help to understand that most humans are willing to kill for three common reasons: self-preservation, protecting the life of a loved one, or "God and country". As I said earlier, mankind fears what it does not understand. The universe has offered us all the tools and energy necessary to understand this dynamic. We do not need to fear the unknown; we need only to fear our refusal to *face* our unknowns. Fear immobilizes us. We must turn to our faith to act in spite of the fear, but not out of that fear.

This is not an issue that can be shoved under our collective rug. It has been placed on our front porch by Pluto's rotor-rootering and it is time to heal it. Either we buckle under the organized onslaught of differing religious factions seeking domination or stand up for ourselves and our personal rights. Do we allow a minority faction to make the rules for us all or do we guarantee them their right to a spiritual quest while still preserving our rights to seek our own?

I have just described the interaction between two energy clashes occurring simultaneously, the healing of religious issues worldwide (Jupiter) and the battle between conformity and freedom (Saturn / Uranus). We are on the head of two pins. We are moving out of one age and into another. Pisces

was the age of faith. Aquarius is the age of knowledge. Today we must know and not just believe. Knowledge is our friend, ignorance leads not and it follows not because it knows not that either exists. We can do this. Yes, we can.

## *Judicial System*

Moving on to our third roto-rooter topic. We are a nation of laws and we represent that our lives and our governance are based upon those laws. The USA system of government placed the Judiciary on equal footing with the President and Congress. This is a very interesting area to study with lots of controversy. Pluto just gave the law itself a rotor-rooter of its very own. The first vestiges of what is to come are appearing on our collective front porch. We are horrified by the misuse of law and the abuses of civil rights that have recently been exposed. This is just the tip of the iceberg. We are in for a really large helping of law abuse and it is coming up rapidly.

President Obama, we need another investigative and structuring committee to look at this area very quickly. If you haven't already done so, you need to get moving. This one is gearing up to be pretty ugly. We have about two years before we get hit with this one right between the eyes. Two years is not much time and this one is already leaking around the edges. There is so much more happening than we know at this point. We have had some helpful hints as Pluto creeps up to oppose Jupiter in 2011. When Pluto gets to Jupiter, it will become very visible and critical. I suggest we start treating the infection before it becomes toxic.

Guantanamo Bay, the Iraq prison scandals, wiretapping and suspension of civil rights, secret squads of assassins, prosecutors and judges who have stepped outside the rule of law, hand-picked judges chosen to promote a political agenda, an overburdened court system and criminal justice system cutting corners to accommodate strategic budget cuts, criminals having more rights than their victims or society in general, our overburdened prison system, too many laws poorly enforced, a judiciary process in question, court officials who break their oaths, government officials who skirt or use the law to exercise or enforce power, persecution of whistle blowers, illegal activities in business and finance, falsifying evidence, giving tacit approval to such actions by turning a blind eye to illegality or prosecution, whew--too many areas to mention. We have a new Attorney General who is just starting to assess the situation. So much more has been stirred up.

Pluto opposition  
Jupiter, exposes  
judiciary problems

The key to this timing is also Pluto to Jupiter. What do we use to help

ourselves? The law. Yes, the *law*. What is happening right now is exposure of the weakness or illness. What must happen to heal and repair these flaws is transparency and resolution. This is our country; it is our responsibility (Saturn). The system of law is broken, but used properly it is designed to be fixable. We can fix the law using the law itself. Yes, we must. Yes, we can.

While I am on this matter, be aware that this a very complex issue even astrologically. It would be lovely if every issue were clean and involved only one principle, but that is just not true. When Pluto went through Scorpio, it did stir up the underbelly of prison life particularly involving methods of execution. Whether we keep the death penalty or not, violent crime has been escalating. In the last twenty years, the activity of serial killers has increased. This kind of depravity has gone on through human history either in much smaller numbers *or* less visibility with poor records. After World War II and particularly toward the 1970s, this kind of crime seemed to increase dramatically. Serial killing started really becoming visible to the public a few years later. By the time we got into the 1990s, it appeared to be a national pastime, horrible in its implications and results. That's when the public got scared. Notice how many television shows have crime itself or forensics as a theme. I am personally interested because I have been working for almost three years on an astrological research project involving this subject.

When you have monstrous or sadistic actions involving numbers of people, you look to Pluto churning up that underbelly. Recent allegations involving torture by USA military in various settings definitely involved Pluto. However, we are involving foreign cultures, people, areas outside the USA itself, international agreements, etc. More importantly, we are involving ethics, morals and our national prestige and reputation. So we must add the flavor of Sagittarius and Jupiter to this mix. This issue did not start recently; it has been a festering wound for some time. This particular piece of the pattern started with Pluto in Sagittarius, which when negatively expressed, tends toward excess and the belief that you are bulletproof. On the flip and positive side of the coin, Sagittarius is also the truth seeker. Transparency and the truth are now paramount to solve this problem.

We are going to learn of things that can make us very uncomfortable. Americans are going to face some heinous acts committed in their name, without their knowledge. Pluto is now in Capricorn. Responsibility, accountability (Saturn), and yes, we are our brother's keeper is what will evaluate and judge us in the end. This is only the beginning of all of this. It is considerably larger than we currently imagine. This issue will really become more visible when Pluto starts opposing Jupiter in 2010. Capricorn issues will have their own problems, but the concepts of

Pluto in Capricorn,  
accountability



Capricorn, duty, responsibility, accountability, are what will be used to fix the earlier problems we unearthed. The image that comes to mind is, ironically, *Semper Fi*. A USA Marine leaves no one behind. They do their duties even if it hurts. They accept full responsibility for their actions, even if it means their lives. A Marine would rather die or go to prison than to dishonor the Corps through cowardice. We must be a country of Marines. We must "Honor our Duty with Integrity for our Country". *Semper Fi*.

Another large area of interest that has been stirred into activity by the passage of Pluto through Sagittarius is the news media and freedom of the press. Pluto was really busy, wasn't he? We are seeing this energy already although the power of it is not quite fully visible. That same 2010 Pluto opposition Jupiter aspect will expose this issue. Several newspapers folded recently. The internet has spawned a whole new way of finding, covering and reporting the news, albeit one with few, if any, controls. The news and media conglomerates are affecting and controlling the content of the news. The paparazzi are totally out of control, believing their search for a scoop deprives their target of all rights. For some odd reason the courts have agreed with those media that freedom of the press is more important than our individual freedoms or our personal privacy. Chasing someone down to get a picture they did not give you permission to take is not freedom. That is *license*. If you were not wearing your press badge, it would probably be called stalking, harassment, menacing, assault, battery and more. Freedom implies the responsibility that goes with it.

A few weeks ago I watched a television reporter shove Ponzi-schemer Bernard Madoff in the chest as he walked near his building. Regardless of the charges against Madoff (accused of the largest investor fraud ever committed by a single person), where does a reporter get the right to touch a person, much less shove him in the chest? The reporter had no right to do that. Right now, as reported by the media, Madoff is considered reprehensible. Under our legal system, Madoff is considered innocent until *proven* guilty.

Do you believe that the Founding Fathers and the patriots of freedom created a maelstrom for society to abuse the individual rights they fought a revolution to provide for us? Do you believe that these men who wrenched a new nation from corrupt political abuse under restrictive

Pluto in Sagittarius –  
freedom of the press,  
media, paparazzi?  
Spinning the news?  
Sound bites?

conditions hoped that an ambitious individual with a camera or a notebook could trample any citizen's rights to privacy and autonomy? Certainly, our Founding Fathers used news media to communicate their messages to the people. They were dynamic, forceful, and passionate about their views.

However, there is an enormous difference between journalism and the paparazzi. It was a dedicated set of journalists that uncovered Watergate. Of the flip side of that coin, it has been suggested that it was the paparazzi that chased Princess Diana to her death.

On another front, do you believe that a few wealthy, powerful men or organizations should control the flow of news, peddle their influence through conglomerates, choose what we should know, or brainwash us into their way of thinking? Ownership of these media vehicles could be citizens of other countries who may or may not have our best interests at heart. Modern day news is not usually *reported* in the traditional manner. Instead it is *delivered* through “sound bites”, which can be deliberately worded to present a certain “spin” by the popular media representatives. Listen to something repeated long enough and often enough, delivered through the mouths of our favorite television personalities and you could easily be brainwashed.

On the other hand, please do stay informed. The news is our main source of information, but it pays to stay eclectic, view multiple news sources, including foreign sources. The internet will continue to change the way we access news, however, the internet is largely ungoverned. I like my news reports to give me accurate information and let me come to my own conclusions. While I like to hear journalistic opinions, I also want to know the difference between their *opinions* and the *facts*. Watch for “gossip”. It has much the same effect on the news as it does in our personal lives.

The entire globe has potential access to our minds. Be discerning in what you allow to enter and take root. All of these issues and more relative to news and freedom of the press has just been roto-rootered, and is on our collective front porch. Some of those issues are already starting to smell bad. We need to work on this quickly.

## *Corruption*

Corruption has probably existed since man first arrived on Earth's scene. Corruption has grown in complexity as society has grown, probably in proportion to the available technology, with costume changes to fit the culture and the situation. It is not possible to *legislate* honesty. That being said, we can place a big price tag on dishonesty and corruption. Over the years, an elite few made and then broke the rules, and the common man

had little or no recourse. For most of our existence, the masses were not taught to read and write. Gossip worked and spread. Legends were born of repetition not necessarily truth or knowledge. Any brave souls who tried to make a difference were usually persecuted for their efforts and death was the reward. Corruption was widespread but accepted as "normal" and impossible to fix. Were the numbers higher or lower than now? I do not think there is a way to measure that, because life was so different. What about a smaller time scale?

We were born as a country 232 years ago. Was there corruption 232 years ago and what was the level? The British Crown dominated our culture and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Before we go any further, there have indeed been monarchies and governments that were reasonable, fair and as close to unbiased as was possible under their circumstances. Some leaders took their jobs seriously and honesty and corruption were probably minimal. This is not an attack on a particular system of governing; it is a reference to corruption by a governing *body*. At that time, the colonists were very upset at their treatment by the Crown and the emissaries that were appointed to govern them. Corruption was rampant. This was one of the major reasons why we declared our independence from the Crown.

Now we look at our new country after the Declaration of Independence. Would you truly believe there could be no corruption? You would be wrong. Ordinary humans inhabited our new government. They were brave men who helped found and grow the country. Do you believe every one of them was honest every minute of every day? This was power coming into formation. These men were strong, vital, and ambitious. Do you believe no one was seduced or corrupted by that power? Read our history. These men did an immense job of giving us what we assume to be our birthright and we honor them for this gift. Was every man exemplary every moment of his life? Think of our big schoolhouse on earth, many students and lots of opportunity.

Over the 232 years of our history, there has been so much corruption, so many power trips, rampant deception, vicious back-biting, focused and deliberate character assassination (big issue), treason—the list goes on and on. Americans have a spirit of survival; despite what has been thrown at us, we are still here. We are a little wiser, a little battered and maybe a bit bruised, but we are still here—living and promoting our grand experiment.

governing,  
structuring, forming  
or corruption

What about today? Our headlines and our brains are filled with so much corruption in evidence, we are staggered by the sheer volume of it. It is difficult to compare the corruption of the past with what is happening today. Corruption is far more visible today, but it is not less dangerous. More people do not necessarily mean more corruption. I have no idea what the relative proportions comparing those times to now would reveal. The stakes might be higher at the moment because we stand on the brink of annihilation on so many levels, physical (environment, natural catastrophe and nuclear), economic (pick your poison), societal (morals, ethics, religion, spirituality), terrorism (they vote with a gun or some other lethal means); there are so many possibilities. Corruption in government cannot occur unless *individuals* in government are corrupt. Since the sense of morality is difficult to control, corruption flourishes.

Pluto is now in Capricorn and we are responsible and accountable as a nation. The bad news for the bad guys is that those who committed the corruption are also responsible and accountable. We have sixteen years to work on this. We have just started this journey. We must be very careful not to prosecute the innocent and create more victims. The man in the mailroom may not be as liable as the man in the boardroom. Nevertheless, we must not tolerate corruption. Our citizens and our representatives must step up to the plate and demand nothing less than retribution for the corrupt. If our political representatives are corrupt, they are the worst of the lot and they should be routed out of office and held accountable.

There are currently over six billion citizens of the world and over 300 million of them live in the USA. We have choices. We may be staggered by what is facing us, but we cannot afford to be immobilized. Stay informed, but vote. Failure to vote is tacit approval for what we are witnessing all around us. *All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing* (Edmund Burke).

Albert Einstein said, *The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.*

We can fix this. I believe in our collective sense of responsibility and ability.

I briefly mentioned earlier that on President Obama's Inauguration Day over a million people filled The Mall to witness this historic event. Millions, perhaps billions more, watched on TV. I was one of them. With all the masses and movement, with all the pomp and circumstance, with all the parades and dignitaries, with President Obama and his wife Michelle actually walking part of the parade route, there was no real overwhelming problem. I am sure there were thousands of people doing

their best to make this a positive experience, but we are talking about Washington, D.C., one of the highest crime rate cities in our country.

In later discussions with several credible people who had been present at the inauguration, we were told that there was no reported crime during those 24 hours. When it turned out to be two whole days, not just the 24 hours of inauguration day, this was astounding. If it happened *then*, for that event, it could happen *again*. If we can last for 48 hours, why not last a week?

Faith, motivation, attitude, a kindred spirit by USA citizens and friends, those were the ingredients of this happy mix. If we did it once, we could do it again. The possibility called hope exists or we would not have witnessed it. Yes, we can.

## *Infrastructure*

Listen to the words used to describe our infrastructure dilemma:

1. “We should repair and update our existing infrastructure and institute new systems.”
2. “No, we cannot afford this. The existing stuff has gotten us this far and it is not that badly broken.”

Sound like a familiar refrain? The American people voted for *change*, so which of the two sentences makes sense to our voting choice? Progress versus conformity. I discussed earlier that there are 21 months of activations covering six specific passages; two have already happened, one at election and the other at inauguration. There are four more to go and the next critical point will be reached in September, 2009.

Change, progress, turning toward the future *versus* stick with what we have, do not worry about fixing it right now, just let it become further broken. We already chose change and that is the name of the path we are currently walking. There are lots of people trying to get us sidetracked into changing our direction to the old position (the past). Is the past working for us at the moment? You know that old saying about changing horses in midstream? Not a good idea.

Capricorn and  
infrastructure,  
maintenance,  
updating

Earlier in this book, I gave an example about a man who presented blank pieces of paper in a blue book as a “plan” for an alternative economic policy. As I worked this section yesterday, that same book was presented with words on those blank pages. Old words, old policies, old solutions that brought us to this point in time. Why would something *old* be put in a pretty new cover and called something *new*? Our past created our present and if we follow it, it will create our future (which will look suspiciously like the present or worse). If we don’t like what the past has already created or we feel limited by it, why would we continue it? If it is not working, why would we consider it as a possible solution? Why would we label that as new thought or policy? Where are you in this question, confused or aware? Conformity does what it does best; it does not change, for anything, at any time, for anyone. In order to survive, conformity must stop change at all costs, and it has few, if any, scruples.

Infrastructure is represented by Saturn and it is being challenged by the energy of newness and progress called Uranus. We have elected progress. As you drive to work would you like to drive over ruts and potholes or prefer to have them fixed? Would you like to drive your family over bridges and through tunnels that are safe or do you want to hold off on repair and hope for the best? Do we want new electric grids or are we willing to risk major blackouts in several states simultaneously for days at a time? Ask the northern states who were involved in a major blackout a few years ago.

Several years ago, my area was hit by multiple hurricanes. I was without power eleven days for the first hurricane and eight days for the second one, only three weeks later. I live in a humid state. A month or so of no power plus the heat and humidity and mildew or mold starts. It is very difficult to stop once it has rooted. You can lose your house and insurance does not cover it. My home uses well water and a septic system with an electrically-driven pump. That means that if there is no power I cannot use the bathroom. How many days can you go without your bathroom? No sense in going to the local gas station to use the bathroom or to get gas, it is closed because there is no power. Hospitals and nursing homes, the infirm, the elderly, the ill, babies, jobs, police, fire, ambulance, all necessary services; none had power. Yes, there are portable generators that can do some of it some of the time. They are expensive, sometimes dangerous and only a partial substitute regardless of the application. This was a perfect opportunity to learn and make changes in our power grid. Conformity reared its ugly head. Personally, for the next Category 3 or higher hurricane, I plan on leaving the state until they fix the infrastructure.

If you have a house and you perform no maintenance for fifty years, you

will have a crumbling mess on your hands. What makes you think we can neglect our national infrastructure? Sixty years ago we had party line telephones. This means that several different homes used the same phone line and you had to take turns. Our family's phone number was 431-J1. That meant 431 was the number, J was a division of people for that line and one ring or two rings made it yours. Everyone knew your business. Not everyone was fair in usage. Children were restricted from using the telephone because of that fairness issue. Should that have ever changed? After all, if it were good for the early 1950s, it should be good for today. Ask your children. No? Think: conformity versus progress.

Moving onward... Saturn does a complete cycle every 29 years. It is important to pay attention to this cycle because right now Saturn (conformity) is in that stress pattern with Uranus (change). Saturn will soon return to its original position in the USA chart and start a new cycle of activity. New cycle? Gosh, we are not finished with the old cycle. My point exactly. The new pattern starts during the fall of 2010 and its formation lasts for just under a year. That will be time to create some new structure of reality to keep us busy for the next 29 years. That does not mean that conformity will win out over change. It simply means that this change pattern will have run its course by then and it will be time to establish new structures and responsibilities for ourselves.

We cannot live in a perpetual state of chaos or change no more than we can live in a perpetual state of sameness. We need breaks from either from time to time. A structure is good unless we get stuck in it. When we are stuck, Uranus helps by kicking down the old structures. If we get out of the way (through learning the lesson of sameness) we will not get hurt. We then have the opportunity to build new and better structures on that cleared space. Change versus conformity will be a fierce battle until summer of 2010 and then that particular pattern is done.

Just after Saturn completes that pass, it will return to the position it takes up when it is time for a new economic structure. President Obama will be wise to focus intensely on *change* up to that point, and then turn his attention to *restructuring*. Now is the time for assessing, clearing, razing and planning. Beginning in the fall of 2010, we can begin building new structures. These include law reform, oversight boards, reasonable guidelines for business and government. Once the old junk is gone, what we build should be solid and supportive. It has to last a long time, at least another 29 years. President Obama has repeatedly stated that he intends to lead by looking forward.

## *Health Care*

## Health Care and Social Security

Speaking about unresolved older issues, perhaps we had better take a quick look at health care and Social Security. These are two truly pivotal economic and, to me, ethical or moral issues. No one in congress wants to tackle health care. No one in congress wants to tackle Social Security. Each topic is a political nightmare come true and an invitation to a political no-man's land. There is no way for a politician to win. I remember political arguments about Social Security throughout most of my life. Health care costs are ridiculous. The problems for each issue have escalated to the point of potential catastrophe at other times in our history. Instead of solving a relatively small problem when it came up years ago, our Congresses and our leadership have allowed those problems to grow into huge issues of almost unmanageable proportions.

Do you remember our current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, then First Lady Clinton, and her efforts for health care? It does not matter whether you were for or against her efforts. She was the only one making an effort. She was crucified, vilified and stopped. She did what she did for us for free. As mentioned, any First Lady does not get paid for her work. She is smart, dedicated and capable. She understood what needed to be done. She warned us that failure to act would indeed lead us exactly to where we find ourselves today. Instead of "thank you" for her efforts in our behalf, she was pilloried by Congress, attacked by the media, ridiculed by the insurance companies and the medical profession. None of these people had a better idea. None of them have come up with a better idea since then as the problem continued to feast on our economic future. This was a personal attack against a First Lady, the likes of which American had never seen, a shameful performance by the attackers. Personal vendettas against any individual in office do not further USA causes regardless of party.

The gigantic health care / insurance bubble can blow at any moment. We have come too far to stop the train wreck completely; however, we need to hit the brakes right now. I would rather have a bumpy ride than a head-on collision.

I have no great plan to fix health care, I do not have the knowledge. I do not want a socialist solution if it breeds mediocrity and eliminates brilliance. I am *not* intimidated by the word "socialism" because I see it being used as a knee-jerk political weapon. It's a fear tactic and that is *never* a good argument. There are working, successful health systems in the world. Study them and apply them to our needs. If other nations can have successful health systems, why do our political nay-sayers insist we cannot? There is no one-size-fits-all solution, not for a nation of mavericks, so choices would be nice. A sliding scale might be necessary. It is applied in business and education. We are a nation that has led the world in innovation and



imagination.

Note to Congress: *We the People* of the United States of America demand that you stop arguing like children and fix this. No lobbyists allowed. Not one more person should die because an insurance company refused to pay for a procedure. Not one more doctor should be instructed to withhold information about a new treatment simply because it is too expensive. Not one more elderly person should be forced to eat cat food in order to pay for their medication. Shame on all of you and shame on all of us for re-electing you. We want you to act responsibly in the capacity of the oath you swore. Fix it or you are fired when we get the chance to vote again!

We all know what a leak in a dam can do. Well, we have two leaky dams, both the size of Hoover Dam economically and logistically. The old song "It's Now or Never" comes to mind. Think of Richard Gere doing his verbal and physical tap-dancing in "Chicago". Did you listen to the words? Human manipulation at its finest. Both images are very apropos to this situation. Social Security and health care have been political tap dances and they cannot be avoided any longer. We elect our officials to guide us through and resolve these difficult political issues because we cannot do it for ourselves individually. It is a given that these disasters should never be a referendum-type vote. Lack of solution led us to this point in time, resolution is upon us. These two issues are at critical mass. They are closely associated but separate. These tap dances have to end.

I have said what I can about this particular topic, but what about the astrological connections? Where is health care in the U.S. sky map? What is happening now and what is the timing for a potential solution? I did say the word "potential" for a reason. We always have a choice. The universe can provide us with a lesson but only we can make the choice to learn it successfully. There is no rule that says that we *will* learn that lesson well and successfully. Exercise of our free will determines the actions we will take and our perspectives determine whether we view it as good or bad. So what is active that could illustrate our current experience? Taxes, insurance, joint finance issues, indebtedness - sound familiar? Major and minor medical, doctors, surgeons, catastrophic and accidental issues, matters of life and death - sound familiar? The common man or the citizenry, highly charged emotional issues, caretaking in all its forms, nursing, nursing homes. I am getting closer. The stress on these issues is ridiculous and the timing is now. Again, it is Pluto in Capricorn opposing the U.S. Cancer planets.

Do we have a few years to learn and to fix this one? Unfortunately, no. If this were our initial activation, we might have been given some time to catch on. But we have been warned for many years. We have been prodded and poked to work on these issues. They have come up over and over again

Pluto activating our  
collective value  
system

Economics

particularly since President Reagan was in office. By avoiding small problems we have created huge problems that now threaten to take out our economy. We have been the richest nation in the world for many years. Instead of using our gift of wealth and prosperity to fix these issues, we have squandered each opportunity. It is inexcusable that some of our citizens do not have food, shelter and medical care. Saturn and Pluto are now standing at the gate. We must find the solution and pay it forward for our children and our grandchildren. It is the least we can do for the bounty we have enjoyed for so long. We need to get it right and the time is now.

This is a chore for *right now* because it is our Venus issues that are being activated—our collective value system. For some, value is cold hard cash, for others the value system is based on relationship, for others a broader spectrum of value, for a country, the list can be huge, but at the country's core is our value system.

There is one truly significant issue that I just do not want to pass over and that is stem cell research.

Stem cell research has been on hold for several years. It is a moral and ethical dilemma, charged with emotion on all sides. We are playing with the creation of life itself and the potential of destruction of life. This is not a subject that we can gloss over or slip under the rug. This is a visceral, gut reaction issue. When humans are involved, it is highly unlikely that it will be handled wisely. That is no excuse to not handle it at all. The potential of medical research cannot be ignored. There are people who live in great misery and sincerely pray for a cure for a multitude of diseases or illness. They have rights, too. Those who honor the sanctity of life and the rights of potential life are to be commended on their personal character. They believe just as strongly as those who feel that medical research should not be hampered, especially if it can contribute to a cure for living people. What to do?

If we believe that our personal or collective opinion is the only possible solution, there is no answer. If we acknowledge each other's pain, moral dilemma, and great desire to do the right thing, we might be able to talk and listen. There is common ground to resolve this issue. This issue comes from an older Pluto through Scorpio but it is as yet unresolved, as are the issues of abortion and, to some degree, birth control pills and other contraceptives. If we continue to do what we have done in the past, we will end up where we are. That is termed a vicious circle and it always gets deeper. Through constructive dialogue we can actually find a solution. We can turn that vicious circle into the spiral of evolution. As long as these issues are unresolved, they are festering wounds in our society. We need resolution.

# *Social Security*

My education does not qualify me to discuss this complex topic from the perspective of economics. My skill comes from reading the energy patterns and interpreting the astrological cycles only. I am not an economist, but I am an observer of the passages of time.

Social Security was born on August 14, 1935, introduced by President Franklin Roosevelt as part of his overall stimulus package and solution to the Great Depression. It also allowed older workers an economic way to retire from the employment market to the advantage of younger workers in 1935. This was a very controversial concept at the time. It was an extraordinarily ambitious plan to deal with the aging population in a time of disastrous unemployment and financial chaos. Throughout my life, I have often heard Social Security described as a system of welfare. I am an investor and a client of Social Security. It was my money from my pocket that I paid into that program for more than fifty years. It is not welfare. It is not a handout. It is not “discretionary”.

Anything born in a moment of time has within it the qualities of that moment of time. Social Security has its own chart and I spent a long time researching its patterns.

If I pay into a plan, designed and sold by my government as a means to support myself in my old age, to me it looks suspiciously like a savings account. If the government makes an agreement with me that if I give them money for a certain period of time and they will provide me with an income when I reach a certain age, it looks suspiciously like a contract. I honored my part of the contract. To others in and out of the system, it is called an entitlement. I do not have a problem with this phrase. As agreed, I paid in my money and I am entitled to the fulfillment of the agreement. Since I am not smart enough to understand all the economic intricacies, I trust my government to *not* lead me down a garden path and into economic disaster when I am too old to do much about it. Social Security was sold as a support system for our old age and that it would be adequate for our needs. I remember my grandmother getting her first social security check. She had worked all of her life and had nothing but our family to show for it. She was grand-mothered into Social Security. I watched when she cried the day that first check came in. I watched her grow inches taller in her pride that she had a few dollars of her own and she was not totally dependent on her children. That was not welfare and she was entitled to her very modest reward for all those years of service.

If Social Security is not a savings account, then I can look at it as an insurance policy. I paid the premiums until certain conditions were met

Social Security needs to be fixed. It is not Congress' piggy bank!

Billions were appropriated from the fund by Congress (borrowed). Put it back and make it solvent. Or was Congress just planning to “borrow” and not pay back???

and then the insurance proceeds belonged to me. Since the insurance company (IRS) took my money, they owed me what the insurance promised. My way of looking at insurance is that the company takes your money on a gamble that you will *not* need the insurance. You pay them the money because you gamble that you *will* need the insurance. It's like putting your money on a spinning wheel of fortune. If the insurance company loses that spin, they pay out the insurance. If you lose that spin and die before the payout, you lose your investment. Since all the money is controlled by the insurance side all the time, the insurance company cannot weasel out of the bet. They gambled, they lost; they should pay - otherwise that is stealing or perhaps fraud. In this instance the “they” who took the bet and pocketed your money is the insurance company we call our government. You have already paid and have cushioned yourself against old age. Perhaps you will not live lavishly, but you should be able to take care of necessities. You may not live long enough to get everything you paid in, but that was the chance you took. That, to me, is the *essence* of Social Security. If you want to call it entitlement, go ahead, however, it is not welfare.

The fund does have an interesting makeup, one that could cause problems as the system ages. Let me explain. You take in money from a whole bunch of working people as a hedge against future expenses and you do it for a number of years. The number of people naturally increases as time passes. The amount coming in is substantially higher than the money going out. Everything looks good. As the initial population ages, some of them retire and claim their benefits and money starts to go out. After our major wars there was a family birth rate jump that was termed a baby boom. More people joined the *paying* ranks; more money was paid in. However, more people have been *retiring*, so more money is going out. Over time, new sections were added to the law, including health insurance and some true welfare issues that changed the economic picture. Years passed, the proportions grew significantly, but there was still reasonable equilibrium.

Think of a pyramid sitting on its point rather than on its base and you will have a good picture of what is going on here. Sooner or later, the outgoing cash is going to exceed the incoming cash, and here is where it gets tricky. Because there was so much investment in the beginning, it should take a while to deplete the reserves that have been created, but at some point, there can be trouble. It is inherent in the flawed system and has the potential to fall into crisis.

The government set the rules and changed them at their (not our) will. The government agreed that it would invest that income wisely to keep the reserve and the program stable and productive. The government made adjustments to the law as necessary reportedly to keep the program healthy. The laws the government passed required that *We, the People* make those payments. We were given no choice regarding our payments or writing the laws. Our signature was based on our vote and our citizenship only. The government held all the cards but it was mandatory that we play the game. Did our government do what they promised? Unfortunately *not*.

Through the decades, Congress avoided fixing the real problems until the inherent flaws became really apparent. They changed the age at which we could cash in our insurance policy called Social Security due to our longer-than-expected life cycles. They added a couple of important welfare programs to the claimant side of the equation. Outgo gradually outpaced income, but each Congress left it for the next administration. Congress tapped into the fund's cash reserve for whatever they deemed necessary. Some politicians felt it was ripe for the picking and so they spent the reserve. It really doesn't matter if spending was for a good cause, the money is gone. The program is in trouble because although Congress controlled the rules and mandatory payments by citizens, they did not do their jobs properly.

We are now at critical mass with a vast number of elderly people on social security. Our "baby boomers" are no longer babies. They are ready to claim their benefits under the insurance policy they paid for all of their lives. There is no telling what would happen if Social Security failed. Millions of elderly and infirm would become homeless, with no food or shelter, no medical coverage and little chance of finding work to survive in a troubled economy. For those who have children willing to take good and loving care of them they will be more fortunate than those who do not have families or people who can take them in. It's a frightening prospect.

Conservative Republicans recently submitted a proposed budget. It puts Social Security and social entitlements at the forefront of risk so that tax cuts can be given to the wealthy. Their purpose? To stimulate our economy. This approach is truly the mantra of the past, what has proved itself to be a failed program of several previous administrations. Unfortunately, this fiscal system has led to several recessions. We did have a brief respite when President Clinton took office with his version of a stimulus program. We did enjoy several years of prosperity under his leadership and he left office with an excellent USA financial balance sheet. We are, however, now experiencing the results of the “trickle down” theory of economy. Conformity or progress is the real question. If we continue to follow the failed economic theory, we will continue to fail until the point where we can't be fixed. If we take a chance on change and progress, we *may* succeed. Life does not come with guarantees.

Stress cycles are perpetuated by the spread of fear. Tell the person barely surviving on Social Security payments that reductions may be necessary. Continually tell the elderly or the infirm, along with the American public, that the sky is falling, that collapse is imminent, and that their rug is going to be pulled out from under them economically and medically any minute now. See if that doesn't scare them enough. Let's look at the chart and see if it reveals the timing of events.

The sky map of social security is intrinsically interesting but becomes even more fascinating when we look at the connections to the USA chart. We are talking about an action (law) the country took to benefit its citizens so there should be connections between charts showing those actions and they are indeed present.

First of all, the USA personal projection and coping skill (Ascendant) is connected to the spiritual essence (Neptune) of the law and is described as work, service, and health. That fits. The USA spiritual essence (Neptune) is connected to the social value system (Venus and money) of the law again described as work, service and health. Another fit. Remember our lovely USA Aquarian / Uranian emotional makeup, family, nurturing urges (Moon)? Well the USA chart is in a tight union (conjunction) with that same pattern and energy in the Social Security Law map (Moon). They behave almost as *one* energy. There is a third key, however.

The USA pattern of communication / power of persuasion (Mercury, Pluto) is reinforced by the law power pattern but it is in stress (tug of war). It is also connected to those extra-relational urges (Node) where we try to go beyond the norm of relating issues and grow into broader applications and concepts. That fits. There are indeed inherent problems in the energy of the law itself as reflected by that chart. There were issues that would have to be addressed as it lives its normal life cycle. Social Security

reflects a dream come alive. It is inspiration that has found its way into the mainstream of society, a heartfelt desire to care for the vulnerable in our society and it is commendable for that single concept (very Neptune). Such dreams often have trouble fitting into reality, but having a good heart and intention is not the worst sin out there.

There is a clear indication in the law birth chart that there will be troubles that have to be met over time. Social Security was patched a few years ago, but I do not believe there has ever been a true fix for the original problems. The USA and the Social Security charts show that *now* is definitely the time for fixing this. What do the current patterns indicate?

Social Security will be 74 years old this year (2009) and the cracks are evident. This dilemma is so big, such an emotionally explosive issue, nobody wants to touch it. There is a real good possibility they just do not know how, as it is truly confusing. President Obama has set a bunch of really knowledgeable people to work on this issue. However, what I see in the chart is a very confusing interplay between our social values and our spirituality; it so intertwined and active that it has permeated the whole of the 74 years. No wonder no one knows how to fix this. Our hearts and intentions are in the right place, but logic and consequence have been very difficult to define over the years.

I show five distinct activations from now connecting to the USA / law connections. All the financial considerations I mentioned at the start of this section are affecting Social Security and the time is upon us. The activation is 2009. We must do this now. *How* is the tough question. The energy of responsibility activated in 2008 and the point at which we had to stop fooling ourselves was reached in September of 2008. The necessity for solutions and funding is strongly active until the end of August of this year, 2009. That activation is that Saturn / Uranus opposition that we have been examining. The timing is truly *now*.

We have been through this before. This is a good illustration of what happens when the universe has given us an opportunity to learn something previously and we didn't utilize it. Sure, we patched it and we kept it running. But in the intervening years, we kept putting off a true healing and repair. When the energy came through to help us fix what was wrong, we exercised our free will and did not fix it. We always have the choice to

refuse the lesson the universe is sending us. Our history is full of examples. However, the universe does check back on us to see how we did with our tests. The universe has all the time our world needs to learn its lessons and pass our tests. This is testing time. Will we choose to fix it? Or will we choose to ignore the teaching at our own peril.

We now have a leader who believes he can fix this. I watch the posturing and tap dancing in Congress and by the state Governors. I listen to the pundits postulate and discuss, but there are no viable ideas presented yet as far as I can tell. Let the man try. It was in the job description when we hired him (voted him into office). If we do nothing, it will break beyond repair. If we *try*, we have a chance to fix what is wrong. Millions of retirees (including me) and the infirm depend on our ability to fix Social Security.

Based upon the chart patterns, I believe this will take more than one fixing. This is such a huge issue it will probably be necessary to make incremental corrections, a staging *process*. I don't know exactly what they are, but the chart shows that the answers are available if we look for them and think outside the box. Do not forget, the country itself called for President Obama. He says we can do this.

## *Homeland Security*

An important issue has been not discussed, homeland security. *Homeland Security* is a buzzword created since the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center tragedy. Realistically, there has never truly been a time when the USA was not interested in securing our nation, we just had not given it a catch phrase until then or become involved in homeland security. I investigated the concept in the USA chart and found some very interesting information.

Most countries have concerns about national and personal security - that is a given. Because of differing needs and motivations, the nature of each country's security issues will be different, some stronger than others.

1. The signs involved in security issues are the polarity of Cancer / Capricorn. That influence is exceptionally strong in the USA Chart.



2. Of the thirteen patterns discussed, ten are the Sun, Moon and the eight planets (collectively called “the planets” for ease of reference). The other three points discussed throughout this book are strategic intersection points (not bodies) in the sky.
3. At the moment of our birth, the USA chart gave us four bodies in Cancer (Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter) plus one in Capricorn (Pluto). That gave us five, out of a possible thirteen and provided a very strong influence regarding security.

We can say that our national identity, our communications / power influence, and our social and cultural values and expansion are all driven by or expressed as security needs.

In addition, I looked at *all* the presidential inaugurations and could easily see those same security issues being activated. Some were new activations, some were temporary. Security is a prime mover for our country, it has *always* been important to us. September 11, 2001 was a seismic shock. We were hit at *home*, on our soil. The deaths were citizens, not soldiers. We were devastated, scared, angry, determined, retaliatory, all of that and more. It is now almost eight years ago and we have worked our way through the initial stages mentioned of our collective shock. We are now looking at the cost and results of our actions and re-evaluating our motivations and positions. Security is and has been a critical factor in our decisions and reactions. The cost in human life and sorrow and the financial and national costs are staggering. We must determine our future course by employing rational thinking and not knee-jerk reactions. Our new president has that as a main course. We know what we have done and why. Now we know we must move forward objectively and firmly.

Right now Pluto is activating those security needs (roto-rootering). They are in our face, demanding our attention, as Pluto activates one after the other. I have gone over this Pluto activation several times so I do not want to repeat it here. Suffice it to say, Pluto will be turning these issues over one by one over the next fifteen to sixteen years.

Currently Pluto is forcing us to look at our social / financial values. It is not just the military costs, the rebuilding costs, the human life cost on all sides, or the treatment of our returning military both from a medical treatment position and as a return to the growing unemployment in our country. The champions of scare tactics use this issue more than the others

to bring fear and insecurity into the discourse in order to frighten people into living in the past. Fear immobilizes people. Fear does not willingly leave its “safe” place to venture into anything beyond its known boundaries. Fear lives in doubt, paranoia and inaction. Do not let fear stop the forward direction we are traveling.

Benjamin Franklin, one of our Founding Fathers warned us of this very issue. He said, “*They who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security, deserve neither liberty nor security.*”

Next year we will be working with those expanded, cultural, international values. After a short hiatus, we will look at our national identity and have to face exactly what we have done, to whom, and how it fits our image of ourselves, what we want to be known for in our *becoming*. Those issues change over time. I remember as a child wanting to be a secretary. I do not want that at this time because I have already done that. My image of myself changes through experience and so does our national identity. This is a natural process.

Pluto, however, has a tendency to make you look at all of what you have been before you get to look at what you want to be and how you are going to get there. How else can we be prepared for the next part of our journey into *hope and change*? The last homeland security issue will be that powerful communication pattern in around 2022-4. We are powerful communicators for good or for ill.

## *Economics*

In order to look more closely at the major issues just discussed, we have to be willing to look at the overall economic picture for the USA because every single issue will be affected by the overall economic pattern. I have already spent some time on the Saturn / Uranus stress pattern that is affecting us, the collision between the past and the future, between conformity and change. We know that we are not alone in the world and that this is a pattern surrounding us. We get to put one foot in front of the other just as the whole world must do, until the cycle completes itself and we move on in experience. I have already outlined the timing for those issues, strong in 2009 but not finished as a cycle until 2010.

The USA as a country has four of its major components in the sign of Cancer and I have previously described them: our national identity (Sun), our communication mechanism (Mercury), and our combined social and cultural values and our expansion mechanisms (Venus, Jupiter). I have also described that our friend Pluto who just loves to rotor-rooter the world and its issues has just moved into a new sign, Capricorn and it is stirring

up trouble as it goes. Well, these two issues merge into the larger area of intense stress we are experiencing that seems to pervade everything. Capricorn and Cancer are partners on that cosmic pencil I have mentioned before. This “stick” is called the security axis. In addition to the conformity / change dilemma this is where we must look for economic issues. The push / pull of the past and the future just will not go away. I have already described us as the “monkey in the middle” (like using the USA as a punching bag). What about the push / pull of a second pattern?

Very early in its travel through Capricorn, like right now, the first Pluto connection (opposition Venus) is underway. That position is hitting us hard in our wallets and is not really ready to let up as yet. The stirring up period started in January 2008 when Pluto first moved into Capricorn, but did not take a visible hold right away. It was more like walking along the edge of a cliff not quite knowing which step was going to be that one step too far. It flared up here and there but never totally got to the point where we could see it clearly until the end of November 2008. That is the point where trouble started to have a clearer face and a form (Venus) and the extent of the problem started to reveal itself as definitely *economic*. It is in full bloom as I write. This is the head of one particular pin and it will last until the end of September 2010. This connects to our USA social values (Venus), together with our economic values.

President Obama’s remark that this will take a while is accurate. It is my experience that things do not just go away on Monday morning just because we want them to or because we hired a new boss. Everything has residual influence. We must climb out of the pit we have dug for ourselves and start fixing the ditches we are finding along the way. Money will be tight for at least another year. That does not mean that there cannot be some solutions or progress. We may have to be on a budget, but that does not mean we have to break out the emergency rations. Overall, we will ride out the duration of this particular storm. In some patterns, our crises are in our face, it is bad but we move through it quickly. In other patterns, it takes time and we may have to keep tightening that belt as we go through them. This one will take some time.

Once we get past this particular financial crisis, the *second* of our four USA patterns will trigger (Jupiter) as I mentioned previously. This pattern adds our cultural values and expansion policies, also known as dealing with the rest of the world. We have broken our financial and social value systems. We must fix those systems before we can truly fix the larger global picture. We must cooperate with the rest of the world in the meantime because breakage at this stage would be critical worldwide. We and the rest of the world did break our international economies and we cannot ignore it. We are becoming one world, like it or not. We are so connected economically that cooperation is mandatory. We cannot ignore

the fact that the damage is larger in scope than originally thought and that must also be addressed. The timing for the pattern of expanded breakage and solution is toward the end of 2010 and runs until early 2012.

When the USA broke out of its isolationism and grew to become world leader, it put us in a position to tell the rest of the world what to do. The world looked at our capability and our growth and believed we had what it took. Unfortunately, we started to believe in our own press. For years, we told and showed the rest of the world how to do it right. If we *are* doing it right, we should be doing it *here* at home. We must fix within (ourselves) before we are qualified to fix without (other people and countries). Astrologically, the activations of energy indicate we must attend first to the needs of Venus, then Jupiter. It is our personal, social, financial issues (Venus) within our own country and people that are being activated at the moment. This energy worked itself into a fury starting in 2008. A short time down the road—toward the end of 2010, it will be our cultural, expansion values and issues (Jupiter) that will be activated. If we take the time to repair ourselves, we will be in a better position to help repair the world. We have elected change because change was needed.

The situation reminds me again of the story about rescuing the man from the ditch. You do not climb in the ditch with him. You pull the man out as you remain free of the ditch. Our direction is now to the future, because the past is what created the mountain of debt and doubt on which we live. This particular part of the Pluto in Capricorn cycle will be finished by the beginning of 2012. But we can indeed fix this.

This is a very emotional and stressful issue for us because we are a very independent but emotional country. It hits us as a security issue (Cancer, Capricorn), threatens our very existence; demands that we face our personal and national responsibility for allowing it to happen, requires our personal and national discipline and a willingness to ferret out how we got to this place. This is our country. It is our responsibility. If we do not take care of it we will lose it. If we do not learn from this lesson, we will repeat it. If we do not assess responsibility and demand accountability, we tacitly approve the wrongdoing and unconsciously give permission to the unscrupulous to do it again. We don't want to do that. As we move through our two issues, we will be attempting to fix the two largest financial puzzle pieces within the framework of economic chaos at the same time.

President Obama did not cause this; he inherited the whirlwind.

An Obama task force should already be in play but I have not heard much about it so far. I liked the specialty forums President Obama put in place between the election and inauguration to work on various issues. He tried to bring together the best and brightest as advisors. This type of innovative

approach falls right into the cosmic energy patterns available to us right now. President Obama has the capability of multi-tasking. He has already shown us that. But behind that ability are knowledgeable people doing the grunt work of cutting through the murk and presenting him with the best options. The president doesn't have to make a decision just yet, he just needs to show us that it is truly in the works and that good minds are working on it.

In a little wrap-up, I want to point out that inequalities currently exist between Congress and the citizenry. Congress voted themselves a wonderful retirement and insurance package and pay raises that do not match what is available to the man on the street. We voted for these people. Who is paying their way? We are. If a few years of civil service grant you a lifelong pension, permanent and superior health care for you and your family, we should all be civil servants.

If Congress exists to write laws that feather their own nests at public expense, then they place their living and their retirement in a much better framework than those Americans who pay the bills. This is a problem. If that same congressional representation can fix their *own* health care and pension problems, but not that of those they serve, we sent the wrong people to Congress. If a career in politics leads to this a life of privilege at public expense, change the rules. Term limits come to mind. The key word in civil service is *service*.

## *The Credit Card Debacle*

The best example of this entire dynamic is the credit card debacle that is threatening to erupt into a national disaster. For years, we used credit cards freely. We could express ourselves any way we wanted, all we had to do was "charge it" (Sagittarius bubble). Credit card companies raised our limits without us even having to ask. Hand in hand, we walked into massive personal debt well out of proportion to what many of us could reasonably pay if the loans were called (Pluto opposed Venus). Banks encouraged us to spend, to grow, to expand (Sagittarius bubble). They encouraged us to buy bigger houses with less money. They gave us "special" loans so we would use their money (Sagittarius bubble). The economy changed and some of us began having trouble paying that debt (Pluto moving from Sagittarius to Capricorn). Responsible people with good credit had good intentions, and fully intended to honor their commitments. But, things are in a state of upheaval and almost everyone is struggling, some more than others (Pluto in Capricorn opposed Venus).

The credit card and loan companies responded by *raising* interest rates, sometimes retroactively, and with sometimes scandalous rates. I have seen

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rates as high as almost 38 percent. These companies also changed the regular monthly payment to an installment type of payment (Pluto in Capricorn). Bills for thousands of dollars for a monthly credit card payment are now common. Millions of people are being hounded at work and at home for payment of these exorbitant rates and fees. Homes are being foreclosed everywhere in the country (Pluto opposition Venus). The people have started to react and the outcry across the country, from all economic fronts, is growing daily. However, Pluto in Capricorn requires that we pay the piper, even if the piper is greedy, manipulative, seriously ungoverned and unaccountable for his actions. Once upon a time we had usury laws. We need to re-establish those laws.

Our personal expansionist policies that we could have more, buy more, own more (Sagittarius), and our personal reputation to pay for doing so (Capricorn) are being hammered (Pluto in Capricorn). On the flip side of that coin is the credit card companies' panic that their expansionist policies (Sagittarius) of encouraging us to spend more, have more, and buy more, on *their* dime, is backfiring (Pluto in Capricorn). Their current aggressive attack on the American people, coupled with their continued view of entitlement, is creating the very chaos (Pluto) the credit card companies are afraid of. As this chapter was written, President Obama asked Congress to take action in the form of new regulations to ensure that these devastating and predatory practices must stop. Our citizens are afraid of the destruction of their personal finances. They are demanding protection from their government and that the rates they originally contracted to borrow this money should be honored.

The credit card companies are doing everything they can to avoid regulation and responsibility for what they are doing. But their actions make no sense to a lot of people including me. If people can't pay the *old* rates, how in the world are they going to pay the *new* rates? They are defeating the ability of their borrowers to pay. As they receive fewer and fewer payments, they respond by raising the rates and instituting more indebtedness. Credit card companies do not have the same collateral status as the banks. This further makes no sense. In addition, people are being hounded for immediate payment at the same time that they are afraid for their jobs, their family, their medical care, their very existence.

Right now, the citizens are using a reasonably passive mode while looking for peaceful means to resolve this. They are voting for change, writing to Congress, using sound-bites on the news, and paying what they can, when they can (positive Pluto in Capricorn). This problem, however, is now the equivalent of a Molotov cocktail, being shaken, not stirred, and that *is* volatile. Emotions are extraordinarily high on both sides, driven by fear, and that situation itself is poised to spin out of control and expand into a crushing national maelstrom. Everyone wants everyone else to be

responsible and fix this. Pay attention, Congress. You better get this one right or there really could be hell to pay. I hate to repeat Pluto in Capricorn over and over, but this is the activator to all this. And the time is *now*.

## ***Banking and Lending***

The so-called financial pundits and the big-banking conformists dispense doom and gloom about the economy. But I also listen to the smaller bankers, who quietly tell us that they have money to lend. They are not hoarding money. These banks are not the big guys with the TARP funds, they are regional or local bankers who are quite frustrated because they are lending successfully in their areas. Not everyone who goes to the bank is necessarily helped; but these smaller bankers are trying to reach out. They stand ready, willing and able to help their qualified clients.

It boggles my mind that we continue to pour money down the holes created by the mega-banks who refuse to change their ways and who are playing the same old game the same old way. Big banks are the ones in trouble for a reason (over-extension and greed) yet many of the small banks are holding their own at the moment. Congress bails out the big banks but not the little ones, and certainly not small companies or individuals caught in the crunch. Our newspapers continue to exploit dramatic stories about property foreclosures, bankruptcies and financial woe; bad news always sells papers. In turn, the bad news sets off a chain-reaction among home owners, buyers, developers, lenders and realtors; everything freezes with fear. We can choose to fill our heads with fear and dread or we can use the power of *hope and change* to move into a consciousness directed toward fixing what is wrong.

## *The Larger Family: NAFTA and EU*

In the next two and a half years, our connection to our larger family is pulling into place much more tightly. It is too late to back out of the one-world concept. We have gone too far. How do we make the most of the direction we have already taken? I am alternately appalled by and made curious by NAFTA and the concept of the European Union. I have spoken to many people who doubt the value of NAFTA and feel it will cost more than it will give back. Most of what is wrong is misinformation, hidden or cloudy agendas and conspiracy theory run amok. Visibility and transparency are good and absolutely necessary. This includes who did what and when to dispel any shadows of doubt that exist. Put the whole thing on the line, past, present and what is hoped for the future. Take the time to help the citizens understand the costs and the values to be gained. Transparency is strategic at this time.

Our legislators and our leaders work for us, the common people. If they have forgotten that, it is time to remind them. Their jobs are service to the nation and its people. They are not the powers that be even if they think they are. They are public servants. That means they serve the public. They serve *We the People*; that is you and me. The carefully-considered election of those representatives is our job as citizens, our responsibility and our right. If we shirk in our duty, we have no one to blame but ourselves for the mess we find ourselves in, either now or in the future.



# The Passages of Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and Saturn

Pluto  
Neptune  
Uranus  
Saturn

*Integrated Patterns and Cycles  
Structure and Responsibility  
Change and Transformation  
Looking Back to Look Ahead*

## *Pluto*

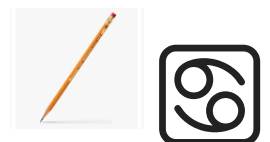
We will start with planet Pluto who exercises the longest cycle of all planets in its orbit and reaches into the darkest and deepest issues in our lives as it clears the way for new growth - a bit like the farmer clearing the fields of weeds and rocks before planting a new crop. I call this powerful stirring-up of issues the "roto-rooter" effect:

1. Power (Pluto) stirred up (rotor-rootered) the patterns of law, philosophy, religion, higher education, speculation, freedom of press (Sagittarius) and its partner (Gemini) communication, lower education, transportation, contracts and more, for fourteen years ending in November, 2008. Sagittarius is expansive and sometimes over-zealous.

Keywords: *bubble economy, housing debacle, credit card crisis.*

2. Pluto is now stirring up organizations, corporations, government, authority, and any form of business (Capricorn) and its partner (Cancer) family, citizens, home and homeland, emotions, security, over a sixteen-year period. This actually began in late January, 2008 but did not hit anything truly critical in the USA chart until 2009. Did you wonder why this economic disaster waited until one president left office and the next took over? It has been building since the November, 2008 transition, but it took a few weeks to build itself into a real frenzy. We are still uncovering the mishandling of national issues as

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government documents are released. We are now finding out how much of the prior year's assumptions were fact and how much was fiction. Recently, four documents were released relating to the possibility of torture by the USA. This is the tiny tip of the iceberg, not the whole huge iceberg.

Keywords: *institutions, corporations, hidden issues, security, homes, families*

3. Pluto also digs into the USA social / financial value system (Venus) this year and will continue to do this for about a year. There will be a brief period of intensity around the September 11th anniversary in 2009. This activation will fully end in the middle of September, 2010. But Pluto's influence will not go away in one day, however, or even one year. There is more than one pattern at work and each pattern's timing is different. This piece will reach only the point of no new trash and leave us to work on the resolution of what has already surfaced. It has caused difficult issues to erupt into necessity. It has caused hidden things to become visible (put the trash heap on the front porch for the world to see). Because the multiple cycles overlap, we will see periods of gain and periods of loss as these various cycles command the stage. The most important ingredient is the length of time it takes to settle itself down again. The business and family axis (stick) of Capricorn and partner Cancer is activating five times on this social / financial value system point terminating in mid-September, 2010. This passage does not equate to one and one-half years of hardship, but that is the overall period of effect.

Keywords: *national values, finances, networking, responsibilities*



4. In the spring of 2010, the attention of power (Pluto) will start to zoom in on the USA cultural and expansion values, which can emphasize our participation in the world economy and it continues stirring up the business and the family security (Cancer) axis mentioned. First it makes a close connection, backs off and then comes in full bore in January of 2011. This activation will last until the fall of 2011. We may be threatened the following year or so with more of the same, but the worst should be over toward the end 2011. These are long, slow

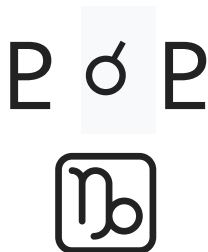
patterns. We, the citizens of the world, have messed up our world economy over the years, and it will take us some time to get it straightened out. We will have good swings and not so good swings, because that is the nature of life itself, but steady progress for this activation is not truly available until after the end of 2011.  
Keywords: *progress, expansion, cultural alliances, hope*

5. Pluto fires up the roto-rooter again in the energy of the USA national identity (Sun) late in February of 2014, will ease up a little and then activate again in June and December of 2014, and does not end that cycle until the fall of 2015, with five distinct activations, again like a farmer with many fields to plow. This cycle can cause a national identity crisis that acts over a prolonged period of time. What would a national identity crisis look like? We will ask ourselves intense questions such as: Who are we to ourselves? What do we want to be when we grow up? What is our purpose? What defines us as a nation to ourselves and to the world? These are critical issues because we are looking only five years ahead. We are learning so much about what has been done in our name, and what we continue to find out will help establish that identity. Is this acceptable or do we have to face our own inadequacies, revamp our identity so we can again take pride in who and what we are? Interestingly enough, the significant date of September 11th shows up repeatedly with these fall energies, but this time it is 2015 and the influence lasts about one month, finishing up in mid-October of 2015. It is indeed curious how that particular date keeps showing up, but we won't assign more significance to it than necessary right now. It is not possible for Pluto to stir that date up every single year. The repetitive date is highlighted because that daily Sun's placement is very close to the USA spiritual essence (Neptune). Could this be a spiritual testing moment?

Keywords: *self-identity (elements of character, honor, pride, integrity, honesty), self-esteem, public esteem, purpose*

6. In early 2020, Pluto will stir up the USA communication / power energy (Mercury, Pluto) Here is an important issue, equal in importance to the identity crisis we will face in 2014-15. Although 2020 seems quite far down the road for us to be watching at the moment, we should still look ahead because this is part of this overall Pluto in Capricorn sixteen-year cycle. This particular passage will stir up more than one point and will act over a longer period than usual. It will complete around New Year 2023. There are *eight* activations (significant connections) in that particular cycle which will, in turn, create very busy cycles in our individual and national energies. Eight activations in less than three years are critical from the perspective of how we deal with them. Will the fields we plow result in the new growth we want? We have eight lessons and choices during this cycle





and they are specifically related to that powerful communication at the core of the USA energy.

Keywords: *transformation , communication, truth, transparency*

7. Pluto in Capricorn returns to its original position in the USA chart at this time. That particular pattern happens only once every 248 years, and it is the first pass since the birth of the nation. We will have completed one full cycle and will be ready to start on the new round of power and communication lessons. This is an exciting opportunity never able to be experienced by an *individual*, but we can experience it vicariously through our *nation's* experience and history. As a nation, we should be a bit wiser this time having already run this particular gamut. Will we pay attention to our lessons or repeat our mistakes? More than one pattern is at work at any time; passages are not usually quick and clean. The focus will be the business and family security axis (Cancer, Capricorn) mentioned above because that is Pluto's location for the next sixteen years.

Keywords: *renewal, growth, power or powerlessness*

## *Neptune*

The next longest cycle involves our friend, Neptune. Neptune represents the world of dreams, aspirations, spirituality or spiritual essence. When Neptune behaves badly, the effect is delusion, disappointment, and deception. We have a choice to opt for the positive essences. What will Neptune teach us about our country as it moves through this area of the chart? What is coming up on the horizon?

1. Currently Neptune has been working on the USA emotional, family, nurturing, citizen urges (Moon) and causing some confusion. Why? Americans thrive on “the American dream”. Immigrants do everything in their power to get a piece of that dream. The world envies and at times resents our ability to dream and to accomplish. Does every tiny piece come true? Many come true, mostly due to our hard work, innovation and inspiration. America is a success novel, with a few difficult chapters. We dream big and we reach for those dreams.

Neptune ♆ =  
America's Dreams

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. If you want it, go for it. If you do not go for it, you are not going to get it. That drives us to reach for more and more and more. Can we get greedy? Yes, we can. Can we be deluded? Disappointed? Yes. Do we succeed *more* than we fail? *Absolutely.*

Keywords: *dreams, aspirations, spirituality, innovation, creativity*

2. This activation is still a work in progress, with a direct connection the first week of January, 2009, although it has been active since the first week of March, 2008. We experienced grand delusion of the American people. We have a boatload of proof about what has happened in our economy, our government, the war effort, terrorism, torture, and fudged budgetary figures. This is the flip side of the coin of spirituality. As the delusions become clear, we will be able to heal the wrongs with our mission of hope and change. There is more life to this potentially wonderful energy, as we see more clearly what we must do for our national family.

Keywords: *delusion, disappointment and deception being changed to national spiritual values*

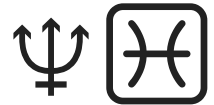
3. Interpreting the stick axis activations, we are not scheduled for a *new* lesson of this nature (Neptune in Pisces) until May of 2016, and the activation will last about eighteen months to the end of December, 2017. What is the USA stage on which this activation will play when it returns? Alliances, treaties, international networking and partnerships. Not all is visible, not all is up front and honest. We cannot suspect everyone; that is paranoia on a national scale. But we can pay attention. We need to get rid of the rose-colored glasses, keep the lights on, and call a spade a spade. I mentioned earlier that Neptune was in Pisces during the lead-up to the Civil War. We do not want a repeat of that pattern. All of us must be smarter, not just you and I, but “we” as a collective.

Keywords: *alliances, treaties, international partnerships, networking, détente.*

Are you not happy to learn that we will make it past 2012? There are some schools of thought warning us that the world will end in 2012 based on the Mayan Calendar. The Mayan Calendar ends on December 21, 2012. There are also Hopi and Inca myths that describe this time period. The myths are both exciting and fearful, but I do not believe these ancient myths represent the absolute *end* of our world. We will exist as usual, but circumstance may *change* who we are. Simply put, we are currently in a major school-room-on-earth “learning our lessons” period running up to

Neptune  $\Psi$  =  
America's  
Disillusionment

Neptune in Pisces



Similar activation to  
lead up to  
USA Civil War

Mayan Calendar ends  
December 21, 2012,  
not death

2012. This era represents our maturing process, an end to our excesses and a new beginning of our wisdom. Until 2012, we will learn to live more wisely and grow as much as possible. School is great place when you learn the lessons the first time. Upon graduation from high school, we become usually quite different people by the time we finish college, and are further matured upon entering the workforce. It is the cycle of life.

## *Uranus*

Uranus is the next longest cycle. The Uranus effect is exciting and is the planet that truly produces headlines:

Uranus



Lightning, explosions,  
surprises, headlines

1. Uranus has been dancing back and forth over the USA spiritual essence (Neptune) and asking the question, "Just who are we as spiritual beings?" We knew who we were at one time. Are we still that now? We are being changed, reworked, reformed, and (if we are lucky) inspired and revitalized. Will we recognize ourselves once change has had its way? This pattern started in early June, 2008 and had a secondary activation in mid-July, 2008.
2. Uranus visited again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March, 2009. To all intents and purposes, this pattern should be finished. It made the necessary headlines to effect the necessary changes. It will, however, come very close to activation at the turn of the month between November and December, 2009. We will feel more of that energy of change and inspiration but no new energies should be introduced at that time.  
Keywords: *surprises, dramatic, abrupt, unexpected.*

We have been through much shock this past year. So many areas have erupted into headlines and they have shaken us to our spiritual roots. We have been stunned by deceit, subterfuge, hidden things suddenly blasted into our awareness. We have been appalled as we have learned what has been done in our names while we were asleep at the wheel. We have been stupefied by what we have learned.

The good news: *much of it is in our past.* It is now time to repair and move forward. Those who are responsible for fraud and subterfuge should be held accountable. The universe has many ways to bring this instruction to our attention. I would rather we pay attention now than leave ourselves open for another lesson-on-earth.

So far, we have covered the three longest passages involving Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Those three planets are called generational in nature because of their slow rates of travel. As described previously, they are planets of change. We will now move to the planet which represents conformity, Saturn, and its passages.

## *Saturn*

The next slowest planet with a prolonged effect upon us is Saturn. Saturn can provide structure and bring form out of chaos, but it can also be rigid and place limitations on that form. Saturn brings responsibility but it can also bring inquisition and punishment. We are all in this together, whether we want to be or not, because we are fast becoming a single community of humanity. We are so far along in that process; I do not see how we could back up even if we do not like it.

Normally a Saturn passage lasts about nine months. As a country, we have been in existence for 232 years. Breaking that down into Saturn cycles, that gives us eight full 29-year cycles. The end of the current cycle and its particular trek across our chart is in 2011. If we look back on a 29-year basis, we can see the themes that keep replaying themselves. You can almost see the universe crossing its celestial fingers, hoping that we will catch on to the lesson. When an astrologer reads these kinds of themes and patterns for an individual (astrology is all about energy and cycles) we look at the experience of the individual's past during similar patterns. We can reasonably accurately predict future patterns based on the individual's reactions to similar circumstances in their past. Unless the individual changes their behavior pattern when they learn that they have a choice, the outcome will be pretty much the same. When they exercise their freedom of choice (lessons learned), the outcome changes.

The same issues exist for our country in this repeat pattern that has to do with personal and financial values (money), fairness, equality, and the law or balance and equity. Each time we experience a return to our original USA Saturn position, it signifies completion of one part of the lesson in that ongoing cycle and starts the next cycle and the next part of the lesson that will be in effect for the next 29 years.

Saturn

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Attempt to build  
structures or  
return to the past

Think of this cycle as a textbook on algebra. Each chapter is unique, but it builds on the information and concepts of the previous chapters. All the *themes* in the book deal with math, all the *concepts* deal with algebra, but each chapter brings a new dimension, a new technique, a new way to apply what you have already learned. It also lays the foundation for the chapters that are to come and leads you forward not backward. Saturn cycles offer the same opportunity for education and growth.

However, that book also gives us little reviews at the end of each chapter. These little reviews test our knowledge of the concepts and lessons of that chapter, and it retests the concepts and lessons already learned in prior chapters to keep things fresh. That is very much how Saturn (returning every 29 years) works in our chart. The start of the new cycle is like setting a stage on which the experiences of that upcoming period will perform. This is the ninth time this return has occurred. We are building upon each previous cycle and learning.

Right now we are about two years from the end of the current USA economic cycle and we must clear the decks, get rid of the debris, pay the piper, and just generally clean our financial house. Starting in two years, we will be in new establishment mode. The financial / economic landscape will have to be rebuilt. Many of the structures we have relied upon have failed and many are damaged. We are currently in the process of knocking them down. This will be the time to build new ones. They must be strong because they must hold up to the testing and the tweaking of the next 29 years. Because life is a school, there will still be lessons to learn, but we can do this.

Saturn in Virgo  
opposed



Uranus in Pisces



(think 45 - year  
spiral pattern)



1. Saturn is currently aligned with the pattern of work / service / health (Virgo) in a tug of war (opposition) with rebellion, change, independence, the future (Uranus).

Saturn Keywords: *structure, responsibility, discipline, the past*

2. Uranus right now is in the energy of inspiration or deception, humanitarianism or victimization, depending on the side of the coin at work (Pisces). This is the five-connection pattern previously described and defines our current experience.

Uranus Keywords: *change, independence, the future*

3. The crux or the center of this pattern happens on September 1, 2009, but the overall pattern does not end until the end of July, 2010. This is the pattern that repeats itself about every 45 years or so. Remember that spiral I described earlier in the book? The circle closes upon itself; the spiral follows the same curve but does not come back to its beginning and close the circle. You may be familiar with the child's toy, known as the Slinky. It comes back to



the vicinity of the beginning, but is somewhat displaced rather than making a specific connection. That's what we want from this lesson. We want to make progress in the evolution of our country as we are tugged between conformity and change. Keywords: *choice between the Past and the Future and between Conformity and Change*

4. All by itself, without worrying about connections with any other body, Saturn repeats its personal circle in about 29 years. That means that every 29 years or so we get repeat activations to each significant point (individually) in our chart. Each time it returns we are different people having been formed from different experiences and are now sporting different attitudes. Saturn's 29-year repetitions do not look exactly like the same lesson, but they are similar in nature, or connected in some way. Keywords: *lessons, structure, organization, responsibility*
5. The next Saturn activation will begin in early December of 2010 and will complete at the end of August, 2011. The middle activation will be at the end of March, 2011. Again, this is economic in nature. Why? Because Saturn the teacher is located in our wallet, our possessions, our financial and other value systems. We are seeking to learn balance, justice and fairness. I think we still have some lessons to learn here.

We do not have to allow stuff like this to catch us unawares. Earlier I used my own personal example of knowing an economic crunch was coming. I saw it in my chart, and took the time to prepare for it as best I could. When it arrived, I put my head down, walked right into it as prepared as I could be and rode it out for the nine months it was trying to teach me. Not every moment of that period was difficult for me, but at times, I had to rely on everything I had learned up to that point to get me through. I had to work my way through it, sometimes in small steps, sometimes in leaps of inspiration, and sometimes on my knees. We can use those lessons

We do have choices  
to help ourselves

*Hindsight:* President Obama was elected in 2008 and 2012. This aspect described the President elected in 2016, which was Trump. Read the paragraph again knowing this describes the Trump inauguration in 2017.

to prepare us for those new experiences coming down the road. I had the foreknowledge of knowing when there would be a light at the end of that particular tunnel and I stayed the course. And then the cycle moved on as cycles always do.

Keywords: *economic lessons, financial structure and cycles, stability*

6. On the heels of the last pattern is a longer activation which can trigger our assertive / aggressive urges (Mars) starting at the end of December, 2016, lasting through the end of August, 2017. This middle of three activations occurs at the end of July, 2017. Again it will emphasize communication (Gemini) and our stature, reputation and position in the world (Midheaven). The “my way or the highway” practices of the recent past will just not work. We must behave responsibly with our assertion or aggression, or pay the piper. It will be important to have a plan for our assertion or aggression and work the plan. President Obama's drive to mend our fences and our relations with nations of the world will go a long way toward allowing successful use of this upcoming energy. The outcome is always based on the choices we make. A new president will be elected just prior to the start of this energy. The activation will already be in place by the time that person is inaugurated. This will be that future president's job to handle. Keywords: *harness the aggressive / assertive urges, plan and then work the plan*

Push / pull, past / future, conformity / change, the status quo / progress. Which way will we go? Think about how those keywords or energies could affect *individuals*. Not everybody experiences the energies and patterns in the same way. Multiply those patterns by millions. Now think about how that can affect a *nation*. That is our current tug of war between Saturn and Uranus. Add different cultures, values and stages of development, then multiply the patterns to billions and think how these cycles will affect our *world*.

## ***Integrated Patterns and Cycles***

As you now know, more than one pattern is at work at any time; the effect of passages and cycles are not usually quick and clean. When we look at some integrated USA chart passages, we see:

Combining and  
integrating the  
patterns described  
for the USA

1. Mid-May, 2014 to March, 2015; aggressive (Aries) headlines of change (Uranus) responsibility and discipline (Saturn) and law, fairness, equality, balance (Libra). That issue is only five years down the road and will take place in the financial axis of the USA chart. This is a pattern of money, indebtedness, long term finance, taxes, estates and borrowing / lending. Now is the time to be careful and pay attention to what we are setting ourselves up for in the not-too-distant future. These issues will make headlines as they explode into visibility. They will touch and affect our independence and freedom. Good choices now will control that experience. Now is the time to pay strict attention to the true identity of our money lenders. We always have a choice in how we deal with issues; this pattern will not be a difficult issue unless we choose to ignore it. We must not ignore this issue of who *really* owns our money or it will bite us in that not-too-distant future. As an example, we cannot stop cancer by ignoring it. We can identify it, expose it, eradicate it, and treat the damage left behind, but we *absolutely* cannot ignore it. Medical protocol requires that we must eradicate it before it destroys us. It is that simple. Keywords: *responsibility, national discipline through law, fairness, equality, balance versus surprises, independence, freedom*
2. A tug of war connection (opposition) with independence, rebelliousness, potential confrontation (Uranus) and our stature, reputation and position in the world (midheaven) in the USA chart. The name of this game will be communication and education (Gemini). This is not exactly the same as the 45-year cycle given above, but it sure sounds like it, doesn't it? The same ingredients are present, so it could make a similar impact. Instead of it being worldwide in effect, however, this activation will have more to do with our country individually.

Remember when I compared the USA as a living, breathing, unique humanity being with its own chart? This particular pattern is more personal to the USA than it is to the nations and governments of the world. It is possible that it is a "clean-up" to what we are currently going through. The really good news is it

will breeze through in a really short time. We will have a few weeks of activity in December, 2015. We can stay on our toes by being prepared for this brief pattern.

Keywords: *reality check, potential confrontation versus independence, stature, reputation and world position*

3. For each individual USA pattern described below, the home, hearth, family (Cancer) and the business, structure, government (Capricorn) tug of war will be activated by the duty, responsibility, obligation (Saturn) energy. This will start to weave in and out of the longer, slower power and control energy (Pluto) given at the beginning of this section on time lines. For part of this process, structure (Saturn) will follow behind relentless change (Pluto) in a logical sequence. Pluto will stir things up, and Saturn will come in and build new structures. For the latter part of this process, relentless change (Pluto) will follow behind structure (Saturn) and, yes, that can mean that some of the structures put in place will not survive. To add insult to injury, it will take quite some time (25-29 years) for Saturn to return to restructure or rebuild. That means those disruptive changes to newly-positioned structures can remain unsettled for some time. This can lead us to feelings of insecurity, doubt and feed our fears that things could fall apart at any moment.

For an example, picture an earthquake rumbling through a developed area. Some structures will survive, some will be shaky, and some will come crashing down. Rescuers rush in. Eventually the inhabitants clear the debris, shore up the shaky structures, and build new ones. The inhabitants are a little skittish for a while and do not trust some of the shored-up buildings. Eventually things get back to business as usual. Another earthquake comes through and shakes things up again. Some of those shaky buildings that were shored-up finally collapse. Some of the new structures are damaged and may possibly collapse. However, more structures survive and fewer are damaged because we learned from the last experience and built better structures. It is understandable to be a little skittish at first, but there will be more confidence because this time there was less damage and lessons were learned about what worked and what did not. As a people, the inhabitants are better, smarter, brighter, and more knowledgeable. The new structures

erected will be even better and will incorporate what has been learned. The unsettled, skittish feeling is one reason why some of these stirred-up issues from these patterns take so long in their resolution. We fear the unknown. It takes time to rebuild trust. Keywords: *home, family, business, structure, government, duty, responsibility, obligation*

Internationally, some nations may try to row against the current. They will get angry and frustrated that the world is moving and changing. Major forces will feel threatened by any forward movement, the shifting energy, and the tug of war between the positive and negative expressions of those changes. A political despot does not want change. A totalitarian regime does not want free thought. Fundamentalism, in any form, does not want personal freedom. Conformity cannot survive in change. Nevertheless, some old structures will have to be torn down and new ones built.

The rules give us security and guide us, but they can also become edicts to imprisonment and control. We have so many energies pushing us forward, pushing us to change, pushing us to find new ways of doing things, pushing us to grow.

Example: Most people are aware of the annual salmon migration. Millions of salmon instinctively force themselves to swim upstream over thousands of miles to return to their birthplaces. They return, in single-minded masses, moving against the current, forcing themselves to return to their pasts, so they can spawn and die. There is no future for an individual salmon. Perpetuation of the species is the name of its game.

Our future, however, lies with the current, moving forward, not backward. We must recognize where we came from, honor it, take responsibility for it, repair what was broken by it, and flow *downstream* on our forward journey. What would be the purpose for our country and our world for its population to swim against the current solely to die?

As I mentioned previously, astrologers look at previous cycles to see the activations and the lessons learned (or not) at the time to help identify the elements of an upcoming cycle, which, in this instance is the repeated 29-year pattern.

Combining and  
integrating patterns  
internationally

## *Structure and Responsibility*

Saturn was in mid-Libra in our money arena at the birth of the USA. Each time Saturn approaches mid-Libra in its repetitive orbit, the elements of that lesson move into place for the purpose of further work and refinement. For example, this Saturn to mid-Libra cycle previously occurred in 1981-82, 1951-53, and 1922. In each of those cycles, similar economic elements were in place.

In 1922, we had just come out of World War I, followed immediately by the pandemic of 1918-19. As is usual after a war, it takes time for the nation to rebalance its economy. Employment ricochets between a loss of war-time employment and the return of the soldiers into the peacetime economy. The flu pandemic placed the entire world in great turmoil with huge loss of life and the economic and physical consequences of that international catastrophe. This caused unexpected complications in an already difficult economic period.

In 1951-52, the impact of the Korean War, national security needs, and inflation contributed to economic turmoil. In 1981-2, the USA was again in recession, this time due to issues in Iran, oil and energy, and the economic need to control inflation. Economic issues are primary in this cycle; some of the details change but the message is the same.

Here we are, again, a war economy struggling to stabilize itself. We have rampant unemployment, oil and energy issues, a lengthy recession, and the potential of inflation. All this looms over the world economy. While it is important for us to stabilize our economy at this moment, it is equally important to guard against inflation. As we move into our new activations, these are the elements in place.

Right now, many Americans are asking, "What can we do to help?" in response to President Obama's call for Americans to sign up to assist. We must keep that attitude and respond to the call with our willingness to help. We cannot retreat to the pat answers of the past (Saturn) because they are no longer working. We must be willing to think outside the box (Uranus). We are being *challenged*, not *attacked*. We have done this before.

# *Change and Transformation*

We have survived this testing nine other times as a nation by working together, coming up with answers, fixing what is broken, removing barriers placed by those who would see us fail, and excising the wounds that we inflicted upon ourselves. Libra emphasizes a balancing of the economic scales. Each passage refines and enlarges on what has gone before, same issues, same arena of impact, specific timing, structure (Saturn) balanced (Libra) economically (value / money arena). We are well-equipped to produce better results this time.

The overall activity for the Saturn patterns I am about to describe will last about three years and I will use the keywords structuring / responsibility to describe the activity. There will be five points being stirred up in sequence. They are all familiar to you by now: social and financial values, cultural and expansion values, national identity, and the ever-lovely power / communication duo that seems to be at or very near the heart of our country. This is one of the three most significant keys for the USA chart. The activations will occur in the order given above.

1. The first three points will be a tug of war with outside factors (opposition), then the very primary pattern (Mercury, Pluto) will be hit from both sides simultaneously.
2. The timing of these activations will affect us in our social and financial values (Venus) beginning mid-January, 2018. The good news is that there are two activation periods only. This pattern will finish in September, 2018 but that September will seem like a very long month.
3. Cultural and expansion values (Jupiter) will begin mid-February, 2018, return in mid-June and complete the pass by mid-November, 2018.

*Hindsight again:*  
 President Trump was  
 in office. Note:  
 finalization by mid –  
 November, 2020, the  
 month of President  
 Biden's election.  
 Communication,  
 power and control  
 were the names of the  
 game. Does the date  
 January 6, 2021 ring a  
 bell for you?

4. National identity (Sun) will be triggered in mid-January, 2019. There will be only one pass, and that will be active for only a few weeks at best. This is good, but there is more to come. The national identity (Sun) will get a short activation. Up to that point, as described previously as the weaving pattern, structure will follow change. We understand and appreciate that arrangement.
5. Beyond January, 2020 it will become important that we do not shoot off our collective mouth when we should not or somehow use or misuse our communication pattern (Mercury / Pluto in a negative (opposition) fashion.
6. Communication activation (Mercury) will occur first and the power activation (Pluto) occurs last, both beginning in 2020. These last two energies must be treated as a unit and cannot be separated in USA activations. They will act in unison despite having their own unique activations. That which represents structure (Saturn) slides past the power of change itself (Pluto). Restructuring and resolution will start to take longer to accomplish as the rotor rooter (Pluto) has the last word. This is an exceptionally strong moment for this cycle as duty, responsibility, and structure (Saturn) holds hands with (conjuncts) power, regeneration, and transformation (Pluto) in a powerful new beginning moment of a new and different cycle).

Transformation will have the last word here. What do we do to capitalize on it? The period of simultaneous activation runs almost the entire year. We have to be very careful not to *cause* an uncomfortable start of this particular activation ourselves. What sets this important pattern off comes from the USA itself and it does invite trouble in from outside our borders.

1. It will begin with our communication (Mercury) end of that stick in January, 2020, with a single activation. This sounds good, but remember, this cannot be separated from its partner on the other end of the stick. However, this is the lead moment.
2. The activation to our power (Pluto at the other end of the stick) commences the end of February, 2020. This “waving stick” will activate again at the beginning of August of 2020 and finalize by mid November, 2020.

What in the world does all that mean?



At this time, we must pay attention to all the forms of communication that we initiate. Be very careful who speaks for us. Pay attention to who we elect and what message we want to send. We, as a nation, as a people, will be held responsible for a *really* long time for what we say or what we promise. If we do not like the messages our leaders are sending, we must regulate ourselves immediately or the world will do it for us. There will be no point to idle posturing, chest beating, flag-waving, and armchair patriotic acts will not be effective. If we antagonize the world or threaten it, it may bite us. If we make a promise, the world will demand that we perform. The phrase “put your money where your mouth is” adequately describes this energy. Healing and repair would take some time and we will be held responsible by the world.

To me, this Pluto return setting-off and mirroring the USA communication / power pattern is the most important aspect of the whole series I have outlined. This part of that pattern is an *exact repeat* of the Mercury / Pluto opposition of the USA powerful communication pattern. Any activation that is very slow-moving can take a very long time to repeat itself. This particular pattern can repeat only once every 248 years. I find that any rare activation is usually critical, especially if it resonates with an original pattern.

Throughout this book, I have done only stick (axis) connections with these various patterns and energies; the joining on one end (conjunctions) and confrontation and conflict (oppositions) on the other end, for which I used the terms “tug of war” or “monkey in the middle”. They have been explored to show the dynamics of these energies. There are many other connections and patterns that could be described, but we have done enough for this book.

## ***Looking Back to Look Ahead***

The Earth has been around for billions of years, and its early life was a series of very catastrophic events. It survived. Mankind has been around for long periods of time, although there is much controversy regarding the precise length of that period. Many years ago, I read a book on the evolution of the written language. The earliest relic of writing was dated around 3200 B.C. That is not when we began a language; it was when a codified language was formally written or recorded. It may not be the only

conjunctions and  
oppositions



or the first record, but it is what we have available. They recorded their turbulences, and their survival. The oldest astrological / astronomical pictographs that I have encountered are those of the phases of the Moon that are reputed to be thousands of years old. This indicates survival of our species for a lot longer than a few thousand years. Mankind has survived many natural and man-made catastrophes in the past.

We will survive the current crisis. As Americans we should do it extremely well. We are a hardy bunch, even though we are raucous. As a nation we were born in crisis and have survived many of them over the 232 years of our history. I have shown you, astrologically, past presidents with similar chart patterns to President Obama who took on similar messes and fixed them.

We know we broke the current system. We cannot blame it on anyone else. We will fix it ourselves and take responsibility.

# President Obama at the Helm

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*To the Future with Hope*

I have written about the current activations and the effects on the USA pattern. We discussed President Obama and his connections into the USA pattern. We explored the chart of Vice President Biden, his connections with President Obama, the team pattern, his and their connections into the USA pattern. We now pull those various points into one presentation. Then we will take the current activations for the USA chart that have been illustrated particularly in the last chapter and we will see what emerges. Please remember I am reading astrological energy patterns and cycles. I do not claim superior economic or governing knowledge and I am not using a crystal ball. I have seventy years of observational experience and 35 years of astrological experience. That is my whole story.

Between the time of my writing this book and your reading it, some information may have become obsolete and rendered irrelevant due to the fact that the content of the book is based on a rapidly-changing dynamic. This is not a news story or a sound bite on television. I speak about huge issues that spread themselves over very large time frames. If some of these patterns have already come to pass by the time this gets to the printer, there is still value in developing your appreciation of the connections and the lovely diagram that exists in the sky. If I am wrong in what I have said, the responsibility is mine because it is not the energy that is in error, it would be my interpretation that is in error. This time blame the messenger.

The USA is 232 years old as I write. Our lovely country will be 233 years old on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2009. We were born in a flash of brilliance on the part of our Founding Fathers. We are the largest and longest experiment in political and personal freedom ever conceived. Regardless of their diverse views and lack of experience, these men and their families risked everything and some lost everything including their lives to give us what we have today. They did not do this lightly, frivolously, nor without great

forethought. They handed down their precious creation to the next generation and the next until we got to this moment in time. We can do no less than what they did. The current spin of the wheel belongs to us.

## *Looking Forward*

It would be wise for us to remember what we have at stake and to play our hand as it is dealt to us with as much skill as we can muster. *We, the People* are responsible for the state of our country at this moment in time. If our country was not handled wisely by any who went before us, it is time to move past that and into the *now* because now is all we truly have. The future will be built on what we do right now. President Obama insists that we look forward and not backward. He is right. This is important. Blame, looking back or repeating the errors will not fix what is wrong. We must stay focused on fixing what is wrong. Having said that, I do not believe we should ignore wrongdoing. To do so is to give tacit approval and open the door for more abuse because no one is made to be responsible for such actions. But in this moment of time, forward is our direction. Going back hangs an albatross around our neck. It is next to impossible to walk forward while looking backward. We may use our history as lessons so we do not repeat those errors, but our direction must be forward.

## *Review of Current Situation*

There are thirteen primary points in any chart as presented in this study; they describe the character of our country. Through the activations we know what we are working on at any time and we know which people answer the country's call for skill and knowledge. We call them the *presidents*.

The USA chart shows the national identity (Sun), the feelings and nature of the people (Moon), the communication of the country (Mercury), the collective social values including the financial system of the country (Venus), the assertive, aggressive urges of the country (Mars), the cultural values and sense of expansion of the country (Jupiter), the responsibility and structure of the country (Saturn), the goals, ambitions and credibility of the country (Midheaven), the personal projection and coping skills of the country (Ascendant), the extra-personal or expanded relating issues (Node), plus the three generational patterns of independence / freedom / future (Uranus), our spiritual essence / dreams / aspirations (Neptune), and the unconscious made conscious, that which we are healing within ourselves (Pluto). These are the thirteen issues which, when taken together, describe our nation's core and the collective of people that our nation represents. We do not work on all of those issues all of the time,

We, the people, are responsible at every point in time.

The 13 primary points in the USA charts

but they do form the pattern of our national character and our eventual development.

Our country is growing and changing; therefore, our country's needs grow and change. The electorate responds to those changing needs and hopefully elects representatives who fit those needs. A man (or woman) answers, again hopefully the one best suited. Right now it is President Obama and his partner, Vice President Joe Biden. They are a team by choice and by action and they serve this country and its people as a team. Just remember the teamwork concept the next time you vote.

Each individual who assumes these offices has an individual chart with thirteen similar points that fit the *individual*. Obviously they will be defined somewhat differently than an organized body such as a country, but the principles remain the same. These individuals are going to this school-on-earth and they have skills and knowledge just as the rest of us. They fit into the pattern that is the USA like an individual jigsaw puzzle piece fits into the larger puzzle. They complete an existing pattern, for good or for ill, because the judgment of good or ill depends on *personal perception* not the energy itself. When electing a team, a further pattern with thirteen similar points comes into existence due to the synergy that is formed.

Each of the major laws we pass has a beginning, a journey and consequence and each also has a chart. There are probably people who can read these political charts far better than I, but this my book. I am presenting the information as plainly as I can without your need for technical skills in astrology. I hope I have done that job reasonably well.

## ***Active USA Patterns***

Of the thirteen principles given, the USA patterns that are active right now and in the immediate future are social (which includes financial), and cultural values and expansion which includes national and international relations and economics. Our USA emotions and people, home, hearth, family have recently been activated. Our soul, our spiritual essence as a people, our dreams, aspirations and hopes for the future and our ability to

Remember the  
teamwork concept  
when voting

Countries, Presidents  
and teams are in the  
school – on – earth  
Category



Currently active 2009+

Who is responsible  
for fixing what ails  
us? We are!  
Individually and  
collectively!

We are a nation built  
on law... or not

We are in school and  
learning as we go

The moment of  
inauguration sets the  
stage for each  
Presidency

care about others is also being triggered. You've heard the phrase, "Am I my brother's keeper?" According to the USA pattern at the moment, the answer is *yes*. We are in this *together*. We either fix what is wrong and our country survives, or we all lose when what is wrong destroys this incredible experience in personal freedom and liberty. What do we use to fix what is wrong? Ourselves, you and me, we're all we have.

Our credibility in the world as an independent, intelligent, innovative nation has been badly bruised. We must take many actions simultaneously. Fortunately, that is quite normal for us as a country. We have always had lots of irons in the fire. We thrive on multiple activities. We should take pride in ourselves and our ability to meet and beat the odds we face because we have done so in the past. Yes, we still can. We are a nation of craftsmen, not just people who go to work just so they can get a paycheck. We need to remember our roots and act from, and with, discernment and discretion. We are a nation built on law. We are powerful communicators and must do so with competency and responsibility knowing that power can be used for good or for ill.

We care about people. We are a national family with the heart to bring in millions of immigrants (preferably legally and in proportion to what we can legitimately assimilate) and to make them our family. As we grew as a country, we encompassed more and more of the world until we now see the world as our larger family. We have deep family-type values and our success is built on those values. We can expand and be successful as long as we remember to stick to our intrinsic values.

These cycles and these patterns are constantly flowing, initiating, processing and eventually culminating, and new cycles and patterns take over. There are usually multiple cycles happening at any given moment that weave in and out of each other and that is why it is not always easy to define. We are in school and learning as we go. While it is possible to jump from the frying pan into the fire at times, we usually can catch ourselves and fix what is wrong. The alternative is that we experience a really hot foot dance.

I previously outlined the connections between Obama's inaugural chart and the original USA chart of the Declaration of Independence. As previously mentioned, I researched *all* the presidential inaugurations for this project. Each uniquely fits into the USA chart in significant alignment to the current changing needs of the country. We might attribute one or two inaugural charts and their connections to the USA chart as coincidental. But to have over sixty of them connect meaningfully? That is way beyond coincidence. The universe and the Founding Fathers gave

us the pattern of a great experiment in personal freedom. The moving, changing patterns (progressions) reflect the growth, process, and direction of that great experiment. That energy draws unto itself what it needs for that growth and development at the time we are ready to learn. Our presidents answer the call with their individual energies and each contributes to our nation and its growth in his unique and meaningful way.

Changing needs show  
by progressions as  
attraction for  
each Presidency

The major patterns in this progressing cycle are:

1. The current USA cycle that has to do with internal and external security issues (the Cancer / Capricorn axis that is so prominent in the USA chart) has joined that powerful original USA communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto). To bring us back to our original guidelines, we must use all levels and modes of communication with transparency, honesty and integrity. Our reputation, prestige and goals are at stake. These are our major skills. We must use them wisely and be careful not to abuse them. With great power comes great responsibility.  
Keywords: *responsibility brings prestige*
2. Our national communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto) has now aligned with our emotional, citizen-based sense of one family expressing our freedom, liberty and individuality (Moon in Aquarius). This is doubly reinforced (strong) in our current USA pattern.  
Keywords: *transparent communication brings emotional satisfaction*
3. Our developing social and financial values (Venus) deteriorated recently because it ran into conflict with our original sense of responsibility and obligation (Saturn). We are paying for that deterioration. There is a push-pull between what we *know* we should do and what we *will* do (Saturn / Uranus opposition) but our assertive / aggressive urges (Mars) join (conjunction) with that primary sense of responsibility (Saturn) and that should force the issue. The universe is teaching us about putting our money where our mouth is or was and some lessons are painful.  
Keywords: *we are being held responsible for our actions*

4. Our expansionist policies (Jupiter) have outstripped our ability to stay stable and our national identity (Sun) has suffered in the process. Fortunately, a *reuniting* of those energies is underway over the next few years. It will take some time, but it is definitely possible. As a people, we must pull back from our excesses and learn to use less with more discernment.

Keywords: *hope, progress*

## *The Astrological Principles and the Way Forward*

As described, there are thirteen primary points in any chart for any person, place or thing. We have been comparing the primary points of the past presidents to the country's primary points at that time to see what energy was being addressed in the USA pattern.

Now we break down the principles and connections into smaller, more manageable proportions focusing particularly on President Obama. I am simply using sound astrological principles I described previously and this is my personal interpretation following months of research:

1. President Obama connects his sense of personal responsibility (Saturn) and his personal sense of expansion and cultural values (Jupiter) with that USA powerful communication pattern (Mercury, Pluto).

Keyword: *positive*

2. His personality projection and coping skills (Ascendant) have aligned with the USA emotional, family, security citizen pattern (Moon).

Keyword: *positive (excellent)*

3. He will respect our liberty, freedom and individuality (Uranus). He is a futurist by nature (Aquarius).

Keyword: *positive*



4. His social and financial values (Venus) are holding hands with the USA social and financial values (Venus). He understands our value language – we understand his.  
Keyword: *positive (permanent)*
5. His personal assertive / aggressive urges (Mars) fit into our USA spiritual values and essence (Neptune).  
Keyword: *positive*
6. He will use his personal power (Pluto) to get a handle on our personal projection and coping skills (Ascendant), literally “taking us in hand” like the wayward children we have become.  
Keyword: *change (positive)*

He has so much drama, flair, and stage presence (Leo), this should be a treat to watch. Furthermore, we have the privileged opportunity to participate in a significant passage in the history of our nation. We are extremely fortunate to be here in the USA at this time as witnesses.

We do not have to agree with each president or what he does. We only have to know that what he does is meaningful and purposeful. Each of us has the duty, obligation and right to cast our votes to bring to our country what it needs in terms of a leader. It is then that leader's responsibility to fulfill that role to the best of his ability. Each president has the capacity to be our teacher for the good or ill of our nation. In our USA history, we have experienced both kinds of teachers.

Let us now look at the chart of our current teacher and leader, President Barack Hussein Obama:

1. The chart of the Obama inauguration jigsaw puzzle piece fits into the USA chart; the principles of liberty, individuality, independence and future orientation (Aquarius) are almost half of the available energy.  
Keyword: *progress*
2. The inauguration spiritual essence (Neptune) is connected very tightly to the USA emotion / family urges (Moon).  
Keyword: *spirituality as family*
3. The future-seeking Uranus energy which was so dominant in the USA birth is again dominant in the inauguration chart along with the social and financial values (Venus) of that moment in time, but it is now connected to the USA spiritual essence (Neptune). I spoke to you of the tug-of-war (opposition) between conformity (Saturn) and change (Uranus) and that particular dilemma is literally across

We elect a good  
President / leader or  
an uncomfortable  
teacher!

We elect a team  
with the VP a heart  
beat away from  
the Presidency

that spiritual essence (Neptune). We are torn spiritually. President Obama was elected on that pattern's first passage and inaugurated on that pattern's second passage. I believe it is a signature of his presidency. The country called, the man answered. We, as a country, need him.

Keyword: *Spiritual choice*

Vice President Biden answered the call as an individual and as a member of the team. Here is a breakdown of his chart in comparison to the USA chart:

1. The point representing his goals, ambitions and mission in life (Midheaven) is aligned with the USA spiritual essence (Neptune).  
Keyword: *hope*
2. His sense of uniqueness, individuality, liberty and future orientation (Uranus) is on the USA point that allows him to give this to or work for the capacity of others (Descendant).  
Keyword: *progress for the people*
3. Biden's responsibility mechanism (Saturn) is comfortably nestled in there as well, in the sign of communication, intelligence gathering and multi-tasking (Gemini). Ask what you want of the man, he does have the capacity to fulfill it.  
Keyword: *responsibility*
4. While Obama has the flair needed for the front door (Leo), Biden has the capacity to work deeply and with skill behind the scenes and guards our back door as well (Scorpio). This is a capable man whose ambition is service (Virgo) to his country. Should there ever be a reason for him to ascend to the presidency, he will fit our country chart and is a good man. As evidence of that statement, in the appendices in the back of this book is a web link to a speech given by Biden to an organization of firefighters. If you want to see / hear who the man is in his heart, look at that link.  
Keyword: *service*

5. In his personal growth, Biden has advanced to four major placements in Aquarius. Freedom, liberty and intelligence in a vice president are good things. His emotional makeup and sense of family (Moon) has moved to the USA spiritual essence position (Neptune).

Keywords: *futurist and spirituality*

6. His sense of cultural values and expansion (Jupiter) has moved to our USA national identity (Sun),

Keyword: *values our national identity*

7. His personal power (Pluto) is somewhat eclipsed by being a quarter step behind the president, but what a good man to have in your corner and as your backup. Biden was born with that conformity / change dilemma present within him (Saturn and Uranus widely united on his partnership point), so he will know how to cope with that energy better than most. Biden and Obama were inaugurated just a few minutes apart, so those inauguration energies I mentioned previously fit both their individual patterns and each fits into the USA chart.

Keywords: *Understands the past / future dilemma personally*

Individually and collectively, the team we elected aligns strongly with the USA chart in twelve of the thirteen primary positions. Some of these positions are stronger, some a little weaker, but all are valid. That is a stunning combination.

But what about the one primary position that does *not* fit?

The only pattern that does not align with the others is the pattern of USA assertive / aggressive urges (Mars). Do you suppose that might be why our team reaches out to all facets of society to solve our problems *without* warfare? Either or both of these men are capable of making whatever decisions are necessary. Right now they choose peace or negotiation as a tool rather than engage in a war no one truly wins.

These are the people and the roles they play because the country *called* them to service, and because they *fit* the country as it was, as it is now and as it yearns to be. They are aligned with progress and the future. This magnificent exercise in human liberty we call our country wants to grow, change, and become more than it has already done and been. Our country always looked to the future unless someone in authority dragged their heels. As a voter and a citizen, do not let that be *you*.

## ***Positive Indicators***

## Serendipity

This summer (2009), a really good pattern is setting up in our current sky for President Obama and his administration to tap into the creativity, the expansion, the idealism, the positive boost of energy and the potential sheer joy of this pattern (Jupiter/ Neptune joining). It just so happens that this positive union connects nicely to our USA family, nurturing, emotional pattern. Despite the doom and gloom evidently looming over us, there really are some *positive* indicators.

This upbeat energy can help us through this current dilemma that moved into play at the end of March, 2009 and will last until the beginning of 2010. Believing in *hope* and *change* and in the American people and our ability to rise to the occasion is not only a good use of that energy, it establishes a mind-set and an attitude that we can do this.

This upbeat pattern occurs similarly in 2022 and at that time it will activate our USA spiritual essence and spirituality. The preceding years may be difficult, so this signals a healing recovery, a rallying point to carry us forward again. The nature of the joined positive energies is very upbeat, so it is likely that the stress nature of the negative activation will be muted.

There is another very interesting major pattern that begins in April of 2010 and stays in play until January of 2011. This is an interesting one in that it does not directly connect to the USA pattern in the same manner as the other aspects discussed. However, because there are so many different facets of our society that are activated by this pattern, it may well be applicable to many of us.

Here we deal with the concept known as *serendipity*. When something or somebody comes to us by chance, do not disregard it. Pick it up, look it over, check it out before you pass it by. Sometimes the most amazing things or events find their way to you by chance. You could miss the potential of success if you miss the moment to explore what chance has brought your way. This can be a wildly optimistic and opportunistic energy, maybe even *speculative*. This energy brings many opportunities for serendipity to bring us gifts. There is no doubt that conformists will be uncomfortable with the concept of such opportunity. It takes but a moment to take a good look at such chance. New ideas, concepts or innovative

solutions await us all the time. Be open to chance events or opportunities; look them over, choose whether they are for you. As we heal and repair our country and its issues, something upbeat would certainly be welcome. Serendipity is opportunity that has found a place to happen. Somewhere I read (paraphrased) that *chance* is the word God uses when he chooses not to sign his name.

This pattern is forming in our USA partnership, alliance, networking area (Descendant). The characteristics of a Jupiter / Uranus alliance in the signs of Pisces and Aries slide between inspirational, creative, idealistic (Pisces) and assertive, initiative, leadership (Aries). These cycles can do a little dance as they activate - two steps forward, one step back and that's what is happening here. For eight to nine months, this energy with these characteristics is in play and a wise administration can take advantage of opportunity. Because it is so speculative in nature, however, I urge common sense caution, but never pass opportunity by without taking a look first.

Keywords: *cultural values, philosophy, optimism, higher education, law (Jupiter) conjunct invention, innovation, ideas, the future (Uranus).*

## ***The Congressional and Presidential Elections***

For this book, I looked at the upcoming election charts. We will not elect a new president until 2012, but the congressional elections that take place in the years between presidential elections are quite important. Congress comprises one-third of our government and the mix in both the House of Representatives and the Senate often helps or hinders the incumbent administration. It is a given that both major parties will do their very best to be elected to each position in each state. The conformists will attempt to return us to our age-old conditions. The liberals will attempt to move us away from our old way of life. The moderates of each party will attempt to walk the middle way. The special interest parties will do what they can to advance their cause. This is the American Way. Our political parties contend with each other. Every election produces a new mix in an attempt to fit the nation's need.

The two major parties vie most heavily to win a majority in either or both of the House and the Senate. That majority is in control of a branch of our legislature until the next election changes the mix. Presently the Democrats, as a group, control both the House and the Senate. But there

All elections are important. Vote smart, and not with your knee.

We pledge allegiance  
to our country, not a  
party. Political oaths  
are to our country  
and its Constitution,  
not a political party.

is dissension in the ranks, so it is not as clear a majority vote as President Obama might wish at this time. This type of dissension in the ranks of the ruling party reflects directly on the sitting president as he is seen as the leader of that party.

The losing party does everything it can to stir the pot and keep it boiling and the media enjoys the free-for-all. These distractions do little to enable the running of the country and the writing of the laws. This year, for the first time, newly sworn-in members of the winning party are targets for the losing party. Have you watched as ranking conformist members interrupt, badger, and discombobulate the new congressmen from the more liberal side so the new member's message cannot be heard? The spoilers are preying on the new members' lack of experience. I am really not sure if the same tactics are used by the conformists on the conformist' new congressmen because there are so few. This reminds me of a child's foot-stamping when they cannot get their own way and then behaving as obnoxiously as possible to spoil everyone else's day. At times like these, we have to wonder about our reputation as a nation of law, and whether our laws were written by intelligent congressmen and women who would prevent such nonsense.

In 2009-11 we will have interim elections, with both houses of Congress swinging in the breeze. I have set the charts and reached my own conclusions. But there is something bigger at stake: *your personal vote*.

I cannot tell you how to vote or for whom. We each have personal choice and perspective. Both are unique. What I do want is for you (and me) to vote smarter. There is so much riding on each vote. Do you remember the old story (paraphrased), "For the want of a nail, a horse was lost. For the want of a horse, the man was lost. For the want of the man, the company was lost...on and on until...For the want of an army, the *battle* was lost."

Don't underestimate the value of your personal vote. Don't underestimate the value of *interim* elections or any other lesser elections. There are no "lesser" elections.

Listen to the rhetoric as the candidates promise anything to keep their jobs or to get elected. Remember that we are a raucous bunch and the candidates will pull out the stops, particularly the hard liners. Be sure you are looking beyond the obvious because the balance of power in Congress is at stake. Our ability to learn the lessons effectively being provided by

the universe is going to be affected. Only we can decide how we will use this energy, positively or negatively. We can refuse to use the energy. We can use it half-heartedly. We can grab it and run with it. Or we can become pawns in the shifting of power and energy. *Our choice*. The energy itself is neither positive nor negative. Only our *use* of it determines the outcome.

If you honestly don't want *change* and believe it to be in error, cast your vote for what you believe. That is your right and it is what our society is all about. Do not vote out of habit for either party. Refuse to be manipulated. *We, the People* have one unique gift. We can throw the bums out if they do not do the job we hired them to do.

President Obama is our president, the latest in a lineage of amazing *Presidents of Hope and Change*. His strongest affinity is to Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Kennedy. He is in good company, let the man lead.

## *The Inauguration of 2013*

The inaugural 2013 chart (following the 2012 election) is not set for a particular person or for a particular party. Any inaugural sky map is set for the person for whom the citizens voted into office to answer the call of the country. We the People are those citizens. We trust our citizens to vote with conscience but be informed using our brains, not our emotions.

The call from the country for any moment in time must go out to both the electorate (*We the People*) and to the person who is to assume the presidency. Why both? Because it is a two-stage process. Our system is the election of a president by the citizenry. The citizens' part occurs on Election day (2012 in this instance). Whether we have a good or a poor voter turnout, those citizens do elect the next president. Those citizens answered that specific call. Supposedly the Electoral College will support the decision of the voters.

The assumption and oath of office is Inauguration Day (January 20, 2013 in this instance). That is specific to the role of the presidency and the individual assuming that role. Both charts should reflect a joint call by the country. The sky maps must be connected as two more pieces of the jigsaw puzzle we call our country.

What is going on with the citizens at the time of the 2012 election?

The USA presidential inauguration is not about a person, it is about the office. The inauguration for any individual is based on that person's personal birth data.

The stirring up responsibility (Capricorn) process (Pluto) is ongoing relative to law, education, expansion, cultural and international issues, and all the other Jupiter subjects I outlined in Chapter 9. The populace is demanding, assertive, and fired up (Mars) which could be a good thing if it creates a large voter turnout (keep your fingers crossed). There should be in place a gentling and balancing (Venus) of our responsibility and financial issues (Saturn). Communication, transportation, decision-making, international and cultural relations and travel are all very active at that time and will be part of the consciousness of the voter. (No, I'm not going to tell you who wins the election! I could inadvertently influence your vote which would not be a good thing for me to do.)

What is the call of the moving USA sky map for the incoming president on Inauguration Day, 2013? That very strong power / communication pattern is prominent (joined) on the USA prestige, reputation, goals (Midheaven) and is in a tug of war (stress) with the extra-cultural position (Node). The moving cultural / expansion energy (Jupiter) is slowly moving towards the USA national identity (Sun). This is a very positive indicator for a period of several years as we rebuild our international contacts and repair our national identity. This president comes in from a fired-up public as a result of several years of repairing our national responsibilities and economy. The incoming president (whether that be the incumbent or a new person) must be willing to fulfill their campaign promises. The American people will want a president who "tells it like it is" this time around. Over the next four years of this presidency, it will become increasingly important to emphasize the qualities of partnership, networking, alliances, expanding the "we" concept of government. *We, the people* come to mind.

Inauguration day itself gives us a powerful union with Venus of social and financial values with the roto-rooter (Pluto) and the two of them are at odds with our national identity (Sun). What is ahead of us to do will not be easy; it will just be *necessary*.

There are lots of Aquarius placements so we know that individuality, independence and uniqueness are alive and well, and our sense of community and family (Moon) are really jazzed up by the excitement (Mars) of that day. Our spiritual essence (Neptune) is on the point of partnership and networking (the Descendant), so unity of spiritual purpose and direction is one of the calls to the president. The assertive / aggressive drive of the election seems to be behind us as part of our history and the goal of the inauguration seems to be international and expansive communication. Voters, we need to choose a president capable of this, regardless of party.



We are all world citizens whether we want to be or not, because so many barriers have come down. Transportation is no longer an issue, companies are multi-national, ownership of USA companies and property is diverse, extended families link us in so many personal ways, the internet is like a network of nerves to a one-world being, indebtedness makes strange bedfellows with unknown ramifications. There's really no way to back up, is there? We need to choose a president who can take us forward toward our future, the one who answers the call for such skills.

You, too, are a  
citizen of the  
world – we all are!

## *To the Future with Hope*

I would like to end this book with the words of a man I held in highest regard, and a man our country never got to fully experience. He ran for our presidency but was assassinated before the possibility ever flowered. Out of tragedy often comes a blessing. The life and death of this man still affects generations who never knew him.

*"Surely, this bond of common faith, this bond of common goals, can begin to teach us something. Surely, we can learn, at least, to look at those around us as fellow men. And surely we can begin to work a little harder to bind up the wounds among us and to become in our own hearts brothers and countrymen once again. The answer is to rely on youth -- not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. The cruelties and obstacles of this swiftly changing planet will not yield to the obsolete dogmas and outworn slogans. They cannot be moved by those who cling to a present that is already dying, who prefer the illusion of security to the excitement and danger that come with even the most peaceful progress....*

*The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals and great enterprises of American Society. Our future may lie beyond our vision, but it is not completely beyond our control. It is the shaping impulse of America that neither*

Remember, the  
universe has faith in  
us... you and I.  
Yes, we can!

*fate nor nature nor the irresistible tides of history, but the work of our own hands, matched to reason and principle, that will determine our destiny. There is pride in that, even arrogance, but there is also experience and truth. In any event, it is the only way we can live.”*  
(Robert F. Kennedy, as read during his Eulogy by Senator Edward M. Kennedy June, 1968).

I know we can. I have faith in us. The universe has faith in us.

*Yes, we can.*

# Glossary of Terms

Remember, every front (positive) has a back (negative). An individual sky map is cast for an individual, an event, a company, a country and more. Preferably, that sky map will use date of birth, location of birth, and time of birth. It is possible to use a sky map for a single day, but it is more generic and not as specific. Thirteen (13) standard (primary) points only from each sky map have been used in this study. The thirteen personal points of a president were compared to the thirteen national points of the U.S. These definitions are slanted toward the U.S. sky map. Personal definitions would be similar. Only a few keywords are possible to convey what each concept represents:

*Ten Physical Bodies:*

Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto.

*Ascendant, Midheaven, and North Node:*

The three points are intersection points in space (no body). Only two tight (five degrees and under) connections were used: conjunctions and oppositions.

*Conjunction:*

Two (or more) of the thirteen points join together.

*Opposition:*

Two (or more) of the thirteen points are on opposite parts of the sky (tug of war).

*Midheaven:*

High noon position in the sky map: national goals, prestige, mission

*Ascendant:*

How others see us as a national projection, our coping skills

*Sun:*

National identity, who we really are, how we see ourselves as a nation, paternal urges

*Moon:*

Emotions of the country and its people, nurturing, maternal urges, caretaking, clan

*Mercury:*

Communication, logic and reason, decision-making, transportation, education

*Venus:*

Social values, skills and urges, which include financial and one-on-one relating

*Mars:*

Assertive / aggressive urges, courage, military, police

*Jupiter:*

Cultural values, skills and urges, expansion, speculation, risk-taking, law

*Saturn:*

Duty, responsibility, obligation, infrastructure and structuring, organization

*Uranus:*

Individual, rebellious, revolutionary, intelligent, innovative, futuristic

*Neptune:*

Spiritual essence of the country, faith, inspiration, idealism, dreams / fulfillment

*Pluto:*

Hidden matters, deep issues to be resolved, power and control, psychological urges

*North Node:*

Extra-relational, cultural development, other countries and cultures

*Houses (arenas of activity):*

Not widely used in this study which was directed at non-astrologers. Minimum references were made only when required by the story. House angles (sunrise, sunset, noon, midnight) were used: Ascendant (sunrise), Descendant (sunset), Midheaven (noon), bottom of heavens (IC, midnight).

*Midheaven* and *Ascendant* descriptions given above.

*Descendant:*

Point of partnership, cooperation, alliances, treaties, networking

*I.C.:*

Home base, roots, territory, country as a place, land, country as family

*Natal sky map:*

Birth of individual or country, a still snapshot of a moving sky.

*Progressing:*

Allows the natal sky map to move naturally to a chosen point in time.

Shows the then-current positions for the individual or the country.

*Comparison:*

The process of laying the charts side by side and comparing them. Used as president to country or vice president to president.

*Team:*

Combining two charts into one composite: determines new energy produced by the team.

*Inauguration sky map:*

An event sky map based on the natal of the president or the country that offers two separate perspectives of a single event: one personal, one national.



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President comparison to USA chart		Aquarius positions*	Sun Cancer Identity	Mer/Cap Plut/Comm power/comm value/tespan	Ven/Cap Jup/Cap value/tespan	Mars Gemini assertion	Saturn Libra responsibility	MC/Gem Ura/Gem goals/rebel	Neptune Virgo spiritual	North Node Leo extra-culture goals/rebel	MC in Can/3em/Cap/Sag Lib/Vir/Tau	Asc in Lib/Vir/Tau	Category Total
		smart/rebel											
Jefferson	Yes (2)		Yes	Yes (2)	Yes			Yes	Yes		**	***	6 of 11
Madison	Yes (2)		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes (3)	Yes (20)				6 of 11
Taylor	Yes (3)		Yes	Yes (2)	Yes		Yes			Yes	**		6 of 11
Lincoln	Yes (2)			Yes				Yes (2)	Yes		Yes	***	5 of 11
McKinley	Yes (5)		Yes	Yes (2)	Yes				Yes	Yes (3)	Yes	Yes	8 of 11
Wilson	Yes (3)		Yes	Yes	Yes (2)		Yes (2)		Yes		Yes	Yes	8 of 11
F Roosevelt	Yes (4)				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	8 of 11
Kennedy	Yes		Yes	Yes (3)	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	11 of 11
Carter	Yes		Yes	Yes					Yes (2)		Yes	Yes	6 of 11
Obama	Yes (2)			Yes (2)	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	**	***	6 of 11
<b>Total Pres</b>	<b>all 10</b>	<b>7 of 10</b>	<b>9 of 10</b>	<b>7 of 10</b>	<b>2 of 10</b>	<b>4 of 10</b>	<b>6 of 10</b>	<b>9 of 10</b>	<b>5 of 10</b>	<b>5 of 10</b>	<b>5 of 10</b>	<b>5 of 10</b>	<b>70 of 110</b>
**Pres have Soc/MC, Jefferson/Taylor/Obama													
***Pres have Aqu/Asc, Jefferson, Lincoln, Obama													
Taylor has Cap/Asc													
<b>Nobel Peace Prize winner</b> T Roosevelt 1906													
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w/ Wilson 1919													
J Carter 2002													

Comparison Chart of the Top Ten Presidents



# Charts of the Presidents of Hope and Change

*Thomas Jefferson*

*Abraham Lincoln*

*John F. Kennedy*

*Barack H. Obama*

*Barack Obama Inauguration (Diurnal)*

*Birth Chart of the USA*

## ***Thomas Jefferson***

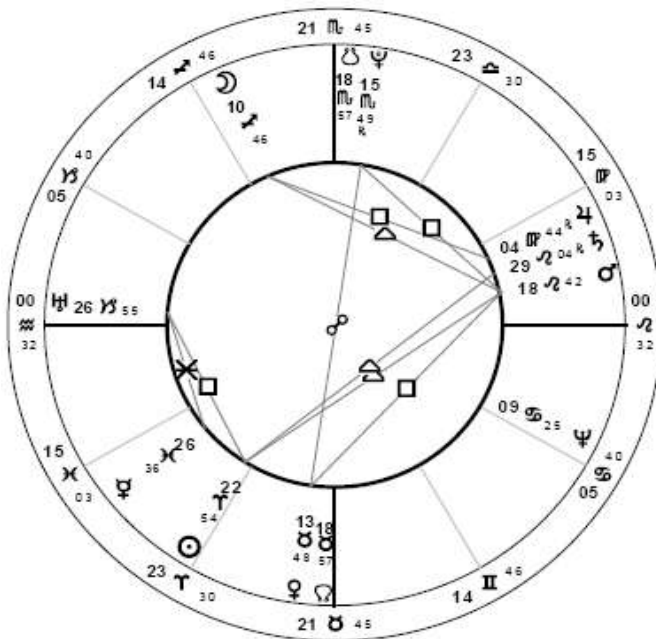
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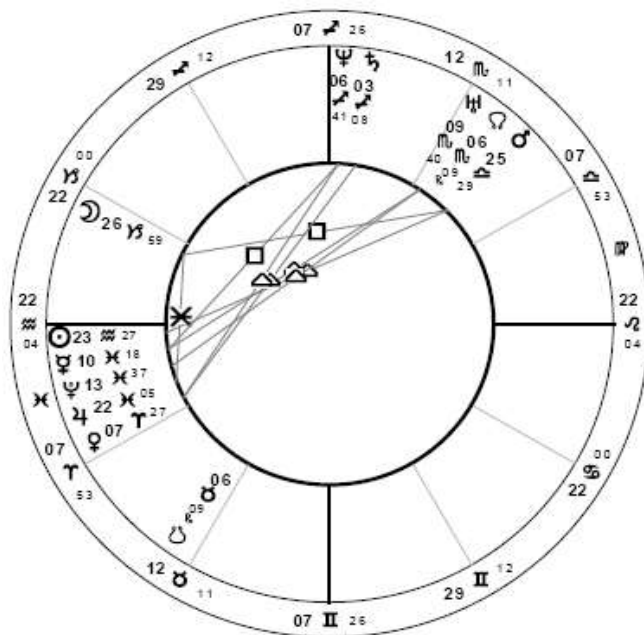
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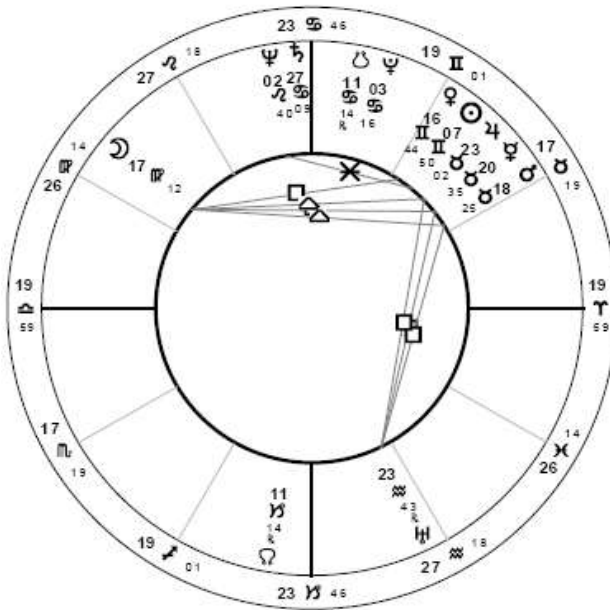
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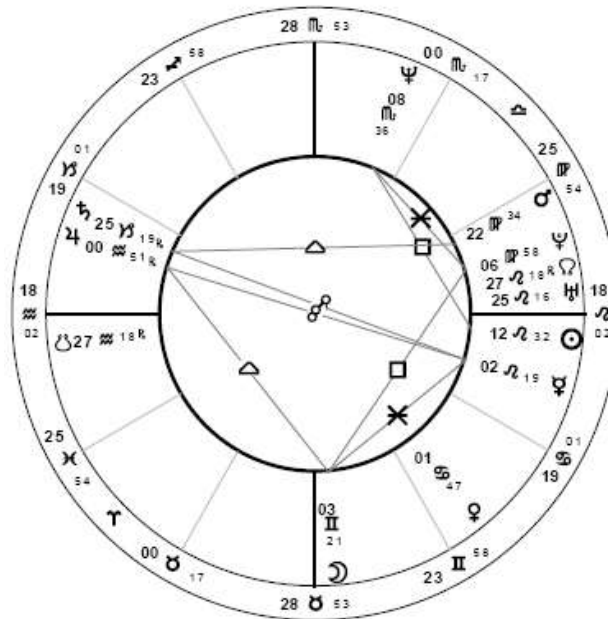
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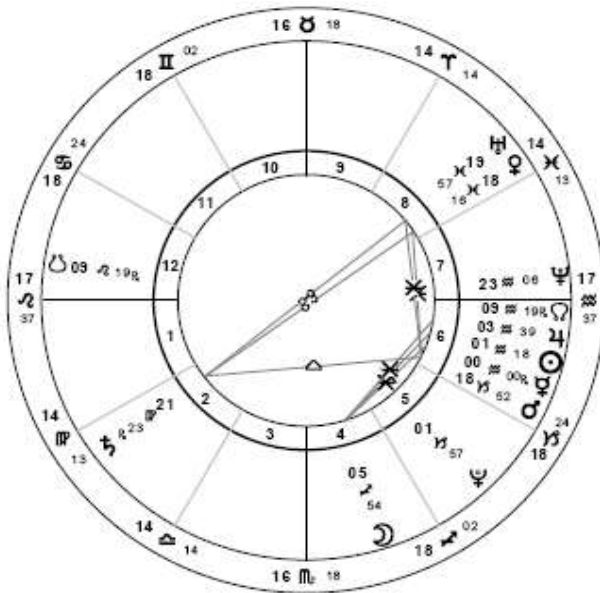
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(Diurnal)***

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### *Birth Chart of the USA*

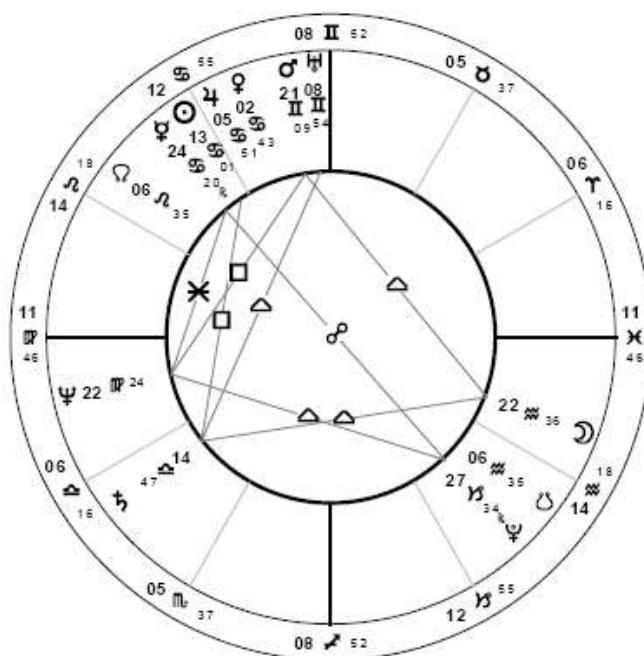
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# Biographies

*Marilyn Muir*

*Marilyn Describes Herself*

*Michael Munkasey (Foreword)*

## ***Marilyn Muir***

Marilyn was born and raised in central New York and has lived in Florida for forty years. She spent fifty years in business in a variety of roles, first as a secretary working her way through the ranks to business manager for an international sports magazine. As an ordained minister, she founded a metaphysical church and school and taught in South Florida for many years. Marilyn started studying metaphysics in 1970 and astrology in 1973, and began teaching in 1975. She holds professional status with the American Federation of Astrologers, Inc. (PMAFA). Over the years, she has taught locally and nationally, had a live astrological television segment, and was a radio and magazine columnist. Since retiring, she hosts occasional workshops and private classes for national and international students. Marilyn retired with the object of researching and writing, which she has now been doing for several years. She has seven completed books, several in varying stages of completion, and three major research projects underway with the intent of publishing. One is a second and larger book on all the presidents, another a serial killer study, and third a soup cookbook (she makes great soup). Can you tell she is eclectic in her interests?

## ***Marilyn describes herself:***

Who am I? I am a seeker, innately curious. I don't like the superficial. I want deep and I want accurate. I want to know who mankind is and how we got to here, what makes up our mental, spiritual, philosophical and evolutionary being-ness. I recognize each individual's connection to the universe and consciously pursue my growth in that connection. I believe we are in the throes of birthing a new age, one of knowledge and understanding and not just blind belief. I believe I volunteered to be here at this time and want to help the process. I am a child of the universe, interested in the universal and want to grow into a worthy contribution to this universe. My great interest is the evolution of humanity, so I study philosophy and my fellow man. I honor the past, live the present, and face the future. Life does not run backward, it runs forward, so forward we each must go.

I have been a child, sister, wife, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, friend, student, teacher, business person, all the ordinary things of life. I have four grown children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. My brother and his wife are two of my best friends. I have been blessed with many genuine friendships.

***Michael Munkasey (foreword)***

Michael Munkasey is a world-renowned researcher and consultant with University degrees in both Engineering and Management. Michael holds professional astrologer's certifications from ALL major US astrological organizations, and was a founding member of Kepler College in Seattle. His certifications: ISAR CAP, NCGR-IV, and PMAFA. Michael served on the Board of NCGR for 22 years.

Michael has lectured internationally, presented papers at scientific symposiums, written hundreds of articles and letters, and appeared on many radio and television shows. Michael's books include: "*The Astrological Thesaurus, Book 1, House Keywords*," 1992; "*Midpoints: Unleashing the Power of the Planets*," and "*The Concept Dictionary*," both released in 1991. Michael is a recipient of many awards, including the Matrix "Pioneer of Astrology" award, and the Professional Astrologers, Inc. award for the most outstanding astrological lecture of 1992. Michael also holds state licenses which legally enable him to make personal and home loans; sell life, accident, disability and health insurance; sell annuities, give retirement advice, and recommend trades on the NASDAQ. Michael, a former ship's navigator, has a star in the constellation of Sextans (the sextant) named for him.

His consulting work specializes in business, natal, electional and compatibility astrology.

# Data Files

*Spreadsheets*

*Lists*

**NOTE:** Trump and Biden are not included in the totals previously listed in the text since those presidencies occurred after the original publication, but some of the following spreadsheets have been updated to include them.

There is some repetition in the spreadsheet information, but that is included to show the thought processes involved in this research project.

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Vir Rising	08 Gem 52	11 Vir 46	13 Can 01	22 Aqu 36	24 Can 20R	02 Can 43	21 Gem 09	05 Can 51	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	06 Leo 35
Sco Rising	15 Leo 38	08 Sco 11	13 Can 13	25 Aqu 27	24 Can 15R	02 Can 57	21 Gem 17	05 Can 54	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
Sag Rising	01 Lib 52	12 Sag 58	13 Can 19	27 Aqu 12	24 Can 11R	03 Can 06	21 Gem 22	05 Can 58	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 55	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
Inaug G.Wash	08 Gem 00	11 Vir 10	10 Tau 46	16 Can 45	24 Ari 53	02 Tau 37	13 Ari 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lib 24R	19 Aqu 07	28 Sco 34
Presidents													
Washington	29 Cap 34	18 Tau 24	03 Pis 19	16 Cap 57	06 Aqu 33	29 Pis 24	23 Sco 13	08 Lib 37R	02 Ari 41	10 Sag 3	14 Gem 39R	17 Lib 42R	26 Sag 48R
Adams	17 Gem 27	19 Vir 20	06 Sco 26	20 Ari 15	27 Sco 42	16 Sco 51R	15 Lib 40	08 Cap 33	25 Tau 34R	20 Sag 57	26 Gem 10R	26 Lib 07	15 Lib 37R
Jefferson	21 Sco 45	00 Aqu 32	22 Ari 54	10 Sag 46	26 Pis 36	13 Tau 48	18 Leo 42	04 Vir 44R	29 Leo 04R	26 Cap 55	09 Can 25	15 Sco 43R	18 Tau 57
Madison	23 Vir 37	07 Sag 45	26 Pis 17	23 Sco 09	29 Aqu 34	11 Ari 05	11 Cap 48	06 Tau 11	13 Sag 30	27 Aqu 07	27 Can 11R	06 Sag 44R	15 Sag 58R
Monroe	06 Sag 08	19 Aqu 48	08 Tau 18	07 Cap 29	21 Tau 53	01 Ari 09	13 Leo 57	18 Sag 54R	02 Pis 18	25 Pis 34	12 Leo 34	22 Sag 46R	28 Can 38R
J.Q.Adams	03 Can 56	03 Lib 21	16 Can 58	18 Cap 40	09 Leo 44	01 Vir 24	07 Leo 46	16 Vir 14	26 Gem 50	03 Tau 00	03 Vir 17	10 Cap 22R	00 Aqu 43R
Jackson	15 Cap 32	25 Ari 49	24 Pis 44	23 Vir 53	03 Ari 31	10 Ari 20	22 Tau 23	17 Vir 07R	13 Gem 45	27 Ari 18	03 Vir 15R	11 Cap 40	09 Aqu 05R
Van Buren	06 Lib 50	15 Sag 08	13 Sag 35	22 Sag 39	24 Sco 11	06 Sag 19	07 Sco 52	04 Cap 27	01 Cap 17	06 Can 14R	09 Lib 51	06 Aqu 32	04 Ari 33R
W.Harrison	29 Cap 03	17 Tau 08	21 Aqu 28	20 Vir 12	28 Cap 27	22 Cap 21	24 Can 12R	09 Pis 42	11 Vir 08R	20 Tau 02	17 Vir 40R	21 Cap 57	11 Lib 38R
Tyler	03 Cap 35	06 Ari 21	08 Ari 56	22 Vir 01	13 Pis 25	22 Pis 16R	12 Leo 40	21 Leo 47R	27 Pis 35	05 Leo 31R	24 Lib 31R	20 Aqu 04	10 Sco 22R
Polk	14 Sco 24	24 Cap 08	10 Sco 18	27 Can 51	01 Sag 20	14 Sco 48	28 Vir 44	00 Aqu 03	12 Gem 28R	07 Vir 14	06 Sco 15	25 Aqu 29R	23 Can 03
Taylor	19 Sco 45	28 Cap 16	03 Sag 06	04 Tau 06	29 Sco 05	00 Cap 37	14 Sco 20	29 Aqu 42	20 Cap 32	15 Can 55R	13 Lib 52	09 Aqu 29	25 Aqu 06R
Fillmore	15 Lib 23	21 Sag 38	17 Cap 01	05 Gem 42	26 Sag 19	00 Sag 29	08 Sag 49	23 Gem 44R	08 Leo 20R	27 Vir 06R	16 Sco 46	01 Pis 32	04 Tau 02R
Pierce	11 Cap 41	22 Ari 51	01 Sag 23	27 Leo 00	29 Sco 29	18 Lib 47	15 Leo 05	19 Sco 35	12 Lib 55	19 Lib 13	25 Sco 53	07 Pis 27	27 Cap 19
Buchanan	18 Pis 24	09 Can 23	03 Tau 19	11 Cap 15	14 Tau 07	00 Gem 14	23 Ari 21	22 Vir 30R	11 Ari 52	10 Leo 08	26 Lib 05R	21 Aqu 55	21 Lib 50R
Lincoln	07 Sag 26	22 Aqu 04	23 Aqu 27	26 Cap 59	10 Pis 18	07 Ari 27	25 Lib 29	22 Pis 05	03 Sag 08	09 Sco 40	06 Sag 41	13 Pis 37	06 Sco 09R
A. Johnson	15 Can 32	14 Lib 14	07 Cap 26	26 Tau 48	25 Sag 08	13 Aqu 45	09 Lib 56	13 Pis 01	29 Sco 36	08 Sco 44	05 Sag 34	12 Pis 42	10 Sco 59R
Grant	28 Cap 43	17 Tau 43	06 Tau 36	26 Can 14	18 Ari 29	22 Pis 48	23 Leo 56	11 Tau 33	00 Tau 40	07 Cap 17R	05 Cap 08R	00 Ari 14	22 Aqu 10R
Hayes	19 Pis 52	10 Can 51	11 Lib 21	08 Gem 26	04 Sco 58	21 Vir 37	22 Sco 26	06 Gem 25R	08 Tau 36R	03 Cap 36	02 Cap 35	29 Pis 41R	14 Aqu 23R
Garfield	27 Gem 46	28 Vir 05	26 Sco 16	19 Tau 36	29 Sco 37	13 Lib 53	07 Sco 41	15 Aqu 09	13 Vir 51	10 Aqu 56	23 Cap 12	08 Ari 51R	16 Leo 10R
Arthur	14 Can 22	11 Lib 52	11 Lib 58	05 Cap 28	07 Sco 12	17 Sco 39	26 Vir 00	11 Sag 07	15 Leo 31	02 Aqu 28R	17 Cap 49	07 Ari 26R	28 Vir 26R

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B Harrison	26 Ari 30	07 Leo 49	27 Leo 03	03 Sco 22	01 Vir 44R	13 Can 02	20 Vir 32	05 Tau 34	26 Vir 53	20 Aqu 18R	27 Cap 13R	12 Ari 31R	14 Can 13R
McKinley	29 Can 36	25 Lib 01	09 Aqu 43	06 Aqu 21	28 Aqu 03	27 Sag 18	18 Sco 23	05 Aqu 54	19 Cap 24	25 Pis 42	18 Aqu 36	20 Ari 04	11 Cap 26R
T Roosevelt	00 Pis 14	24 Gem 37	04 Sco 20	16 Can 51	02 Sco 57	18 Sag 16	18 Cap 03	21 Gem 04R	11 Leo 40	02 Gem 30R	22 Pis 29R	06 Tau 37R	06 Pis 52R
Taft	23 Cap 07	09 Tau 44	23 Vir 07	27 Leo 37	16 Lib 38	14 Leo 35	22 Leo 25	15 Tau 46R	25 Can 45	29 Tau 09R	21 Pis 13R	06 Tau 20R	27 Pis 03R
Wilson	17 Can 39	15 Lib 31	07 Cap 47	00 Aqu 45	18 Cap 46	17 Aqu 05	17 Aqu 04	01 Ari 18	11 Can 00R	21 Tau 24R	17 Pis 54	03 Tau 45R	10 Ari 57R
Harding	20 Sag 26	12 Pis 07	10 Sco 27	03 Tau 19	17 Sco 56	12 Lib 56	13 Sco 04	27 Sag 35	04 Sco 02	03 Can 40R	08 Ari 20R	13 Tau 18R	21 Lib 02R
Coolidge	00 Gem 05	05 Vir 18	12 Can 48	29 Gem 49	23 Can 55	09 Can 34	00 Can 09	04 Leo 36	18 Cap 21R	00 Leo 19	26 Ari 09	20 Tau 27	12 Gem 27R
Hoover	05 Aqu 52	23 Tau 24	18 Leo 19	07 Leo 08	00 Leo 01	29 Vir 26	07 Leo 04	00 Lib 45	10 Aqu 24R	11 Leo 21	00 Tau 48R	22 Tau 41	29 Ari 28R
F Roosevelt	22 Gem 07	23 Vir 16	11 Aqu 08	06 Can 14	27 Aqu 11	06 Aqu 03	27 Gem 00R	16 Tau 56	06 Tau 05	17 Vir 55R	13 Tau 47	27 Tau 21R	07 Sag 07R
Truman	11 Can 48	10 Lib 29	18 Tau 39	04 Sco 59	01 Gem 18R	03 Can 58	17 Leo 12	28 Can 04	10 Gem 16	24 Vir 13R	20 Tau 41	00 Gem 24	23 Lib 03R
Eisenhower	03 Gem 21	05 Vir 52	20 Lib 58	25 Lib 48	02 Lib 56	05 Sag 37	13 Cap 39	02 Aqu 44	12 Vir 39	26 Lib 41	06 Gem 29R	07 Gem 39R	16 Gem 01R
Kennedy	23 Can 46	19 Lib 59	07 Gem 51	17 Vir 12	20 Tau 35	16 Gem 44	18 Tau 25	23 Tau 02	27 Can 09	23 Aqu 43R	02 Leo 40	03 Can 16	11 Cap 14R
L Johnson	14 Tau 19	18 Leo 35	03 Vir 45	09 Vir 12	10 Vir 19	19 Can 19	02 Vir 01	26 Leo 33	09 Ari 07R	13 Cap 12R	16 Can 19	25 Gem 41	03 Can 19R
Nixon	16 Gem 15	17 Vir 24	19 Cap 24	20 Aqu 07	00 Cap 00	03 Pis 29	29 Sag 44	01 Cap 40	27 Tau 29R	02 Aqu 41	24 Can 46R	28 Gem 39R	06 Ari 11R
Ford	24 Cap 25	13 Tau 10	21 Can 12	03 Sag 55	16 Leo 08	05 Gem 52	19 Tau 34	11 Cap 50R	13 Gem 11	06 Aqu 09R	25 Can 33	00 Can 06	26 Pis 33R
Carter	28 Can 28	26 Lib 05	08 Lib 04	13 Sco 47	21 Vir 11	23 Leo 19	25 Aqu 53	14 Sag 25	01 Sco 54	18 Pis 47R	21 Leo 47	13 Can 31	22 Leo 00R
Reagan	22 Vir 27	04 Sag 55	16 Aqu 27	12 Tau 41	21 Cap 26	03 Pis 33	03 Cap 56	13 Sco 43	00 Tau 49	26 Cap 30	19 Can 28R	26 Gem 05R	14 Tau 19R
Bush Sr	04 Gem 06	08 Vir 14	21 Gem 21	17 Lib 46	29 Tau 23	17 Can 28R	25 Aqu 27	14 Sag 11R	25 Lib 50R	21 Pis 26	18 Leo 07	11 Can 21	25 Leo 14R
Clinton	05 Can 59	05 Lib 30	26 Leo 00	20 Tau 18	07 Leo 36	11 Lib 07	06 Lib 21	23 Lib 13	02 Leo 08	21 Gem 08	06 Lib 51	11 Leo 51	18 Gem 15R
Bush Jr	24 Ari 12	07 Leo 06	13 Can 47	16 Lib 42	09 Leo 49	21 Leo 29	09 Vir 18	18 Lib 08	26 Can 30	19 Gem 08	05 Lib 56	10 Leo 34	20 Gem 35
Obama	28 Sco 53	18 Aqu 02	12 Leo 33	03 Gem 21	02 Leo 19	01 Can 47	22 Vir 34	00 Aqu 51R	25 Cap 19R	25 Leo 16	08 Sco 36	06 Vir 58	27 Leo 18R
Trump *	24 Tau 22	29 Aqu 58	22 Gem 56	21 Sag 12	08 Can 52	25 Can 44	26 Leo 47	17 Lib 27R	23 Can 49	17 Gem 54	05 Lib 51R	10 Leo 03	20 Gem 48
Biden *	19 Vir 54	03 Sag 11	27 Sco 34	00 Tau 59	21 Sco 32	28 Sco 33	12 Sco 35	25 Can 08R	09 Gem 57R	02 Gem 46R	01 Lib 30	07 Leo 13R	00 Vir 09R
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Sag Rising	01 Lib 52	12 Sag 58	13 Can 19	27 Apr 12	24 Can 11R	03 Can 06	21 Gem 22	05 Can 56	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 55	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
Inaug G Wash	08 Gem 00	11 Vir 10	10 Tau 46	16 Can 45	24 Aug 53	02 Tau 37	13 Aug 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lib 24R	19 Aug 07	28 Sco 34
V Pres													
Adams	17 Gem 27	19 Vir 20	06 Sco 26	20 Aug 15	27 Sco 42	16 Sco 51R	15 Lib 40	08 Cap 33	25 Tau 34R	20 Sag 57	26 Gem 10R	26 Lib 07	15 Lib 37R
Jefferson	21 Sco 45	00 Apr 32	22 Aug 54	10 Sag 46	26 Pis 36	13 Tau 48	18 Leo 42	04 Vir 44R	29 Leo 04R	26 Cap 55	09 Can 25	15 Sco 49R	18 Tau 57
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Clinton													
Gerry													
Tompkins													
Calhoun													
Van Buren	06 Lib 50	15 Sag 08	13 Sag 35	22 Sag 39	24 Sco 11	06 Sag 19	07 Sco 52	04 Cap 27	01 Cap 17	06 Can 14R	09 Lib 51	06 Aug 32	04 Aug 33R
R. Johnson													
Tyler	03 Cap 35	06 Aug 21	08 Aug 56	22 Vir 01	13 Pis 25	22 Pis 16R	12 Leo 40	21 Leo 47R	27 Pis 35	05 Leo 31R	24 Lib 31R	20 Apr 04	10 Sco 22R
Dallas													
Fillmore	15 Lib 23	21 Sag 38	17 Cap 01	05 Gem 42	26 Sag 19	00 Sag 29	08 Sag 49	23 Gem 44R	08 Leo 20R	27 Vir 06R	16 Sco 46	01 Pis 32	04 Tau 02R
King													
Breckinridge													
Hamlin													
A. Johnson	15 Can 32	14 Lib 14	07 Cap 26	26 Tau 48	25 Sag 08	13 Apr 45	09 Lib 56	13 Pis 01	29 Sco 36	08 Sco 44	05 Sag 34	12 Pis 42	10 Sco 59R
Colfax													
Vilson													
Wheeler													
Arthur	14 Can 22	11 Lib 52	11 Lib 56	05 Cap 26	07 Sco 12	17 Sco 39	26 Vir 00	11 Sag 07	15 Leo 31	02 Apr 28R	17 Cap 49	07 Aug 28R	28 Vir 26R
Hendricks													
Morton													



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Stevenson													
Hobart													
T Roosevelt	00 Pis 14	24 Gem 37	04 Sco 20	16 Can 51	02 Sco 57	18 Sag 16	18 Cap 03	21 Gem 04R	11 Leo 40	02 Gem 30R	22 Pis 26R	06 Tau 37R	06 Pis 52R
Fairbanks													
Sherman													
Marshall													
Coolidge	00 Gem 05	05 Vir 18	12 Can 48	29 Gem 49	23 Can 55	09 Can 34	00 Can 09	04 Leo 36	18 Cap 21R	00 Leo 18	26 Ari 09	20 Tau 27	12 Gem 27R
Dawes													
Curtis													
Garnet													
Vallace													
Truman	11 Can 48	10 Lib 29	18 Tau 39	04 Sco 59	01 Gem 16R	03 Can 58	17 Leo 12	28 Can 04	10 Gem 16	24 Vir 13R	20 Tau 41	00 Gem 24	23 Lib 03R
Barkley													
Nixon	16 Gem 15	17 Vir 24	19 Cap 24	20 Aqu 07	00 Cap 00	03 Pis 29	29 Sag 44	01 Cap 40	27 Tau 29R	02 Aqu 41	24 Can 48R	28 Gem 39R	06 Ari 11R
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Humphrey	04 Aqu 47	01 Gem 11	05 Gem 01	23 Tau 24	11 Tau 38	16 Can 15	25 Pis 16	06 Sco 34R	13 Tau 03	29 Cap 08R	19 Can 37	26 Gem 53	09 Tau 54R
Agnew	01 Lib 40	13 Sag 10	16 Sco 22	20 Cap 35	00 Sag 59	12 Sco 46	28 Sag 36	15 Can 48R	27 Leo 24	23 Aqu 48	09 Leo 19	06 Can 26R	13 Sag 14
Ford	24 Cap 25	13 Tau 10	21 Can 12	03 Sag 55	16 Leo 08	05 Gem 52	19 Tau 34	11 Cap 50R	13 Gem 11	06 Aqu 09R	25 Can 33	00 Can 06	26 Pis 33R
Rocketteller	23 Can 40	19 Lib 30	16 Can 05	7 Sco 56	10 Can 55R	12 Can 02R	00 Leo 21	15 Leo 54	10 Ari 01	14 Cap 52R	14 Can 39	24 Gem 49	5 Tau 06
Mondale	17 Sag 56	06 Pis 15	14 Cap 06	23 Gem 20	12 Cap 04	01 Sag 59	20 Sag 12	27 Pis 10	14 Gem 00	29 Pis 48	28 Leo 52R	16 Can 07R	18 Gem 37R
Bush Sr	04 Gem 06	08 Vir 14	21 Gem 21	17 Lib 46	29 Tau 23	17 Can 26R	25 Aqu 27	14 Sag 11R	25 Lib 50R	21 Pis 26	18 Leo 07	11 Can 21	25 Leo 14R
Quayle													
Gore	21 Ari 52	04 Leo 13	10 Ari 55	03 Cap 13	16 Pis 53	26 Tau 01	18 Leo 06	28 Sag 36	15 Leo 59R	22 Gem 32	11 Lib 38R	12 Leo 40R	14 Tau 34
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Biden	19 Vir 54	03 Sag 11	27 Sco 34	00 Tau 59	21 Sco 32	28 Sco 33	12 Sco 35	25 Can 08F 09 Gem 571 02 Gem 461 01 Lib 30	07 Leo 13R 00 Vir 09R	04 Sco 34F 01 Vir 49	10 Lib 48R	24 Gem 31R	
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### Birth Info and Sources

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Jefferson	Apr 13, 1743	7:06:48 GMT	Shadwell, VA	IO, Rodden C
Madison	Mar 16, 1751	11:59 pm LMT	Port Conway, VA	IO
Monroe	Apr 28, 1758	07:00:18 GMT	Westmoreland Cty, VA	IO, Rodden C
Adams, JQ	Jul 11, 1767	15:44:00 GMT	Quincey, MA	IO, Rodden C
Jackson	Mar 15, 1767	12:58:57 GMT	Waxhaw, SC	IO, Rodden DD
Van Buren	Dec 5, 1782	12:22:12 GMT	Kinderhook, NY	IO
Harrison, W	Feb 9, 1773	15:52:52 GMT	Charles City Cty, VA	IO
Tyler	Mar 29, 1790	10:55:42 GMT	Greenway, VA	IO, Rodden DD
Polk	Nov 2, 1795	12:00 pm LMT	Pineville NC	IO, Rodden A
Taylor	Nov 24, 1784	16:08:51 GMT	Montebello, VA	IO, Rodden C
Fillmore	Jan 7, 1800	10:55:24 GMT	Locke, NY	IO, Rodden C
Pierce	Nov 23, 1804	19:28:26 GMT	Hillsborough, NH	IO
Buchanan	Apr 23 1791	14:22:48 GMT	Cove Gap, PA	IO, Rodden C
Lincoln	Feb 12, 1809	6:54 am LMT	Hodgenville, KY	IO, Rodden B
Johnson, A	Dec 29, 1808	5:52:00 GMT	Raleigh, NC	IO
Grant	Apr 27, 1822	11:20:49 GMT	Point Pleasant, OH	IO, Rodden A
Hayes	Oct 4, 1822	10:02 pm CST	Delaware, OH	IO
Garfield	Nov 19, 1831	2:00 am LMT	Orange, OH	IO, Rodden A
Arthur	Oct 5, 1829	6:07 am LMT	Fairfield, VT	IO, Rodden A
Cleveland	Mar 18, 1837	11:30 am EST	Caldwell, NJ	IO
Harrison, B	Aug 20, 1833	9:23:27 GMT	North Bend, OH	IO
McKinley	Jan 29, 1843	11:32 pm LMT	Niles, OH	IO, Rodden A
Roosevelt, T	Oct 27, 1858	7:45 pm LMT	New York, NY	IO, Rodden B
Taft	Sep 15, 1857	8:00 pm LMT	Cincinnati, OH	Rodden A
Wilson	Dec 29, 1856	12:45 am LMT	Staunton, VA	IO, Rodden B
Harding	Nov 2, 1865	2:30 pm LMT	Blooming Grove, OH	IO, Rodden A
Coolidge	Jul 4, 1872	8:51 am EST	Plymouth, VT	IO
Hoover	Aug 10, 1874	11:15 pm LMT	West Branch, IA	Rodden
Roosevelt, F	Jan 30, 1882	8:45 pm LMT	Hyde Park, NY	IO, Rodden AA
Truman	May 8, 1884	4:00 pm CST	Lamar, MO	IO, Rodden B
Eisenhower	Oct 14, 1890	3:00 am CST	Denison, TX	Rodden AA
Kennedy	May 29, 1917	3:00 pm EST	Brookline, MA	IO, Rodden A
Johnson, L	Aug 27, 1908	5:00 am CST	Johnson City, TX	IO, Rodden A
Nixon	Jan 9, 1913	9:35 pm PST	Yorba Linda, CA	IO, Rodden AA
Ford	Jul 14, 1913	00:43 am CST	Omaha, NE	IO, Rodden AA
Carter	Oct 1, 1924	7:00 am CST	Plains, GA	Rodden AA
Reagan	Feb 6, 1911	2:30 am CST	Tampico, IL	IO
Bush, GHW	Jun 12, 1924	11:30 am EDT	Milton, MA	IO
Clinton	Aug 19, 1946	8:51 am CST	Hope, AR	Rodden A
Bush, GW	Jul 6, 1946	7:26 am EDT	Pootaluck Pk, CT	AFA
Obama	Aug 4, 1961	7:24 pm AHST	Honolulu, HI	Birth cert*
*Rectification was performed on multiple choice or questionable charts				
Events used: 1st Marriage, 1st Inauguration, Death				
Original research 2009, by Astrologer Marilyn Muir				
for book: <i>Presidents of Hope and Change</i>				
*Obama birth certificate in my hands August 2008				
2023 new Rodden data				
Trump	Jun 14 1946	10:54 AM EDT	Queens, NY	Rodden AA
Biden	Nov 20 1942	8:30 AM EDT	Scranton, PA	Rodden A
Bush, GW	Jul 6 1946	7:26 AM EDT	New Haven, CT	Rodden AA
Bush, GHW	June 12, 1924	10:30 AM EDT	Milton, MA	Rodden B
Obama				Rodden AA
Reagan		4:16 AM CST		Rodden DD



## Commonalities for the Natal Asc

Sign on Asc	Total	President			
Aries	3	Jackson, Tyler, Pierce			
Taurus	6	Washington, W Harrison, Grant, Taft, Hoover, Ford			
Gemini	1	T Roosevelt			
Cancer	3	Buchanan, Hayes, Cleveland			
Leo	3	B Harrison, L Johnson, GW Bush			add Trump
Virgo	7	J Adams, Garfield, Coolidge, FDR, Eisenhower, Nixon, GHW Bush			
Libra	9	JQ Adams, A Johnson, Arthur, McKinley, Wilson, Truman, Kennedy, Carter, Clinton			
Scorpio	0				
Sagittarius	4	Madison, Van Buren, Fillmore, Reagan			add Biden
Capricorn	2	Polk, Taylor			
Aquarius	4	Jefferson, Monroe, Lincoln, Obama			
Pisces	1	Harding			
	43				
Natal MC ruler high counts: Lib/9, Vir/7, Tau/6 (22 of 43)					
Venus (2 signs: 9 Lib/6 Tau): 15 (35%)					
Mercury (2 signs: 7 Vir/1 Gem): 8 (18.6%)					
adjacent Vir/Lib: 16 (37%)					
$43 \div 12 = \text{Average } 3.6 \text{ per sign}$					
Note: Biden and Trump not included in original count					

President Comparison to USA chart positions*		Sun Cancer Identity	MeriCan PlayCap power/comm	Yen/Can Jap/Can value/esp	Mars Gemini assertion	Saturn Libra responsibility	MC/Gem Ura/Gem goals/rebel	Neptune Virgo spiritual	North Node Leo extra-culture	MC in Can/ Gem/Cap/Sag goals/credible	Asc in Lib/Vir/Tau pers project/ coping skill	Category Total
Jefferson	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes			Yes	Yes		"	"	5 of 11
Madison	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes (2)	Yes (2)				5 of 11
Taylor	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes		Yes			Yes	"		6 of 11
Lincoln	Yes (2)		Yes				Yes (2)	Yes		Yes	"	5 of 11
McKinley	Yes (5)	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes				Yes	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	8 of 11
Wilson	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)		Yes (2)		Yes		Yes	Yes	8 of 11
F Roosevelt	Yes (4)			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	8 of 11
Kennedy	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	11 of 11
Carter	Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes (2)		Yes	Yes	6 of 11
Obama	Yes (2)		Yes (2)	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	"	"	6 of 11
<b>Total Pres</b>	<b>all 10</b>	<b>7 of 10</b>	<b>9 of 10</b>	<b>7 of 10</b>	<b>2 of 10</b>	<b>4 of 10</b>	<b>6 of 10</b>	<b>9 of 10</b>	<b>5 of 10</b>	<b>6 of 10</b>	<b>5 of 10</b>	<b>70 of 110</b>
***Pres: None Sec: MC, Jefferson/Taylor/Obama												
***Pres: None Ago: Ago, Jefferson, Lincoln, Obama												
Taylor has Cap Ago												
<b>Nobel Peace Prize winners:</b> T Roosevelt 1906												
(3 of 4), 2 of 10)												
V Wilson 1919												
J Carter 2002												

President Comparison to USA chart positions*	President Comparison											Category Total
	Aquarius Uro/Angle smart/rebel	Sun Cancer Identity	Mer/Can Plu/Cap power/comm	Ven/Can Jup/Can value/expan	Mars Gemini assertion	Saturn Libra responsibility	MC/Gem Uro/Gem goals/rebel	Neptune Virgo spiritual	North Node Leo extra-culture	MC in Can/ Gem/Cap/Seg goals/credible	Asc in Lib/Vir/Tau peers project/ coping skill	
Jackson	Yes (3)	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes		7 of 11
W Harrison	Yes (2)		Yes (3)			Yes		Yes (2)		Yes		5 of 11
Polk	Yes (2)		Yes (3)				Yes					3 of 11
Garfield	Yes (2)		Yes			Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	6 of 11
B Harrison	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes			Yes		Yes (2)	Yes			6 of 11
Hoover	Yes (2)		Yes						Yes (5)			3 of 11
Johnson	Yes (2)		Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8 of 11
Total page 2	7 of 7	3 of 7	6 of 7	1 of 7	1 of 7	4 of 7	2 of 7	4 of 7	5 of 7	4 of 7	2 of 7	105 of 187
Overall total	17 of 17	9 of 17	15 of 17	8 of 17	3 of 17	8 of 17	8 of 17	12 of 17	10 of 17	10 of 17	7 of 17	

President Comparison Sheet													
in USA chart	Agencies	Sun 13	Con 01	Mar 24	Con 28	Van 2	Con 43	Mar 27	Con 34	Jun 5	Con 51	Mar 27	Con 34
Particulars	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle	Ura/Angle
President	Mar 22	Apr 36	May 25	Jun 19	Jul 13	Aug 7	Sep 1	Oct 26	Nov 20	Dec 14	Jan 8	Feb 5	Mar 2
Johansen	Acc 00	Apr 36	May 25	Jun 19	Jul 13	Aug 7	Sep 1	Oct 26	Nov 20	Dec 14	Jan 8	Feb 5	Mar 2
Retired	Ura 00	Apr 36	May 25	Jun 19	Jul 13	Aug 7	Sep 1	Oct 26	Nov 20	Dec 14	Jan 8	Feb 5	Mar 2
Madison	Ura 27	Apr 07	May 10	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11
Retired	Ura 27	Apr 07	May 10	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11
Taylor	Jun 29	Apr 42	May 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Retired	Jun 29	Apr 42	May 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Blodgett	Ura 25	Apr 05	May 10	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11
Lincoln	Sun 23	Apr 27	May 22	Jun 27	Jul 27	Aug 27	Sep 27	Oct 27	Nov 27	Dec 27	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27
Retired	Ura 22	Apr 04	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09
McKinley	Sun 09	Apr 42	May 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Retired	Ura 06	Apr 21	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26
Washington	Mar 28	Apr 03	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08
Retired	Ura 05	Apr 04	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09
Wilson	Mar 09	Apr 05	May 10	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11
Retired	Ura 17	Apr 05	May 10	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11
Franklin	Sun 11	Apr 08	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13
Retired	Ura 27	Apr 11	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Blodgett	Ura 04	Apr 04	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09
Kennedy	Ura 23	Apr 42	May 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Retired	Ura 23	Apr 42	May 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Cartier	Mar 25	Apr 53	May 13	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
Retired	Ura 21	Apr 47	May 22	Jun 27	Jul 27	Aug 27	Sep 27	Oct 27	Nov 27	Dec 27	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27
Obama	Acc 18	Apr 02	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07
Retired	Ura 00	Apr 51	May 06	Jun 06	Jul 06	Aug 06	Sep 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06
Madison	Ura 25	Apr 16	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
Retired	Ura 27	Apr 18	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23
Total Price	all 10	7 of 10	9 of 10	7 of 10	2 of 10	4 of 10	6 of 10	9 of 10	5 of 10	6 of 10	7 of 10	2 of 10	2 of 7

President Comparisons Sheet											
in USA chart	Assessor	Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22
position*	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Jackson	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22
Rated: 12	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
W Harrison	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21
Rated: 28	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Re-41 me											
Pell	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22	Mon 22
Rated: 12	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Garfield	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21
Rated: 28	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Unrefined											
B Harrison	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21
Rated: 28	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Unrefined											
Huawei	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21
Rated: 24	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Gr Deposition	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21
Nixon	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21	Sun 21
Rated: 22	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined	Unrefined
Unrefined											
Total page 1	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7	7 of 7
Total page 2	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17	12 of 17
*comparison comparison only, 9 of 10, Sun 21											
**Spec have Spec MC Jefferson Taylor Obama											
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Taylor has Cap de											



USA Chart Comparisons, Presidents & Events													
Chart	MC	Asc	Sun	Moo	Merc	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	Pluto	True Node
USA Gen Rising	13 Aug 38	7 Gem 14	12 Can 44	18 Apr 09	24 Can 20R	02 Can 20	20 Gem 57	05 Can 47	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 53	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	06 Leo 35
USA Vir Rising	08 Gem 52	11 Vir 46	13 Can 01	22 Apr 36	24 Can 20R	02 Can 43	21 Gem 09	05 Can 51	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	06 Leo 35
USA Sco Rising	15 Leo 38	08 Sep 11	13 Can 13	25 Apr 27	24 Can 19R	02 Can 57	21 Gem 17	05 Can 54	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
USA Sag Rising	01 Lib 52	12 Sag 58	13 Can 19	27 Apr 12	24 Can 11R	03 Can 06	21 Gem 22	05 Can 56	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 55	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
1st Cont Congr	14 Leo 32	07 Sep 20	13 Vir 02	07 Vir 44	25 Leo 06	12 Leo 47	18 Can 31	16 Tau 08R	27 Vir 15	02 Gem 24	20 Vir 00	22 Cap 40R	13 Vir 04R
CC Decl war Brit	26 Gem 02	26 Vir 32	14 Can 15	20 Lib 45	10 Leo 10	26 Leo 13	27 Vir 22	09 Gem 36	02 Lib 56	04 Gem 54	20 Vir 17	25 Cap 45R	25 Leo 31R
Adsep Art/Confed	06 Cap 51	12 An 42	23 Sco 51	04 Gem 02	08 Sco 50	23 Lib 18	12 Cap 26	25 Leo 45	08 Sco 16	14 Gem 04R	28 Vir 43	28 Cap 01	9 Can 35R
Sign Art/Con ratif	08 Pis 11	01 Can 04	11 Pis 33	21 Tau 43	20 Pis 57	17 Apr 46	16 Sag 34	27 Sco 12	19 Sag 16	24 Gem 24R	05 Lib 06R	05 Aqu 51	05 Tau 59
Form Brit surrend	09 Vir 13	21 Sco 16	04 Lib 23	09 Gem 26	20 Lib 20	10 Vir 00	22 Vir 54	21 Sag 50	25 Sag 18	07 Can 16	07 Lib 39	06 Aqu 08R	07 Apr 11
Adsep US Constib	17 Vir 46	02 Sag 24	24 Vir 39	04 Sag 55	11 Vir 35	16 Vir 34	02 Can 59	26 Gem 21	23 Apr 20R	29 Can 10	17 Lib 47	14 Apr 12R	01 Cap 09R
US Con gov begin	10 Vir 53	26 Sco 55	14 Pis 06	04 Gem 52	22 Pis 47R	21 Apr 30	26 Apr 43	19 Can 58R	13 Pis 35	01 Leo 15R	22 Lib 52R	10 Apr 02	01 Sag 47
Inaug G Wash	08 Gem 00	11 Vir 10	10 Tau 46	16 Can 45	24 An 53	02 Tau 37	13 Apr 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lib 24R	19 Apr 07	28 Sco 34

USA Chart Comparisons, Presidents & Events														
In sequential order:	Chart	MC	Asc	Sun	Moo	Merc	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	Pluto	True Node:
	1st Cont Congr	14 Leo 32	07 Sco 20	13 Vir 02	07 Vir 44	25 Leo 06	12 Leo 47	18 Can 31	16 Tau 08R	27 Vir 15	02 Gem 24	20 Vir 00	22 Cap 40R	13 Vir 04R
	US A Vir Rising 01	08 Gem 52	11 Vir 46	13 Can 01	22 Aqu 36	24 Can 20R	02 Can 43	21 Gem 09	05 Can 51	14 Lb 47	00 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	05 Leo 35
	CC Decl war Bnt	26 Gem 02	26 Vir 32	14 Can 15	20 Lb 45	10 Leo 10	26 Leo 13	27 Vir 22	09 Gem 36	03 Lb 56	04 Gem 54	20 Vir 17	25 Cap 45R	25 Leo 31R
	Adopt Art/Confed	06 Cap 51	12 An 42	23 Sco 51	04 Gem 02	09 Sco 59	23 Lb 18	12 Cap 26	25 Leo 45	00 Sco 16	14 Gem 04R	28 Vir 43	28 Cap 01	9 Can 35R
	Sign Art/Con ratif	08 Pis 11	01 Can 04	11 Pis 33	21 Tau 43	20 Pis 57	17 Aqu 46	16 Sag 34	27 Sco 12	19 Sag 16	24 Gem 24R	05 Lb 06R	05 Aqu 51	05 Tau 50
	Form Bnt surrend	09 Vir 13	21 Sco 16	04 Lb 23	09 Gem 26	20 Lb 20	10 Vir 00	22 Vir 54	21 Sag 50	25 Sag 16	07 Can 16	07 Lb 39	06 Aqu 08R	07 An 11
	Adopt US Constt	17 Vir 46	02 Sag 24	24 Vir 39	04 Sag 55	11 Vir 35	16 Vir 34	02 Can 59	25 Gem 21	23 Aqu 23R	29 Can 10	17 Lb 47	14 Aqu 12R	01 Cap 00R
	US Con gov begin	10 Vir 53	26 Sco 55	14 Pis 06	04 Gem 52	22 Pis 47R	21 Aqu 30	28 Aqu 43	19 Can 58R	13 Pis 35	01 Leo 15R	22 Lb 52R	18 Aqu 02	01 Sag 47
	Inaug G Wash	08 Gem 00	11 Vir 10	10 Tau 48	16 Can 45	24 An 53	02 Tau 37	13 An 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lb 24R	19 Aqu 07	28 Sco 34
	1st Cont Congr to D of 1													
	Sun 13 Vir 02	Mer 25 Leo 06		Mar 18 Can 31		Sat 27 Vir 15		Plu 22 Cap 40R		Ura 02 Gem 24		MC 14 Leo 32		
	Moo 07 Vir 44	Moo 22 Aqu 36		Sun 13 Can 01		Nep 20 Vir 00		Mer 24 Can 20R		Ura 08 Gem 54		Ven 12 Leo 47		Sat 14 Lb 47
	Nod 13 Vir 04R					Nep 22 Vir 24		Plu 27 Cap 34R		MC 08 Gem 52				
	Add Decl War	Ven 26 Leo 13		Sun 14 Can 15		Asc 26 Vir 32		Plu 25 Cap 45R		Apl 09 Gem 36		Mer 10 Leo 10		Moo 20 Lb 45
	Nod 25 Leo 31R					Mar 27 Vir 22								
						Nep 20 Vir 17								
	14 hits to Vir Asc													
	8 hits to 8 Gem													

USA chart comparisons, President USA Mer/Plu 20-29 Can/Cap													
Chart	MC	Asc	Sun	Moo	Merc	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	Pluto	True NNode
Gem Rising	13 Aqu 38	7 Gem 14	12 Can 44	18 Aqu 09	24 Can 28R	2 Can 20	20 Gem 57	5 Can 47	14 Lib 47	8 Gem 53	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	6 Leo 35
Vir Rising	8 Gem 52	11 Vir 46	13 Can 01	22 Aqu 36	24 Can 20R	2 Can 43	21 Gem 09	5 Can 51	14 Lib 47	8 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	6 Leo 35
Sco Rising	15 Leo 38	8 Sco 11	13 Can 13	25 Aqu 27	24 Can 15R	2 Can 57	21 Gem 17	5 Can 54	14 Lib 48	8 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	6 Leo 35
Sag Rising	1 Lib 52	12 Sag 58	13 Can 19	27 Aqu 12	24 Can 11R	3 Can 06	21 Gem 22	5 Can 56	14 Lib 48	8 Gem 55	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	6 Leo 35
Inaug G Wash	8 Gem 00	11 Vir 10	10 Tau 46	16 Can 45	24 An 53	2 Tau 37	13 An 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lib 24R	19 Aqu 07	28 Sco 34
Presidents													
Washington	29 Cap 34	18 Tau 24	03 Pis 19	16 Cap 57	06 Aqu 33	29 Pis 24	23 Sco 13	08 Lib 37R	02 Ari 41	10 Sag 3	14 Gem 39 R	17 Lib 42R	26 Sag 46R
Adams	17 Gem 27	19 Vir 20	06 Sco 26	20 Ari 15	27 Sco 42	16 Sco 51R	15 Lib 40	08 Cap 33	25 Tau 34R	20 Sag 57	26 Gem 10R	26 Lib 07	15 Lib 37R
Jefferson	21 Sco 45	00 Aqu 32	22 Ari 54	10 Sag 46	26 Pis 36	13 Tau 48	18 Leo 42	04 Vir 44R	29 Leo 04R	26 Cap 55	09 Can 25	15 Sco 49R	18 Tau 57
Madison	23 Vir 37	07 Sag 45	26 Pis 17	23 Sco 09	29 Aqu 34	11 Ari 05	11 Cap 48	06 Tau 11	13 Sag 30	27 Aqu 07	27 Can 11R	06 Sag 44R	15 Sag 56R
Monroe	06 Sag 08	19 Aqu 48	08 Tau 18	07 Cap 29	21 Tau 53	01 Ari 09	13 Leo 37	18 Sag 54R	02 Pis 18	25 Pis 34	12 Leo 34	22 Sag 46R	28 Can 38R
JQ Adams	03 Can 56	03 Lib 21	18 Can 58	18 Cap 40	09 Leo 44	01 Vir 24	07 Leo 46	18 Vir 14	26 Gem 50	03 Tau 00	03 Vir 17	10 Cap 22R	00 Aqu 49R
Jackson	15 Cap 32	25 Ari 49	24 Pis 44	23 Vir 53	03 Ari 31	10 Ari 20	22 Tau 23	17 Vir 07R	13 Gem 45	27 Ari 18	03 Vir 15R	11 Cap 40	9 Aqu 09R
Van Buren	06 Lib 50	15 Sag 08	13 Sag 35	22 Sag 39	24 Sco 11	06 Sag 19	07 Sco 52	04 Cap 27	01 Cap 17	06 Can 14R	09 Lib 51	06 Aqu 32	04 Ari 33R
W Harrison	29 Cap 03	17 Tau 08	21 Aqu 28	20 Vir 12	28 Cap 27	22 Cap 21	24 Can 12 R	09 Pis 42	11 Vir 08R	20 Tau 02	17 Vir 40R	21 Cap 57	11 Lib 38R
Tyler	03 Cap 35	06 Ari 21	08 Ari 56	22 Vir 01	13 Pis 25	22 Pis 16R	12 Leo 40	21 Leo 47R	27 Pis 35	05 Leo 31R	24 Lib 31R	20 Aqu 04	10 Sco 22R
Polk	14 Sco 24	24 Cap 08	10 Sco 18	27 Can 51	01 Sag 20	14 Sco 48	28 Vir 44	00 Aqu 03	12 Gem 28R	07 Vir 14	06 Sco 15	25 Aqu 29R	23 Can 03
Taylor	19 Sco 45	28 Cap 16	03 Sag 06	04 Tau 06	29 Sco 05	00 Cap 37	14 Sco 20	29 Aqu 42	20 Cap 32	15 Can 55R	13 Lib 52	09 Aqu 29	25 Aqu 08R
Fillmore	15 Lib 23	21 Sag 38	17 Cap 01	05 Gem 42	26 Sag 19	00 Sag 29	08 Sag 49	23 Gem 44R	08 Leo 20R	27 Vir 06R	16 Sco 46	01 Pis 32	04 Tau 02R
Pierce	11 Cap 41	22 Ari 51	01 Sag 23	27 Leo 00	29 Sco 29	18 Lib 47	15 Leo 05	19 Sco 35	12 Lib 55	19 Lib 13	25 Sco 53	07 Pis 27	27 Cap 19
Buchanan	18 Pis 24	09 Can 23	03 Tau 19	11 Cap 15	14 Tau 07	00 Gem 14	23 Ari 21	22 Vir 30R	11 Ari 52	10 Leo 08	26 Lib 05R	21 Aqu 55	21 Lib 50R
Lincoln	07 Sag 26	22 Aqu 04	23 Aqu 27	26 Cap 59	10 Pis 18	07 Ari 27	25 Lib 29	22 Pis 05	03 Sag 08	09 Sco 40	06 Sag 41	13 Pis 37	06 Sco 09R
A Johnson	15 Can 32	14 Lib 14	07 Cap 26	26 Tau 48	25 Sag 08	13 Aqu 45	09 Lib 56	13 Pis 01	29 Sco 36	08 Sco 44	05 Sag 34	12 Pis 42	10 Sco 59R
Grant	28 Cap 43	17 Tau 43	06 Tau 36	26 Can 14	18 Ari 29	22 Pis 48	23 Leo 56	11 Tau 33	00 Tau 40	07 Cap 17R	05 Cap 08R	00 Ari 14	22 Aqu 10R
Hayes	19 Pis 52	10 Can 51	11 Lib 21	08 Gem 26	04 Sco 58	21 Vir 37	22 Sco 26	06 Gem 25R	08 Tau 36R	03 Cap 26	02 Can 35	29 Pis 41R	14 Aqu 23R



USA chart comparisons, President USA Mer/Plu 20-29 Can/Cap													
Chart	MC	Asc	Sun	Moo	Merc	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	Pluto	True NNode
Garfield	27 Gem 46 28 Vir 05	26 Sco 16	19 Tau 36	29 Sco 37	13 Lib 53	07 Sco 41	15 Aqu 09	13 Vir 51	10 Aqu 56	23 Cap 12	08 Ari 51R	16 Leo 10R	
Arthur	14 Can 22 11 Lib 52	11 Lib 56	05 Cap 26	07 Sco 12	17 Sco 39	26 Vir 00	11 Sag 07	15 Leo 31	02 Aqu 28R	17 Cap 49	07 Ari 26R	28 Vir 26R	
Cleveland 2X	18 Pis 17 09 Can 58	27 Pis 54	17 Leo 12	05 Pis 11	12 Pis 09	07 Leo 29	08 Leo 30R	16 Sco 44R	05 Pis 48	07 Aqu 27	14 Ari 56	02 Tau 06R	
B Harrison	26 Ari 30 07 Leo 49	27 Leo 03	03 Sco 22	01 Vir 44R	13 Can 02	20 Vir 32	05 Tau 34	26 Vir 59	20 Aqu 18R	27 Cap 13R	12 Ari 31R	14 Can 19R	
McKinley	29 Can 36 25 Lib 01	09 Aqu 43	06 Aqu 21	28 Aqu 03	27 Sag 18	18 Sco 23	05 Aqu 54	19 Cap 24	25 Pis 42	18 Aqu 36	20 Ari 04	11 Cap 26R	
T Roosevelt	00 Pis 14 24 Gem 37	04 Sco 20	16 Can 51	02 Sco 57	18 Sag 16	18 Cap 03	21 Gem 04R	11 Leo 40	02 Gem 30R	22 Pis 29R	06 Tau 37R	06 Pis 52R	
Taft	23 Cap 07 09 Tau 44	23 Vir 07	27 Leo 37	16 Lib 38	14 Leo 35	22 Leo 25	15 Tau 46R	25 Can 45	29 Tau 09R	21 Pis 13R	06 Tau 20R	27 Pis 09R	
Wilson	17 Can 39 15 Lib 31	07 Cap 47	00 Aqu 45	18 Cap 46	17 Aqu 05	17 Aqu 04	01 Ari 18	11 Can 00R	21 Tau 24R	17 Pis 54	03 Tau 45R	10 Ari 57R	
Harding	20 Sag 26 12 Pis 07	10 Sco 27	03 Tau 19	17 Sco 56	12 Lib 56	13 Sco 04	27 Sag 35	04 Sco 02	03 Can 40R	08 Ari 20R	13 Tau 16R	21 Lib 02R	
Coolidge	00 Gem 05 05 Vir 18	12 Can 48	29 Gem 49	23 Can 55	09 Can 34	00 Can 09	04 Leo 36	18 Cap 21R	00 Leo 19	26 Ari 09	20 Tau 27	12 Gem 27R	
Hoover	05 Aqu 52 29 Tau 24	18 Leo 19	07 Leo 08	00 Leo 01	29 Vir 26	07 Leo 04	00 Lib 45	10 Aqu 24R	11 Leo 21	00 Tau 48R	22 Tau 41	29 Ari 28R	
F Roosevelt	22 Gem 07 23 Vir 16	11 Aqu 08	06 Can 14	27 Aqu 11	06 Aqu 03	27 Gem 00R	16 Tau 56	06 Tau 05	17 Vir 55R	13 Tau 47	27 Tau 21R	07 Sag 07R	
Truman	11 Can 48 10 Lib 29	18 Tau 39	04 Sco 59	01 Gem 16R	03 Can 58	17 Leo 12	28 Can 04	10 Gem 16	24 Vir 13R	20 Tau 41	00 Gem 24	23 Lib 03R	
Eisenhower	03 Gem 21 05 Vir 52	20 Lib 58	25 Lib 48	02 Lib 56	05 Sag 37	13 Cap 39	02 Aqu 44	12 Vir 39	26 Lib 41	06 Gem 29R	07 Gem 39R	16 Gem 01R	
Kennedy	23 Can 46 19 Lib 59	07 Gem 51	17 Vir 12	20 Tau 35	16 Gem 44	18 Tau 25	23 Tau 02	27 Can 09	23 Aqu 43R	02 Leo 40	03 Can 16	11 Cap 14R	
L Johnson	14 Tau 19 18 Leo 35	03 Vir 45	09 Vir 12	10 Vir 19	19 Can 19	02 Vir 01	26 Leo 33	09 Ari 07R	13 Cap 12R	16 Can 19	25 Gem 41	03 Can 19R	
Nixon	16 Gem 15 17 Vir 24	19 Cap 24	20 Aqu 07	00 Cap 00	03 Pis 29	29 Sag 44	01 Cap 40	27 Tau 29R	02 Aqu 41	24 Can 46R	28 Gem 39R	06 Ari 11R	
Ford	24 Cap 25 13 Tau 10	21 Can 12	03 Sag 55	16 Leo 08	05 Gem 52	19 Tau 34	11 Cap 50R	13 Gem 11	06 Aqu 09R	25 Can 33	00 Can 06	26 Pis 33R	
Carter	28 Can 28 26 Lib 05	08 Lib 04	13 Sco 47	21 Vir 11	23 Leo 19	25 Aqu 53	14 Sag 25	01 Sco 54	18 Pis 47R	21 Leo 47	13 Can 31	22 Leo 00R	
Reagan	22 Vir 27 04 Sag 55	16 Aqu 27	12 Tau 41	21 Cap 26	03 Pis 33	03 Cap 56	13 Sco 43	00 Tau 49	26 Cap 30	19 Can 28R	26 Gem 05R	14 Tau 19R	
Bush Sr	04 Gem 06 08 Vir 14	21 Gem 21	17 Lib 46	29 Tau 23	17 Can 26R	25 Aqu 27	14 Sag 11R	25 Lib 50R	21 Pis 26	18 Leo 07	11 Can 21	25 Leo 14R	
Clinton	05 Can 59 05 Lib 30	26 Leo 00	20 Tau 18	07 Leo 36	11 Lib 07	06 Lib 21	23 Lib 13	02 Leo 08	21 Gem 08	06 Lib 51	11 Leo 51	18 Gem 15R	
Bush Jr	24 Ari 12 07 Leo 06	13 Can 47	16 Lib 42	09 Leo 49	21 Leo 29	09 Vir 18	18 Lib 08	26 Can 30	19 Gem 08	05 Lib 56	10 Leo 34	20 Gem 35	
Obama	28 Sco 53 18 Aqu 02	12 Leo 33	03 Gem 21	02 Leo 19	01 Can 47	22 Vir 34	00 Aqu 51R	25 Cap 19R	25 Leo 16	08 Sco 36	06 Vir 58	27 Leo 18R	

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Gem Rising	13 Aqu 38	7 Gem 14	12 Can 44	18 Aqu 09	24 Can 28R	02 Can 20	20 Gem 37	05 Can 47	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 53	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	06 Leo 35
Vir Rising	08 Gem 52	11 Vir 46	13 Can 01	22 Aqu 36	24 Can 20R	02 Can 43	21 Gem 09	05 Can 51	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R	06 Leo 35
Scor Rising	15 Leo 38	08 Scor 11	13 Can 13	25 Aqu 27	24 Can 15R	02 Can 57	21 Gem 17	05 Can 54	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
Sag Rising	01 Lib 52	12 Sag 58	13 Can 19	27 Aqu 12	24 Can 11R	03 Can 06	21 Gem 22	05 Can 56	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 55	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R	06 Leo 35
Inaug G Wash	08 Gem 00	11 Vir 10	10 Tau 46	16 Can 45	24 Ari 53	02 Tau 37	13 Ari 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lib 24R	19 Aqu 07	28 Sco 34
<b>Presidents</b>													
Washington	29 Cap 34	18 Tau 24	03 Pis 19	16 Cap 57	06 Aqu 33	29 Pis 24	23 Sco 13	08 Lib 37R	02 Ari 41	10 Sag 3	14 Gem 39 R	17 Lib 42R	26 Sag 46R
Adams	17 Gem 27	19 Vir 20	06 Sco 26	20 Ari 15	27 Sco 42	16 Sco 51R	15 Lib 40	08 Cap 33	25 Tau 34R	20 Sag 57	26 Gem 10R	26 Lib 07	15 Lib 37R
Jefferson	21 Sco 45	00 Aqu 32	22 Ari 54	10 Sag 46	26 Pis 36	13 Tau 48	18 Leo 42	04 Vir 44R	29 Leo 04R	26 Cap 55	09 Can 25	15 Sco 49R	18 Tau 57
Madison	23 Vir 37	07 Sag 45	26 Pis 17	23 Sco 09	29 Aqu 34	11 Ari 05	11 Cap 48	06 Tau 11	13 Sag 30	27 Aqu 07	27 Can 11R	06 Sag 44R	15 Sag 58R
Monroe	06 Sag 08	19 Aqu 48	08 Tau 18	07 Cap 29	21 Tau 53	01 Ari 09	13 Leo 57	18 Sag 54R	02 Pis 18	25 Pis 34	12 Leo 34	22 Sag 46R	28 Can 38R
JQ Adams	03 Can 56	03 Lib 21	18 Can 58	18 Cap 40	09 Leo 44	01 Vir 24	07 Leo 46	18 Vir 14	26 Gem 50	03 Tau 00	03 Vir 17	10 Cap 22R	00 Aqu 49R
Jackson	15 Cap 32	25 Ari 49	24 Pis 44	23 Vir 53	03 Ari 31	10 Ari 20	22 Tau 23	17 Vir 07R	13 Gem 45	27 Ari 18	03 Vir 15R	11 Cap 40	09 Aqu 09R
Van Buren	06 Lib 50	15 Sag 08	13 Sag 35	22 Sag 39	24 Sco 11	06 Sag 19	07 Sco 52	04 Cap 27	01 Cap 17	06 Can 14R	09 Lib 51	06 Aqu 32	04 Ari 33R
W Harrison	29 Cap 03	17 Tau 08	21 Aqu 28	20 Vir 12	28 Cap 27	22 Cap 21	24 Can 12 R	09 Pis 42	11 Vir 08R	20 Tau 02	17 Vir 40R	21 Cap 57	11 Lib 38R
Tyler	03 Cap 35	06 Ari 21	08 Ari 56	22 Vir 01	13 Pis 25	22 Pis 16R	12 Leo 40	21 Leo 47R	27 Pis 35	05 Leo 31R	24 Lib 31R	20 Aqu 04	10 Sco 22R
Polk	14 Sco 24	24 Cap 08	10 Sco 18	27 Can 51	01 Sag 20	14 Sco 48	28 Vir 44	00 Aqu 03	12 Gem 28R	07 Vir 14	06 Sco 15	25 Aqu 29R	23 Can 03
Taylor	19 Sco 45	28 Cap 16	03 Sag 06	04 Tau 06	29 Sco 05	00 Cap 37	14 Sco 20	29 Aqu 42	20 Cap 32	15 Can 55R	13 Lib 52	09 Aqu 29	25 Aqu 08R
Fillmore	15 Lib 23	21 Sag 38	17 Cap 01	05 Gem 42	26 Sag 19	00 Sag 29	08 Sag 49	23 Gem 44R	08 Leo 20R	27 Vir 06R	16 Sco 46	01 Pis 32	04 Tau 02R
Pierce	11 Cap 41	22 Ari 51	01 Sag 23	27 Leo 00	29 Sco 29	18 Lib 47	15 Leo 05	19 Sco 35	12 Lib 55	19 Lib 13	25 Sco 53	07 Pis 27	27 Cap 19
Buchanan	18 Pis 24	09 Can 23	03 Tau 19	11 Cap 15	14 Tau 07	00 Gem 14	23 Ari 21	22 Vir 30R	11 Ari 52	10 Leo 08	26 Lib 05R	21 Aqu 55	21 Lib 50R
Lincoln	07 Sag 26	22 Aqu 04	23 Aqu 27	26 Cap 59	10 Pis 18	07 Ari 27	25 Lib 29	22 Pis 05	03 Sag 08	09 Sco 40	06 Sag 41	13 Pis 37	06 Sco 09R
A Johnson	15 Can 32	14 Lib 14	07 Cap 26	26 Tau 48	25 Sag 08	13 Aqu 45	09 Lib 56	13 Pis 01	29 Sco 36	08 Sco 44	05 Sag 34	12 Pis 42	10 Sco 59R
Grant	28 Cap 43	17 Tau 43	06 Tau 36	26 Can 14	18 Ari 29	22 Pis 48	23 Leo 56	11 Tau 33	00 Tau 40	07 Cap 17R	05 Cap 08R	00 Ari 14	22 Aqu 10R
Hayes	19 Pis 52	10 Can 51	11 Lib 21	08 Gem 26	04 Sco 58	21 Vir 37	22 Sco 26	06 Gem 25R	08 Tau 36R	03 Cap 36	02 Cap 35	29 Pis 41R	14 Aqu 23R



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Garfield	27 Gem 46	28 Vir 05	26 Sco 16	19 Tau 36	29 Sco 37	13 Lib 53	07 Sco 41	15 Aqu 09	13 Vir 51	10 Aqu 56	23 Cap 12	08 Ari 51R	16 Leo 10R
Arthur	14 Can 22	11 Lib 52	11 Lib 56	05 Cap 26	07 Sco 12	17 Sco 39	26 Vir 00	11 Sag 07	15 Leo 31	02 Aqu 28R	17 Cap 49	07 Ari 26R	28 Vir 26R
Cleveland 2X	18 Pis 17	09 Can 58	27 Pis 54	17 Leo 12	05 Pis 11	12 Pis 09	07 Leo 29	08 Leo 30R	16 Sco 44R	05 Pis 48	07 Aqu 27	14 Ari 56	02 Tau 06R
B Harrison	26 Ari 30	07 Leo 49	27 Leo 03	03 Sco 22	01 Vir 44R	13 Can 02	20 Vir 32	05 Tau 34	26 Vir 59	20 Aqu 18R	27 Cap 13R	12 Ari 31R	14 Can 19R
McKinley	29 Can 36	25 Lib 01	09 Aqu 43	06 Aqu 21	28 Aqu 03	27 Sag 18	18 Sco 23	05 Aqu 54	19 Cap 24	25 Pis 42	18 Aqu 36	20 Ari 04	11 Cap 26R
T Roosevelt	00 Pis 14	24 Gem 37	04 Sco 20	16 Can 51	02 Sco 57	18 Sag 16	18 Cap 03	21 Gem 04R	11 Leo 40	02 Gem 30R	22 Pis 29R	06 Tau 37R	06 Pis 52R
Taft	23 Cap 07	09 Tau 44	23 Vir 07	27 Leo 37	16 Lib 38	14 Leo 35	22 Leo 25	15 Tau 46R	25 Can 45	29 Tau 09R	21 Pis 13R	06 Tau 20R	27 Pis 09R
Wilson	17 Can 39	15 Lib 31	7 Cap 47	00 Aqu 45	18 Cap 46	17 Aqu 05	17 Aqu 04	01 Ari 18	11 Can 00R	21 Tau 24R	17 Pis 54	03 Tau 45R	10 Ari 57R
Harding	20 Sag 26	12 Pis 07	10 Sco 27	03 Tau 19	17 Sco 56	12 Lib 56	13 Sco 04	27 Sag 35	04 Sco 02	03 Can 40R	08 Ari 20R	13 Tau 16R	21 Lib 02R
Coolidge	00 Gem 05	05 Vir 18	12 Can 48	29 Gem 49	23 Can 55	09 Can 34	00 Can 09	04 Leo 36	18 Cap 21R	00 Leo 19	26 Ari 09	20 Tau 27	12 Gem 27R
Hoover	05 Aqu 52	29 Tau 24	18 Leo 19	07 Leo 084	00 Leo 01	29 Vir 26	07 Leo 04	00 Lib 45	10 Aqu 24R	11 Leo 21	00 Tau 48R	22 Tau 41	29 Ari 28R
F Roosevelt	22 Gem 07	23 Vir 16	11 Aqu 08	06 Can 14	27 Aqu 11	06 Aqu 03	27 Gem 00R	16 Tau 56	06 Tau 05	17 Vir 55R	13 Tau 47	27 Tau 21R	07 Sag 07R
Truman	11 Can 48	10 Lib 29	18 Tau 39	04 Sco 59	01 Gem 16R	03 Can 58	17 Leo 12	28 Can 04	10 Gem 16	24 Vir 13R	20 Tau 41	00 Gem 24	23 Lib 03R
Eisenhower	03 Gem 21	05 Vir 52	20 Lib 58	25 Lib 48	02 Lib 56	05 Sag 37	13 Cap 39	02 Aqu 44	12 Vir 39	26 Lib 41	06 Gem 29R	07 Gem 39R	16 Gem 01R
Kennedy	23 Can 46	19 Lib 59	07 Gem 51	17 Vir 12	20 Tau 35	16 Gem 44	18 Tau 25	23 Tau 02	27 Can 09	23 Aqu 43R	02 Leo 40	03 Can 16	11 Cap 14R
L Johnson	14 Tau 19	18 Leo 35	03 Vir 45	09 Vir 12	10 Vir 19	19 Can 19	02 Vir 01	26 Leo 33	09 Ari 07R	13 Cap 12R	16 Can 19	25 Gem 41	03 Can 19R
Nixon	16 Gem 15	17 Vir 24	19 Cap 24	20 Aqu 07	00 Cap 00	03 Pis 29	29 Sag 44	01 Cap 40	27 Tau 29R	02 Aqu 41	24 Can 46R	28 Gem 39R	06 Ari 11R
Ford	24 Cap 25	13 Tau 10	21 Can 12	03 Sag 55	16 Leo 08	05 Gem 52	19 Tau 34	11 Cap 50R	13 Gem 11	06 Aqu 09R	25 Can 33	00 Can 06	26 Pis 33R
Carter	28 Can 28	26 Lib 05	08 Lib 04	13 Sco 47	21 Vir 11	23 Leo 19	25 Aqu 53	14 Sag 25	01 Sco 54	18 Pis 47R	21 Leo 47	13 Can 31	22 Leo 00R
Reagan	22 Vir 27	04 Sag 55	16 Aqu 27	12 Tau 41	21 Cap 26	03 Pis 33	03 Cap 56	13 Sco 43	00 Tau 49	26 Cap 30	19 Can 28R	26 Gem 05R	14 Tau 19R
Bush Sr	04 Gem 06	08 Vir 14	21 Gem 21	17 Lib 46	29 Tau 23	17 Can 26R	25 Aqu 27	14 Sag 11R	25 Lib 50R	21 Pis 26	18 Leo 07	11 Can 21	25 Leo 14R
Clinton	05 Can 59	05 Lib 30	26 Leo 00	20 Tau 18	07 Leo 36	11 Lib 07	06 Lib 21	23 Lib 13	02 Leo 08	21 Gem 08	06 Lib 51	11 Leo 51	18 Gem 15R
Bush Jr	24 Ari 12	07 Leo 06	13 Can 47	16 Lib 42	09 Leo 49	21 Leo 29	09 Vir 18	18 Lib 08	26 Can 30	19 Gem 08	05 Lib 56	10 Leo 34	20 Gem 35
Obama	28 Sco 53	18 Aqu 02	12 Leo 33	03 Gem 21	02 Leo 19	01 Can 47	22 Vir 34	00 Aqu 51R	25 Cap 19R	25 Leo 16	08 Sco 36	06 Vir 58	27 Leo 18R
Aquarius													

USA chart comparisons, Presidents													
	MC	Asc	Sun	Moo	Merc	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	Pluto	True NNode
Gem Rising	13 Aqu 30 07	Gem 11 12	Can 44 18	Aqu 09 24	Can 28R 02	Can 20	20 Gem 57	05 Can 47	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 53	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R 06	Leo 35
Vir Rising	08 Gem 51 11	Vir 46	13 Can 01	22 Aqu 36 24	Can 20R 02	Can 43	21 Gem 09	05 Can 51	14 Lib 47	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 34R 06	Leo 35
Sco Rising	15 Leo 38 08	Sco 11 13	Can 13 25	Aqu 27 24	Can 15R 02	Can 57	21 Gem 17	05 Can 54	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 54	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R 06	Leo 35
Sag Rising	01 Lib 52	12 Sag 58 13	Can 19 27	Aqu 12 24	Can 11R 03	Can 06	21 Gem 22	05 Can 56	14 Lib 48	08 Gem 55	22 Vir 24	27 Cap 33R 06	Leo 35
Inaug G Wash	08 Gem 00 11	Vir 10	10 Tau 46	16 Can 45 24	Ari 53	02 Tau 37	13 Ari 34	22 Can 55	20 Pis 03	00 Leo 59	21 Lib 24R	19 Aqu 07	28 Sco 34
Presidents													
Washington	29 Cap 34 18	Tau 24 03	Pis 19	16 Cap 57 06	Aqu 33	29 Pis 24	23 Sco 13	08 Lib 37R	02 Ari 41	10 Sag 3	14 Gem 39 17	Lib 42R	26 Sag 46R
Adams	17 Gem 21 19	Vir 20	06 Sco 26	20 Ari 15	27 Sco 42	16 Sco 51R	15 Lib 40	08 Cap 33	25 Tau 34R	20 Sag 57	26 Gem 10R	26 Lib 07	15 Lib 37R
Jefferson	21 Sco 45 00	Aqu 32 22	Ari 54	10 Sag 46 26	Pis 36	13 Tau 48	18 Leo 42	04 Vir 44R	29 Leo 04R	26 Cap 55	09 Can 25	15 Sco 49R	18 Tau 57
Madison	23 Vir 37	07 Sag 45 26	Pis 17	23 Sco 09 29	Aqu 34	11 Ari 05	11 Cap 48	06 Tau 11	13 Sag 30	27 Aqu 07	27 Can 11R	06 Sag 44R	15 Sag 58R
Monroe	06 Sag 08 19	Aqu 48 08	Tau 18	07 Cap 29 21	Tau 53	01 Ari 09	13 Leo 57	18 Sag 54R	02 Pis 18	25 Pis 34	12 Leo 34	22 Sag 46R	28 Can 38R
JQ Adams	03 Can 56 03	Lib 21	18 Can 58	18 Cap 40 09	Leo 44	01 Vir 24	07 Leo 46	18 Vir 14	26 Gem 50 03	Tau 00	03 Vir 17	10 Cap 22R	00 Aqu 49R
Jackson	15 Cap 32 25	Ari 49	24 Pis 44	23 Vir 53	03 Ari 31	10 Ari 20	22 Tau 23	17 Vir 07R	13 Gem 45 27	Ari 18	03 Vir 15R	11 Cap 40	09 Aqu 09R
Van Buren	06 Lib 50	15 Sag 08 13	Sag 35	22 Sag 39 24	Sco 11	06 Sag 19	07 Sco 52	04 Cap 27	01 Cap 17	06 Can 14R	09 Lib 51	06 Aqu 32	04 Ari 33R
W Harrison	29 Cap 03 17	Tau 08 21	Aqu 28	20 Vir 12	28 Cap 27	22 Cap 21	24 Can 12	F09 Pis 42	11 Vir 08R	20 Tau 02	17 Vir 40R	21 Cap 57	11 Lib 38R
Tyler	03 Cap 35 06	Ari 21	08 Ari 56	22 Vir 01	13 Pis 25	22 Pis 16R	12 Leo 40	21 Leo 47R	27 Pis 35	05 Leo 31R	24 Lib 31R	20 Aqu 04	10 Sco 22R
Polk	14 Sco 24 24	Cap 08 10	Sco 18	27 Can 51 01	Sag 20	14 Sco 48	28 Vir 44	00 Aqu 03	12 Gem 28 07	Vir 14	06 Sco 15	25 Aqu 29R	23 Can 03
Taylor	19 Sco 45 28	Cap 16 03	Sag 06	04 Tau 06 29	Sco 05	00 Cap 37	14 Sco 20	29 Aqu 42	20 Cap 32	15 Can 55R	13 Lib 52	09 Aqu 29	25 Aqu 08R
Fillmore	15 Lib 23	21 Sag 38 17	Cap 01 05	Gem 40 26	Sag 19	00 Sag 29	08 Sag 49	23 Gem 44 08	Leo 20R	27 Vir 06R	16 Sco 46	01 Pis 32	04 Tau 02R
Pierce	11 Cap 41 22	Ari 51	01 Sag 23	27 Leo 00	29 Sco 29	18 Lib 47	15 Leo 05	19 Sco 35	12 Lib 55	19 Lib 13	25 Sco 53	07 Pis 27	27 Cap 19
Buchanan	18 Pis 24	09 Can 23 03	Tau 19	11 Cap 15 14	Tau 07	00 Gem 14 23	Ari 21	22 Vir 30R	11 Ari 52	10 Leo 08	26 Lib 05R	21 Aqu 55	21 Lib 50R
Lincoln	07 Sag 26 22	Aqu 04 23	Aqu 27	26 Cap 59 10	Pis 18	07 Ari 27	25 Lib 29	22 Pis 05	03 Sag 08	09 Sco 40	06 Sag 41	13 Pis 37	06 Sco 09R
A Johnson	15 Can 32 14	Lib 14	07 Cap 26 26	Tau 48 25	Sag 08	13 Aqu 45	09 Lib 56	13 Pis 01	29 Sco 36	08 Sco 44	05 Sag 34	12 Pis 42	10 Sco 59R
Grant	28 Cap 43 17	Tau 43 06	Tau 36 26	Can 14 18	Ari 29	22 Pis 48	23 Leo 56	11 Tau 33	00 Tau 40	07 Cap 17R	05 Cap 08R	00 Ari 14	22 Aqu 10R
Hayes	19 Pis 52	10 Can 51 11	Lib 21	08 Gem 21 04	Sco 58	21 Vir 37	22 Sco 26	06 Gem 25 08	Tau 36R	03 Cap 36	02 Cap 35	29 Pis 41R	14 Aqu 23R



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Arthur	14 Can 22 11 Lib 52	11 Lib 56	05 Cap 26	07 Sco 12	17 Sco 39	26 Vir 00	11 Sag 07	15 Leo 31	02 Aqu 28R	17 Cap 49	07 Ari 26R	28 Vir 26R	
Cleveland 2X	18 Pis 17	09 Can 58	27 Pis 54	17 Leo 12	05 Pis 11	12 Pis 09	07 Leo 29	08 Leo 30R	16 Sco 44R	05 Pis 48	07 Aqu 27	14 Ari 56	02 Tau 06R
B Harrison	26 Ari 30	07 Leo 49	27 Leo 03	03 Sco 22	01 Vir 44R	13 Can 02	20 Vir 32	05 Tau 34	26 Vir 59	20 Aqu 18R	27 Cap 13R	12 Ari 31R	14 Can 19R
McKinley	29 Can 36	25 Lib 01	09 Aqu 43	06 Aqu 21	28 Aqu 03	27 Sag 18	18 Sco 23	05 Aqu 54	19 Cap 24	25 Pis 42	18 Aqu 36	20 Ari 04	11 Cap 26R
T Roosevelt	00 Pis 14	24 Gem 3f 04	Sco 20	16 Can 51	02 Sco 57	18 Sag 16	18 Cap 03	21 Gem 04	11 Leo 40	02 Gem 30	22 Pis 29R	06 Tau 37R	06 Pis 52R
Taft	23 Cap 07	09 Tau 44	23 Vir 07	27 Leo 37	16 Lib 38	14 Leo 35	22 Leo 25	15 Tau 46R	25 Can 45	29 Tau 09R	21 Pis 13R	06 Tau 20R	27 Pis 09R
Wilson	17 Can 39	15 Lib 31	07 Cap 47	00 Aqu 45	18 Cap 46	17 Aqu 05	17 Aqu 04	01 Ari 18	11 Can 00R	21 Tau 24R	17 Pis 54	03 Tau 45R	10 Ari 57R
Harding	20 Sag 26	12 Pis 07	10 Sco 27	03 Tau 19	17 Sco 56	12 Lib 56	13 Sco 04	27 Sag 35	04 Sco 02	03 Can 40R	08 Ari 20R	13 Tau 16R	21 Lib 02R
Coolidge	00 Gem 0f 05	Vir 18	12 Can 48	29 Gem 4f 23	Can 55	09 Can 34	00 Can 09	04 Leo 36	18 Cap 21R	00 Leo 19	26 Ari 09	20 Tau 27	12 Gem 27R
Hoover	05 Aqu 52	29 Tau 24	18 Leo 19	07 Leo 08	00 Leo 01	29 Vir 26	07 Leo 04	00 Lib 45	10 Aqu 24R	11 Leo 21	00 Tau 49R	22 Tau 41	29 Ari 28R
F Roosevelt	22 Gem 0f 23	Vir 16	11 Aqu 08	06 Can 14	27 Aqu 11	06 Aqu 03	27 Gem 00f	16 Tau 56	06 Tau 05	17 Vir 55R	13 Tau 47	27 Tau 21R	07 Sag 07R
Truman	11 Can 48	10 Lib 29	18 Tau 39	04 Sco 59	01 Gem 16R	03 Can 58	17 Leo 12	28 Can 04	10 Gem 16	24 Vir 13R	20 Tau 41	00 Gem 24	23 Lib 03R
Eisenhower	03 Gem 2f 05	Vir 52	20 Lib 58	25 Lib 48	02 Lib 56	05 Sag 37	13 Cap 39	02 Aqu 44	12 Vir 39	26 Lib 41	06 Gem 29R	07 Gem 39	16 Gem 01R
Kennedy	23 Can 46	19 Lib 59	07 Gem 5f 17	Vir 12	20 Tau 35	16 Gem 44	18 Tau 25	23 Tau 02	27 Can 09	23 Aqu 43R	02 Leo 40	03 Can 16	11 Cap 14R
L Johnson	14 Tau 19	18 Leo 35	03 Vir 45	09 Vir 12	10 Vir 19	19 Can 19	02 Vir 01	26 Leo 33	09 Ari 07R	13 Cap 12R	16 Can 19	25 Gem 41	03 Can 19R
Nixon	16 Gem 1f 17	Vir 24	19 Cap 2f 20	Aqu 07	00 Cap 00	03 Pis 29	29 Sag 44	01 Cap 40	27 Tau 29R	02 Aqu 41	24 Can 46R	28 Gem 39	06 Ari 11R
Ford	24 Cap 25	13 Tau 10	21 Can 12	03 Sag 55	16 Leo 08	05 Gem 52	19 Tau 34	11 Cap 50R	13 Gem 11	06 Aqu 09R	25 Can 33	00 Can 06	26 Pis 33R
Carter	28 Can 28	26 Lib 05	08 Lib 04	13 Sco 47	21 Vir 11	23 Leo 19	25 Aqu 53	14 Sag 25	01 Sco 54	18 Pis 47R	21 Leo 47	13 Can 31	22 Leo 00R
Reagan	22 Vir 27	04 Sag 55	16 Aqu 27	12 Tau 41	21 Cap 26	03 Pis 33	03 Cap 56	13 Sco 43	00 Tau 49	26 Cap 30	19 Can 28R	26 Gem 05	14 Tau 19R
Bush Sr	04 Gem 0f 08	Vir 14	21 Gem 2f 17	Lib 46	29 Tau 23	17 Can 26f	25 Aqu 27	14 Sag 11R	25 Lib 50R	21 Pis 26	18 Leo 07	11 Can 21	25 Leo 14R
Clinton	05 Can 59	05 Lib 30	26 Leo 00	20 Tau 18	07 Leo 36	11 Lib 07	06 Lib 21	23 Lib 13	02 Leo 08	21 Gem 08	06 Lib 51	11 Leo 51	18 Gem 15R
Bush Jr	24 Ari 12	07 Leo 06	13 Can 47	16 Lib 42	09 Leo 49	21 Leo 29	09 Vir 18	18 Lib 08	26 Can 30	19 Gem 08	05 Lib 56	10 Leo 34	20 Gem 35
Obama	28 Sco 53	18 Aqu 02	12 Leo 33	03 Gem 2f 02	Leo 19	01 Can 47	22 Vir 34	00 Aqu 51R	25 Cap 19R	25 Leo 16	08 Sco 36	06 Vir 58	27 Leo 18R

### Commonalities to the Natal MC

Sign MC	Total	President
Aries	2	Bush, Jr, B Harrison
Taurus	1	L Johnson
Gemini	7	J Adams, FDR, Bush Sr, Coolidge, Eisenhower, Garfield, Nixon
Cancer	9	McKinley, Wilson, JFK, Carter, JQ Adams, Arthur, Clinton, A Johnson, Truman
Leo	0	
Virgo	2	Madison, Reagan
Libra	2	Fillmore, Van Buren
Scorpio	4	Jefferson, Polk, Obama, Taylor
Sagittarius	3	Monroe, Lincoln, Harding
Capricorn	8	Washington, Ford, Grant, W Harrison, Jackson, Pierce, Taft, Tyler
Aquarius	1	Hoover
Pisces	4	T Roosevelt, Buchanan, Cleveland, Hayes

Notes: 43 Pres ÷ 12 signs = 3.6 average      Can/Can/Gem = 24      average 11.6  
 ScofPis = 4 each      polarity Sag = 3

### Natal MC ruler high count house position

			Significant
Saturn (8/Cap)	5/1st, 4/2nd, 3/3rd	12/1st quad	25/left hemisphere
	1/4th, 5/5th, 1/6th	7/2nd quad	18 right hemisphere
	0/7th, 5/8th, 6/9th	11/3rd quad	24 top hemisphere
	5/10th, 1/11th, 7/12th	13/4th quad	19 bottom hemisphere
Moon (9/Can)	4/1st, 5/2nd, 4/3rd	13/1st quad	22/left hemisphere
	6/4th, 4/5th, 4/6th	14/2nd quad	21 right hemisphere
	3/7th, 4/8th, 0/9th	7/3rd quad	16 top hemisphere
	3/10th, 2/11th, 4/12th	9/4th quad	27 bottom hemisphere
Mercury* (7/Gem)	4/1st, 4/2nd, 6/3rd	14/1st quad	25/left hemisphere
	4/4th, 2/5th, 3/6th	9/2nd quad	18/right hemisphere
	0/7th, 4/8th, 5/9th	9/3rd quad	20/top hemisphere
	4/10th, 4/11th, 3/12th	11/4th quad	23/bottom hemisphere

\* Mercury also rules Virgo, not listed

Commonalities for the Natal Asc					
Sign on Asc	Total	President			
Aries	3	Jackson, Tyler, Pierce			
Taurus	6	Washington, W Harrison, Grant, Taft, Hoover, Ford			
Gemini	1	T Roosevelt			
Cancer	3	Buchanan, Hayes, Cleveland			
Leo	3	B Harrison, L Johnson, G W Bush			
Virgo	7	J Adams, Garfield, Coolidge, FDR, Eisenhower, Nixon, GHW Bush			
Libra	9	JQ Adams, A Johnson, Arthur, McKinley, Wilson, Truman, Kennedy, Carter, Clinton			
Scorpio	0				
Sagittarius	4	Madison, Van Buren, Fillmore, Reagan			
Capricorn	2	Polk, Taylor			
Aquarius	4	Jefferson, Monroe, Lincoln, Obama			
Pisces	1	Harding			
	43				
Natal MC ruler high counts: Lib/9, Vir/7, Tau/6 (22 of 43)					
Venus (2 signs: 9 Lib/6 Tau): 15 (35%)					
Mercury (2 signs: 7 Vir/1 Gem): 8 (18.6%)					
adjacent Vir/Lib: 16 (37%)					
$43 \div 12 = \text{Average } 3.6 \text{ per sign}$					
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<b>President</b>	<b>Uranus</b>				<b>Ura/Node conj/opp</b>
Madison	Ura/Aqu	Ura/Mer conj	Mer MC ruler		Bush, Jr conj Gem
Garfield	Ura/Aqu				Clinton conj Gem
Arthur	Ura/Aqu				Garfield opp Leo/Aqu
B Harrison	Ura/Aqu				A Johnson conj Sco
Kennedy	Ura/Aqu				Lincoln conj Sco
Nixon	Ura/Aqu				Obama conj Leo
Ford	Ura/Aqu				
Eisenhower	Sun conj Ura W				
Hoover	Sun conj Ura W				
W Harrison	Ura conj Asc				
Jackson	Ura conj Asc				
FDR	Ura conj Asc W				
Jefferson	Ura conj Asc				
Hages	Ura conj Dec W				
Obama	Ura conj Dec W				
Pierce	Ura conj Dec	Ura/Ven conj Lib	Ven rule Dec		
J Adams	Ura conj IC				
Hoover	Ura conj IC				
GW Inaug	Plut/Aqu				
USA II ris	Ura conj Asc				
URS Vir ris	Ura conj MC				
USA Sag ris	URA conj Dec				
Madison	Ura/Mer conj Aqu	Mer MC ruler			
Monroe	Ura/Ven conj Aqu W	Ura rules Asc			
Tyler	Ura/Mar conj Leo W	Mar rules Asc			
Reagan	Ura/Mer conj Cap W	Mer rules MC			
Pierce	Ura/Ven conj Lib	Ven rule Dec			

President Research:		Aquaries/Uraans		bios Wiki	
Aquarius		Presidents w/planet or point		bios Wiki	
0	Jefferson/Asc	Wilson/Moon	Polk/Jup	Obama/Jup	J Adams/Node
1					
2	Eisenhower/Jup	Arthur/Urs	Nixon/Urs	/24 yr Aries/Aurhor?	
3					
4					
5	Hoover/MC	McKinley/Jup			
6	McKinley/Moo	Washington/Mer	F Roosevelt/Voa	Ford/Urs	Van Buren/Plu
7	Cleveland/Wep				
8					
9	McKinley/Sun	Taylor/Plu	Jackson/Node		
10	Hoover/Sat	Garfield/Urs			
11	F Roosevelt/Sun				
12					
13	A Johnson/Voa				USA Gem Rls MC
14	Hayes/Node				
15	Garfield/Jup				
16	Reagan/Sun				
17	Wilson/Voa/Mar				
18	McKinley/Wep	Obama/Asc	L Johnson/Dsc		
19	Monroe/Asc				USA Gem Rls Moo
20	Nixon/Moo	B Harrison/Urs	Tyler/Plu		GW Inaug/Plu
21	V Harrison/Sun	Buchanan/Plu			
22	Lincoln/Asc	Grant/Node			
23	Lincoln/Sun	Kennedy/Urs			USA Vir Rls Moo
24					
25	Carter/Mars	Bush Sr/Mars	Polk/Plu	Taylor/Node	USA Sco Rls/Moo
26					
27	F Roosevelt/Mer	Madison/Urs			USA Sq Rls/Moo
28	McKinley/Mer				
29	Madison/Mer	Taylor/Jup			
Sun conj Urs					
Sun opp Urs					
Urs on Asc					
Urs on Dec		V Harrison	Jackson	Jefferson	USA Gem Rls Asc
Urs on MC		Pierce			USA Sq Rls Asc
Urs on IC		J Adams	Hoover		USA Vir Rls Asc
P orb					

Planets/point spread								
MC	IC	Asc	Dec	Sun	Moon			
Hoover	J Adams	Jefferson	Pierce	W Harrison	USA all 4			
USA Vir ris		Monroe	B Harrison	Lincoln	McKinley			
		Lincoln	L Johnson	McKinley	Wilson			
		Obama	GW Bush Jr	Reagan	Nixon			
		USA Gem ris	USA Sq ris	FDR				
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Venus</b>	<b>Mars</b>	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>Saturn</b>	<b>Uranus</b>			
Washington	A Johnson	Wilson	Polk	Hoover	Madison			
McKinley	Wilson	Bush, Sr	Taylor	Garfield	Garfield			
FDR	FDR	Carter	Garfield	McKinley	Arthur			
			McKinley	Eisenhower	B Harrison			
			Obama		Kennedy			
					Nixon			
					Ford			
<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pisces</b>	<b>N Node</b>						
Cleveland	Isaac GW	JG Adams						
McKinley	Van Buren	Jackson						
	Taylor	Taylor						
	Polk	Grant						
	Taylor	Hayes						
	Buchanan							
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<b>Political Research for Elections and Inaugurations (2013 list)</b>	
<b>Declaration of Independence</b> Jul 4, 1776, 3:36 AM LMT (Virgo ris) Philadelphia, PA 39 N 57, 75 W 10	<b>Presidents and Candidates</b>  <b>George Washington, Pres</b> Feb 22, 1732, 10:00 AM LMT Baynesville, VA, 39 N 09, 76 W 51
<b>Power passed (PP) first president</b> Mar 4, 1789, Noon LMT New York City, NY 40 N 43, 74 W 00	<b>George H.W. Bush, Pres</b> Jun 12, 1924, 11:30 AM Milton, MA, 42 N 15, 71 W 04
<b>Inauguration: George Washington</b> April 30, 1789, 4:48:30 PM LMT New York City, NY 40 N 43, 74 W 00	<b>William Clinton, Pres</b> Aug 19, 1946, 8:51 AM CST Hope, AR, 33 W 36, 33 N 40
<b>Election of George H.W. Bush</b> 8-Nov-88	<b>George W. Bush, Pres</b> Jul 6, 1946, 7:26 AM EDT New Haven, CT, 41 N 18, 72 W 55:43
<b>Inaug Jan 20, 1989, Noon EST (PP)</b> Washington, DC 38 N 53, 77 W 01	<b>Barack Obama, Pres</b> Aug 4, 1961, 7:24 PM AHST Honolulu, HI, 21N18, 157 W 52
<b>Election of William Clinton</b> Nov 3, 1992 and Nov 4, 1996 <b>Inq #1</b> Jan 20, 1993, Noon EST (PP) <b>Inq #2</b> Jan 20, 1997, Noon EST (PP) Washington, DC 38 N 53, 77 W 01	<b>Albert Gore, VP / Pres candidate</b> Mar 31, 1948, 12:53 PM EST Washington, DC, 38 N 54, 77 W 02
<b>Impeached</b> Dec 19, 1998	<b>Robert Dole, Senator / Pres candidate</b> Jul 22, 1963, 12:10 AM CST Russell, KS, 38 N 54, 98 W 52
<b>Election of George W. Bush</b> Nov 7, 2000 and Nov 4, 2004 <b>Inq #1</b> Jan 20, 2001, Noon EST (PP) <b>Inq #2</b> Jan 20, 2005, Noon EST (PP) Washington, DC 38 N 53, 77 W 01	<b>John Kerry, Senator / Pres candidate</b> Dec 11, 1943, 7:10 AM MWT Aurora, CO, 104 W 49, 39 N 43
<b>Election of Barack Obama</b> Nov 4, 2008 and Nov 6, 2012 <b>Inq #1</b> Jan 20, 2009, Noon EST (PP) <b>Inq #2</b> Jan 20, 2013, Noon EST (PP) Washington, DC 38 N 53, 77 W 01	<b>John McCain, Senator / Pres candidate</b> Aug 29, 1936, 9:00 AM EST Consolo, Panama, 9 N 23, 79 W 53
<i>(PP) = Power passed</i>	

## Kennedy & Obama Connections

<b>Kennedy: 11 of 11 connections, conj/opp</b>	<b>Obama: 6 of 11 connections, conj or opp</b>
Category: USA Aquarius or Uranus on an Angle, or Moon 22 Aqu 36	Category: Aquarius or Uranus on an Angle, Moon 22 Aqu 36
Kennedy: Ura 23 Aqu 43 conj	Obama: Asc 18 AQ 02
	Jup 00 Aqu 51 opposed USA N Node conjunct S Node
Category: USA Sun 13 Can 01	Ura 25 Leo 18, NNod 27 Leo 18 opposed USA Moon 22 Aqu 36
Kennedy: Nod 11 Cap 14 opp	
	Category: USA Merc 24 Can 20 opp Plu 27 Can 34
Category: USA Merc 24 Can 20 opp Plu 27 Cap 34	Obama: Sat 25 Cap 19, Jup 00 Aqu 51, Merc 2 Leo 19
Kennedy: MC 23 Can 46, Sat 27 Can 09, Nep 2 Leo 40	
	Category: USA Ven 2 Can 43, Jup 5 Can 51
Category: USA Ven 2 Can 43 conj Jup 5 Can 51	Obama: Ven 1 Can 47
Kennedy: Plu 3 Can 16	
	Category: USA MC 8 Gem 52, Ura 8 Gem 54
Category: USA Mars 21 Gem 09	Obama: Moon 3 Gem 21
Kennedy: Ven 16 Gem 46	
	Category: USA Nep 22 Vir 24
Category: USA Sat 14 Lib 47	Obama: Mar 22 Vir 34
Kennedy: Asc 19 Lib 59	
	Category: USA 6 Leo 35
Category: USA MC 8 Gem 52, Ura 8 Gem 52	Obama: Mer 2 Leo 19
Kennedy: Sun 7 Gem 51	
	Not a primary category, but Obama's Pluto 6 Vir 58 conj USA Asc 11 Vir 46
Category: USA Nep 22 Vir 24	
Kennedy: Moon 17 Vir 12	
Category: USA N Node 6 Leo 35	
Kennedy: Nep 2 Leo 40	
Category: USA MC in Can/Gem or opposed Cap/Sag	
Kennedy: MC 28 Can 46	
Category: USA Asc in Lib/Vir/Tau	
Kennedy: 19 Lib 59	

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# Astrological Companion

*Chapter-by-Chapter  
Technical, How-to*

## Chapter 1 Current Polarization

What was happening astrologically at the time the first edition of *Presidents of Hope and Change* was written (2009)? My definitions:

- ✓ Polarization: repetitive 45-year cycle of Saturn opposed Uranus, conformity versus change.
- ✓ In 2008 – 2010, a 21-month pattern with five exact geocentric hits. Saturn / Uranus opposition mostly in Virgo / Pisces: November 4, 2008 / 18:58 (election day),
  - February 5, 2009, 29:38 (two weeks after inauguration of Obama as President),
  - September 15, 2009, 24:43, April 26, 2010, 28:46,
  - ended in Libra / Aries July 26, 2010, 00:25 (Saturn / Uranus opposition completed).
- ✓ Oppositions can equal head-to-head combat between opposing concepts or factions.
- ✓ Saturn equals conformity, past, big rock in the middle of the road, the immovable object.
- ✓ Uranus equals change, headlines, future, the irresistible force.
- ✓ Sky maps: natal and all other astrological charts.
- ✓ Specialty maps (i.e., election, inauguration, diurnal charts).

Preliminary or previous and ongoing research:

- ✓ Election charts for 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, two presidential maps, 2008 four maps President / VP. While studying primaries and elections, saw no point to continuing as every candidate's chart was over the top with activity, and there was little clarity. I chose inauguration chart dates because only two (President and VP) were possible, versus the huge number of primary and election possibilities.
- ✓ Multiple USA charts pared down to four main ones: Gemini Virgo, Scorpio, and Sagittarius rising (I selected Virgo Rising). I eliminated July 2, 1776, which was John Adams preferred date because it just didn't work well with actual rectification even though it was only two days different. I used event charts surrounding the Declaration of Independence both before and after (list of events, dates, charts, ties).
- ✓ Charting for 43 presidents, rectified when multiple choice was available. My technique: I used the dates of first marriage (personal) and first inauguration (event), as both dates were recorded and afforded consistent research parameters.
- ✓ Charts for the unfolding country's promise and needs: natal, progressed, election, inauguration. The Constitution says inauguration day is noon of March 4 of year (odd # year) following election day the 1<sup>st</sup> week in Nov (even # year) until Congress changed it to January 20 (odd # year) for the 1937 (FDR second term) inauguration. That date controls each four-year period of the current election.
- ✓ If an interim inauguration occurs (death of current president, elevation of vice president to president), that new inaugural chart has a limited chart life to the end of the natural election / inauguration period. It can still be read and applied, but remember the natural term limit.

The then-current 2008 election: Obama / Biden wins on election day. Used natal, progressed, primary win, November win, and inauguration charts. Could also have used the date of Obama's keynote speech in 2007, announcement of candidacy. Acceptance of primary win could be a companion chart to winning the primary, so could use the actual time of the speech.

- ✓ Change (Uranus) Obama / Biden progressive ticket, won multiple seats in Congress as well.

- ✓ McCain / Palin conservative ticket equaled Saturn.
- ✓ Election day Saturn opposed Uranus first pass exact. Change won the election: Uranus.
- ✓ Inauguration day: Saturn opposed Uranus, second pass within two weeks; Uranus close to return moment.

Initial sorting effort revealed and evidenced Jefferson, Lincoln, JFK, and Obama as a group. I was very surprised by that reveal and thought I might be mistaken, so I did the work in spreadsheet format to assure accuracy.

- ✓ Individual Uranus / Aquarius example: Thomas Jefferson had Aquarius rising, Uranus in the 12<sup>th</sup>, 5° conjunct Ascendant, revolutionary, individualistic.
- ✓ Laid out thirteen positions: ten bodies, Ascendant, Midheaven, and Lunar North Node (opposition points Descendant, 4<sup>th</sup> cusp and South Lunar Node not counted separately in statistics).
- ✓ Used conjunctions and oppositions, tight aspects only, held to 5° orb unless noted. (The four angles move rapidly within only minutes of birthtime, so fudging is possible here). Also multiple natal planet conjunctions can slightly stretch the orb.
- ✓ I also made note of applying and separating aspects, with separating being the past (been there, done that) and applying as representing now to the future. If an aspect is applying, it is coming into being and valid as a catalyst.
- ✓ Opposition to points: Midheaven, Ascendant, and North Node were read only if deemed significant in application. I did not want to enlarge the possibilities to the ridiculous, so I stayed tight and practical.
- ✓ Natural Declaration of Independence groupings of Midheaven / Uranus conjunction and Venus / Jupiter conjunction reduced count to eleven positions out of the original thirteen indicators.
- ✓ Did not find any of the four choices USA Ascendant or Midheaven as a single primary indicator.
- ✓ Used statistics of 43 presidents (Cleveland held office twice / separately to equal 44 inaugurations) to determine the strongest signs for the Midheaven and Ascendant as base for those categories.

- ✓ Noted that Virgo rising showed up in presidencies, particularly Lincoln and Obama.

Main rectification spreadsheet:

- ✓ At top, four USA natal charts (Gemini, Virgo, Scorpio, and Sagittarius rising),
- ✓ Used first Inauguration of George Washington, 43 president charts, thirteen points each.
- ✓ Searched for themes or commonalities, exact degrees, eleven separate spreadsheets.
- ✓ Three themes seemed to be dominant, but there were other themes as well.
- ✓ Most dominant: Uranus / Aquarius, or with USA Moon in Aquarius showed in 37 of 43 presidents.
- ✓ The USA Mercury / Pluto opposition across the Cancer / Capricorn axis,
- ✓ and the Neptune in Virgo position were the next strongest themes.
- ✓ Those three became the basis for the book. Any other themes need to be explored in an additional study.
- ✓ The earliest birth date of a president was 1732 and the latest was 1961 for 229 years of birth times.
- ✓ The country was born July 4, 1776, to the then-current election in 2008: 232 years.
- ✓ USA Population estimate in 1775: 2,418,000 (Wikipedia).
- ✓ USA Population count July of 2009: 304,059,724 (U.S. Census Bureau).
- ✓ All those millions of births, but only 43 men rose to the level of the presidency.

I started the research by doing every comparison against each of the four main USA charts. It soon became apparent (due to sheer numbers of charts) that I had to select one USA chart. So many good astrologers have

researched, rectified, and written about each of these charts. Many astrologers were eminently qualified (far more so than I) using standard rectification methods. I saw no purpose in doing it all over or using their same methods. I would still end up with four very well-reasoned possibilities. I chose two different methods.

✓ **Method 1:** I made a spreadsheet of all the dates that influenced the founding of the USA:

- The first Continental Congress.
- The start of the war between England and the Colonies.
- The second Continental Congress and the Declaration of Independence (my choice to be determined).
- The Articles of Confederation adoption date.
- The final ratification and signing of the Articles of Confederation (see also discovery of Uranus).
- The formal surrender of the war between England and the Colonies (end of hostilities).
- Adoption of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- The official start of Congress, prior to the inauguration of a president.
- The Constitutional official inauguration of the first president (same date as start of Congress). George Washington was not present to accept his presidency. but this was the legal moment of the passing of power of the presidency.
- Six weeks later, personal inauguration of George Washington (oath of office).
- I did a spreadsheet of each using the thirteen categories previously described.
- I made duplicates of the master for each of the (reduced to) eleven categories and color coded them for connections (saved repeat aspecting).

- I checked for Solar Eclipses that might influence those dates; but at that time found nothing significant (more research suggested).
- Of the four choices, the Virgo rising Declaration of Independence chart had the most and tightest connections using Method 1.

✓ **Method 2:**

- I did a full workup on the first eight presidents and initial inaugurations (determinant).
- I also did USA Declaration of Independence natal, progressed, and diurnals of the inauguration date of those eight presidents.
- I also did natal, progressed and inauguration diurnal for each of those eight presidents.

**Chapter 2 Historical Perspective**

- ✓ Descriptions are standard definitions for the thirteen main points.
- ✓ I view the Lunar North Nodes as additional development of cross-cultural relationship skills beyond the one-on-one personal relating skills of Venus:
  - The Lunar South Node shows previously developed habits (sign and house), and therefore easy to use comfort zones.
  - The North Node is developmental, more future oriented.

### **Chapter 3 Top Ten Presidents of Hope and Change**

I added the Hoover Saturn position because his Saturn / Aquarius was key. He was the one and only President with Saturn conjunct the natal Declaration of Independence Midheaven / Uranus conjunction (Great Depression).

### **Chapter 4 Sky Maps – Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln and Kennedy plus Obama**

Traditional astrological breakdown of the four presidential charts that eventually set the pattern for the ongoing research.

### **Chapter 5 President Obama: Called to Duty**

- ✓ Used breakdown of Obama to chart cast on the Obama / Biden Team to USA sheet. Obama natal, progressed, diurnal as stand-alone and to USA natal, progressed, diurnal.
- ✓ Natal to natal, progressed to progressed, progressed to natal, and diurnal to natal (did not examine diurnal to progressed).
- ✓ Note: the diurnal for the person inaugurated and the nation's diurnal while similar, are somewhat different. Why? Because the natal base information sets the math for diurnals. Similar planetary placements, yes. Angles, intermediate cusps and planetary house positions will differ.
- ✓ Researched highlighted tightest patterns, connections, emerging new USA needs.
- ✓ Disney chart: company founder chart lives on past physical death; previous research also worked for the inaugurations.
- ✓ 1st Inauguration of G. Washington set stage for all potential presidencies (pattern master). March 4, 1789 was official power passing of the presidency (natal for power passing). Actual oral inauguration was April 30, 1789 in New York City, NY (then current base of government). President Washington had been president for six weeks. There are solid connections for both the power passing and the spoken oath inauguration charts.

## **Chapter 6 The Team of Obama and Biden**

- ✓ Used Biden natal, progressed, and inaugural diurnal to USA natal, progressed, and diurnal.
- ✓ Used synastry Biden / Obama and composite Obama / Biden to USA natal and progressed.
- ✓ Used Obama / Biden / Team to USA sheet for Biden stand alone, Biden / Obama, to Team / USA.

# **Part II: President Obama and Our Future**

## **Chapters 7-8: Current Trends and World Patterns**

- ✓ A general public level discussion of the general categories for evaluating and managing a country using standard astrological concepts and techniques, subject-by-subject.
- ✓ Astrologers usually pay attention to major transit aspects, particularly conjunctions, oppositions and squares (hard aspects are causative), and especially when applying.
- ✓ Note multiple transit triggering due to stationing, retrograde, then direct. The whole of each pattern is effective from the first connection to the final pass. You can also observe the more recently suggested shadow periods of such passage as that may extend the effect.
- ✓ The inner planets are important, but they trigger quickly and have effect for shorter periods of time (smaller orbits).
- ✓ Most Saturn stationing triggers can affect a nine-month period. (Not all, sometimes we get lucky and have only a single pass.)
- ✓ Uranus stations can affect a ten-month period.
- ✓ Neptune and Pluto can affect a single point up to about eighteen months. Why? Their longer orbits allow some of their stations to connect five times in extended periods.



## Chapter 9: The Passages of the Four Outer Planets: Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Saturn

- ✓ The general public explanation for this chapter reflects the passage of the outer planets through the signs and aspects and illustrates that the passages can have multiple effects. For this study, only conjunctions and oppositions were utilized because they are very visible, powerful activators. Being fair, it is possible to have positive circumstances with conjunctions. And it is not wise to leave out the double-duty (waxing and waning) squares. Plus, we would be without hope and encouragement if there were no trines and sextiles.
- ✓ Reminder: an outer planet in any sign reveals the focus of that planet's energy through that sign's qualities. As always, that sign is one of a pairing (axis). You cannot activate one end of the pencil without the other end wiggling (active). This is the standard sign axis pairing such as Aries (I) to Libra (we).
- ✓ The sign activation at the conjunction position is the most *visible* part of the aspect, so our descriptions tend to speak that interpretation. However, the other end of the axis is also being activated, both of the pairing. In our example, Aries / Libra is the relationship axis; such descriptive phrasing would be relational in nature. For people, this is "me" and "you". Translate that to a nation and you have "we" and "they". We just moved from the personal to the collective, through all its stages: family, clan, town, state, national, international (and that includes political parties as well).
- ✓ Also think of the outer planets Jupiter and Saturn affecting us culturally, Jupiter has a twelve-year orbit, Saturn has a 29-year orbit, each individually travelling through all twelve signs. Jupiter and Saturn are the cultural planets, so cycle-by-cycle we grow and develop through ongoing cultural stages. Once a cycle is done, it starts again on a hopefully slightly higher level of experience, similar to the spiral previously described.
- ✓ Uranus with its 84-year cycle, Neptune with its 165-year cycle and Pluto with its 248-year cycle move us beyond the general Jupiter / Saturn cultural development to a more generational development. Each is in a generally circular orbit; but the whole of our Solar System is also in a circular orbit around our galactic center, so each circle completed has also moved ahead in its galactic position. These circles are truly spiral!

- ✓ In this aspect application, stay with the overall orbit pattern. Do not restart the phase wheel with every station of the planets involved or you could make yourself crazy. This possibility can be researched more thoroughly, but definitely at a later time.
- ✓ Ever notice how life tends to repeat itself? So, as the planets flow in their natural orbits, they are actually re-covering by sign description ground previously transited, but on a spirally advancing scale. This is how we “progress”. If we don’t get it right, we get to do it again, and again, and again, hopefully while advancing the lesson. In watching our world and its actions and reactions, I wonder about that sometimes!
- ✓ Let’s use the Sun / Moon phase wheel as our teaching tool. Realize that the conjunction phase automatically includes its opposition point, two ends of the same stick, illustrating both the seeding and its reflective outcome. You can include descriptions from both the natural opposition axis positions because the conjunction and opposition energies cannot truly be separated, they are a locked-in pairing. The opposition phase wheel position is one of full illumination, objective realization. From the opposition point of view, you can fully see what was initiated at the conjunction or planting position.
- ✓ What about other aspects? We will stick to the majors for this explanation, but later take some time to see if the minor aspects are more subtly at work as well.
- ✓ Squares... waxing and waning phases. Look to your phase wheel definitions. A waxing square has to do with the issue that began at the conjunction (planting of the seed) point as it is moving towards culmination (accomplishment and revelation) at the opposition point. The waxing square is actively involved in an accomplishing direction (also known as a test). A waning square has to do with the seeding that culminated (grew as far as it could) at the opposition point and is now being disbursed and distributed through the waning phase. This is as the planet also clears the deck in anticipation of its upcoming new planting of the seed phase at the next conjunction. And the circle completes, lives on, and begins anew... at a slightly elevated spiraling position.
- ✓ Enough of the hard aspects - tell me something positive... As each planet transits each new planting of the seed cycle, it achieves a waxing and a waning trine and a waxing and a waning sextile in the evolution of its cycle and its seeded purpose. This is strictly within one planet’s own orbit. My simplified version of a trine is

“luck”, “the universe is smiling”, positive function to the growth of what was seeded. My simplified version of a sextile is you get half the “luck” and have to make up the other half with personal effort. You still win one, but you do have to work for it! Waxing is growing the seed planted. Waning is distribution and preparation for the next planting.

- ✓ Now that the generic phase wheel has been described, know this Sun / Moon phase wheel is the basis for all aspecting. Depending on our need, we can then add other planets, points, etc. to the existing base formula. The concept can be applied for natal to natal, progressions to natal, transits to natal, etc. As an example, we will start with a conjunction between any two planets. The conjunction phase (planting of seed) now includes two planets in a sign (don’t neglect the axis point). This is a combination of three descriptive phrases. These two planets go through the full phase wheel relationship, but it just takes much longer to experience the whole pattern due to the longer orbits.
- ✓ This time there is an important difference about describing the seed moment. As given above, this is a seed moment relative to both planets working on a common lesson also described by sign principles. The faster moving body will range forward similar to the Moon in the primary phase wheel and can trigger a full complement of phase wheel aspects. With slow-moving planets involved, it must develop over a longer period of time. The conjunction is the seeding. The opposition is the culmination. The waxing and waning squares are challenges to the purpose of the seeding (waxing) and dissemination of the seeding lesson revealed at culmination (waning), along with the clearing of the completed seeding to prepare for the next new conjunction seeding. The trines and sextiles are supportive, encouraging, and beneficial.
- ✓ Hopefully, you can see the effect of any seeding and that all the activations, positive or negative, have to do with an unfolding lesson plan. One circular orbit completed. On to the new level of learning (spiral).
- ✓ Any new seeding can re-cover many of the same principles (signs and aspects), just slanted to a slightly advanced learning curve (the spiral).
- ✓ Gives new meaning to the statement, “What we don’t learn, we are doomed to repeat.”

Now, re-read Chapter 9 from this broader astrological perspective. The inter-relationships are made visible.

### **Chapter 10: President Obama at the Helm**

This chapter of the original edition gives the overall conclusions and immediate astrological patterns moving forward from spring of 2009 when it was written. Although it was written for the general public, with increasing slowly-but-surely more technical instruction, I believe this chapter is self-explanatory for Astrologers. After the publishing of the book, I continued writing about our country, much of which was posted to the Presidents of Hope and Change original website (now defunct). Much (but not all) of that long-ago but ongoing material is available on this (my) website under the U.S. and political articles. There was so much research material that was never utilized that my current plan is to make that extra material available to you in the research section of my website, hopefully as an asset to other research astrologers.

It is possible that some of it will make its way into specific articles. For example, I have already written two articles on the Supreme Court, one about the formation and birth of the court. The second article covered the appointment of our most recent Justice, Amy Coney Barrett. And because I admire what many of our First Ladies have done for our country over the centuries, I would like to show my appreciation with an article about them and their gifts to our country. Their astrological information has been quite difficult to access; but their individual gifts to their country were invaluable. For example:

- ✓ In 1814, First Lady Dolly Madison saved George Washington's portrait and priceless artifacts from the burning of the capital by the British during the War of 1812. (You didn't really think the war between the colonies and the crown ended abruptly with the signed and dated termination, did you?) She also graciously promoted political bi-partisanship at the White House itself.
- ✓ First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D., worked tirelessly behind the scenes for FDR's three full and the abbreviated fourth presidential terms, both because of his tremendous and debilitating personal health problems and to intellectually help hold the country together in the lead up to and the ongoing fighting of World War II. She was my Grandmother's heroine (and mine).
- ✓ First Lady Hilary Clinton, a highly educated and accomplished lawyer in her own right, attempted to cobble together an overall health insurance program for America during her husband's

presidency. As I personally watched, she was continually attacked and vilified for her freely given efforts on her country's behalf.

- ✓ First Ladies were never paid for any of what they did for us. They deserve remembrance, applause and appreciation, not denigration.

This last chapter pulled together all the information previously given in this book on President Obama, Vice President Biden and their team efforts. Each person and the Team connected closely to our U.S. Declaration of Independence chart and the ongoing presidential inaugurals. Each filled a different role with Obama as leader of not only our nation but leader of the free world. Biden's role as Vice President was our national backup position for the presidency in case the unthinkable happened. But, as explained, our more recent vice presidents have been more fully utilized by our country from their "just in case" original position.

This is a far more positive approach than there was with the early vice presidents who I do not believe were utilized fully. Each were men of power and position who rose originally through the ranks of their individual colonies. To be relegated to a "wait and see" position must have been very frustrating; and a search of their history could probably reveal contentiousness as a result (see John Adams and Thomas Jefferson). Remember, the original voting gave the presidency to the highest vote tally and the vice presidency to the next highest vote tally. They were not necessarily from the same party. Over time, that was changed. Over more time, the knowledge and contribution of the vice presidency was enlarged, and our country mostly benefitted from their individual skills (just remember that not all of them were good guys, some were teachers).

The Obama / Biden team was both declared and built on the principle that the skills and talents of both men would be utilized to the fullest in order to advance the nation's benefit. Biden's international skills were of particular benefit. Their enlarged team included Lincoln's "team of rivals" concept as the Cabinet and advisory panels were developed. The example given earlier was Hilary Clinton, who was a primary challenger to Obama, and later was appointed Secretary of State. Over the decades, our First Ladies have given much (always for free) to our country. But this

particular appointment came with a title of Secretary of State, a high-stature political position. Hilary Clinton was a highly educated and intelligent lawyer and woman with a prestigious standing in the world community. As previously noted, she was not the first woman Secretary of State, but she had been First Lady and was now part of that “team of rivals”.

So, what do I want you to take away from this last chapter? Because we have multiple charts for an inauguration, I want to be sure that astrologers know the order and rhythm of use for this book.

- ✓ For the country, we have a natal (Declaration of Independence), and may use progression, diurnal, or other activations such as Primary Directions, Solar Returns, transits, eclipses, etc., the same as with any charting for any birth at a particular moment in time (person, place or thing).
- ✓ For the individual, we have those same choices, natal, progressed, diurnal, etc.
- ✓ For the inaugurals, we must cast groupings for each person, the country, and the event. The natal charts are always primary because they set the stage and define the activation points, such as the natal bodies and points (i.e., Midheaven, Ascendant and Lunar Nodes, and you can even add more). *The natal chart is static, not moving; it therefore represents what is being or can be acted upon.*
- ✓ If we move that natal in any way such as progression or direction, those moving positions then become activators to the natal positions. The motion provides the activation. Transits, eclipses and lunations can also be natural activators. This can be to the natal or to the progressed, but not to directed positions. Primary Directions are artificially calculated (using the changing relationship between the moving Sun and Earth positions). These newly calculated directed positions do activate the natal, adding to the information flow.
- ✓ The diurnals used in this book are personal transits as applied to the natal. Why personal? Because general transits do not have a built-in personal Midheaven or Ascendant. By using the natal birth data and changing only the date, a personal transit chart complete with cusps and houses provides broader activating information, known as the diurnal.

- ✓ All that same information can be applied to the charts of those individuals being inaugurated. Individual natal charts can be progressed or transited (personal diurnals), eclipsed and even directed. Each chart provides another piece to the puzzle we call a person, an event or a country.
- ✓ General reference has been made to progressions, and I did compile all the progressions for inaugurations. That, as well, is currently in research reference assets. Progressions reflect the growth and current status of the developing natal. The natal represents the first indrawn breath of a person, place or thing. But we do not remain a newborn infant person, place or thing. We grow, have experience, learn, and are changed day by day... that is shown in the progressing chart, developmental in nature.
- ✓ I did not utilize Primary Directions in this study, but have found them valuable over my fifty years of study (as of 2023 writing). I see them as very event oriented.
- ✓ There can be multiple diurnal charts for any inauguration. All are valuable, all are useful. The USA natal chart has its own personal diurnal for every day of its existence, a daunting task for over 246 years as I write this. I chose to examine only one day such as a specific inauguration. The diurnal is a stand-alone chart that can be read individually from the natal perspective, but also acts an activator to the natal, and possibly progression (more research needed).
- ✓ The inauguration itself can be cast as a stand-alone event natal chart, slightly different from the diurnal for the country.
- ✓ The power passing inauguration is for the two elected in our country, the elected President and Vice President. That is the legal moment according to the Constitution. The actual swearing in (ceremonial) can be a few minutes apart, with the Vice President first.
- ✓ The same process is used for each individual person: natal, transits (diurnal), and progressed.
- ✓ Diurnals provide individual perspective, and moderately changed sky maps for the same day, based on individual natal data for each diurnal. Each has value and application.

- ✓ Another interesting possibility not yet researched is Solar Returns for the years of inauguration. Just remember the birth date of our country always centers on a July 4<sup>th</sup> return (plus or minus one day), but the original inauguration date was March 4<sup>th</sup>, and the current (beginning in 1937) inauguration date is January 20<sup>th</sup>. It will take some mental gymnastics to cobble these charts together, but it could be done. My research plate is full. How about yours?
- ✓ I also have mental stirrings about a way to examine each inaugural four-year period individually. Inaugurations from the constitutional standpoint are four-year terms. In reality, not all terms last four years, such as an elevation from Vice President to President. But... even those supplemental terms end at the elected / then inaugural four-year period. This is a limited life chart but can be examined individually. What about the four individual years of a term? Could we initiate the inaugural diurnal (which would set the whole four-year stage) and still look at its individual parts (years 1, 2, 3, and 4) perhaps again using the diurnal method? Could you do the same thing to an elevated inauguration? The primary elected diurnal (power passing) should still have power overall. The Constitution sets the time for the passing of power of the elected presidency, but the elevated diurnal must also be considered and applied. Mental gymnastics, but interesting possibilities.
- ✓ Can you see how many ways a single date can be examined? This stuff is so interesting!

I hope I have successfully made the transition between an edition written for the general public and a second edition written for astrological instruction. There is so much to learn and I love this stuff. I hope my efforts have helped you.



# Obama and Trump

The original research for the book was completed in the spring of 2009 and it went to the printers in June. It presented all presidential inaugurations up through January, 2009 (Obama's 1<sup>st</sup> term). For this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, I wanted to add the inaugurations for 2013 (Obama's 2<sup>nd</sup> term), 2017 (Trump) and 2021 (Biden). **The positions and information for these recent inaugurations were not included in the original presentation or tally sheets and are being provided as additional information** as I write this update in the Spring of 2023.

2013 President Obama did win a second term, and that included Vice President Biden as well. So, for explanation purposes, the inaugural charts to examine for 2013 would include:

- ✓ The US Declaration of Independence (Virgo rising perspective) natal (July 4, 1776, 9:36 AM EST, Philadelphia, PA), with that chart's diurnal for January 20, 2013. (For the diurnal, use natal data changing only the date.) Should you wish to research the progressions, simply progress the natal to the inauguration date. I would not relocate the natal or progressions initially; I would make relocated charts a separate study. Why? Consistency is important for research. What we used for the initial study should be used for any additional comparisons. Opening a new project can add to the knowledge base.
- ✓ The same procedure would be used for President Obama's personal perspective using his personal natal birth data and diurnal for January 20, 2013 (date change only to the natal data), with personal progressions to that date if useful.
- ✓ The same procedure would be used for Vice President Biden's personal perspective using his natal birth data and diurnal for the inauguration (date change only to the natal data), with personal progression to that date if useful.
- ✓ A fourth perspective is offered by also setting the inaugural date chart itself for noon (power passing per USA Constitution), at the U.S. capital in Washington, D.C. (relocation to the current legal seat of power). This is termed an event chart. Do only as much

work as you have purpose. Just know multiple perspectives of a single event are available. You can always make notes for unexamined perspectives for later research or application.

- ✓ That gives us four viewing portals to examine for the transition of inaugural power: the country's, each individual's (personal), and the stand-alone event (natal). Same date planet positions will be closely similar with larger possible movement between the Moons. The house cusps and planet placement with the houses will be significantly different in each chart.
- ✓ If you choose to examine progressions, know that the country's natal provides the base chart (static) with the thirteen main points that may be activated. All moving positions past that point in time would act as activators or activations to the base chart. Progressions give you the perspective of the growing, changing nation. An infant person, place or thing portrayed at birth (natal) has grown and been changed by experience. Think of it as a new layer of makeup (progression) over the same old face (natal). I researched many of the inaugural progressions, but did not include them in Edition 1 because it would have been completely beyond the understanding of that edition's non-astrological audience. So I saved that viewing portal for another study (still on my to do list).

Each succeeding inaugural would follow the same procedure. Election occurs in an even-numbered year, every four years, with inauguration in the following odd-numbered year. The inaugural date was originally March 4<sup>th</sup> until Congress changed that date to January 20<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 1937 (FDR #2) inauguration. Know also that our Founding and Framing Fathers, some of whom were Freemasons, initially chose a grand trine of calendar date energy comprised of independence (July 4), voting (1<sup>st</sup> week in November) and inauguration (March 4). By changing the inauguration date, we lost the intended "blessings" of that grand trine just prior to World War II. That revised inaugural date of January 20<sup>th</sup> continues today.



Since the original edition of this book in 2009, I have written several articles relative to this ongoing USA Inaugural process. In an effort to *not* make this edition longer than necessary but still give the reader access to my continuing research, I will be referring you to those articles to expand your knowledge base on this subject, rather than repeating them here. See Website article: "*The Autopsy of an Election (2012)*" <http://www.marilynmuir.net/articles-old/the-autopsy-of-an-election/>

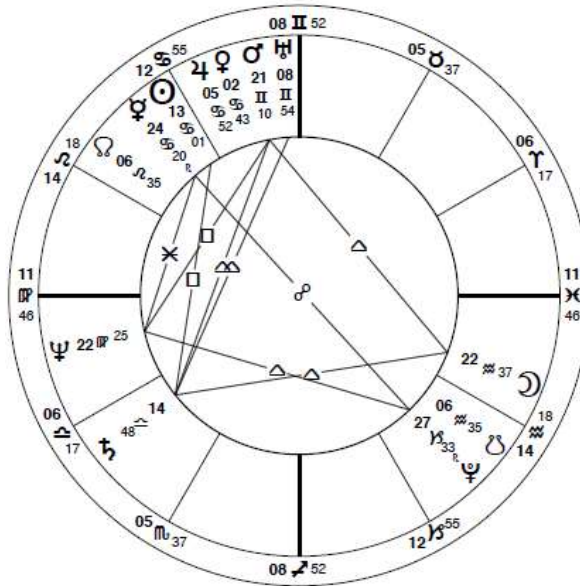
2017 Donald J. Trump was elected President in November, 2016, and inaugurated January 20, 2017, as was Vice President Michael Pence. The power passed at noon regardless of when any verbal oath was given. If verbal oath time is available, you can set both additionally as part of your learning curve.

- ✓ My choice of USA natal chart is still the Declaration of Independence as given above,
- ✓ along with the country's legal diurnal for inauguration day: currently January 20, 2017,
- ✓ the President and Vice President's personal natal and diurnal charts for inauguration,
- ✓ the event chart itself (a relocation chart),
- ✓ and current progressions to natal for each, if you choose.
- ✓ The presidential power currently passes at Noon on January 20<sup>th</sup> according to the amended Constitution, so that, to me, is my time choice.
- ✓ Remember that George Washington did not know he was President right away. Communication and transportation were difficult in 1789. Therefore, his verbal oath was given six weeks later on April 30, 1789. Both of Washington's oath charts (power passing and verbal) work astrologically. That research material was presented early in the first edition.
- ✓ Aside: Believe it or not, George Washington's verbal oath was the chart that woke me up in the middle of the night while I was kneeling in front of a bookcase, in the dark. I mentioned this early in Edition 1.
- ✓ Pertinent charts would be USA Declaration of Independence (Virgo rising) and diurnal for January 20, 2017, nats and diurnals for both the incoming president (Trump) and vice president (Pence), and progressions if useable to you. *Note:* Pence's data is not reliable.
- ✓ Natal: Donald Trump was born June 14, 1946, 10:54 AM EDT, Jamaica, New York, Rodden AA. His presidential inauguration was January 20, 2017.

- ✓ Natal: Michael Pence was born June 7, 1959, 9:30 AM CDT, Columbus, Indiana, Rodden X (not reliable). His vice-presidential inauguration was Jan 20, 2017.

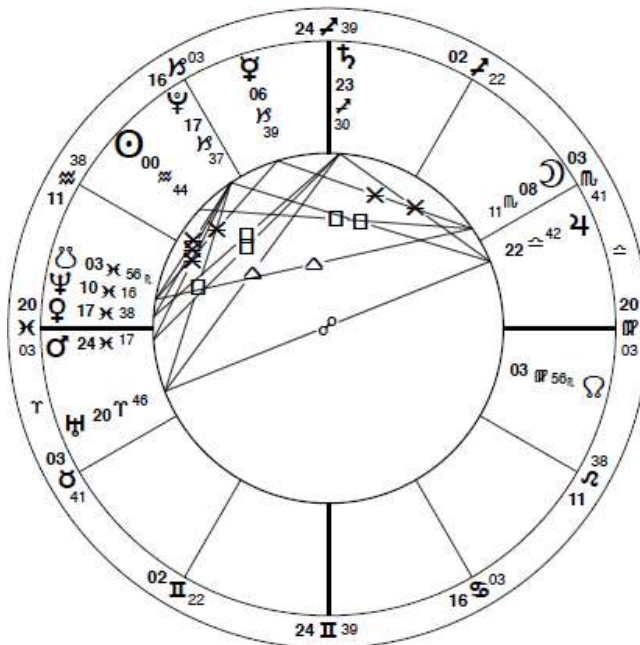
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Tropical Placidus True Node



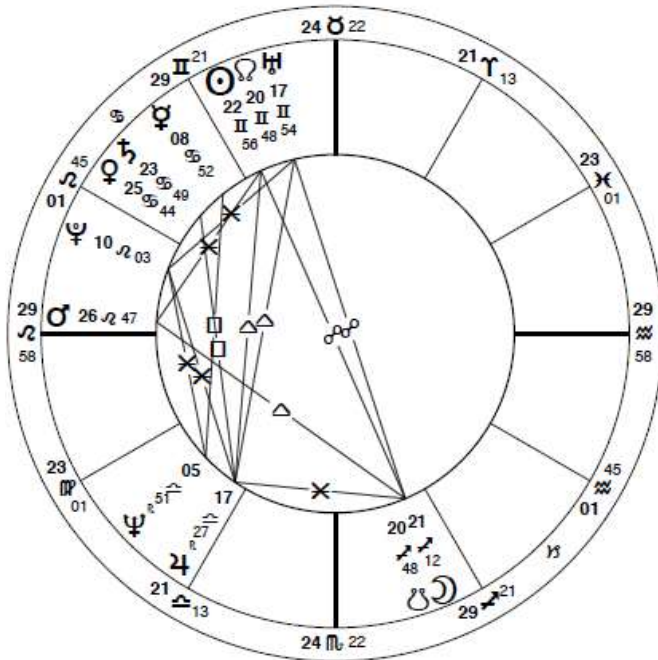
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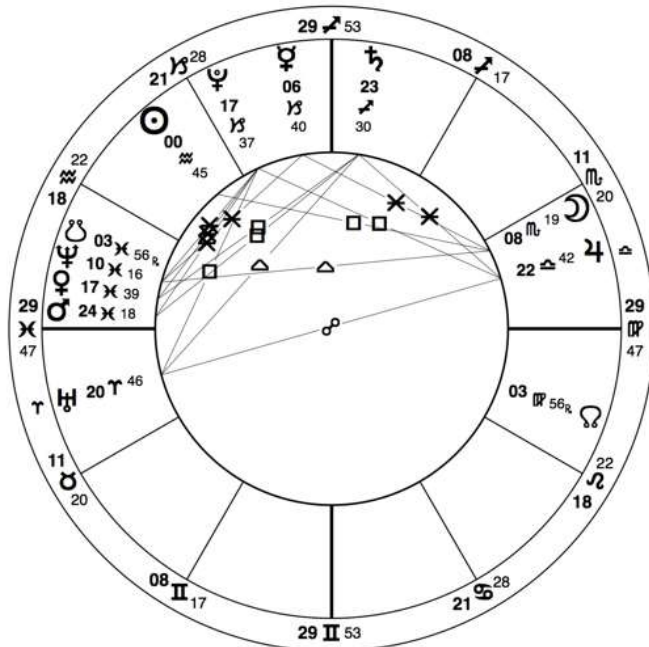
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Natal Chart  
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10:54:00 AM EDT  
Jamaica, New York  
Tropical Placidus True Node



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Natal Chart  
Friday, January 20, 2017  
10:54:00 AM EDT  
Jamaica, New York  
Tropical Placidus True Node



Start with the 2017 US Virgo Rising diurnal. All ten bodies are contained within the Jupiter / Uranus opposition, which is T-square with Pluto. Saturn conjunct the Midheaven is square Mars on the Ascendant / Descendant axis. It is important in this chart to note that the country's Mars / Neptune natal square was also being triggered by that Mars / Saturn / Midheaven aspect. The country's natal Mercury / Pluto opposition was also being squared by the transiting Jupiter / Uranus pattern, another T-square. In November, 2016 (election) the country was apparently looking for a teacher of hard lessons. In January, that teacher was inaugurated and assumed the presidential chair.

How did the inaugural pattern reflect in Trump's personal diurnal? Look at the similar layout of the charts. Why? The USA's 1776 chart time is 9:36 AM LMT. Trump's chart time is 10:54 AM EDT, quite close to one another for time of day. That can provide an element of similarity or resonance. What would be a reading metaphor for similar layouts? A strong sense of recognition or identification may be indicated at this fairly close timing, evidenced currently by the president's support by the right wing of national politics. As I write this in spring of 2023, we have had a lot of hard lessons since that inauguration, but that tight resonance endures.

The Pence birth data was in serious question (Rodden X) and was not reliable, so I did not pursue that avenue. As an instructional note, you can use suspicious charts, but just maintain your suspicion that the chart might be in error. Having made a mental accuracy warning, you can then proceed to examine. The usual generic charts would be sunrise (common) and noonmark (business). Generic charts are good for everyone born that day, everywhere in the world. Generic! The advantage to the noonmark chart is that it evenly splits the day into two twelve-hour, reasonably equal time segments. Sunrise and sunset equality of division depends on the time of year and latitude of birth, and perhaps are not easily equalized. Noonmark makes for easier math, also known as planet corrections and aspecting. Time unknown (generic) charts do not provide reliable Moon position, angles or cusps.

*Website article: "US Presidential Diurnal Inauguration Patterns – A Study"*

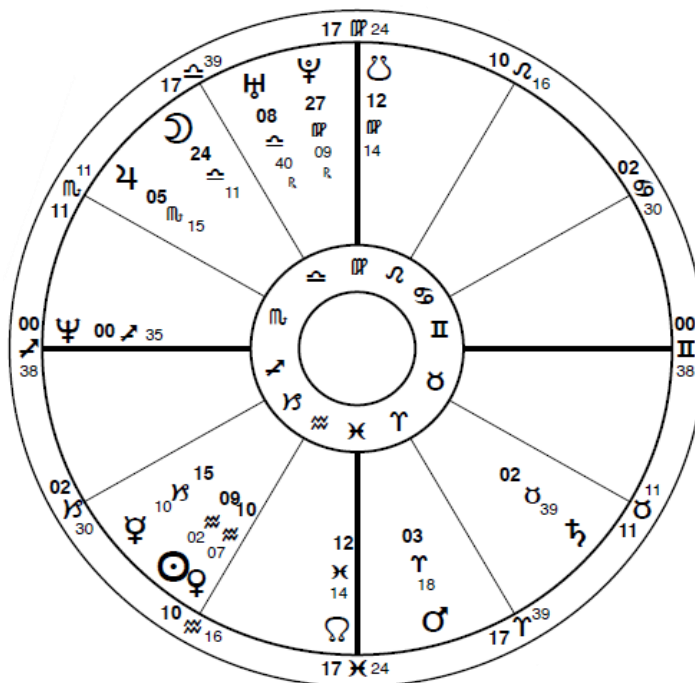
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*Note:* This article extends the use of the primary inauguration chart illustrating the concept of the diurnals for the following three years of any term, should you choose to dig deeper. This was followed by a first glimpse and speculative examination of the 2021 inauguration and its continuing three-more-year pattern (2022-25).

Sidenote to this 2016 election I mentioned in this book that I had researched who would win some prior elections, and even appeared on television with my predictions. Any election day looks like an absolute zoo of activity as everyone's chart is abuzz with the political effort. Rather than run multiple charts for so many wanna-bes and make myself crazy, I set inaugural charts for the primary candidates only. Why? Because on inauguration day, only two charts should show inaugural activity, the elected President and Vice President. For example:

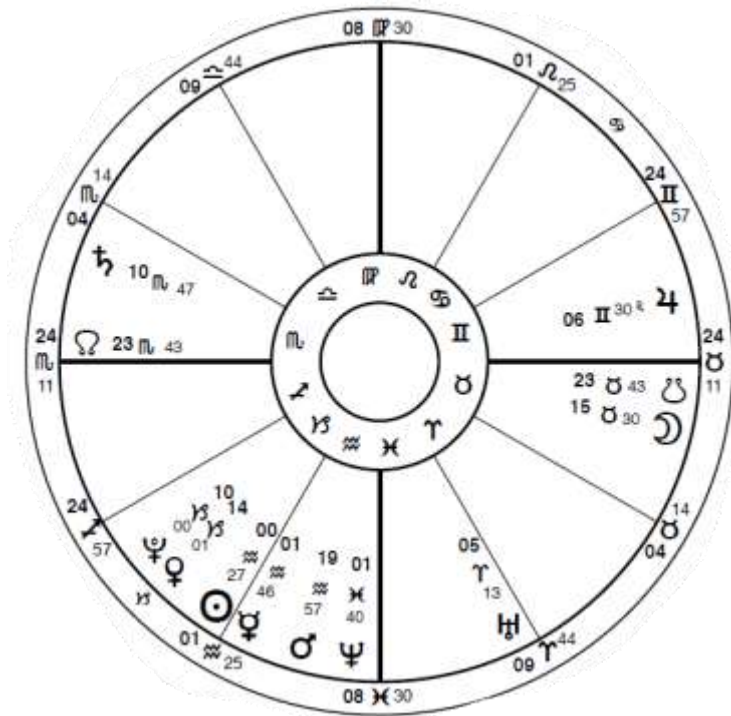
In the Obama Inauguration (Ing) #2 (2013), Congressman Paul Ryan was the Republican candidate for the Presidency and Mitt Romney was the Vice Presidential candidate. When I set Ryan's inaugural diurnal, I could see that his swearing-in / oath had already occurred... What??? When?... At the beginning of January. Why? I found out through research that Ryan had hedged his bet. He had simultaneously run for both his congressional seat and the presidency. The swearing-in for Congress is the 3rd of January after the election. I concluded that Ryan *would* be sworn in, but to Congress; therefore, he could not be part of the presidential inaugural picture on the 20<sup>th</sup>. He lost his presidential bid but preserved his congressional status. Ergo... Obama and VP partner Biden had a clear field for the inaugural.

**Paul Davis Ryan, Natal, 01/29/1970, 2:37 AM CST, Janesville, WI**

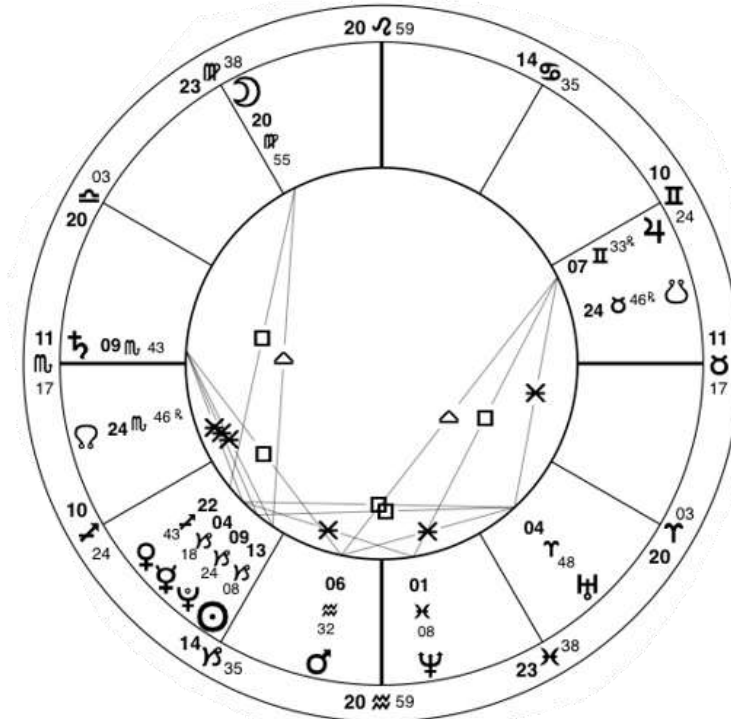




Ryan diurnal 01/20/2013, 2:37 AM CST,  
Janesville, WI, Presidential Inauguration



Ryan diurnal 01/03/2013, 2:37 AM CST,  
Janesville, WI, Congressional Oath





How did I do this? Paul Ryan was born January 29, 1970, 2:37 AM CST in Janesville, WI, Rodden AA (reliable). The first diurnal inaugural I cast was for President (January 20). That diurnal chart did not look like an inauguration to me - nothing on the angles, so I was startled. I realized that the moving Ascendant would have been conjunct diurnal Saturn about fourteen degrees earlier. For the combined Ascendant / Saturn motions, that was a couple of weeks earlier. It looked like the first week in January, and I realized it was the time of the congressional swearing-in scheduled for January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I set that diurnal chart: Bingo! The Diurnal Ascendant was slightly past the conjunction to Saturn. That hit is within a day of accuracy. Does it for me! This diurnal Ascendant / Saturn is tightly square Ryan's natal Sun / Venus conjunction and widely conjunct his natal Jupiter. The activations to Ryan's January 3<sup>rd</sup> diurnal win over January 20<sup>th</sup>. To me, this also proves Ryan's natal chart is reasonably accurate. FYI, Ryan's running mate was Mitt Romney, born March 12, 1947, 9:51 AM EST, Detroit, MI, Rodden A. Under the realization of Ryan not being sworn in for President, I apparently did not set Romney's charts.

Another example: I had a problem calling the Bush v Gore inauguration. They were both possible winners, the charts were so tight. I tried to find an edge and concluded Bush had a tiny sliver of an edge, so therefore he was probably the winner. Not my strongest prediction, but that's what I got. As we know, Bush did win that presidency. Notice I did not say election. Our Supreme Court is not supposed to be involved in the election process because their authority cannot be questioned, and that makes them ripe for monkey works. But the Supreme Court *did* get involved, using a Florida tie-breaker in a state governed at that time by George Bush's brother, Jeb. Questionable to say the least; the Founding Fathers were probably whirling in their graves! That was the "hanging chad" election controversy. I lived in South Florida and saw it all up close and personal. With all that I saw, I did not think "the people" elected this President as the Founding Fathers intended. Instead, I thought the Supreme Court "selected" that President. I went on a search for my old research, but could not locate the file. I am such a packrat research-wise, it is probably hiding from me! Here's what I do have:

- ✓ The current GW Bush data is Rodden AA, but now gives a slightly different birthplace (by a few miles) from my original AFA-sourced chart. I cannot locate my old files and don't recall the details but FYI:
  - George W. Bush born July 6, 1946, 7:26 AM EDT, New Haven, CT, Rodden AA.
  - Albert Gore born March 31, 1948, 12:53 PM EST, Washington, DC, Rodden AA.

2016/2017 Now, fast forward to the Hillary Clinton versus Donald J. Trump 2016 election and 2017 inauguration. There was rampant confusion with both Hillary's birthtime and Trump's birthtime: early in the day or late in the day??? Difficult to trust, but I examined all the possibilities. What I generated were diurnals that read that both of them won the election. What? Not realizing that it was remotely possible, I stayed confused, no matter how many times I reset or revisited the research. Turns out "both won" was a right conclusion. Hillary won the popular vote and Trump won the electoral vote.

At that time, I did not realize that the electoral vote would *not necessarily* concur with the popular vote. There is a *really big reason* why there was and is so much controversy. It was possible. It did happen! By this time, the Founding Fathers must again have been whirling dervishes in their graves. Now can you see the importance to the electoral college vote controversy? Originally set to resolve representation differences between the heavily- and lightly-populated states, the electoral vote has descended into a war zone. The candidates *current* birth data according to Rodden (Astrodientist) is:

- ✓ President Donald J. Trump born June 14, 1948, 10:54 AM EDT, Jamaica (Queens), NY, Rodden AA.
- ✓ Hillary Clinton born October 26, 1947, 6:45 PM CST, Chicago, IL, Rodden AA.
- ✓ Trump's running mate: VP Mike Pence born June 7, 1959, no time, Columbus, IN, Rodden X.
- ✓ Hillary's running mate: Tim Kaine February 26, 1958, 7:59. AM CST, St. Paul. MN, Rodden AA.

Between the 2017 and 2021 inaugurations, I published an article about the pending political charts. Rather than repeating that material, I'll refer you to the article on my website: "*The Next Four Years*" <http://www.marilynmuir.net/research/the-next-four-years/>

2020/2021 Now fast forward to the Biden versus Trump election. The popular vote was won by Biden by a large margin. The electoral vote could not overturn that popular vote. But... we are all still living through the debacle that was that national episode. Biden has been sitting in the president's chair for two years. But Trump and followers mounted a campaign to overturn the election results, claiming cheating, so far legally unproven depending upon your news sources and belief system (both perspective shapers). Multiple court challenges have been dismissed. This

drama is still wending its way through our courts as I write; and the drama goes on and on, still unresolved. I am going to show you the chart workups and suggest you look at the diurnals for the visible answer as to who was supposed to sit in the President's chair, regardless of political preference or news sources. We are all human and have personal opinions, but astrologers try to stick to the facts when researching. The Trump / Pence information was given previously.

And while I have your attention, know that these Constitutional (not personal) dilemmas need to be resolved:

- ✓ Gerrymandering of voting needs to be resolved.
- ✓ Elements or influence from outside the Constitution need to be resolved.
- ✓ Non-Constitutional actions need to be resolved, in order to form that more perfect union described in the Constitution itself.

Our Founding Fathers gave us the best form for a people-representative government that they could devise in the late 1700's. Could you or anyone you know have pulled off that amazing feat? Can their best possibility be improved upon? Have we learned anything in the last 246 years that might help? Personally, I think we can be "the shining city on the hill", a beacon to the rest of the world that a government based on individual freedom and liberty is workable. I want us to be that shining city on the hill that President Reagan described with freedom, liberty and rights for all, equitably distributed. Surely we have enough collective brains not to destroy what we already have just because we cannot agree with one another. We need to figure out the way forward, fix what's wrong, and share in the freedom our Constitution offers to all of us. I have children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even one great-great-grandchild. I want that freedom for them and for us all. And so, I research and study, and try to learn. Besides, do you really believe that the political warmongers in the world would leave us alone while we fight it out internally? United we stand, divided we fall. And the warmongers would be quite willing to take advantage of our stupidity!

The 2021 inauguration of President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris (yes, a woman) on January 20<sup>th</sup> was almost an aftermath incident because of the January 6<sup>th</sup> uprising in the halls of Congress just as the official electoral vote counting commenced. I saw the attack (yes,

that's what it was) live. I cannot unsee it. Those were not the usual daily Capital tourists. American citizens broke into and ransacked our nation's capital while my friend, Gini, and I watched, as our intended lunch got cold. We were horrified, but captured by the violence and unable to look away.

Once order was restored and the aggressive crowd removed, the electoral vote count resumed. The offices of the President and Vice President went to Biden and Harris by virtue of that vote. The rival candidates protested and contested; but Biden and Harris were sworn in and remain in their seats as I write this. Hopefully we are close to resolution of this conflict through our court procedures, but the melee will not be easily forgotten. We as a nation were sent to school. Did we learn anything? Or do we get to repeat what we did not learn? The Universe has all the time it needs to teach us what we need to learn. Repetition is painful!

*Aside:* Can you imagine how difficult it must have been for Vice President Pence to be the one to announce that his personal team lost the 2020 election? He was announcing his own retirement from his office. Difficult! But to his credit, he did just that.

2021 Looking at it astrologically, using the same procedures as the prior inaugurations, the power of the presidency and vice presidency passed at noon *constitutionally* on January 20, 2021. There is no Constitutional electoral do-over to kick one team out and insert another team. The power passed when the power passed, according to the amended Constitution. Biden and Harris assumed their offices at that legal moment in time. Harris would automatically be elevated to the presidency if anything happened to Biden and he was unable to complete his duties, as always. There would be a new oath given and we would want to examine it astrologically as well. The duration of Harris's elevation would be until noon, January 20, 2025, when a new inauguration would indicate who assumes the chair of the President based on the results of the election in November of 2024.

As I mentioned, I have already-published articles on my website for this 2020-21 election / inauguration event. Rather than repeat all that, I refer you to the two articles:

- ✓ "*Biden/Harris Win 2020 U.S. Presidential Election*"  
<http://www.marilynmuir.net/research/biden-harris-win-2020-u-s-presidential-election/>

✓ “The 2021 U.S. Inauguration, Parts 1 and 2”

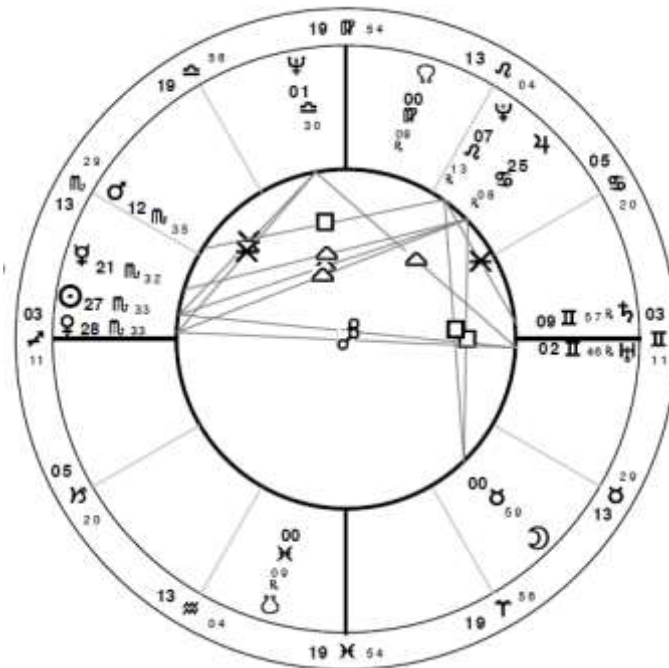
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Pay particular attention to the Harris information, as her chart and diurnal revealed another important piece to this political puzzle, one that gave me goosebumps! Look specifically at her chart compared to the US natal.

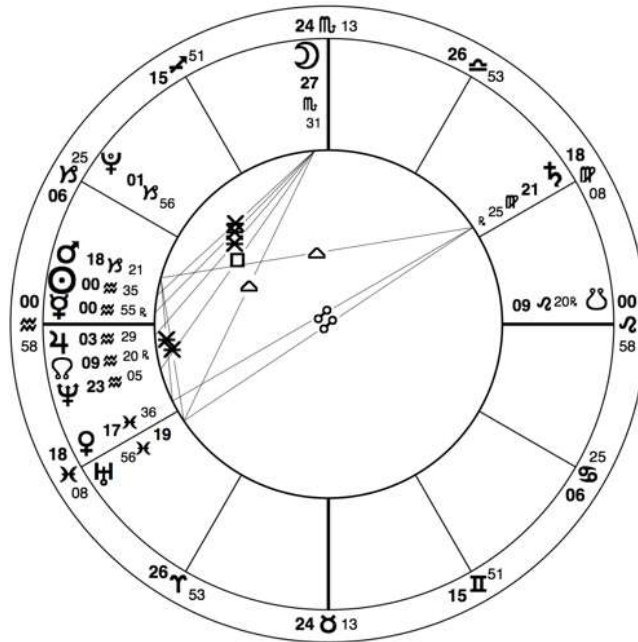
Because I can, I want to do something different here. Biden has been inaugurated three times, twice as Vice President and once as President. He was not on the electoral ticket in 2017, but I cast that personal diurnal chart as well just to compare and to note any differences. We have already covered the 2009 material extensively, so I will not repeat it here. I am reprinting the 2009 diurnal to facilitate viewing Biden’s four personal (diurnals) perspectives as a complete package. Remember, 2009 and 2013 reflect his inauguration as Vice President, and 2021 was his inauguration as President. For 2017, Biden was not even on the presidential office ticket. There is a striking difference between his three wins and his one “not even on the ticket”. I need this to be visual for the reader, so I am using Biden’s personal diurnals to illustrate. This was previously written in my “US Presidential Diurnal Inauguration Patterns” <http://www.marilynmuir.net/articles/us-presidential-diurnal-inauguration-patterns/>

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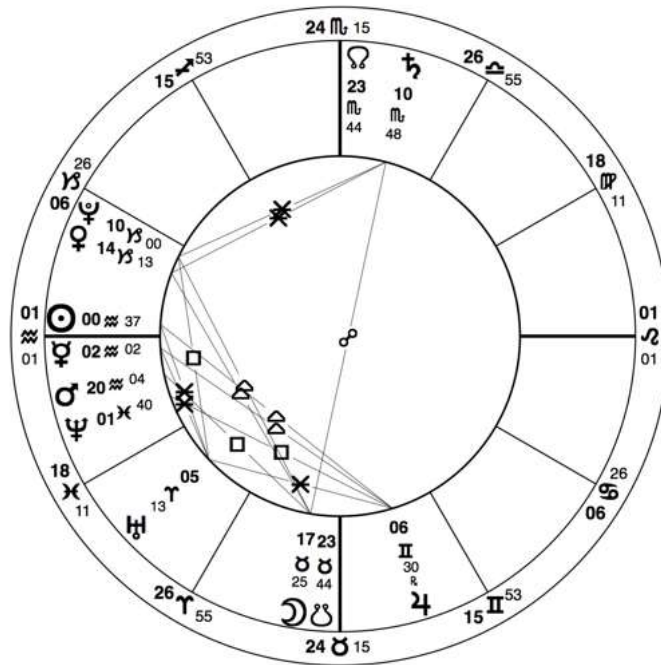
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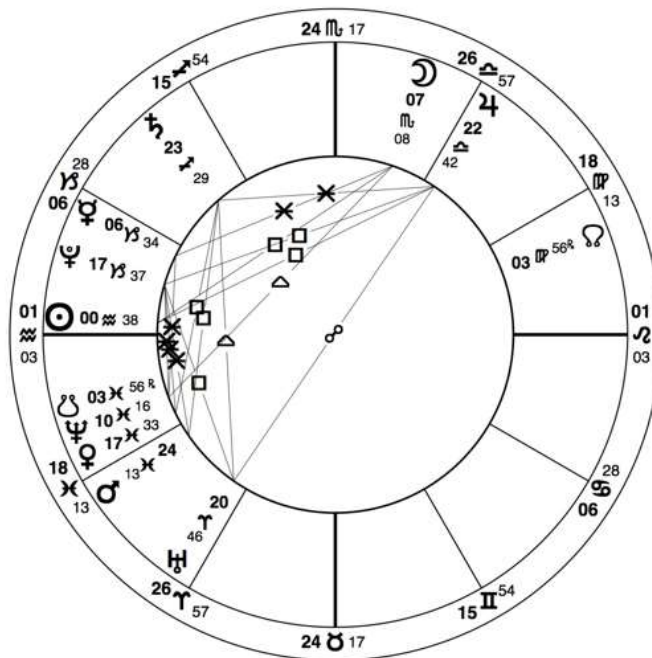
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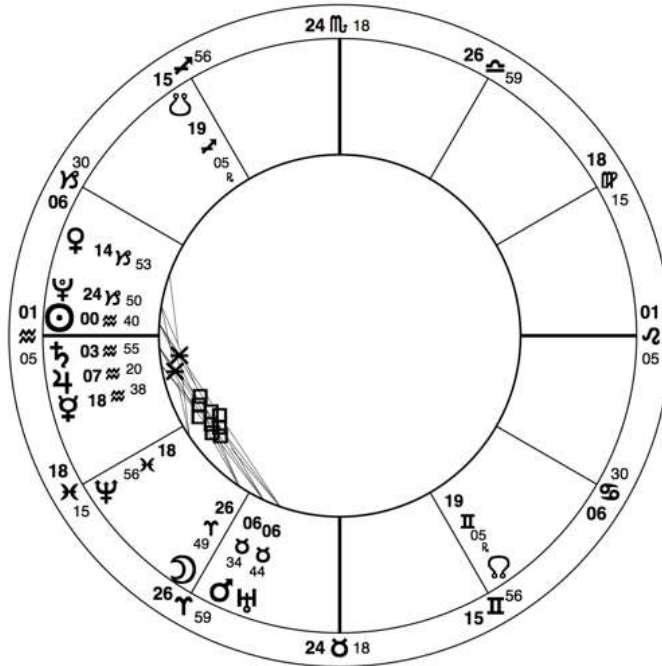
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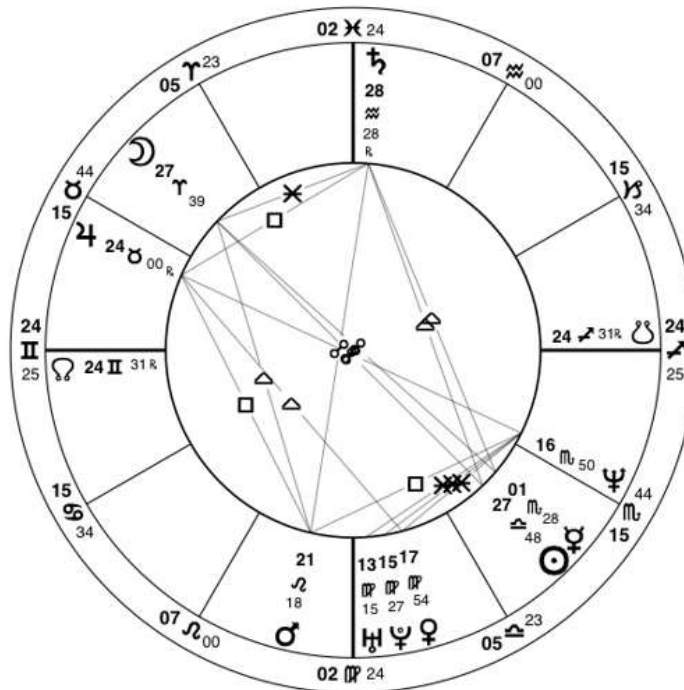
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### Kamala Devi Harris

Natal Chart  
Tuesday, October 20, 1964  
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Oakland, California  
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First look at the 2009 Biden inauguration diurnal. Look at the clustering around the Ascendant angle: five bodies (and the Node) within 35 degrees. I don't think his day gets better than that!

V.P. Biden was also re-inaugurated as VP in 2013. Look at the USA D of I Virgo rising diurnal for 2013. Because both diurnals (US and Biden) are cast for the same day, the bodies will remain very close. As mentioned previously, the cusps and house layout are a different story. Why? One chart is the overall perspective of the country as a distinct entity. The other is the personal perspective of a participant. There are six planets in the upper left quadrant of the USA diurnal, within 52 degrees (cluster), and they shift to the Ascendant angle for Biden's personal perspective. It is that moment in time as it specifically affects Joseph Biden. Repeating, **diurnal angular planets can be extremely powerful.**

In 2017, that clustering in Capricorn to Pisces repeats itself but in not as tight a grouping (78 degrees, more widespread and not focusing on Biden's Ascendant). Because diurnals repeat the overall house cusps year-to-year (based on the natal starting point), Biden's diurnal Sun will always be on the Ascendant every January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sun did not receive support from that cluster. The possibility of inauguration was much weaker so he was not even on the ticket!

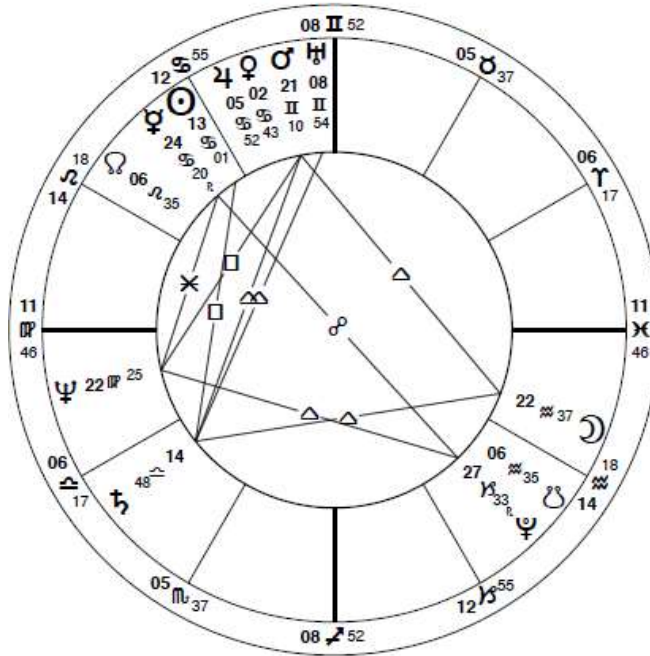
In 2021, the clustering of planets was tremendous. All ten bodies are contained within 112 degrees, less than a trine, particularly strong in Aquarius. Look at his diurnal Ascendant (angular) with four planets in Aquarius, looking very much like VP inaugurations 1 and 2. Glance at the charts in sequential order and notice that the weak spot is the 2017 inauguration... not even on the ticket.

## Reader Speculation

Deb suggested for the 2025 and 2029 inaugurations, that I provide you with the data for those US country diurnals to allow our readers to study and teach themselves the technique. This is how you learn; *you* do the work! We do not yet know who all the candidates will be. We do know that President Biden and ex-President Trump have entered the race formally and that others have thrown their hats in that ring. Too many possibilities, too soon. This chart work takes a lot of time and effort, so I will wait for the sifting-out process. You need time to learn and apply so choose the best use of *your* time and effort.

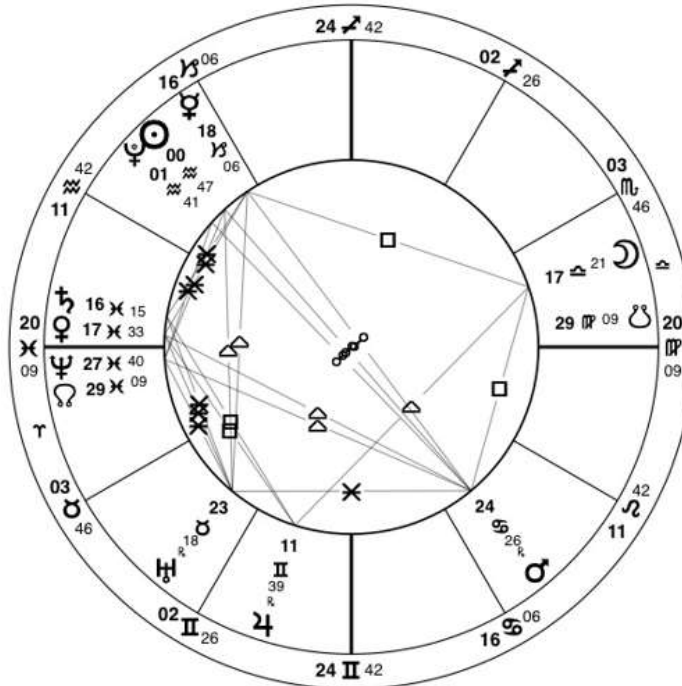
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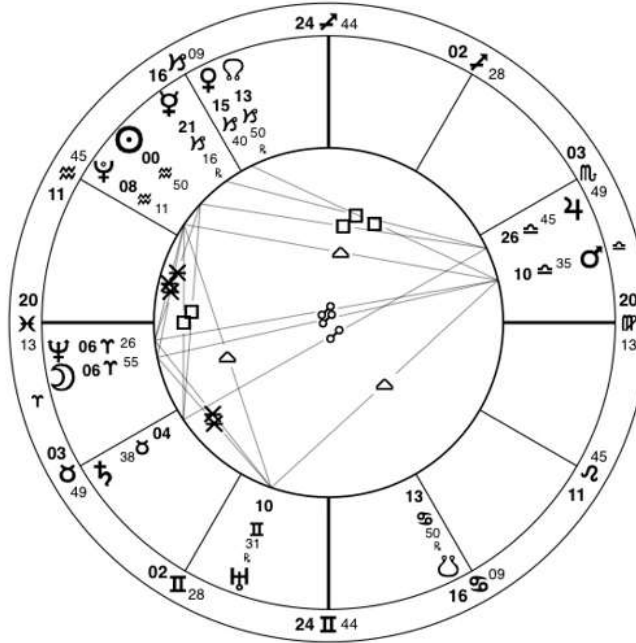
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### Diu ing 2029 USA Virgo Ris

Natal Chart  
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## Balance of Election / Inaugural Website Articles

Because I had written a two-part article on the 2008 election after Edition 1 was published, I wanted to have this Edition complete to date with all the work I had put in print. Here are those articles that pre-date the information for this second edition:

- ✓ “USA 2008 Election, Part 1 – The Country”  
<http://www.marilynmuir.net/articles/usa-2008-election-part-1-the-countrys-call-for-a-leader/>
- ✓ “USA 2008 Election, Part 2 – The Winning Presidential Team”  
<http://www.marilynmuir.net/articles/usa-2008-election-part-2-the-winning-presidential-team/>

And the Astrodienst link is: <https://www.astro.com/>



# Further Discussion

Astrology is a study of cycles, similar to the stock market, migration or agricultural cycles. When you study cycles, since they are repetitive, you can study the past to try to get a grasp on the present and the future. Since life is continually evolving, those cycles are not exact repeats but are close enough for comparison. I might remember a pattern from 1955 that has come back to haunt me now. I will study what was occurring in 1955 for clues to the current experience. Currently it might involve the same people, the same circumstance, but be quite different because this is not 1955. While there is an essence of sameness, life has moved on and things are different. Therefore, my experience will be similar, yet different. For example, a marriage in 1955 might be up for review at this moment, same people, same concept, but time and experience have changed the dynamic.

When you study cycles such as astrology, it is also useful to know that there are cycles within cycles. I might be having a personal experience in the middle of my family's experience, within my extended family's experience, within my community experience, within... you get the picture. We are not islands, so some of our experiences overlap or are modified by the experience of others just as we modify their experience. As we become a one-world community, these circles will eventually enlarge to incorporate all of humanity. How do we repeat (sameness) but allow for difference? We allow the circles within circles to move hopefully forward so that the circles become spirals of sameness with motion. Perhaps our 1955 experience was health-related. We could be facing similar issues, but the field of medicine has advanced tremendously, we have aged and experienced, perhaps our immune system or our ability to recover has changed, so our reactions to the health issue and treatment will not quite be exactly the same. The theme repeats, but the experience itself is different.

***Transits*** Some cycles are short term (such as the lunar monthly cycle), then they gradually lengthen as we look at our other solar system cycles. The Moon zips through the zodiac 12.5 times per year, Mercury zips around the Sun three plus times a year, Venus in close to a year, Earth's orbit around the Sun takes a full year, Mars two years, Jupiter twelve years, and the lengthening orbits of the outer planets cover as much as 248 years for Pluto. The usual, short-term cycles seem to have more to do with daily living and those experiences that develop rapidly and frequently. I suggest the analogy of the postman knocking at the door to bring you a

new experience. It is the outer planets with their longer orbits that knock at your door infrequently that deserve our attention. Normally that is Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto for traditional activations. There is always more in terms of comets, asteroids, and the new dwarf planet status conferred upon large objects at the far edges of our solar system, beyond the scope of this presentation.

***Other Activations*** Be aware that transits are only one measure. Others are equally valid, but again, in order to keep this understandable by non-astrologers, only brief mention has been made of these other measures, particularly progressions. *Note: This article, written circa-2009, was originally intended for non-astrologers so it began as a simplified approach, non-technical. As the article developed, I apparently forgot it was for the lay-person and launched into full astrological descriptions. For this update for Astrologers, please bear with me as I make the transition within this presentation.*

Since this is a study of cycles, it should not be a surprise that timing is a key ingredient to astrology. It is always fun for an astrologer to pull a rabbit out of a hat and tell someone about an activation they experienced when they could not possibly have first-hand knowledge. When I was first learning astrology, I was a waitress. A curious regular customer asked me to tell him something about himself. This grown man ran right out of the restaurant when I told him he nearly died at age 14, was hospitalized and it was blood and sugar related. As a budding Astrologer, I didn't have specific knowledge of what that meant. Unbeknownst to me, at that age he had gone into a diabetic coma. He did eventually come back to my restaurant, but I had really startled him. Timing is reliable in an accurately-cast chart, but interpretation always depends upon the skill of the astrologer. Certain patterns have occurred in the past, have been studied and that information passed down through generations of astrologers. When the numbers coincide, interpretation is possible. At that moment interpretive skill must carry the day.

What we are going to do now is to look at the outer planet cycles to determine what is active today for the world in general and specifically for the USA. Knowing where the outer planets are transiting will tell us the general worldwide information. Think of an existing energy pattern in the sky with our whole world turning within that existing energy. We will then look for specific connections by the numbers to the USA positions to give us the timing for our country. The application of known energy patterns as passed down through the ages will allow us to be more specific as to what the activations mean for our country, and when we can expect initiation and conclusion of an experience, with the process of unfoldment in the middle. Each activation has initiation and conclusion, with process in between.

Pluto Let us start with the outermost planet with the longest cycle. I see the evolution of humanity as a whole as one of the key ingredients to this largest cycle. What happens to all of us as a collective trickles down to the individual, whether the entity is a person, a corporation or a country. The solar system planet with the longest cycle is Pluto, recently relegated to dwarf planet status by a small group (5%) of astronomers who made their colleagues (95%) hopping mad at their arbitrary decision. I'm not sure if this is because it is a planet, a dwarf planet or some other anomaly, or as one astronomical theory suggests, an escaped Moon of Neptune. I have used Pluto as a planet for over 35 years and it works for me in that capacity, so I still read it as a planet. It is still an issue. It is not broken for me; therefore, I am not fixing it!

Pluto's travel through the zodiac is different from the other planets. As mentioned, it takes approximately 248 years to complete one revolution. It would be easy to divide 248 by twelve to get a thirty-degree average; but that is not how reality works with Pluto. Pluto's orbit is quite different, a much more pronounced ellipse (more oval than round in shape). The orbital travel is tilted dramatically (seventeen degrees) and the orbit swings wildly from super close (comparatively) to our Sun, to super far out. The travel through a sign ranges from twelve years when it is quite close to the inner reaches of the solar system to thirty years when it is very distant, interpretively implying that all lessons Pluto has to teach are not equal.

Right now, Pluto is moving through Capricorn, which initiated on January 26, 2008, backed out briefly (retrograde), but moved in solidly for a sixteen-year stay on November 27, 2008, just after our last election. The lesson changed from the freewheeling bubble of excitement of fourteen years of Pluto's travel through Sagittarius to the no-nonsense, business-like, life to be structured, disciplined and responsible of Capricorn. President Obama arrived just in time for the end of the party and the beginning of the clean up! Pluto's travel through Capricorn just began and we have a sixteen-year travel plan, so we are barely getting our toes wet for this lesson, plus we are still working on the previous lessons that Pluto uncovered prior to its commencing with our Capricorn lesson. It would be so easy if we could make a list, check it twice and that is what will be on our dinner plate, but it just does not work that simply. As Pluto travels through Capricorn and reveals those lessons, it also touches significant points in the natal charts of people, corporations and countries bringing a personal effect to each of those charts.

Think of Pluto as huge underground activity representing our collective unconscious, those areas of human experience that have been hidden from conscious view but have been affecting our experience in an unconscious way. In 1930, Pluto was discovered (not invented, it had been out there the whole time). In 1930 that which had been invisible and therefore unconscious, surfaced and became visible - therefore it became conscious. In Presidents of Hope and Change, I used psychology as an example and outlined the development of psychological practices from the years of Sigmund Freud forward to this time. I don't wish to repeat myself altogether, but it would help here for us to know the more rapid development of psychological issues from the point where Pluto went from invisible to visible, from unconscious to conscious which occurred on a specific date, March 1, 1930, at 17.5 Cancer.

If we understand the nature of the people of a certain period psychologically, we can understand the issues and matters that were being stirred into consciousness at that time. We were not at the beginning of a Cancer lesson, we were in the middle of a Cancer lesson. This was the downward spiral of the depression from the 1929 stock market failure with the real bottom being reached in 1932. It was a desperate time for America and her citizens. My own father had to quit high school to help support his family and worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps (the CCC), one of Franklin Roosevelt's stimulant programs. Starting with Pluto entering Cancer, the psychology that unfolded was as follows.

"When Sigmund Freud first presented his concept of the human psyche, Pluto was in the sign of Taurus."

- ✓ Skip many years forward to Pluto moving into Cancer. That turned attention to the importance of "the family, clan, nurturing, family background and issues" and also emphasized "my country right or wrong" also known as clannishness".
- ✓ Pluto in Cancer was divided into two periods: Pluto in the early part of Cancer prior to its discovery, invisible and unconscious, and Pluto in the last half of Cancer, now visible and conscious. We began to fully see what Cancer issues had been hidden from view in our subconscious.
- ✓ In Leo, Pluto "focused on self-identity, the 'I' in the equation, the Ego".
- ✓ Pluto in Virgo energy would sound more like Transactional Analysis. It is the "I'm Okay, You're Okay" mantra, psychology almost codified.



- ✓ Pluto in Libra looked at relational, teamwork, group therapy and sharing.
- ✓ Pluto in Scorpio (Pluto's most powerful position / rulership) emphasized the unconscious becoming conscious, deep therapy, past lives, hypnotism, deep-seated hostility and sexuality issues" [and ecology].
- ✓ Pluto just left Sagittarius with lots of philosophy, alternative methods, self-help, more is better, happy pills, and trans-cultural techniques. It was a much looser approach.
- ✓ Now that Pluto has entered Capricorn, it will be more about duty, responsibility, obligation and authority. It is very practical, perhaps even business-like; it could be cold and possibly restrictive.
- ✓ The balance of Pluto's travel through the signs are ahead of us, stay tuned!

We have had such a brief time astrologically to learn Pluto's lessons in a conscious way, not even one full orbit. Once the stirring up and uncovering process begins, it takes us a very long time to resolve the issues and learn the lessons. Some overlapping occurs as Pluto moves into the next sign and starts stirring up new issues, even before we are finished with the old ones. So, we are working on several sets of issues Pluto has stirred up at the same time, both older partially finished lessons and newer attention-getting issues. There is nothing easy about any of this for the world, for our country or for individuals. How does this lesson unfold itself? We will use our current Pluto in Capricorn to show us the Pluto in Cancer lesson as a model for all these patterns.

Pluto is now in Capricorn, stirring up a whole new pot of Capricorn-related issues. However, while Pluto is in Capricorn, it is opposing (Earth plays monkey-in-the-middle, tug of war) Cancer and all the Cancer issues stirred up for the 22 years of its passage through Cancer (i.e., home, hearth, family, nurturing, caretaking, my country right or wrong). Sound familiar? These Cancer issues also had a really strong activation as Pluto moved through Libra squaring (challenge, problem, obstacle) from the relating sign (Libra) in 1971 to 1984. You do remember the 70s and 80s and the effects on commitments, relationships and marriages, don't you? Well, just think - we are looking at Pluto through Libra and it will be important

to remember that with Pluto in Capricorn we have another square operating (challenge, problem and obstacles) to those stirred-up Libra issues. This is merely an illustration that such activations do not act independently, they can readily be traced back to or show activation of other unresolved issues.

How about some good stuff in here - is there no breather or point of hope? Of course, not all activations are dire or problematic. We do make progress or headway in some of these issues. Just looking at relationships (Libra) as a simple example, there was a time when marriages lasted forever because there simply were not any other choices. That is a heck of a reason to stay married. The whole relationship is a mess. It is not workable, everyone involved is miserable - but we will stick it out to the bitter (truly bitter) end. Of course, we could hate each other and do terrible damage to one another, but we will persevere. That is just not a good relationship model. Change was needed. As usual, we went too far in our zeal to fix things, we went from this bitter sticking-it-out model to the sky-is-the-limit model, and the best answer is usually somewhere in the middle. The energy of Capricorn can help with the establishment of solid values. That is what can happen now. You do not suppose all those clashes over heterosexual or homosexual unions could be part of this do you?

In the meantime, we have made progress with our Cancer sign issues when good aspects were activated. It is time to throw in some positive aspects called trines and sextiles. When zodiacal aspects fall into these two specific relationships, things seem to lighten up and become healthy, easier, with even an element of luck.

- ✓ One is the sextile, a modestly lucky, opportunistic period in which we can apply ourselves to make good things happen.
- ✓ Even easier are the trine positions in which opportunity presents itself freely and we seem to have help in sorting things out and can move forward much easier as life and experience cooperates. We realize that at times there really is a Santa.
- ✓ For that Cancer energy, this was the Pluto sextile from Virgo and the trine from Scorpio. We could seize on possibilities from 1956 to 1972 for the sextile in Virgo and that was the time of flower power. We as a collective certainly did seize on those opportunities.
- ✓ The trine came in 1983 through 1995 when life cooperated with us and provided all sorts of new opportunities. And we certainly did seize on those opportunities as well during that period, perhaps too much so.

And now we have come to full opposition to the original issues, questions and potential answers because we now have full vision (provided by the opposition, similar to the light of the Full Moon) to test our responses and progress to the original Cancer questions. We will like some of our answers and we will not like some of our answers, but we will have the visibility to find clarity. Will we take advantage of this opportunity? There is always choice. The Universe has all of time to teach us what we need to know or haven't learned previously.

Pluto in Capricorn has its own lessons to uncover and teach us, but it is also part of an unfolding pattern for previous passages. We do not live our lives as a series of isolated incidents. There is an interchange with multiple experiences and an unfolding going on all the time. Old issues are still in the process of being resolved and must go through many stages including the positive and the negative. At some point we must face those issues squarely and cleanly so we can move on successfully. Those Cancer issues are part of today's landscape, but are also part of an ongoing process as Pluto moves through Capricorn. Current issues have their roots in past activity and experience. What is being uncovered and beginning to surface is today's lesson and those are Capricorn issues.

I mentioned those Capricorn issues briefly, but I think we could use a bit more explanation. Capricorn is the sign of duty, responsibility, obligation, I am my brother's keeper, organization, business, government as an institution, rules, regulations and hierarchy. This now solid Capricorn brush paints with a very large swath does it not? In the last few months (since November 27, 2008) we have been seeing more and more of the misuses and abuses of all phases of economics and our financial industry, by the industry and those in government who enact the laws and the checks and balances on the industry. We could have seen them earlier in 2008 if we had been paying attention. We are only at the beginning of uncovering what has been done while we were asleep at the wheel. We have another fifteen years of uncovering all this stuff. Now there is a happy thought!

The USA is a capitalist society. As such, those who believe in the capitalist system must defend and preserve it. At times, those strong beliefs are not founded in observable facts, yet those who believe do just that... they believe. There are also those who can clearly see misuse and abuse at all levels of industry and government. Oversight is negligible and the checks and balances are useless. Greed and control is the name of this particular tiger. Taming it when it has eliminated or rendered ineffective the checks and balances, the oversight, and the regulatory systems, plus has

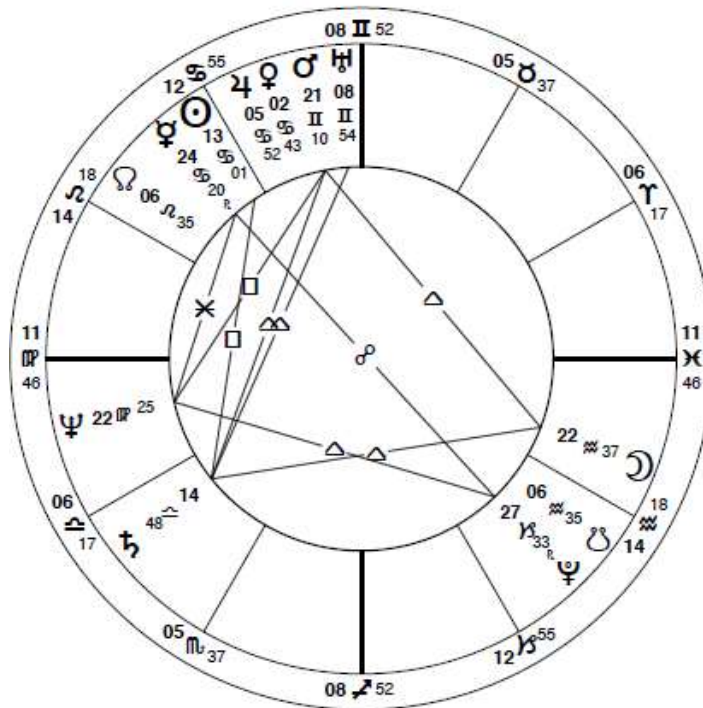
purchased the votes of those trusted to write and enforce the laws makes this difficult to do. Again, we are at the beginning of this revelation, the dance has commenced, the performers have taken center stage. Those at the helm of private industry and banking are committed to preserve their finance, position, dominance, and goals and will definitely act out the part of the tiger. Power (Pluto) and control (Capricorn) are the driving factors.

In America, we put people in office to represent us, not to be used as tools to work against us. Our greatest weapons are transparency and the truth coupled with our vote. It might be uncomfortable for us to see what has been done while we were otherwise occupied, but it is necessary. We cannot heal what we do not know exists. Pluto makes us uncomfortable by unburying our hidden problems, but we do need to see them in order to fix them. Prepare for those buried skeletons to surface all things Capricorn. The skeletons belong to us collectively. We gave tacit permission for them to remain buried. Now it is time to dig them up and fix what is wrong so we can heal and repair our country. Will this be easy? No. Is it necessary? Yes. Can we do it? Yes, we can - through truth, transparency and our vote!

*Note: Here is where I apparently made the transition between non-astrologers and technical applications. We have spent a few moments talking about the general Pluto energies, and now it is time to get specific about the activations to the USA positions. That will effectively move us from the general to the specific. What I have said is true for the world in general, but now let us see what is specifically active for our country as an entity. If you are an astrologer, a list of the thirteen pertinent country positions is provided (Declaration of Independence, Virgo rising chart).*

### Birth USA Virgo RIs

Natal Chart  
Thursday, July 4, 1776  
9:36:00 AM LMT  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Tropical Placidus True Node



### USA Virgo Rising

MC 8 Gem 52  
Asc 11 Vir 46  
Sun 13 Can 01  
Moo 22 Aqu 37  
Mer 24 Can 20R  
Ven 2 Can 43  
Mar 21 Gem 10  
Jup 5 Can 52  
Sat 14 Lib 48  
Ura 8 Gem 54  
Nep 22 Vir 25  
Plu 27 Cap 33 R  
N Nod 6 Leo 35

- ✓ Using select (there are many more) aspects, Pluto will influence six USA positions in a critical or a stress related manner during its sixteen-year passage through Capricorn, and that is when it activates the USA Venus, Jupiter, Sun, Saturn, Mercury and Pluto by conjunction, opposition and square.
- ✓ During that same passage, Pluto will influence the USA positively through activations to the USA Ascendant / Descendant axis and Neptune.
- ✓ Additionally, it will influence the USA in an adjust, adapt, compromise manner (inconjunct) with the USA Midheaven / Uranus, Mars, Moon and the Lunar Node axis.

That's thirteen of the thirteen USA positions. There is no better place or time for us to begin to understand Pluto's activation than what is occurring currently.

Once Pluto moved solidly into Capricorn on November 27, 2008, it almost immediately activated the USA Venus which is placed very early in Cancer (see the USA astrological list). That has been and is the USA activation for this last year and it has been colossal in effect. What got affected, infected or activated? All things Venus that relate to the USA are activated.

- ✓ Those issues would be our social and financial values systems. Both are Venus-related in general, and in particular because Venus is specifically an influence of the USA Libra financial house. The 2<sup>nd</sup> house in the USA chart represents the flow of dollars through our pockets as a country, our own money (currency) and even more basic, the overall values by which we conduct our lives.
- ✓ In addition, Venus has to do with relationships, marriages, partnerships, cooperative ventures, alliances, treaties, networking and all matters related to these issues because that is another Venus area of influence.
- ✓ One ingredient missing in this astrological picture I am painting is the sign Taurus for the USA chart. That happens to be the 9<sup>th</sup> house of other cultures, international associations, national and international law, philosophy, religion and belief systems, higher education, promotion and publicity, and truth-seeking (and the truth shall set you free). Why Taurus? Taurus is another area of Venus' general influence as well (rulership).

Do any of these issues sound familiar as we struggle with eye-popping revelations on these matters as they surface from buried or hidden positions?

When did this begin? It began the moment Pluto moved into Capricorn (January 28, 2008) and started its trek towards Venus. The issues had always been there, but they just started to become visible. I cannot say we were paying attention once this started to surface. I watch for activation once a transiting (current) planet gets really close to a natal (birth) position or about one degree (applying). That crossing of one degree (orb) was accomplished on January 14, 2009 and the aspect became exact three weeks later on February 16, 2009. Does the date of January 20, 2009 ring a bell? This was the inauguration of our current President, Barack Obama. That is some pretty specific timing to me. November 27, 2008 was the date that the lid got ripped off the problem and the first specific USA issue started to bloom immediately into visibility. Pluto does not make a screaming headline all at once - that is Uranus' technique. Pluto unburies the skeletons we have buried, and the first skeleton was about Venus. How long will this last?

Transit Plu opp USA Ven  
2 Can 43: 2/16/2009,  
5/24/2009 retrograde,  
12/15/2009, heliocentric  
10/28/2009, Plu station  
direct 2 Cap 47 9/14/2010  
(4' from exact)

Transit Plu opp USA Ven  
2 Can 43: 2/16/2009,  
5/24/2009 retrograde,  
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Heliocentrically (in reality) this concluded October 28, 2009. That was when reality really showed its ugly head. I think reality showed us how deep, how difficult, how complex the situation was and that it would take time to fix what ails us. It helped that the geocentric position completed itself on December 15, 2009. We really did make progress. Reality (heliocentric) concluded prior to our personal perspective (geocentric), and that means that we should be basing our actions and reactions more on what is real. We should count our blessings that this is true. But I am still going to hold out for the September 14, 2010 date as the real period of conclusion. Why?

The citizens of our country are very upset that the economy hasn't already been turned around, jobs are not on the rise, banks are not lending, and the sitting president has not unraveled all the knots and tangles of our economic disaster by now. After all, he's had a year on the job after inheriting a colossal economic disaster. He should be able to pull a rabbit out of a hat. When someone turns the lights on so we can see our disasters in full light, it is upsetting to say the least. However, we do want to remember that the sitting president does not usually cause the problem. He is trying desperately to solve a problem. A few months for a problem this large just will not suffice. On September 14, 2010, Pluto will resume its passage away from Venus. That resumption of forward direction (away from) is so close to the USA Venus that I think it could still be in effect even though the connection is not exactly perfect. I also wish I could say that is the date for it all to be over, but in my experience, it just is not that easy or all astrologers would be famous (and many are not). These are long-range complex and difficult issues that take time to develop and time to resolve. They are glaringly visible at this point, but they are just not all solved. I do believe it will take another year before real progress towards resolution is shown.

My favorite analogy for this is putting an old-fashioned pot of coffee on to brew, with the water at the bottom of the pot and the coffee grounds basket atop the stem. You turn on the heat (stress) and boil the water, which goes up the stem and falls into the basket of coffee grounds. Once the boiling is finished and all the water has entered the basket, the pot is then removed from the heat and the percolation process continues until all the heated water has filtered through the grounds to become coffee. If you will think of the various points as you re-read that brief description, you will see clearly that there is a building up period, a period of great stress, a coming together of the purpose of the experience, and a gradual

“percolating” into resolution. That’s how these energies work. A process is set in motion over time (preparation). An aspect occurs and turns up the heat. The aspect finishes and the heat is removed, but it is still not coffee yet. It has to filter through the grounds before it becomes identifiable as coffee.

The USA Venus value and relationship problems have developed over a terrifically long period of misuse and abuse. The pot was put on the stove on November 27, 2008 and the heat got turned up big time on February 16, 2009. The heat was substantially lowered December 15, 2009. The heat will be completely turned off September 14, 2010. There is still some activity necessary to come fully together so it is not going to magically go away on that date. The good thing is that once the heat has been turned off, the direct activation is over. Unfortunately it is still close by, and it still has to turn itself into coffee over time, but at least we will know that we are in the home stretch, with no new activations to that particular point. This is a process that has a long shelf life. I think we will have progress past this point. There will be astrologers who feel this activation ended previously because of an exact hit on December 15, 2009 and the most dynamic part of it was finished, that is true. However, the September 14, 2010 aspect is too close for comfort, so that is the date I chose for this particular issue to come to the point of reasonable resolution.

This last activation takes longer than usual because it is a station point in Pluto’s travel, an oddity in an orbit that occurs occasionally because we measure motion from our personal perspective with Earth in the center (geocentric) rather than the actual motion of the Sun in the center (heliocentric). For our purposes, the moments slightly before, during, and after a planet does its little dance in the sky changing its motion from forward to backward *or* backward to forward creates the experience of a little pause in the actual motion, a slowing, stopping and resuming of opposite motion which is truly an optical illusion but has real-time effect. The planets in real time travel only in a forward direction. This optical illusion occurs in two ways - once when the motion has been forward, pauses and appears to move backward (retrograde), and the other is when the motion has been backward (retrograde), pauses and appears to resume forward motion (direct). The pause itself is called the station, which is dated specifically, but to me includes the few days prior and past, which reflect the stillness of the pause itself. This has been largely ignored but again, to me, has great effect because one small area of space is continually saturated with this changing energy, a potent charge when it activates in a chart specifically. That happens to the USA Venus on September 14, 2010 to end this not quite two-year specific activation of all things Venus in the USA experience. I will do a bit more with this aspect when I work on the multiples that will occur when other transiting bodies are entered into the picture. To continue with Pluto...



Once Pluto has finished with the Venus aspects, I'd like to say we have a breather from Pluto, but with so many other aspects occurring simultaneously, it may not seem like much of a breather. Transiting (current) Pluto, still in Capricorn, moves on to the next USA position that is Jupiter in Cancer. Pluto gets *almost* up to that position (a half degree which is not considered an exact hit), but doesn't quite touch, does its little station dance as described previously and moves back away from actual opposition to Jupiter on Apr 7, 2010. Usually that means that the energy of the aspect suggests itself, hints at what it is going to do, teases but does not quite deliver, and I believe that is what it will do in the spring of 2010. It will connect solidly on January 15, 2011 and will be in effect for almost the entire year. What does that all mean?

- ✓ Pluto is still doing its job to roto rooter all things Capricorn as described previously.
- ✓ Pluto is still providing full visibility (opposition) to everything it stirred up in Cancer during the 1920s and 30s as described previously.
- ✓ Pluto is still providing challenge, problem and obstacle to all things Libra as described previously.

The effect of what is being stirred up applies itself now to the USA Jupiter, our extended cultural values and international ties, law, higher education, foreign involvement, expansion, speculation, advertising and publicity, news organizations, all things Jupiter in nature or influenced (ruled) by the USA Jupiter. This will all actually be initiated on January 15, 2011 and will be concluded on November 18, 2011. The retrograde period in the middle centers on July 12, 2011, which can be a pivotal date for the issues that have been activated. The additional heliocentric position is April 28, 2011. This time again reality (heliocentric) precedes our perspective (geocentric) and we should be basing our observations and conclusions on both reality and perspective. Yes!

To spread this out more in a timeline fashion, I would advise looking at the set-up time (a degree early) of February 19, 2010, the teaser, a premature hint at opening the Jupiter can of worms on April 7, 2010, actual introduction (initiation) to those Jupiter issues January 15, 2011, observance of the reality of the situation on April 28, 2011, the whole process ongoing through the pivotal retrograde connection on July 12, 2011, and concluding November 18, 2011. The heat (stressor) will be turned off, but we must allow for that additional degree and finish of the brewing process until December 18, 2011. Then we might feel we have worked our way through the worst of it and can actually see progress

Transit Pluto opp  
USA Jupiter 5 Can 51:  
station retrograde  
April 7, 2010 at  
5 Cap 25 (26' short),  
exact opp:  
January 15, 2011,  
July 12, 2011  
retrograde,  
November 18, 2011,  
heliocentric:  
April 28, 2011

Transit Pluto  
inconjunct USA  
Nodal Axis,  
N Node 6 Leo 35 /  
S Node 6 Aqu 35:  
February 7, 2011,  
June 12, 2011  
retrograde,  
December 11, 2011,  
heliocentric  
September 3, 2011

unfolding. I would like to add that with the completion of the aspect to USA Jupiter, the activation of the USA Venus / Jupiter conjunction is done. The Pluto activation to the Venus / Jupiter conjunction that occupied 2009 into 2010 and then 2010 through 2011 is finished.

Earlier in this section, I wrote, “Additionally, it [Pluto] will influence the USA in an adjust, adapt, compromise manner (inconjunct) with the USA Midheaven / Uranus conjunction, Mars, Moon and the Lunar Nodes (axis).” In English please...

Pluto will also aspect the USA Nodal axis when it reaches 6 Capricorn 35. The aspect (quincunx / semi-sextile) is not considered to be major in nature astrologically, but I think the words “adjust, adapt, compromise” definitely should be watched carefully. Pluto will bring its roto rooter capability to dig up our skeletons relative to extra-cultural relationships and our skills and ability to interact on a world stage. These are not minor issues.

Until the change of the century between the 1800s and the 1900s, America was isolationist. We pretty much kept to ourselves. Starting with the Spanish-American War at the turn of that century, we became outwardly involved with the rest of the world until we managed to elevate ourselves to the position of free-world leader as a country with our sitting president the heir presumptive to that seat of power. If you will notice, in the last few years (turn of the century between the 1990s and 2000), we seem to be no longer held in such high esteem. We have not lost our seat of power altogether, but we are not regarded in the same light. Our newest president has been gaining lost ground, but we have a long way to go.

I think the Nobel Peace Prize that President Obama was awarded December 10, 2009 definitely helped us in that healing and repair. It really cannot hurt that our sitting president was held in such high esteem for the few months of effort he was able to perform in restoring balance to the world that he was awarded our world’s top peace price. Bear in mind that he was waging two wars at the time of the announced award and the presentation. Waging war to achieve peace sounds like there is something wrong with the rationale, but human history is full of such examples. All USA presidential recipients were also associated with war or the face of war. Theodore Roosevelt for the Spanish-American War, Woodrow Wilson for World War I, Jimmy Carter for terrorism in the middle east, and now Barack Obama in Iraq and Afghanistan. They didn’t start the wars, but acts of war were part of their presidency.

As I re-write this section, Haiti has just been devastated by a 7.0 earthquake. The capital city of Port-au-Prince has been decimated. Our President and our country have moved into the lead in the rescue and rehabilitation effort for our neighbor. Our former first lady and current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and our current Secretary of Defense Robert Gates have stepped to the forefront of the immediate rescue and relief effort. President Obama has asked former Presidents William Clinton and George W. Bush to lead in the long-term effort to rehabilitate Haiti and put her back on her chosen path of productivity. Please notice I said Haiti's personal choice, not our choice for the country. Rather than war, we will use humanitarian aid and leadership toward peaceful goals as our weapons of choice. Do you think these actions could help restore our position as a world-class leader? True leaders must *first* care about those they lead.

The nodal aspect I mentioned is not even in play as yet, but the opportunity to build success into that aspect when it does occur is in front of us now. What we are attempting to do will take time to produce. The American people are usually generous and helpful to those in need, and are stepping up to the plate now with more. The first actual nodal connection is February 7, 2011, the initiation of the specific process of addressing past problems in international relationships and forging new and better relationships. The process concludes on December 11, 2011 with the retrograde pivotal middle connection on June 12, 2011. In this instance, the heliocentric connection occurs *after* the fact on September 3, 2011, so we will be making decisions based on incomplete personal perspectives, with a reality check several months later. Sometimes we discover new information that might change whatever agreement we set in motion, but it may be too late to change it! Heads up on treaties, alliances, or international relationships.

Pluto will then move on to another of those "adjust, adapt, compromise" inconjuncts with both the USA Midheaven and Uranus - primary positions for what our country represents, our goals, mission in life, stature, honor and our independence, unique, futuristic and rebellious streak. Because they are only literally two minutes apart, I must treat them as one object. You just can't take the rebel out of the goals and you can't take the goals out of the rebel. The dating for this aspect initiates on February 18, 2012 and somewhat concludes (uh-oh) December 19, 2012, with the pivotal middle station on June 3, 2012. I said *somewhat concludes* because we have another one of those station direct connections September 20, 2013, so very close to these natal positions that they may again trigger at that time. If this is still an active point, and it is entirely possible that it is, this would be the final conclusion. If the connection misses at this small distance, the problem would have been over nine months prior. Because this is "adjust, adapt, compromise" with our independence, our goals and

USA MC 8 Gem 52 /  
Uranus 8 Gem 54:  
Pluto quincunx  
February 18, 2012,  
June 3, 2012  
retrograde,  
December 19, 2012  
(uh-oh), station  
direct  
September 20, 2013  
at 8:59, 5-7' from  
perfect, heliocentric  
October 24, 2012

Transit Nep conjunct  
 USA Moon 22 Aqu 36:  
 March 5, 2008,  
 August 24, 2008  
 retrograde,  
 January 6, 2009,  
 (station direct  
 November 4, 2009 at  
 23 Aqu 42, 1 full  
 degree past),  
 heliocentric  
 July 5, 2008  
 Transit Jup conjunct  
 USA Moon  
 April 21, 2009,  
 August 10, 2009  
 retrograde,  
 December 11, 2009,  
 heliocentric  
 July 20, 2009  
 Transit Jup conjunct  
 transit Nep  
 May 27, 2009 at  
 26 Aqu 29,  
 July 10, 2009  
 retrograde at  
 26 Aqu 03,  
 December 21, 2009 at  
 24 Aqu 17,  
 heliocentric  
 September 20, 2009

mission and our future, I'd rather be safe than sorry and include it as a possibility. The single heliocentric connection (reality) occurs October 24, 2012 just prior to the geocentric ending, so we will be able to see reality enough to make good choices from that specific perspective.

Why did I say "uh-oh" for December 19, 2012? That sounds very close to December 21, 2012, the ending date for the Mayan Calendar, Two days... for me, that is quite specific timing. The event for the USA chart energy is adapt, adjust, compromise and not death and destruction. I see so many other aspects occurring after the Mayan end of days that while I do believe the event can be important, perhaps life-changing, I doubt seriously if it is the end of the world. If I'm wrong, none of us will be here to point it out to me. I have a real problem observing how people scare themselves to death over that which they cannot change. If the world is going to blow up or if devastation visits us, if the Sun is going to blow up, if we are going to destroy ourselves in some fashion, or if a comet or asteroid is going to hit us, there is not a blessed thing I can think of to do about it. I just refuse to worry about it. If I worry about something I cannot control, all I will do is mess up the good life I might have with fears that may never materialize. There is absolutely no purpose to that. We cannot live in fear, we have to live in faith to have and live a reasonably productive and happy life.

The next of the USA Cancer planets to be opposed by Pluto, which is the Sun, will not occur until 2014 and the USA Saturn will be squared (challenge, problem, obstacle) in 2015. Pluto will quincunx (adjust, adapt, compromise) USA Mars (assertion, aggression, militancy) in 2018-19 as well. All these are beyond the timing scope of this book.

Is there any positive activity from Pluto in the immediate future? Yes there is, Pluto will trine (positive aspect) the USA Ascendant but not until 2013. Also upcoming is Pluto trine the USA Neptune in 2019 - again, some time away. There are lights at the end of this particular part of the Pluto tunnel, but just not soon enough for all of us... *and* not all of us are searching for the same light!

Neptune We've done quite a bit with Pluto, so let us change the transiting (current and activating) planet. What is currently going on with Neptune? As I originally wrote this, the transiting Jupiter / Neptune conjunction was just about complete. December 21, 2009 was the last hurrah, but I always make sure I give a planet a degree or so of leeway before I breathe that sigh of relief, perhaps another week to ten days

(Jupiter moves much faster than the outer planets). The two of them (Jupiter and Neptune) are finally off of the USA Moon that represents the people of our nation, the citizenry. This was a confusing union of planets and it occurred on the point of the citizenry. That certainly does sound like our national experience of this last year.

As an astrologer, I believe this joining *should have been* bright and positive. The planets involved (Jupiter and Neptune), the sign in which the union took place (Aquarius) and the aspect itself (conjunction – union) were really quite positive overall. However, most of the people who I spoke to who had a direct hit just did not see it that way, including myself. I did have a personal activation. Having said that, you know there are times when you can be having a difficult time, but when all gets said and done, it works out okay. I am hoping that may be true of this specific aspect. My own activation finished in December, 2009. A project which had been waffling around for several months kicked itself into high gear all of sudden. I think this can work itself out for a positive end result, but the jury is still out. This has been a very confusing aspect pattern, really hard to delineate clearly. If you walk the walk and talk the talk while something like this is going on, doing what you are supposed to be doing in the way you are supposed to be doing it and you persevere, it should turn out okay in spite of what it might look like in the middle of the process.

Apply that concept to the USA citizenry. We have been on an emotional roller-coaster ride for months due to many factors such as the economy in general, job losses, the credit and credit card debacle, the lies and subterfuge coming out of our elected representatives, the horrors of health care and the ongoing loss of lives because those who are supposed to keep order have not. This actually started much earlier than we realized, but we were blind to it for quite a period of time before it penetrated our consciousnesses. This actually started back in March of 2008 when transiting (current) Neptune (inspiration, illusion or delusion) came to visit our USA Moon (citizenry), but was hidden (a typical Neptune word) from conscious view. The elements were there, but we were too busy, too lazy, or too “bamboozled” to see it.

Neptune did its little dance in the sky throughout 2008 and actually moved past our USA Moon, believe it or not, on January 6, 2009 and finished that full degree past that I like to allow on January 29, 2009. Does anyone remember the day of the inauguration of the current president? January 20, 2009, right smack in the middle of those two dates. Subterfuge was going on and could have or should have been known in 2008, but visibility waited until the new president moved into office. That was convenient, was it not? These numbers don’t lie. I am giving exact dates out of my ephemeris (table of planetary positions). If that is true, why did we continue to have such a bad time in 2009? I’m glad you asked.

At the beginning of this section, I mentioned that Neptune *and* Jupiter were involved in this activation. During 2008, Jupiter was traveling through the sign of Capricorn, playing with all the USA's Cancer / Capricorn positions. It was keeping us busy with other problems particularly during November and December of 2008 when it was dancing with (activating) that incredibly good or incredibly bad powerful communication pattern called the USA Mercury / Pluto natal opposition. Jupiter has the tendency to expand or enlarge whatever is going on when it arrives. With that inherent Mercury / Pluto opposition in the USA chart, when we are good with communication we are very, very good, and when we are bad, we are horrid. Negatively powerful communication can easily translate to manipulative persuasion. We, as a country led by our presidents and governed by our Congress, have the power of persuasion as a force for good or for ill. Those who exercise it make the choice. But what is done in our name is done for and to all of us. It is our personal ultimate responsibilities because this is our country. That specific activation passed into history on January 5, 2009 when Jupiter moved out of Capricorn and into the sign of Aquarius. I will leave it up to you to determine on which presidential watch the nefarious communications were done... active in 2008, history by 2009.

Once Jupiter moved into Aquarius, it was only a matter of time before it advanced to the position of the USA Moon and to its union with transiting Neptune. Which came first, the chicken or the egg? On April 21, 2009, transiting Jupiter reached the USA Moon. I remember last spring quite well and I am sure you do too. Lots of high hopes, screaming demands for change and forward motion, disgust with the politics of the past which had led us into the debacle, unrealistic expectations for what could be done and how fast, a new party had taken control of both houses of congress, the president came from that same party, the citizens had declared war on the status quo and demanded change as soon as possible. Somehow the forces that had been defeated didn't seem to recognize they were no longer in power. The misinformation war that ensued for the hearts, minds and emotions of the citizens of this country went ballistic by May 27, 2009 and has remained there ever since. Good news. This nonsense was history as of December 20, 2009. Yes! It continued to make more headlines about the same nonsense as it finished its aspects. Jupiter has finished with Neptune and Aquarius and has taken up residence in Pisces for 2010.

What will transiting Neptune activate negatively or in challenge in the USA chart past this point? I see nothing truly negative in particular in the natal chart until 2014. Yes! What about an adjust, adapt, compromise activation (inconjunct)? What about positive activations (trines and sextiles)? We need some good thrown in here as well.

We have already been doing an enormous amount of adjust, adapt, compromise activity and I doubt if I or anyone else could separate one piece from another and say it is specifically caused by this connection. There is just way too much of it to go around. The nature of Neptune is to cloud, mask, hide, and possibly deceive as much as it is to uplift, inspire, and imagine. When the aspect energy being read is adjust, adept, compromise, I probably would use more of the negative descriptions because the words are a better fit. We should always hope for the best, but not be surprised at inconsistency or delusion.

So often in this reprise and in my *Presidents of Hope and Change*, I have remarked that the USA has a Mercury / Pluto natal aspect that may be used for great good or great ill. The choice for good or for ill is made at the moment of usage by whomever has the authority to use it. This is the same aspect as given previously, but with a different activator. Any time energy starts to repeat or emphasize itself, the effect gets stronger and stronger. If I call you a name once, it is an isolated event, and it may or may not have effect on you or remain in your memory. If I call you that same name repeatedly, it changes in context and in the strength of the effect on you. Perhaps it will remain in your memory for far longer than the single incident might have. Perhaps it will have a profound effect on you as your life progresses. Aspects act in the same manner. If I have a single activation, the message gets relayed once. If I have a multiple activation such as the retrograde dance, the message gets really emphasized strongly, and it will affect me. If multiple similar messages occur through several activations, particularly if they have similar timing, now I will *really* get the message. Such multiple activations occur when a message is really important and must be confronted or a solution found.

The first of these aspects is part of our recent history and has one more activation to complete itself. The first activation occurred February 22, 2009, about a month after the current president took office. The word “activation” implies there is something already in existence to activate. It activated that underlying Mercury / Pluto powerful communication for good or for ill theme... again. Neptune was the activator (transiting planet). Neptune in its positive face means dreams, inspiration, and spirituality. Neptune in its negative face means delusion, confusion, and deceit. The misused communications we have been experiencing as a nation have been just awful and had built up to critical mass for this election / inauguration period. The misuse of that powerful communication pattern was exposed, but by what? The activating principle showed us both the negative and the positive. The depth and breadth of the misuse of powerful communications was uncovered by the

USA Mercury  
24 Can 20:  
February 22, 2009,  
September 15 2009,  
February 3, 2010,  
heliocentric  
April 18, 2009  
USA Pluto 27 Cap 34:  
March 26, 2010,  
August 20, 2010  
retrograde,  
January 26, 2011,  
heliocentric  
October 5, 2010

Transit Neptune  
quincunx USA  
Mercury 24 Can 20:  
February 22, 2009,  
September 15, 2009  
retrograde,  
December 22, 2009,  
heliocentric  
April 18, 2009



Transit Neptune  
conjunct USA Pluto  
27 Cap 34:  
March 26, 2010,  
August 20, 2010  
retrograde,  
January 26, 2011,  
heliocentric  
October 5, 2010

energy that represents delusion, confusion, deceit as well as spirituality, belief and inspiration. We could fix what was wrong if we could just see it clearly. Did that happen? From my perspective, truth, transparency and creativity were at war with deceit and delusion - and sheer confusion reigned supreme.

The good news is that this piece of it (Mercury activated) finished on December 22, 2009. The pivotal middle retrograde activation was September 15, 2009. The heliocentric reality check was April 18, 2009. All of those dates are past, history. The heliocentric reality check preceded the geocentric (our perspective), which is good. We have based our conclusions on a more realistic view of the problem and this series to this one point is done. Unfortunately, since Mercury is in opposition to Pluto, the whole of the pattern is not done until all the activations to Pluto are complete as well.

This year (2010) started with Neptune at 24.5 Aquarius, and finished with the earlier degrees of the sign and our Mercury, and only able to activate any USA natal position past that point within the sign. A whole new raft of possibilities show up as soon as Neptune changes signs, which it will do in a couple of years, but let us not invite that in just yet. The degrees that are possible to be affected significantly would be the last few degrees of Aquarius (30° per sign). The only USA placement in that range is Pluto at 27 Cap 34, which is an inconjunct (adjust, adapt, compromise) aspect called the semi-sextile. Astrologically, this minor aspect would not be of high concern, but since this aspect does fall into the adjust, adapt, compromise category, that seems to be our life lesson at the moment, so I will pay attention.

What is the timing for this latest activation to our USA natal Pluto, which is permanently in opposition to our natal Mercury (powerful communications for good or for ill)? The initial activation will be March 26, 2010. The conclusion will be January 26, 2011. The middle or pivotal retrograde activation will be August 20, 2010. This is an activation for this year, but is a continuation of the Mercury aspect I just described. Why? Mercury and Pluto will always act as a unit, with the theme of powerful communication for good or for ill (opposition). The first part of it finished in December of 2009, and the second part of it will begin shortly and continue into the early part of 2011. When this piece of it concludes, the whole activation has concluded. Yes!

What does that mean? Since our inception, we have had a communication aspect in our country's chart that places a huge demand on the right use of communication. The aspect can be used for the good of the country but can also be used to the detriment of the country. As I said previously, the use is the choice of our leader or of our Congress who govern us. The



aspect is ours. The choices are ours. The results are also ours. That which we set in motion has results that can be far reaching or long lasting. Those results belong to us whether we are conscious or unconscious of the existence of the use. Those results belong to us whether we like or don't like the results. Because we are a nation and we elect those who govern and lead us, we are collectively responsible for their actions and the results of those actions. This can be a particularly hard pill to swallow when we discover misuse of which we were largely ignorant.

What does such misuse of communication look like? It might be deliberate and conscious such as a lie or misinformation, the twisting of facts, telling a lie and repeating the lie so many times that the lie seems like the truth. Cold, hard fact! If it is not the truth, it is a lie. This could also include silencing of witnesses, informants, or whistle-blowers. It might be avoidance or leaving out pertinent facts. It could be rhetoric or willful bamboozling similar to the old saying, "If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with bullshit." Some people sound good but there is little content. Some people *are* good. We are talking politics here. Discernment is necessary.

It could be misdirection, such as the old tactic of questioning someone's loyalty to country if they ask a question any citizen has the constitutional right to ask. If I can divert your attention by causing you to defend yourself, you may forget or I may befuddle your question. If there are witnesses to this, I may also bamboozle the witnesses through my misdirection and your awkward defense posture. In that way I can damage your credibility as well as your self-confidence. Misdirection has nothing to do with the issues or the truth; it is really a diversionary tactic to take people off issue and turn them into victims. Citizens who ask questions because they are seeking an answer are easily defeated by this tactic because it does not occur to them that it is other than their constitutional right to question their government. This right is one important ingredient to maintaining our freedom. If I ask a question, truly seeking an answer, I am not necessarily prepared to defend myself against misdirection and false accusations. More importantly, as a citizen, I should not have to defend myself in this way as it is my right to question.

There are so many ways to corrupt this aspect and we have had 233 years to practice it to get it right. In another nine years we will begin to confront what we have or have not accomplished with this natal aspect. I would like to believe we will turn this confrontation into a positive asset.

Transit Nep trine  
 USA Venus 2 Can 43  
 (5 passes):  
 April 12, 2012,  
 July 16, 2012  
 retrograde,  
 February 18, 2013,  
 October 23, 2013,  
 December 5, 2013,  
 heliocentric  
 February 2, 2013  
 Transit Nep trine  
 USA Jupiter  
 5 Can 51: Nep station  
 retro June 7, 2013 at  
 5:23 (1/2° short),  
 March 17, 2014,  
 September 11, 2014  
 retrograde,  
 January 17, 2015,  
 heliocentric  
 August 6, 2014

In 2011, Neptune will start its passage through Pisces and a whole new set of possibilities open up for us as a country. The initial activations are positive (trines) to our Venus (value systems and finance) and our Jupiter (expanded cultural and international issues), so creativity, inspiration and spirituality can help us heal existing issues and open up positive new experiences for us.

Earlier, I had raised the question about good aspects for good news. Good news can travel through conjunctions (unions), trines (luck), and sextiles (opportunity). The results of the recent Jupiter / Neptune conjunction are still out. If that were luck, I'd hate to see what adversity would look like. I am patiently waiting to see if the outcome will be better than the process, which is a distinct possibility. I am going to read only one planet of a united pair simply because the dating is getting pretty far out and it is my experience that when it gets that far out in time, it becomes too abstract in concept and difficult to remember, or to place much value on it.

I have said repeatedly that the USA Venus and Jupiter are so close together that they act as a united pair, and that what activates one usually activates the other. I have stretched the timing for the other activations all the way to 2012, which I think is far enough. The Venus part of this activation will go to 2012-13 (so I will read those) and the Jupiter part of this activation will go to 2015. That is just too far out to include in this book. I have listed the dates of activation for astrologers.

Transit (current) Neptune (imagination, creativity, inspiration, spirituality will trine (lucky, the angel on your shoulder, expansion and upliftment) the USA Venus (social and financial values) beginning April 12, 2012. Neptune has the capacity to make five connections to a single position as it travels and will do so with this activation to Venus. This is a delightful and lucky process that starts on April 12, 2012 and concludes December 5, 2013, lasting about twenty months. There are three middle activations this time, part of the overall process, with two periods of retrogrades or back-tracking: July 16, 2012 retrograde, February 18, 2013 direct, and October 23, 2013 retrograde. Usually retrogrades will go back over previously covered processes for review, revising, or reworking. However, the overall process is quite good (lucky). The heliocentric (reality) check occurs on February 2, 2013 during that middle period, so our perspectives should be grounded in reality.

Uranus Moving on to transiting (current) Uranus. What activations has it recently made, is it currently making or will make in the USA chart in the immediate future?

Transiting (current) Uranus (uniqueness, individuality, rebellion, futuristic) has been opposing the USA natal Neptune (spirituality, spiritual essence). However, this was a major aspect that is now clearly in our past. It is a part of our immediate history, but it casts a long shadow and influence on our present. The good news is that it is history and not creating new stresses. What did it do when it was active and that we are living through the results of at this moment? Uranus is the planet of lightning, earthquakes, explosions and surprises. It usually announces itself with a thunderclap, out of the blue or left field, and likes to make headlines. What was it shocking into awareness? It was opposing (stressful and separative) the USA Neptune (the spirituality and spiritual essence of our country), that internal inspiration at our very core that defines us as a people. As the election campaign rolled on, more and more nebulous activities came to light and the lid came off with a roar. Even with all the headlines and furor, we never really saw just how bad things had been and were until the inauguration came around. That was convenient, was it not it? If headlines were being made and exposure was ongoing, why did we not see it more clearly?

In the last few readings, I have mentioned that our usual geocentric measure gives us one set of figures with the possibility of retrogrades and stations due to our perspective. Geocentric is the perspective of the sky from our Earthly home, a position that illustrates our personal perspective. The heliocentric measure I give is the actuality of the aspect because it is taken from the solar perspective, or reality. Earth and all its inhabitants orbit the Sun. I think it is astounding that the reality check for the ripping off of the lid (Uranus) of our gullibility and trust (Neptune) was February 22, 2009, one month after the inauguration of Barack Obama. I cannot imagine what that man and his team encountered once he was sworn in, the hidden nightmare that must have awaited them, the proof of the breach of trust that they must have encountered. This was probably not pretty.

Neptune acts within our country as an idealist. We truly want to believe that all is well and there is a good guy leading the way backed up by a governing body that has our best interests at heart. Can you say the word *Pollyanna*? Just because it would not occur to us individually to take advantage of others, our power, our position, our national trust does not make it so for everyone. Unfortunately, we do need to be swatted by the universe from time to time so we can wake up to what is really happening, which is not the idealized version that is in our collective head.

Transit Ura opposed  
USA Nep 22 Vir 24:  
June 1, 2008,  
July 2,, 2008  
retrograde,  
March 9 2009,  
heliocentric  
February 22, 2009

When you pedestalize people, there is only one direction to go from that pedestal and that is off. When you place such high hopes and values on mere students of life (this is a big school house and we are all in school), sometimes they fail you. Do you know what happens when someone falls off your pedestal? Not only do we who placed them on that pedestal get shocked and disillusioned, but the person who fell off the pedestal gets upset as well. After all, no one is perfect. They probably should never have been put on that pedestal in the first place. It is really *not* their fault because they never belonged there, so it must be someone else's fault. No one likes to fail or feel that they failed anyone else, so it is much easier to shift the blame to the victim. If the victim had not had unrealistic expectations of you, you would not have failed them. It must be their fault.

Right after this interesting mental switching comes seething anger and eventually retaliation, not by the victim but by the perpetrator. The perpetrator is now firmly convinced that they didn't do anything wrong, remember? So, the blame shifting, accusation, anger and retaliation in the form of attack will come from the perpetrator. Who receives the blunt end of that retaliation? The victim, which in this case is our country and its citizens. Now, doesn't that sound like something you wouldn't want to experience? That was 2008 and 2009. Just because someone didn't live up to expectations (congress and leadership) it must be the public's fault or perhaps the other party's fault. What an interesting can of worms got stirred up. No wonder we cannot figure out what was wrong and who did the deed(s)! We the public did not do anything specifically wrong or did we? Those we placed our trust in did the deeds that brought us to this place and experience, and they are very good at shifting the blame onto the victim, the USA citizenry or the opposing party.

What could "we the people" have been guilty of in this instance? Believing too much, trusting too much, idealizing too much, agreeing too much, reaching too far... see what I mean by Pollyanna? But for the most part or on a substantially reduced scale, we the people did not cheat, steal, fall down in our responsibilities, take bribes, take advantage - we merely responded to a false robust economy and reached for our own piece of the pie. I am not saying that we the people are without blame; but when you reason this through, we truly are the victims, and we are being further victimized as new pieces of the perfidy reveal themselves. Who should we look to for understanding our collective delusions? Whoever was in charge leading up to and through 2008. This is a 2008-9 aspect not a 2009-10 aspect. We are still under the influence of and reeling from the impact of this past activation.

The good news? This aspect is history. The dynamic is not freshly occurring. What is occurring are the healing and repairs necessary to fix what went terribly wrong, and those repairs and healing are painful reminders. This pattern is not activating new problems any longer. The wound is still fresh, but we are recovering. Yes!

What is in our immediate future from transiting (current) Uranus? Good stuff,.. welllll maybe... I would be more accurate to say good stuff *if* the right choices are made. The two aspects we are either in the middle of or coming up to are a trine (luck, ease, positivity) from Uranus (independence) to the USA Mercury (communication). This began on April 13, 2009 and continues until February 3, 2010. The pivotal retrograde activation occurred September 25, 2009. This is activation to the USA communication mechanism, and we certainly have had a boatload of that going on. It has not been nice to realize some of what we have learned this year about our country, but it is a necessary step to fixing what ails us. The change of styles by our leader and his administration moved us from the lid being torn off (Uranus) our gullibility (Neptune) to the exposure of the truth and the usefulness of the truth to both read and set the record right and to be able to do the necessary work to affect a healing. The transit is doing its job by making our powerful communications public, sometimes uncomfortably so.

So what was my reservation at the beginning of this paragraph? Right choice is the determinant. Whenever we activate Mercury, we activate the natal (birth) opposition to the USA Pluto, one of the three dominant patterns for the USA. Mercury / Pluto represent powerful communications that may be used for good or for ill. We have the power of persuasion, but we must use it wisely. We have recently learned of the misuse of that powerful communication asset. Now we must address it squarely, fix what can be fixed, apologize if necessary, set in place controls so it cannot happen again, and be sure all ongoing communications are positive and truthful, and hopefully transparent.

When we have finished with this aspect in February, within two months, the other half of the Mercury / Pluto opposition will be triggered by sextile, another good aspect but with about half the power of the trine. What we lose in luck we must make up for with effort. It is a continuation of the healing and repairing, but we must invest ourselves and our own efforts more directly. This aspect begins on April 3, 2010 and concludes January 21, 2011. The middle activation or pivot point is October 19, 2010. When you have a paired aspect like this, the triggering and process begins at the first hit and continues to the very end. This time the energy is positive. Truly this is the opportunity for a long healing and repair starting in April

Transit Ura trine  
USA Mer 24 Can 20:  
April 13, 2009,  
September 25, 2009  
retrograde,  
February 3, 2010,  
heliocentrically  
August 21, 2009

Transit Ura sextile  
USA Plu 27 Cap 34:  
April 3, 2010,  
October 19, 2010  
retrograde,  
January 21, 2011,  
heliocentric  
June 17, 2010

of 2009 with the contact to Mercury, and ending in January of 2011 with the contact to Pluto. The additional good news is that our heliocentric reality check is in the middle of the process and the conclusions of our personal perspective (geocentric positions) will incorporate the reality check just given.

What will transiting Uranus stressfully activate in the USA chart past this point? Uranus activates nothing by stress for the balance of its stay in Pisces. Uranus will ingress (travel) into Aries on May 28, 2010, but it will not travel very far into the sign. This passage occurs while the opposition from Saturn is unfolding. I will save that piece of the reading for the next section on Saturn. Once Uranus enters Aries it will remain there for seven years (average) where it will make headlines of anything Aries or Aries-related. Uranus will retrograde and travel back into the sign of Pisces on August 14, 2010 for an eight-month stay to finish any loose ends of its electrifying seven-year travel through all things Pisces. It re-enters Aries on March 12, 2011.

So what is Uranus? What does it activate in Aries? What areas of the USA pattern are activated? Uranus is lighting, earthquakes, explosions and surprises, so it promises surprise, fast action usually unannounced, headlines and an explosive quality for fast change. Aries is dynamic, assertive, aggressive, militant or military, and an active sign, lots of do-it-yourself activity, stand on your own two feet, make things happen type of energy. Uranus sounds like it is comfortable in Aries, does it not? But what does it affect from our country's perspective?

After Uranus re-enters Aries on March 12, 2011, it will quickly catch up to the square (challenge, problem, obstacle) of the USA Venus on April 30, 2011. Venus as always represents our social and financial values, relationships, alliances, treaties, networking, and cooperative ventures. So expect the unexpected, upsets and headlines for all things Venus in our country. This is close to the same time that Saturn is doing its USA return while in Libra, and that will ramp up the effect. The end of that Uranus square Venus cycle occurs on February 21, 2012, with the retrograde pivot point September 22, 2011. From April 30, 2011 to February 21, 2012 our social and financial values and our relationships, alliances, treaties, etc. will be volatile and unpredictable. The reality check (heliocentric) will be October 10, 2011 so we do have the opportunity to conclude this aspect realistically. Right after the Uranus square Venus ends, in February of 2012, Uranus will then move to the square (challenge, problem, obstacle) of USA Jupiter and open up a whole new avenue of experience.

Transit Ura square  
USA Ven 2 Can 43:  
April 30, 2011,  
September 22, 2011  
retrograde,  
February 21, 2012,  
heliocentric  
October 10, 2011  
Transit Ura square  
USA Jup 5 Can 51:  
April 17, 2012,  
October 17, 2012  
retrograde,  
February 6, 2013,  
heliocentric  
July 26, 2012  
Transit Ura trine  
USA N Node  
6 Leo 35: May 1, 2012,  
September 28, 2012  
retrograde,  
February 22, 2013,  
heliocentrically  
October 4, 2012

Transiting Uranus is still the energy of surprises, explosions, headline-making news, rebellion, independence and the future. For the USA, it ties directly to our goals, prestige and mission. USA Jupiter is still the energy of international or cultural issues, the law, education, religion and the natural expansive process. The challenge between the two (square) commences April 17, 2012 and finalizes February 6, 2013 with the pivotal middle retrograde connection on October 17, 2012. The stirring up of hidden matters process that started with Pluto's entry into Capricorn on November 27, 2008 is now in the process of a Uranus headline-making energy. The heliocentric reality check will occur on July 26, 2012 so reality is in place as we make our personal perspective conclusion.

There are benefic (happy) aspects out there, but they must wait for Uranus to trine (luck) the USA N Node in on May 1, 2012. What do the lunar nodes represent for the USA? The lunar nodes represent our advancing cross-cultural ties, development of international relationships, important issues for our international participation. That element of benefit and luck concludes February 22, 2013 with the pivotal center occurring September 28, 2012. The heliocentric reality check occurs on October 4, 2012, so our personal perspective conclusion will be supported by reality.

Did you notice that it is not difficult to determine activations for the future for any chart? You simply match up the transiting (current) numbers with the USA birth positions. You look at the energy of the planet, the matters suggested by the signs, and the arena of activity in the natal chart and that will tell you the story. Of course, for a political chart, you must use political definitions, but the method is the same regardless of the type of chart being read. The actual interpretation can be a bear!

Saturn And now we get to Saturn. I attempted to keep the foregoing patterns individual and clean to make it easier to read and understand, but as we move closer into the inner reaches of our Solar system, the orbits of the planets take less and less time to complete making the planet's stay within the sign much reduced. With Pluto, it takes from twelve to thirty years per sign. With Neptune it takes an average fourteen years per sign. See the explanation for the twelve years of Pluto and the fourteen years of Neptune in the previous text. Uranus takes seven years to transit a sign. Saturn, the next planet on our list of activators, takes only 2 ½ years per sign.

Saturn is the most famous of the transits partially because it happens more frequently and because Saturn rules (influences) concrete, manifest reality. If you were to go for a personal reading, it is possible you might have Pluto, Neptune or Uranus active - and then again, you might not. If active, they would be dominant energy patterns and activators. However, these activations are infrequent or sporadic throughout a life. You will

more likely have, have just had, or are about to have activation from Saturn. You recognize Saturn more easily because it acts more frequently in your life. Since Saturn has to do with concrete material reality and physical life, Saturn seems to be the energy that turns the lights on and makes you deal with reality.

Not all Saturn activations are difficult, it depends on which activation you experience. My saying is, “You spins the wheel and you take your chances!” Saturn, if anything, is very orderly. It is where it is supposed to be when it is supposed to be there, just like clockwork (Saturn rules time), and doing what it supposed to be doing. At times, it is a reprimand or a difficulty, at times it is a reward. Yes, I said reward. Most astrologers look to Jupiter for rewards, but personally, I also like the Saturn rewards; they usually happen as a result of tremendous effort on your part using qualities such as tenacity, perseverance, self-discipline, and by dotting all your “i”s and crossing all your “t”s. Saturn likes it when you have a well-thought out plan and you work that plan. When you get a reward from Saturn, you have earned it. If you handle the acceptance of the reward properly (and not all people do), you may get to keep it. That is why I like Saturn for rewards.

What if Saturn is not happy with you? Look at all those nice words I just wrote out about Saturn. Those are the positive keywords. What are the not-so-nice keywords? Delay, denial, roadblocks, hitting a wall, frustration, external discipline, authority role conflicts, problems with time and timing, responsibility, duty, obligation, and more. This sounds like down to earth, concrete-reality problems doesn’t it? Saturn is the policeman, or the judge, or the person who preserves “the rules”. Saturn is the “letter” of the law rather than the “spirit” of the law.

Saturn was the outer limits of the solar system for ancient astrologers. Historical astrology texts end with Saturn’s position. The stories of the three outer planets belong more to historical myth than ancient astrology. Before you think the ancients did not know about the outer planets, think again. They did know, but I cannot remotely tell you how they knew because the three outer planets astrologers use currently are not visible to the naked eye. However, there is physical proof the ancients were aware of their existence. That proof is in the form of a Sumerian clay artifact that appears to be 4500 years old. How they knew about their existence is the real question! Once our technology developed past the point of actual visual reference, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto became consciously known and are now incorporated into the study of astrology and all its applications.

When astronomers discover or determine new technical information, it becomes the job of astrologers to figure out what it means in terms of



human experience. The ancients were both astronomers and astrologers combined. About 300 years ago, the pairing split. It is the ancient myths for these three bodies that are the source for knowledge and application through metaphor and analogy. Psychologist / Psychoanalyst Carl Jung felt that astrology was the psychology of the ancients. To me, the myths were an attempt to find meaning and a hierarchy to life and many probably had their origins in actual experience. The strongest. The most beautiful. The most powerful. The... you get the concept. You do know what happens if you repeat a story often or long enough. It takes on a life and reality of its own. And, repeating over the centuries probably changed many of the tales. Surely you know what happens when a line of people privately repeat something... it is often changed in the retelling!

Saturn in the chart of a country has the same characteristics as for a person, but now we must assign descriptions that apply to a country rather than an individual - the same core meanings with more relevant titles. Who is in charge of our country? Is it the leader, the judges, the governing body, the military, the police or any other jurisdictional element? Saturn is not usually the king because many times the king is a formal face with an emotional connection to the people and little else. I would classify Saturn more as the prime minister, the head of the exchequer, the mover and the shaker, perhaps the king-maker, the power behind the throne. In our country, I am listening to citizens scream that President Obama should be making laws to do everything he promised and everything we individually want. That's not remotely realistic.

The USA president does not *make* law, the president *carries out* the *laws* made by Congress. Oh, he can tell Congress what he wants, he can pester, lean on them, demand, stomp his foot, and all that, but only Congress can make a law. The President can issue and enforce a decree or edict, but it is not the same as a law. As powerful as our Supreme Court is, it is not allowed to make law - only Congress can do that. In fact, the Supreme Court is positioned to be the final arbitrator of law as written by Congress, particularly as it relates to the USA Constitution. For example, the Supreme Court is not allowed to influence or interfere in an election. Yes, I know there have been moments that the court has crossed over that line, but they are specifically restricted from doing so according to the framework set out by the Founding Fathers and the architects of the USA Constitution and the attached Bill of Rights.

President Thomas Jefferson was so disgusted with the courts and judges in place upon his assumption of the presidency that he fired most of them and sent the third branch of our government into a tailspin. Around that same time, he closed all the banking institutions as well. That got people's attention! But then again, President Jefferson was all about individual freedoms and feared the power of both a strong central government and

an out-of-control judicial system. The political stand he is constantly being accused of is frequent revolution, and that is inaccurate. It was not revolution itself President Jefferson was promoting, because that would have been irresponsible even for a maverick like him. However, he was definitely in favor of not allowing the power of a central government and judiciary to grow unchallenged. He thought every nineteen years or so it would be good to shake things up, but not breed a civil war as is currently being exhorted by the radical right-wing as their right citing support from President Jefferson.

For goodness sake, if we went to war with each other now in any kind of a serious manner, we would annihilate the ability of the whole country to preserve our nation's integrity and safety. The rest of the world, or at least those who would exploit such weakness, would pounce on us. We would not have to worry about who was in charge ever again, because we would no longer be an intact country and would be subjects to whoever conquered us. Division is just plain stupid!

I mentioned earlier that Saturn sits smack in the middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of the USA chart (Virgo rising), the arena of activity that has to do with our country's financial status and value systems. Anything that is going on with Saturn has the possibility of affecting us in our wallet and other collective values. This makes it really important to watch and to understand. Whether transiting (current) Saturn is activating something in the USA natal chart or is being activated by moving energies, any activations to Saturn bear careful watching. That is what we are now going to work on and there are far more activations because Saturn moves faster in orbit. This is also the point where I must start to blend energies in order to get a fuller understanding of each activation. I mentioned previously that it would be far easier to read if one thing happened at a time, but I think you can see that is just not the way life works.

Transiting Saturn usually opposes transiting Uranus for a prolonged period. In the current cosmic dance, it had its introduction the third week of September, 2008 as Saturn moved within orb (range) of the opposition to Uranus. This extended period of activation happens only at the opposition between these two behemoths. In other articles, I have termed this the battle of the behemoths... giant planets on opposite sides of the solar system with the Earth smack in the middle, sort of monkey-in-the-middle as they play tug of war and confrontation. In order to simplify this workup, I've used the dates of exact aspects. But by now you should know that we can be affected "around" a time period as opposed to only "on" an exact moment.

Think of people getting into an elevator. As more and more people get on, those in the elevators will visibly close up their bodies, straighten up, pull

in their arms, perhaps even place objects to their front side to provide more isolation as they feel more and more crowded. The study of this “personal space bubble” is called Proxemics and it is a very real experience to someone who stresses out when their personal bubble of space is invaded in this way. If you study metaphysics, you will call it the personal aura. If you study astrology, you will call it an orb of influence. A physical body can influence not only its physical presence, but the whole area in which it resides.

Exact connections help us pinpoint a moment in what is perhaps a body of time in influence. Experiences usually need a build-up period, a pivotal moment and a receding time. Rarely are experiences instantaneous without a before or after period. The moment of focus is the exact hit, but that moment is not isolated from the surrounding period. The orb of influence suggests the general atmosphere, the exact connection suggests the specific incident. By *general* I’m talking about the aspect in world influence, by *specific* I will be talking about the USA direct connection.

What happens when Saturn meets Uranus in the sky in any aspect? Who or what do these energies represent? Does it specifically activate anything in the USA chart? What will that probable experience be? In Greek mythology Ouranos (modern Uranus) was the sky god, or Father Sky, and Gaia was the mother goddess, Mother Earth. They became father and mother to a multiple of offspring, some of which were monsters (see Greek legends). Could they have been humans trying to describe the monsters that roamed the earth millions of years ago, the dinosaurs? I understood humans did not exist that far back in Earth’s history.

Uranus didn’t like the monsters they birthed so he buried them within Earth (Gaia) and that made mom quite uncomfortable. Let your imagination figure out how uncomfortable that might be in reality - she would not be happy! Gaia asked her son, Cronus (today’s Saturn), to put a stop to the births and Ouranos’s unusual handling of the children he did not like. At Gaia’s bidding Cronus castrated his father, Ouranos, effectively ending the fathering of much of anything and the story goes on. As you can imagine, Ouranos was really upset at this turn of events, was deposed, and his son Cronus took over “rulership” of the Earth - and that is a story for another day!

When Saturn and Uranus enter into a major stressful aspect, the imagery of their battle begins anew. Uranus represents that creative impulse that reminds me of a lightning strike. Saturn represents time, duty and

Transit Sat 18 Vir 58  
 opposed Transit Ura  
 18 Pis 58 on  
 November 4, 2008,  
 next exact opposition  
 February 5, 2009 at  
 22:40; September 15,  
 2009 at 24:44, April 26,  
 2010 at 28:46, July 26,  
 2010 at 00 Lib 26, for  
 a total of five  
 geocentric  
 oppositions,  
 heliocentric  
 September 1, 2009 at  
 24 Vir/Pis 28  
 Note: Transit Ura was  
 at 22 Pis 24 (opposed  
 USA Nep) on June 1,  
 2008, July 22, 2008 and  
 March 9, 2009.  
 Note: Transit Sat  
 station retrograde on  
 December 31, 2008 at  
 21 Vir 46 less than 1  
 degree from USA  
 Nep, refraction.  
 Note: Transit Sat was  
 at 22 Vir 24 (conjunct  
 USA Nep) on  
 August 27, 2009.  
 Note: Transit Sat  
 stations direct at  
 27 Vir 50 on May 30,  
 2010; had no direct  
 contact with  
 USA Nep

structure. Uranus deals with newness and Saturn deals with building or preserving patterns or structures. In our current society and under this current opposition, they are operating as conformity (Saturn) and change (Uranus) and that concept should not require more explanation as we are currently living in the middle of it.

The Saturn / Uranus opposition reached the first exact meeting the day of the 2008 USA election, November 4<sup>th</sup>. That is an amazing coincidence, is it not? If I were to look for the standard orb or period of influence leading up to that moment, then I would look back to the third week of September as the beginning of the lead-up period; and so the elements started to move into place just under two months prior to the actual connection. When we are dealing with experiences that influence the global population and all countries, two months is a relatively short time of building up for an experience. On Election Day, the opposition landed fairly close to the USA Neptune and the battle of the behemoths took charge of the election process and the resultant four years of that presidential cycle with conformity versus change. Sound like what we have been experiencing?

We had the second opposition of the series about two weeks after inauguration day (February 5, 2009), reinforcing the power of that aspect to influence our presidential term. This was a two-part activation, and this second connection was even stronger because it was almost exact (a tighter aspect is definitely stronger). This presidential term is based in conformity versus change. We will experience this to some degree even when the aspect has moved off because the presidential term has that as a birthing energy. It behaves like a natal aspect from that perspective.

In looking just at the USA Neptune, I found it interesting that transit Uranus made the first contact back on June 1, 2008 and again on July 22, 2008 predating the dates that have currently been described. This was during the preliminary setting-up time for this energy. Uranus was in the lead and was the set up for the pattern that began on Election Day 2008. This is a pattern that is very complex and covers a much longer period than ordinary aspecting, not surprising when we are attempting to understand the machinations that effect a country and its people. This was in play in the previous presidency and during the primaries. The last direct contact for transit Uranus to USA Neptune was March 9, 2009. You should be able to remember the shock of the first couple of months of the current presidency as headlines surfaced in rapid pace screaming about what had been hidden, unknown, and misrepresented. The aspect hit us in our Neptune. What does that mean for our country?

Neptune represents our spiritual essence as a country, our basic spirituality, who we are at the core of our being and how we respond to the needs of others. A spiritual being behaves spiritually - that is with honesty, empathy and compassion, caring, assisting, trusting, is honest to a fault and has great integrity. To lie, misrepresent, misinform, misdirect, all these things are anathema to our country's core spirituality and to the dream of our Founding Fathers. Our spiritual essence lives within us as service to those less fortunate and demands high performance from us as a people. At our hearts we are a giving, caring people. The Founding Fathers chose this as a dominant energy pattern. This was not a mistake or an accident.

Unfortunately, we can also be quite trusting, and at times that trust is betrayed - also known as naivete. We do know that what we allow to be done in our name, even when we are relatively ignorant of those actions, that those actions and their results belong to us and we are responsible. This transit has been a very painful experience. What can fix or heal it? Truth, honesty, transparency, responsibility, and we do have to pay the piper. We can also use the experience to educate us to prevent such misuse in the future. This is a big schoolhouse, we do make mistakes, but we can learn and take those lessons into our future as better guidelines for expectation and behavior.

This ongoing battle of the behemoths has tremendous influence over our internal dynamics at the moment and it is visible in the confrontational energy we are experiencing. The heliocentric reality check was September 1, 2009, so we can see clearly and should no longer be kidding ourselves. As of this writing, we have two more passages to experience: April 26 and July 26, 2010. The April passage is part of the process itself and the July passage completes this particular energy. I have said it so many times I am sure it will not be appreciated at this moment, but these are repeatable patterns. What we do not learn from our experiences, we will get to do again. (Can you say the words "doomed to repeat"?) In circa 2056, this transiting (then current) Saturn / Uranus opposition will again line up to help us with our next stage of the lesson in conformity versus change.

Earlier we discussed that transiting Pluto was opposing (exposing, think of the bright light of a Full Moon) the USA Venus issues. It was unearthing all sorts of things we just didn't ever want to know about our social and financial values and our relationship and partnership issues. That remains unchanged. However, it will be augmented by the transit of Saturn squaring (challenge, problem, obstacle) our Venus. So, we have

Transit Sat square  
USA Ven 2 Lib 43:  
November 27, 2009  
(November 15 exact  
transit Sat / Plu  
square), March 3, 2010  
retrograde,  
August 19, 2010  
(August 21, 2010 exact  
Sat / Plu square),  
heliocentric  
May 3, 2010

one planet stirring up the trouble and another challenging the whole process. Does this sound familiar? Please recall what I said about Pluto in Capricorn now unearthing all that Pluto was stirring up in Cancer upon its discovery in 1930. All of the above is still true, but we must add Saturn to the mix from a challenge position. Fun!

Both Saturn and Pluto are energies that like to be in control or wielding the power. To me that sounds like political party machinations. We have a minority party and a majority party. and in our system the majority party is supposed to govern. That is just not working this time is it? We are suffering from minority rule at the moment. If I can't be in charge, I'll just spoil everything possible, sit down and play big rock in the middle of progress's road, scream and rant and rave until you *must* oil the squeaky wheel. I can derail progress of any kind, but not have the power or the ability (or even perhaps the knowledge or capability) to institute constructive possibilities. If I can't have my way, I can make sure you don't get your way. Then we will both lose, but I will feel like I won, and I will brag about winning. Talk about power plays! Sounds to me like a bunch of children calling themselves adults rather than members of Congress.

- ✓ This energy has been building from the moment Pluto went into Capricorn on January 26, 2008
- ✓ and took up solid residence in Capricorn on November 27, 2008.
- ✓ It got a further boost when Saturn entered Libra on October 30, 2009
- ✓ and then really worked up a head of steam when it made an exact square to Pluto on November 15, 2009
- ✓ and thereafter encountered the USA Venus and made it personal to the country on November 27, 2009.

There is the initiation of this pattern and it will finish the passage on August 19, 2010. The pivotal middle retrograde connection is on March 3, 2010. The heliocentric reality check will be May 3, 2010. We should also pay attention to August 21, 2010 for the retrograde exact square of Saturn and Pluto. Those two activations in August are only two days apart, the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. Such multiplicity of activation tends to emphasize that time period, so this period could be quite important. The energy is power struggles between that which would uncover and expose, and that which would structure and codify. The object of their attention is the USA Venus influencing social and financial values and alliances and partnerships.

Transit Saturn / Pluto (collision between the power planets) initially perfected their first square / opposition (challenge, problem, obstacle) on November 15, 2009 triggering the USA Venus individually and specifically for the final time. However, Venus can still be peripherally affected when this combination occurs close but not exact for two more passes. The specific middle Saturn / Pluto square will occur on January 31, 2010 smack in between and close enough to affect both the USA Venus and Jupiter simultaneously. The heliocentric reality check occurs on June 11, 2010. The last of these connections occur on August 21, 2010, again between USA Venus / Jupiter, but close enough to affect and involve them both peripherally by this activation. At least the reality check comes prior to the final personal perspective conclusion, so perhaps a bit of reality will be included in that final conclusion.

When you have two natal planets in aspect, the activation will last from the first time the earlier planet is triggered until the last time the later planet is triggered, causing an elongated period of effect, a not-so-clean-and-clear dynamic to read. This “mixing” can be the basis for difficulty in explaining when, how and why the activation will work, and when it will actually terminate. The elongation makes definition more difficult than it looks. The upcoming Jupiter connections will still affect the USA Venus even though there is no direct connection. Why? Because you cannot really separate the energies in that natal aspect. What affects one directly will have an effect on the other peripherally. What did I just say?

Our alliances, treaties, partnerships, networking, cultural values and international relationships (Jupiter) will have an effect on our financial and social values (Venus). That is not a surprise is it? That it will last longer than expected should also not be a surprise considering how close to the bottom of the barrel of experience we have descended. It took a long time to cause this state of affairs and it will take time to fix it. We are in this for the long haul.

As if this were not enough to contend with, transit Uranus just has to get into the act between the transit Saturn / Pluto square, with Uranus opposite Saturn and square Pluto, producing what is known as a T-square. Any combination of three or more planets which produces an opposition with two squares is going to be stressful regardless of which planets are involved. Three malefic planets such as Saturn, Uranus and Pluto will intensify that discomfort. On the plus side, exact hits are infrequent, giving what I see as a provocative period of time, but perhaps not distinct events. You have lived through periods when upset seemed like a heartbeat away

USA natal Venus  
2 Can 43.  
Transit Sat at 1 Lib 41  
square transit Plu at  
1 Cap 41:  
November 15, 2009,  
at 4 Lib / Cap 21 on  
January 31, 2010  
(Sat retrograde), and  
2 Lib / Cap 56 on  
August 21, 2010  
(Plu retro), heliocentric  
June 11, 2010 at 4:01.  
Note: Sat is done, but  
retro Plu will conclude  
its passage with the  
station direct  
September 14, 2010  
at 2 Cap 47

(Note: I am not re-listing the earlier Transit Sat opposed Transit Uran oppositions already given.)  
USA natal Nep 22 Vir 24.  
Transit Sat opposed  
Transit Ura 24:43 Vir / Pis:  
September 15, 2009,  
April 26, 2010 at 28:46 with  
Sat retrograde,  
July 26, 2010:  
00 Lib / Ari 25,  
heliocentric  
September 1, 2009 at 24:27

USA natal Jupiter  
5 Can 51, USA natal Sun  
13 Can 0, USA natal  
Saturn 14 Lib 47.  
Transit Ura square  
Transit Plu Jun 24, 2012:  
8 Ari / Cap 23,  
September 19, 2012 at  
6 Ari / Cap 57,  
May 20, 2013 at  
11 Ari / Cap 14,  
November 1, 2013 at  
9 Ari / Cap 25, and  
April 21, 2014 at  
13 Ari / Cap 34,  
heliocentric  
November 23, 2013 11:05

creating a long period of apprehension and tension. The actual events may have been infrequent, but it is a time fraught with tension. Let us see if I am right.

During this writing at the end of 2009, Uranus is located at about 23 Pisces, Saturn about 4.5 Libra and Pluto at 3:16 Capricorn. Saturn and Pluto are in aspect, but Uranus is not yet close enough to join that aspect, though it is on its way. Uranus moves forward to complete the final degrees of Pisces after moving off the opposition to USA Neptune at 22 Virgo 24 which it did on March 9, 2009 (thank you Universe). At the same time, transit Saturn which is retrograde (apparently moving backward) will move back out of Libra into late Virgo and will again pick up the transiting opposition to Uranus. The first connection of this was September 15, 2009 at 24:43 Virgo / Pisces, approximately two degrees past (which means that is last year's aspect) the USA Neptune previously described.

The first opposition set the lesson in motion, but it is a general worldwide aspect and not a specific USA aspect at this point. (Yes!) This aspect can affect other countries, but it is not as specific to the USA. I had mentioned earlier that the heliocentric reality check took place on September 1, 2009. We can see clearly what is going on for this aspect. The real question is will we pay attention? The retrograde transit Saturn opposite Uranus occurs April 26, 2010 at 28:46, and the final passage occurs July 26, 2010 as Saturn moves past any reasonable connection to Uranus and pulls away from its ongoing connection to transit Pluto. This is a period of churning tension with reason difficult to come by. Looking to the future, all that will be on tap for Saturn for the USA at that point will be the Saturn return already mentioned previously for 2011.

I have been keeping my comments limited to the next couple of years because I was concerned that I would lose everyone. However, now we must watch combinations of longer-range effects as transiting Uranus square Pluto comes into effect for 2012. The ongoing power-play pattern between Saturn and Pluto will have ended. However, the way these major planets are clustering at the early degrees of the cardinal signs of Libra / Capricorn / Aries triggers the early USA Venus / Jupiter in Cancer placements, first one, then another, then another. It is impossible to separate some of these activations. Transit Uranus square Pluto will come reasonably close but will not actually make contact in 2011, though we will get hints of what is to come as the energy starts to line itself up for 2012. I have mentioned repeatedly that these activations are not isolated events. They have built up, and will process and culminate over a long period of time.



Transit Uranus perfects its first square to transit Pluto on June 24, 2012 at 8 Aries / Capricorn 23 but does not specifically touch a USA natal position. This is a generic worldwide activation and not a specific USA activation. Yes! The balance of these connections occurs at 6 Aries / Capricorn 57 on September 19, 2012, at 11:14 on May 20, 2013, at 9:25 on November 1, 2013, and at 13:34 on April 21, 2014. That is a tremendous number of connections between the two planets Uranus and Pluto, and the energy will be experienced worldwide but will not specifically touch the USA positions. Again, yes! It does come very close to the USA Jupiter on the September 19, 2012 passage and to the USA Sun and Saturn on April 21, 2014, a half degree from the USA Sun and a full degree from the USA Saturn. This should mean that we feel it, but it does not become as specific for our country as it can for other countries around the world. Our heliocentric reality check occurs November 23, 2013 prior to the completion of the aspect in April of 2014. We would know what reality is and reach our conclusions from a perspective not just personal, but based on reality. Let us look at what this means.

One last Saturn activation should be explained here. Saturn and Jupiter are considered the cultural and business planets. The inner planets tend to be more common and social. The three outers are considered more generational or evolutionary in nature. The cycle between Jupiter and Saturn is considered to affect the general business cycle, quite important to a country. As with all cycles the combination begins with the union (conjunction). In this instance, that would have occurred with that seven-planet conjunction in early May of 2000 that caused such a stir. This was one of those patterns that was touted to be a world catastrophe by those who tend to such beliefs or are just wanting a moment of their allotted fifteen minutes of fame.

As strong as seven planets in one sign (Taurus) would be, there was another tighter, and therefore stronger, major joining also in Taurus many years ago. We survived that one, so I was not concerned with survival. I was more concerned that the clustering of so many planets in one earth sign would indicate problems with the financial market. To me that was the actual beginning of the stock market and financial problems of this current decade. This was also the timing for a wicked computer virus that scared the heck out of people. This combination of the business planets signify, and can set the tone of, the beginning of a new economic cycle that has a twenty-year duration in experience.

This joining can occur once in twenty years therefore sets a twenty-year financial pattern. Our current pattern is Taurus. The nature of the conjunction does change with time as it goes through its life cycle and phases, but the core values remain. The next Jupiter / Saturn conjunction does not take place until December 21, 2020 and will occur at the very

Note: Seven inner planets conjunct in Taurus on May 3, 2000. Planets ranged from 00 to 29 degrees Taurus. The perfected Jupiter / Saturn conjunction occurred May 28, 2000 at 22 Tau 42. This conjunction occurs every 20 years. Jup / Sat will be conjunct Dec 21, 2020 at 00 Aqu 25

USA natal Jup  
 5 Can 51  
 Transit Sat square USA  
 Jup: station  
 retrograde  
 January 13, 2010 at  
 4 Libra 39  
 (refraction), single  
 pass September 15,  
 2010, heliocentric  
 August 5, 2010  
 Transit Jup square  
 USA Jup: February 20,  
 2011 (single pass),  
 heliocentric  
 December 12, 2010

beginning of Aquarius. The aspect dominates the period of time in which it occurs, but it has a residual effect for the twenty years of the cycle, sort of a background Aquarian flavoring. This is a good example of cycles within cycles as described earlier. This is the business / financial world stage on which we as a country must perform. The flavor of that twenty-year aspect not only permeates the twenty years in which it holds sway but can activate similar energies within a personal map.

What does the current Saturn passage mean to the USA specifically? Once transiting Saturn gets into Libra and finishes with its activation of USA Venus, Saturn is moving to the square (challenge, problem, obstacle) of USA Jupiter. As described earlier, transiting Pluto is moving to oppose USA Jupiter and will be joined by the square of Saturn just as the USA Venus was affected first by one and then both as they challenged each other. This is the astrological signature of what we as a country are currently experiencing. One stress aspect is enough, two difficult activations are more than enough. While the two were aspecting the USA Venus, Pluto was in the lead with Saturn coming in later in the process. That meant that Pluto was going to stir things up and Saturn would follow in challenge to try to bring order. That order of contact is going to reverse itself when the two aspect USA Jupiter. Saturn moves so much faster than Pluto in its normal travel that the order will be: structure and organization will be in place *and then* the roto-rootering of Pluto will commence. That ought to make things interesting. Structure first, then disruption of the existing structure. Hmmm!

Saturn, one of the natural business planets, happens to specifically affect our country financially because of the USA 2<sup>nd</sup> house (finances and values) energy, plus it will be challenging the other natural business planet, Jupiter. Aside from this business association, Jupiter has other influences on anything international or cultural in nature. This is our involvement with other countries, whether that be as partners or enemies, in trade, philosophy, travel, law, education, news and news bureaus, promotion and publicity. When will this occur?

The challenge of Saturn to USA Jupiter will mercifully be a quick one. It looks as though it will approach the square but retrograde and back off before it fully connects on January 13, 2010. That, to me, is a miss rather than a hit; but it is close so I will keep an eye on it. Saturn will then make a single pass on September 15, 2010. This quick passage will be a blessing. It can give problems for a few short days or weeks, but it will not be one of those long, drawn-out passages. The heliocentric reality check occurs on August 5, 2010, so we can clearly see the reality of the situation and not just our personal perspective. The effect of transit Jupiter square the USA natal Jupiter on February 20, 2011 is a very quick passage and should also not present extreme difficulty. The heliocentric reality check has

already occurred on December 12, 2010. Jupiter has a tendency to expand whatever is already in place. A good analogy is that we as a country dodged a major bullet.

The Pluto opposing the Cancer lessons from the 1930s, Pluto currently stirring up Capricorn energies and challenging the Libra energies from the 1980s and 90s, and Saturn challenging both Pluto and all the Cancer / Capricorn / Libra USA planets, makes this an interesting time to be alive, does it not? Wait until Uranus gets into early Aries in 2011 to join the party as outlined earlier. Cycles within cycles. The collection of Saturn, Uranus and Pluto in early cardinal has many astrologers very worried. This could be a difficult combination. However, even when I give large (but not abnormal) orbs of influence of eight degrees, these three planets never quite create the T-square implied by this travel. They all connect with each other, just not exactly as a triple planet aspect within a specific time period. Again, while full of tension and angst, this again looks like we dodged a major bullet. When things are difficult, it helps to know that they could be, but are not, worse!

There are four more transiting Saturn patterns that get stirred into activity in 2010 through 2012. That of transit Saturn square the USA natal Sun, which is in close natal square to USA natal Saturn. Anytime something stirs up an existing natal aspect pattern, it stirs the complex and not just the individual bodies. This will always work as a collective. The transit of Saturn to its natal position in a chart is called a planetary return as Saturn returns to its original position. It can do this every 29 years, and 2010 to 2011 is the current return. A few months later, transiting Saturn will challenge that powerful, active and exciting USA Mercury / Pluto opposition in 2011-12.

Once Saturn has finished with the USA Venus / Jupiter natal conjunction, we will have a short break from its effect as it moves from the early degrees to the middle degrees of Libra. The break will not last long, so do not get too excited. However, when Saturn is challenging you, any break is welcome. The USA Sun is at 13 Cancer 01 and the USA Saturn is at 14 Libra 47, and the two are in square natively. In the USA natal pattern, our national identity is *always* in conflict with authority and responsibility. When Saturn reaches those degrees, it will trigger both almost simultaneously *and* because the natal aspect involves both, they become difficult to separate.

Saturn will be returning to its own original position, a planetary return, sort of like a reset button on an electrical appliance. Saturn gets a good look at itself, its original intentions and its progress or lack thereof, and makes determination as to what actions it wants to continue, what actions have not worked well, and what it must do to make the most out of current

Transit Sat square USA  
Sun 13 Can 01:  
November 15, 2010,  
April 15, 2011  
retrograde,  
August 9, 2011,  
heliocentric  
March 8, 2011  
Transit Sat conjunct  
USA Sat (return)  
14 Lib 47:  
December 3, 2010,  
March 23, 2011  
retrograde,  
August 28, 2011,  
heliocentric  
May 1, 2011  
Transit Sat square USA  
Mer 24 Can 20:  
November 17, 2011, May  
11, 2012 retrograde,  
August 8, 2012,  
heliocentric  
February 18, 2012  
Transit Sat square USA  
Plu 27 Cap 34:  
December 21, 2011,  
March 28, 2012,  
September 14, 2012,  
heliocentric  
May 29, 2012

conditions. As mentioned, Saturn gets to do this repositioning every 29 years, so these are important questions to Saturn. This is not dire or difficult, but it does set off a natal pattern for several months. Usually, Saturn acts upon a single degree for approximately nine months. Because there are two natal activations almost simultaneously (the Sun and Saturn), the time of effect can elongate. This pattern begins with Saturn's square to the USA Sun on November 15, 2010 and continues until the last activation of the Saturn return August 28, 2011, slightly longer than average. The heliocentric reality check for Saturn square the USA Sun is March 8, 2011. The heliocentric reality check for Saturn conjunct its natal position (Saturn return) is May 1, 2011. By the end of this doubled up pattern, we should be basing our conclusions on reality and not just personal perspective.

Saturn has to do with duty, responsibility, obligation, organization, playing by the rules, and similar concepts. Does this sound like conformity to you? Saturn will have the last word this time. We may have to be very inventive at the moment to fix what ails us and we have a natal Uranus quality to help us, but we still have to be economically solvent and coherent in the long run. Saturn in the USA Virgo rising chart is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of money, financial and social values, and it influences speculation, gambling, creativity, sports, pleasure, and our children collectively. Have you ever seen a person under dire economic pressure risk what little they have on a lottery ticket or a poker table? Think of this in a country-wide way and think of the risks we have been having to take in order to pull out of our current problems. With that aspect out there, we need to pay attention to what we are setting in motion because 2010-11 has just begun.

We will not have the involvement of transiting Pluto and Uranus at this time. However, in a couple of years they will engage this USA Sun square Saturn and throw in their two cents (or more). We will have to deal with them both but not in tandem with each other and the T-square they could have formed. We need to count our blessings. While I don't think economic recovery is impossible, it will be difficult; but I do believe we can do it. I don't know about you, but I don't want us to experience the very worst possible scenario.

Once Saturn moves past the middle degrees of Libra and moves onto the later degrees, Saturn will encounter the USA's incredibly important Mercury / Pluto natal opposition. This is the natal powerful communication that can be used for good or for ill. This is the same misused powerful communication pattern that has had us reeling under the impact as the misinformation and manipulation has been uncovered. This is a really important aspect to our country. Our legislators, presidents and judicial system wield great power through us and over us. Saturn will point out the irresponsible, the immature and the necessary by turning on the

proverbial lights and by challenging the inadequacies of this aspect.

It is important that we listen now, because a few years down the road it will be first Uranus making headlines about these powerful miscommunications and then it will be Pluto itself that will unearth and reveal all the nonsense that has been done in our names while we were asleep at the wheel. Once in 248 years, Pluto can return to its own original position, and right now we are 233 years old. If my math is correct, we are looking at about 15 years. That Pluto return is not that far away in time, is it, when you are considering that it is an entire country that is affected? I consider this and the activations that are pointing the way to that time as the most important aspect we are facing. It is so important for us to be paying diligent attention when Saturn turns on the lights and Uranus makes screaming headlines, because the real activity will occur on the Pluto return.

Saturn sets off this natal pattern by first squaring the USA Mercury on November 17, 2011. The planet of responsibility and structure challenges the powerful communication pattern (as if it needed any more help). This aspect completes itself on August 8, 2012 with that potentially pivotal middle retrograde pass on May 11, 2012. The heliocentric reality check occurs August 8, 2012, so we should be making our conclusions with our feet in reality instead of just our personal perspective. As mentioned, until Saturn clears the square to the USA Pluto, that natal opposition remains in effect as we work first one end of it and then the other end. The first Saturn square to the Pluto position is December 21, 2011 and the conclusion is September 14, 2012. The pivotal middle passage occurs March 28, 2012 with the heliocentric reality check not far behind on May 29, 2012. Again, at the conclusion of the whole activation, we should be able to deal with this from a reality standpoint and not just personal perspective. This an important activation to the Mercury / Pluto opposition (powerful communications) that is such an important part of our country.

What other activations can Saturn make to the USA chart while transiting Libra, good, bad or indifferent? We do have two inconjuncts (adjust, adapt, compromise), three trines (luck, angel sitting on your shoulder), and one sextile (opportunity for progress). We could handle some good news just about now. Some of these passages are very quick, a single connection only, others do the cosmic dance with multiple connections.

Saturn, the planet of duty, responsibility and obligation inconjuncts (adjust, adapt, compromise) the USA Ascendant (coping skills, public face) starting on November 3, 2012 and concludes on July 23, 2011. That pivotal middle retrograde pass is May 3, 2011. The heliocentric reality check is on January 30, 2011, well before the conclusion so we will have

Saturn in Libra other  
activations to the  
USA chart  
Sat inconjunct USA  
Ascendant 11 Vir 46:  
November 3, 2010,  
May 3, 2011  
retrograde,  
July 23, 2011,  
heliocentric  
January 30, 2011  
Sat inconjunct USA  
Neptune 22 Vir 24:  
November 1, 2011  
single pass,  
June 25, 2012 Sta Dir  
at 22 Lib 46,  
heliocentric  
December 21, 2011  
Sat trine USA MC  
8 Gem 52 and Ura  
8 Gem 54:  
October 10, 2010  
single pass  
Sat trine USA Mar  
20 Gem 09:  
October 13, 2011  
single pass  
Sat trine USA Moo  
22 Aqu 36:  
November 2, 2011  
single pass,  
June 25, 2012 Sta Dir  
at 22 Lib 46  
Sat sextile USA  
N Node 6 Leo 35:  
September 21, 2010  
single pass

the advantage of being able to see the reality before we make our decisions. We must put our money where our mouth is under this aspect. If we talk out of turn, we will be called on it. Responsible behavior is sometimes distasteful, but we should do it now.

When Saturn (duty, responsibility, obligation) inconjuncts (adjust, adapt, compromise) our USA Neptune (spirituality or spiritual essence) on November 1, 2011, we are very lucky. This is not one of the easiest combinations in the world and the time of effect is blessedly brief. When the planet of reality collides with the planet of dreams and aspirations, it can at times be harsh. This aspect requires adjustment, not sacrifice, and the time is short. The heliocentric reality check is December 21, 2011 but it comes after the activation, which can mean our decisions will be based on our personal perspectives and not necessarily reality. I have a concern for the time around June 25, 2012 when transiting Saturn stations direct quite close by. It does not actually touch the USA Neptune, but it sure comes very close. I want to create a mental note to watch this time for a potential activation. Perhaps that's when reality catches up to personal perspective.

The balance of the activations of Saturn in Libra are positive trines and sextiles. These activations are thoroughly mixed between stress, challenge and positivity. We will not experience a time when everything is bad or everything is good. That is how I see life naturally occurring. These are the positives, let us just enjoy them as they activate in our national experience.

Saturn (duty, responsibility and obligation) will trine (luck, angel on your shoulder) the USA Midheaven (goals, stature, mission) and our USA Uranus (independence, innovation, and looking to the future) for a single connection on October 10, 2010. Wish it were one of the cosmic dance patterns with longer timing and more connections, but we can accept this stroke of good.

Saturn (duty, responsibility and obligation) will trine (luck, angel on your shoulder) the USA Mars (assertion, aggression, military) for a single pass October 13, 2011. Stroke of good.

Saturn (duty, responsibility and obligation) will trine (luck, angel on your shoulder) the USA Moon (citizenry, homeland, family, emotional bonds) for a single pass on November 2, 2011. There will also be a close Saturn station direct on June 25, 2012. Stroke of good.

Saturn (duty, responsibility and obligation) will sextile (opportunity with effort) the USA North Node (extra-cultural ties, developing international relating skills) on September 21, 2010 for a single pass. Brief stroke of good.

*Major Configurations* When I first started studying astrology back in 1973, I did not study mundane (world impact) or political astrology. Just as most other astrologers, I touched into politics and world events from time to time, but not as a specifically dedicated study. When an application is as complicated as political astrology, you do need a dedicated study. Even with my limited political exposure, my knowledge of cycles could see that the 1980s would usher in profound world changes. Why? I knew the changes would be profound because an aspect that could occur only once every 248 years began in 1979 and that aspect had a twenty-year impact ending in 1999. Most important impacts in a single chart are for about a year at a time, so twenty years is unusual. What was that long-ago aspect that set much of what we are experiencing into motion? It was the moment when Pluto in its eccentric orbit started on its closest approach to the Sun and slipped inside Neptune's orbit in 1979. For the next twenty years, Pluto would remain inside Neptune's orbit, closer to the inner part of the solar system (and us here on Earth) than at any other time in its orbit. Closer translates to stronger in effect. For twelve of those twenty years, Pluto would be in its own sign of Scorpio, stirring up all issues Scorpionic. In 1999, Pluto again crossed through the Neptune orbit and resumed its position as the most distant of the known (at that time) planets.

Why would that be important? Pluto is the planet of root rooting, deep psychological change, opening those personal (or cultural) cans of worms and putting them on the front porch for everyone to see. Neptune is the planet of vision, of inspiration, of glimpsing what can be; but this can be accompanied by illusion, delusion, and deceit when not used positively. Simply put, Pluto rules change and Neptune rules vision. Traditionally (for 228 years of Pluto's 248-year cycle) Neptune (vision) moves faster and is closer to us (stronger and leading) than Pluto (change). That means that vision leads change. We have the ability to see the possibility of change before it is upon us. When those two planets juxtaposition (switch influence), with Pluto (change) closer (stronger) and faster (leading) than Neptune (vision), then we moved into a twenty-year period where change leads vision. What does that mean? We start changing faster than we can keep track and change outstrips our ability to envision where that change is taking us. We are hurtling through space and experience without the vision to see our outcomes and destination. That ended in 1999 but it had



set a new stage for us and eleven years later our vision is still reeling. We know what the 2000s produced. While some of it looked good while it was happening, it has not turned out well, has it? Our leaders lacked the skill to navigate this bad patch. It would take someone with very clear sight to see where all this is headed, would it not?

It would be lovely to believe there were no other important aspects going on at the same time, but that is just not true. However, this is not a study in sheer history. It is a study of what is going on now and where I see it heading. It is important for us to recognize the continuity of such activations, that they truly don't come out of nowhere, and that they have their roots in prior activations.

In a more modern sense, our world is reeling under the impact of multiple stressful activations which have clustered together in a relatively tight world time frame since the seven-planet group in Taurus on May 3, 2000. It was a significant date because the last time that particular pattern occurred was 4000 years prior. Any time a pattern occurs that cannot recur for 4000 or so years, I pay attention to as being more important than usual. That Taurus stellium emphasized financial and material concerns and the world ran wild with capitalism, greed and materialism until we ran ourselves into economic disaster. Now we are paying for our own lack of vision and excess. It does not matter if one of us did this or all of us did this. It exists for us as economic reality and *we* are the tools it will take to fix it. We need to stop the blame game and get to work on the healing and repairing. If we want to assess blame, appoint someone to play commander for that particular project and the rest of us can get on to fixing what ails us.

We have been suffering under major outer planet aspects for some time and they are not going away because we are uncomfortable. There is no place we can go off-world to wait out these hardships. This is where we are in our growth and we just have to deal with what faces us.

There are two major configurations that we should pay attention to, the patterns that produce stress. When there are nice activations, we don't need help. It is the stressors that require extra attention. The first of the two configurations is called a T-square. Two (or more) planets line up opposite each other with our Earth in the middle (monkey-in-the-middle) and those planets play tug of war with us, generating conflicting and separative demands. When a third (or more) planet moves to the middle of that opposition (a 90-degree angle) it sets up a pair of squares (challenge, problem, obstacle) to an already existing opposition dilemma. Because the current conditions involved the slower moving outer planets, the period of time elongates and the energy of the planets themselves can contribute to the dilemma. I have been describing this throughout all this



predictive material. Why am I describing it again? Because an additional element can be introduced to further complicate this picture. It is just our fortune (or lack of it) that this is moving into place. This is an emerging aspect that concerns many astrologers.

When another planet (or more) occupies the point opposite that square position just described, it unfortunately adds another opposition crossing the first opposition, plus it adds two more squares to the existing problem. That gives us two oppositions, which act at cross purposes to each other and four squares. It poses another dilemma in that all these energies act as if they are dominant and demand their needs and concerns be addressed first... all of them, however many that might be. It would be lovely to think there will be only four bodies involved, but that is not always true. This is a world pattern.

*Example:* So many of the countries of our world are below the poverty level. Living conditions are just awful, starvation and brutalization are common. Each deserves immediate and individual attention. Just how many countries can we attend to legitimately at one time? Personally, even with all the effort to assist those countries, the world has fallen short of lifting them out of their deplorable state. Rampant greed, misuse of aid, militants, terrorism, etc. diminish even our best efforts. In the last couple of weeks, Haiti has become a poster child for ineffectual but well-intentioned assistance. There are so many smart and capable people in the world, but we are witnessing such poor application of aid and support. Has the Katrina fiasco just repeated itself? In defense of my own country, we have tried, but we are not in charge. Katrina was ours to experience and to govern and we did a lousy job. Haiti belongs to itself and its own governing takes precedence over even the U.N.

So, is the T-square turning itself into a grand square, and when will it occur? I have already read the individual elements of these aspects, so you will already be aware of some of this. It would totally confuse the issue if I opened this up too wide, so I am going to deal with the exact to simplify the telling. Know that this will not occur in isolation, all at once. It will occur gradually, step-by-step over time, each piece fitting into the whole. It will diminish gradually, step-by-step, over time, as each piece slips out of the overall pattern. This particular pattern is in cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn), which tends to precipitate action and critical mass activations as opposed to duration (fixed signs) or adaptation (mutable signs).

For two full projects (Editions 1 and 2) I have been describing Pluto in Capricorn, which introduced itself January 26, 2008 and became solid on November 27, 2008. October 29, 2009, Saturn moved into Libra and the first part of the pattern, and a square was formed. On May 28, 2010, Uranus moves into Aries and on June 6, 2010, Jupiter also moves into Aries. On July 29, 2010 Mars moves into Libra and joins Saturn. The opposition is formed between Mars / Saturn and Jupiter / Uranus. The square position is filled by Pluto - and the T-square exists. The positions are shifting constantly, but the T-square still exists. This is a difficult configuration to maintain because there are so many moving bodies involved.

In June of 2010, the faster-moving inner planets are moving through the summer signs. Cancer is our concern because any planet that crosses into this area fills in that fourth position and turns the T-square into the Grand Square. Venus is partway through Cancer as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sun moves in on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mercury moves in on June 25<sup>th</sup>. What is the saving grace, the good part? These inner planets move quickly so the duration for this Grand Cross is not long. We should not underestimate its power and impact for sure, but this is short lived.

Mars moves quickly and Saturn is moving to the middle degrees of Libra, beyond its problem aspect with Pluto. This T-square will finish. What continues out of this and what we must pay attention to is Uranus in Aries square Pluto in Capricorn. But we've already been there and done that in this book and I won't repeat it here.

*Side note:* I belong to a professional astrologers group on Linked In. Over the last few months there has been a major discussion on Saturn in Libra. In response to comments from Elizabeth Lazaro I posted the following on January 5, 2010:

“Because of my interest in the USA chart, I have been watching this Saturn in Libra discussion and have written several times about it myself. I know we have both western and eastern astrologers [in this group] and occasionally activations and timing get confused between the two systems. This comment is western-based. The Aries Point with the presence of the outer planets is to me a major part of the current difficulty and it triggered earlier than the Fort Hood Massacre (which I also wrote about, bad as that was). I've noticed that this type of activation has a longer lead-up period than we realize because we tend to view the events in isolation rather than as a series of associated events. I will follow this Aries [Point] trigger with the outer malefics only for brevity's sake.

For example, the first trigger in the full set of western contact begins when Pluto moved into Capricorn and triggered the Aries Point by square on January 26, 2008, retrograded back over that point on June 14, 2008 and made its third and final pass on November 27, 2008. Saturn at that time was in Virgo, getting ready for its dance with Uranus in Pisces. Pluto's later station in early Capricorn didn't quite reach 00 Aries 00 so its part in setting up the problems we would face was done.

Saturn reached 00 Lib on October 29, 2009 only one week to the Fort Hood disaster opposition the Aries Point and square Pluto about one degree as Elizabeth mentioned. This produced a T-square between Saturn / Aries Point / Pluto. The dates for the subsequent hits of Saturn are April 10, 2010 when the retrograde Saturn moves back into Virgo for a time opposing that Aries Point again and widely square but still within orb to the transit Pluto station retrograde on April 6, again a T-square between Saturn / Aries Point / Pluto.

On July 21, 2010 Saturn will again enter Libra and oppose the Aries Point, and Pluto is within orb of the square (T-square). Saturn will have completed its activation to the Aries Point with this passage. Thank the universe for this blessing, but... this is not done, don't get too comfortable.

While we were not looking, Uranus is completing its stay in Pisces and has moved into Aries, crossing the Aries Point itself, and involving itself in the ongoing T-square. The first passage will be May 28, 2010, with Saturn out of sign but within orb to the opposition and Pluto in sign and within orb of the square to both. Saturn is finished with its last passage on July 21<sup>st</sup> as mentioned, but Uranus is still in play and starts its retrograde pass back toward the Aries Point on July 5, 2010 with the T-square still in play as just described.

Uranus reaches the Aries Point on August 14, 2010, with the T-square still in play quite tightly, two degrees for Saturn and three degrees for Pluto. Uranus slowly climbs back up to the Aries Point on March 12, 2011 and that is the final exact pass although its

station point on December 10, 2011 is at 00 Aries 38, very close. The T-square is gone, but the wide Uranus / Pluto square still exists. This part of the dance still has some life in it.

Although western astrology does not consider Jupiter a malefic, it does have a part in this great dance in the sky. As Jupiter often does, it may expand or dramatically increase the T-square in existence when it reaches the Aries Point on June 6, 2010, joining Uranus in Aries. I'd like to believe Jupiter will improve the situation, but I have my doubts that a lone Jupiter (western benefic) can sooth this existing malefic T-square. Jupiter retrogrades back toward the Aries Point on July 23, 2010, passes over it September 9, 2010 and finishes its cosmic dance on January 22, 2011 with its last pass over the Aries Point.

I haven't mentioned Mars because this is getting so long, but look at July 29, 2010, December 7, 2010 and April 2, 2011 as it ingresses the cardinal signs and joins in the existing T-squares. Once completed, I see this as the ending to this particular difficult cosmic dance.”