

The 2009 Inauguration Horoscope

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We do not know who the presidential candidates will be at the time of this writing, November of 2007. But we can erect a horoscope for the inauguration on January 20, 2009 at 12 pm noon at Washington, DC. This time and date have been set by law since 1937. Prior to that, the lawful date was March 4. There have been some inaugurations that occurred on other dates due to the passing or resignation of past presidents. We can examine this chart and compare it to past inauguration charts to determine what to expect from the next administration.

The 2009 inauguration chart has the Sun conjunct Mercury with a 6 minute orb and a conjunction to Jupiter with an orb of 3 degrees. The Sun is also conjunct the asteroid Juno at 29 Capricorn 41, very near the 26 Cap Midheaven.

There have only been two prior inaugurations with the Sun conjunct Jupiter with an orb of less than 8 degrees: Reagan's second (1985) and Clinton's second (1997). In both charts, Jupiter was in the last degree of Capricorn, and not in Aquarius. Both the Reagan and Clinton eras featured strong economic expansion, a Capricornian trait. None of the past inauguration charts had a Sun-Jupiter conjunction in Aquarius as does the 2009 chart. Thus, I think we can expect an expansive government, but in an airy Aquarian sense. Aquarius does rule the humanitarian and utopian view of the world. I think that this best symbolizes the view of the 1960s and the attitude of the democratic candidates. This suggests larger social programs such as socialized medicine. The Aquarian planets in the chart, Sun, Jupiter, Mercury, Node, Chiron and Neptune, are all disposed by Uranus. This is the sign of the dictator, one who rules by whim. Let's recall that Abe Lincoln was an Aquarius leader, and he ruled by decree during the War Between the States. Thus, we can expect an autocratic and unpredictable leadership.

In addition, the Sun and MC are conjunct Juno. This asteroid is named for the wife of Jupiter, a woman who was kept in an inferior position within the home. As we know, Juno frequently represents the powerless, women's and children's issues, refugees, and the needy. On the other hand, Juno was a good homemaker, and the asteroid does represent creating a good atmosphere. It was very strong in the natal chart of hotel magnate, Conrad Hilton, as the late Eleanor Bach liked to point out. Juno is also strong in the charts of effective foreign diplomats. Juno is only 3 degrees from the 26 Cap MC, so this administration may use diplomacy more effectively than former ones. This is fortunate because Mars is at 18 Capricorn in the 9th house of foreign affairs.

This position of Mars is similar to that of the Carter inauguration, which also had Mars in Cap in the 9th. But that 1977 chart had a square to Pluto at 14 Libra. Inauguration charts with Mars-Pluto conjunctions or hard aspects have led to war. Mars is not at home in the sign of the goat, and this administration had to deal with the Iran hostage crisis and the failed attempt to rescue those hostages. Carter was criticized for not using military force. The first inauguration of Lyndon Johnson also had Mars in the 9th, widely square Pluto in the 6th. Thus, it does appear that the new administration will have to face foreign conflict.

But, the crisis will not be severe because Mars is relatively unafflicted, save for a 135-degree angle to Pallas. This asteroid is symbolized by a female warrior. Mars is sextile Venus and Uranus and is trine Saturn. This administration is unlikely to face a serious military challenge, and this is fortunate because they will hesitate to use force and will not wield their sword well.

Jupiter rules the 8th house, and Mercury rules the 2nd, and both these planets are conjunct the Sun. This suggests an expansive economy especially in the information technology sector. But it also suggests very high spending.

Four planets, the Node, and Chiron are in Aquarius at the top of the chart. The sign of the water bearer is ruled by eccentric Uranus (20 Pisces), which is conjunct Venus (18 Pisces) in the 11th. This pair opposes Saturn (21 Virgo), and this axis squares the Uranian planet Cupido at 17 Sagittarius in the 8th house. Cupido's basic meaning is integration, and it rules families, housing, companies, and all groups. This T-square suggests that this administration is not going to bring America together. In fact, it is more likely to polarize the country. Family values are likely to suffer. The 8th house position says that there is a need to fix real estate financing.

It will take a little less than 3 years for the progressed Sun to reach natal Jupiter. The administration will likely be at its peak at that time, and the cost of running the government will be high. Jupiter rules the 8th house, so expect taxes to follow massive spending on the upside.

The Midheaven of the chart sits on several favorable midpoints, so this administration will enjoy a good reputation, a widespread influence, and a favorable view from the media. The Sun-Mercury conjunction equals the Midheaven/Uranus midpoint and Neptune. This administration will also be seen as indecisive and changeable. Opinions and positions on issues will shift. Uranus can be dictatorial, making up rules on the fly. David Williams demonstrated in these pages 40 years ago that dictators tend to have Sun-Uranus hard aspects. And, Charles Jayne showed that Sun-Uranus organizations do not have the cohesion to last very long.

The Moon is on the Aries point/Sun-Mercury midpoint. This combination can be read in different ways. This can be seen as an administration that is heard directly by the people. It can also be seen as a woman who has worldwide influence. The Sun-Moon midpoint sits on the world point, an important axis. The Sun/Moon axis represents man and wife, thus this midpoint on the world axis could be a world renowned couple—the Obamas?

An ACG map of the horoscope suggests where the administration will focus attention. The Mars in the 9th house suggests some conflict with a foreign country. Mars is on the MC on a straight line from Canada through the Great Lakes down through the eastern USA and south through Honduras and Nicaragua. Mars is on the IC from Myanmar in the south up through western China, Mongolia, western China and Russia. The red planet is on the ascendant-descendant axis in South Africa and the western part of that continent. The Aquarius grouping of planets is on the MC on the eastern coast of the USA, where

this administration will likely be most popular. The same group of planets is on the IC through Indonesia and China. This suggests a strong connection between these two areas. Already, in the autumn of 2007, there are reports of campaign contributions from Chinese Americans and from China to the Hillary Clinton campaign, a repetition of the phenomena that occurred during Bill's presidency. The planets are in Aquarius, and Beijing does need USA technology. Pluto can bring crisis, and this planet is on the MC through the heartland of the USA. The outermost planet is on the IC through India and central Russia, suggesting crisis in this area.

This January 20, 2009 chart precedes a solar eclipse on January 26 at 6 Aquarius. Matters begun in the week prior to an eclipse do not work out as planned. This inauguration is 6 days prior to the eclipse, so the effect will not be as strong as events that occur in the 1-to-3 days prior to the eclipse. But, we must consider that this inauguration will have some surprising consequences. The shadow of the eclipse stretches from Kuala Lumpur in Indonesia through Jakarta down through the sea past Cape Town, ending in the South Atlantic. Australia, Southeast Asia, southern India and all of southern Africa are under the partial shadow. This suggests that these areas will be of interest to this administration.

The Aquarian nature of the chart, the Venus-Uranus conjunction, Sun-Jupiter conjunction, and strong Juno seem to fit a female and a radical 1960s agenda, more related to Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama than to more traditional candidates.

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 Natal Chart (27)
 Jan 20 2009
 12:00 pm EST +5:00
 WASHINGTON
 38°N53'42" 077°W02'12"
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Koch
 True Node

