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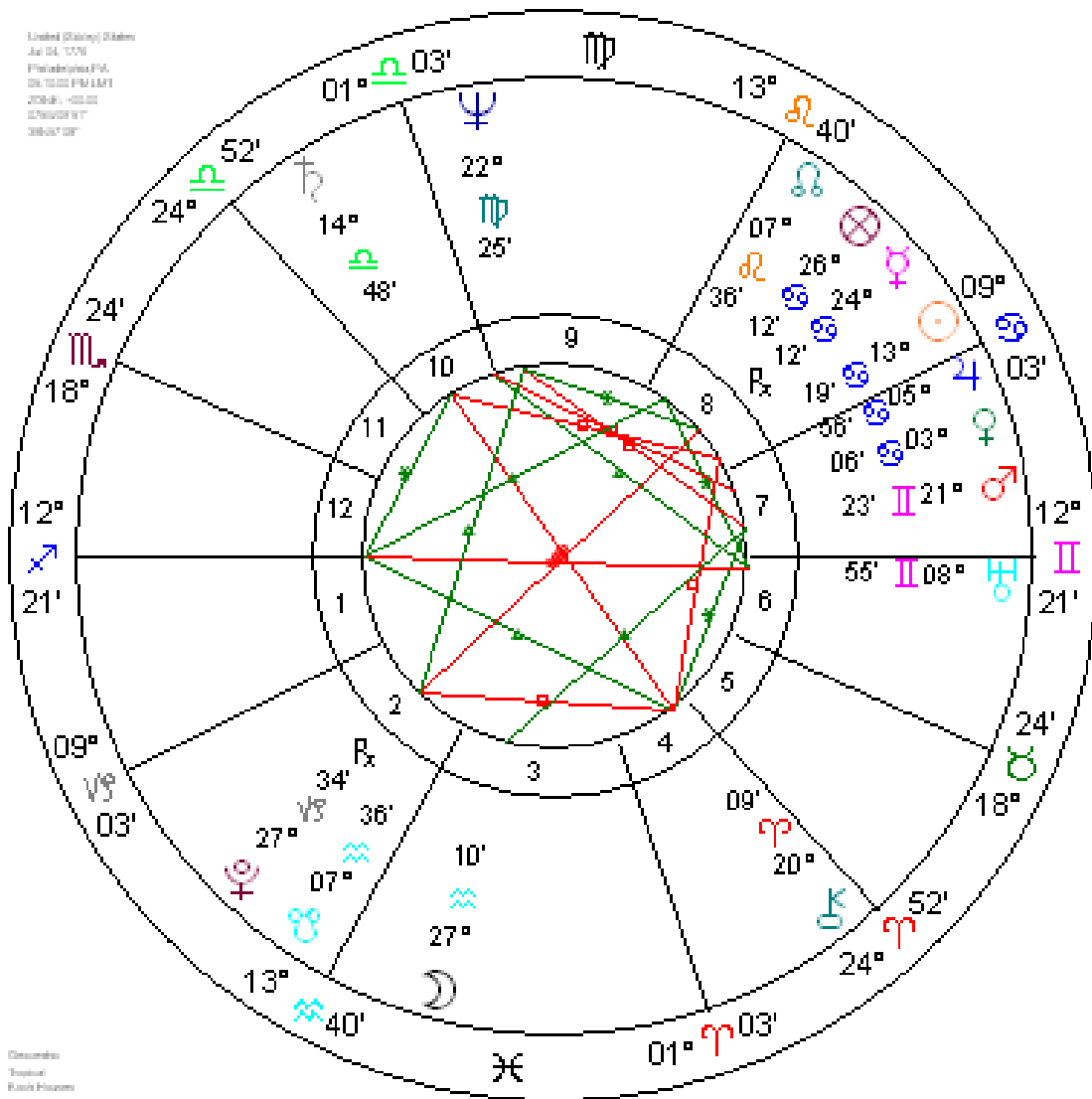
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When a nation elects a president, a marriage – or at least a partnership – is then formed, and as with any other partnership or relationship, one entity's planets make aspects to the other entity's, for good or for bad, which are then subject to interpretation. Those who request an astrologer's opinion about their relationship consult to see if the relationship will be harmonious or adverse, stable or short-lived, etc. While most relationships have some measure of friction between entities, the astrologer reaches a general conclusion based upon chart comparison (i.e., one entity's planets against the other entity's planets), and sometimes also the composite technique (i.e., a merger of the two horoscopes, forming a third pattern) to determine the overall tone of the partnership. A judgment can then be made about the prospects of the union.

Such a diagnosis holds true for the current political situation; it could be insightful in understanding many difficult and stressful things about what's going on. Astrologers call this method Synastry. Most astrology programs allow the user to choose several types of wheels for the purpose. If you haven't used this method yet, the following exercise might prove informative.

In this article, we'll use the Comparative and the Composite methods. Let's take a look at our current president, Barack Obama, and how his planets stack up with our nation's. We'll go in order of planetary

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THE COMPARATIVE METHOD

We'll begin with President Obama's Sun, which is at 12 Leo 33. This is conjunct the Sibley North Node, sextile the Sibley Uranus, trine the Sibley Ascendant, and sextile the Sibley Saturn. "Creativity and power urges harmonize easily". "Favorable so long as there are not a great number of other

conflicts.” “Harmony and benefit through the association, stimulating originality.” “Enlivening.” In other words, a good fit!

So far, so good. I would say that **the conjunction of his Sun to the nation’s Node is a destined aspect, a karmic tie, a fateful relationship that was meant to happen.**

Similarly, Obama’s Moon at 3 Gemini 21 is favorably sextile to the Sibley Node, and trine the Sibley Midheaven. His Moon does not make any adverse aspects to the Sibley chart, indicating a neutrality in temperaments; it is also indicative of the fated nature of the relationship, to work as a team, especially with ideas and communication (in air signs). **He instinctively knows what the people want... or at least, want to hear.**

Obama’s Mercury is at 2 Leo 20, also conjunct the Sibley Node, sextile the Sibley Uranus, and sextile the Sibley Midheaven. His Mercury, planet of communications, in sextile to the Sibley Uranus aids in bringing innovative concepts into practical application; and in this case, it is the nation (Sibley Uranus) that stimulates the President’s originality and awareness. Mercury’s karmic tie to the Sibley Node, and in excellent connection to the Sibley Midheaven, is undoubtedly helpful to Obama’s ability to make speeches and communicate concepts. **This is one of the key strengths that assisted Obama in winning two terms.**

Obama’s Venus is at 1 Cancer 47. It makes five important aspects. First is a lovely conjunction to the Sibley Venus and Jupiter. The conjunction of Venus to Venus indicates “a similarity of tastes”, a sympathetic nature to the relationship, a friendliness, and a unity of likes, while its conjunction to

Sibley's Jupiter shows that Obama brings benefit and stimulates optimism to the nation. But this double whammy definitely brings the likelihood of extravagance, overindulgence, and selfishness. This is likewise shown by the exact square between Obama's Venus and the Sibley Midheaven, a further indicator of profligacy as well as a false veneer of charm or acquiescence (from him to the nation). Obama's Venus, in an out-of-sign sextile to the Sibley Moon, gives the potential for affection and attraction, which "can mitigate other antagonisms". It is the source of his initial high esteem. But Obama's Venus is quinquax the Sibley Pluto, increasing the chances of problems of a financial nature between the two entities.

All these obvious beneficial aspects aided his popularity, his *manifest destiny*, and his ability to talk his way out of most predicaments, but simultaneously put the national debt into a terrible hole.

Obama's Mars at 22 Virgo 35 makes an exact conjunction to the Sibley Neptune at the same degree, and is also square to the Sibley Mars at 21 Gemini, although it is trine to the Sibley Pluto. A Mars-Mars square is a very difficult combination. "There is a conflict of wills." "When differences can't be adjusted, disputes arise, bringing hostility and even vindictiveness." It would be very difficult to work as a team. Both parties have conflicting desires, or else they don't want the same thing at the same time. It is almost impossible to achieve cooperation. **This is a perfect description of the impasse between Obama and Congress over many of his cherished policies.** Obama's Mars conjunct the Sibley Neptune can be very discouraging; he would confuse the nation, and "over-stimulate the imagination", whereas the nation's Neptune would sap Obama's courage. "There is much wasted emotion and effort." Obama's Mars "causes anxiety and fears to arise" in the nation. For any long duration (such as a two-term administration), the Neptune entity (i.e., the Sibley chart) "wears down the vitality and initiative"

of the Mars entity (i.e., Obama). However, the positive aspect between Obama's Mars and the Sibley Pluto can prove strengthening for both parties, especially Obama's efforts towards national transformation.

Obama's Jupiter at 0 Aquarius 52 falls on the Sibley Pluto/South Node midpoint, a beneficial aspect that might be carried over from a past life endeavor; it is also widely trine the Sibley Uranus, and trine the Sibley Midheaven, forming a Grand Air Trine. There are no adverse aspects from Jupiter. Therefore, **Obama's transformative effect upon the nation will be ultimately beneficial.** Humanitarian concerns are brought forth. These aspects are "inspiring, encouraging, and stimulating", ultimately both idealistic and altruistic. Though divisive and profligate, Obama might be seen as the Instrument of the Universe – in other words, a means for positive transformation.

Obama's Saturn at 25 Capricorn 20 is in a trine to the Sibley Neptune but a conjunction to the Sibley Pluto, and an opposition to the Sibley Mercury/Fortuna. Much difficulty is found from this. The Saturn party (Obama) "discourages or is critical of" the nation, and "causes worries and limitations", "undermining the Mercury entity's [the nation] self-confidence", and "bringing out resentments". Cooperation is difficult. The nation's aims are blocked by the Saturnian entity's obstacles placed in its path. That is to say, **Obama blocks the nation, and defies the nation. In turn, the nation's ranting (Mercury) seems irritating to Obama's plans.** Both present challenges to each other, with Obama's Saturn forcing the nation to grow. Saturn's conjunction to the nation's Pluto is a major test, bringing "mutual resentment, hateful attitudes, and a desire to harm each other". Saturn (Obama) puts a crimp into the nation's desire to transform, blocking reforms in the economic arena (the Sibley second house

of earnings, finances, and self-worth). However, Saturn's trine to the nation's Neptune is inspirational and practical. Saturn (Obama) can help the nation to realize some of its ideals.

Obama's Uranus is found at 25 Leo 16, making an opposition to the Sibley Moon at 27 Aquarius. The Moon-Uranus opposition is thorny. The Uranus person (Obama) is very "unpredictable and erratic", "upsetting the moods" of the Moon entity (the nation). Although stimulating the nation, Uranus (Obama) forces adaptability. It is a separative aspect. It is indicative of many changes in the domestic arena (i.e., homeland, the nation's roots, families, and properties or real estate – perhaps boundaries and borders?). In any partnership, this is an adverse combination since the Moon entity (the nation) will be unable to feel calm because of the many unpredictable adjustments continuously forced upon it by the Uranus entity (Obama). **The nation will feel as though it is in a constant state of upset and crisis.**

Obama's Neptune is found at 8 Scorpio 36, which is square to the Sibley Node yet sextile to the Sibley Venus, Jupiter and Sun. It is also quinquinx to the Sibley Uranus. Beneficial aspects from Neptune (Obama) to personal planets are "inspiring", and can be helpful for the national arts. It is a "sympathetic combination", proving supportive to music, dance, and spiritual development. It can also assist regarding the nation's gain in finances. However, Neptune (Obama) in difficult aspect to Uranus indicates important adjustments required between the generations of individuals; Obama's generation, being born in the Sixties, is generally at odds with some of the founding ideals of *the American Way* held by older people.

Obama's Pluto at 6 Virgo 59 is square to the Sibley Ascendant, square to the Sibley Uranus, thus forming a Grand Mutable Cross, but is well-aspected (in a sextile) to the Sibley Venus, Jupiter and Sun.

Obama's tenure can feel like a constant power struggle, disruptive, and agitating, causing much resistance on the part of the nation, but again at the end of the day favorable for transformation and reform.¹

Obama's Node at 27 Leo 54, exactly opposite the Sibley Moon, and therefore his South Node, is in perfect conjunction with the nation's Moon. This is also indicative of a karmic tie. The emotionality of the people (Sibley Moon) probably seems to the President as less analytical and detached (Aquarius) as he would prefer. Has Obama played a similar role in the past – perhaps in an ancient Atlantean relationship – between a group of people who have come together to share an ideal, and a leader who wishes to serve that ideal but has a dissimilar agenda or approach?

Obama's Midheaven at 28 Scorpio 54 squares the Sibley Moon rather tightly, fomenting distrust and disharmonious feelings, yet sextiles the Sibley Pluto which helps the process of transformation.

COMPARISON OF ASPECTS IN THE RELATIONSHIP

OBAMA'S ITEM	ASPECT	SIBLEY'S ITEM	POSITIVE/NEGATIVE
Sun	Sextile	Uranus	Positive
Sun	Sextile	Saturn	Positive - strong
Moon	Sextile	Node	Positive (Karmic)
Moon	Trine	MC	Positive
Mercury	Sextile	Uranus	Positive
Mercury	Sextile	MC	Positive
Venus	Sextile	Moon	Positive - strong
Mars	Trine	Pluto	Positive
Jupiter	Trine	Uranus	Positive
Jupiter	Trine	MC	Positive - strong
Saturn	Trine	Neptune	Positive
Neptune	Sextile	Venus	Positive
Neptune	Sextile	Jupiter	Positive

Neptune	Sextile	Sun	Positive
Pluto	Sextile	Venus	Positive
Pluto	Sextile	Jupiter	Positive
Pluto	Sextile	Sun	Positive
		TOTAL	17 Positive (1 Karmic)
Sun	Conjunct	Node	Positive (Karmic)
Mercury	Conjunct	Node	Positive (Karmic)
Venus	Conjunct	Venus	Positive - strong
Venus	Conjunct	Jupiter	Mixed
Mars	Conjunct	Neptune	Negative - strong
Jupiter	Conjunct	Pluto/South Node midpoint	Mixed (Karmic)
Saturn	Conjunct	Pluto	Negative - strong
South Node	Conjunct	Moon	Karmic, probably Negative
		TOTAL	3 Positive, 2 Mixed, 2 Negative (4 Karmic)
Venus	Square	MC	Negative
Venus	Quinquonx	Pluto	Negative
Mars	Square	Mars	Negative - strong
Saturn	Opposite	Mercury/Fortuna	Negative - strong
Uranus	Opposite	Moon	Negative - strong
Neptune	Quinquonx	Uranus	Negative
Neptune	Square	Node	Negative
Pluto	Square	Ascendant	Negative - strong
Pluto	Square	Uranus	Negative
		TOTAL	9 Negative
		GRAND TOTAL	20 Positive (4 strong)
			12 Negative (6 strong)
			2 Mixed
			5 Karmic

While it is obvious that the positive aspects in this comparative study greatly outweigh the negatives, it should be noted that the strength or power of the negatives overrides that of the positives. Since the

relationship is very karmic, astrology suggests that it be entered cautiously in preparation to endure many obstacles.

I'd summarize the resultant picture as being: a predestined arrangement for a person from the past in a leadership role who has humanitarian aspirations for a nation, and perhaps for the world, and much residual good will resulting in popularity and some mutual desires, but whose style or approach mutually weakens both partners, and restricts the process. Ultimate results of this fated relationship look beneficial as well as transformative, but seem like an enormous struggle during its duration. Also, there is both extravagance and waste but perhaps stabilization and eventual prosperity found in this combination.

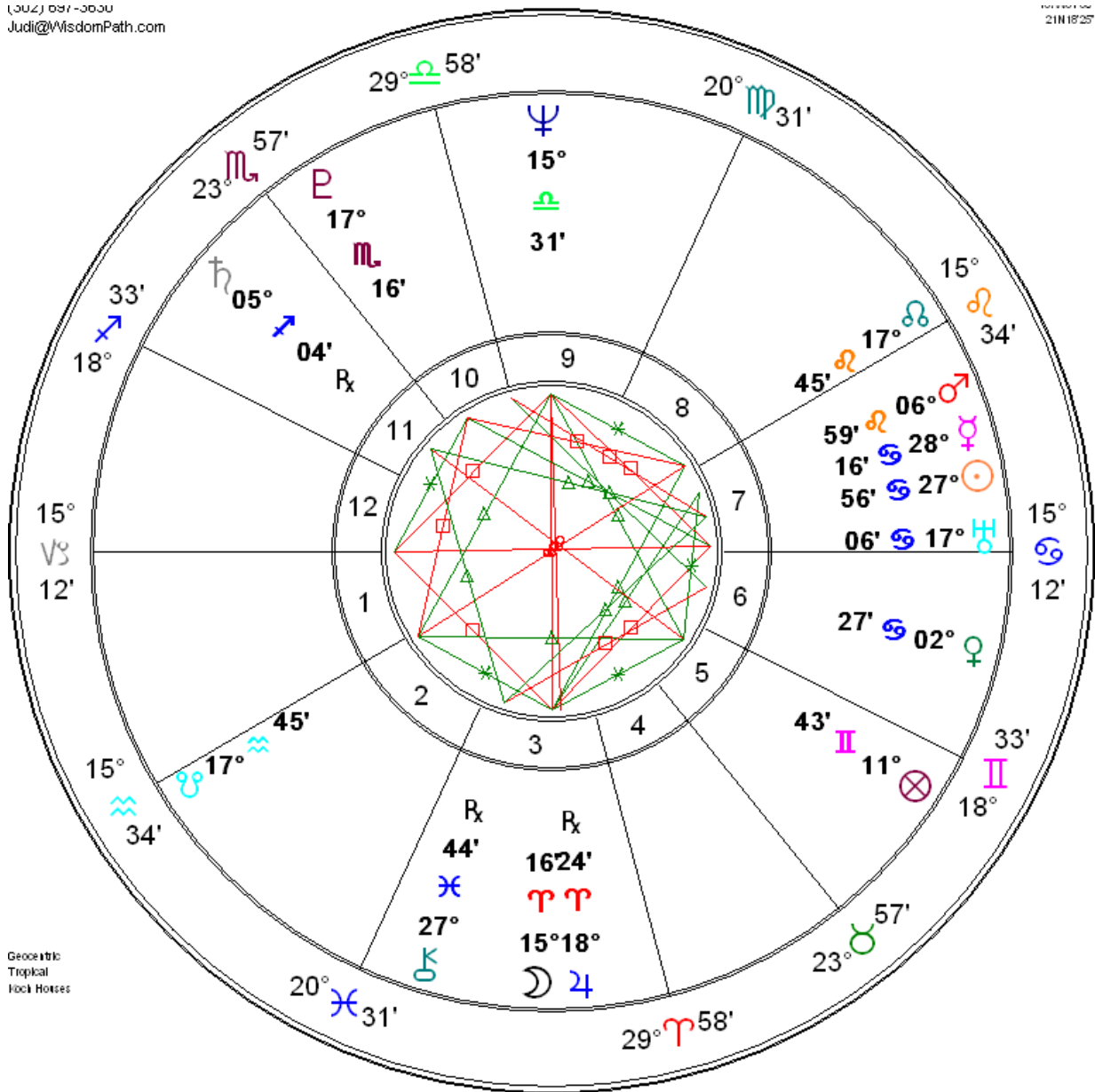
THE COMPOSITE METHOD

The second method of studying any relationship is called The Composite wheel. It consists of finding midpoints of all factors of the two birth charts, thus creating an entirely new horoscope. Rather than going back and forth comparing one horoscope to another, the new wheel is interpreted as though it were a new and separate entity. And so it is! It is the entity of the relationship itself, displaying its own confluence of energy patterns. Often, it reiterates themes found through the Comparative method, but shown through quite different avenues.

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Immediately, we see four planets in the seventh house of partnerships, including the Sun. Echoing that is a Libra Midheaven. This is obviously an important team effort. There are also four planets in one sign – Cancer – so the issues involve home (homeland), nurturing, and caretaking. However, one of the planets, Uranus, is found very close to the Descendant, and is one leg of a Grand Cardinal Cross

involving Neptune in the ninth house, Moon/Jupiter in the third house, and a Capricorn Ascendant. The partnership will be turbulent and confusing, with the two parties rebelling against each other and causing each other much upset. A sense of betrayal is likely. Pluto in the tenth house, square the Node in the eighth house and quinquax the Moon/Jupiter conjunction in the third house, adds to the strain and impedes economic gains. Mars is found in the seventh house in fiery Leo, assuring that there will be friction and drama. But Mars is trine Saturn in the eleventh house, which will aid a slow and steady plan to reach the goals of the partnership. The altruistic Aquarian South Node trines Neptune in the ninth house, supporting humanitarian beliefs, while the Piscean Chiron in the third house nicely trines the Cancerian Sun/Mercury in the seventh house (the very nature of the partnership itself), showing the valid chance of healing potential via sensitive discussions. The Aries Moon/Jupiter conjunction in the third house favors ground-breaking efforts in communications and transportation so long as delusions and power struggles can be overcome. A Capricorn Ascendant helped by a Pluto sextile from the tenth house confirms that the true nature of this partnership is business and “the bottom line”.

Summarizing this method, it appears to show a business alliance with lofty aspirations that gets bogged down in quarrels, mistrust, and resistance, yet still holds promise. Again, the purpose of the tie, being unquestionably one of teaming up (else, why be doing this synastry technique at all?), seems destined although choppy. Astrology’s advice might be to hope for some long-term achievements but be prepared for a very bumpy ride!

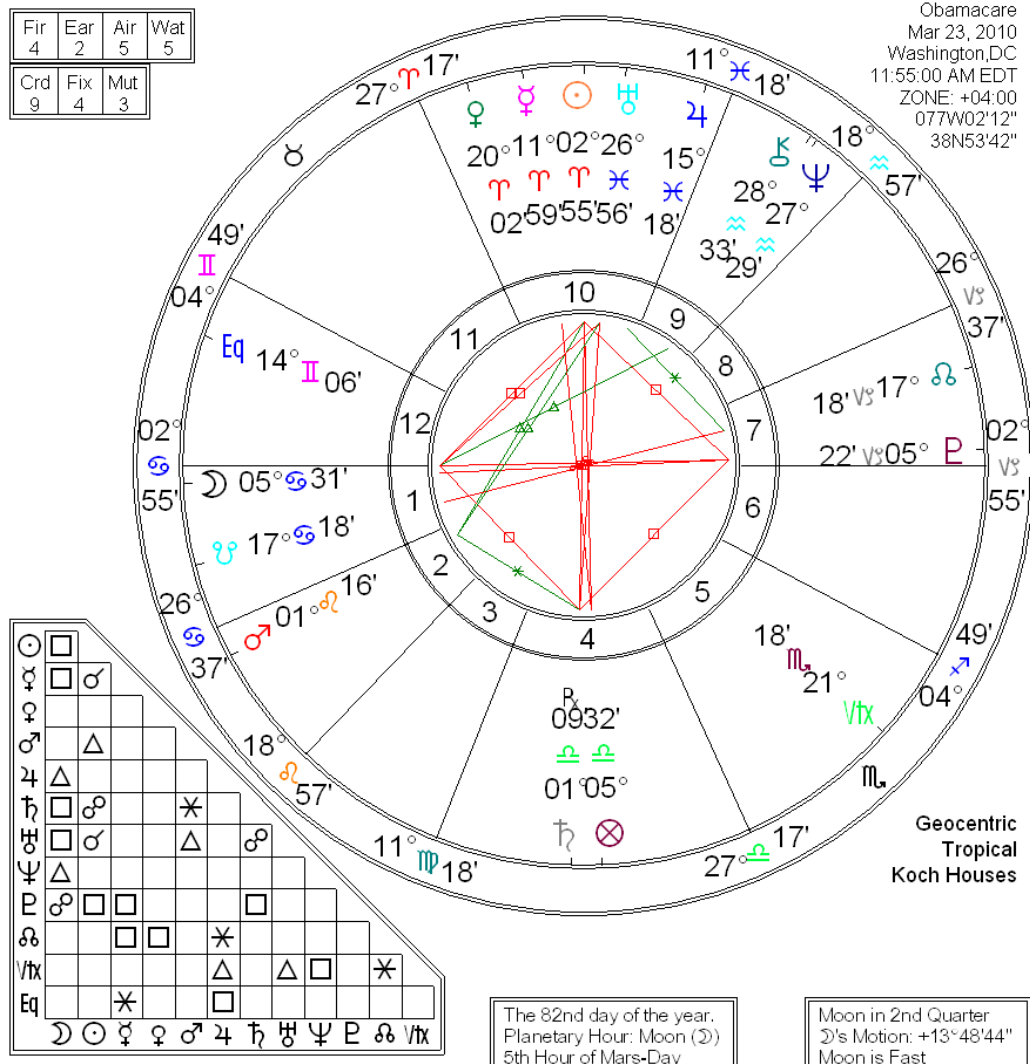
ONE MORE COMPARATIVE LOOK-SEE

Now that we have skryed the nature of the relationship between the horoscopes of President Barack Obama and the United States (Sibley), let’s look at one final way to gain better understanding of the

dynamics of the situation – a better way than pundits, professors and journalists can, as only astrology may!

Obama’s signature legislation, for which his entire administration will be known, and that will reflect his place in history, is “Obamacare” (The Affordable Care Act).

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (OBAMACARE)



By comparing the horoscopes of President Barack Obama and also the Sibley chart with the “birth” (implementation) of The Affordable Care Act, yet another picture of these relationships is painted that casts some light upon our current era. We see that Obamacare’s natal Sun, Mercury, and Venus in Aries are in good aspect to the President’s natal Mercury and Sun, which allowed the law to be passed in the first place! But with its Uranus at 26° Pisces, opposite Obama’s Mars at 22° Virgo, we also see a combination that is sure to bring dissension and anger for the two parties. “It is difficult for the [two parties] to cooperate fully.”

Obamacare has Neptune at 27° Aquarius (and we know that this is exactly the Sibley Moon, which is a combination that can spell out idealism as well as deception) conjunct its Chiron at 28° Aquarius (which is in turn conjunct Obama’s South Node, indicating an ideal or dream that may not be real). However, with Obamacare’s Jupiter/Midheaven in Pisces trine the nation’s Cancerian Sun, they “benefit each other in either or both a spiritual and material way” with “the one having the Sun (i.e., the nation) deriving the greatest benefit from the association.” Thus, the Affordable Care Act, while overly idealistic, will somehow bring benefit to the nation in the long run.

Obamacare also has Saturn at 1° Libra, which is right on the nation’s Midheaven, indicating a serious burden of management, and square Obama’s Venus, indicating obstacles to the President’s popularity. “Venus [Obama] will have many unhappy experiences through this aspect.” “Many economic problems also are likely to be encountered.” This disagreeable synastric relationship might point to the biggest loss of his earlier political capital. “Saturn [Obamacare] often blames Venus (Obama) for troubles encountered together.”

Obamacare has Mars at 1° Leo conjunct Obama's Mercury at 2° Leo, which can either mean fighting over this law, or it can mean a great motivator prompting him to talk about it. Obamacare has the Moon in the first house conjunct Venus, showing how much this legislation is dear to his heart; and it has Pluto at 5° Capricorn opposite Obama's Venus, yet trine his Pluto, indicating a great deal of effort needed to make the financial aspect of the law workable, to break even and avoid monetary losses.

With Obamacare's Moon, Ascendant, and South Node in Cancer reflecting the law's intention to care for the people, and with that Moon conjunct Obama's Venus, we see how much the President loves this effort to legislate nurturance for the population. Obamacare's emphasis on Cancer certainly reflects the nation's stellium in that sign, and thus has a basic commonality together. But with Obamacare's Cancerian Moon/Ascendant and Capricorn Descendant/Pluto, it aligns disharmoniously with the nation's Cancerian Sun square its Libran Saturn and thus trumpets a terrible ill fit. The nation (Saturn) will "discourage, limit, frustrate and delay the efforts and progress of" Obamacare (Moon), and "they will not be of much benefit to each other." "Conflicting ideas and interests." (Sibley Sun square Obamacare Mercury.) "Many of the Mercury (Obamacare) aims meet with delay of realization due to obstacles that Saturn (the nation) may put in the latter's path." (Sibley Saturn opposite Obamacare Mercury.)

In short, this law, beloved of the President, is disliked and resisted by the people. It may never meet its intention, and will probably tarnish Obama's historical legacy. That it was implemented during the great challenge of Pluto and Uranus against the nation's Sun and Saturn makes it a defining piece of this historical pattern. Both outer planets' transits through 13-15 degrees of the cardinals in 2014 will certainly bring interesting results.

¹ This ties in with the transit of Pluto against the nation's Sun, and later, Mercury, which is taking place under Obama's second term.

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