
Presidential Election

There has been much publicity concerning the two political powers in America. Of course, I speak of none other than the esteemed Barack Obama and the renowned John McCain. The onslaught of opinions and varying point of views on the upcoming presidential elections have whetted my desire to research, using the stars, to forecast the potential outcome of this selection process due in September 2008.

Looking at pictures of the two potential figureheads, my senses picked up on these points. To start, Obama exudes the image of an evergreen student working hard to achieve a dream. His personification brought to my mind the words of Martin Luther King's "I have a dream". It also occurred to me that the person we knew as Obama was born a warrior; he fought many life battles to live, and with each skirmish experienced, he grew stronger. McCain, on the other hand, presented himself as an established man. Someone who indulged in the high rungs of success. Perhaps it was due to age as well as the difference in status that pronounced the divide between both characters, but McCain impressed upon us the appearance of our societal "Banker" sorts.

That being said, looks can excite, psyche, deceive and mislead all at once. So, getting out my apparatus, I started my Astrological research, and analyzed the results of my ponderance before seriously giving this Astrological outlook of these two advocates.

I shall start the breakdown of my findings with McCain (he is the older of the two), who has his Ascendant rising in the exquisite Virgo. He embraces a down-to-earth personality who lives practically and gets irritated with good reasons. A cautious person by nature, he does check his steps even though others might view him as a person who easily handles any sort of situations. There are times his frustrations are not so easily contained, and bubbles to the surface.

His confident speech is delivered with more impact as Jupiter rules the 3rd House of his chart. When he says something, he is optimistic that he can deliver it, and others can expect to feel as though they are going to strike it in dealing with him. The very embodiment of the motto – all or nothing, McCain works up a storm with his emotions when he invests his concentration on achieving a task. He is a person not averse to suffering and torture, and this is something history has made a full record of in his life, and indicated strongly by Saturn being in his 6th House. Mars is in a debilitated position in the 11th House, which implies that he has to exercise caution in trusting people in groups, for it may very well be his downfall. In such situations, it might be better for him to believe in his own instincts and avoid succumbing to over trusting situations. There is a hint of a gambling streak as Sun collaborates with Venus in his 12th, and this denotes to me a sign of a man who is a high and mighty roller who places his chips in games of chances, and has made and lost in such avenues.



Moving onto Obama, I must admit that he has far more critical planetary placing that drives him. His Jupiter rising on the Ascendant is in a debilitated positioning, which suggests to me that since the day he was born, his life was a mess. In fact, he is very lucky to have even been born. A person who seems fine and dandy on the surface, he is a man who survive the impossibilities and fight all odds in actuality. Something in his chart is reminiscent of the early migrants: they came with nothing and fought with their life to make something out of their circumstances. Being very much a great thinker and strategist, he is financially only breaking even with the best made

plans. Knowing that a wrong turn means a cut in his monies, he places much concentrative efforts into safeguarding his interests. A completely open man, he is not afraid to set you straight if you have erred, and has seen far too many smooth talkers in his life. Regardless, these critics and shadowed thinkers drive him to do better and work more efficiently. Moon is exalted in the 5th House allows him to envision things accurately and pit his wits to accomplish his dreams. Being a doer, he makes many sacrifices to reach his goals and often finds himself trying to accomplish to what seems like an impossible dream. The partners that he might make in life can exasperate him, for they might seem like a pretty card initially, and then turn out to be the joker when flipped. He will need to be careful for such trick cards, and pretty much find his life challenging for all his days.

Now, to get into the gist of all that political debate, from an Astrological perspective. Who has the lucky stars in their favour? Cross referencing the planetary natal and zodiac lordships, as well as looking at the transitional positions and each birth chart in question, I have come to the following results.

Having his planets mostly scattered on the date of the anticipated event, McCain will be emphasizing more on his personality. I do foresee a couple of negative forces toying with areas concerning his health and stresses that may stem from unexpected circumstances and confusing wordplay that, if not prepared for, might cause his nerves to get the better of him.

Out of 12 Astrological positions, I see 8 positive of these working in Obama's favour. His winning formula includes his intelligence, his ability to strategize and also to mesh in a beautiful cohesion of races, ideology, proving to his critics that he can humbly coexist in the American Dream, and the melting pot of life.

The final verdict? Based on the above research, even though both men truly have qualities admirable, there can only be one president. The man who has the better potential to obtain that title from an Astrological viewpoint is **Barack Obama**.

I would like to humbly caution that the stars indicate to me both achievement and a sense of danger which is most dreadful lurking upon the horizons after the elections. Not wanting to dwell further into this, I would like to take this opportunity to forewarn Obama in employing vigilance in safeguarding his interests, at least during the initial stage of his election, and potential presidency.

As I remains yours Astrologically,

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