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ELECTION 2000: AL VS. "W" - YOU TELL ME! by Judi Thomases

In a mere few months' time, our nation will elect its 43rd president. Much has already been made of the contest between the two contenders, Vice-President Al Gore (Dem) and Texas Governor George W. Bush (Rep). But from astrology's point of view, has the decision already been rendered, the battle won? You tell me!

My approach to astrology is what I like to call Big Picture Astrology. That is, since the election represents a moment in time-space, I like to look at all the various energy patterns for that moment that can be amassed - transits (including lunations) against natal, secondary and solar arc progressions against same and natal, even solar return (I call this the "soup"). Then, prognosticate based upon the overall pattern rather than seek to magnify only one or two items from the mix for the purpose of prediction. This method, even if it produces internally conflicting messages, best serves my desire to see an overview of any situation, and has served me well in reaching high levels of accuracy for my clients' needs.

The Natal Charts

The distinguishing feature of Al Gore's natal chart is a cardinal t-square between his Sun, Neptune, and Moon, strongly involving legal matters, written contracts or documentation, and speculation. Neptune is in his 3rd house (confusion and/or deception about communications, including phone calls) opposite Sun in his 9th (legalities and religion, including Buddhist monasteries)!! Whereas this configuration can indicate idealism, there is also a strong component of self-delusion in it.

The distinguishing features of George W. Bush's natal chart are a kite with a grand fire trine between his midheaven, Venus, Nodes, Vertex and Uranus strongly involving career, personality, friends or groups, and fun, and a mystic rectangle involving midheaven, Uranus, Nodes, Vertex, and Jupiter.

Election Day 2000 (Nov. 7th)

Al Gore's "big picture" astrological overview: progressed Saturn quinqunx natal Mercury; transiting Uranus opposite Saturn exact; transiting Neptune conjunct Descendant and transiting Pluto conjunct progressed IC, trine Pluto (one week away); transiting Saturn conjunct Venus (2 weeks away); transiting Mars (ruler of MC) square Moon; and transiting Venus opposite Uranus.

George W. Bush's "big picture" astrological overview: progressed Moon sextile progressed Pluto; transiting Pluto trine progressed Pluto, sextile progressed Mars; transiting Uranus trine progressed MC/progressed Node exact, trine Moon exact, thus forming a grand air trine; transiting Saturn retrograde sextile Saturn; transiting Neptune opposite progressed Saturn; transiting Jupiter conjunct 11th house, moving back into 10th house; transiting Mars (ruler of MC) sextile progressed Saturn; and transiting Venus conjunct Vertex exact, trine MC.





Is there really any doubt? But perhaps the REAL question to ask might be: To what purpose in the Divine Plan would it serve that George W wins over Al Gore?

To that topic, maybe some clarification can be gotten from the following messages that have previously been channeled via a group of spiritual entities who have identified themselves as The Brotherhood of Light Workers:

"We can only offer the following: when there is harmony within the breasts of people everywhere, in their homes and in their callings, in their efforts and in their lives, in their sweetness and in their goals, in everything they desire, there will be called forth a great change. We see this change as the precursor to the new millennium. We see it as a necessary step before the world is 'saved'. So find that which is good in your world, and savor it. Find that which is clean, that which is resonant to your desires, and glorify it. We can give no easy solutions. Leaders must challenge their lives, ask hard questions of themselves to find their greatness. How to motivate and impel all subjects to a higher order? How to find and quantify ideals until there is no more dissent? How to prepare themselves for whatever change is required of them, so that others who follow their leadership can know their true values? Leaders must lead, but to their heart's highest goals, not to their office's survival plans! Only then can peace reign in each land, and courage follow its path.

"Awaken to your truths, that the world shall be made by yourselves, and no other." (May '97)

"The Clinton 'scandals' are your world's means of completing a journey towards greater understanding of what is expected in leadership in an emerging era. The old standards of behavior are falling away, along with false notions of heroism and hypocrisy. And the new standards are being formed as your confusion plays itself out. The upshot of this drama will be the creation of a new model of hero, a new type of ideal to long for, and a new, shall we say, 'cleaner' form to emerge. (By cleaner, we mean less stress-producing, less productive of doubts, more helpful for wholeness.) Only by the modeling of conflicting ideals within one persona can we see the desired wholeness, the longed-for image, the new ideal. It is through this very painful psychodrama that the world will find its newer identity - and that will be an identity of greater wholeness, greater unity of purpose and of being. And through no other manner could this new group-awareness have come about.

"We leave you with a thought: where would you go for your next ideal hero? Where would you seek that soul who can salvage your world? Where can you find your clean purpose, but within the innermost self of knowing, the deepest self, the self that already knows its purity?

"Find that self, and you have found your true savior, your true identity!" (8/23/98)

"Instead, here we have a role - that of the American Presidency in the final moments of the present century - a role that is imbued with heroic, almost Wagnerian constructs of glamour and heroics, but a role that can never be put aside. Therefore, one who assumes such a role must be ready to live its fulfillment on a day-to-day basis, never to relax one's image, never to remove oneself from its demands.



"Such an actor must not play the role falsely, but must be the act! Such a man or woman must know forever onward that such a role will demand the true being, and if one cannot fill such shoes, better never to try them on!

"If Bill Clinton, the last president of this century, had it in his nature to assume such a task without ending, he would indeed have been fit for the loftiness of the position. But Bill Clinton had not the true means to play the part on a fulltime basis because he, as so many, many of us, is flawed by incompleteness of ideals. His dilemma was (and remains) how to project more than he is, never being able to remove his assumed mask. This gargantuan task is all too much for most of us, but remains possible for the truly enlightened person who sidles into the role next time. Only such a true standard-bearer of heroism all the time, can fulfill such a mammoth task, and only such a one will evermore want to try for it!

"The dilemma, therefore is not of integrity, but of truth. Truth of looking into your mirror and seeing if you are truly up for such a difficult task. If there is not truth when you face your ideal image in your mirror, better not to take on a full-time demanding role in the spotlight of inquisition. For your lesser truth will out, and you will stand naked in the light of observation.

"It is therefore the country's dilemma of choosing a true standard bearer, not a false image. Of seeking the right soul for a heady task. Of refusing a lesser actor who cannot play his/her role 24- hours-a-day. Where to find such a person? And then, how to ensure that one's find is truly such a one.

"We cannot and will not give further advice. But we are herein outlining the coming/ emerging task...it is that of finding the core of the image, the truth of the person, the deepest and innermost reality that is presented in the form of an advertisement of truth. So must your world take its measure from here on and ever after." (Aug. '98)

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