

The Horoscope of Barak Obama

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(This article is based upon the birth data that was available in the spring of 2008. Since that time, there has been controversy about his birth origin. Philip Berg (D-Pa.) has filed a suit stating that Obama was born in Kenya. From Central Province Hospital in Mombasa, a certificate states that the birth data is 7:24 pm on 8/4/61. Thus, the birth time used is not certain, although I think that the horoscope utilized is correct).

Barack Hussein Obama (August 4, 1961 at 1:06 pm, rectified to 1:03, in Honolulu, Hi.) has his Sun at 12 Leo in the 9th house. Former Leo presidents include Benjamin Harrison, Herbert Hoover, and Bill Clinton. There are some dominant planetary configurations. Mercury is at 1 Leo sextile the Moon at 0 Gemini and the Uranian planet Kronos at 2 Gemini. This pair is sextile the asteroid Juno, which is in turn sextile Jupiter at 0 Aquarius 53. A pair of sextiles was termed a 'cradle' by Charles Jayne. Three sextiles was a 'cradle with a hood.' The first and last planets in the group are in opposition; in this case the pair is Mercury at 1 Leo opposite Jupiter at 1 Aquarius. These configurations bring a great degree of talent and ease. Charles pointed out that these complexes can bring an early life of comfort and ease, which does not prepare the individual for the challenges of adult life. Thus, there is a learning curve and maturity may come later in life. Mercury is in a fire sign in the 9th, so it is high in the chart. Obama's speaking abilities are obvious. The Winged Messenger is sextile the Moon at 0 Gemini, adding a sparkle and a degree of versatility to his personality. The Moon is in the 7th, very helpful for one who is 'on stage.' The Moon is conjunct the Uranian planet Kronos. Kronos can bring good 'hands-on' management abilities. It is also reflective of a positive influence that females have had on him. The [Rules for Planetary Pictures](#) says of this pair: Directness, noble-minded, high mindedness, leading great nation, among other references. Moon/Kronos widely equals Poseidon, which indicates a quest for clarity and an interest in matters of the spirit and religion. He has stated that his mother was the most spiritually aware person in his life.

This pair is sextile the asteroid Juno at 0 Aries 40, which is trine Mercury. Juno represents the powerless, so Obama will appeal to people when he talks about the 'little guy.' It can also represent use of the victim trip. Juno is on the world point, so this element of the candidate is expressed quite directly in the world. It is square Venus-Vulcanus at 0 Cancer. The latter pair represents a strong power of attraction. With these bodies and Juno on the world points, we can see why he is so popular, especially with women, children, and minorities.

The last leg of cradle with a hood is Jupiter at 0 Aquarius 53. The Greater Benefic in this sign is indicative of expansion guided by high-minded principles and not by economic reality. Mercury opposite Jupiter says that he is overly optimistic and will expand programs too rapidly. Note that Mercury rules the 8th house, so spending and taxes are likely to rise dramatically. These interpretations match that of the 2009 inauguration horoscope in which there is a Jupiter-Sun conjunction with Jupiter in Aquarius and the Sun in Aquarius. There were two prior administrations that had Sun-Jupiter conjunctions,

but Jupiter was in earthy Capricorn, Reagan's and Clinton's second terms. These were periods of strong economic growth. The placement of Jupiter in the 2009 chart and Obama's natal chart are only 2 degrees apart. Both suggest large amounts of social spending. I think that this matches Obama's history and his rhetoric.

One of the greatest liabilities in this chart is the Sun in Leo square Neptune in Scorpio and Hades in Taurus, a t-square. The latter pair can bring scandal and disrepute to the Sun, which is elevated and is the ruler of the MC. Thus, Obama must keep his slate squeaky clean and must be certain to have very ethical associates. Not obeying this message of the stars could ruin his reputation. We know that his African father returned to his homeland and young Obama returned to Hawaii to live with his grandparents. He has stated that most of his memories about dad came through stories and photos. This is symbolized by his afflicted Sun. In addition, Neptune-Hades does represent unhealthy addictions. Both Bela Lugosi and Linda Blair had this pair strong in their horoscopes, and both horror film stars were addicted, the first to morphine and the second to alcohol. Mars is also 45 degrees from Neptune, also an indication of the need to avoid deception and of physical sensitivities. Mars rules the 6th, so this is another warning about dishonest subordinates and health liabilities. He has admitted to teen alcohol and drug use, but has quit smoking. This is the type of resolve that he needs to fend off the negative side of Neptune-Hades.

Here is another example of situations that he needs to avoid. Obama was involved in a house purchase in which a Chicago businessman, Tony Rezko, apparently did Obama a favor. Obama purchased a house on the same day that Rezko bought an adjacent vacant lot. Rezko, who is facing federal charges for extortion and fraud, then sold a strip of land from that lot to Obama. Obama then supported federal funds for a Rezko project. The incident drew media scrutiny, and Obama said it was a mistake. Apparently, no laws were broken, but some say that Rezko overpaid for the lot while Obama underpaid for the house, thereby disguising a political payoff.

His Neptune and the fact that his Sun is on the south helio node of Neptune can also be seen in his admitted admiration for Roosevelt's New Deal and supports abortion, universal health care, and amnesty for illegal aliens. Obama has stated that he supports economic and social justice, keywords for the Neptunian concept of socialism. Given the placement of Neptune in a t-square, these issues are unlikely to come to constructive ends.

Obama has a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction, usually an indication of a self-starter and of confidence. His Saturn is in earthy Capricorn but let us recall that his Jupiter is in airy Aquarius, thus his decision making can be more guided by ideology than by what is best for economic growth. His Saturn is trine Vesta and Ceres in Taurus in the 7th house and is trine Mars and the Uranian planet Apollon in the 11th. These are positive placements for productivity, agriculture, and pensions. The economy may be stronger than expected, but his policies will be very expensive.

BARACK OBAMA
 Natal Chart (23)
 Aug 4 1961
 1:03:12 pm AHST +10:00
 HONOLULU, Hawaii
 21°N18'25" 157°W51'30"
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node

