

Wake Up America— Stars Over the New Administration

THERE ARE TIDES in the affairs of men,” Shakespeare wrote, and some pertain to the U.S. For instance, seven times, starting in 1840, the men entering the White House every two decades did not depart alive. In 1980 Reagan, had the assassin’s bullet come a smidgen closer to his heart, may have become number eight. Let us hope the person taking over on January 20, 2001 can evade this pattern.

Another pattern seems to be that the first administration in a new century changes the nation’s course. In 1801 Jefferson’s accession marked the end of the Federalist Party and a move toward a more powerful government. The story of the Louisiana Purchase may be the chief example of this power surge from the center. On September 14, 1901, when Theodore Roosevelt took over after McKinley was assassinated, “Progressivism” became the new policy and the government’s sphere of activity was vastly expanded. Will there be a repetition of this expansion after 2001? Let’s see.

One of the 2001 Inauguration chart’s most obvious message is the fact that 2001-5 will not be a time of 100% peace. Mars is strong in its own sign and the 7th house of war. Another message that looms most visibly, and at the map’s very top, is the four-planet cluster in Aquarius. If merely the Sun and Mercury were there, and in the 11th sign, that wouldn’t mean much. Since inaugurations began to be held in 1937, the solar orb has always been in Aquarius, and Mercury is never more than 32 degrees distant. But this time two “heavies” are also there. Uranus takes approximately 84 years to

complete its circuit, and Neptune about 165 years, so they join up every 16-1/2 decades.

But the last time they were together, December 1834 to January 1836,¹ not only was there no presidential inauguration, but Neptune had not yet become visible to human eyes.² Hence its influence was far weaker than it is now. But we do know what was going on in the U.S. during the time of their conjunction—highly idealistic humanitarian reform movements inspired by sincere altruism, perhaps the best known being abolitionism and educational reform. This time witnessed the birth of Transcendentalism, America’s first major New Age movement. Aquarius and its ruler Uranus are identified with the New Age, so we can confidently expect New Age-type reforms at the start of the new millennium.

Anything wrong with that? Of course not. But all things earthly are in some way(s) imperfect. And as we view the 1/20/2001 chart, we find a very basic problem. Saturn is opposite Mars, both are in fixed signs and angular. Nativities with this configuration tend to “build...on a false premise, and it (what they build) collapses beneath them.”³

Also in the U.S. natus, during January 2001 Pluto is transiting opposite Uranus, calling for major regeneration of some sort.⁴ And in the inaugural map, Uranus’ degree carries the danger of self-deception.⁵

What sort of regeneration is called for to avert self-deception? The M.C. in Capricorn 26 is in a degree “warning to re-evaluate plans before rushing ahead.”⁶ We further note that this natus is a bowl, and its “house position...reveals a maximum

of self-emptying.”⁷

In a bowl, the cutting and trailing planets are significant. Here they are Pluto of intensity and Jupiter—especially if in detriment and retrograde, as here, which inclines to overdoing.⁸ Overdoing is an intrinsic ingredient of the American way of life.⁹ The Moon, planet of action, is conjunct intense Pluto. What all the above adds up to is this: the basic flaw of the 1/20/2001 chart is the strong tendency of overdoing a “good.”

Overdoing what and how? Neptune is the orb of inflation.¹⁰ It “just naturally” expands all it touches.¹¹ And it is more powerful in this map than may be obvious.¹² It is a “master of illusions.”¹³ It tends to “promise pie in the sky, reward without work.”¹⁴ Doesn’t this sound like the welfare state?

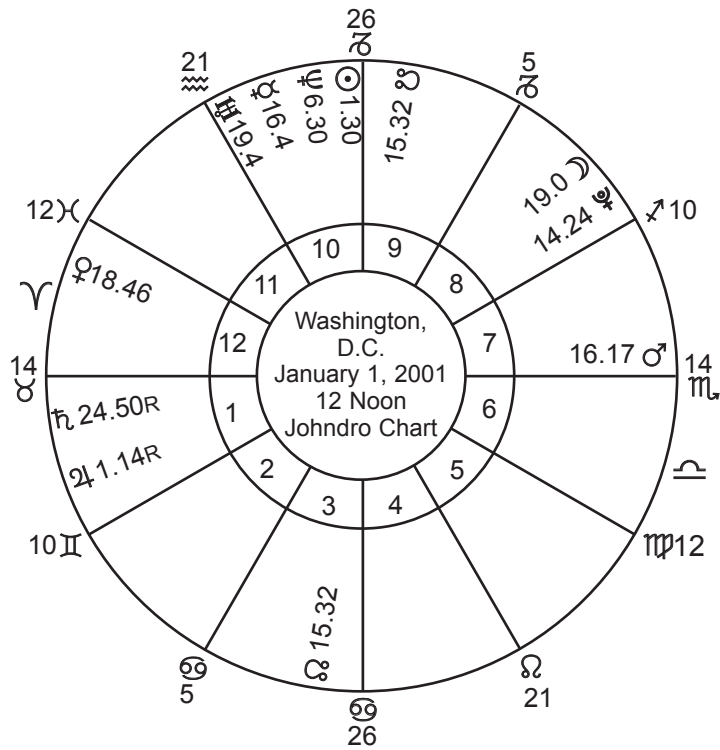
There’s also this: since the previous New Moon was not in Aquarius, this augments the Saturn-ruled Capricorn influence, especially with Saturn in the first house, in a compatible sign and its own decan, and lord of the M.C. And Saturn concentrates; on the mundane/political level, this applies to power.”¹⁵ Concerning welfare states it has been said, the government that can give you everything can also take away everything. A welfare state by its very nature must be one that gathers/collects maximum power under its control.

One can’t object to government helping the truly needy, especially to help themselves. And Social Security, begun in the 1930’s while Neptune was transiting its natal place in the U.S. map, and hence the strongest, has undoubtedly done much good. But as things stand at this time, if it is to be saved from bankruptcy, are not taxpayers going to have to pay more, as the ratio between workers and retirees continues to widen?¹⁶ Other nations, with welfare systems similar to the American, are facing similar problems.¹⁷

Neptune also rules slavery.¹⁸ And the welfare state produces two kinds of “slaves”: those beholden/addicted to its hand-outs and those who toil extra hours to finance them.¹⁹

Neptune rules sleep.²⁰ Does this not lend impetus to the urgent clarion call, **Wake Up America?** □

—A Probationer



1. *Astrology, the Divine Science*, Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas, pp. 235, 278.
2. Neptune became visible in 1846. *The Compleat Astrologer*, Derek and Julia Parker, p. 417.
3. *Astrology for the Millions*, Grant Lewi, p. 36.
4. *Pluto*, Fritz Brunhubner, Chapter 6.
5. *The Sabian Symbols*, Marc Edmund Jones, p. 289.
6. *A Spiritual Approach to Astrology*, Myrna Lofthus, p. 251.
7. *The Guide to Horoscope Interpretation*, Marc Edmund Jones, p. 66.
8. *Predictive Astrology*, Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker, Chapter 10.
9. *The Washington Monthly*, Vol. 31, No. 3, March 1999, p. 18.
10. *A to Z Horoscope Maker and Delineator*, Llewellyn George, p. 562.
11. Neptune’s Sabian symbol, “A child born of an eggshell.” Mark Edmund Jones, *op. cit.*, p. 277. This is against nature!
12. It is conjunct a critical degree, closest the Sun, semi-sextile the Moon, in nonagen to Venus and Fortuna, in midpoint configuration with Sun and M.C., septile to Mars: small items, but they add up!
13. Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas, *op. cit.*, p. 700.
14. *Sex and the Outer Planets*, Barbara H. Watters, p. 96.
15. *Astrology: A Cosmic Science*, Isabel M. Hickey, p. 42.
16. A recent headline: “A Rising Din Over Social Security” had this subheading: “Fixing the System has Become No. 1 Issue. But no Consensus Exists on the Best Way.” *The Christian Science Monitor*, January 22, 1999, p. 23.
17. See *U.S. News and World Report* cover story for March 1, 1999, “The Global Aging Crisis.” Also *The Gray Dawn*, Peter G. Peterson.
18. Barbara H. Watters, *op. cit.*, p. 95.
19. No one will deny slavery is cruel, and Saturn, closest to the Ascendant, is conjunct the fixed star Algol, described as “evil.” Marcia More and Mark Douglas, *op. cit.*, p. 736.
20. Llewellyn George, *op. cit.*, p. 563.