

WHAT THE STARS SAY ABOUT... Obama & Obama



Our astrologer *Fiona Graham* investigates this glamorous couple with the power to change the world

BARACK OBAMA

Birthday: August 4, 1961
Sign: Leo
Element: Fire
Planet: Sun
Gemstone: Ruby

MICHELLE OBAMA

Birthday: January 17, 1964
Sign: Capricorn
Element: Earth
Planet: Saturn
Gemstone: Turquoise



The Obama odyssey

Barack Obama radiates regal Leo presence and dignity – a presidential style exuding authority and grace. He also returns glamour and popularity to the White House. With Aquarius rising and Sun square to idealistic Neptune, ‘inclusion’ is the new watchword. He has captured the public imagination, and a nation yearning for a saviour. Barack embodies the Leo/Aquarius dilemma – show-stopper (Leo) versus egalitarian everyman (Aquarius); the politician who addresses huge rallies like a rock-star. With Uranus conjoining the North Node, the call for change seems destined. Saturn/Uranus (co-rulers of Aquarius) are in challenging aspect in his chart, echoing the push-and-pull of the US zeitgeist, of neo-conservatism versus reform. The emphasis on the 7th House of partnerships reflects his focus on forging alliances; he has the diplomacy to connect even with adversaries.

His multi-cultural/racial identity and absence of clear-cut roots represents the true American dream, especially as a self-starter of relatively humble origins. His inauguration speech stated (with Leonine sentiment) that governing America was ‘not for the faint-hearted’. Known for soaring oratory (Mercury in Leo opposite Jupiter), in this speech, gritty realism reflected his workmanlike 6th House Sun/Mercury. With Saturn/Jupiter conjoined he combines Saturn’s steely composure and hard-graft with the Jupiterian salvationist mode of the civil rights campaigners for whom he carries the

baton. His chart walks the moral high ground, fuelling him to lead the ‘free-world’. Some say he is more preacher than revolutionary, which may underpin the mass-appeal that includes Midwestern America.

His versatile, verbal Gemini Moon denotes communication facility. It seems Gemini duality was eerily enacted via his double swearing in. With Scorpio on the career-zone and Pluto squaring up to his Moon he is born for ‘the work of remaking America’. This is a transformative president and only time will tell if his hands are tied by establishment machinery (Saturn).

Michelle Obama’s administration

Michelle personifies distinguished Capricorn leadership qualities – an Ivy League-educated lawyer and until recently a higher earner than Barack. With understated finesse she will overturn First Lady traditions. Barack himself says she will ‘design her own role ... set her own path’. Sun conjunct Mars in Aquarius, also Jupiter in getting Aries depicts a warrior woman and freedom fighter. With her powerful Uranus/Pluto conjunction opposing Chiron (the wounded-healer) social change means helping victims; she intends to start within her new community Washington DC – brutally portioned according to race and class. She is a trendsetter far beyond the style-icon status she has acquired.

Together forever

This is a partnership of fire (Leo) and earth (Capricorn): ideals versus reality; faith meets strategy. Capricorn Michelle chimes with Barack’s Saturnian emphasis on ‘moral backbone’. Michelle’s Saturn conjoins Barack’s ascendant, while Barack’s Saturn conjoins Michelle’s Sun: this relationship is about commitment and mutual shaping of destiny. Barack has said: “What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility” – something he can rely on in his wife.

Their respective Venuses fall in water signs, suggesting emotional harmony and the affectionate bond they express even in the public arena. Numerous contacts between Mercury, Mars and Jupiter render their marriage inspired.

Generation Obama

With Pluto’s recent ingress into Capricorn, the rules of political power-broking are being transformed. Obama’s entrance as president may well portray the rebirth of a super-power.

With his strong Saturn/Uranus themes he is a rebel who works via the mainstream, and this reverberates through ongoing oppositions between transiting Saturn and Uranus. The mission is to unite disparate factors.

This year marks Barack’s Jupiter return, boosting self-confidence and vision, yet so far, inevitably, the age of Obama is one of untested promise.