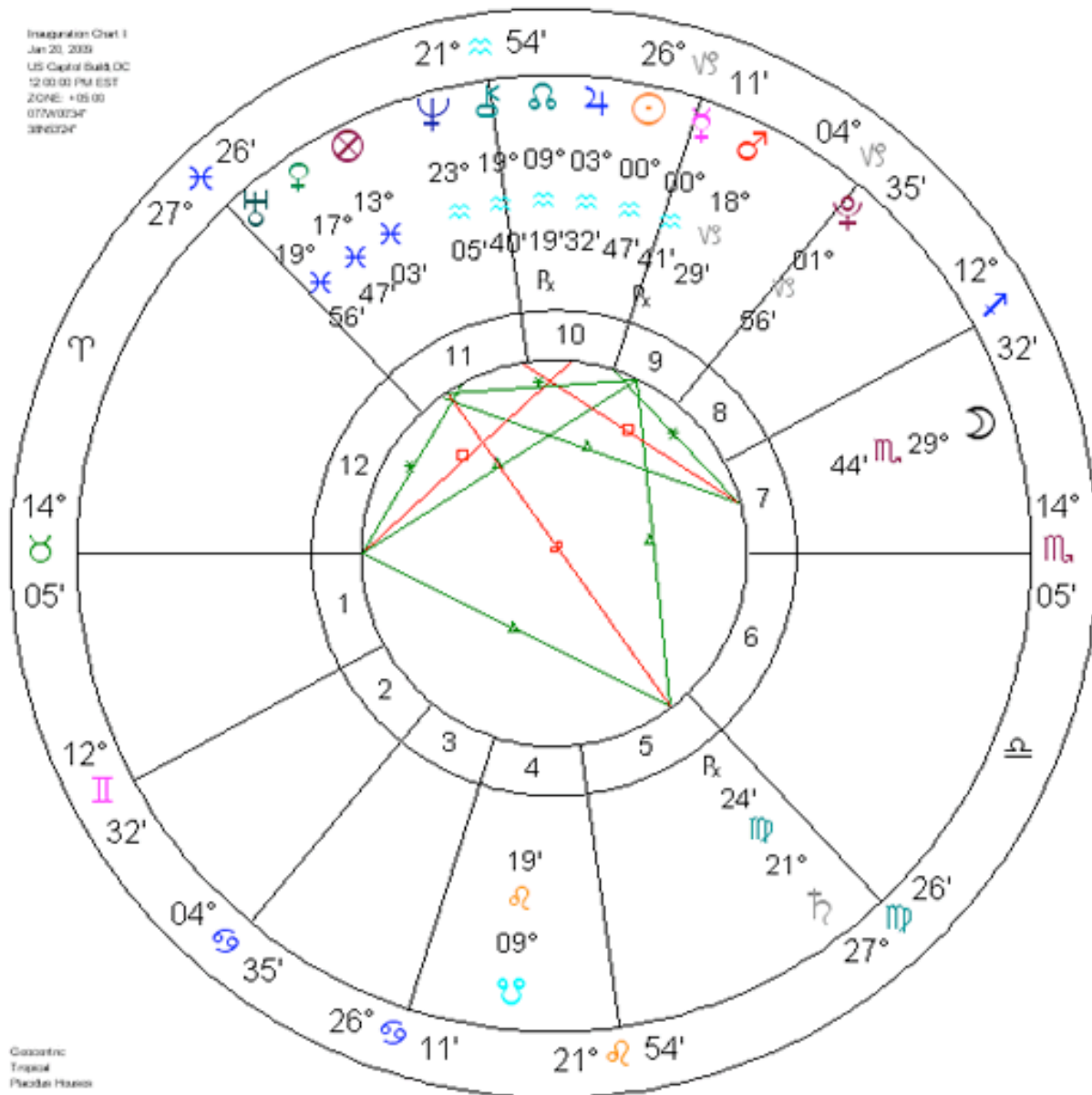


The Presidential Inauguration—Chart I, January 20, 200 at 12.00PM—Wash. DC

This horoscope is very reflective of the times. It is a bowl chart (all the planets are within 180° of one another) with Saturn in Virgo retrograde in opposition to a conjunction of Uranus and Venus in Pisces as the “rim” of the bowl. Taurus is rising and the Moon in Scorpio, though making positive sextiles to the MC, Mercury retrograde, the Sun, and the Moon is void-of-course in the very last degree of Scorpio.



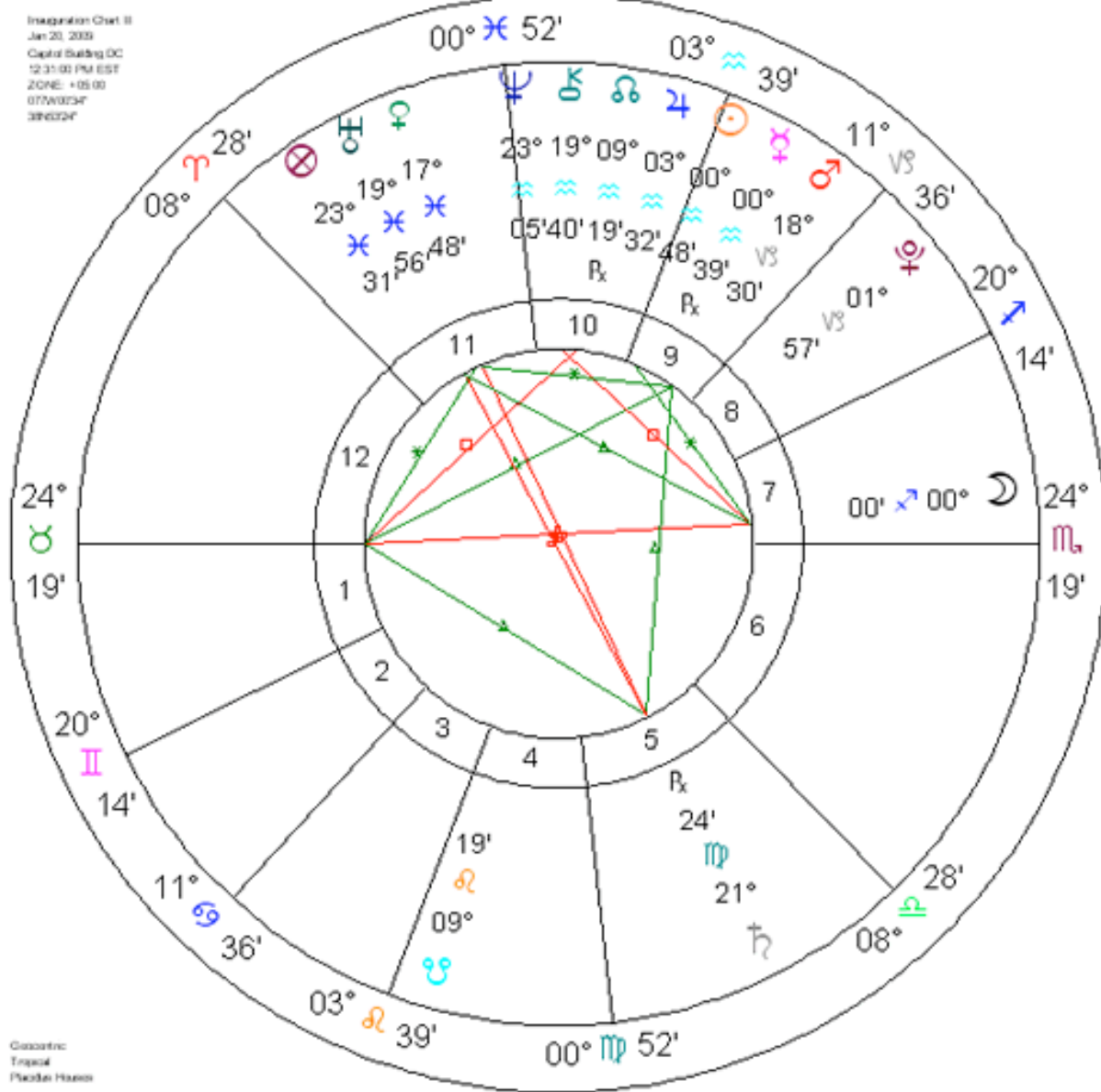
As the sign of finances rises, the position of it’s ruler (Venus) is connected to Uranus and Saturn in such a way as to highlight the very challenging dynamics of America’s (and the world’s) economic situation. Massive shifts in financial paradigms are clearly indicated as the Inauguration takes place under the Uranus/Saturn opposition with which Venus is so clearly connected by conjunction and opposition. The house

position of Venus/Uranus in the 11th tells us even more explicitly that it is the general social economic pattern that will have to be changed and totally overhauled. Venus and the two other planets involved are aided by Mars in the 9th in its exaltation, Capricorn. This is a most powerful helper indeed as Mars is supported by its trine to its dispositior, Saturn. What will be put forth in the new presidential term will be an economic philosophy, indicated by the 9th house placement of the Red Planet. The fact that Mars is also trine the Taurus ascendant, is another indication that such a philosophy can (and must) be developed and implemented by the lawmakers (who reside traditionally in the 9th house).

Pluto in Capricorn in the 8th house of transformation and regeneration is another indicator that such great financial mutations are a must but Pluto is unaspected, making the integration of its transmutative power in terms of economic structures (especially in the banking industry, ruled by Capricorn), not the easiest to integrate and implement. Powerful forces (“plutocrats”) will resist the inauguration of the necessary changes in policies (especially in regards to our financial trading partners—Pluto rules the 7th on a Taurus-ruled chart). The position of the void-of-course Moon in the 7th square to transiting Neptune, only serves to emphasize the difficulties in creating transparent economic national and international agreements, for a poorly aspected Neptune always carries a veil of deceit. A void-of-course Moon challenges the principle of cohesion, formation, and support for creative plans and projects. Mercury retrograde is the ruler of the 2nd house of finances and is the planet closest to the MC. This is yet another indication of the challenges in trying to implement new economic policies especially in terms of inventing innovative methods (Aquarius in the 11th and Uranus in that house) of implementing wind (ruled by Mercury) and electrical (ruled by Aquarius) energy sources to replace the reliance on fossil fuels.

Yet this administration is born with Jupiter conjoined Mercury and the Sun in the 10th. This is indeed a blessing for this combination will bring into the forefront of public awareness (10th house Aquarius planets) a global and inclusive philosophy that transcends separatist religious views as well as a humanitarian outreach that will try to unite all people under a banner of Right Human Relationships. I wish President Obama and his entire group of co-workers (both inside and outside of Washington) every blessings and success.

The Presidential Inauguration—Chart II, January 20, 2009 at 12.31pm—Wash. DC



I am hopeful that either someone important in the new administration is in contact with a good astrologer and/or that Providence will play its miraculous role and that President Obama will be delayed in taking the oath of office until at least 12.31pm. At this time, the Moon will move into 0° of Sagittarius, be outside of its previous void-of-course status, and be in a much more positive position to complement the sextiles to Mercury, the Sun, and especially to Jupiter which in that case, will assume the important role of the Moon's dispositor. One can only hope and as good astrological students, keep an eye on the clock. Please keep in mind that the *actual* Inauguration takes place at the exact moment when President Obama *finishes* taking the Presidential Oath of Office.