

MCCAIN OR OBAMA?

Old School or New Rule?

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Astrologers all over the world are falling over themselves to predict who will win the 4th November US Presidential Election. Democrat Barack Obama currently has transiting Saturn on the rise moving to conjunct his Midheaven ruler Mars, while Republican John McCain has transiting Saturn in his 12th house descending towards the horizon. Traditionally this means Obama's fortune and fame are on the rise, while McCain's star is falling as he reaches the end of a cycle.

The Saturn-Uranus opposition will be exact on Election Day. As these two planets go head to head, Saturn in Virgo could be said to symbolise the old school and dependence on the past. John McCain and the Republican Party seeking to preserve the status quo by supporting and maintaining President Bush's "surge" policy in Iraq and the gun lobby. Meanwhile Uranus in Pisces, a more radical energy, could be said to symbolise the energy of the future – a new world order represented by the youthful and progressive Barack Obama with his Afro-American heritage. Who will emerge triumphant? Will the American voters break free and vote for Uranian liberation? Or will the recent housing and financial crisis push them to play it safe and stick with the Saturnian devil they know? Only time will tell.

Alexander Rupert, in his book *Cycles of Becoming*, says of the Saturn-Uranus cycle: "Habit patterns will always resist change and when the pressure of some creative challenge is felt, the ego will experience a sense of impending doom, generating fear and resisting change." It remains to be seen whether the urge for change (Uranus) will overcome the fear of change (Saturn).