

Trump is His Own Ultimate Authority

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I daresay that over the past decade, more words have been written analyzing the personality of Donald Trump than anyone imagined possible. Initially, that outpouring of information and opinion may have been, if not compelling, at least interesting. Now, ten years later, it begins to feel more like bad piling on. At least 100 million Americans don't want to hear, see, or read anything further about the deranged occupant of the White House. These Americans simply want Trump to be gone, whether he dies, is defeated, or just goes away.

Lord knows, astrologers have written their fair share about Trump and his chart. (I include myself among that group.) And we've done so for good reason: Trump's chart, like his person, is distinctly unusual. In fact, his chart is extreme, eccentric, and downright abnormal.

Trump was born on June 14th, 1946, which was the exact day of a full Moon, with the Sun in Gemini opposite the Moon in Sagittarius. By itself, that's not particularly rare, since a full moon happens once every month.

Each of the twelve full moons every year occurs on a different axis of opposite signs in the zodiac. Starting in the spring, we get:

*The Sun in Aries opposite the Moon in Librain March or April
The Sun in Taurus opposite the Moon in Scorpioin April or May
The Sun in Gemini opposite the Moon in Sagittarius....in May or June
The Sun in Cancer opposite the Moon in Capricornin June or July
The Sun in Leo opposite the Moon in Aquariusin July or August
The Sun in Virgo opposite the Moon in Pisces.....in August or September*

Then it reverses and repeats the same six sign pairs, but with the Sun and Moon reversed in the zodiac:

*The Sun in Libra opposite the Moon in Ariesin September or October
The Sun in Scorpio opposite the Moon in Taurusin October or November
The Sun in Sagittarius opposite the Moon in Gemini....in November or December
The Sun in Capricorn opposite the Moon in Cancerin December or January
The Sun in Aquarius opposite the Moon in Leoin January or February
The Sun in Pisces opposite the Moon in Virgo.....in February or March*

So, a fair number of people are born on one of those twelve full Moon days each year. That's certainly meaningful astrologically for all the people born on the day of a full moon, since it reveals that relatedness to others is an important and central part of the individual's life purpose, but as an event, it's not really rare or unusual.

Trump, however, was born on the day of a full Moon that was also a lunar eclipse. That's much less common. Lunar eclipses happen just two to three times per year, not twelve. In addition, the lunar eclipse at Trump's birth was total, not just partial or penumbral. That's even more rare — total lunar eclipses happen in only 29% of all lunar eclipses. Some years have no total lunar eclipses at all. Symbolically, a total lunar eclipse is more significant in astrology because the shadow of the earth cast by the Sun completely covers the Moon's face during the straight line alignment of the three bodies.

When the emphasis on relatedness (the "I-thou" factor) implied by an ordinary full moon birth moves into the rarer territory of a lunar eclipse, the native's temperament (i.e., moment-to-moment unconscious emotional state) is presumed to be more extreme and intense. When the Lunar Eclipse is Total, an additional element of compulsivity is indicated. Considered in spiritual terms, such compulsivity is often discussed in terms of "fatedness," as if the person has already relinquished even moderate control and accepted a life driven to extreme by forces he or she probably won't understand. Total Lunar Eclipse births reveal human lives that are not consecrated to individual growth or maturity, but which are somehow destined for greater impact in the collective realm, whether that impact is beneficent or malevolent.

Another factor to be assessed in determining the rarity and strength of the Lunar Eclipse alignment in a person's psychological or spiritual makeup is how close the birth was to the actual event of the eclipse. A total lunar eclipse can blot out the Moon completely for almost two hours, and the entire period of the eclipse, from start to finish, can take almost six hours. If a person is born ten hours before or after the center of a lunar eclipse, that's much less potent symbolically than for someone born right in the middle of the exact eclipse, during the complete and full shadow.

Trump was born in late morning, early on during the actual eclipse, about three hours before the central totality. That's not as tight as someone born exactly at the pinnacle of the eclipse, but it's still quite potent symbolically. It indicates a personality characterized by not just by extremism and compulsivity, but also by marked volatility. It is an indicator of wild changefulness rather than any stability. On the Gemini-Sagittarius axis, those qualities manifest as someone interested in and receptive to social interaction who happens to be a very talkative personality with almost no social filtering. Whatever comes into the

mind gets spoken without any thought for the repercussions. The likelihood is overwhelming that this person will be someone who talks rather than listens.

The Gemini-Sagittarius axis in the zodiac operates on the surface, broadly rather than deeply, so it indicates a marked propensity toward short attention spans and major issues with boredom. The person becomes bored very quickly and seeks new stimulus. Often, that results in someone who is a stimulus junkie, moving from one focus to another with breathtaking speed, and hardly ever diving beneath the surface of investigation toward deeper understanding. The talent here is quickness, while the criticism is shallowness. (The advent of social media platforms on the internet, such as X, TikTok, and Instagram, are highly attractive to such people.)

The other factor that makes Trump's birth and chart more unusual or even abnormal is the presence of the outer planet Uranus in Gemini, only three degrees off from the axis of the opposition of his natal Sun and Moon. That's a huge deal in the astrology of Trump's chart and its interpretation.

As with any planetary alignment in the natal chart, those three — Uranus close to the axis of the opposition/eclipse, conjunct the Sun, and opposite the Moon — have more than one potential meaning. The number of valid but very different interpretations is quite high. Each delineation is separate, but all are related to the various symbolic factors involved — Sun, Moon, and Uranus as planets, the Gemini-Sagittarius axis of signs, and either the 10th/4th house axis or the 11th/5th house axis, depending on which of the two possible birth times we use (the hospital-recorded 10:54 a.m. time that is typically used by astrologers or the alternate 9:51 a.m. time that I personally prefer for Trump).

Out of all possible "textbook" interpretations, the small batch of different but interconnected meanings that I want to focus on in this commentary for Trump's Uranian involvement concern his attitudes about authority, including both the authority bestowed on or claimed by others, and the authority he presumes for himself.

Uranus is conjunct the Sun in Gemini, and that pair are the two most elevated planets in Trump's chart (meaning that they were the highest bodies in the sky above the horizon at his birth). When considered alongside other factors in the chart (Venus conjoined with Saturn, Mercury square Neptune, and Leo Mars/Leo Rising), the Uranus-Sun conjunction provides a powerful indication that Trump does not trust, accept, or necessarily even recognize any authority other than his own.

In his mind, Trump is always the ultimate and absolute authority for almost anything and everything. It doesn't matter whether he has studied a given subject or thought about it, either in depth or at length. Trump regards his intuition as always correct and infallible, so that when the subject comes up

about a personal choice or a governing policy, Trump feel instantly authoritative about it.

Sometimes that is shockingly and pathetically incorrect. For instance, Trump's unshakeable belief that other countries pay for tariffs is simply dead wrong. Hundreds of his ill-informed beliefs are like this. Remember during Covid when Trump suggested that drinking bleach or using special lights inside the body might be effective treatments for the virus? People were shocked that he would offer such insane advice. They could not believe that Trump was serious about that. He was, however. Those are opinions straight from his "infallible" intuition that are grossly, even dangerously misinformed.

Other people who are considered authorities on a given subject may attempt to weigh in and inform Trump about the matter at hand, whatever it is, but Trump almost always dismisses their opinions immediately. In fact, he hardly listens at all to whatever his advisers tell him. Stated bluntly, he doesn't care what they think.

In Trump's first administration, from 2016-2020, various cabinet members were considered "the adults in the room" who worked overtime to check Trump's worst impulses or prevent, at least to some extent, Trump's veering off into his own Looney Tunes Land. At the time, those people were called "guardrails."

In Trump's second administration, however, he has surrounded himself with toadies and sycophants. Anyone who might oppose him has been removed or fired. There is literally no one in the administration who will challenge Trump's increasing insanity. All the people who run the executive and fill the institutions of government are now playing out an incredibly dangerous version of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Now, when Trump lies, as he does every single day about nearly everything, his subordinates lie right along with him.

Trump has stated over and over in press conferences that he takes no one else's counsel seriously and makes decisions by listening to "his own gut." Despite the fact that Trump lies about almost everything, these statements are perfect examples of his telling the truth about himself — who he is, what he thinks, and how he operates.

In other words, with Uranus on his Sun, Trump does not hide. He is not secretive. Instead, Trump is bold, blatant, and out front about himself. Oh sure, he lies about the world and other people with reckless abandon and speaks with either cloying affection (such as his almost romantic regard for authoritarian rulers) or abject cruelty (such as his crude and harsh treatment of the press and women). About himself, however, Trump is typically honest, almost innocent.

In his chart, the lunar eclipse aligned with Uranus implies that Trump truly believes in his own ultimate authority. That alignment indicates also that among

Trump's deepest wish is the need to be liked. The Sagittarius Moon thrives on spontaneous and instant friendship. Trump seems to know and understand, however, that millions of people hate him because he is such a loose cannon and polarizing figure. That may seem paradoxical, but it is part of Gemini's proclivity to see two contradictory sides of an issue simultaneously.

Trump's operating rules are simple: If you like him, he likes you. If you don't like him, he will do everything he can to harm you. He offers loyalty to no one else, but he craves loyalty from everyone else.

All Uranian types tend to be provocative and disruptive. They do this without warning, by surprise, with the intention of shocking others. This is the opposite of someone looking for peace and harmony with others. It's not about the security of safe belonging, but instead the exhilaration of social freedom to ignore norms and break rules. And Trump is no different from many other Uranians in this regard. He thrives on social dissonance and chaos. He likes being a bull in a china shop. He relishes his own cruelty. Such orientations are neither a pose nor an act. That is who Trump is. It's all right there in his natal chart.

Especially now, with aging and illness rapidly becoming very serious issues in Trump's life, he will cling even more to the central features of his character, which have always revolved around shock and disruption. There is zero chance that Donald Trump will go gently into that good night. Instead, he will remain his uniquely terrible self right up to the bitter end, whenever that finally arrives. In the meantime, if Trump cannot win, he will destroy.

Americans have been ineffective thus far in challenging, countering, or even neutralizing the rampant insanity that has our country in its grip. Nonetheless, considerable evidence exists to support the idea that millions of our citizens are now awakening to the danger. Whether that can or will translate into effective social movements for positive change and renewal in a timely enough manner is as yet unknown. The midterm elections in November are seen by many as the first crossroads in that new wave.

Then too, other worlds may exist beyond the political. Many metaphysical practitioners and believers are convinced that powerful but invisible forces are and have been working to protect both the earth and humanity during this terrible period when profound evil has arisen from within our species again, so soon after our last descent into madness during the first half of the 20th century. Without doubt, we need all the help these entities can give us now and over the coming years. If they're truly here, I hope these agents of gentler and wiser consciousness make their presence felt soon.

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