

Inaugural Omens for Joe Biden's Presidency

It is often forgotten in our secular culture that the archaic meaning of 'inauguration' lies in the seeking of omens - literally *auguries* - for an enterprise or commitment, especially when bound by ceremony and an oath. Favourable omens show a blessing; unfavourable omens indicate a warning. All should be heeded if the venture is to be secured. In the role of the old augurs, modern astrologers seek these signs in the horoscope, nowhere more appropriately than in the inauguration for the President of the United States.

In modern times, and according to the U.S. constitution, following the election in November the inauguration takes place on January 20th (privately if this is a Sunday, the ceremony publicly repeated on the 21st). The mandatory oath of office is taken, usually officiated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The oath fulfilled, the President-elect assumes office at noon. The core of the oath is to 'preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States'. Although most Presidents have sworn on the Bible, any additional reference to deity (e.g. 'so help me, God') is a personal matter and not a collective invocation.

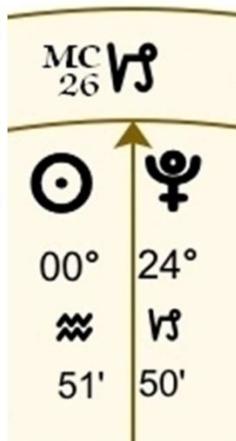
How radical, therefore, are such inauguration horoscopes, either for the event itself, or for the four-year term of office? As with all such transient events in the realm of mundane astrology there is a temptation to overplay the symbolism. Many of these event-charts are unconvincing when treated as stand-alone horoscopes, and their significance is better modulated through contacts to a relevant nativity, or a mundane radix of enduring significance. However, a few of these event-horoscopes do emerge to provide signatures of key players or unfolding events. Given its showings for the current turmoil in the US, the horoscope for Joe Biden's Inauguration hits the mark, providing a starting point for speculation on aspects of the crisis that symbolism has brought into focus.

The Inauguration and the Three Branches of Government

A factor of the Presidential inaugurations of modern times is that they occur on the Sun's entry into Aquarius, with the MC conjunct the Sun but in Capricorn. At this moment the 'three branches of government', Judicial, Executive and Legislative, are shown by the elevated houses IX, X and XI, and in the majority of quadrant house systems all three are under Capricorn and Aquarius, giving rulership and co-rulership of government to Saturn and Uranus. The constitution is designed to ensure that the office is time-limited, and that there can never be direct rule by a monarch or dictator. This is why the Sun is the universal significator of the Office of President, the Aquarian detriment showing executive power constrained by law and Congress. With late Capricorn at the MC for Washington, Taurus always rises, suggesting the ascendant ruler Venus as the particular significator for the individual

taking up the Presidency. Here, the close trine from Venus to the asc. suggests Biden's personal capacity to work the system, oiled by the somewhat covert sextiles to Neptune in the house representing Congress. Jupiter and Saturn in the Xth suggest a mountainous task ahead, but with the inaugural Sun at the degree of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction at the solstice, they hold out the hope of dignity and institutional authority at this pivot-point in US affairs. There is however a huge disrupter facing the Sun, and this seems to be the most urgent signature of this chart - the threat of revolt and sedition from Mars and Uranus and the shadow cast by the outgoing incumbent.

Striking features...

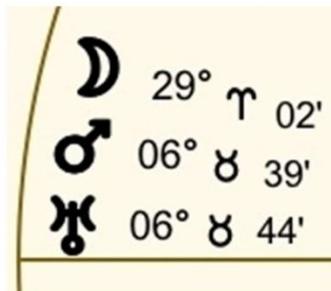


Pluto

The Sun at noon is a universal signification for the Office of President...

Pluto shows the absent 45th President gone into Shadow

Mars and Uranus join forces the same day:
armed rebel militia



The Moon in fiery Aries directly separates the square of Pluto. The people are whipped into anger by their Shadow President. Void-of-course the Moon has nowhere to go. Crossing into Taurus she becomes powerful by exaltation, enters the orb of Mars and Uranus and reclaims that which was stolen. At least, that was the plan...

Revolt and Sedition

Pluto at the MC is the invisible guest, the outgoing President who does not attend, co-ruler of the VIIth, the open enemy. Pluto, clinging to the MC, seeks to deny and annihilate; however, its brief glory fades, the conjunction with

the Sun dissociate and separating. More serious as a threat is the violent Mars-Uranus conjunction square the Sun and the MC ruler Saturn. Mars shows open enemies of the new President as ruler of the VIIth, and working covertly in the XIIth. Uranus by square seeks to wrest Aquarius from Saturn, overwhelming the Presidency and threatening the Legislature through intimidation, revolt and sedition. The conjunction with Mars perfectly describes the unpredictable and chaotic agency of the rebel armed militias.

That Uranus and mob-handed Mars do not on their own prevail against the authority of Saturn and Jupiter is an obvious enough prediction. What is more intriguing to discern is the dimension suggested by the relation of Pluto to the void-of-course Moon. Separating directly from the square of Pluto, the Moon answers the call. Trump has fired a huge swathe of the populace into rage, ready to follow Mars into Taurus in a popular uprising. That, at least, is the plan. This interpretation is underscored by parallel symbolism in the hours of the Capitol Riot on January 6th, seeking to challenge the formal certification of the election. With the Moon directly applying the square of Pluto, in those hours Mars was at this same critical last degree of Aries, finally moving into Taurus within orbs of revolutionary Uranus.

Biden and the Crisis

The threat to Biden, to his colleagues, and to the administration, is palpable and we scarcely need astrology to tell us this. However, the Inauguration treated as a transit to Biden's natal chart does give further insight into the call this makes upon him. His Moon in the first degree of Taurus is on an almost exact lunar return at the Mars-Uranus conjunction, and is at the critical cuspal crossing that ties together the Inauguration and the Capitol riot. Mars is partile conjunct his Part of Fortune, but these connections are in my view a secure personal protection given the strength of the Moon in Taurus in the natal.

Of deeper significance is the commutation or interplay involving Jupiter and Pluto, partile to the degree both ways round: Biden's exalted Jupiter, ruler of his asc., opposed by Inauguration Pluto on the MC; and Biden's Pluto opposed by Jupiter in the Inauguration Xth house. Given Pluto's malefic showing, the oppositions herald a titanic struggle of conflicting interests. Together with the whole theme of the Inauguration, these connections affirm what many commentators suggest - that the task for Biden is not simply to counter Donald Trump and his works, but to address the shadowy sources of alienation, fear and anger that fuel this crisis in democracy.

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Biden Inauguration

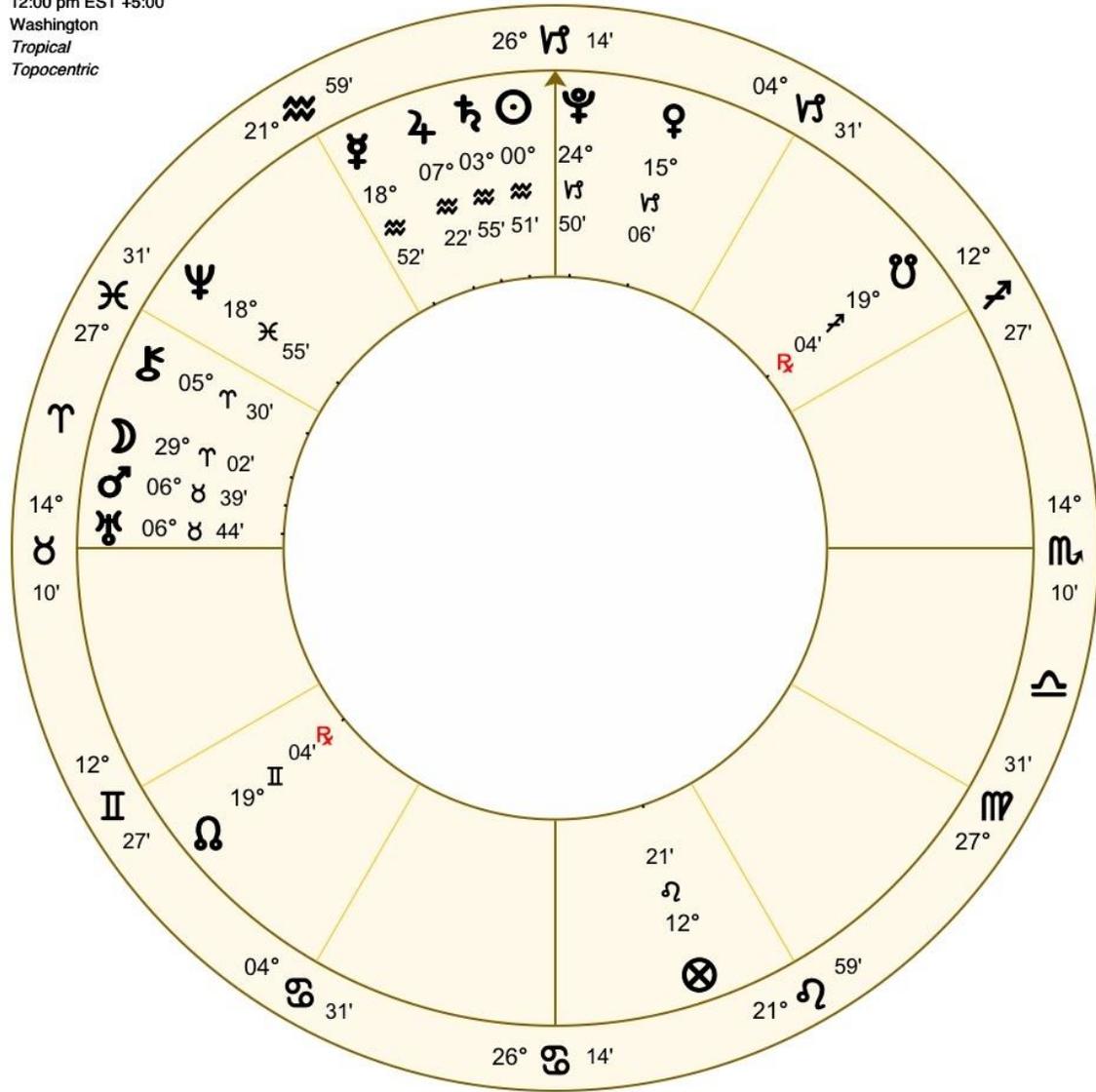
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Washington

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Joe Biden

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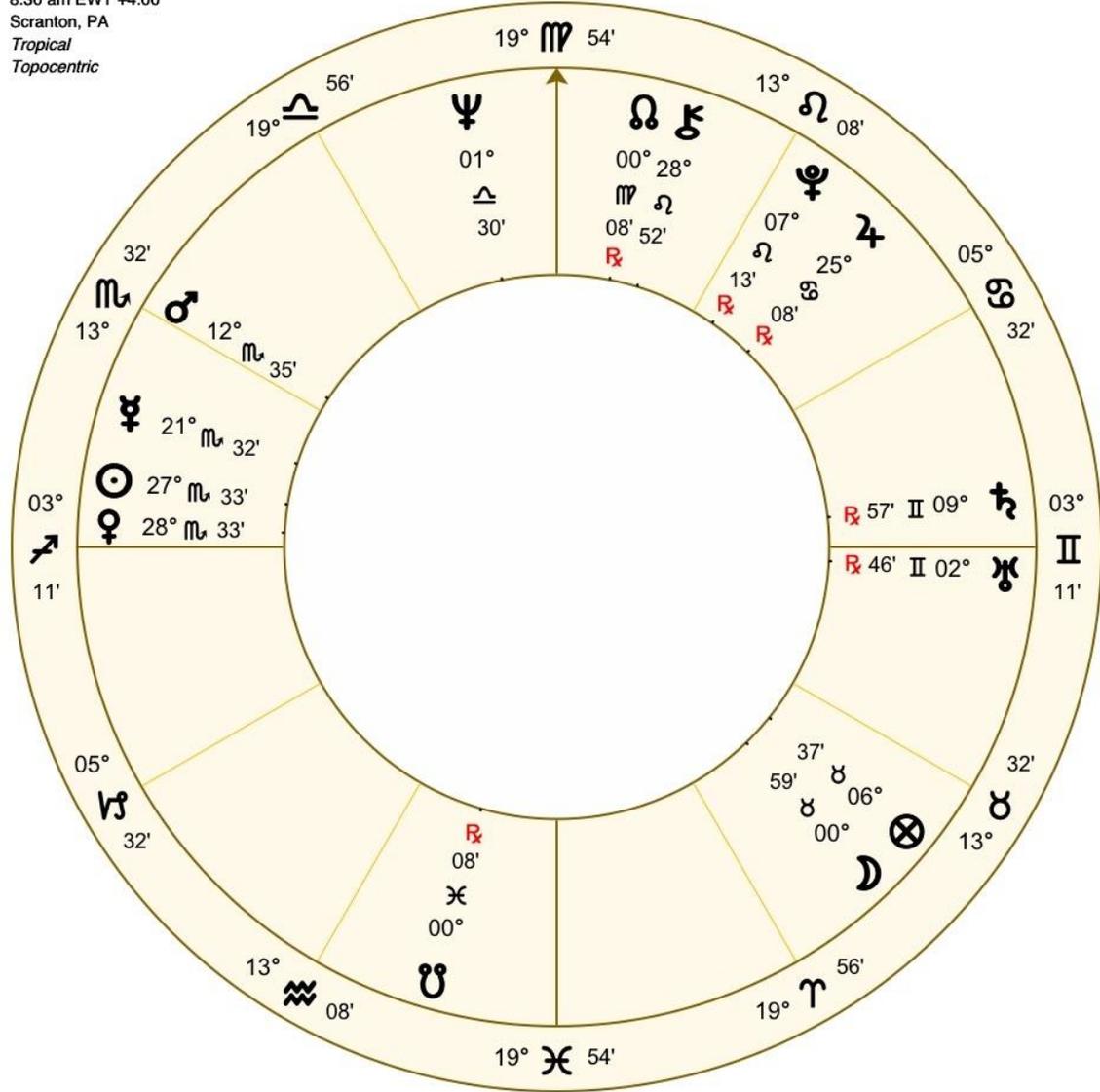
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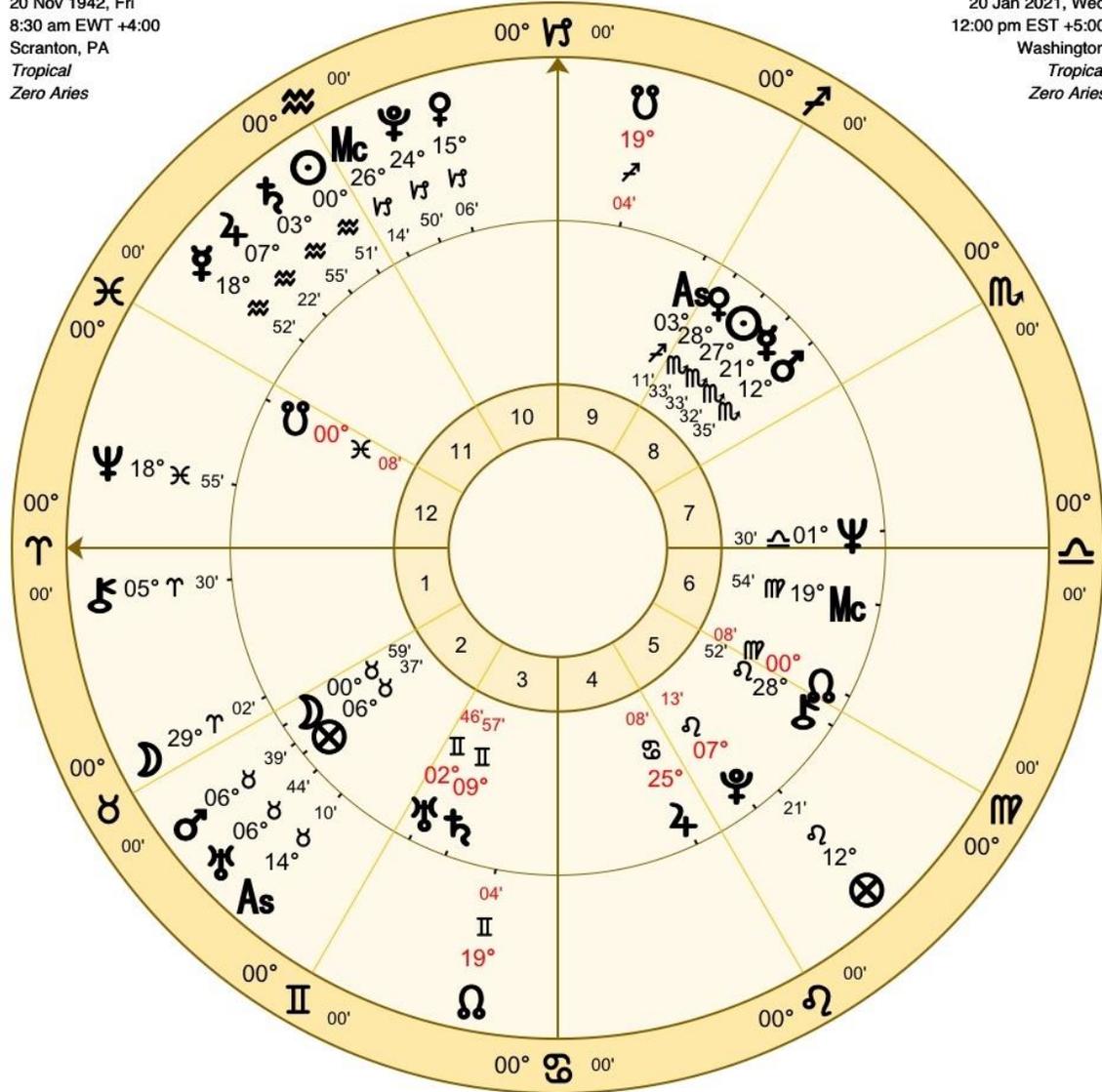


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Biden Inauguration

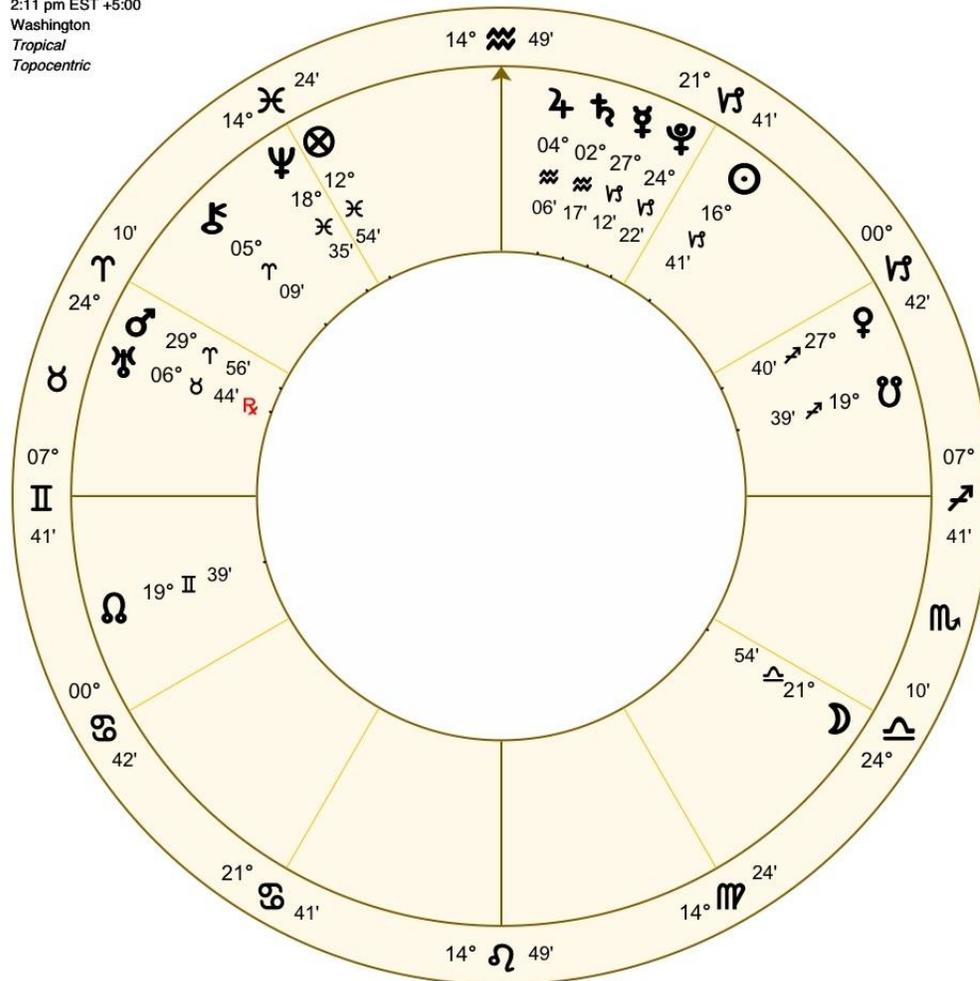
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The Capitol Riot 6th Jan 2021

Capitol building breached

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6 Jan 2021, Wed
2:11 pm EST +5:00
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Trump begins speaking at a Rally near the White House at 12:03pm EST. At 12:17 he tells protestors to go to the Capitol.

Having breached external barricades at 12:53pm, rioters enter the Capitol building at 2:11pm. The Senate goes into recess at 2:13, followed by the House of Representatives at 2:18. The Capitol is declared secured at 5:34pm. Following lengthy debate arising from objections by Republican Senators, Vice President Mike Pence finally certifies the result of the Presidential Election “after 3am on Thursday” - *From New York Times*

Here is a [moment-by-moment timeline](#) of the Capitol Siege published in the New York Times.