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**Subtle Influence of Our Times**

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We are finishing the first decade of the New Millennium. We already have a unique distinction with our historic election with President Barack Obama and the heartbreaking trials of both a global economic and ecological mudslide. This isn’t an article about predictions but an analysis of vibrations and themes explaining the subtle influences on our current times.

*Numerology*

Numerology is the meaning, symbols and energy of numbers and letters. It is based on the ancient teachings of the Kabala and was taught by Pythagoras. It helps us understand Divine timing and cycles. First, I will explain what the meanings and lessons are behind our present calendar year, which is called the Universal Year.

In numerology we add 2 + 0 + 0 + 9 and get the sum of 11, which is a Master Number. All sums are reduced to a single digit except for the numbers 11 and 22. Eleven represents idealism, team work, inspiration, and sensitivity. 2 represents diplomacy, peacemakers, 9 is compassion, humanitarian, both energies will also express themselves this year as well as their opposites, so there will be a see-saw effect which the stock market will reflect in the coming year.

What is interesting is that President Obama’s life path number is also 11. The life path is one’s birthday and year of birth. Obama’s is August 4, 1961. 8 + 4 + 1961 =11. This is a beneficial combination since he is on the same wavelength as the Universal Year. Again 11 represents idealism, visionary and inspiration. The challenge is to implement ideals into practical solutions.

Obama does have very strong pragmatic energy with the 8 from August and 4 of his day. The 8 vibration represents executive ability on a large scale and rules the karma of money and power. 4 is hard work, building foundations and setting up systems, so I believe some projects will pass the rhetoric phase and come to fruition. Many of my clients who have the combination of the 8 and 4 are workaholics and accomplish their goals.

Barack has 18 letters in his full name, with 6 representing the number 1 - leadership*,* creativity, independence. Also all of his consonants - the inner self, add up to 1 as well as the sum of all his letters - his expression. He is definitely a born leader. He has more of a calling than a choice

*Anagrams*

I did an anagram (re-arranging letters of a word to make other words) of Barack Hussein Obama, the full name of our new President. The names of many countries formed such as; Iran, Korea, China, Russia, Cuba and Congo. President Obama is now our Commander in Chief and he has military words in his name: Marines, armies, submarines, bombs, A-bomb, bunkers. Other words you can form out of the letters of his name are: banks, numbers, brains, charisma, Bush, and chain smoker. The last phrase is apt because he has given up his two packs a day habit and is still struggling with some setbacks.

We can make headlines out of the words in Obama’s name: NASA - To Mars - Humans! U.N. Bans Nukes in Korea, More Eco-Cars or Noah’s Ark, Rosa’s Bus - Racism in America, U.S.A. Broke - No Cash, Stocks Crash - Broker Cries. Hackers Break into IBM. A more advanced level is to use all the letters in the name without deleting or repeating any letters, so it’s the same number count as what you started with. Dear, readers you are challenged to do that.

It is fascinating to see the words you can arrange in other Presidents’ names. Richard Milhous Nixon has the words China and scholar as well as dishonor, criminal and liar. William Jefferson Clinton has an unbelievable mix of political and sexual terms, such as: election, erection, nominate, fornicate, senator and flirt. A reporter following Mr. Clinton’s life may have the following words on his note pad, all these words are found in Clinton’s name: Monica, afternoons, fellatio, semen, stain. Will lies, wife steams. Won nominations - almost First Man. According to the late astrologer and author, Linda Goodman, the words in your name are subtle, subconscious influences on you life. Have fun with your own name.

*Astrology*

Pluto just entered the sign Capricorn. Pluto represents: revolution, transformation, freedom and democracy. Capricorn is big business, longstanding institutions and traditions. Pluto hasn’t been in this sign for 230 years. Think of what was happening back in the 1770's - The American Revolution! This era’s Pluto influence will be *The American Evolution*. The middle class will rise again demanding more freedoms and a fairer economic system. We are already seeing this happen with the restructuring of banks, gay marriage and animal rights activism. If we think of this era as a cleansing of inequities and changing antiquated systems then we can adjust to this process and get excited about the new things it will bring.

Pluto also symbolizes freedom. Human trafficking is a horrendous, global crime - there are actually more slaves now than any other time in history and most are undocumented. There will be a greater outcry for children and women to be released from forced prostitution and labor. It will be ironic if our first Black President would be called upon to free our modern day slaves.

This powerful planetary placement will expose things from the underground, for example, lost ancient cities. Huge artifacts were recently discovered in the ocean, off the coast of Cuba. There are buildings and giant sculptures of faces resembling those on Easter Island. Some people theorized that this submerged ancient city may even be Atlantis! National Geographic is planning to do a story.

Even though Pluto is no longer considered to be a planet, astrologers still see it’s movements and gravitational pulls affecting planet Earth. Expect to see revolutions in the worldwide political arena.

Barack Obama ran on the campaign of idealism and change and he is definitely in tuned with our current vibrational forces. This cycle is about to explode with modernizations we can’t even imagine.