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Perhaps he should have been named (in the best of Dickensian traditions) Stonewall Thickbrick instead of Addison Mitchell McConnell, for the man currently known as majority leader in the American Senate has fulfilled the image of a rock-solid impediment beyond anyone's wildest imaginings. Astrologically, Mitch McConnell comes by his impermeability

and obstructionism honestly. His chart is filled up with what are called fixed signs, with the Moon, Mars, Saturn, and Uranus in frequently stubborn and even intransigent Taurus, Pluto in often domineering Leo, and Mercury and Venus in sometimes arrogant Aquarius. Taurus, Leo, and Aquarius all can also lead to the expression of many excellent characteristics, but McConnell seems to have specialized in finding the worst of each and raising the expression of the dark or shadow side of these three signs to a high art of contempt for anything resembling respect for the demos of which a democracy is formed.

McConnell's shameless hoarding of power thus surely has an astrological basis. It's the overwhelming emphasis on fixed signs in his chart. The fixed signs in general are known in astrology for their tendency to perpetuate the status quo, resist new ideas, and refuse cooperation, when their negative sides are showing. With a breathtaking ability to ignore public sentiment, flaunt ethical principles, and sneer at simple decency, McConnell has demonstrated an astounding proclivity for single-handedly controlling the Senate without the slightest seeming compunction about running roughshod over precedent, scoffing at constitutional principle, or trampling the dictates of basic good manners. He's similarly insensitive to his very own Kentucky constituents, famously turning the cold cheek of impatient disinterest in the direction of coal miners seeking a moderate amount of relief for the ravages of their profession, and even refusing to hear the concerns of the very nonprofit whose largesse helped him in his own hour of health care need.

When expressed in its lower vibration, Taurus can manifest as one of the greediest of signs, nakedly and perniciously given to seizing all that it can procure for itself and its own comfort. As an earth sign, Taurus is naturally connected with the products of the Earth and the advantage which can be had by exploiting her resources, both human and natural. Just by way of example about that, it might be mentioned that the land-hungry human exterminationist Adolph Hitler was a sun-sign Taurus, with

Venus and Mars in that same sign. (By the way, Hitler also had retrograde Venus square Saturn, while the current American Voldemort has Venus conjunct Saturn, both configurations indicative of potential for hard-heartedness and cruelty. Further, American Voldemort has a Taurus midheaven, indicative of a lifetime known for greed, the flaunting of excess, and the hoarding of wealth.)

Of course, not all Taurus-influenced persons or all persons with Venus-Saturn squares or conjunctions are cruel, callous, and self-centered like the man who spawned the rapacious Nazi movement, or the man who flaunts his vast wealth while the homeless wander dejectedly under his penthouse window. Still, let it be noted that when Taurus goes awry, the fury of cupidity and mayhem which follows exceeds by many times the barnyard uproar for which the angry and territorial Taurus bull is well known.

This is the hidden underside of McConnell's bland, vanilla, passive Sun in Pisces exterior. Behind that disconnected, stoic, and almost comically affable face is an iron will constituted of a cabal of astrological factors in the sign of Taurus. Specifically, it's McConnell's conjunction of Mars and Saturn in Taurus which really powers his personality expression. Mars is drive and can express as aggression, and Saturn can connote the intent to control. With the energies of Mars and Saturn merged together in the unbending sign of Taurus, great self-control is connoted, as well as power to rule and influence. McConnell is surely tasked this lifetime to learn the right uses of power and influence, but clearly, he's only been listening to certain voices in this regard. The voices he's listened to have convinced him to use his might and leverage for the purpose of enhancing his own financial holdings, a temptation very difficult for the personality-centered Taurus type person to withstand. Taurus is given to a desire for finery and proof of validation and self-worth through acquiring expensive possessions. When presented with methods for securing wealth in vast and unending quantities, the materialistic Taurus type will commit all inner

resources to fulfilling physical plane desire. This is where McConnell lives. He tries not to show this blatantly in Congress, but the truth is that his back-room payoffs determine his every word.

Enter Saturn moving into egalitarian, group-conscious Aquarius in March 2020 and revolutionary Uranus continuing its subversive march through material Taurus. These two transits are set to radically alter conditions and so to rattle McConnell's placidity, impermeability, and inertia in a downright seismic way. McConnell's seven factors in the fixed signs indicate his love of control, power, predictability, absolute dominion, and exclusion of new information. In other words, he wants things just like they are, no changes, on into perpetuity. However, astrological changes are soon to shake up the circumstances of his life structure. The most potent of these is the passage of Uranus, planet of radical transformation, upheaval, and modernization, through guess which sign? Yes, Taurus. Transiting Uranus is already in Taurus now, and will move forward in that sign over the years 2020, 2021, and 2022 to shatter and dislodge the concrete bunkers and steel doors McConnell has installed in his subjective and objective worlds. It is not at all likely that he will make it through the next few years unscathed, just as neither will Trump (but for additional personal astrological causes in the presidential case). To state the matter plainly, this: astrological indicators show that McConnell will not be able to continue his hegemony over the Senate indefinitely. Structural changes are very soon to enter his life.

When? Starting in March of 2020. That's when transiting Uranus really starts to interact with McConnell's placements, squaring his natal Pluto, setting up rumblings and upheavals from the deepest levels in McConnell's existence. This will be the beginning of the election year processes, with McConnell facing a serious political threat and very high public disapproval numbers. Then transiting Saturn will get into the act as well, entering Aquarius in late March for a brief stay through June of 2020, thus providing a sneak-preview of what it will be like when Saturn goes

into Aquarius to stay for two-plus years in late December 2020. This shift of signs from Capricorn to Aquarius will correlate to a change in emphasis from the spotlight on the elite, the fabulously wealthy, and the hard-hearted (under the negative side of Capricorn) to a highlight on elected bodies, the will of the people, and concern with the greater group (under the influence of Aquarius). McConnell will not be in step with this new energy. Saturn in Aquarius will square his Moon, clipping his emotional and personal wings some. Then it will roll over his natal Venus and Mercury, from thence to square his Mars, Saturn, and Uranus over the next three years – not exactly a formula for easy times. The first chapter will come when Saturn restrains McConnell's chart from January 2021 through January 2022, making 2021 not a year in which he will call the shots. He will find that he is out of step with newly arising trends. Evidence of this will begin as early as late March 2020.

But who is in step with the new energies of Saturn in Aquarius, the sign of elected bodies, of representatives of the people, of right group relations, of cooperation, and of a concern with the welfare of all? Why, none other than Amy McGrath, McConnell's opponent for his upcoming Senatorial re-election bid in Kentucky. Unlike McConnell, McGrath has an astrological set-up which connotes quick thinking, adaptation to conditions at hand, responsiveness, connection with the electorate, and a can-do spirit which would intimidate some of the biggest hurricane-mouths in politics today. (*SM* said nothing about Voldemort here, but readers know who is meant.)

McGrath is a clever, articulate Gemini with Mars and Jupiter in scrappy Aries – thus, not a push-over in any battle. She arrived on McConnell's radar just as Uranus in Taurus began to cause tremors in his supposedly earthquake-resistant subterranean bunker. And this has only just begun. The full impact of Uranus on the McConnell chart is yet to come. It is thus not at all likely that McConnell's situation will stay the same through the next election period, for Uranus always brings dramatic

change and transformation. By January 2021, the turf underneath him shall have changed. He shall have learned that the permanence he envisioned for himself really never existed in the first place. Otherwise, astrological conditions (these being trines of transiting Pluto in Capricorn to his Taurus stellium over the next few years) show that McConnell will be able to avoid prison, retain his net worth, and carry on with much of his privileged lifestyle. However, it is not in any way assured that he will defeat Amy McGrath. In fact, he looks astrologically to be headed for a shake-up. By contrast, candidate McGrath is enlivened with energies in her own birth signature which are much more attuned to the coming period of Saturn in Aquarius, which will dominate the scene by January 2021 and continue for more than two years thereafter. This is a broad suggestion that the November 2020 election shall have netted a very different result than that projected by the Republican Party at present.

All the astrological influences here discussed remain in effect even if the Senate acquits Trump. Astrological factors do not depend on worldly conditions. It's the other way around: as above, so below. The *Above* now currently commands a shift of winds coming from Saturn soon to enter Aquarius and Uranus continuing in its radical transformation of all things Taurean. Thus, in spite of whatever may be happening in the American Senate today, there is cause for hope. A new wind will blow very soon. There is no holding it back.

Daily Analysis and Predictions for the Week Ahead

Monday February 3 offers opportunity for serenity and composure as Venus in spiritual Pisces makes the sextile to Saturn in orderly Capricorn. The Moon waxes rapidly now, heading for full phase on the coming weekend. We gear up accordingly and reach for our higher potentials. Generally pleasant conditions help matters along. We are able to organize our thoughts and our resources.

Tuesday February 4 continues the theme of gentle, healing peace as mind-oriented Mercury in intuitive Pisces moves toward the intellectually-stimulating sextile to innovative Uranus in beauty-conscious Taurus. We discover how to beautify our inner and outer worlds for the upliftment of all. Aha moments abound. All forms of art and creativity are favored.

Wednesday February 5 sees the Mercury-Uranus sextile exact just before 4 am CST, providing the day with clear thinking, the power to learn, and the enjoyment of discovery. We should stay open now for new information.

Thursday February 6 comes bringing with it the intensification of solar-lunar power as the Moon waxes rapidly. Spiritual attunement is especially favored around 7 pm CST when the Moon in impressionable Cancer trines transcendent Neptune in mystical Pisces. We see inwardly and understand.

Energy changes leap into the picture on **Friday February 7** as Venus enters sometimes militant Aries and the Moon shifts into fiery Leo, revving up inner and outer rhythms of life. The Full Moon is steadily cranking into place, exact on Sunday coming. We feel the quickening.

Saturday February 8 is all about attunement to the Aquarius-Leo themes of the present Full Moon. We meditate on the group or family of humanity and the place of right individuality and right leadership within that context. Moments of intense meditative contact with sources of inspiration are plentiful. It's time to make ourselves available through peace and inner alignment.

Sunday February 9 ushers in the Full Moon moment at 1:33 am CST, with the Sun at 20 degrees of Aquarius and the Moon at 20 degrees of Leo. We are within the stream of life joining the forces of visionary Aquarius and creative Leo. Joy beams down from higher realms and we are free to draw it in to ourselves and shed it abroad. Goodwill permeates the higher spheres and shows us the way toward a better world.