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Signs of the Times: American Poll Numbers

As the impeachment trial of American president Donald Trump unfolds in the American Senate, readers and interested persons all over the world are watching and curious about the implications. Poll numbers collected over the last week may offer answers, as well as insight into important astrological trends now affecting Trump and set to do so through November of 2022.

As readers will recall from the previous issue, in late January of 2020 (which is now), Trump enters a personal three-year period which astrologically differs dramatically from anything the man has ever experienced in his present incarnation. The cause for this dramatic difference is the opposition of both transiting Saturn and Pluto in

Capricorn to Trump's natal Saturn and Venus in Cancer. This arrangement is a slow-moving, long-lasting astrological influence, shaping up gradually and then persisting tenaciously in the personal and political affairs of Donald Trump during the period late January 2020 through November 2022. Such an astrological configuration is indicative of serious opposition coming to and against Trump, thwarting his drive for power and ultimately working to hamper his purposes. and throwing him back upon himself for a period of deep self-facing. This configuration Trump now will experience for the next three calendar years is not at all indicative of wild, runaway popularity, nor of easy success, nor of automatic release from the serious charges now levelled against him in numerous courts of law throughout the United States, and one quite possibly soon to be lodged against him in the International Court of Justice by Iran. If the American Republican Party thinks they have found their ideal poster-boy in the figure of Trump, they will without a doubt find out differently over the next three years as these transits to Trump's chart unfold.

A few poll numbers collected over the last week hint at or perhaps even nakedly reveal the direction of public sentiment in regard to Trump. According to a CNN poll taken during the days of the ongoing Senate trial, 51% of voting age Americans want Trump convicted of the impeachment charges and removed from office. This level of oppositional sentiment is higher even than the mere 46% desire for conviction and removal which turned against Nixon shortly before he was forced to resign. Hence, Trump is in a zone of greater political danger than was Nixon, who left the presidential office in disgrace after having been found to have committed a number of offenses. This means that Trump does not have the public support claimed by his party. Further, another poll shows that 60% of voting age Americans disapprove of the attitudes and actions of Trump's right-hand man in the Senate, Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, another indication that the Republican Party does not have the grip on the American psyche that its leadership claims. The numbers contrary to Trump and the Republican Party are even higher in regard to

the manner in which the Senate trial should be pursued. On that issue, yet another poll shows that in defiance of McConnell's original strategy, 69% of Republican voters want the Senate to hear witnesses, while 84% of Democrat voters feel the same. Thus, 51% to 84% of public sentiment is currently turned against Trump, across a range of issues.

Polls are of course not perfect, but still, these poll numbers might be read as an early indicator of the effects that the opposition of Saturn and Pluto to Trump's Saturn and Venus will have over the course of the next three calendar years. Even if Trump is acquitted in the Senate, public sentiment against him is likely to remain, say the astrological transits. Plus, there are even more volatile issues waiting in the wings. For example, Trump is floating the idea of abolishing or greatly diminishing Social Security, an idea wildly unpopular with the bulk of Americans. Further, the Trump administration has just eradicated all protections for clean waters, throwing open the entire country to unrestrained pollution, another wildly unpopular policy.

Whatever the precise circumstances may prove to be, however, one thing is certain: the astrological influences now coming to bear on Trump's chart are in no way indicative of easy success, great popularity, freedom from the consequences of ill-considered actions, or anything of that nature. They are instead indicative of a confrontation with situations, circumstances, and powers which will greatly diminish Trump's loud self-congratulatory assertions and which will very likely wipe him off the main stage of action and push him into the background, from where he'll not have so much sway. He'll need to learn very new life-skills to handle such situations. Up to this point, Trump has fabricated, bullied, and blustered his way through life. Against simultaneous oppositions of Saturn and Pluto, this primitive strategy simply will not suffice. This week's poll numbers may be the tip of the iceberg in regard to that fact.

Daily Analysis for the Week Ahead

Monday February 27 starts the work week with the now waxing Moon in gentle, mystical Pisces. The ethereal quality of Pisces is today enhanced by a conjunction of Venus and Neptune in that sign as well, stimulating romantic and spiritual inclinations. Creativity runs high, as does psychic sensitivity. Impressions from the higher worlds form easily now. Today is thus an open portal to the world of meditation. Even so, now is the time to keep our wits about us, because Mars is now moving to square Neptune, thus warning that caution should reign. There may be elements of malfeasance circulating in environments normally serene. This is the case today and tomorrow. We do best if we align with our higher essences, but also stay alert on the physical level. Today and tomorrow, it is best to not be naively trusting, but instead to check out claims and situations which strike us as fishy in some way.

Watching out for odd developments and opportunities for deceit and malfeasance should remain the priority for **Tuesday January 28**. The reason? Mars square Neptune, exact today, and emblematic of situations and persons who capitalize on presenting a deceiving appearance. Thievery and conniving may be out and about. Look for the truth under the cover of sweet smiles and attempts to gloss over contradictions and illogical behaviors. Many will try to pull the wool over the eyes of the unsuspecting this day. This day can still be fine for those who align with the higher worlds, though. Energies are great for spiritual devotions, rituals, and practices 5 am to 7 pm CST while the Moon conjuncts Venus and makes sextiles to Pluto and Saturn.

Wednesday January 29 sees the waxing Moon shift into direct and often confrontational Aries. This helps clear up the emotionally and mentally foggy situations of yesterday. We come at issues on the straight-up and find out what's up. Conditions are especially conducive to positive forward motion near midnight CST and overnight into Thursday. We feel motivated and competent.

The waxing Moon remains in active, motivated Aries on **Thursday January 30**. Big ideas might push us into biting off more than can be chewed when the Moon squares Jupiter just before 9 am CST, but 8 pm CST sees us cooking on all fronts as the Moon in can-do Aries makes a trine to energetic Mars in never-say-die Sagittarius. We are cheered up by our own abilities and ready to forge ahead.

Friday January 31 sees the impetuous Aries Moon attitude somewhat impeded by the square of the Moon to ponderous Pluto and sober Saturn, 5 to 8 am CST. Then we get our ideas clearly in mind and ready to sparkle around 9 am when the Moon sextiles clever Mercury in brilliant Aquarius. That's it for a while, as we slow down under a void of course Moon. Then the Moon enters Taurus just before 6:30 pm CST, setting off a new trend in the areas of financial security, comfort, beauty, and routine. Speaking of routines, what in the world might they be, we ask around midnight when the Moon conjuncts excitable Uranus and upends all our carefully-constructed plans, at least for a while. We quite suddenly get a new vision about how to generate funds.

Saturday February 1 sees the waxing Moon remaining in stability-loving Taurus, so we seek our comfort zones and use them for healing and restoration. All forms of repair and restitution work well today, for Venus in empathic Pisces makes the exact sextile to Pluto in structural Capricorn, creating an environment in which rigid patterns can be dissolved without agony and suffering. Furniture, buildings, people, psyches – all can be mended this day. Forgiveness circulates in the air, and grace. Now is a good time to extend olive branches to others and to nurture the self. Food preparation, flowers, decoration, entertainment, romance, and art are favored. Anything that looks pretty and makes us feel better is just the thing. Epsom salts baths and such would make good sense today and get good results. All forms of physical, emotional, and mental healing are facilitated by today's energies, especially around 10 pm CST when the Taurus Moon makes the exact trine to Jupiter, bringing about desired

results. Today is the day for holistic treatments of any type. Stress accumulated by the concerns and efforts associated with the Saturn-Pluto conjunction can now be dissolved and released, at least for a significant moment. The many farewells and tough realizations of mid-January now begin to fall into perspective and cease to be huge psychological presences.

Sunday February 2 continues the themes of bliss and peace characteristic of Saturday. Beauty and comfort still reign under the Taurus Moon, which today makes the sextile to Neptune and Venus, and the trine to Pluto and Saturn, making today a notable opportunity for pleasant experiences, delight, happiness, and joy. After the hard days of the Saturn-Pluto conjunction, we need this. An oasis of serenity forms for us today. Let us bask in the bliss.

Next week: More good stuff and not so much bad. Venus sextiles Saturn and Mercury sextiles Uranus, engendering emotional stability and ease of communication and commerce. The Full Moon arrives on **February 8 – 9** with the Sun at 20 degrees of Aquarius and the Moon at 20 degrees of Leo. We think on the relationship between the group and the individual.



Aquarius, from the zodiacal art of Johfra Bosschart.