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### **Michael Richard Pence, Man of the Moment**

The eyes of the world fall currently upon one man: American Vice-President Mike Pence, who on January 6, 2021, is tasked by the U.S. Constitution with the duty of officiating at certification of the recent presidential election. Pence has assumed such importance because the results of the recent election are now in question, challenged by members of Congress and several American states, all of whom allege that a broad array of vote manipulation strategies were used to artificially tilt the results of the election in favor of Democratic contenders Joe Biden and Kamala

Harris. Several of these same states will on January 6 send two sets of electors to Congress, one dedicating all its votes to the Biden-Harris ticket, the other dedicating all its votes to the Trump-Pence ticket.

As a result, it falls to sitting Vice President Pence to decide which delegations to accord legitimacy. **His decision hinges on the technical definition of an appropriately conducted election process, as stipulated by the U.S. Constitution.** This is a grave question and an exacting point of law, currently debated by legal scholars, media, and commentators. Many say that indeed it falls to Pence to examine the definition of an election as articulated in the U.S. Constitution, and render a decision on that basis. Media sources and commentators supporting Biden contend that Pence has no such authority; Trump supporters and an increasing cadre of voices interpret the Constitution to say that he does. High tides of patriotic passion run through the American public on this issue, causing the nation to perch right on the edge of its chair as it awaits the fateful moment on January 6.

Meanwhile, election integrity hearings held during November and December 2020 in the state legislatures of Michigan, Arizona, and Georgia have pointed heavily in the direction that the challengers have good reason to doubt the legitimacy of the vote count. In one particularly stunning revelation which occurred on December 30, 2020, information technology experts demonstrated right before the eyes of legislators in the state of Georgia that in stark contrast to the repeated assurances provided by executives of Dominion Voting Systems, the voting system provided by that company and used by several American states in the recent presidential election is blatantly susceptible to internet invasion during ongoing voter processes. Further, hearings in Arizona included information strongly suggesting deliberate vote manipulation by the Arizona Democratic Party. The fact that Republican election observers were driven out of polling places on Election Day in several states has added weight to that contention. Other stunning revelations have unfolded

throughout the post-election period, including the compelling statistical analyses performed by Shiva Ayyadurai, American mathematician, inventor, businessman, and political candidate, who holds a doctorate and three other degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a world-renown university with a dazzling reputation for cultivating top-level intellectual talent. Ayyadurai has shown mathematical reasoning to argue that election results in both Michigan and Arizona violate the laws of probability, demonstrating strong evidence that they could only have been obtained by systematic modification of voting numbers inside the Dominion voting system. Taken all together, these several happenings combine to make for a set of serious concerns about the legitimacy of the voting numbers obtained through Dominion equipment in the recent presidential election.

As a result, when Mike Pence steps to the podium in the United States Senate on January 6, he will do so in an atmosphere heavily charged with doubt, uncertainty, mistrust, trepidation, and outright animosity. Profound suspicion is sure to fill the air, as many Republicans slowly come to face the distinct and unpalatable possibility that the Democratic Party knowingly engaged in deceptive and fraudulent practices. This is the name of the game into which enters one Michael Richard Pence on January 6, 2021. He is positioned to make a decision as whether the presidential ticket of which he himself is a member shall win, or no, as a consequence of making a decision about what constitutes a legitimate election process at the state level.



Born June 7, 1959 in Columbus, Indiana, USA, at an unknown clock time, Michael Richard Pence has his Sun in Gemini and Moon in either late Gemini or early Cancer. Because his birth time is currently not known by the astrological community, his Ascendant, Midheaven, and exact Moon sign and degree are also unknown, as these depend directly on the time of birth. However, the Sun, lunar nodes, and planetary positions for his day of birth can be known. These are:

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| Sun         | 16 Gemini      |
| Lunar Nodes | 11 Libra/Aries |
| Mercury     | 22 Gemini      |
| Venus       | 1 Leo          |
| Mars        | 4 Leo          |
| Jupiter     | 25 Scorpio Rx  |
| Saturn      | 5 Capricorn Rx |
| Uranus      | 13 Leo         |
| Neptune     | 5 Scorpio Rx   |
| Pluto       | 2 Virgo        |

On January 6, 2021, when Pence takes charge of the U.S. Senate in his Constitutionally-ordained role as President of the Senate, a number of profound astrological influences will play upon him. Most notably, transiting Saturn at 2 degrees of Aquarius will oppose both his Venus and Mars, positioned respectively at 1 and 4 degrees of Leo. Saturn will thus potently affect Pence's Venus-Mars conjunction, a pivotal part of his chart, and hence, of his character and disposition. With Venus conjunct Mars in Leo, Pence is a profoundly social animal, with much of his psyche involved with attracting and holding the warmth, attention, and admiration of those around him. He is also capable of originating warmth and outgoing

magnetism to others with this conjunction of the fundamental female-male polarity planets in the dynamic and outgoing sign of Leo. Whether one agrees with his politics, religion, or personal lifestyle, it remains the case that Pence exerts and holds great appeal for some. He also likes to be in the limelight, as all creatures of the King of the Beasts do. He's accustomed to that role, in fact.

Now comes a moment when that role takes on an entirely different patina, for Saturn projects gravitas and somber reverence like a heavy cloak over his essentially fun-loving Venus and Mars. Saturn is like that. As is said in the Theosophical tradition of the Alice Bailey literature, Saturn is the agent of karma, and Saturn demands a decision. Yes, the Great One of the seven original celestial bodies is the judge and jury of the solar system, the voice of the conscience and that of worldly authority all rolled into one. Saturn says no, stop, pull back, restrain yourself, and while you are at it, make a determination on this or that exceedingly exacting ethical determination. This is exactly the message which will bear down on Pence in early January 2021. The sobriety of Saturn opposing the Mars of the Pence chart suggests that he will strongly feel that his natural impulses must be severely curtailed. He must go slowly, think carefully, and not overstep his authority, says Saturn. Yet he must also act in the role of Saturn and be the one who ponders profoundly, ultimately to render a decision.

At the same time, transiting Jupiter at 4 degrees of Aquarius will also oppose the Venus and Mars of the Pence chart, especially interacting with Mars, with which it will be in exact opposition. From this influence emanates the exact opposite message. The effect of Jupiter is permissive. Archetype of abundance, excess, and endless opportunity, Jupiter when speaking into the psyche encourages risk, confidence, self-assurance, even righteous conviction that one is justified in one's beliefs. Transiting Jupiter opposite the Mars of the Pence chart thus suggests that in early January 2021, Pence is also feeling buoyed up, elevated, encouraged, authorized

from above to do as his heart of hearts indicates to him. He shall have just recently passed through the exact opposition of transiting Jupiter to his Venus as well, thus making his Christmas and New Year period endowed with absolutely hopeful, positive, optimistic, and downright rewarding developments. Riding high? Somewhat, though not entirely, given that Saturn waits in the wings.

Also to be taken into consideration is that both Jupiter and Saturn in early January 2021 are in the sign of **Aquarius**, emblem of the social grouping, the club, the organization, and even of **elected bodies**. This emphasis in Aquarius thus attunes everyone, including Pence, **to the fundamental importance of sharing in the decision-making process**. This Aquarian message bears down heavily on Pence in particular with the exact oppositions from Saturn and Jupiter in Aquarius affecting his personal planets, thus counterbalancing and potentially conflicting with his royal Leonine impulses. Thus, the transits of the time tend to decrease the natural authoritarian streak in Pence while also diluting that tendency with an opposite lean toward recognition of the group claim upon the individual. This dynamic could easily incline Pence to listen to the dissenting challenger states and to hear their plea. Aquarius is a sign that, at its best, promotes objectivity and impartiality. It is this call to non-partisan thinking which sounds in the mind of Pence at this time. **Such thinking would point him in the direction of the Constitution for guidance**, again bringing him back to a consideration of a legitimate election as defined by **the Constitution**, which **gives the state legislatures the sole power to alter election procedures**. And here is the rub, for the states being questioned about their practices did not adhere to this provision, giving Pence the argument to discount their electoral delegations.

It is evident that Pence is literally between a rock and hard place, caught in between almost equally powerful transits from inhibiting Saturn and encouraging Jupiter. The astrological characterization provides but a

hint of the extraordinary tension under which Pence must labor at this time, tasked as he is to make what is probably the ethical determination of a lifetime. Note that it transpires directly under the uncompromising glare of Saturn.

Other transits figure in as well. Pluto at 24 degrees of Capricorn in early January 2021 is on its way to a year-long sextile to the Jupiter in Scorpio position in Pence's chart, showing long-term viability of his hopes and dreams. Transiting Neptune is departing from a square to his natal Sun degree, signifying that a troubling condition involving deception and image manipulation is now passing out of influence. Over the course of 2021, transiting Uranus in Taurus will form a square to the Uranus in Leo position of the Pence chart, indicating tensions between representatives of the financial industry and those of the executive branch, but this is not in full effect at the time of the January 6 certification. Also over the course of 2021 will form a trine from transiting Jupiter in air sign Aquarius to the Sun and Mercury in Gemini and lunar north node in Libra in the Pence chart, again suggesting general social acceptance, an air sign matter, but later in the year. And Mars in early January 2021 will be square the Venus position in the Pence chart, while also trine the Pluto, indicating social tension for sure, but background strength and resilience as well.

Add all this to the oppositions of Saturn and Jupiter as discussed above, and it becomes apparent that Pence is under intensive astrological pressure at the time of the January 6 meeting of Congress. So which way does it cut, in essence? Without the birth time, and therefore the Ascendant, exact Moon position, and house positions of the significant factors, it is tricky to say, but if Pence is represented by his planetary positions and therefore the transits, it seems likely he will lean back on the group-conscious, Aquarius-inspired Constitution (which separates instead of concentrates powers), study up on the definition of a legitimate election, take all the groups concerned into consideration, and decide accordingly.

## Daily Analysis and Prediction for the Week of January 4 – 10, 2021

The Moon wanes all week, indicating that now is a time to conclude projects begun earlier. This is also the proper time in the lunar cycle to spell and visualize for the eradication and dissipation of any undesired condition. Days of the week best for that purpose would be Thursday and Friday January 7 and 8 when the Moon is in elimination-oriented, water sign Scorpio. Spells to dissolve through the magical power of water are in order at that time. This week is also strongly imbued with the energies of Mercury, emblematic of the Magician Card in the Tarot, with Mercury conjunct Pluto, changing signs, square Mars, and conjunct Saturn. Here is a hint that **the power of the Mercury-ruled word** is applicable to the moment: casting thought in just the right magical formula has the power to bring notable results at present. This is particularly true on the weekend, when transiting Mercury is conjunct transiting Saturn in the creative, Uranus-ruled sign of Aquarius.



**Monday January 4** opens the week with the Moon in earth sign Virgo, providing an opportunity for wise management of the physical dimension. Now's a fine time to tidy up the desk, organize the closet, or move files



around to better locations on the hard drive. There's more than a smidge of urgency about this, as Mercury today conjuncts Pluto in Capricorn, thus focusing thought powerfully on long-term life goals, major intentions, and priority obligations. We need to be all in good order to respond. Then the Moon enters Libra at 11:42 pm CST, set to shine a light on the principles of justice and fairness in society for the next two days.

**Tuesday January 5** sees the Moon in Libra shifting the emphasis to social connections, team work, organizational dynamics, and fair play. Human understanding is helped 3 am – 6 am CST while the Moon trines Saturn and Jupiter in Aquarius. We think and speak with clarity.

**Wednesday January 6** features the passage of Mars into Taurus at 4:27 pm CST, signifying the start of a two-month emphasis on the Taurus-ruled matters of food, material security, physical comfort, pleasure, beauty, romance, sex, reproductive capacity, the physical basis of identity in genetic substance, and ownership of goods and territory. Lines are drawn in the sand, hard and fast positions taken. Emotions are rattled a good bit of the day, especially 5 – 6 pm CST while the Moon in Libra squares Pluto in Capricorn. The repercussions of today's events are felt tomorrow.

**Thursday January 7** brings the Moon into Scorpio at 2:53 am CST. The day turns into a wild thing 3 am to 3 pm as the Moon opposes Mars, squares Saturn and Jupiter, and opposes Uranus. Social, emotional, financial, and personal upheaval figure prominently. Creative responses are possible for those able to work with energies and go around seemingly immovable obstacles. As they say, where there's a will (or a witch), there's a way.

**Friday January 8** holds more potent happenings as Mercury enters Aquarius, Venus enters Capricorn, the Sun makes the exact sextile to Neptune, and Mercury squares Mars. This spells a day packed with intense developments and significant changes. Controversy is sure to swirl quite madly, given the Mercury-Mars square. Weather is agitated also, with wind and critical conditions shaping up in some locations. In spite of all this, or perhaps because of it, lovers and collaborators find each other in

miraculous ways, as Venus prepares to trine Mars on the morrow. Agreements are therefore forged and commonalities found.



**Saturday January 9** sees the Moon enter undaunted, loquacious Sagittarius at 5:15 am CST. Throughout the day, the Moon makes the sextile to Mercury, Saturn, and Jupiter, bringing good cheer and encouraging conversations. Venus in professional Capricorn trines Mars in financial Taurus, making for lucrative connections in the business world. At the same time, congenial human relations find a way to form in the areas of sex, love, romance, mutual admiration, and powerful attraction. Behind it all, Mercury makes the conjunction to Saturn in Aquarius, bringing sharp focus to the value of friendships, cooperation, collaboration, teamwork, power-sharing, and civil discourse. It's also a profoundly intellectual and precocious activation, pushing all to examine the limits of knowledge. We inquire how to learn more effectively and wake up our minds.

**Sunday January 10** is conditioned by the Mercury-Jupiter conjunction in Aquarius, exact on Monday, thus **bringing emphasis to elected bodies** and the shared decision-making power of democratic process.

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