

# A Mesoamerican View on Clinton vs Trump

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In Mesoamerican astrology, which includes both the Maya and Aztec systems, a strange endlessly recurring 260-day count made up of 20 day-signs that cycle 13 times. It has resonances with quite a few planetary cycles so it is in many ways a kind of astrology. The 260-day period has a complex internal structure that appears to be a factor in personal and collective life patterns, which allows for interpretation and prediction. In this short article I'll use the election as an example of how current events can be viewed through this astrological system. The two final candidates for president, Clinton and Trump, were born under the day-signs Wind (Ik – in Mayan) and House (Akbal), respectively. The election takes place on the day-sign Knife (Etz'nab) in the trecena Ix (Ocelot). What does all this mean? We begin with the birthdays of the candidates.

Clinton was born on the day 9-Wind (Ik), in the trecena 1-Ocelot (Ix). In my book *Day-Signs: Native American Astrology From Ancient Mexico* I describe this combination as follows: Persons born under the day-sign Wind are generally mentally active and communicative, versatile and multi-faceted. They tend to be idealistic but are challenged with issues related to responsibility and obligation, which they often struggle with. They do best in a position of service, but will take the lead if necessary. This is the ninth day of the 13-day trecena that begins with 1-Ocelot and those born under this it are secretive, private and yet are also very sensitive and often psychic. They have a pronounced aggressive streak yet strive to avoid direct confrontations with others. In relationships, Ocelot types tend to become deeply involved, often to the point where one person is feeding on another. Privacy is something that those born under Ocelot need, yet their tendency to become involved in entangled relationships often makes this difficult. By nature, these are secretive people who find that controlling information helps them maintain power. They have an inborn sense of strategy and make good planners and investigators. These are very complex persons who are emotionally intense, secretive and seductive. They are quite intelligent and are able to see the bigger picture in life. All of this is consistent with her planets in Scorpio.

What's interesting about this day, 9-Wind, is that it was used to symbolize one of the greatest gods of ancient Mesoamerica – Quetzalcoatl. This god, or man-god as it were, was a giver of culture, a god of writing and knowledge and was depicted as a feathered serpent. He was associated with the planet Venus, the cycle of that planet being linked to stages in the rise and fall of the god. The myths about Quetzalcoatl refer to a falling from power due to sexual misconduct. The myth seems to speak of the need for control over sexuality – without it respect for authority fails and civilization crumbles. When Bill Clinton was dealing with the Monica Lewinsky scandal, the news events followed the cycle of Venus almost too perfectly. I wrote an article about this that can be found on this website.

Donald Trump was born on 4-House (Akbal). In my book I describe this sign as having the following traits. House types are organized, patient and show much endurance, and they work hard at what they do. They tend to be calculating and systematic in their approach to problems and may possess highly specialized knowledge. Their concern for security in home and family is pronounced yet they are private and are inclined to be introspective. They are not always the best

team players. One of the most obvious characteristics of persons born under this day-sign is their natural tendency to lead or even dominate situations. Some are simply physically large, some strikingly beautiful or handsome, some very intelligent, while others may dress to enhance their presentation of self. Personal power may be exerted in subtle ways, but it is always something others must contend with. In many cases, this power is completely legitimate, as when the person is a teacher, leader or healer. 4-House is the fourth day of the trecena that begins with 1-Flower (Ahau) a sign that is associated with divinity and perfection. Some born here are driven to achieve the impossible, which often produces frustration. In many cases, obsessions with the future and perfection leads to illusions of self-worth, unrealistic expectations and, ultimately, disappointments. Struggles in close relationships, or fear of them, are common with those born here.

These descriptions of the two candidates seem fairly close to what we know about them. In the 260-day count they were born 21 days apart, which means one sign apart – House follows Wind. Given this one could say they have little in common. House is a sign of the West, a direction (or element) that is fundamentally social. Wind is a sign of the North, a direction that tends to be somewhat cool towards the social world and is often defensive. Interestingly, the days they announced their respective candidacies both fell on the first days of trecenas which are days of great power. Clinton announced on the day 1-Wind (Ik), the same sign as her birth day-sign, a sign of the North. Trump declared on the day 1-Deer (Manik), a sexually-charged day associated with acquisition and is a sign of the West. What this says is that the declaration of candidacy dates appear to describe the candidates and therefore reinforce who they are, but more so for Clinton who announced on her own day-sign.

Election day is the day 5-Knife (Etz'nab) in the trecena 1-Ocelot (Ix). Knife is a day of decision and for seizing the moment. Like Ocelot and Wind, Knife is a sign of the North, and not particularly emotional – more thoughtful and realistic, in fact. As already noted, Ocelot is Clinton's trecena sign, another recurrence of directions that would seem to strengthen her prospects. Trump, being born under House, a sign of the West, and also Flower, a sign of the South, doesn't quite fit into this framework. Inauguration Day is January 20, 2017, the day 13-Monkey (Chuen), the last day of the trecena Rain (Cauauc), both being signs of the West. The number 13 suggests closure or continuity rather than radical change and the combination of the signs Monkey and Rain implies teaching and healing. Given this, and the consistency of the announcement and election day dates with her birth signs, I'd think that Clinton would win the presidency.

#### *Post Election Note*

*Obviously, my reasoning in regard to the "winner" of the election was flawed. The consistent pattern of directionality (north) from birth day-sign, to announcement of candidacy, to the election did not deliver Clinton the presidency. Trump was born under a sign of the west, announced under a west sign, and the inauguration occurred under a west sign. So apart from the election date, which was north, his path was also consistent. If there's anything to this method, then the inauguration date was the most critical.*

*What makes this experiment even more interesting is looking at the "progressed" day-signs. If you take a day for a year from birth, as is done with astrology's secondary progressions, Trump's day-sign for 2016 is 9-Reed, a very strong sign which is also the very same day-sign*

*as the United States (7/4/1776) and Barack Obama. Clinton's progressed day-sign was 13-Monkey – the very same day as the date of inauguration. But the number 13, the final number of the trecena, might be considered to be for her a day of completion, which it may have been.*

*There may be something to this methodology, which is basically guesswork at this point, but it would next need to be done for many previous presidential elections.*