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The Donald, the Dwarfs and the White House

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Donald Trump has proven to be one of the most provocative and controversial seekers of presidential office in American history, a multi-billionaire maverick even feared by many in the party he represents, the Republicans. In this frankly outspoken assessment, award-winning *More Plutos* author Sue Kientz taps the trans-Neptunian Dwarf Planets for an answer to this question: Can The Donald make it all the way to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington?

Presidential elections are exciting for astrologers, because when you spot a challenging patch coming up in a candidate's chart, you almost certainly will find out what happened. That's because reporters are everywhere around those running for high office, ferreting out their deep, dark secrets.

And then there's Donald Trump, who is such a self-promoter, he calls the press, continually tweets his thoughts and feelings, and even telephones CNN's control room to make sure they know the latest. This man seems to bare all. But as you know, astrology tracks things unseen to the naked eye, and therefore can plumb the most impenetrable depths. This is especially true now that we have new Dwarf Planets to help us better understand the most primal reaches of the human psyche. These rather large worlds reside in Pluto's general domain, and tell us more about power, manipulation, and transformation, as well as dealing with the strange and alien.

As we scrutinise Mr. Trump's personality and his chances of becoming the next U.S. President, this article will fill you in about newcomers Eris,¹ Makemake,¹ Haumea, Sedna,² and a few more, all much heftier than 99.9% of the asteroids. Due to space considerations, the main focus will be on angles between personal planets and these Trans-Neptunians, rather than sign and house placement analysis.

Trump's jam-packed stellium in Lunar Eclipse

Donald Trump seems larger (and stranger) than life in part due to a whopper of a conjunction (*Sun/Edison/North Node/Orcus/Uranus*) opposite a Full Moon, the celestial version of sirens and alarm bells. It makes sense that Trump has Sun/Uranus conjunct, as he brags constantly about being so smart. But what about the other two Dwarfs in the mix?

- **Edison³ is "a good idea" or "getting on the right path"**. Trump has had a plethora of good ideas over the years – witness his riches – and his career is virtually littered with new enterprises, like Trump Airlines, Trump University, Trump ties, Trump steaks (all closed or failed now save for the ties). Deciding to run for president is yet another departure from his résumé.

- **Orcus compulsively puts things in order and can lend an authoritarian air**. Consequently, Trump promises to build a wall, Mexico (e.g., someone else) is going to pay for it, but then he wants a door in the wall, to bring in legal immigrants. Everything has to make sense, be tied it up in a bow, all nice and neat. Uncertainty and insecurity are allayed by enacting or proposing rigid routines or strictures.

Put all these factors together – Sun, Edison, N. Node, Orcus, Uranus – and you have someone very invested in himself. He's confident he knows the way (Edison/Uranus), is the authority on good ideas (Orcus/Edison), and has got the big brain full of plans which are going to restore America (Uranus/Edison/Orcus), and *Make it Great Again!* No wonder he loves that slogan. Moon opposite such a collection gives him the chutzpah to launch this grand scheme.

Add to that, incredible luck (*Sun trine Jupiter*). Jupiter trine that entire solar stellium gives him unusual opportunities, talents, and physical gifts. It therefore makes sense that he would be 'over the top' with the gold, sticking his name on so many buildings and products, all excessive Jupiter qualities.

Trump does have some challenges:

- **Oversensitivity and buried insecurity (*Sun sesquiquadrate 2007 OR₁₀; Sun semi-square Pluto*)**. He might act completely pre-possessed, able to gleefully dish out insults (calling an opponent "Lyin' Ted"), but OR₁₀ – largest unnamed body in our solar system, third in size behind Pluto and Eris – tells us that Trump is actually thin-skinned. Being embarrassed or one-upped rattles him and makes him insecure. His talk of filing or fighting lawsuits belies a person worried about losing control (Pluto).
- **He may appear 'real' and 'transparent', but Trump creates that persona. (*Sun square 2002 TC₃₀₂*)**. With its exceptionally close resonance with Neptune, TC points to hidden dimensions of The Donald tucked away, for good or ill. Trump's chief strategist Paul Manafort seems to confirm this, admitting that Trump is "playing a part"⁴ While nominees usually pivot to centre

for the general election, hearing someone has “two sides” is a bit unsettling. Which side will be president? And are there more sides we haven’t seen?

- **He’s a workaholic** (*Sun square Asteroid Vesta*), continually looking at the business angle. Perhaps his perception that the U.S. is “a mess” inspired him to finally run for president; a Vesta type would relish cleaning up the colossal disaster he insists America is in.

Donald Trump also has some unarguably useful, positive qualities:

- **Trump gets it done** (*Sun sextile Mars, wide but applying*). No one gets to his level of high living by not producing, not making some quite effective choices.
- **Trump has stamina, determination, and good health** (*Sun sextile Sedna/Hygeia*). Sedna, a Saturn/Neptune-like object, indicates determination or its flip-side, obsession. Sedna people don’t give up. Asteroid Hygeia represents health issues. His supportive Sedna/Hygeia could even explain why, in a break from the usual Republican line, Trump says he wants every American to have health care.⁵

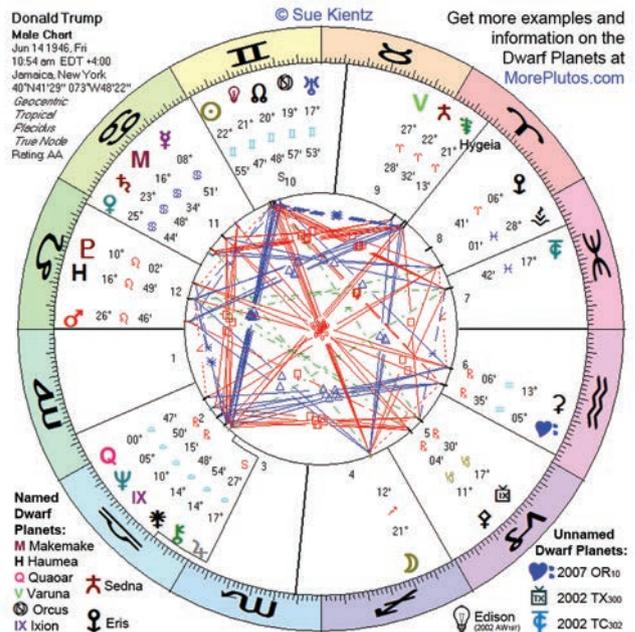
What explains the insults? Check Mercury and Mars

Trump has made a career of audacity (*Mercury square Ixion stellium*). He’s gotten away with saying whatever he wants, breaking rules of behaviour (Ixion was an impudent Greek king), and he’s become quite adept at it. His utterances are playful yet risky (both Quaoar’s forté) and arguably twists the truth (Neptune).

The Donald objectifies Others (*Mercury square Eris*), and is not afraid to express that objectification. He’s being “honest”, he says, but to many, he runs roughshod over all sorts of people left and right. A Full-Moon type like he is sees everything as polarised, and the solution to that kind of tension is to blame the other guy, the other group, women (the original Other), really all others different from oneself. Eris, as large as Pluto, represents The Other, The Stranger. Trump has clawed his way to the top of the Republican heap by blaming and insulting many Others, a curious tactic for someone who’ll need millions of strangers to vote for him.

Trump’s “straight talk” seems heroic to some (*Mercury opposite Pallas*), but being outspoken is only admirable (Asteroid Pallas: fights for right) when the one benefiting is someone else, not yourself.

Trumpspeak is often violent (*Mercury semi-square Mars*). This spicing of his rally spiel with talk of punching someone in the face and other combative statements is textbook (Dark Side) Mercury-Mars behaviour.



By and large, The Donald gets what he wants (*Mars trine Moon*). Through aggressive means (Mars), he gets his way, his heart’s desire (Moon), but that can unfortunately encourage a “Might is Right” attitude.

Is Trump all masculine (Sun, Mars) energy?

Is there a softer side to Trump, some ability to be a reconciler, which as Republican nominee, he’ll need in the fall? Let’s check Venus:

Trump’s ideal: stability with a twist (*Venus conjunct Saturn/Makemake*). No wonder this guy keeps getting married. He wants dependability (Saturn), but Makemake in range of Saturn modifies his idea of ‘stability’ to include excitement and the unusual, hallmarks of this fourth-largest Dwarf. The Makemake factor could also explain his attraction to investing (Venus) in building or owning fantastic properties (Makemake/Saturn), like his acquiring Atlantic City’s Taj Mahal casino, which later fell into bankruptcy.⁶

Does The Donald fib about money? (*Venus square Varuna/Sedna/Hygeia*). Trump says he’s worth billions, but that includes valuing his ‘brand’, the name TRUMP, at \$3.3 billion. The Bloomberg Billionaires Index took a look at his finances and cut his \$10B assessment to \$2.9B.⁷ Why would he triple an already enormous figure? Varuna-types use words (spoken or print) to create or change perceived reality. But by doing so, his true value suffers (Sedna/Hygeia). This in itself hurts his ‘brand’, his reputation.

For Trump, money must be excessive and on display (*Venus square Jupiter and opposite 2002 TX₃₀₀*). Trump exaggerates his value estimation because he is addicted to excess (with his Sun stellium trine Jupiter). The opposition of small but shiny Dwarf Planet TX₃₀₀ indicates his need to publicise his fortune. It's not enough to have it or spend it, unless you make a spectacle of all that dough. Trump's close relationships (especially marriages) also have the Jupiter/TX flavor, as his wives all have exceptional figures, perfect for TV. Jupiter in Libra reinforces the Jupiter/Venus theme, with 'many' marriages (three), not to mention other romantic attachments he's reportedly had.

Joy of working for money (*Venus trine 2002 TC₃₀₂/Vesta*). His obsessive preoccupation with working is more about enjoying the wealth he produces than the achievement of a job well done. Vesta, marker of work, making things right, and taking care of business, is nevertheless Trump's most positive Venus contact. TC trine Venus adds a Neptunian element, manifesting in his reluctance to provide hard specifics about his finances. Not releasing his tax returns has consequently raised eyebrows. *The Washington Post* suggested in May that if he did release them, voters might find he pays little or even no taxes.⁸

How has candidate Donald evolved?

Secondary progression, that marvelous miniature of the transiting pattern (1 day after birth = 1 year of life), highlights Trump's important upcoming milestones. Let's examine what likely will prove most memorable:

The final showdown

- **The political fight of the century** (*p. Sun trine p. Pallas, separating*). The Celebrity Boss promised to be "more presidential", but Trump can't resist his "Crooked Hillary" battle-cry (Pallas, warrior goddess); the trine underscores the entertainment value of Trump's pugilistic style, which comedians delight in parodying. (*p. Mercury sesquiquadrate p. Pallas, applying*) The challenging Mercury/Pallas figure, on the other hand, highlights how Trump treats the presidential contest not as a wooing of voters, as much as a verbal massacre of his opponent.
- **Trump's use of Others** (*p. Mars opposite p. Eris, separating*). His polarised attitude towards so many groups of people (Mexicans, women, "the blacks", illegal aliens) super-charged his primary campaign, bringing him followers, but this behaviour also pulled in and energised detractors.
- **Inflammatory speech is peaking** (*p. Mars square natal Mercury, slowly separating*). As this passed exactitude on May 11, Trump's long-time butler was found spewing anti-Obama rhetoric on Facebook, and a

1990s-era tape of Trump surfaced, showing him posing as his own PR man. Even when faced with his previous admission to this ruse in court documents, Trump denied the voice was his. Progressed Mars moves so slow, expect more such troubling communiques.

- **Mars is one thing, Pluto quite another** (*p. Mercury conjunct p. Pluto, exact in late August*). As Trump's progressed Mercury closes in on Pluto, the name-calling and insults will certainly ratchet up. There's also another possibility: Trump has experienced progressed Mercury/Pluto conjunct twice before, with exact instances in early 1969 and (with Mercury retrograde) in 1993. Might something from those eras re-emerge to seismically disrupt his campaign?
- **Avoided military service**. After found fit for duty in 1966, Trump received student deferments to avoid Vietnam. Yet after graduation, he was declared medically unfit in late 1968, a designation held through 1972.⁹ At the time, his p. Venus (22 Leo 30) was sextile his natal Sun. One wonders if Dad's money helped gain that deferment, and what might veterans think about that.
- **Ex-wife's ordeal**. In his 1993 Trump bio *Lost Tycoon*, author Harry Hurt relates Ivana's account of how Trump attacked her and pulled out her hair as he forced himself on her sexually [denied by Trump], all because he suffered pain from bald-spot reduction surgery performed by one of her doctors.¹⁰

Venus trouble is coming

- **Money issues on the horizon** (*p. Sun semi-square p. Venus, applying*). If his behaviour with women doesn't sink him, what about his missing tax returns?
- **Whatever the Venus issue, it will hurt** (*p. Venus conjunct p. Ixion/Chiron, applying to Chiron*). Progressed Venus won't reach p. Chiron soon, so perhaps Trump looking back at all of his own money spent, will be painful at some point.
- **...because if he doesn't win...** (*p. Venus opposite p. Sedna, applying*). After the pain of the Chiron contact, progressed Venus opposes suffering Sedna. What was the point of all that expenditure, if Donald Trump fails to pull off this grand coup? Trump may have the Republican nomination, but Venus/Sedna in his future does not sound like he'll end up with the ultimate prize (Venus) of kicking back in the White House.

Transits show 'Trump vs the World'

How the slower planets relate to Trump's natal setup places Mr. Trump in the here and now, cluing us about how he's prospered and if he'll become Mr. President.

Trump is buoyed by powerful forces (*Uranus/Eris transiting sextile Trump's Sun, as Haumea transits trine his Sun*). This is how Trump has reached and maintained his front-runner status. He's unafraid to say what he thinks (unleashed Uranian self-interest), especially about Others (Eris), enabling him to ride a powerful wave of voter discontent. Not to mention, Trump is familiar; people know him from TV and decades of media exposure (sextile Eris as well). Add to that, this guy has built an incredible business empire (Haumea — transformative power). Trump's claim he can "fix" America seems almost credible, when you see all his shiny achievements in the form of huge buildings, scads of products, and TV success.

Trump claims others are "breaking the rules" (*Ixion transits opposite Trump's Sun*). Even as Trump broke with convention (Ixion) during his early campaign, e.g., insulting numerous voter blocks, espousing positions opposite to the GOP party line, etc., he has found an effective complaint against his opponents and their Stop Trump allies by claiming he is not being treated fairly. Of course, he wants others to follow the rules (Ixion again), while continuing to be unruly himself. Sadly for him, Ixion is not budging soon from its tight opposition.

What is Trump hiding, and where? (*Varuna separates conjunct Trump's Venus*). What tall tale (Varuna) about money or relationships could be revealed, which might sour even the Trumpites' loyal support?

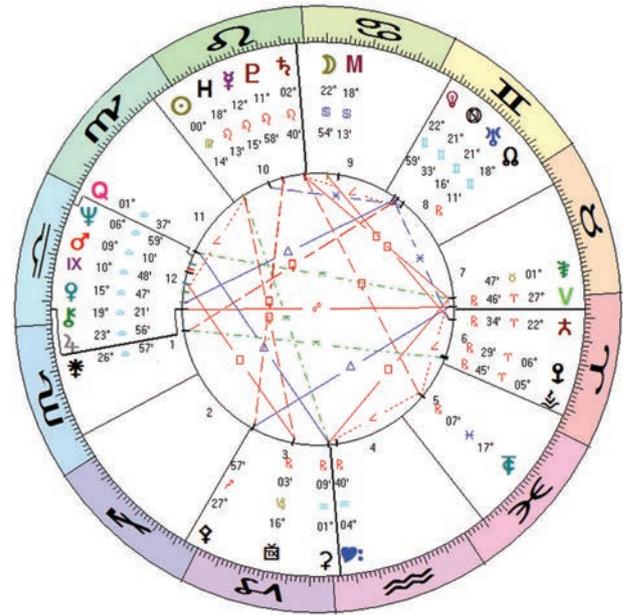
Certainly Trump is really rich... (*Sedna transits sextile Trump's Venus, separating*). Sedna's sextile to natal Venus represents just how massive his resources have been.

... but that's not saying there weren't irregularities in getting that rich (*Neptune hovers sesquiquadrate Trump's Venus*). Perhaps he hasn't donated to veterans' groups, like he claims, or he HAS donated to the Republican Party's favourite whipping boy, Planned Parenthood. *The scandal!*

Whatever his Venus issue, that which made him formidable may topple Trump (*Haumea and Eris/Uranus transit square Trump's Venus, applying*). Here's trouble approaching and becoming serious. The Eris/Haumea axis has given Trump his wild popularity, but something in it will gut him financially, in only a few years' time.

Can Trump Win on Election Day?

Donald Trump has a scintillating progressed Moon conjunct p. Makemake at the Republican Convention in July 2016 (scheduled *during a Full Moon*), but by Election Day, his **p. Moon is square p. Sedna**, followed a few weeks later by **p. Moon conjunct natal Saturn**. However he may try to modulate his reaction, Trump looks to be mortified. Consider these telling transits on or near Election night:



Donald Trump Event of Nov 8 2016
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- **Trump unwittingly creates his own October Surprise** (*Jupiter transits square Trump's Mercury, separating*). Americans expect the airwaves to be over-saturated by every inappropriate thing Donald Trump has ever said, but around 20 Oct., brace for some brand-new outrageous clip. Naturally, Trump will detonate on Twitter.
- **"How many homes does The Donald own?"** (*Ceres joins Eris/Uranus and Haumea in squaring Trump's Venus*). No one has asked yet how many places Trump calls "home" (Ceres), a tactic that caught John McCain off-guard in 2008, but someone will. Trump might seem like a guy you could pal around with, but won't voters be surprised that just one of Trump's houses has 58 bedrooms, 33 bathrooms, 12 fireplaces, and 3 bomb shelters?¹¹ Out of touch, much?
- **Just when you thought it couldn't get nastier** (*Mercury transits square Trump's Mars and sesquiquadrate his Mercury*), both parties' last minute attack ads will go nuclear.
- **How bad? Witness the ultimate intensifier** (*Jupiter transiting semi-square Trump's Mars, just separating*). With Jupiter involved, this could be America's most excessively nasty campaign ever. American voters will wish *they* had three bomb shelters.

Trump's post-Election progressed chart shows p. Moon applying to square p. Jupiter, but don't assume that heralds a President Trump. If you really want a scare, look at Inauguration Day 2017: Jupiter transits *trine* Trump's Sun, although Saturn transits opposite his natal Sun, quite a professional downer.

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Fact is, Trump doesn't need to win. He has fame, fans, money, big houses — what would the presidency give him? He'd be pinned down to one job, with lots of problems, a COMPLETELY hostile Congress, and Secret Service breathing down his neck 24/7.

It makes more sense that the Jupiter contacts, in progression and transit, are the opportunities he will have by NOT being president. Legions of writers are likely already preparing TV series to pitch him, and if they're smart, they'll come up with *President Trump*, a comedy that riffs on all the crazy things that The Donald could have done if indeed he made it to the Oval Office.

Truly, the best thing that could happen to Donald Trump, and all Americans, everywhere, is if he gets beaten like a gong. Take him down a notch. What could be better for a rich, successful man's soul?

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