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The End of Tecumseh's Curse

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As is well known, from William Henry Harrison onward (with the exception of Reagan), U.S. presidents elected in a year ending in zero have died in office, a phenomenon known as Tecumseh's Curse.

Harrison, the governor of Indiana Territory, was politically ambitious and double-crossed the native tribes at every opportunity in order to obtain their lands for white settlers whose thirst for land seemed inexhaustible. The great Shawnee leader Tecumseh tried to reason with Harrison, but in response, when he knew that Tecumseh would be traveling (because Tecumseh had told him he would be), Harrison and his troops attacked and destroyed Prophetstown, the town that Tecumseh and his brother, "The Prophet," had founded, in the Battle of Tippecanoe.

Legend has it that when Tecumseh returned, he sent the prisoners captured by the Shawnee in the battle back to Harrison accompanied by this prophecy:

"Harrison will not win this year to be the Great Chief. But he may win next year. If he does... He will not finish his term. He will die in his office." "No president has ever died in office," declared a visitor. "But Harrison will die[,] I tell you. And when he dies[,] you will remember my brother Tecumseh's death. You think that I have lost my powers. I who caused the sun to darken and Red Men to give up firewater. But I tell you[,] Harrison will die. And after him, every Great Chief chosen every 20 years thereafter will die. And when each one dies, let everyone remember the death of our people."¹

So this was a prediction of karmic return to the whites for their brutal domination and suppression of their red brothers. (Harrison actively lobbied for

¹ "Tecumseh's Curse on the US Presidents," <http://www.wovoca.com/prophecy-shawnee-tecumseh-curses-presidents.htm>, accessed 11/26/08.



the introduction of slavery into the territory,² so he was no friend of his black brothers, either.)

As many astrologers have pointed out, this cycle corresponds with the series of Jupiter-Saturn conjunctions in earth signs. Perhaps this suggests karmic return for misuse of power from the hand of Mother Earth herself.

Reagan was elected to office in 1980, the year of the first Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in air. He was shot during his presidency but survived.

This left one more Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in earth, which was in Taurus in May 2000, the year that Bush II won (or stole) the election. Many of us have wondered throughout his eight years in office whether he would walk out of it alive. As of this moment, it seems that he will. But instead of his dying or the prophecy cycle simply fizzling out at the end, we have a wondrous resolution: whites and minorities both rejecting Bush's policies and the way Washington has worked for so long, voting into office a person who is half black and half white and who is committed to bringing Americans of all races and backgrounds together. What a surprising and wonderful way to end the curse! Whether or not Barack Obama and his administration live up to their billing, I believe that Tecumseh's curse is indeed over.

² "William Henry Harrison," *Wikipedia*, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Henry_Harrison, accessed 11/26/08.