



Biography.

Michelle LaVaughn Robinson was born on January 17th 1964 in Chicago Illinois into a close knit family of modest means. Great -Great Grandparents on both sides of her family had been slaves in the South. All four of her grandparents had multiracial ancestors, reflecting the complex history of the United States. Her distant ancestry includes Irish and other European roots. Slavery was not discussed much in the home, She and her older brother Craig were raised with an emphasis on education and Michelle had learned to read by the age of four, both siblings were advanced enough to skip 2nd grade.

Michelle attended the Whitney M Young Magnet High School for gifted children from which she graduated in 1981 as class salutatorian, she went on to receive a B.A in Sociology from Princeton University, graduating cum laude in 1985. Here is a quote from her thesis on *Princeton-Educated Blacks and the Black Community*. "The path I have chosen to follow by attending Princeton will likely lead to my further integration and or assimilation into a white cultural and social structure that will only allow me to remain on the periphery of society, never becoming a full participant" I can't help but wonder what she would say to that in 2016 after 8 years as our First Lady! Whilst there is still a very long way to go to eradicate racism in the United States, her achievements must be a beacon of hope for many.

Her Father Fraser Robinson had been a democratic precinct captain and had modelled political participation for his children.” In spite of suffering the pain of Multiple Sclerosis his dedication to family and work was a constant inspiration for his children to succeed.

Michelle continued her excellent academic career with a law degree from Harvard in 1988. Whilst studying there she participated in demonstrations for increased enrollment and hiring of minorities, “being one of the school’s few African American students at the time; I found there weren’t many opportunities for minorities. So we created a community within a community and got involved at places like the Third World Center.”

Returning to Chicago Michelle took a job with the law firm of Sidley Austin working in the area of marketing and intellectual property, where she was to eventually meet her future husband, when she was assigned as advisor to a summer intern called Barack Obama.

Two years later they were wed at the Trinity United Church of Christ on October 3rd 1992.

Feeling that her heart wasn’t in it, Michelle had left corporate law in 1991 to work in the public service field as an assistant to Mayor Richard Daley and then as assistant commissioner of planning and development for the city of Chicago. She says about this career change “I looked out at my neighborhood and sort of had an epiphany that I had to bring my skills to bear in the place that made me. I wanted to have a career motivated by passion and not just money” 1991 was a difficult year for Michelle, her father died from M.S. and she also lost a dear friend.

Then in 1993 she took on the job of executive Director of Public Allies, a nonprofit leadership training program, she is quoted as saying this job was by far her favorite. This was followed in 1996 with a position as associate dean of student services for the University of Chicago. Seven years after marrying Barack, her first daughter Malia was born, followed by her second Sasha in 2001. 2002 found her working as executive director of community relations for the University of Chicago hospitals. In November of 2004 her husband became the U.S. Senator for Illinois. Then in May of 2005, along with being a Mother of two and a Senators wife, Michelle was appointed vice president for community relations and external affairs at the University of Chicago Medical Center! This was a position she held part time until her husband’s inauguration as President in January 2009. She also served on the board of the prestigious Chicago Council on World Affairs.

When Barack first entered the political arena Michelle was reluctant at first to fully support him as she was very concerned about the effect this would have on their daughters and their family life, and the eventual sacrifice of her own well paid career when he became President.

Personally she had a pretty thick skin and was able to handle the often unpleasant scrutiny of being in the public eye recognizing it came with the territory.

Rallying her resources and enlisting the support of her Mother to help with the children, Michelle was able to campaign for her husband's successful run for President in 2008, and again in 2012. Throughout Barack's political career Michelle has insisted on maintaining as much of a normal family lifestyle as possible. When the family took up residence in the White House her Mother came with them. She would often write her political speeches on the theme of Motherhood, emphasizing the need for supporting families and the underprivileged, for creating fair opportunities in education and then building programs to support this. Mrs. Obama was an excellent model for healthy living, creating an organic garden at the White House and a program to fight childhood obesity called "Let's Move!" Her imposing height at 5'11 1/2" is topped only by one other First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, who stood 6'. As First Lady, Michelle quickly became a fashion icon with a natural beauty and confident grace she is often compared to Jackie Kennedy (Onassis).

Excerpts from an article in the N.Y Times October 17 2016 .

To the First Lady, With Love

(Four thank-you notes to Michelle Obama, who has spent the past eight years quietly and confidently changing the course of American history.)

Gloria Steinem wrote" After a decade under a public microscope, she has managed what no other first lady — and few people in any public position — have succeeded in doing: She has lived a public life without sacrificing her privacy and authenticity. She made her husband both more human and effective as a president by being his interpreter and defender, but also someone we knew was capable of being his critic. Eventually, she spoke up about the pain of the racist assumptions directed at her, but she waited until her husband could no longer be politically punished for her honesty. And she has always been the best kind of mother, which means insisting that fathers be equal parents. All of this she has done with honesty, humor and, most important, kindness."

"No public figure better embodies that mantra of full female selfhood": Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie:

And from Jon Meacham,

“The important thing is that Mrs. Obama, a clear-eyed lawyer, found a way to withstand the scrutiny of the spotlight. In point of fact, she did more than withstand it. To borrow a phrase from William Faulkner, she not only endured it; she prevailed over it.

How? By finding, or appearing to find, that most elusive of things in the modern world - balance. She was not Mrs. Roosevelt or Mrs. Carter or Mrs. Reagan or Mrs. Clinton, playing roles in affairs of state. Instead she did what the first African-American first lady arguably had to do to play a successful public role. In Voltaire’s terms, she cultivated her own garden, never threatening and never intimidating her neighbors. Much more doubtless unfolded beneath the surface or behind closed doors; history will sort that out. For now, it is enough to say that she is leaving the White House a strong and popular figure with a lifetime of good will and great reservoirs of capital on which to draw as she and her husband write their next chapters.

Michelle Obama. Placement on the Path

I would place Michelle Obama as a disciple who is integrating the personality with the Soul somewhere between the second and third initiation for the following reasons.

Her regular exercise regime, strict adherence to a healthy diet, means she has a physical body well under the control of her mental body.

Emotionally, she had to let go of the family life and career she had expected to have and instead come to terms with a life in the public eye, but using her intellect to overcome this challenge, she figured out a compromise that would work for everyone.

Her personality is well organized and operates in the interest of the group. In this case one could surmise that to be her cultural group, African American, her political group, the Democratic Party, and her national group, as First Lady of the United States.

As First Lady her numerous causes and programs such as the Families of Veterans Support Initiative, her organic garden, and the Let’s Move! Program, to improve childhood obesity, are inclusive, well organized and successful group activities that focus on the larger good rather than personal gain.

She has also had to sacrifice personal ambition (a well-paying career) to the good of the whole for the sake of her family and her nation, and she has done it with grace, style, and intelligence.

She consistently demonstrates the ability to get her message across in a powerful yet harmless way. (IHS, 205-206)

Here is an example, where she is politely but powerfully putting Donald Trump in his place.

“When I think about the kind of President that I want for my girls and all our children, I want someone with the proven strength to persevere, someone who knows this job and takes it seriously. Someone who understands that the issues a President faces are not black and white and cannot be boiled down to 140 characters. Because when you have the nuclear codes at your fingertips and the military in your command, you can’t make snap decisions. You can’t have a thin skin or a tendency to lash out. You need to be steady, and measured, and well-informed”

I was dubious about using quotes from her speeches as it is well known that politicians use speech writers, until I came across this story in the Washington Post where Sarah Hurwitz who is assigned to Michelle as speech writer explains the following

“She clearly said to me: ‘Okay, this is who I am. This is where I come from. This is my family. These are my values, and this is what I want to talk about “Hurwitz recalled in the interview earlier this year. “I realized then that Michelle Obama knows who she is, and she always knows what she wants to say.”

The true Initiate should be known by his/her wise and sanctified normality, by his steady conformity to that which is best for the group as emphasized by the group laws of the land, by his control and refraining from excess of any kind, and by the example he sets to his envioning associates of spiritual living and moral rectitude coupled with the discipline of his life. (IHS 205-20)

Michelle Obama. Ray Profile.

In keeping with her Capricorn Sun I would hypothesize from her cool, one-pointed manner that she is mainly on the 1357 line

Physical Etheric Ray 3

Physically she appears to have a strong and resilient body typical of Ray 3. With which she is able to withstand long hours on the campaign trail.

Astral Emotional Ray 6

Michelle’s loyalty devotion and tenderness to her children are indications of a 6th ray emotional field; also her passion for the causes of minorities during her time at Princeton

University reflects her idealism. She is a powerful, dynamic and persuasive orator. The following video from the 2016 democratic campaign clearly demonstrates her 6th Ray passion.

<https://youtu.be/lwjJJm93DnY>

Mental Ray 1

Michelle demonstrates an independent single-mindedness that easily grasps the underlying cause of a situation and proceeds in a detached and impersonal manner to reach a solution, facilitating the many leadership positions of her career at which she excelled. Whilst she has learned to temper her speech as First Lady she is known for her straight forward manner." I hate diversity workshops. Real change comes from having enough comfort to be really honest and say something really uncomfortable." N.Y Times 6/18/2008

She demonstrates a dynamic and powerful intellect that is used to strengthen and liberate others. She is steadfast and able to endure the exposure to criticism that comes with being constantly in the public eye. Although she is often described as cold she demonstrates a single-minded dedication to achieving her goals which are oriented towards leadership and the good of the whole.

"He will be at the head of his profession. He is the born leader in any and every public career, one to trust and lean on, one to defend the weak and put down oppression, fearless of consequences and utterly indifferent to comment". (EP I 210)

Personality Ray 7

Michelle's degrees in Sociology and Law demonstrate an "emphasis on laws affecting human relationships" and in her diplomatic role as first Lady she excels at "upholding social customs and traditions", (Tapestry of the gods) that might normally be considered a stretch for a girl from the south side of Chicago and yet she handles herself and others, dignitaries and children alike with confident grace and reserve.

She exudes the 7th Ray energy of Shakti through her dedication to Mothering her children and designing programs to benefit all kids. She describes her role as Mum in Chief.

Every detail of her family's life is competently scheduled and organized.

"Fortunately I'm a great multitasker so I start by getting my lists in order and creating order out of my life. I think about the opportunity of this role and I think OK what can I do that is useful?" Larry King Live 10/8/08

Likewise every group project Michelle has undertaken has been manifested with an efficiency and tact that belies its complexity. In spite of the restrictions of her role as First Lady she still allows herself to have fun and lets the world see the “human” side of her. For instance, whilst not a musician, she loves music and this was apparent in an impromptu appearance with James Corden of the Late Late Show. Check it out. Notice that even whilst having fun it is really an opportunity to promote her program for global education for girls called, Let Girls Learn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln3wAdRAim4>

Soul Ray 2

Some of the qualities of the Second Ray are Radiance, Inclusiveness, Love and Wisdom.

Strengths: loving understanding, compassion, love of pure truth, wise and intuitive comprehension, clear perception and intelligence, studiousness, inclusiveness, magnetic attractiveness, receptivity, power to teach and illumine, tact, patience, serenity, faithfulness, tolerance, power to salvage, redeem and heal through love.(PIP2)

The second ray man will have tact and foresight; he will make an excellent ambassador, and a first-rate teacher or head of a college; as a man of affairs, he will have clear intelligence and wisdom in dealing with matters which come before him, and he will have the capacity of impressing true views of things on others and of making them see things as he does.(GQ1 Intro, to the 7 Rays)

She demonstrates a dynamic power that is used to strengthen and liberate others. She is steadfast and able to endure the exposure to criticism that comes with being constantly in the public eye. She has used her position of power to improve the lives of those less fortunate. Although she is often described as cold she demonstrates a single –minded dedication to achieving her goals which are oriented towards leadership and the good of the whole. I feel her contribution to humanity through her work in the non- profit sector and as First Lady demonstrates her ability to strengthen and liberate people. Her leadership style is dynamic and powerful and encourages people to be all they can be by modelling her values and principles through education, hard work, and courage.

Astrological Profile.

Born January 17th 1964 in Chicago, Illinois Michelle has her Sun in Capricorn. Her exact time of birth is unknown. However, on January 14th before her birth there was a Solar eclipse.(2.30 pm cst).Mary Plummer astrologer says “The sun moon conjunction at 24 degrees Capricorn

falls in the 8th house, the signature of this house being expression and fulfilment of life purpose.(Esoterically speaking; this is the house of discipleship, transformation liberation and re-birth. Exoterically it signifies resources shared intimately with others.) Capricorn will naturally take very seriously matters involving the intimate partner. Barack's natal Saturn co-ruler of his Aquarius rising chart is placed in its own sign at 25 degrees Capricorn exactly on Michelle's pre-natal Solar Eclipse. I think this is a striking symbol of a marriage destined to be connected to governance and the public life."

On the day she was born the north node is at 11° Cancer, and the south node at 11° Capricorn.



*Your Birth Path: (credit to Astrotheme)

Your Life Path is influenced by the Master Number 11, Michelle, which indicates a strong, demanding, and uncompromising destiny. It is all about revelation and early calling. You feel that you are entrusted with a mission, with the certainty that no setback could endanger it, and your own certitudes prevail over any other motivation. You have a lot of strength, and sometime, intransigence. Short-lived fashions and life vagaries cannot weaken your beliefs. You pursue a set direction, in quest of an extraordinary destiny, with the help of your intelligence, your inspiration and the natural influence you have over people. Even though your entourage may not always understand your secret determination and perceive you mainly as an impatient person, your fortitude overcomes many a doubt and obstacle. You can sacrifice everything for the sake of your deep aspirations"

A rectified chart (from Astrotheme) based on a formula using time of conception gives Michelle a packed first house with a stellium of the Sun, Mars, Saturn, Moon and Venus. Obviously a very important area of her life would be personal growth and outreach. Her vertex is in the 7th house of partnerships and Soul mates. Her North node is in Cancer the sign of Mothering (which distributes Ray 3 and 7) in the 6th house of hard work health (exoteric) and service (esoteric) Mercury in the 12th house governing mental processes and communication gives her a strong sense of intuition, and an ability to connect with others and get her ideas across.it also has the ability to be a bridging influence between the Soul and personality.

Michelle has her Moon in Capricorn, her prison of the Soul. There was a period in her life when she was holding down a high powered executive job, had two young children and a husband who was largely absent due to his work in the senate and her closely held ideal of the perfect family life fell apart causing deep resentment, loneliness and emotional upset. She was the breadwinner of the family and Barack's rise in the political arena was in large part a result of her many influential connections.

This period was her "dark night of the Soul" when she had to let go of her illusory ambitions and desires in favor of the good of the whole. Saturn the ruler of Capricorn both exoteric and esoteric, distributor of Ray 3 creative intelligence and adaptability "uses Karma to create adversity and offers opportunity to demonstrate wise choice"(GQ1) Capricorn disciples must prove they can cross the waters of the astral plane. Michelle used her creative intelligence to overcome her emotional problem and evolve from being self-centered, living in the solar plexus qualified by her 6th Ray astral body and become stable and focused in her awakening heart where she is responsive to the group need and under the steadily increasing influence of her Ray 2 Soul .

With her Sun Ascendant and Venus all in Capricorn we see the influence of Rays 1 3 5 and 7 giving her the conscientious discipline, industriousness and power to overcome the negative personality traits of pessimism, personal ambition and materialism in order to achieve the peak of attainment (PIP2)in her career and her vocation.

One wonders what the outcome might have been if she had failed to overcome her emotions, would the marriage have lasted? Would Barack Obama have become President?

Active Chakras for Michelle Obama

If indeed Michelle Obama is a Disciple approaching the 3rd Initiation, she would have undergone the 1st transference from sacral to throat center and the second transference from solar plexus to heart.

With regard to the first transference which deals principally with sexual energy Michelle appears to be bodily aware in a healthy way and whilst glamorous never appears sexy. She says of dating Barack "If this isn't leading to marriage then don't waste my time. "Her femininity is all about Motherhood demonstrating the relegation of sexual energy to its rightful place.(GQ1) Her command of language and delivery of her speeches shows a high

degree of creativity in the throat chakra. “Do you want to know how Barack prepares for a debate? He hangs out with me and he’s ready”

In the period of the 2nd, transference prior to the 3rd. initiation, the Ajna centre is vivid and potent; the throat centre is intensely active and the heart centre is rapidly awakening. EPII 525-6

GQ1 “During this period we find the intelligently creative or the powerful man will come to the zenith of his personality life. The centres below the head will all be active and functioning, but the centres below the diaphragm will be subordinated to and controlled by those found above.

The dominant centre is the heart receiving 2nd Ray energy from her Soul. She has demonstrated an active transference from the Solar Plexus Ray 6 astral to the heart (Ray 2) through the selfless choices she made for the greater good. During this lifetime to date she has demonstrated via her obvious intelligence, an Ajna ruled personality that leans more towards the group benefit than purely personal. In Capricorn Hercules’ Labor is concerned not with personal liberation but with the liberation of humanity

Summary

Michelle Obama is a disciple on the Path who was born a working class African American woman destined to become the First Lady of the United States of America, She came in formidably equipped to handle the challenging role life has placed her in. The predominance of planets in Capricorn give her a personality disciplined by its ruler Saturn.(This from PIP2) “Saturn is the planet that indicates one of the most important methods by which the Transpersonal Self tests the fitness of the personal self for the further reception of transpersonal influence—the method of adversity or resistance. The Law of Evolution demands that transpersonal quality be expressed effectively and concretely throughout the lower four personal fields. The influence of Saturn “grounds” that expression; it forces each individual to make real, concrete and practical all ideas and influences emanating from the transpersonal realm. The personality often experiences this “grounding” process as adversity and resistance. If, for instance,, an inspiring idea has not been properly expressed in form, the continued infusion of further dynamic energies and inspiring ideas can only be destructive. Saturn, therefore, helps (virtually forces) the individual to create a solid, stable foundation of tangible personal accomplishment (brilliant academic achievements and a highly successful

career) so that a fresh access of transpersonal influence will not be wasted. Saturn is also the agent of solar systemic Law (applied through the will of the Transpersonal Self), forcing all individuals, at length, to conform—to keep themselves within divinely determined bounds. Saturn, therefore, provides those limitations that lead to spiritual opportunities in disguise.

Whilst Michelle does not appear to be an overtly spiritual person she has “crossed the water” by subordinating her emotions in setting aside her personal ambitions in service to her country. Exhibiting a first and 7th ray ability to lead and organize with little care for the critics and bigots who longed to see her fail; she has remained true to herself and her ideals. (6th Ray) She has given her heart and Soul(Ray 2) to being an exemplary role model not only for the next generation but for African Americans and women everywhere.

I was drawn to Michelle as the subject for my profile when hearing her speech at the 2016 Democratic convention, (a link to this follows) not knowing her exact time of birth has added a certain challenge to this project but I wanted to persevere perhaps because my own time of birth is unknown. Participating in this first year of the Great quest has been a revealing, challenging and thought provoking process for which I am very grateful.

[www.youtube.com/watch Democratic convention speech2016](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZNWYqDU948).<https://youtu.be/4ZNWYqDU948>

“I am more than willing to share who I am and to open up my heart and soul to people so that they know that in addition to getting Barack-this tremendous mind and person to lead our country- that the people behind him and beside him, his wife and family, that we all represent what is good and wonderful about America”.

Helen Kunz. GQ1 DHY Paper 2016.