

Were You Born on a Cosmic Convergence?

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To be an astrologer and pursue this line of study is to be part poet. The field bears witness to the Divine alchemy that brings the *as above, so below* relationship to life. Followers of *the stellar art* recognize the elegant intelligence built into its design. Planets, spheres of intelligence, were set into concentric orbits in a deliberate way. Their carefully calibrated movements suggest that a cosmic clockmaker set the dials and purposely built key synchronicities into the system. Any set of outer planetary spheres comes into alignment (the conjunction) at precise and therefore predictable intervals. Given the long orbits of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, their *mergers* take place

once a century or even less often. Saturn “meets up” with Jupiter once every 20 years. It unites with Uranus and Neptune two or three times each century. These mergers influence entire generations; yet seldom is the nature of these impacts discussed. Critical *planetary fusion zones* mark time and affect millions of people born under their particular *spells*.

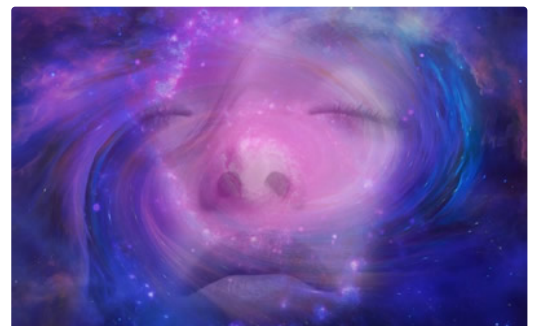
Pictures help to convey the complex nature of planetary conjunctions. One useful image for conjunctions is that of Siamese Twins. Planets personified in identifiable ways bring their unique characters to life. The New Testament explains that Jesus selected 12 disciples. Hardly coincidentally, the Old Testament relays that Abraham, the great patriarch founded 12 root tribes. Both are metaphors for the Zodiac and its 12 archetypal expressions. Uranus, the radical could be likened to Jane Fonda, and Saturn, old Cronus, to Richard Nixon. Imagine these two individuals interacting at a social event or fused together as Siamese Twins! These sorts of pictures convey a visceral sense of how any two planets would interact.

We know that Uranus inspires rule-busting while Saturn strictly imposes rules. Naturally, tension is generated when this pair is forced to negotiate the same Zodiac degree. A person born when such an event was underway is going to wrestle with antithetical issues across their entire lifetime. Where might they freely express their inner rebel spirit and where must they conform to establishment norms and muscle up using self-discipline?

Fusion zones that pair Jupiter with Saturn occur once every 20 years. Saturn serves as planetary custodian for conservatives while Jupiter symbolizes liberals. Persons born when these two oppositional forces meet will grapple with lifelong lessons related to balance. Questions of whether to work or take time off, save or spend money, adhere to convention or pursue a freer personal course will repeatedly arise. The pair merged both in 1900 and 1920; however, for brevity's sake, I'll begin the analysis of key *fusion zones* starting in 1940 since few readers were born prior.

The following entries will examine the most significant planetary conjunctions of modern times and pinpoint the vital issues activated. The major lessons apt to become pivotal in the lives of those born under these rare influences will be described.

Even if readers don't personally identify with the time interims when these great convergences came into play, it's likely that someone they love has been impacted by one of these *stellar stigmata*. Although scientists and theologians refer to birth as an accident, mystics see what they don't: A Divine Plan at work. Noted psychic Edgar Cayce often remarked that *Entity is meeting self*. Essentially, each soul takes up where it left off from earlier incarnations. The birth chart represents the map fully customized to suit every individual's life plan trajectory.



During pivotal planetary fusion zones, specific soul groups enter into embodiment in order to actualize particular goals and catalyze significant events. The choice is deliberate, not random.

Astrologers typically allot anywhere from 3 to 7 degrees in delineating interplanetary *aspects*. When such generous degree allotments are applied to outer planet fusion zones (which typically last for several years) huge numbers of people end up subject to their effects. For accuracy's sake, I'll present the dates that mark the **peak time frames** of each conjunction, the interims of their most precise and therefore potent cosmic hits.

The Improbable Trio

1940 was unique because it not only replicated the once-in-20-year Jupiter-Saturn conjunction; it also invited Uranus to the party. This rare trio's impacts were quite strong on August 7, 1940 since that's when Jupiter met up with Saturn at 12-13 degrees of Taurus. Technically, Saturn and Uranus didn't actually merge until both reached 29 degrees of Taurus in early May of 1942. Nonetheless, when three dissimilar outer planets all occupy the same sign they wield a profound influence over global events. Plus, they impact persons born during their *congress*.



When we think of Taurus, we think of land, bankable assets, food, and agriculture. Taurus is the sign that resonates with secure foundations. And with Saturn, the planet of fear and lack crossing Taurus, assets—which included European nations' lands and resources—were put under direct threat. Uranus brought the maverick element into play. Hitler's armies were on the march to seize other nations' wealth for Germany. Essentially, his aggression and disrespect for national borders constituted a massive rebellion against international law.

Countless people went hungry during the war years while many others lost their homes and personal valuables.

Individuals born from 1940-1942 are destined to experience lessons pivoted on land ownership, preservation of personal security, and the wise stewardship of assets. If Saturn's fear allotment overwhelms the expressions of Jupiter and Uranus, hoarding habits or eating disorders could prove the result. It's quite a karmic feat to negotiate peace among these three divergent influences. That's the lifelong quest for those marked by this complex astrological signature.

Long Live the King!

Next on the list of vital cosmic congresses was the conjunction between Saturn and Pluto which occurred at 13 degrees of Leo in mid-August 1947. Although Democracy has been celebrated in the U.S. for several centuries, the fact is, it's still very much a work in progress. Leo, the sign of royalty, is not amenable to the Aquarian ideal of universal sovereignty. And so, when Saturn—signature of government and its officials met with Pluto, signature of Hades (symbolic of the underworld with its secret labyrinths), the seed for a Deep State was planted. It claimed its own power to make war and through war control the legal rights, liberties, and lives of millions. The N.S.A was born in 1947; and while it's glamourized its image through the classic *007 license to kill* films, it's destabilized numerous nations in karmic ways.

Individuals born under the Saturn-Pluto Leo fusion zone wrestle with what inwardly motivates them. Most will have to decide whether their life work will serve the Light or if they will put personal power, advantage, and privilege first. This fusion zone activates the lesson: *Choose ye which master ye shall serve*.

Dissolution, Inc

Destined to dissolve the structures of traditional authority, the next key fusion zone joined authoritarian Saturn with nebulous Neptune. The pair merged during the 3rd week of November, 1952 (peak was November 22, 1952) at 22 degrees, 47 minutes Libra with a second peak reached on May 17, 1953. In my view, their joint influence held from November 1952 through August 1953.

The ideals of the group marked by this conjunction would contest the war fixation held by those holding positions of power. A search for the meaning of existence led this soul group into a good deal of experimentation with psychotropic (and other) drugs. Neptune, the fisher of men is depicted through two fish. One follows the path aimed at dissolving ordinary consciousness. Its methods include meditation,

martial arts, tai chi, and Yoga. The other fish is known for self-undoing and deception. (Notably, Uranus occupied Cancer at this time and squared the Saturn-Neptune fusion zone. It inspired major acts of rebellion to the status quo.)

Star Power

Jupiter united with Pluto in Leo on 11/3/1955: What stands out for historical significance were Joseph McCarthy's witch-hunts, the rage of the time. They targeted Hollywood's actors, writers, and producers. Leo is the sign of show biz. Given its fiery essence, the light that's inherent to Leo automatically exposes the dark underbelly of the deep state. The old power structure's moguls recognized that film media held a potent influence. It wielded the capacity to profoundly influence minds, i.e. public opinion. And since many writers produced scripts that championed ideals which challenged the hegemonic controls of pro-business, pro-war elites, Hollywood's intellectuals were seen as a threat to establishment interests and falsely branded as Communists or enemies of the state.



Persons born under this conjunction are endowed with natural showmanship and palpable charisma. As is the case with all gifts, free will determines whether they will be used for selfish or altruistic purposes.

Subliminal Seduction

Jupiter next went on to join forces with Neptune, mystic and deceiver, in Scorpio, during September, 1958. The peak fusion date was 9/23/1958. When we think of Scorpio the qualities that come to mind include sexual magnetism, secrecy, mystery, and hidden motives. Neptune holds a direct link to the collective unconscious. It ties in with the film media since movies and television subliminally influence these subtler realms of cognition. Methods taught by Edward Bernays, nephew of Sigmund Freud were put to use by Madison Avenue's legion of advertisers. They learned how to manipulate human beings by speaking to their hidden desires. Mass media's sophisticated message *delivery systems* bypass the conscious mind's critical filters. People typically feel aroused and associate the product being advertised with the means for acquiring personal fulfillment. Then they go out and buy it!



Although Cable TV had not yet emerged, and decency laws still constrained mass media content during the 1950s, Jupiter's merger with Neptune planted the seeds for what later would turn into subliminal seduction. Sex was used to sell everything from cars to hamburgers. Those born under this conjunction are no doubt seductive. They are also subject to others' seductions. Some will struggle with sex addictions while others will use sex in attempts to escape the quiet desperation of ordinary life. The influence may also trigger an interest in occult rituals.

The devil's bargain

Jupiter next met up with Saturn for their once-in-20-year Great Conjunction. Although the gathering force was felt in 1960, technically the pair met at 25 degrees of Capricorn on February 19, 1961. And since Capricorn is Saturn's home domain, this dour planet held great weight and lent significant power to the earth element. As a matter of fact, every one of these *great conjunctions* occurring from 1860 to 2000 fell in an earth sign with a singular mutation that occurred in 1980 in the sign of Libra. Interestingly enough, since Saturn, lord of all things mundane happens to be exalted in Libra, the earthbound emphasis remained steadily in place.

Since Western law emerged from the Bible, it makes sense to view Jupiter and Saturn as the *law and order* duo. The pair's merger in Capricorn concretized conservative values. Earth, representative of property and its owners, has typically carried more legal weight than human rights in significant court decisions.

Persons marked by the Jupiter-Saturn Capricorn congress will grapple with Machiavellian tests that challenge their morality. They will struggle not to deploy *ends justifies the means* tactics in pursuit of their chief goals and ambitions. On esoteric levels, this conjunction compels souls to face the questions: What do honor, personal responsibility, and status mean? Essentially, such persons will need to decide whether the pursuit of profit is cause for them to forfeit their higher ideals.

I.T. Is Born

Next up was the once-in-a-century meeting between Uranus, the maverick, and Pluto, the transformer. The pair met in Virgo, a sign that falls under the jurisdiction of the winged messenger Mercury. Since no sign is more committed to order and efficiency than Virgo, this conjunction brought forth computer technology which enabled incredible amounts of information to be effectively coded and readily accessed. The Uranus-Pluto conjunction peaked on October 10, 1965 at 17 degrees of Virgo; however, the tie essentially held through April 1966.

This Uranus-Pluto merger gave rise to several notable expressions. Uranus brings genius and originality into play, while Pluto activates powerfully transformative effects. Individuals marked by this conjunction will benefit from the age of computer technology. Some will gravitate into the Information Technology field. This rare planetary pairing also supports the work of organic farmers, inventors, medical technicians, and the detailed focus of forensic medical teams.



Enter the Shaman

Jupiter converged with Neptune in its own sign, Sagittarius, in late January through early February 1971. The pair united again in May 1971 with their peak congress operating from May 22-29. Few signs are endowed with the literary smarts of Sagittarius. Add Neptune, known for its visionary powers to the mix and spiritual acumen results. Neptune, governor of Pisces closes the Zodiac circle and thereby imparts a mystic's view of the fundamental inter-connectedness of all things. Neptune is also known for drug use, indulgence in alcohol, and other escapist behaviors. In alliance with Jupiter, all of these Neptune Sagittarius expressions may amplify.

The Jupiter-Neptune Sagittarius group are souls in search of timeless spiritual truths. Many will pursue their strong attraction to music; others will be called to exotic distant travels, with others gravitating toward religious ritual. Neptune's tie to Pisces grants these individuals the capacity to tap into the collective unconscious. Jupiter activates the search for knowledge. Jupiter's bond with Neptune in Sagittarius opens sentience to the wisdom of shamanism. Individuals so marked are likely to hold a strong affinity for Indigenous cultures. They will be drawn to sacred places, ceremonial rites, and practices familiar to them in former incarnations. Maintaining a strong tie to nature, these individuals may work for organizations like The Environmental Defense Fund, Sierra Club, or Green Peace. Efforts to preserve and protect the environment constitute sacred callings for such souls. This chart combo also favors artists, musicians, spiritual teachers, Yoga instructors, and nature tour guides.

Tuning the Balance Scales

Once again we reach that 20-year point where Saturn and Jupiter merge energies. This time for the *mutation* that occurred in Libra. They first united on January 3, 1981 at 9-degrees of Libra, again on March 3, 1981 at 8 degrees of Libra, and lastly on July 24, 1981 at 5 degrees of Libra. When events of this magnitude occur, those born during the entire year are impacted by them.

Libra's key areas of influence include marriage/partnership, diplomacy: the art of negotiation, and fairness: the root of law. Where Saturn works to uphold the status quo and its antiquated traditions, Jupiter acts as liberator. With Saturn connoting conservatives and Jupiter, liberals, their merger in Libra constituted a cosmic invitation to bring both political camps into a workable balance. During the 1980s America's two political parties **both** began to represent corporate interests. Historians and political analysts signify this era as the starting point for neo-liberalism. This economic philosophy shifted global economics in ways that lent enormous power to banking cartels via the magic of monetary creation. Abstract products like derivatives and swaps came to replace actual goods and labor. Essentially,



Finance became the engine for creating wealth out of thin air. The result, as chronicled by best-selling author, Thomas Piketty was a radical redistribution of wealth upwards. Two hundred families now own half the world's assets while the vast majority has seen their wages remain stagnant, their savings evaporate, and their home equity values fall.

Who does The Law serve?

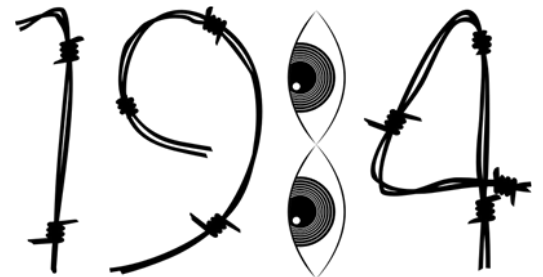
Jupiter joined forces with Pluto in 1981 with their first precise conjunction occurring on November 2, 1981 at 25 degrees of Libra. Pluto's mandate is to tear down in order to make space for new growth. Linked to Hades, Pluto works covertly, i.e. in an underground fashion. That way it can evade, bypass, or undermine law, altogether. During this time period, congress and the courts began to place the interests of corporations before those of people. Libra is founded on the ideal of justice, but the erosion of law largely went unnoticed since it took place *under the radar*.

Libra is the sign that respects marriage and upholds the ideal of partnership between equals. Individuals marked by this planetary fusion zone are destined to work hard to establish genuine gender parity in both their personal lives and workplace environments. Some holding this astrological signature will prove expert magicians in *the art of the deal*. Others will act as skillful counselors who ably get to the root of their clients' problems. This fusion zone suggests influential lawyers who cut right to the core of pertinent issues. It also produces slick dealmakers. The same charm that seals deals that protect The Greater Good can also be used to undermine the public interest should naked self-interest take hold.

Inverted Democracy

In February, March, and June of 1989, heavyweight Saturn merged forces with Neptune in Capricorn. Where Saturn works to build walls, Neptune dissolves them. Where Saturn upholds austerity measures, when Neptune operates from its *higher fish* it extends compassion. In some ways Saturn and Neptune operate like oil and water. (The pair previously met in 1952-1953.) Saturn united with Neptune in June-July, 1989 at 10-11 degrees of Capricorn. They merged a second time in November, 1989 also at 10-11 degrees of Capricorn.

There's a fascinating congruence at play since Neptune, the deceiver actually entered Capricorn in **1984**. That year marked Neptune's first visit to the sign of government and business bureaucracy in 165 years. The date corresponds to George Orwell's book, **1984**. This classic novel exposes the tactics used by authoritarian governments to deceive and thereby control citizens. Neptune remained in Capricorn until 1998.



As Saturn, ruler of Capricorn, joined forces with deceptive Neptune, the outer appendages of Democracy were kept in place. However, Deep State players began taking control of the levers of power. Billionaires like the Koch Brothers financed think tanks that promoted policies intent upon undermining government functions. Right-wing radio hosts appeared on the scene to simultaneously rail against government. Faith in government functions was eroded so that those who opposed government's regulatory powers could further their agendas.

Individuals born under this Saturn-Neptune configuration must work hard to develop personal integrity. This planetary combination is seductive and apt to convince its bearers that their personal ambitions naturally comport with the greater good. Self-deception obscures personal motives and clouds career objectives. Too many people do their jobs without considering the net effect of their efforts. This astrological pattern brings to mind the Nazi officer whose justification for horrific acts was: *I was just following orders*.

Since Capricorn animates the archetype of Cronus, *the father principle*, the tendency here is to seek salvation through a father or authority figure. Misplaced confidence can prove costly (and not only on material terms) for those whose birth charts carry this conjunction.

Who Guards the Guards

By 1988, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune **all** occupied Capricorn and fell within the realm of conjunction(s). Capricorn favors business interests and indeed, big business began to efficiently purchase political favors (along with policies) through the impressive Washington, D.C. lobbyist system known as *K Street*.

Devil's Bargain

As previously mentioned, Saturn's merger with Neptune in Capricorn pointed to the erosion of integrity in high offices, both government and business related. Author Sheldon Wollin explained that America essentially morphed into an Inverted Democracy. The exterior shell of formal procedures remained in place while the principles and protections it stands for were eroded from the inside out. Had Neptune's *fish less traveled by*—the one oriented towards spiritual oneness—teamed up with Saturn, our world would be a very different place. Instead, the *fish more traveled by*—that of corruption, deception, and subterfuge--weaved itself into society's governing structures.

High Tech, Inc.

Uranus conjoined Neptune for a rare once-in-a-century *fusion zone*. The pair merged at 19 degrees of Capricorn and remained tightly bound from August through October 1993. Their positions fell within the realm of conjunction in April 1992 and also during January-February 1993. These two planets operate as



the Zodiac's chief visionary personae. Uranus activates left brain inventive genius while Neptune opens access to the right brain, what the Shaman's term *the dream time*. What had been the stuff of imagination and sci-fi comics transformed into solid invention. Neptune envisions what Uranus wields the genius to manifest concretely. Indeed, visions became tangible applications since the conjunction of these two dynamos occurred in Capricorn, the last of the Zodiac's pragmatic earth signs.

The generation marked by this promising conjunction will likely be among those called to play a role in the reformation of governments, worldwide. I believe this will occur once Pluto enters Aquarius (2024) soon after the next Great Conjunction between Jupiter and Saturn. The Law and Order duo are destined to meet at the entry point--zero degrees--to Aquarius. This event is scheduled for winter solstice 2020. Aquarius, as the sign of universal brotherhood will bring a shift to established legal constructs and adjust the great balance scales with regard to who The Law serves.

Phoenix Rising

Jupiter conjoined Pluto in its home sign Scorpio in December 1994. The pair's merger in the realm of the underworld lent glamor to spy operations and granted cover to the various and sundry means used to gather information on *Inconvenient Others*. Persons born during this conjunction will find that themes of regeneration, rejuvenation, and transformation play significant roles in their life plans. The combination calls forth the Phoenix renewal process. Some people marked by this chart signature will face illnesses that require a committed rehabilitation process. Others may find themselves consumed by drugs or alcohol and catapulted into bona fide rebirth processes. This chart feature inclines its bearers to identify strongly with sexual prowess. Among this group will be those whose lives radically alter on account of foreign travels. Criminal activity in pursuit of easy fortunes is not to be ruled out. Lastly, lust will prove a difficult master to satisfy.

The Next Consciousness

Jupiter, the liberator, only meets up with Uranus, genius-inventor in its own sign Aquarius about once a century. Since Aquarius is the last of the Zodiac's three air signs, it favors innovative forms of communications, and the birth of the Internet fits that bill.

Persons born when Jupiter melded forces with Uranus in February 1997 are destined for something special. If they don't expand the world's consciousness or come up with truly remarkable inventions, they will encounter amazing experiences that expand the reaches of their own consciousness. There's no limit to the field of thought accessible to this gifted group. The union of these two planets in the

innovative sign of Aquarius holds great promise. Space travel is likely to enter the picture. Such persons could gravitate toward the field of space science, become astronauts, or even sail off to distant galaxies. After all, when this soul group comes to maturity there's no telling what technologies will exist to render space travel the norm. This conjunction will grant visionary acumen to gifted lawyers, teachers, and inventors.

More Precious Than Gold

The reliably recurring (at 20-year intervals) Great Conjunction uniting Jupiter with Saturn last occurred in May 2000 in the sign of Taurus. At New Moon, seven of the Zodiac's ten planets all occupied Taurus. That's a major cosmic congress! Taurus, a Yin sign, is ruled by Venus and due to its affinity with the earth element, represents Mother Earth, a/k/a Gaia. She is the chief source for all natural resources. Unfortunately, the irreplaceable worth of these precious assets has been transposed into manmade monetary systems based on transitory *paper wealth*.



During May, 2000, a for-profit genetic engineering company won copyright to DNA, the very substance of life! This legal ruling turned life into a commodity that could be traded on Wall Street. This legal construct constitutes an attack on nature and heist upon the Great Mother.

As the generation marked by this Taurus *fusion zone* comes of age, it will wrestle with the net result of decades of industrial exploitation of land and sea. Rivers are full of poisons, a continent of plastics floats in the Pacific, ocean acidification is unceasingly decimating coral reefs, and the net loss of species is happening at a spellbinding pace. Human beings increasingly find toxic metals in their own bodies. The natural world (and ourselves) is awash in a chemical overload. The generation marked by this Taurus convergence will come to learn that persons cannot heal themselves until they heal the planet. This understanding will trigger a new ecological sensitivity, novel energy systems, and a very different relationship to the Great Mother, Pachamama (as worshipped by Indigenous People and Tribes the whole world over).

Honorable Cosmic Mentions

When two planets occupy each other's signs, they form a magnetic line of tension that wields enormous power and influence. The astrological phenomenon is known as a mutual reception; and two of these strongholds factored into the recent cosmic calculus.

Saturn began its journey across Pisces, Neptune's home domain, on May 22, 1993. It remained in Pisces until April 8, 1996. During that same 3-year interval, Neptune transited Capricorn, Saturn's home domain. This pairing suggests tricky business in all things government-related.

A second significant mutual reception took place between the great visionary planets, Uranus and Neptune. Uranus began a once-in-84-year transit of Pisces, Neptune's kingdom, on March 11, 2003. (It remained in Pisces until September 2003 when it turned retrograde to briefly re-enter Aquarius). Uranus returned to Pisces on December 31, 2003 and remained there until May 28, 2010. During this same



interval, Neptune transited Aquarius. I view this mutual reception as a cosmic version of the *Changing of the Guard* since these two planets respectively represent the sign/Age coming to a close (Pisces) and the sign/Age coming into dominion (Aquarius).

When the governor of imagination (Neptune) traded positions with the governor of innovation (Uranus), many novel inventions came into common use including: cell phones, smart phones, omnipresent wi-fi, robots, cloning, brain imagining, 3-D printers, and other marvels.

Individuals whose birth dates accord with this mutual reception run the risk of being captivated by *slavetronics*. Such persons may inadvertently forfeit their connection to real people and the natural world due to a fixation on virtual reality and its contact streams.

Seasons Out of Joint

Extending from Autumn 2009--when Saturn entered Libra-- into summer of 2010, five of the six outer planets all crossed the thresholds that symbolize the Zodiac's four cardinal signs. These positions directly correspond with the four annual season changes (as experienced in the Northern and Southern hemispheres). The long-established rhythm of the seasons gave rise to stable agricultural cycles. They also regulated the mating cycles of countless animal species.

In spring of 2010, Uranus began a journey through Aries (sign of spring) accompanied by Jupiter; Pluto began a long journey across Capricorn (sign of winter); Saturn lent its weight to Libra (sign of autumn), and Mars passed through Cancer (sign of summer). Fiery Mars would go on to cross each cardinal sign every few months. Noting the pattern of agitation pivoted on the seasonal axis, I sensed that the seasons would be tossed out of joint. The ensuing barrage of dangerous weather anomalies has proven that so.

Every oracle system honors the balance between Yin, the Divine Feminine principle, and Yang, the Divine Masculine principle. Sadly, in our world they are not in balance. From the under-representation of women in decision making capacities to the attacks on Gaia, Mother Earth, the masculine principle has sought to own, control, and often degrade its Divine Partner. This must stop or life as we know it will face increasingly hostile threats from both climate chaos and the spread of senseless wars.

It's my hope that when Jupiter and Saturn next meet at the entry point to Aquarius on December 21, 2020, a reconfiguration of laws will occur among nations. Instead of law upholding profits for a few at the expense of the many, Aquarius' call for Universal Truth will inspire new binding agreements. These will honor women, persons of color, Indigenous peoples, and the myriad priceless assets of the natural world.

The current state of things provides overwhelming evidence of criminal conduct in high places. Millions of lives have been lost, millions have been forced into refugee status, and millions more struggle with unspeakable poverty while, as French Economist Thomas Piketty chronicles, several hundred people own half the world's wealth!



Aquarius is the sign that champions the sovereignty of The People. Chief Justice William Brandeis once explained that a society can either tolerate pockets of extreme wealth or Democracy; but not both. With so much wealth held in too few hands, both Democracy and Aquarius' chief ideals are under siege. Fortunately, the *as above, so below* equation promises a significant course correction.

Given Aquarius' link with revolution, global reforms will likely result from massive citizen rebellions to all of the lies, deception, and hypocrisy that's essentially sent modern sovereign nations back to feudalism. Saturn began its once-in-29-year passage of its own sign kingdom on winter solstice (December 21), 2017. It advances towards an ominous merger with Pluto. This authoritarian fusion zone reaches its peak on January 13, 2020. Saturn symbolizes government and authority figures while Pluto represents power, often of the covert sort.

As Saturn moves into alliance with Pluto (in Capricorn), precious human rights and liberties will likely be curtailed in keeping with Capricorn's penchant for strict controls. However, when we look to nature we see that every ocean wave first turns under itself in order to acquire forward momentum. The analogy is that the fierce yoke of repression may prove the force necessary for catapulting humanity forward and beyond the grip of all those authoritarian masters who have ruled the masses as kings, pharaohs, tyrants, dictators, czars, and presidents for centuries. If the Age of Aquarius is to live up to its cosmic identity—and promise—then human beings must collectively rise into a new awareness. It will be one that renders former paternalistic masters obsolete!

Those who identify with any of the aforementioned passages may now understand what eluded them previously. Individuals marked by significant celestial events often experience lives that do not follow customary norms. It's a useful meditation to ponder the reasons why your soul took on embodiment

during one such charged interim. The planetary grid and its cosmic clockworks represent an ingenious system devised to support the evolution of souls. And remember: If life was easy, would spiritual growth result? In closing, it's wise to honor your lessons and consider the greater purposes these serve.