US Elections and GLOBAL POLITICS

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Greetings OPA!

The Neptune-Saturn square has shaken and perhaps weakened political platforms around the world, from instability in Turkey, to Britain’s return to “island status”, and a roller coaster election campaign in the US... Certainly the Jupiter-Uranus opposition with Saturn trine will bring important development on this level.

It is time to visit these different political platforms and see what astrology has to say!

OPA’s focus shifts to full gear into next year’s 2017 OPA Retreat which will take place in Zion National Park in Utah. We have an incredible faculty and 12 tracks to choose from. Our presenters include Kay Taylor, Arlan Wise, Demetra George, Oner Doser, Alexandra Karacostas, Chris McRae, Anne Ortelee, Sandra Leigh Serio, Richard Smoot, Monica Dimino, and his OPAness Maurice Fernandez.

We have great topics and we hope to share all details sooner than later!

Meanwhile we are happy to see great interest in the Peer Group Work process taking place in Baltimore next February. We have great faith this will make better and more successful astrologers.

We hope you enjoy this issue about Global Politics and Jupiter in Libra! Gratitude to all the contributors and blessings to all!

Spread the OPA love and share this issue with more Astro friends!

Maurice Fernandez
President, OPA

Peaceful blessings.

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Global Politics
Jupiter in Libra

This issue

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Jupiter in Libra Data Sheet

by Maurice Fernandez

The new Jupiter in Libra cycle has begun in September 9 in perfect sync with a ceasefire declaration in Syria. This is at least a period of relief for this area plagued by years of civil war and the rise of Daesh (Islamic State). Does this event symbolize what Jupiter in Libra is about? Perhaps, to some extent it does. Jupiter represents our ideologies and beliefs that inspire our actions in life. What we believe is what we do. With Jupiter in Libra, our beliefs can radically shift because we are now confronted with completely opposite perspectives – the perspectives of others.

This is a time for self doubt, when we need to be open to reconsider hard stances, realize we may be wrong, not be self-righteous, and understand that nothing is absolute. In other words, it is a time to be open-minded. Are you ready to embrace your identity crisis?

In this light, Jupiter in Libra can stimulate greater cooperation, have us surrender defenses, increase networking and efforts to unify.

POTENTIAL THEMES

Global: Gender equality, Multi-Culturalism, Tolerance of diversity, emancipation, treaties, fairness and justice.

Personal: Relationship development: beginnings, development, and endings. Crisis in beliefs, travel and discovery of different cultures, breaking habits.

THE SHADOWS

Increase in polarization and fear of differences, idealization of others, loss of self and unproductive compromises,

Previous Jupiter in Libra Cycles

OCT 10, 1992 TO NOV 10, 1993

Nov 3, 1992 - Bill Clinton, born with Jupiter in Libra, is elected 42nd President of the USA.
Carol Moseley Brown elected first African American woman in US Senate.
Nov 11, 1992 - The Church of England approves the ordination of female priests.
Dec 8, 1992 - Galileo’s nearest approach to Jupiter (303 km).
December 9, 1992 – Prince Charles and Diana publicly announce their separation.
Jan 1, 1993 - Czechoslovakia ceases to exist as the Czech Republic and Slovakia separate in the so-called Velvet Divorce.
Jan 3, 1993 - In Moscow, the Start II arms reduction treaty is signed by George H. W. Bush (USA) and Boris Yeltsin (Russia).

Jan 18, 1993 - Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observed in all 50 states of the USA for 1st time.
Jan 19, 1993 - Israel recognizes PLO as no longer criminal.

Apr 30, 1993 - The World Wide Web is born at CERN.
May 7, 1993 - South Africa agrees to multi-racial elections
June 25, 1993 - Kim Campbell becomes the 19th, and first female, Prime Minister of Canada
Jul 14, 1993 - Aeroflot starts non-stop flights between Moscow & NY


SEPT 25, 2004 TO OCT 27, 2005

January 5, 2005 – Eris, the new Dwarf Planet was discovered – named after the Greek goddess of discord – she is the trigger to Pluto re-classification as a Dwarf Planet.
Jan 26, 2005 - Condoleezza Rice is sworn in as U.S. Secretary of State, becoming the first African American woman to hold the post.
February 10, 2005 - Saudi Arabia holds its first municipal election in over 40 years, in which only male citizens are allowed to vote.

February 16, 2005 – The Kyoto Protocol goes into effect, without the support of the United States and Australia.

April 9, 2005 – Charles, Prince of Wales marries Camilla Parker Bowles in a civil ceremony at Windsor’s Guildhall.

May 17, 2005 - Kuwaiti women are re-granted the right to vote after being banned in 1999.

July 2, 2005 – Live 8, a set of 10 simultaneous concerts, takes place throughout the world, raising interest in the Make Poverty History campaign.

August 18, 2005 – Peace Mission 2005, the first joint China–Russia military exercise, begins its 8-day training on the Shandong Peninsula.

September 7, 2005 – Egypt holds its first ever multi-party presidential election, which is marred with allegations of fraud.

September 12, 2005 – Israel demolishes multiple settlements and withdraws its army from the Gaza Strip.

September 18, 2005 – Afghanistan holds its first parliamentary election since 1988 with former Northern Alliance warlords winning the most seats.

September 19, 2005 – North Korea agrees to stop building nuclear weapons in exchange for aid and cooperation.


Born with Jupiter in Libra

- George Washington – 1st US President
- Bill Clinton – 42nd US President
- George W. Bush – 43rd US President
- Donald Trump – Businessman, contender to the US throne.
- Itshak Rabin – Israeli Prime Minister who signed the Oslo Accord with Palestinians. Assassinated.
- JP Sears – Super Spiritual Comedian
- Jane Goodall – Primatologist and activist
- Carl Jung – Psychotherapist who broke off a close collaboration with Freud because of ideological differences over the role of sexuality and the unconscious in personal development.
- Chaz Bono – child of Cher and Sony who became a transgender, from female to male.

2016 – 2017 Jupiter in Libra Cycle

- Sept 9, 2016 – Ingress into Libra
- Nov 24, 2016 – Square to Pluto (15 Libra-Capricorn)
- Dec 26, 2016 – Opposition to Uranus (20 Libra-Aries)
- Jan 8, 2017 – closest to Sextile Saturn (21 Libra – Sagittarius)

Events

- End of WW2 – Sept 2, 1945
- United Nations – October 24, 1945
- Cold War is seeded – End of WW2
- Nuremberg Trials – November 20, 1945
- Moon Landing – July 20, 1969
- Woodstock Festival – August 15, 1969
- Oslo Accords – September 13, 1993
Jupiter in Libra

FERNANDEZ

- Feb 5, 2017 – Retrograde (23 Libra)
- March 3, 2017 – Opposition to Uranus (22 Libra-Aries)
- March 30, 2017 – Square to Pluto (19 Libra – Capricorn)
- April 7, 2017 – Retrograde Peak Sun Opposition (18 Libra-Aries)
- June 9, 2017 – Direct (13 Libra)
- August 4, 2017 – Square to Pluto (17 Libra-Capricorn)
- August 27, 2017 – Sextile Saturn (21 Libra-Sagittarius)
- Sept 27, 2017 – Opposition to Uranus (27 Libra-Aries)
- October 10, 2017 – Ingress into Scorpio

Jupiter Uranus Cycle

14 YEAR CYCLE
- Bridging Science and Spirituality/Religion
- Emancipation of thought – Liberation from obsolete beliefs
- New Frontier Exploration and Discovery
- Eugenics and superiority of race complexes – Mind over Nature
- Wind related Natural events

Previous Jupiter Uranus Cycles
- May 8, 1941 @ 25 Taurus
  Opposition - Feb 6 1948 @ 22 Sag/Gemini
- Oct 7, 1954 @ 27 Cancer (May 11, 1955)
  Opposition May 14, 1962@ 27 Aq./Leo
- Dec 11, 1968 @ 3 Libra (July 20, 1969)
  Opposition April 18, 1976 @ 5 Sco/Taurus
- Feb 18, 1983 @ 8 Sag (Sept 26, 1983)
  Opposition Aug 8, 1989 @ 1 Can/Cap
- Feb 16, 1997 @ 5 Aquarius
  Opposition Aug 30, 2003 @ 0 Leo/Aq
- June 8, 2010 @ 0 Aries (Jan 4, 2011 @ 27 Pisces)
  Opposition Dec 26, 2016 @ 20 Libra/Aries

People Born in the Jupiter/Uranus Cycle
- Edward Snowden – Conjunction
- George Gurdjieff - Conjunction
- Albert Einstein – Opposition
- Ralph Nader – Opposition
- John F Kennedy – Square
- Pope Francis – Trine
Jupiter in Libra may bring a long awaited peace to France who is currently going through the second Saturn return (5th Republic). France has had intense struggles with terrorism that resulted from discriminating forces in the religious diversity of the country. When we look at Jupiter's ingress into Libra chart (09.09.2016 at 1:19pm, Paris), we see signs of this optimistic view, as Venus is the deposter of Jupiter partile conjunct the Sun of France's national chart at 12 degrees Libra.

France's flag is based on Equality (white) Freedom (blue) and Brotherhood (red). This also forms the pillars of the republic. In the French National Chart we see the brotherhood manifested as Mars in Gemini in the 3rd house. Mars being the chart ruler is also the ruler of 8th house where Jupiter and Neptune are in conjunction. The country's ideal is to combine different cultures and religions under the same principle of unity. This 2 degree Gemini Mars will be in trine aspect with transiting Jupiter on the ingress chart.

The second tour of French presidential elections will be held on May 7, 2017. On that day when the results will be declared (usually at 20.00 on TV) we see that the midpoint of this Jupiter Neptune Conjunction (4 degree Scorpio) is on the horizon and this might be interpreted as the victory of unification. On the election result declaration chart the Moon at 12 degree Libra is another par- ticle indicator of a peaceful and unifying result as she is sitting on ingress chart's Venus and holding another benefic planet, Jupiter, next to herself. This 12 degree moon should be Marianne, the symbol of French Republic.

When Jupiter will be in Libra, Saturn will be in Sagittarius. These 2 social planets will be in mutual reception as Saturn gets exalted in Libra and Jupiter is ruler in Sagittarius. So I believe that they will be given the opportunity to work in a constructive way in order for us to live in a more peaceful world.
Jupiter in Libra
Finding the Balance

by Kay Taylor

I remember the days of innocence when I believed Jupiter was a planet of magical benefits and excellent luck. Ah, Jupiter! Opportunities abound. Reach out and grab your lucky star!

And then, slowly but surely I learned (the hard way) about the other side: expansion of everything, including one's waistline and the unhealed negative potentials of any planet it touches, every sign it embodies. Greedy, blustery and overly inflated. The superpower fantasies of being able to take on every opportunity, learn every lesson, until overwhelm (and reality) sets in.

Karma waiting to ripen? Here comes Jupiter to blow up the lesson like a 300X magnifying glass so you will not miss it — then you may reach out for the opportunity.

Jupiter is the symbol of synthesized meaning and truth. From everything you have learned, you are offered an opportunity to understand higher purpose and live a life of meaning. To do so you look at “how you’ve been underestimating yourself” as Steven Forrest would say, and then expand your horizons. Yet the susceptibility to overinflation and taking on too much — overestimating yourself and your resources — also exists.

As Jupiter ingresses to Libra on September 9th, we turn our attention to relationship, beauty and balance. Have you settled? Do you give yourself up for others? Is your life out of balance? Specifically if your mate relationship, committed friendships or business partnerships (all relationships that are meant to be equal) are out of balance, you will now feel the disharmony more intensely. Listen. Feel. Go for more, perhaps just a little more than you deem realistic.

If you’ve been doing your Jupiter in Virgo work you have cleaned up, organized and gained some solidity around work and health issues. You have read The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up and your closets are sparse, your bookshelves clear. Now you can decorate, harmonize and consider how beauty enlightens your soul.

On a global stage I imagine we’ll see peace initiatives, an escalation of true beauty in fashion than seen in the utilitarian Virgo or the embellished Leo. The role of women in politics, religion and world affairs in general will be highlighted. Marriage equality and fair treatment in every sphere of life will be on the table, undoubtedly with some fiery contention as an oppositional forcefield. Pluto and Uranus have been stoking the fires of transformation and revolution. Jupiter in Virgo magnified the problems and a wealth or potential solutions. Perhaps now with Jupiter in Libra we can get to the negotiating table and create the fair and just society we wish for. (Or we can focus on romantic adventures and fairy tale weddings).

Jupiter in Libra will be interacting with the waning Pluto/Uranus square especially in March and square to Pluto retrograde in August, so it’s not all cake and rose petals. Especially around November 24/25 when Jupiter is square to Pluto/Venus conjunct, I’d suggest creating very powerful, spiritual intention around any intimate relationship connections. As always, our thoughts and beliefs interact with planetary energies; use your mind wisely. Beauty, harmony and peace require our enthusiastic sacred intentions. kaytaylorwisdom@gmail.com

Jupiter in Libra
Democracy is the Winner

by Öner Döşer

Jupiter, the planet of justice, honesty, ethical and moral values, is now in Libra, the sign of balance, equality, law and justice!

In classical astrology, Jupiter is in its triplicity in Libra and consequently its power of sanction in this sign is above average. Libra effort for being fair and objective helps Jupiter display its natural qualities more smoothly, enhancing its natural strengths. As Jupiter is related with optimism, we expect positive developments within those fields. However, when considering that Jupiter’s transit in Libra will oppose Uranus and make a square with Pluto, we may foresee some problems in achieving the aspired justice, balance and equity, and peace.

1933-34 Social Right Liberation

Jupiter transits in Libra emphasize issues related with law and justice system along with balance and fairness. For example, Turkey gave women the right to vote and be elected in 1934 earlier than many European countries and the Surname Law was also adopted the same year. During this time, Jupiter was mostly in Libra while Uranus was also in Aries. (Women gained the right to be elected for local administration on September 26, 1933 and for parliamentary on October 8, 1933 and for parliamentary on October 8,

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The number of years of the planetary cycle benefics, Jupiter in Venus’s sign, bring for the best. May the blending of the two positive events and a sense of balance to the partner should bring that you find yourself at a higher place I see transits as spirals, not circles, so that you find yourself at a higher place at each return. 12 years ago when Jupiter was in Libra transiting through my seventh house, I was president of OPA, I met many new people, and did a lot of traveling to represent OPA at various astrology conferences. A number of the people I met then have become close friends. Looking back 24 years, I was surprised to see that Jupiter entered Libra on the exact day of my divorce. It proved to be a liberation and the beginning of great growth and evolution. It also showed me that the reality of how astrology plays out is not always what the textbooks lead you to believe. 12 years before that was the time when I was a newly professional astrologer and forming my client base, a seventh house activity, and developing my consulting style. Going back another 12 years was the year I was pregnant and had my first child. That event causes a change in a marriage. Looking ahead, I expect something “good” as Jupiter is the ruler of my Pisces ascendant. When he is in Libra, he will contact Chiron and Neptune, the other ruler of the chart. This year I also have a lunation cycle beginning in Libra in the seventh. Since that is a once in a lifetime occurrence, it should bring something very different to my life. Grab your ephemeris and look back on the years when Jupiter was in Libra and see how it forms a pattern in your life. Then look ahead to the coming year, 12 years before that was the time when I was a newly professional astrologer and forming my client base, a seventh house activity, and developing my consulting style. Going back another 12 years was the year I was pregnant and had my first child. That event causes a change in a marriage. Looking ahead, I expect something “good” as Jupiter is the ruler of my Pisces ascendant. When he is in Libra, he will contact Chiron and Neptune, the other ruler of the chart. This year I also have a
Jupiter in Libra
by Kate Rusko

The ingress of Jupiter into a new sign can be felt as the start of a new spiritual year, and beginnings generally hold the promise of changes and new chances. In the best case, this would not be a release from the past, but an opportunity to build upon it by injecting the present with a new sense of adventure and optimism. Those are both qualities that can be easily attributed to Jupiter.

Jupiter will have hit 0 degrees Libra the day before the last of three exact Neptune-Saturn squares in a chart full of fire (Mars, Saturn, Moon and Uranus), and earth (North Node, Sun, Mercury, Pluto). After a year of looking into our sacred work, our personal mission, our sense of service and personal fulfillment (Jupiter in Virgo), we must ask ourselves: which relationships will now carry us forward as we manifest (earth and fire) our goals?

With the North Node in Virgo, the influence of Virgo will still be very present over most of the next year, and this includes the connection we have developed to our “service” in the deepest and most sacred sense. In traditional astrology, Jupiter has been considered in its detriment in Virgo and exalted in Libra. It is time to go beyond these limiting views. Expanding (Jupiter) on Virgo has been dangerous to promote as it has to do at its true core with devotion to one’s own mission. It is deeply personal and beyond dogma- at its purest, it is devotion to the Earth and to all that is sacred within it.

It bears reminding that Jupiter expands on the balanced as well as out of balanced aspects of a sign. Relationship with others should only come after relationship to oneself is secure, which is why Virgo is the last sign in the lower hemisphere: it should be where we find inner fulfillment and sovereignty. There is not much training, however, for that approach as we are encouraged in so many ways to look beyond ourselves for acceptance and fulfillment.

As we are highlighting and expanding on relationship for the next year, it is important to keep grounded in what we have already been developing. Which collaborations will help us to manifest that inner calling? How can we come together in a balanced and mutually beneficial way? Let us not look to others to “complete” us, but rather to join with us to complete our task. A healthy Jupiter in Libra should demand respectful and equal partnership.

Relationships will be tested for their “value” throughout the year as they are taken into new territory. In late November, a Jupiter-Moon conjunction will square a Pluto-Venus conjunction. There will then be three oppositions to Uranus in Aries intermingled with two more Pluto in Capricorn-Jupiter squares. Shadows will be systematically exposed and rooted out. Positively speaking, we will be asked to dig deep as well as to expand our reach. However, the potential for disillusionment, disempowerment, restlessness and sudden ruptures will have to be minded.

I expect that relationships with authority figures and leaders will be most under the gun this year. This is all to keep us in line with what we need to do; to truly come into our own authority and our own truth as Saturn moves through Sagittarius. We have an opportunity to collectively remodel what respectful, empowering and fruitful relationship looks like.
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Interview with

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Your family: My father was an American B-17 bomber pilot and was killed in action in WW2, while my mother was pregnant with me. My mother died in childbirth when I was 16, so I have four step-siblings. My daughter Ptolemy Mann, for whom I was a single parent, was born in 1972 just before we moved to England to live for almost 30 years. She is a renowned weaver, carpet designer and color consultant to architects, and lives with her husband in England.

Religious background and conditioning? Conditioning is right! I come from generations of Protestant reform ministers, and I tended to reject Christianity except for certain elements of spirituality and then psychedelic experiences and my studies in various religious traditions brought elements of it back into my life. I have been seriously interested in religious spirituality since my twenties, particularly Eastern religious, and after having taken many teachings for decades, I took refuge in the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism from Tulku Thondup Rinpoche and others.

Spiritual orientation – Do you follow any specific practice? Tibetan Buddhism, teachings and empowerments, sessions with lamas, both Nyingma and Kagyu lineages as well as H.H. the Dalai Lama. I heard the Karmapa in 1975, have heard his young incarnation, know many masters and respect them as teachers. I experienced, studied and learned tantras and Mahamudra teachings, etc. I worked with Mystic Fire Video on a Dalai Lama film called "Kālachakra Tantra Teachings" about the "great wheel of time," which is a profoundly astrological major teaching and the experience of editing and voicing the translator taught me lots. I have practiced qi gong for seven years, adore Taoist philosophy, tantra, spirituality in general and the sacred specially, about which I have written four books. We have a meditation group in Hudson that meets twice weekly and I am in touch with the Tibetan Buddhist sangha.

What’s the worst thing and then, the best thing about you? The worst thing is the discrepancy between how smart I am in some ways and how bad I am with money and anything financial (Jupiter, Pluto, Node conj in Leo in the 8th house). It has deeply affected my life, although I have always lived quite well. Best thing is that I am loyal to friends (and clients) and my astrology, adore knowing and working with youngsters, and have endless energies (triple fire signs = Leo sun, Aries moon, Sag rising) to share and pass onto others.

You never tried… Being successful in the material world and was never an academic, although some think that I am an academic in some ways. There are few things and experiences I haven’t tried and pride myself on living the way that reflects my worldview or zeitgeist.

You can’t refuse… Amazing and powerful women, great ideas, important discoveries, underlying geometries, astrological correlations, synchronicities, and relevant astrologers, as well as well-cooked creative meals with friends.

What is playtime for you? Golf, walking in nature, living in backward but enlightened places, as I lived abroad for more than 30 years. I love food and cooking in many different cuisines, eat organic and have done for more than 45 years. I am a lay homeopath, with an abiding interest in alternative therapies, ideas and practices, particularly energy medicine.

Your animal totem? Seems to be red-tailed hawk messenger, but also the grand elk of California.
INTERVIEW - A.T. MANN

Your superstition? In a positive way, black cats, which I have always owned as familiars since the 70s. In the early 80s during a BBC TV interview they asked me if I was superstitious, and while I answered that I wasn’t, one of my black cats jumped up onto the table and stuck his face in the camera....


Your favorite place on earth? Montalcino, Tuscany; the Hudson River valley; the Greek Islands: and the British Isles.

What would you define as an important evolutionary lesson for you in this life? Doing astrology for amazing clients and friends for 45 years is the lesson. I was originally an architect, graduated from Cornell University and worked as an architect in New York and Rome. My skills in that area ironically prepared me for my increasing interest in time and in the early 70s I developed Life Time Astrology, based on a logarithmic conception of the psychological and biological passage of time as envisioned by Gurdjieff, Ouspensky and Rodney Collin. This revolutionary model started astrology at Conception (9th cusp) and incorporated the Gestation period (houses 9-ASC), which allowed me to help clients understand the deepest and most archetypal or evolutionary elements of their lives, and to proceed around the chart with unique transitional house and sign stages and dating the planets up to the age of 99. By including the concept of reincarnation in my books and ideas the further dimensions of life become integrated with ancient spiritual, sacred and mythic levels of the being we all carry within. By initially imagining a mechanism whereby the spiraling solar system in time echoes the pattern of the DNA molecule within every living thing, a mechanism arises that satisfies both science and astrology, which is my life goal.

What books have you written? With my architectural experience I learned I could easily write, produce and publish books early on. Friends of mine and I started a publishing company in London in 1973 and created astrological calendars for eight years. I wrote The Round Art in 1979 and it launched me into many countries and is still very highly regarded for its ideas as well as my illustrations and imagery. I have written fifteen books since then, many of the recent ones about the sacred: Sacred Architecture, Sacred Sexuality, Sacred Landscapes and the Sacred Language of Trees. I discovered that the sacred is embodied in astrology and vice versa and that these ideas reach many more people than books about astrology alone, as I have a great wish to extend the reach of our marvelous astrology beyond those who already know about it.

Your chart: A T Mann, 18 August 1943, 15:03 EWT, Auburn, NY. Using my Life Time model one can easily see that just after I was conceived (9th cusp) the Sun/Father registers, and he left for the war (square Mars and sextile Saturn), so when my mother realized she was pregnant (MC in Virgo) the sense of not knowing where he was and his subsequent death is exemplified by Neptune in Libra in the 10th opposition the Moon. And then the sequence of life influences wraps around the chart until in older age (now?) I come closer and closer to the mystery of my being (Pluto, Jupiter, Node and the Sun in Leo, again).

YOUR PRACTICE

Where do you live and practice? Hudson, NY after living in Europe for 27 years until 2000. I continue to travel to and around Europe to work and see friends and clients and my daughter lives in England.

How long have you been practicing – How did it start? I graduated from Cornell University with a five year BArchitecture degree, worked in New York City and Rome as an architect designer. I taught myself astrology in 1972, and in the process created a new dynamic way of seeing astrology and have practiced professionally using Life Time Astrology ever since. I created this system using Collin’s circle of life, reversed the direction, overlaid it on the astrology wheel and realized it was a viable model. So life actually starts conception on cusp 9, ASC is birth, and the timing scale is logarithmic. You can easily date influences starting at conception throughout the life up to and beyond old age.

(The DNA molecule resonates with the Spiral Solar System moving around the Sun through time.) Below is Collin’s wheel and my adapted Life Time Astrology logarithmic time scale model.
**INTERVIEW - A. T. MANN**

Your Astrology teachers? In the beginning I didn't know any astrologers, so I am essentially self-taught. My astrology teachers were not really astrologers as they included Carl Jung, Gurdjieff, Ouspensky and Rodney Collin (Theory of Celestial Influence), Ron Davison, also Reinhold Ebertin

Your Astrology hero? Robert Zoller


What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment to date in your astrology career? Having practiced and taught my Life Time Astrology principles and processes to thousands of clients and many hundreds of students and astrologers, and to see some of the core concepts validated by important physicists in recent years, such as that the Sun travels a million miles a day around the Galactic Center so that the solar system is a spiral through time, resonating with the spiral form of the DNA molecule and exchanging information instantly.

What made it possible for you to become a full time astrologer? Pure will power, the confidence of my predecessors in these ideas, the friends, family and clients upon whom I initially tested and refined my system. I moved to London, became a single parent to my daughter Ptolemy in 1973 and started publishing Phenomenon astrological calendars with friends throughout the 70s (they were eventually published by both Anchor/Doubleday and Simon & Schuster in the late 70s). Creating yearly books led to writing The Round Art, published in 1979, which I wrote, illustrated, designed and produced. The income from writing allowed me to begin practicing and vice versa. I was lucky to have fabulous clients from the beginning, people who were creative, spiritual, and inquiring.

What is the great thing and the hard thing about being an astrologer? The great part is knowing and being able to help creative, spiritual and reflective people work through their lives, discovering their karmic paths, and helping guide them on those individual paths. The hardest part is the lack of acknowledgement among academia, the scientific world and world opinion in general, which I find distressing and needs to change.

What are your future ambitions in the field of astrology? Many of the postulates I made back in the late 60s and early 70s were visual and graphic and mathematical/geometric, and as I studied physics at Cornell and have always been interested in physics, science, genetics and biology/neuroscience, my original concept of astrology included such ideas that are being gradually accepted as truth and incorporated in the prevailing view of humanity. This is heartening because I have found that astrology must integrate with our biology, our psychology, our history, our inherited genetics and biology, and they are all ultimately One and I can see the time when astrology could be accepted as an essential area of study and knowledge. The work of physicists like Nassim Haramein validate the metaphor of the spiral solar system resonating with the DNA molecule; the E8 model of physicist Garrett Lisi resonates with my early hexagonal/circular calendar mandalas; just as the vision of time correlates with the profound work of the physicist David Bohm in The Implicate Order and also his concepts of Wave Mechanics. Rather then further astrology's isolation from mainstream science and philosophy, we need to assert our relevance to sit at the same table by showing how open we are to the scope and range of astrology when taken seriously.

What inspires you to be an OPA member? To be able to network with other astrologers, to reach astrologers and others who are unfamiliar with my work. And I believe that such interactions strengthen our bonds, expand our ideas and allow us to form powerful alliances in order to do the profound things we need to do together.

Any advice for those who would like to become professional astrologers? Don't make astrology the be-all and end-all of your life, but rather expand your view of the sciences and arts, go way beyond the limits other astrologers or books set for you, become interested in other ideas, spiritual practices, Eastern religions, martial arts, healing techniques. Psychotherapies and the entire range of ideas that make us full individuals and conscious of our world and its issues.

Thank you!
SOUL PATH WAY
THE DANCE OF ASTROLOGY, INTUITION, & SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

By Kay Taylor

This is not your average astrology book. It has astrology in it, and it is very good astrology, but there is much more. This is a guide, a manual, on how to live a soul centered life. Kay has studied evolutionary astrology and that is what she teaches us. She shows us how to explore one's karmic story through the Nodes of the Moon, Pluto, and Saturn. She provides tables at the end of the book for those who don't know the placements of these planets and Nodes. Kay also lists prominent evolutionary astrologers for those who want a reading and want to further their studies.

Only one of the five sections in the book is devoted to astrology. The other sections of the book cover methods of healing, tips on manifestation and the laws of attraction, and instructions on how to create a soul centered life. Kay gives exercises and meditations after each chapter which gives this book a hands on quality. She helps you keep a journal of your progress on your path. You actually work through the material and participate rather than just absorb the teachings. Kay has set up a website where one can download mp3 files for the guided meditation exercises. She says:

"I'm hoping this additional resource allows people who are motivated to do the processwork offered in the book to have an organized website to follow along with. https://app.ruzuku.com/courses/16197/about"

Kay writes with kindness for her readers. She says:

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is the tenth anniversary of the controversial decision by five percent of the world astronomers to downgrade Pluto to dwarf planet status. This was in those heady late Sagittarian transit days, just seventeen months before its first Capricorn ingress. Astrologers received this news with amused irony. Were these scientistic experts motivated by a futile subconscious belief that by their dictate the impeding confrontation with Capricorn reality could be avoided? Was this their way of ‘ensuring’ financial-market-boom days without end, a celebration of economic globalisation at all levels of society and passive acceptance of Western-style democracy in the Middle East?

If so, they were soon to be disappointed. From early 2008, Pluto edged its way back and forth across the Capricorn cusp. At the beginning of the transit, a lack of banking confidence accelerated to near economic collapse by the end of the year, leading to years of recession in the Western World economies.

By the end of 2010, while this Western World struggled for economic recovery, the Arab Spring erupted. This was to expand the meaning of the Pluto in Capricorn transit to terrifying proportions. Millions of people within the Islamic world experienced near-total social destruction. This is leading to danger and distrust throughout the globe.

Looking back over the 2008-16 astro-cycles, it is clear that the 2008 Pluto ingress was just the first warning of a world structural crisis to come. In the years since, stirred on by multiple 90-degree connections between Pluto and the other outer planets, we have understood little and ignored one warning after another. Knee-jerk reactions to these aspects have at best been manipulated to avoid what was really needed; more often our futile actions have made matters far worse in a world that seems increasingly out of control.

After all this, November 2015 to September 2016 brought Saturn in Sagittarius squared Neptune in Pisces. This could hardly have been a more unpleasantly inappropriate aspect for the run into key 2016-17 UK, US and European electoral decisions. 2017 will see us struggling with the debris of left-over bad feelings.

All this is little more than a prologue, setting the stage for far greater economic and world social structural changes that will accompany the triple conjunction between Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto toward the end of Capricorn. We will feel this coming from the beginning of 2018. Major consequential adjustments will be ongoing through to the US Pluto return in 2022 and the 2023-24 Pluto ingress into Aquarius.

To master these times, we must look far deeper; abandon attachment to the past and immediate fears for the future. Pluto represents fundamental upheaval, Capricorn demands reliable structures. Now is the time to embrace both, not commit acts that lead to endless destruction, but to see what was radically wrong about the past, eradicate present errors and build a better, kinder, more sustainable future. Mundane astrology offers ideal objective insight to helps us create this better future.

The world economic system - inadequate for the 21st century

Chapter Two of my book Reversing the Race to Global Destruction studies the foundation charts of the two institutions that depict the intrinsic nature of the World Economic System that for 250 years has underpinned the Industrial Revolution – the Bank of England and the present US Federal Reserve. Surprisingly, both show few astro-indicators of realistic practical control and good business sense. Instead they describe speculation and manip-
ulation, the exploitation of vulnerable untapped resources for personal gain.

In a late-18th, 19th and even early-20th Century, when there were many such untapped areas of the world to invade and exploit, such a business model worked well for Europe and the US. Until recently, social movements even helped ordinary people in these privileged countries to struggle for comfortable lives. It was uneven and not to last, as the rest of the world adopted and mastered the economic model, offering low-priced goods from their low-waged economies.

My book *Economy Ecology and Kindness* details the astro-cycles from 1980 to 2009 and show how these explain the futile monetarist strategies that let to the Western World selling its assets from the past, then its credit in the present, and, in final desperation, to massively mortgage its future.

With Neptune in Pisces, suffering like the 1930s depression [when it was in Virgo] could not be allowed to recur. Saturn in Virgo opposed Uranus in Pisces symbolised governments taking out loans to bail out banks to preserve depositor’s savings and workers relaxing working conditions to allow as many as possible to be employed. As the opposition moved toward Libra/Virgo and a T-square to Pluto, a raft of USA QE (1 to 3), artificially low interest rate and long term bond issues strategies were repeated throughout the Western economies. The release of so much credit, without the usual fundamental controls, alongside a pliant, hungry labour force has led to extremes of wealth for a small minority at the cost of lowering living standards for ordinary people.

Distrusting anyone representing the status quo, we are open to simplistic ‘solutions’ that scapegoat strangers. It is far easier to listen to the need for barriers to keep out economic migrants than understand how the break up of colonial systems and unprincipled relationships in Middle East, Asia and Africa undermined traditional trust. Dominance by force of arms leads to desperate reaction that pushes the outraged into the arms of fanatics. In every age and society there is a Hitler waiting for the followers that injustice creates.

**2015-16 – a time to distrust, misinform and hate**

How well the events of the past eight years reflect the negative interpretations of the aspects [see table]. How unfortunate are most people; lost in the bombardment of inexplicable change, being tossed from one tragic trauma to the next. How fortunate are astrologers to be able to understand the connections and know the causes, and even when a tendency will begin and end.

Saturn/Neptune square until the second week of September makes 2016 a year of growing emotional desperation. ‘Threatened’ on all sides, all paths seem blocked. The wrong people dominate, pointing to the wrong explanations and the wrong directions. People turn against each other; so many stumbling around in the darkness of distrust that resolves nothing and increasingly makes matters worse and worse. Vulnerable teenagers see the destruction of their libertarian upbringing as the way to heavenly bliss. Others see all Muslims to be the source of evil. Immigrants are blamed for the income and resources we lack; previous immigrants often feeling this most vehemently.

As problem exacerbates problem it seems that only a wall, be it of brick, wire, or rules, can protect the privilege we enjoy against so many who seem to threaten us by wanting a share.

**Can the US and European elections help us find a better way ahead?**

The good news is that the Saturn/Neptune square completes on 10th September 2016. However, while the intensity of hate may lessen, the residue of resentment will urge revenge for all those bad actions, words, situations we have forced upon each other.
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The bad news is that triple conjunction in Capricorn, building into the 2020 Presidential Campaign with the US Pluto return looming on the horizon early in that next new administration. The wrong understanding, leading to the wrong reactions to these astro-cycles, spells doom for the US and the World. When the astro-cycles are easy and vast areas of the world remain untapped, the consequences of self-serving greed, ignorance and hatred can be absorbed. The triple conjunction is uncompromising. Some of its interactions have not combined like this for 5,000 years. Little of the modern world remains untapped. The reigns of military power are in the hands of vastly different cultures, driven by conflicting beliefs. If each group, culture and country applies the intransigent Capricorn conjunction with uncompromising self-interest, not only economic, but internal and international violence could build to horrific experiences. There will be no where to hide away and defend what we value and wish to continue to have.

We save ourselves from all this by realising that narrow self-interest is never the answer. On the contrary, during this decade’s remaining transits, it will be the very cause of the fearful things we are so desperate to avoid. Courage, not fear is the answer. Celebrating hatred in group condemnation is how cowards create enemies. The courageous do not rush to judgement, but seek to understand and accommodate the needs of strangers. The truly courageous make those strangers friends; far more beneficial to move over, make room, bring more and more people on to our side. Through kindness and understanding, we can dissolve the bitter forces of intolerant fascism that have been tapping into the Saturn/Neptune square; spreading vitriolic hatred, within and between sub-cultures; from the East, through the Middle East and now to the West and the very heart of our European and US elections.

To avoid global disaster, we must stand up and expose such scapegoating in all its nastiness; not only for its inaccuracy, but the complete lack of answers its message offers.

Aquarian Answers

If we are wise in next few years, our descendants will thank the Pluto-in-

Capricorn period, because, at last, it contained the force to undermine and make us reject the monetarist world economy. Forcing that intrinsically corrupt system to its end game, even risking global disorder, did not destroy what we had, but opened a door that encouraged the search for a better, humanitarian basis to our relationships with each other.

Make no mistake! Pluto transits are never easy and Aquarian planets have an arrogant, intolerant ‘I know better than you’ side, as we saw with the attitude of politicians, mechanistic scientists and financiers through the 1998 to 2011 Uranus / Neptune in Aquarius and Pisces mutual reception period. This acknowledged, we can and will have until 2043 work to transform those early-century actions and make our world into a positive expression of Aquarius.

To avoid a melt-down in the fabric of the planet and brutal conflict between its peoples, as they struggle for survival, we must use our brilliance not to beat and defeat, but to support each other. Scientific brilliance should turn away from energy-intense inventions to the creation of energy-efficient machines and processes that do more with less. These should reduce the working day, leaving more time for recreation with family and friends. Money and material possessions should not be the end game measure of success or failure, but relegated to a support role in our social life. Hence the financial markets become the servants not master of our lives and not longer the institutions of first resort for the channeling of resources. Their way to easy-money cut off in this way, those who continue to be obsessed with piling it up should not be rewarded. They should be seen as objects of pity rather than envy.

The crucial underpinning of all these re-ordered priorities is the need to turn away from reliance on rules and regulations, toward absolute reliance on the principles that motivate actions. For rules can be avoided, manipulated, or used by clever minds as weapons to dispossess the weak and vulnerable. Broken or misused rules are the root causes of conflict and terrorism internationally and crime and cynicism within societies. Rules tear us apart; what they promise rarely can be achieved, more often they leave us feeling cheated.

Leaning toward a better world

Sensible change like this does not happen overnight. It starts to be possible, when people realise they want it. Then they talk, explore, plan, and so open doors to the clear light of possibility. Because this makes us feel better, we feel the courage to learn from each other and to support a brighter, less threatening future.

It was in 1933 that Franklin D Roosevelt told his people there was “nothing to fear, but fear itself”. He was to hold their trust out of the dire 1930s economy and through the most terrible war in human history. Coming out of the other side of that conflict, the mood of the victors was one of justice, freedom and fair opportunity for all. So many idealistic projects were instigated or visualised: the United Nations, the Marshall Plan to reconstruct Europe, the National Health Service in the UK, Eleanor Roosevelt’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights. If Franklin had lived, his US Second Bill of Rights would have seen Americans enjoying universal health care by the middle of the 20th century.

So we come to the key question of the 2016-17 US and European election season. Has the post-World War Two idealism finally past its sell by date, as today so many seem to be salivating for action toward another bloody conflict? Do we really have to go through all that, or worse, again, before we are ready to aspire to another period of idealism?
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A Review of Coups in the Recent History of Turkey

by Öner Döşer

Surely not! With the right words by the right people, patiently encouraging tolerance, seeing our differences as enriching our lives, this election period could start economic and social change that unifies, not divides. As we surface from the bitter words and actions of those Saturn in Sagittarius square to Neptune in Pisces months, may more people remember this, act and vote accordingly. Let us accept and move through economic and social upheaval toward the light of Aquarian idealism in the new decade ahead. Can anyone bear to visualise the alternative?

Endnotes
1. “I’m embarrassed for astronomy,” said Alan Stern, leader of NASA’s New Horizon’s mission to Pluto and a scientist at the Southwest Research Institute. “Less than 5 percent of the world’s astronomers voted.”
2. This definition stinks, for technical reasons,” Stern told SPACE.com.

I believe that Uranus on the South Node in proximity to the MC in the astrology chart of Turkey reflects the repeated crises Turkish people have faced as a result of several coups and related attempts, causing considerable upsets, tarnishing the image of the country in the eyes of the foreign countries. Additionally, Mars, in Libra in its detriment and in the 4th house, making a partile square with the Ascendant and Pluto in the 1st house captures those military interventions that often hinder the progress of the country. Libra is related with democracy while Mars is related with the military and forceful interventions; so Mars is not comfortable in the Libra (considered in detriment).

Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) seized political power twice in 1960 and in 1980 and additional unsuccessful attempts occurred in 1969, 1971 and recently in 2016. Based on parcelling the world map according to the zodiac signs by ancient astrologers, Turkey is considered to be under the territory of Virgo (reference: Alfred J. Pearce, Textbook of Astrology, AFA, 1970, pp 273-275). Therefore, the transits of outer planets in Virgo and/or eclipses in Virgo-Pisces axis often prompt significant political events in the country. Virgo is located at the IC of Turkey’s astrology chart, the 4th house which naturally represents the domestic affairs.

When Pluto, the slowest moving planet, changes sign or makes aspects with other planets, it often triggers mundane events. It entered Virgo on October 20, 1956, then retrograded back to Leo, only to finally move completely into the sign of Virgo on June 20, 1958. This means that Pluto went in and out of Virgo between October 20, 1956 and June 1958. When we examine this period in line with the history of Turkish Republic, it marked the time that a group of officers were arrested and prosecuted with the crime of preparing conspiracy towards the government. Nine officers were arrested on December 26, 1957 on the grounds that they would attempt a coup in Istanbul on January 16, 1958.

Military Coup on May 27, 1960

Pluto was in 3° Virgo in 1960. It was the first successful coup in the Republic of Turkey which was orchestrated by a group of officers within the Turkish Armed Forces claiming that the existing democratically elected government was repressive and the cause of a civil war. The coup removed the ruling party from power, which was the ground for violating the constitutional regulations. The coup ruled the party by government eventually leading to the execution of the Prime minister and two of his ministers. The trial procedures where highly criticized in Turkey and are still the subject of conversation to this day.

In the chart erected for May 27, 1960 at 03:15am (chart 2), we see Mars, the significator of military forces, in Aries where it is strong and Saturn, the significator of authority figures and the government, in Capricorn where it is strong. The applying square between these two planets, considered malefics, describes how the tension between the military forces and the government reached a climax.
On the day of the coup, the North Node which was at 21° Virgo had a conjunction with Denebola, a fixed star. Bernadette Brady, an Australian astrologer expert in the subject of Fixed Stars, defines that Denebola represents the native who is against the consensus opinion or the social order and as a result can be a persecutor or be persecuted. The fixed star represents the tendency to be against established concepts and rules and seeing the world from different perspectives. These differences in opinions may bring frictions.

Keeping the 21st degree of Virgo in mind, let’s interpret the chart of coup on Turkey’s astrology chart.

Planet accumulated in Gemini in the chart of the coup falls into the 12th house of Turkey’s astrology chart, which – in addition to its other meanings - represents secret plans, actions and organisations, reserved places like prisons and captives. Nodes in the Virgo/Pisces axis signify that the eclipses also occurred in these signs of the zodiac. Eclipses are crucial tools in order to understand cyclical mundane events. Solar and Lunar eclipses that occur before or just after crucial events give us specific information about the possible developments of that time and also provide important connection when examine together with the country charts. Although durations of the eclipses differ, we see them often active for about a year following their occurrences.

Let us go a few months prior to the coup in May 27, 1960 and have a look to the Total Solar Eclipse that occurred prior to the event on October 2, 1959 and examine the chart of this eclipse, which occurred in 8 degrees Libra, together with Turkey’s astrology chart. Below, you may see those two charts together; inner wheel is Turkey’s astrology chart and the outer wheel is the chart of that eclipse. The eclipse which occurred on 8 degrees Libra makes a conjunction with Turkey’s natal Mars in Libra. This conjunction reflects the fact that this eclipse activated the Mars energy of the Turkish chart, associated with defence and military issues.

1980 Turkish coup d’état

September 12, 1980 coup d’état is an intervention of the Turkish Armed Forces that was executed under the chain of command. It is the third coup d’état in the history of the Republic, the previous
having been the 1960 coup and the 1971 “Coup by Memorandum”. It is surprising to see Venus, the planet of peace, on the horizon in the chart erected for September 12, 1980, 03:00 (the time that the tanks began moving). However, then we see that Venus in Leo is applying to square with Mars in Scorpio in an angular house.

Both transiting Jupiter and Saturn are in Virgo along with the Sun. Jupiter is in conjunction with the star Denebola on 20 degrees Virgo! Jupiter-Saturn conjunction is in square with the Moon of Turkey, representing that economy and politics undergo challenges. Transiting Sun in partile square with Neptune, describing the fragility of the leadership in question. When we examine the chart of the coup projected on Turkey's natal chart, we witness that some crucial points are again triggered. Below you may see those two charts together.

Transiting Neptune makes a trine aspect to the transiting North Node and Turkey's natal Neptune. Transiting Sun and Jupiter, positioned close to Turkey's natal IC, activate that angle. Saturn is also in transit from Turkey's natal IC describing challenges in domestic affairs, a karmic repercussion or an internal feud. Transiting Pluto conjuncts natal Mercury-Saturn, describing behind the scenes manipulations (Mercury is the ruler of the 12th house), inner conflicts (Mercury is also the ruler of the 4th house), open enemies, ideologies which became a matter of life or death (Saturn is the ruler of the 7th and 8th houses), problems within the academic environment (Saturn is the ruler of the 9th house) reaching a critical mass.

More importantly, Mars representing military actions is on 7 degrees Scorpio and triggering Turkey's natal Sun. This is a period when the military forces (Mars) and the authority figures of the country (Sun) are within a kind of settlement with each other.

Looking back a few months prior to the 1980 coup d'état, Mars-Saturn were in conjunction on 21 degrees Virgo exactly on the Fixed Star Denebola, which happens to be close to Turkey's IC.

The coup attempt in July 15, 2016 began with the closure of the Bosphorus Bridge (uniting Europe with Asia) in the city of Istanbul with an announcement that “the military had seized the power,” allegedly organized by soldiers within Gulenist Rebellious Organisation. Even though this attempt initially caused fear and shocked people, many political parties subsequently united in support of Democracy in Turkey.

Aquarius is rising in the chart of the event and Saturn, the traditional ruler of the Ascendant, conjuncts the MC. This configuration describes the link between the event and the government. Saturn, the ruler of the ASC, is in conjunction with the fixed star Antares. This conjunction captures the desire for victory and the tendency to be forceful to attain goals (Antares is known to be related to expression of force and anger). Saturn is retrograde, hinting at...
the fact that the conspirators are to meet unexpected circumstances and setbacks that may hinder their mission. The square between Saturn (which represents the plotting group as the ruler of the ACS) and Jupiter (which represents the targets of the attempters as the ruler of MC) represents that attaining the expected result would be difficult.

The Moon in Sagittarius is about to make a conjunction with Saturn, then a square with Neptune and another square with Jupiter; this means the light will be carried between the elements of the T-square aspect pattern through hard aspects. All those factors indicate that it is near impossible for the conspirators to reach their aims and that the conditions are more different and more stressful than they had assumed. Neptune squares the MC also reflects that the attempters are likely to be disillusioned.

2016 Coup Attempt with Turkey’s Chart

When we examine this chart together with Turkey’s natal chart along with the progressed chart for the attempt, we can identify important aspects. Below you may see this tri-wheel chart; inner wheel Turkey’s natal chart, middle wheel Turkey’s chart progression to the moment of the attempt and the outer wheel the chart for the attempt.

When we project the July 15 chart on Turkey’s natal chart, first we see that transiting Uranus at 24 Aries is opposing Turkey’s natal Mercury and Saturn at 24 Libra! Mercury as the ruler of the 4th house, opposition to Saturn and unexpected stress to domestic issues. When the challenge is conquered, there is an astrological correlation that the country experiences an extreme unstable and critical period of time.

As Mercury is the ruler of the 4th house, its opposition with Uranus brings sudden and unexpected stress to domestic issues. Saturn’s (the ruler of the 8th and 9th houses) partile opposition with transit Uranus emphasizes that those sudden and unexpected shocking events have some “outer connections” (9th house) which mean “connections with foreign countries” or “connections with the people living abroad”. It also shows the loss of lives and economic losses (Saturn = the ruler of the 8th house) that are caused by these events.

Jupiter at 24 Scorpio is the ruler of MC and the 6th house, representing the government (10th house) and security institutions and security forces (6th house). Transiting Mars tightly conjunct Jupiter reflects the aggression targeting these respective institutions.

Progressed Chart

In the secondary progressed chart, progressed Moon is at 25 degrees Scorpio, very close to the degree of natal Jupiter and transiting Mars. before and it is triggering transit Mars at the time of the attempt. All these elements showcase that the country experiences an extremely unstable and critical period of time.

The sign where the Moon's in secondary progressed chart is vital as it represents our emotional state. With the Progressed Moon at 25 degrees Scorpio, this means that the Moon has been in the sign of Scorpio for approximately 2 years (1 degree per month) and it will take five more months to ingress into Sagittarius. Moon in Scorpio in progressed charts is related with a strong desire for purification and refinement. Some emotional pain is usually expected and there is a need for overcome the difficulties, often leading to an position of empowerment when the challenge is conquered.

Progressed Venus is also at 13 degrees Pisces is square Progressed Jupiter at 13 Sagittarius, and coming into conjunction with natal. These different factors also describe that the peace is disturbed.

Eclipses around this date: The total Solar Eclipse in March 9, 2016 occurred at 18 degrees Pisces, conjunct Turkey’s MC. This configuration describes unexpected shakeups with the government. The eclipse is also opposing Jupiter in Virgo (in Turkey’s 4th house) and T-Squaring Saturn in Sagittarius in Turkey’s 6th house.

The following eclipse was a penumbral lunar eclipse in March 23, 2016 at 3 degrees Libra, conjunct Turkey’s natal Mars (7 Libra).

Notice that North Node in both eclipse charts conjuncts the fixed star Denebola.

As this article is being written in August 2016, we are getting closer to the Mars-Saturn conjunction at 9 degrees Sagittarius on the fixed Star of Antares. This conjunction, falling in the 6th house of the natal chart, will likely re-activate military issues.

Conclusion

From these events, we can see that there is an astrological correlation between the different coups and attempts
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in this recent history of Turkey. Transits of slow moving planets in Virgo, retrograde motions and eclipses in that sign correspond with coups/attempted coups in our country.

The recurrence of the 21 degree Virgo in these different revolutionary event is associated with the Fixed Star Denebola, located at 21 Virgo 38, however to quote fellow astrologer Baris Ilhan, “Natal Mars’s Contradiction is at 22 degrees Virgo. What a perfect indicator for a military coup!”

You can view the full version of this article, which includes an analysis of additional failed attempts, in the OPA forum.

Additionally, you may view an article on the astrological correlations of the coups by Baris Ilhan, also posted on the forum (titled Attempted Coup).

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**Book Review**

By Arlan Wise

**ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTION**

A HANDBOOK OF TECHNIQUES

By Öner Döşer

Oner Döşer is a leading Turkish astrologer. He has a school in Istanbul, Astroart, and runs Astrology School Publishing which has released 14 books. He blends traditional and modern techniques while combining modern psychological and spiritual interests with realistic attitudes about fate and determinism. This book focuses on predictions and gives a thorough explanation of the many techniques, both old and newer, that can predict events in a person’s life. His main theory is that it is important to use predictive techniques to gain knowledge of what will happen so that one may be best prepared to handle the events.

He organizes the book from big to small. He starts with the seven ages of man and follows with a chapter on triplicities. The ancient astrologers considered a normal human life to be 75 years and this made for easy math when divided by three, the basis of the triplicities. Firdaria is a technique similar to the Vedic Dasha system where a planet takes prominence over a portion of the life. Here he teaches the importance of diurnal versus nocturnal charts, as the starting point of the Firdaria is the Sun or Moon depending on the type of chart. Profections move the Sun along by a sign each year, while transits show the planets real time effects on us. There are chapters on secondary progressions, directing by bounds, primary directions, eclipses, solar and lunar returns, and the book ends with a chapter on rectification.

This is a lot of information and each chapter is a complete explanation of the technique, with references to a source if you want even more detail. His chapter on transits, a familiar technique to most astrologers, is excellent and a great tool for reference. Oner is a natural teacher with his Jupiter in Gemini in the 9th house. Oner uses his chart as the example for the various techniques he teaches. As you read the book you get to know this intelligent and likable colleague.

This is a book that fills gaps in one’s education. It is a book that can replace the many books you bought but couldn’t understand. This is the text-book you want if you want to learn a new predictive technique. Each chapter is complete on its own so you can pick the things you want to learn. I finally understand Triplicities but know that the math in primary directions is something that I may not want to tackle. You will be happy that you own this book.
The US has been experiencing one of its most controversial and intriguing election process with two outsiders, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, ending up as major players in scene. Barring an act of God, Sanders is not in the picture anymore, but it is worth including him in the analysis of the elections since his impact on the elections was significant.

The seemingly never ending and outrageously wasteful election process is unfolding in the backdrop of considerable influence of planets in Mutable signs, from long running Neptune in Pisces, to Saturn in Sagittarius, the Nodal Axis in Pisces/Virgo, and for a year Jupiter in Virgo. This ongoing T-square was completed in June (end of Primaries) by a New Moon Superior Conjunction with Venus in Gemini to form a Grand Cross in Mutable signs.

It is no surprise but fascinating nonetheless that our main candidates are unusually Mutable influenced individuals.

**MUTABILITY OF PROMINENT CANDIDATES:**

**THE SATURN IN SAGITTARIUS CARD – BE BLUNT, CONFIDENT, HONEST, AND OUTRAGEOUS**

Saturn in Sagittarius and the Karma of honesty.

Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders drew unexpected popularity, perhaps because they really responded to the transit of Saturn in Sagittarius - they were blunt, bold, and unapologetic in ways that were refreshing in modern politics.

It seems that beyond political affiliation, many in the political elite were surprised that honesty can actually take you far when Bernie Sanders’s transparency and fierce stance won many hearts. Not everyone was in favor of his idea, but they appreciated his personality and sincere approach. He was bold to say it as it is, and refrained from lip service.

Donald Trump attracted many followers in his own honest ways, saying out loud what many people thought in silence. He broke the taboo of racism by directly addressing the fear of Islamic terrorism and advocating radical measures outside the politically correct framework. Saturn in Sagittarius can represent prejudice and racism, or in simple terms, the fear of foreigners. But most importantly for him, this configuration describes the appeal of bold statements.

To his disadvantage, the reluctance to disclose his tax return is not giving Trump any good points under Saturn.

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in Sagittarius. Moreover, the constant recanting of fact following his blunt statements leads to immediate plunges where there was initial appeal.

For multiple Scorpio Hillary Clinton, Saturn in Sagittarius's call for transparency is a tough pill to swallow. The "everything is fine," and "say what people want to hear" approach continuously rings out of tune and hurts Clinton's credibility and appeal.

**THE NODAL AXIS IN VIRGO/PISCES CONJUNCT NEPTUNE CARD**

*Be inclusive, practical, and show humility. Speak to the 99%, the working force. Understand the link between a healthy eco-system and productivity.*

Bernie Sanders surely was in tune with the times when the voice of the masses took precedence over the elite. Neptune in Pisces reflects the power of the people and the power of nature. His consistent stance on improving the working condition of the modest citizen and his effort to promote green policies won him many points.

Donald Trump is in Virgo ego purgatory now that his progressed Sun moved into Virgo. Perhaps a chat with Sanders will help, but can you buy humility anywhere? Your price will be his. With these transiting Nodes squaring his natal Nodes, Trump may be in foreign, very foreign, territory here.

Hillary Clinton appeal to student struggling with loans, wanting to improve healthcare platforms, and at least trying to speak to the simple worker give her points under these influences. On the other hand, her plutonic affiliation with Wall street, Monsanto, and other corrupt mega powerful entities renders her credibility fragile.

**DONALD TRUMP - Republican Nominee**

*Chart with Elections*

Donald Trump enjoyed an incredible and unexpected ride, defying all statistics and opinions, and to the dismay of many members of his party, became the Republican Nominee. This is perhaps proof that elections are not necessarily an
inside job, for Republicans would not have let that happen!

Trump rode two important influenc-
es: His **Progressed/Solar Arc Sun on
his Ascendant/Regulus** and **transiting Jupiter in Leo and his first house** in the course of the campaign.

Since his **progressed Sun moved to Virgo**, his popularity declined considerably. Moreover, the awful timing of his acceptance speech was another blow to his popularity. He should fire his astrologer!

His biggest thorn on the side was **retrograde Mars in Scorpio repeatedly squaring his natal Mars and Ascendant from the 4th house**, leading to a rejection and rupture from his own party.

What will it take for him to convince the voters:

**Astrological Assets:**
- **A Jupiter Return in Libra** – Bill Clinton and George W. Bush born with Jupiter in Libra were elected on Jupiter in Libra years. Will this magic formula work for Trump too?
- **Progressed Sun still on Regulus** – Albeit no more in Leo, this gives him still a nobility status; if only we could bribe the Virgo to relax this scrutiny on everything!
- **Solar Arc Moon approaching Angles** – SA Moon at 28 Aquarius, is just a year off, and shows possible appeal

**Astrological Bombs:**
- **Transiting Saturn in Sagittarius opposing his Sun in Gemini** on inauguration day. You really have to be on top of your Karmic load to pass this scrutiny… very risky for him.
- **Moon in Pisces on Election Day transits his 7th house** – The house of adversaries…this gives point to his opponent. The same goes for Mars in Pisces on inauguration day.
- **Transiting Mars and Pluto in Capricorn** widely opposing his Saturn – albeit not exact, this describe major opposition to his leadership.

**MIKE PENCE – Vice President Republican Nominee**

**Astrological Assets:**
- **A Jupiter in Libra on North Node** – definite power point
HILLARY CLINTON – Democratic Nominee

Hillary Clinton’s time of birth is not confirmed, which makes our work as astrologers very difficult. I will be using her 8am chart as it does seem to respond to the various events of her public life.

12th house emphasis is common in public figures as this is the house through which one can tap into collective awareness. Notwithstanding, this is a double edge sword as it reflects deep insecurities and a lack of transparency that she is notorious for.

The same goes for the “Woman’s Card” – most of us respond positively to the emancipation of social and political life, and seeing a woman leading the United States is important. On the other hand, can Hillary ride the woman’s card without enough substance as a human being?

Serious questions also rose with regards to her health. What do the stars have to say?

Astrological Assets:

- **Election Sun in Scorpio and Moon in Pisces** – Mirror her own natal Sun and Moon.
- **Jupiter in Libra** – This is a perfect signature for the Gender Card – bringing women in power.
- **Transiting North Node in her 10th house** – This shows the only way is up (if time for chart is reliable).
- **Inauguration Moon in Scorpio** – bodes well to her Stellium in Scorpio
- **Progressed Sun at 12 Capricorn** – on her Sun/Moon midpoint
- Ambivalent
- **Transiting Jupiter on her natal Neptune** – can go either way, from complete deflation to worldwide recognition.

Astrological Bombs:

- **Transiting Saturn in Sagittarius opposing his Sun in Gemini** same as Trump… very risky for him.
- **Transiting Mars opposing natal Venus and Mars** exact soon after the election. Someone will not be getting any sex for the week.

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Astrological Bombs:
- **Mutable and Cardinal energies in the Sky** – does not support her primarily Fixed natal disposition.
- **Transiting Chiron in Pisces on her Moon** – a maverick or a wounded feminine?
- **Transiting Mars closing on a square to her Sun** – strife in leadership

**TIM KAINÉ – Vice President Democratic Nominee**

**Astrological Assets:**
- **Saturn Return on Inauguration Day** – a rite of passage
- **Transiting Sun on natal Venus in Aquarius** – Empowered partnership
- **Transiting Moon on natal Sun in Pisces** – on Election day
- **Solar Arc Nodes and Venus** – on zero Cardinal degrees

**Astrological bombs**
- **Transiting Mars square natal and transiting Saturn** – on inauguration day, showing power adversities.
- **Transiting Pluto on natal Mars in Capricorn** - another double edge sword, that can lead to anger and resentment or a breakthrough (or both).

**GARY JOHNSON – Libertarian Nominee**

From Wikipedia:
Johnson lives in Taos, New Mexico. He is an avid triathlete who bikes extensively. During his term in office, he competed in several triathlons, marathons and bike races. On May 30, 2003, he reached the summit of Mount Everest “despite toes blackened with frostbite.” He has climbed all seven of the Seven Summits: Mount Everest, Mount Elbrus, Denali, Mount Kilimanjaro, Aconcagua, Mount Vinson, and Carstensz Pyramid. He completed the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, in which participants traverse a 26.2 mile course through the desert, many of them in combat boots and wearing 35-pound packs.

On October 12, 2005, Johnson was involved in a near-fatal paragliding accident...
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dent when his wing caught in a tree and he fell approximately 50 feet to the ground. Johnson suffered multiple bone fractures, including a burst fracture to his twelfth thoracic vertebra, a broken rib, and a broken knee; this accident left him 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) shorter. He used medicinal marijuana for pain control from 2005 to 2008. Johnson's views have been described as fiscally conservative and socially liberal.

In January 2016, Johnson resigned from his post as CEO of Cannabis Sativa, Inc., to pursue political opportunities, hinting to a 2016 presidential run. On May 29, 2016, Johnson received the Libertarian nomination on the second ballot. On September 8, 2016, Johnson appeared on MSNBC's Morning Joe and was asked by what he would do as president with regards to Aleppo, a war-torn city in Syria. Johnson's response, “What is Aleppo?” prompted immediate media criticism.

JILL STEIN – Green Party Nominee

From Wikipedia:
Stein graduated magna cum laude from Harvard, where she studied psychology, sociology, and anthropology. She then attended Harvard Medical School and graduated in 1979. After graduating from Harvard Medical School, Stein practiced internal medicine for 25 years. As a medical doctor and researcher, Stein has published various materials and teaching plans, and has testified before legislative panels as well as local and state governmental bodies. She coauthored two reports by the Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility, In Harm's Way: Toxic Threats to Child Development (2000), and Environmental Threats to Healthy Aging (2009).

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Inauguration Day for US Presidents
Solar Arcs and Angularity: a Pattern?
by Charles Jameson, OPA Australia

To some extent Donald Trump’s stars do align on inauguration day for the next US President (January 20th, 2017).
But it is unlikely he be the next President of the United States.
We’re fortunate that Trump has ‘AA’ rated birth data, sourced from his birth certificate. Because that enables us to compare him with at least five other US Presidents who had birth data of the same accuracy.

According to astrodatabank.com, these are:
• Richard Nixon
• Jimmy Carter
• Barack Obama
• Georg W. Bush
• Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I’ve looked at first inauguration days for all of the above. And perhaps I found an astrological pattern:
All these Presidents had natal angular planets activated on their inauguration days. This pattern plays out in two ways:

• It can involve a Solar Arc directed angular natal planet forming a hard aspect to another natal planet.
• It can involve a Solar Arc directed non-angular planet forming a hard aspect to an angular natal planet.
THIS PATTERN DOESN'T APPLY IN TRUMP'S CASE. He does have both solar arc and transiting Pluto in hard aspect to his Jupiter on inauguration day. But neither are angular in his natal horoscope.

We can't tell if it applies to Hillary Clinton, because accurate birth data is not known.

Let's look at each of these former US Presidents in turn, to show how this pattern works.

In each case, I'm using solar arc directions for their respective inauguration days. That is, the day they officially took office and became President.

All birth data is from astrodatabank.com. Historical information is from Wikipedia.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

Roosevelt was born on January 30th, 1882, at Hyde Park, New York, at 8.45pm. His inauguration day was March 4th, 1933.

Below is his natal (inner wheel), with SADs (middle) and transits (outer) for that day, displayed using the ‘90-degree dial.’

With this method conjunctions, all squares and oppositions are collectively displayed as conjunctions. I’ve used this method for all the following inauguration charts, so the key aspects are clearly visible.

He has solar arc MC in Leo square his Neptune. And solar arc Moon at 27 Leo opposite his natal Mercury and square his Pluto.

The angular planet involved here is the Moon. Roosevelt's natal Moon is angular, in the 10th.

**Richard Nixon**

Nixon was born on January 9th, 1913, Yorba Linda, California, at 9.34pm.

His inauguration day was January 20th, 1969. On that day, he had solar arc Uranus at 29 Pisces squaring his natal Mercury-Mars. Solar arc Sun at 16 Pisces squared his M.C.

The angular planets involved here are Mercury and Mars. These are in his natal 4th house. And we could also consider the M.C., given that it is the cusp of an angular house.
Jimmy Carter

Carter was born on October 1st, 1924, at Plains, Georgia, at 7.00am.
His inauguration day was January 20th, 1977.

On that day, he had solar arc Neptune at 14 Libra Neptune separating from a square to his natal Pluto (note transiting Pluto and Mars also aspect natal Pluto – outer wheel, below).
And solar arc Mercury at 13 Scorpio applies to conjunct his Moon, and solar arc Ascendant at 18 Sagittarius squares his Uranus.
The angular planets involved are Carter’s 1st house Moon and 10th house Neptune. And we might also consider the solar arc Ascendant, given it’s associated with an angular house.

George W. Bush

Bush was born on July 6th, 1946, at New Haven, Connecticut, at 7.26am.
His inauguration day was January 20th, 2001.

On that day, solar arc Venus at 13 Libra squared his Sun, and solar arc Saturn at 18.45 Libra squares his Uranus.
The angular planet involved is Venus, which is in Bush’s 1st house.

Barack Obama

Obama was born on August 4th, 1961, Honolulu, Hawaii, at 7.42pm.
His inauguration day was January 20th, 2009.

On that day, solar arc directed Mars at 8 Scorpio conjuncts natal Neptune, and solar arc Venus at 17 Leo opposes his Ascendant.
The angular planet is Venus, which is in Obama’s natal 1st house. And solar arc Venus is aspecting the cusp of an angular house.

Donald Trump?

Now let’s look at Trump, ‘as if’ he was inaugurated on January 20th, 2017.

Trump was born on June 14th, 1946, at Jamaica, New York, at 10.54am.
The next President of the United States will be inaugurated on January 20th, 2017. It might seem fortunate for him that Trump has solar arc Pluto at 17.33 Libra conjunct his Jupiter, and transiting Pluto at 17.36 squaring it. But neither planet is angular in the natal.

Furthermore, Trump has another solar arc issue (not shown above).

His solar arc Sun changed signs in mid-August 2016, going from Leo to Virgo. For about 30 years his solar Arc sun has been in the sign of its rulership, and now it changes gear as it crosses Trump’s Ascendant and into his 1st house.

In my view, this indicates that we have reached ‘Peak Trump.’ His campaign, already faltering, will deteriorate in the coming months.

But perhaps this was all part of the plan. One former Trump campaign insider, Stephanie Cegielski[^1], has revealed that becoming president was not really part of Trump’s plan:

> I don’t think even Trump thought he would get this far. And I don’t even know that he wanted to, which is perhaps the scariest prospect of all. He certainly was never prepared or equipped to go all the way to the White House, but his ego has now taken over the driver’s seat, and nothing else matters. The Donald does not fail. The Donald does not have any weakness. The Donald is his own biggest enemy … Trump never intended to be the candidate. But his pride is too out of control to stop him now.

**Conclusion**

A sample of five U.S. Presidents with ‘AA’ birth data reveals a possible pattern associated with their inauguration days. Trump does not fit that pattern.

As for Hillary Clinton, that’s unclear due to lack of accurate birth data.

The best I could wrangle is a speculative 2:18am birth time, which would put solar arc directed Moon in late Taurus in an applying opposition to her Jupiter. And that Moon is angular in the 2:18am chart.

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Who’s gonna be the Best US PRESIDENT!

ARIES: NO to Dakota pipeline, BAN Fracking forever, EXECUTE Wall Street Bankers, BURN the Federal Reserve!

TAURUS: The White House shall be repainted pastel peach, Chocolate Day inauguration on May 5, henceforth a National Holiday.

GEMINI: Let’s have two presidents, I don’t want to be bored…

CANCER: Vote for me, but I’m not moving to the White House, I get to stay in mine. How about two year maternity leave for every gal?

LEO: Children are the future… ban adulthood!

VIRGO: New school sodas: Celery and Beet juice. Mandatory summer jobs for kids. Retirement age: not applicable.
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LIBRA: Public toilets options for male (by birth or gender reassignment) female (by birth or gender reassignment), non-binary gender, bi-gender, tri-gender, and agender in every school and institution. AND one year maternity leave for daddies too!

SCORPIO: Microchipping new-born babies before vaccination, for their safety and ours. Government-run internet for national security and control of terrorism or mutiny. Elimination of cash currency for virtual currency only.

SAGITTARIUS: God has spoken, vote for me.

CAPRICORN: I have to do it, because no one else wants to... no one else can...

AQUARIUS: The solution to all our ecological problems is found – our first fellow Americans are ready to colonize Mars on a journey of no return, and will be equipped to mine asteroids for all needed resources.

PISCES: Please vote for someone else... and sign the petition for a 20 hour work week!
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Are we returning to the 90s? Another one was “Was all this written in our destiny?” At each occasion I have heard these questions, I have given my personal answers: “No, we are not going back” and “Yes, it was written.” How so? Let me explain.

No, we’re not returning to the 90s, because there has never been such a phase in Turkish history. Turkey is experiencing a Pluto-Pluto opposition for the first time. There was a somewhat similar phase in 1976-77 but it was not as intense as this time. The opposition we are experiencing now is quite severe, along with the other planets pointing toward a grand change in world order. This is nothing like what we have known before.

Yes, this was in our destiny, because Pluto is in the 1st house in Turkey’s natal chart. More than anything, this denotes a country where people are oppressed under unrelenting pressure by the powers that be. It shows that problems that have been swept under the rug since the country’s inception will someday come to light causing a crisis, that a transformation will become inevitable. Where Pluto is, we see oppression, manipulation, infiltration, transformation, accommodation, assimilation—none of which affects positively a country’s public.

However, there is one other matter that a 1st House Pluto points to. To understand this, we need to think of the 1st House as representing the country herself. That is, the country’s body and her boundaries are visible here. Since Pluto is situated here, could this mean that the country’s body and her boundaries will go through a transformation? Yes, of course this is possible. We are, after all, speaking of the power of Pluto.

Pluto’s power can become apparent in three different ways. One is resisting change in order to stay the same, second is transforming the current system, and the third is elimination, which is a sort of death. Mary Shea in her book Planets in Solar Returns explains these cycles very well: “Any of these powers can be either beneficial or detrimental to the user or others involved. It is the purpose and intent of the process that is important.”

Sometimes, the effort to maintain things as they are can make possible an awakening of individual power. If the goal of change is not correct, it is a positive thing to resist. If others are trying to control your actions and limiting your free will, it is a positive thing to try and stay unchanged. There are times when the ability to resist change can be misused and prevent growth. You will not be able to advance if you resist all the internal and external insights. If your goals are not in harmony with universal well-being, there is a good chance you are using your Pluto power negatively.

Transformation is the process by which a thing, a situation, or a level of consciousness evolves toward a new and higher expression. Business matters, relationships,
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and the person’s self-perceptions can change toward the better. This can be a very enlightening and beneficial transition; however, what is important is what you will be doing with the new-found knowledge. If the new awareness triggers mental, emotional, and spiritual growth, the cycle will continue in a positive direction. Yet, it will turn negative if they are used to control others or to create obstacles to growth. If the Plutonic cycle is implemented wrongly, there will be problems in continuing in life’s path. It may become impossible to advance further in life before resolving the problems and learning the lessons. Power struggles can prove too costly in wasted time and energy.

The process of elimination can be cleansing despite comprising a symbolic death. It may be a positive riddance to be freed from a situation that gets in the way of growth and advancement. It may also be a positive move to leave; however, leaving people or situations without resolving and becoming free of the conflicts in the relationship is not a positive move. It is futile to try to stay away from people or circumstances before you resolve the problems.

At the moment, we are experiencing all of these phases in their most heavy, concentrated form, which is increasing the number of those who will agree to partitioning the country in hopes of escaping the troubles. In the same way, the number of those who are on the side of applying more pressure for the sake of staying the same—without concern for solving the problems—also is on the rise. On the other hand, those who reject the oppression and demand change are increasing both in numbers and determination. And increasingly the situation is evolving toward a deathly power struggle. At the end of all this, could the boundaries of the Turkish Republic change, could she be divided, could she die? Why not! If we don’t begin a healthy process of negotiation, accountability, reconciliation, and redemption, what’s awaiting us is that hell of which Pluto is the lord. We could even say we have already entered through its gates.

No doubt there are some gems hidden there by the Lord of the Underground, just for us. These treasures could enable us to grow and enrich our lives but we may first be required to go through hellish suffering, for the planets beyond Saturn are considered inauspicious in mundane astrology. Societal transformation is much more difficult than an individual one and could be possible only after going through much pain and grief. The eastern part of the country has been suffering for a long time and consequently is agreeable to change. However, the western part has not yet experienced enough pain for desiring a transformation. This might take a while. The real effects of Pluto transits are felt past a few degrees of the actual angle. That’s why we started to experience the effects from mid-2015 on, even though it was past the time when the Pluto-Pluto opposition had occurred. On some level, our country entered a dark tunnel of death then.

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Will we be able to get through this in a short time? Probably not. Most of the planets that move slowly in the sky are in the last phases of their cycles. In other words, the cycles are closing. Among those we can count the Jupiter-Saturn cycle (one we are still in), Saturn-Neptune cycle, and the Saturn-Pluto cycle that we experienced in 2009-10. These cycles will all end in the early 2020s. We will experience the Saturn-Pluto conjunction in Capricorn. After that, Saturn will enter Aquarius and will conjunct Jupiter. Those are the years we will be focusing on, waiting to see what happens.

Well, is there nothing we could do until then? No doubt there is. Viktor Frankl has said, “When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.” At that time, we will be challenged, first of all, to accept reality of all that has happened, look at the events carefully to understand them, show consideration and empathy, and join together to work towards a greater good. Our individual wishes, desires, peace of mind are no longer important; we are not important. All that has happened is beyond us. A darkness has descended on us; a storm is raging. The only thing we can do in this storm is to allow ourselves to stretch and change along with its demands, to help those around us who need it, while holding hands to feel we are not alone and reminding others neither are they.

Turkey in 2016

Once we delineate the general framework from a bird’s eye view and take a look at 2016, we see that Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and Mars are occupying the stage. In Turkey’s natal chart, Jupiter and Neptune represent the government and the party in power while Saturn represents law and the constitution. Mars symbolizes the parliament. Moreover, there is a solar eclipse in Turkey’s mid-heaven (MC) on March 8, 2016. These movements are noteworthy from the perspective of government and constitution. One can’t help but wonder if they could be suggesting early elections or some changes in the parliament. Jupiter will square Saturn in May and will conjunct Lunar North Node in June, enter Libra in September, cross over Turkey’s Mars in October, square first its Ascendant and Descendant and then Pluto, and form an opposition to Uranus. Jupiter is in detriment in Virgo—it has some power but there is also the potential to misuse it. Jupiter had gained some power from mid-October to mid-November in 2015, by crossing its bounds (term). Now it’s peregrine, in a powerless situation. Also close to Saturn boundary, it is both under pressure itself and applying pressure too. Saturn is ready to embrace Jupiter in Sagittarius, which is ruled by Jupiter, and both are busily emitting harm.

In Turkey’s chart, Saturn also symbolizes the deep state, death, national debt, law enforcement, universities, religion. Jupiter, on the other hand, signifies the political party in power, political leader, and the military. Saturn is on top of Mercury (opposing groups or parties, prisons, hospitals) in Libra, in a rather forceful
manner. Jupiter can be found in a spot that represents the youth, parks, town squares. When we think about all the events happening in southeast Turkey, the conflicts there between youth and security forces, the swift subjection of people opposing the government to interrogation, investigation, and imprisonment, we are able to see that all of these symbols have been triggered to action.

From a financial point of view, it's worthy of attention that Jupiter will square Turkey's Moon in September, then will pass over Turkey's Mars in October. The moon represents the country's resources and money, while Mars signifies the treasury.

At the end of March, Jupiter will return to its place within its bounds. It will stay there till July, gathering strength. Then it will enter Saturn's territory, while Saturn is re-joining Antares. This is a rather inauspicious conjunction. In August they will be accompanied by Mars as well. In September, Jupiter will square Turkey's Moon. So it seems possible that months of August and September will be especially tense and fiery. These influences can be spread a bit further on both sides, before and after, to form a wider period of time.

While we are discussing Mars, let's not forget that after getting very close to Antares on April 17, it will be going retrograde at 8 degrees 54 minutes from Sagittarius. This movement will occur at a place that represents the army, police, service sector, and labor unions. When a planet is stationary, all that it symbolizes is further empowered by the stillness. It is noteworthy that Mars will be stationary near Antares. However, the fact that it then goes retrograde afterwards makes one wonder if a topic will appear and then regress for a period of time, only to appear more brightly later. Mars will retrograde as far as Turkey's Jupiter (military, party in power) and will begin forward motion from there on June 29. This could be a sign of the starting of an action.

When Mars re-joins Antares toward the end of August, this time along with a conjunction to Saturn, it could be a period of time that will brand 2016 with its seal.

At the moment, Jupiter is advancing in an area that represents the country's opposition. The administration in power and the military are busy in a concentrated effort. In March, Jupiter will return to the area that represents neighbors, media, elementary education and will stay there until June. This could possibly point to some developments in those arenas.

From a financial point of view, it's worthy of attention that Jupiter will square Turkey's Moon in September, then will pass over Turkey's Mars in October. The moon represents the country's resources and money, while Mars signifies the treasury. Mars's conjunction with Saturn (national debt, 8. House) is also interesting. In Turkey's solar return chart, Sun is in the 2. House, which is the house of money. So this year money matters could be in the forefront. We can say that autumn months will be sensitive from the perspective of country's economy. The last week of September will be especially worth watching closely as Mars will oppose natal Moon. Given this prospect, you would be served well by spending your money carefully.

We will experience a Jupiter-Saturn square in May and then Saturn-Neptune squares in June and September. On this subject, I would recommend that you read the articles "Toward Hope" and "Saturn-Neptune Square." The other events will also be examined as their times arrive during the year.

Conclusion

For approximately the last 10 years, on every New Year's occasion, I've been writing about the dark days awaiting us. I make suggestions that in my opinion would be beneficial to keeping darkness at bay. If I were speaking to one person at a time, perhaps it could make a difference. However, as I address a whole country, it doesn't seem to provide a benefit. Actual experience of these forces seems essential for that. People change either when they learn a lot or when they go through much suffering. And good days are always followed by bad ones. Nature's equilibrium doesn't allow for perpetually beautiful or bright, sunny days. Nights always follow days, as winter follows summer and darkness follows light. Right now, we are experiencing life's winter and it's going to be a long winter, indeed. But let's not forget, spring will surely follow this winter. We will realize later that darkness too has meaning even if it seems appalling now while we are in it. Perhaps we will then know that the new-born reality will be far better than what we've known in the past.

Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi has explained this well in his poem "The Guest House":

"This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes As an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture, still treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in.
Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond."

Notwithstanding all this, happy new year to all of you. Stay alive; be well...

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Zimbabwe, a former colony of the UK by the name of Rhodesia or Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, gained its independence on 18 April 1980.

The 15 years prior to independence were marked by a great deal of turmoil: it was the time of the Zimbabwe Liberation War, with landmarks being the Unilateral Declaration of Independence of 1965 led by Ian Smith and his white supremacist government, many ensuing bloody skirmishes between three opposing forces, and finally the Lancaster House Agreement of 1979 outlining the road to official independence and black majority rule.

Robert Gabriel Mugabe (d.o.b. 21 February 1924) was elected the first Prime Minister of Zimbabwe and served in that position until 1987 when he became President, following an amendment of the constitution. As of August 2016, Robert Mugabe is the world’s oldest and one of the longest serving Head of State. His 36 year old rule has been characterised by gross human rights violations and heavy-handed totalitarian governance, putting him squarely in the league of world dictators. Born close on the heels of a lunar eclipse, his natal chart shows his close connection to Zimbabwe’s destiny. With a righteous Mars/Jupiter conjunction in Sagittarius, squaring Zimbabwe’s NN/Mars/Jupiter stellium in Leo/Virgo, he was bound to make a “power-full” impact on the country, for the better or for the worse … the latter sadly having manifested.

Increasing political turmoil, economic hardship, acts of oppression and intimidation following the enforced land reform programs of the early years of the new millennium were cause for many Zimbabweans to flee the country in a modern day diaspora, in search of greener pastures. As many as 25% of all Zimbabweans are estimated to have left the country, the majority in possession of higher education levels and work experience, leaving behind their countrymen with lesser economic and intellectual prowess.

For many long years the Zimbabwean people appeared powerless against Robert Mugabe and his cronies, who gutted the country of its ample resources and wealth in acts of self-enrichment, leaving the majority of the population in poverty and dejection. Any attempt to oppose the centre of power was met with violence and death. So people decided it was better to just go about their lives, mind their own business and be subservient to the powers that be.

Until 2016, when suddenly something appeared to start shifting. Quietly and almost unnoticed a change was in the making. Occasional voices of dissent were heard, gradually increasing in number, frequency and audacity. And then in June 2016 a formerly unknown pastor of the Baptist church, Evan Mawarire, was catapulted into fame when he unwittingly launched the #ThisFlag movement with a recorded lament on the Zimbabwean flag that went viral. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LubMilbHiPg)

This event became a major turning point, and suddenly Zimbabweans
The initially peaceful movement came under pressure when Mars joined Saturn at 9° Sagittarius, on the fixed star Antares, on 24th August.

Initially the people’s movement was peaceful, but it provoked the established authorities who were at a loss as to how to react to something so new to them. But the initially peaceful movement came under pressure when Mars joined Saturn at 9° Sagittarius, on the fixed star Antares, on 24th August.

This fiery red-hot energy now opposing the very same ‘people’s voice’ caused an eruption of violence, with riot police aggressively breaking up a peaceful demonstration. It did not however, break the back of the people’s movement as authorities has intended, and two days later, on 26 August, another demonstra-
tion was called, and once again broken up with water cannon and tear gas amidst running street battles, cars and market stall set on fire and shops looted.

The people have vowed that they shall not be silenced, and more demonstrations and national strikes are being planned as this article is written. It can only be hoped that they will be given space and not repressed with violence. However, as violence is the only strategy this regime knows, it is hard to imagine a different scenario.

An interesting observation on the transit chart of 24 August is asteroid Pallas Athena (retrograde) locking onto Zimbabwe’s nodal axis at 26º Aquarius/Leo at the very same moment that Mars reached its conjunction with Saturn at 9º Sag. Pallas Athena is the mythological Greek goddess who was prophesied to be as powerful as her father Zeus (Jupiter), who subsequently swallowed her pregnant mother whole to prevent this from happening. Pallas Athena was born from her father’s head in full body armour, wielding a spear and a battle cry. Virgin goddess of wisdom, courage and just warfare, who will only act with force when all avenues to a peaceful solution are exhausted, and defeating the patriarchy that sought to destroy her before her birth. Carrier of the olive branch of peace, and symbolized by the owl, Pallas Athena will move away from Zimbabwe’s nodal axis but will once again lock onto the nodes in her forward movement, in exact conjunction with transiting Mars – her male counterpart, on December 14, 2016.

Even more ominously, at the same time and culminating over the last few weeks of December, transiting Uranus (retrograde) in Aries with transiting Jupiter in Libra will lock onto Zimbabwe’s natal Pluto at 20º Libra. Drawing Zimbabwe’s natal Sun at 28º Aries into the equation, we can anticipate a time of transformation, liberation, a move towards re-establishing a balance of power that will do justice to the people, and a healing of old and outdated authoritarian structures (transit Chiron in Pisces exactly opposite natal Saturn at 21º Virgo).

The timing is hugely symbolical, as at this time the world celebrates the Summer Solstice (southern hemisphere) when the Sun is at its peak and most powerful, Christmas time and the birth of new hope, and the closure of the year 2016, completing a phase as a 9 numerological year, into a fresh new start.

It is clear that Zimbabwe is heading for a long-awaited change. The genie is out of the bottle and it is now a matter of time before change of leadership and a true shift in the direction of peace, equality and enlightened leadership can manifest.

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**PILLARS OF DESTINY, The Fixed Stars in Astrology**
By ALEKSANDAR IMSIRAGIC

Pillars of Destiny, The Fixed Stars in Astrology is an amazing resource for the serious student of astrology and for those who have a deep appreciation for mythology. Night sky lovers who enjoy looking at the stars can use this book as a reference to identify major constellations and learn about star legends and lore.

Aleksandar Imsiragic, describes 291 fixed stars with mythological codes for the corresponding constellations. He intelligently designs his book in very specific sections, with important illustrations including how the stars align with each degree of the Zodiac, and many detailed reference tables throughout.

In the first extensive section, the author outlines where the fixed stars are located through the 12 Zodiac signs by each degree. The next section lists the fixed stars as they appear in the Zodiac constellations. The continuing chapters expand the descriptions of constellations beyond the ecliptic, with a special emphasis on the “Royal Family of Constellations”. The author summaries in detail the mythological origins and astrological influences behind these constellations. He adds richness by listing the seven visible planets and the meaning associated with these planets align with specific stars.

In the final chapters of the book, the author includes a very rich section called “The Anatomy of Constellations”. He describes and lists the stars by body area and states, “the fixed stars indicate the unconscious part of existence, so that the stars and constellations, primarily describe physical reality”. For example, stars in the head of a constellation are symbolic of taking the lead, arms are associated with practical detail, while stars in the legs represent social connections. Here, the author asserts “by understanding the anatomy of a constellation, we can see how the meaning of a star will literally manifest in the body”.

Aleksandar Imsiragic concludes his epic reference book over 600 pages with a surprising and touching chapter called “The Son of Orion and The Virgin”. Here, he includes research indicating planet patterns for the birth of Christ and the Star of Bethlehem.

Seasoned astrologers may easily use this book as a great reference for personal or professional practice. New astrologers may be intrigued and inspired by the rich depth of mythology and wisdom encoded in the meaning for each star. The author is doing a great service to the field of astrology by compiling such an extensive resource. Going beyond the Zodiac and planets, Pillars of Destiny, The Fixed Stars in Astrology reminds both astrologers and seekers of the awe-some wonder encoded throughout the entire sky.

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1. **What rate is Pluto moving per year in Solar Arcs**
   a. Pluto does not significantly move in Solar Arcs
   b. Approximately 3 degrees per year
   c. 1 degree per year
   d. Same as the rate of the Progressed Sun

2. **What constellation is the Sun located in during the Winter Solstice in the North?**
   a. Scorpio
   b. Sagittarius
   c. Capricorn
   d. Aquarius

3. **When is a planet the closest to the Earth?**
   a. At its Perihelion
   b. At its Aphelion
   c. When it retrogrades
   d. All of the above

4. **Which of these Sun signs is the most common in the world?**
   a. Sagittarius
   b. Cancer
   c. Leo
   d. Libra

5. **Which Dwarf Planet is associated with an egg in its myth?**
   a. Haumea
   b. Sedna
   c. Makemake
   d. Eris

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In prior Enhancing Your Practice columns, I talked about identifying your ideal clients and charging money. In this issue, I'll cover marketing or selling your services as an astrologer! We'll explore ideas and suggestions about ways to market your practice. Get a copy of your chart to follow along! Please take time, as you read the column, to do the suggested Exercises. Put the Exercises in a safe place where you can reference and use them during the year we spend together. The Exercises will help you build a practice you adore and attract clients you love!

Probably the most challenging part of being a Professional Astrologer is marketing or selling your services. For many, the words “marketing” or “selling” describe a dark and stormy place filled with doubt and anxiety. “Am I good enough? “Do I know enough?” “Why would someone want to buy from me?” “I don’t know how to self-promote!” “My (mother, father, church, authority figure) said self-praise (promotion) is no praise at all!” “Why ask me when XYZ astrology is better than mine and/or knows more than me?”

Sales and marketing have negative connotations in many people’s minds. “I don’t want to be pushy!” “I don’t know how to sell things to people!” “I am not interested in ‘selling’ astrology – it is spiritual to me!”

These thoughts or similar ones can cause us to pause or avoid marketing or selling our services. Let’s take a new astrological approach to marketing and selling.

To start, please take the time to go through the following exercise.

Did a friend mention you were an astrologer? Were you at a party, class or gathering and talking about astrology, and someone asked for your card? Gather the various ways that previous clients found you.

The way you “sold” your services to them holds your natural selling approach. It answers how you naturally marketed your services. For the clients you can’t remember how they found you, make a mental list.

When you finish meditating, contact each client (as you feel drawn to) and ask how they found you.

Often our natural enthusiasm about astrology brings clients to our door. Your posted comments on social media help people find you because they like how you think. In my case, I often talk about astrology in a public space while with a friend, so the waiter or people at the table next to me ask for my card. A friend of mine gives a lovely handout with each chart prepared, so he gets lots of referrals of people reading the written handout over the shoulder of his client riding the subway or bus to their next appointment.

Once you identify HOW your current clients found you, keep doing it! That is marketing! That is how you sell your services!

We can also look at your chart to see how you can improve your marketing or selling skills.

For example, Taurus rules my Third House and Scorpio rules my Ninth House. Venus and Saturn are joined in my Eighth House of money from other people. Mars, traditional ruler of Scorpio, is in my Eleventh House on my North Node, bringing the energy of advertising to groups, the internet or communities - all areas governed by the Eleventh House. Mars and Venus are sextile to each other, so I needed to find a way to get Mars and Venus to work together. Pluto, modern ruler of Scorpio, is in my Seventh House quintile to my Venus.

My first break in getting clients came when I started writing an internet column for another woman (Venus) astrologer’s website. The Third House is the house of writing. She didn’t pay me (Venus/Saturn conjunction) but I would get client referrals from the weekly column I wrote for her site. My chart with Venus and Saturn in the Eighth House suggests that if I offer things for free or at a low cost (Venus/Saturn) to people, they will sample...
it, decide they like me, and buy from me. The Saturn influence means there will be a delay ~ you wouldn't believe how many new clients say “I've been reading you for years and decided it was time for an appointment.”

Following the success of the weekly column, I started a podcast ~ talking is a Third House activity. I didn't charge for it (Venus/Saturn). One podcast grew to three podcasts serving different types of clients. The podcasts generated clients and speaking opportunities. With Pluto in the Seventh House, people get “addicted” to my writing or podcasts, try me out, and come for consultations.

I had an Aries Sun/Scorpio Moon student who had next to no planets in her Seventh House but tons of planets in her Fourth Quadrant. The rulers of her Third and Ninth Houses were in her Twelfth and Third houses. When she said she

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wanted to be like me and read for clients, I replied, no she was probably going to do more group work with the masses due to the Fourth Quadrant emphasis. She would get clients but she found it very frustrating when they didn't listen to her Aries Sun's direct instructions. Her Scorpio Moon didn't like listening to her clients' whining and not taking action to change. The Third House ruler in her Twelfth meant she was able to appeal to the unknown masses. The Ninth House ruler in her Third House meant that by her simply writing, talking, and communicating she would market her services. Initially, she was very active on social media. She was “discovered.” Now, she is a well-paid astrology writer for a highly successful website, has a YouTube channel, and is working on other projects for the masses. Recently, she decided to stop reading for clients entirely and referred her clients to other astrologers. And as her writing is simply terrific, it has been stolen by other astrologers ~ the ruler of the third in her Twelfth House ~ and presented as their own. Because she is an Aries with a Scorpio Moon she catches them! As Dick Gregory says, “If it is a good idea, people will steal it!”

Another astrologer with an Aquarius Sun and a Capricorn moon has the ruler of his Ninth House, Aries, in Sagittarius in the Fifth House on his North Node and the ruler of his Third House, Venus, in Pisces in the Eighth House and the Sun in Aquarius in the Seventh House does absolutely NO marketing. He hates marketing! He reads for his clients. The clients are fascinated by the reading so they start to study astrology with him. He gets referrals from all their friends and associates while they are studying with him. He has educated literally hundreds of astrologers in his years in business, birthing a new “litter” of baby astrologers into the world every 2½ years while reading them, their friends, and associates. He runs an annual education conference ~ further marketing his services by not marketing ~ Mars and the North Node in Sagittarius in the Fifth House of pleasure for him and the Eleventh House of astrology for others! Plus people always talk about him when they are doing “fun” Fifth House things and discover they share him as an astrologer and tell their friends to go see him!

Explore your chart to see how you “naturally” sell and market your services. If you think about people who were MEMORABLE and who you bought things from ~ who “sold” you things ~ they have certain characteristics. What were they? That is another way to diagnose your natural marketing or selling characteristics. We buy from who we like ~ they sold to you the way you liked to be sold to! So reverse it and sell your services out to the world!

Another option is simply to look at what other astrologers do to promote their services. If you see something you like or that appeals to you, try it. Their work drew you in! Do similar things to draw your clients in! Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!

In this wild and crazy world, we need good astrologers out there helping people navigate the energy! It is a fabulous time to market your services and help others understand what they are here to do! If you don't want to sell yourself, sell ASTROLOGY! You love it for a reason! Talk about why you love it ~ your enthusiasm will be contagious!

As you value astrology and believe in astrology's power to help people, treat yourself with the same respect you would give to a doctor, lawyer, therapist, or accountant! And, did you notice? Not many of doctors, lawyers, therapists or accountants “market” or “advertise” either ~ yet they have clients!

This column is designed for you. If you have an area of your practice that you are wrestling with, send it to me. We'll tackle it together! Here's to a fabulous fall as Jupiter enters the sign of beauty, love and money Libra! Mark your calendars for the next OPA Retreat October 19-22, 2017!

With love & gratitude,
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Thank you for speaking to OPA about the Kepler conference! Can you tell us what your role is in the production of the conference?

As the Conference Coordinator, I would say my role is central. The Kepler Conference started out under David Cochrane at Cosmic Patterns Software. He always wanted to have a research conference in Florida in the winter. David had chosen the date and started putting the feelers out, but his wife, Fei, was too busy to take on all the extra work involved. So the project was in limbo when I showed up at their home in Gainesville in June of 2015.

I had just returned home to Florida after working in Saudi Arabia for several years. Like David, I’d always wanted to do a research conference in Florida in the winter too, so once we started talking about it, everything quickly fell into place.

I’ve been putting things together for a little over a year now, and learning a lot in the process. David always said that it takes one person with a vision, rather than a committee, to get something new off the ground. Let’s just say there’s a lot of Aries between us. We’ve definitely built up a team, and even a community of speakers, participants, students & volunteers over the past year, but at the end of the day, I guess the buck stops here.

... and a bit about you and your personal involvement with astrology?

I’ve always been an astrologer, since I was a teenager. I sound like I’m joking when I say that astrologers are born, not made, but for millennia, it was a hereditary vocation determined more by caste and birth, and that’s always been my ilk. I was fortunate to study with the good and great in Miami, Boston and Los Angeles way back in the ‘70’s & ‘80’s; when the AFA was the only game in town, nobody even dreamed of UAC yet and we were still casting charts with a pencil & paper. I’ve seen a lot of things come and go.

I was always a little different. I was born with Uranus in the 1st house, so everything about me is a little different. I have never been comfortable in the traditional astrologer’s role. Even starting out, I was always a little more academic and focused on the big picture, rather than doing readings. Don’t get me wrong – I’ve done plenty of readings, but I just naturally go in other directions. I work all over the world in some other interesting fields, too, and that’s continually expanded my perspective.

After the Uranus-Neptune conjunction in 1993, I started focusing on astrology more, and on publishing in particular. Some of my fondest memories involve walking into a wee astrology shop on the west coast of Ireland, or a psychic fair in Melbourne, Australia, where astrologers recognized me immediately because they all read The Mountain Astrologer. Thanks, Tem. I also did my share of volunteer organizational work. I like publishing more. Once I had a couple of books under my belt, I toured for several years, speaking for astrology, religious & academic venues all over the world. I had my own little circuit, and it was a lot of fun.

Once Nick Campion started the MA in Cultural Astronomy at Bath, I was in. I graduated with the 2nd year class in 2005, when it was still a taught course. The MA was life-changing. I really worked at it; seemingly always on buses and trains to London, spending endless hours poring over texts in the British Library and the British Museum. I came away with an appreciation of astrology’s rightful place within the academy, as well as an uncomfortable awareness of how very far we have to go.

In the course of completing the MA, I also conceived this burning passion for Persian and Islamic studies, which is how I ended up working in Saudi Arabia. I just had to get to know these people, especially the women. I love them so much, and I’m still very involved in teaching there, and in peacemaking/citizen diplomacy. Of course, living in Saudi, it wasn’t like I could just go out and do whatever I wanted, so that left a lot of time for ‘Sirius’ research. It all came full circle when I came back home and caught up with David and Fei last year.

What sets the Kepler conference apart from other astrology conferences?

Now that’s a very good question. Perhaps it’s our desire to stop setting astrology apart; to try to bring it more within the fold, and more in line with what has worked in legitimating other professions.

You know, for many centuries, everyone believed that electricity was this esoteric, miracle-mongeringly, magical force. Nobody wanted it coursing through the walls of their home.

Now its predictability powers our lives. How did that happen? Look at where the field of psychology is today, compared to say, 100 years ago. They’ve come a long way and that required a concerted effort. In the pro-

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cess of integrating into the academy, psychology also changed the academy, for the better. Like psychology, astrology could potentially transform the way everybody does everything, but that requires bringing astrology in line with the same professional standards and best practices that everybody else is using.
What are you aiming to achieve with the event?
I have to think along the lines of a 5-year plan, and a 10-year plan, rather than one event. In order to compile and compound the body of evidence, we need to set goals and then annually reconvene to keep redefining those goals as we go along.
However, at this first Kepler Conference, I hope our greatest achievement will be to effectively communicate the value and benefits of research to astrologers. That, in and of itself, will be an historic achievement!
As it is, research puts people to sleep, and researchers tend to speak in an occult language understood only amongst themselves. We have to communicate more effectively.
Our speakers have to be able to simplify and break it down, and make the results relevant to the average astrologer. We have to care about reaching and teaching everyone in our audience, making research engaging, interactive, social and even fun! When astrologers leave the Kepler Conference, we want them to feel excited and enthusiastic about the benefits of research and well-equipped to share the amazing things they've learned with the world.
That's what we aim to achieve with this first event – along with goal-setting for the coming year and the next conference.

Who are the speakers at the conference and how did you select them?
We did a 'call for papers' last year and got a lot of good submissions from both new and well-established researchers, covering a range of projects and topics. The main criterion for selection is the quality of their work. It needs to be evidence-based, preferably using big data samples and a well-defined methodology, and the results need to be applicable in some way. We try to include both qualitative and quantitative projects, and want to actively encourage innovation and uniquely astrological approaches.
There's one big disqualifier at the Kepler Conference, and it doesn't have anything to do with research: No drama! No acting out, no rudeness, anger, disrespect, oppressive or undermining behavior and you have to be able to meet a deadline. The Conference Coordinator is Cancer rising. I just can't have it. I've had to turn a couple of people away for behavior that was emotionally detrimental to the whole; (or to me!) but

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as it is, we’re thrilled to have a happy & healthy lineup:

David Cochrane, Dr. Will Morris, Dr. Bruce Scofield, Dr. Glenn Perry, Dr. Nick Kollerstrom, Bill Meridian, Wendy Stacey, M.A., Renay Oshop, M.S., Alex Trenoweth, M.A., Linda Berry, MSSW, Michele Finey, Cassandra Butler, Franco Minatel will be representing the AstroInvestigators and of course, Maurice Fernandez will be there for the OPA. I’ll be presenting too.

What do you think will be the highlight of the event?

I hope there will be any number of high points, for instance, the opening reception and our evening panels: Expanding Professional Applications and the WWF Research Methodology Smackdown.

Still, I think Sunday could prove to be the best day. We’ll all be together inside for Friday and Saturday, in one big room, and that will be great – but two days of that is enough. On Sunday, we’re breaking down the walls and making the most of the beauty of this oceanfront resort to get everybody outdoors, into nature, and interacting in smaller groups.

On Sunday, our attendees can spend more time engaging with their favorite speakers, in discussions addressing their personal questions, concerns and hopes for the future, in between wandering the trails on the dunes, lounging under giant banyan trees, or gazing out to sea...

Sunday gets a lot more personal and in-depth, and then ends with an astrological football party. As a matter of fact, the Kepler Conference starts with the Presidential Inauguration and ends with the NFL Championships. Now that’s timing.

Then on Monday, we’re going on an insider tour of the Kennedy Space Center... It’s really hard to pick just one.

What do you feel should happen in the field of Astrology to stimulate growth and progress?

In a nutshell, I think we need to expand beyond just doing readings and start thinking more along the lines of 'actuarial science.' It actually pains me when I think of all the ways astrology could be used to help people, but isn’t. Of course there will always be a certain demand for readings, but I’d like to see astrologers thinking more about supplying the kind of information that would be valuable to professionals in education, safety and accident prevention, transportation, agriculture, sports, management, and any of the fields that already hire long-range planners and forecasters, or use psychometrics to evaluate personnel. We belong. We are as good as or better than anybody else, but it’s our responsibility to make our potential market aware of what we can do for them, in language that they recognize and respect.

What are new standards that you would like to see integrated in the field?

I’m going to revert to my psychology example again. In integrating into the academy, psychology hasn’t always measured up. In fact, it’s difficult to replicate experimental results, but that doesn’t even matter anymore because psychology has so transformed the social landscape that nobody can afford to operate without it.

I can envision a future in which astrological insights are so valuable, and have so transformed the social landscape, that no one can afford to operate without them. By using the tools available to us: big data and the latest information technologies, and adhering to the same academic and professional standards as everyone else, we can build that future together.

We don’t have to stand apart. We belong.

Many thanks and blessings for a great success!
Fifty percent of the horary questions tend to be in the relationship arena. They range from the most popular does he or she love me to the question of can I trust my business partner. Any relationship question is between two people, a seventh house question, even if you need to turn the chart. This can happen when a concerned parent asks about a relationship of child and child’s partner. The child is the 5th house and seven houses away, the 11th house and its ruler, is the child partner.

I recently got a question from a client, “What’s up with this man of mine, who is this woman in his life, should I worry, does he love me and where is his head space right now?”

I timed the question for 8:10 am when I understood it on the 16th of July 2016 in Johannesburg, South Africa. As I am the astrologer the chart is set where I live, this is where the birth of the question takes place.

This particular client did not want a written report as is normal with horary astrology, she wanted to come in and consult. I delineated the chart before she came, putting in the antiscion of each planet. Adding in any fixed starts on the major significators and noting all things from essential dignity right through to aspects.

What is an antiscion or antiscia (plural) you may ask?

It is from the Greek word ‘shadow’ the planet has another placement in its antiscion degree. In this degree it will act exactly where it is bodily, but the contacts are of a hidden nature.

In relationships this can give us a deeper insight as to the nature of the people involved. If there is a conjunction of the two significators this can signify marriage, but by antiscion it will be an affair. We only use opposition and conjunction aspects to antiscia. I have added the antiscia of the main significators in red on the chart.

Fixed stars in horary questions can have a major bearing on horary judgement; we are only concerned with conjunction with actual significators, not antiscia. If we can see that a planet or significator is moving towards a fixed star without any prohibition, this can often tell us of the outcome moving forward.

An example quoted by John Frawley in his textbook is the question, “Can I prevent divorce?” With the spouse’s significator, lord 7 applying to conjunct Vindamiatrix, a star concerned with weeping widows could be an indication that divorce is on the spouses mind.

Many a time one will see a fixed star bringing properties of blindness or impaired vision, especially on the Ascendant which is the reason for the question.

Back to my client’s question: “What’s up with this man of mine, who is this woman in his life, should I worry, does he love me and where is his head space right now?”

When looking for the significators of a relationship horary the querent always gets the significator of the first house and the Moon, unless the Moon belongs to the other person asked about. The quesited, or person asked after is given the ruler of the seventh house.

When we look at a love relationship we can add in extra players if they are not already involved. For the women we add in Venus as cosignificator and for the Men the Sun. Venus and the Sun use their hearts, the Moon the emotional while L1 and L7 using their heads.

In My clients horary I put in the antiscia and saw that no aspects were applying to any of the significators apart from which the client’s significator the Sun has separated from an opposition from the antiscia of both Saturn and Moon, showing a past event.

An opposition can mean getting together only to part. In this case as the astrologer I can see that deep inside the querent wondered about the future of this relationship. Other than that there are no other aspects, I can leave the other antiscia out of the picture.

As for the fixed stars, we have three: Acubens (13 Leo 38) is conjunct the ascendant, the querent my client. This is a star with concerned with malevolence, making the native shady, poisonous and
violent due to anger. All this shows me now is that I have an angry client.

Antares (9 Sagittarius 43) a fixed star concerned with religious hypocrisy and disappointment is conjunct my clients partner significator Saturn and her cosignificator the Moon where it brings along an added energy of blindness.

Dorsum (13 Aquarius 51) is on the 7th house cusp showing her partner is being unfortunately influenced. Please note I have put the fixed stars into the chart in green.

I love these fixed stars as they can give us a bit of depth to the planets and house cusps. In this case the boyfriend is a pastor in the United States. This is a 4 year long distance relationship, my client lives in South Africa which leads to all sorts of imagined issues.

He is a pastor with problems ‘especially the other woman’ and is thinking of a change in profession to full time university lecturer. This is more testimony as the fixed stars add colour to the horary, Antares with religious energy.

There is separating conjunction of the Moon, her cosignificator from Lord Seven Saturn, her boyfriend; I asked if they had just been together. They had, he has just left to go back to the USA leaving her with doubts and anger at messages she read from ‘the other woman’ off his cell phone.

This is the shady, angry behaviour the fixed star on the ascendant shows. What I need to do now is make sure I have all the correct significators. Her boyfriend is the 7th house, the ruler or Lord is Saturn, being ruler of Aquarius.

She is the Sun as it rules Leo on the 1st house cusp, the Moon will be her co-significator and Venus the third significator as Venus rules her heart. If the Sun does not rule the querent then it is given to the male.

He does not get the Sun in this question as it is the main ruler my client. He only has one significator, Saturn. As this other woman seems to be the thorn in the side we need to find her significator. My client mentioned that this woman is up to no good and the messages are veiled threats of exposé to inappropriate behaviour.

According to my client her boyfriend’s kindness and help has been taken the wrong way by this woman and she is holding him ransom. Her boyfriend is being harmed by this woman and this woman is harming him.

This is where we need to look at the Ptolemy Table of Essential dignities to see if the planets are in mutual reception with each other as well as showing us what the feel about the other each other in this chart.

So who is harming Lord 7 the boyfriend shown by aspect or dignity? Immediately I see that the boyfriend, Saturn in Sagittarius receives Mercury in his detriment. This shows that he hates who Mercury signifies, any planet in its detriment is bad and can harm, and in this case Mercury can harm Saturn.

I look at Mercury the trickster, in Leo peregrine by dignity showing further testimony as being up to mischief and receiving Saturn in detriment, can harm Saturn the boyfriend. Mercury and Saturn are in Mutual reception by receiving each other in detriment; this is testimony for Mercury being the other woman.

Further testimony for Mercury to be the other woman is an applying aspect to conjunct my clients co-significator Venus. Mercury is on my clients mind, the conjunction and in the sign of my client Leo. This shows that they are aware of each other, to clarify I ask if this is so.

The client input is vital .... get all the facts before making a judgement.

They are, my client had words with her last time she was in America and recently blocked this woman from her boyfriend’s phone. My client has written her a threatening message to send after our consultation.

Mercury is about to conjunct Venus, this letter is going to hit its mark and I am happy with the choice of Mercury as the significator of the other woman.

Now we need to see if he loves my client, we look at the table of dignities to see how he receives her. It is a day chart and we can see he receives the Sun, her significator, by face, she is his dear friend.

She on the other hand only receives him in her detriment; in this case she is being harmed by him and therefore in turn can harm him. I mention this to her and she agrees that she is putting pressure on him to leave the ministry and come back to Africa.

This poor chap is not only retrograde (Saturn), so behaving against nature or wanting to reinvent himself, he is peregrine. She wanted to know where his headspace is. For one we can see he is very confused. For further information we need look at the dignities and the house his significator is in.

Saturn is in his 10th house (counting from the 7th house). In last article I spoke about turning the chart to find the correct houses. By turning the chart the 4th house is his 10th house his career. His significator is Saturn in the sign that opens his 11th house (Sagittarius) so he is looking at the goals he wants to achieve moving forward in his career, being retrograde in this chart shows he is researching his options.

I mention this to her and she reveals that he is looking at accepting a lecturing post at a university in the area of political studies. This is where his head space is, he needs her to be his friend, as the astrologer I now warn her that her nagging and jealousy can harm him as she receives him in her detriment, where he receives her in her triplicity he is not harming her.

My client left feeling happier as the horary confirmed that there was nothing sexual between him and the other woman, he had told my client the truth in that regard. It showed that his mind was occupied with his career and the way forward. Dorsum the fixed star shows that his move may be due to the unfortunate influence brought about by this other woman’s behaviour.

This is a long article, relationship Horaries can be simple, but in many cases they can be messy. It is the Horary Practitioners job to be able to unravel the events of the chart. The client input is vital, as you can see in the way I worked with this client to get all the facts before making a judgement.

I need to caution the Astrologer who has not studied this craft to avoid taking on horary questions. It is a complicated craft and can be harmful to the client if not done correctly. If Horary interests you, study it with a qualified Horary teacher.

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Mercury in the Sky

Morning Star -> Evening Star; extremely slow to max speed; high and bright in morning -> invisible -> high and bright in evening.

At September Equinox, Mercury is as slow as he ever gets, juuust after his direct station as a Morning Star. This also signals

1. Mercury’s path (red line), September 22 (right) to December 21 (left)
2. Mercury superior conjunct the Sun (at position)
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he is close to his maximum elongation from the Sun, a symbol for maximum individuation of the Mercury function in collective consciousness now. Mercury at max e is always a strong time for clarifying what we're thinking, what others are saying but really meaning, and the ways we may not be communicating what we really want. Note that max e for both inner planets occurs twice each cycle: once in the morning sky and once in the evening sky.

Sky Astrology Principle – Stations of the inner planets are intimately linked with their maximum brightness and visibility in our skies. While all astrology courses teach on the meanings of a planet's station, few cover a planet's visibility periods. The interconnection between the stations of the inner planets (direct or retrograde) and their maximum brightness and longest appearance in our skies signifies an invaluable opportunity to awaken (brightness) to subtle places in our own awareness which normally remain hidden or unconscious (inner planets). In this case, the Sky Factors of Mercury and Venus – brightness and duration of visibility – add significantly to astrological significations of the planets' chart factors of sign, house and aspects.

On October 27, Mercury aligns with the Sun from Earth for his superior conjunction. This is Mercury at his "interior-yet-distant" point, when he is furthest from us than at any other time in his cycle. In past essays, I’ve written that Mercury on the other side of the Sun requires us to “go through/mediate the Sun to access our Mercury.” Normally for us modern people, Mercury is, ahem, a no brainer as he governs the speed of the mind and ubiquitous access to information. But at superior (exterior) conjunction, we’re required to deal with the ways we have become too attached to our mind, at the expense of our vitality and consciousness. At 4 Scorpio in between the constellations of the Goddess and the Scales, this conjunction creates a kind of pre-show or preliminary setup for what’s to come. Anything you’re considering now, you’d do well to ensure you have all the facts and that your emotions or instinctual needs aren’t driving this decision.

The second week of December sees the next max elongation/stationRx for Evening Star Mercury in mid-Capricorn amidst the stars of the Archer. This is a time for finally unraveling and organizing yourself, and aligning your long-held(?) plans with action. You may not have to wait very long for feedback from the universe!

VENUS in the Sky

Evening Star; moderately fast speed; visible after sunset and becoming brighter and higher throughout this period.

Venus is moving through her Remembering & Embodiment Phase, a 5-6 month period in which her Evening Star light grows higher and brighter each evening after sunset. At the end of tropical Libra at September Equinox, she begins this period in the stars of the Virgin Priestess/Goddess constellation, near the benevolent star Spica and travels through the constellations of the Scales, Scorpion, Archer and Goatfish. From now until December Solstice, Venus will meet up with a waxing Crescent Moon three times: October 3 at 12 Scorpio, November 3 at 19 Sagittarius and December 3 at 25 Capricorn. In her orbit, she is gradually coming closer to Earth.

The area of your life governed by Venus will see steady development in terms of how you interact with, rely on and come to trust others. After all, each of these is a reflection of how well we do them with
ourselves first. My sense is new information will come to light which may bring new opportunities, may surprise/shock you, or may challenge you to deepen your commitment to what’s most important to you. November 10-11 sees Venus in line with the central channel of our galaxy, a potent time for meditation and attunement to higher levels of consciousness. Again, things may surprise you here! Venus’ path now is in southern latitude but still close to the ecliptic. Resist the temptation to run with or believe every sign the universe seems to be giving you now. Definitely be open and welcome any information that comes naturally, but use discernment as there may not be as much support for materializing your plans as it might initially seem.

MARS in the Sky

Evening Star; fast and accelerating; distancing from Earth; still quite visible in the west after sunset; gradually becoming dimmer and closer to the horizon with each sunset.

The September Equinox through the end of September sees Mars in exact alignment with Galactic center. Either way, there is a huge amount of energy that wants to move out, into the world, into doing, exceeding or accomplishing. This can result in incredibly inspired actions, or unfortunate re-actions. Ensure you’re choosing what you really want!

About 87˚ from the Sun as an Evening Star, Mars is completing his Destiny Challenge Phase marked by his Evening Sky square from the Sun. The unique Challenge when Mars is an Evening Star surrounds meeting personal limitations (internally or externally) in the pursuit of a larger impact or contribution to one’s world. This is a challenge to our destiny or legacy, that area of our life which rests on much more than just personal wants and needs. It’s as if Mars’ ingress into tropical Capricorn, first through the stars of the Archer and then through those of the Goatfish, is challenging all of us to be our best not just for our friends and family but for our lasting influence on others. We will be faced with something previously hidden or suppressed – an inner fear or an outer limit - in this pursuit on October 19 when Mars conjoins Pluto at 15 Capricorn in the heart of the Archer’s aim (see graphic).

JUPITER in the Sky

Invisible; maximum speed; furthest from Earth; first new appearance (heliacal rising) signals the start of Jupiter’s new Libra Cycle.

Lord Jupiter is the great “Maker of More,” a phrase I find more accurate than “great benefic,” because Jupiter correlates with increases and expansions to that which we want but equally to that which we do not want. Just after September Equinox, Jupiter completes his prior synodic cycle with the Sun and begins anew (September 26 at

1. Jupiter conjunct Sun, Sep 26 at 3 Libra.
2. Jupiter’s path (in red), Sep 22 (lower right) through Dec 21 (upper left).
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3 Libra). This insemination of new light, which is the invisible start of the cycle (just as human conception begins new life invisibly), occurs near a visible star in the Goddess constellation, Zaniah, which correlates either to the throat area of the Goddess or to the large sheaf of wheat. She is holding. It would seem from these images, that Jupiter’s next cycle has much to do with finding or protecting our natural resilience against ‘external’ influences which run counter to our values.

Then on October 15 at 7 Libra, Jupiter announces himself visually in the pre-dawn light. Though Jupiter is mythologically associated with great wisdom, here that wisdom is nascent, untested and may have a tendency to extremes (Libra), expressed outwardly as self-righteous behavior (defended as ethical justice), emotional defensiveness, or mental or spiritual dissociation. Please note that it may take until close to December Solstice for these extremes to find a balance in our lives, so remember to be patient with yourself, others and the pace of positive change in your world.

Sky Astrology Principle - Every planet, when first appearing over the eastern horizon before sunrise to begin its cycle, carries a quality of being untested, naive and/or foreign in its own skin, relative to its own significations. By next incorporating the planet’s sign position at its rising will either support or mitigate this quality. This produces a rich canvas of multivalent meanings with which to delineate the planet, well beyond what the chart or sky alone can provide. The beginning of a planet’s new synodic cycle with the Sun is always an appropriate time to “wait and see” for the first indications of how those areas of our psyche and our lives are materializing, before fully committing.

SATURN in the Sky

Evening Star; initially visible, later dimming and disappearing (heliacally setting) from the sky.

Saturn begins this final quarter of 2016 still close to but departing the star Antares. His meetings with Mars here have been intensely reflective of the increasing turmoil in economics and politics. As Saturn is the slowest of the visible planets, visible conjunctions with other planets occur because they reach Saturn, never the opposite. Venus (October 29 at 14 Sagittarius), Mercury (November 23 at 16 Sagittarius) and the Sun (December 10 at 18 Sagittarius) are the meetings Saturn is laboring toward this period. Three of the four most ‘personal’ planets meeting with Saturn suggests events or changes beyond our personal range of influence may impact us more than we would expect them to. This can apply materially, emotionally or in another way. Rather than shoring up our defenses against this, it is far more prudent to be proactively honest with oneself about problematic or ‘stuck’ areas of one’s life. Strengthening our relationship with ourselves – honesty, responsibility, integrity – guarantees any surprises can be met with flexibility and eyes-wide-open, rather than with bracing fear.

December 10 will see the end of this Saturn Cycle when the Sun catches up with Saturn, placing Saturn thereafter on the other side of the Sun and portending his eventual heliacal rising. For any visible planet, the period from its Sun conjunction until making its first appearance as a morning star in the east is akin to a human embryo being conceived (Sun conjunction) until it is born (first visible appearance before sunrise). December 26 is Saturn’s heliacal rise at 20 Sagittarius, indicating that Sagittarius is the overture sign energy for this upcoming Saturn Cycle. In preparation, December 10-26 is a wonderful opportunity to regularly SLOW DOWN and attune or receive what the next year of Saturn-governed themes in your life may be bringing.

Where is Capricorn (and Aquarius if you follow Traditional rulerships) on your chart? Which houses do Capricorn/ Aquarius open? These provide a great starting point for investigation.

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THEMES OF THE SEASON

- Sept 9, 2016 to Oct 10, 2017 - Jupiter in Libra
- Sept 9, 2016 - Neptune square Saturn @ 10 degrees Pisces/Sagittarius
- Sept 27 to Nov 9 - Mars in Capricorn
- Sept 30 - New Moon at 8 degrees Libra
- Oct 5 - Mars square Jupiter at 5 Capricorn/Libra
- Oct 16 - Full Moon at 22 Aries, conjunct Uranus
- Oct 19 - Mars conjunct Pluto at 15 Capricorn
- Oct 29 - Mars square Uranus at 21 Capricorn-Aries
- Oct 30 - Venus conjunct Saturn at 14 Sagittarius
- Oct 30 - New Moon at 7 Scorpio
- Nov 9 - Mars enters Aquarius
- Nov 14 - Full Moon at 22 Taurus
- Nov 17 - Neptune conjunct the South Node at 9 Pisces
- Nov 24 - Jupiter square Pluto at 15 Libra/Capricorn
- Nov 25 - Venus conjunct Pluto at 15 Capricorn
- Nov 29 - New Moon at 7 Sagittarius
- Dec 2 - Mars trine Jupiter at 17 Aquarius/Libra

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Transits of the Season

By LYNNE HYDE

SEPTEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 22, 2016

The Sun enters Libra and stands strongly at zero degrees of declination. The Sun travelling around the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator and for just one powerful moment of time, pauses… right on the midpoint of the earth’s axis, right upon the middle of north and south, right at the spot between above and below, between light and dark and right in the place where we hover between extroversion and introversion. The Sun applauds this brief, tantalizing intermingling with earth’s sphere and we are released and restored. Balance is attained and is summoned forward, to vibrate fully for one lunar cycle. The Autumnal Equinox hums and purrs and we feel that we finally have a fair chance, again…

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The North Node in Virgo keeps encouraging us to pay attention, be organized and conscious of taking care of details. With the South Node conjunct Neptune in Pisces (this aspect will be exact on Nov 17 @ 9 degrees Pisces) the losses we feel could almost drown us. We need to meditate and let go. We need to be of service to everyone and everything around us and we need to compassionately and faithfully pray for the planet. The long transit of Chiron in Pisces along with the South Node has created a psychic wounding of immeasurable proportion. I need to turn the news off frequently now. Most of all this Fall we need to be grateful that the long Saturn-Neptune storm has now past and we need to begin to pick up the pieces carefully one step at a time and understand that stability can finally be trusted and restored. We can plan, we can continue, we can finally build again.

LIBRA CYCLE

Mars moving into Capricorn will square Jupiter in Libra on Oct 5 – this can lead to ideological adversities.

The Libra New Moon dances in at 8 degrees of Libra on September 30th and it will inconjunct Neptune at 10 Pisces along with Jupiter. There is a soft, gentle dreaminess to this New Moon. People in my gym, knowing I am an astrologer, keep asking when will it get better? When will things lighten up? I tell them after September. But I don't think until this cycle passes that the relief and belief that the worst is behind us will fully dawn. With the Pluto Uranus and the Saturn Neptune square's technically over we hopefully have the major intensity behind us. Added to that the September eclipse season has taken place. The New Moon is born at the mid-point of Pluto and Mars and Venus the ruler of this cycle, is in detriment in Scorpio. Let us intend on this intensity being framed as “passion” and give ourselves a break for Libra’s message of harmony to be heard. Make love not war now... Also Mars has been severely “out of bounds” in the south since August 8th. This may explain why we have been repressed, reactive and easily angered, and why violence around the globe has been so dominant.

The Aries full moon at 22 Aries on Oct 16th could turn the passionate theme into aggression now. The Moon is barely a degree away from Uranus, adding a sharp breakthrough or a debilitating break down to this Libra cycle. Pluto and Mars are moving to join at 15 degrees of Capricorn on October 19th triggering the old Uranus - Pluto square that's now become a wide T-square with the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter. We may dance into this cycle but the Full Moon with seven planets stressed in cardinal signs is a volcano ready to erupt if we are not extremely cautious and careful. Watch road rage, accidents and anarchy.

SCORPIO CYCLE

This finally is a better cycle, with a start that features some strong aspects that tenderly fade away and dissipate as we move through to the benevolent...
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Full Moon at 22 Taurus. On October 30th we leave Venus's domain and enter Mars's land. Mars, the ruler, is standing proudly with integrity in exaltation in Capricorn and has just returned "in bounds". He is tamer now and has gained more control but is squared by Uranus at 21 Capricorn/Aries (Oct 29) and unexpected, electric events and sudden change of plans could set this month's stage.

The election is upon us and the Scorpio seas are deep. Uranus, who has drafted this wild election scenario, is present to complete the uncertainty with a lightning bolt of bravado. Uranus though is thankfully softened by a trine to Venus and Saturn in Sagittarius so I am less worried about accidents, violence and breakdowns. Saturn will be soothed by Venus (conjunction at 14 Sagittarius – Oct 30) and goodness could be strengthened as they both sextile benefic Jupiter. This will help ground the fiery, impulsive Uranus in Aries. Jupiter squares Pluto at 15 Libra/Capricorn (Nov 24) and energy could be high, strong and vital. This is a good month to break out of old outdated psychological patterns. Any therapeutic digging could reveal the potent essence of what has been holding us back. Mercury joins the New Moon and the Scorpio stellium is beautifully trine Neptune and the South Node. Venus now takes Mars place of being "out of bounds". This means that...

Dance, paint, sing and create beauty and you might meet some important new souls from the past over a glass of exotic red wine that influence the direction of your life!

Mars will enter Aquarius the day after the US elections...

SAGITTARIUS CYCLE

With 5 planets in fire signs, December could be off to a furious paced hectic start. All the bodies except Uranus are bundled on the left side of the chart and people can be consumed with their concern for self and survival. The New Moon at 7 Sagittarius (Nov 29) is exactly square the nodes in Virgo/Pisces and we who meet and interact with now could lead somewhere important, if we can slow down and notice. Neptune is also square the New Moon and some could feel exceptionally lonely, abandoned and overly sensitive while others can be overwhelmed with keeping up appearances. Escapism is an underlying theme this month and addictive behavior could flourish. Don’t drink and drive... Jupiter, the ruler of Sag, is approaching its first opposition to Uranus – which will be exact at 20 Libra/Aries on Dec 26 - this could intensify and amplify the insecurity and the busyyness. Jupiter opposing Uranus also hints at important breakthroughs and perhaps new scientific discoveries.

Mars trines Jupiter at 17 Aquarius/Libra (Dec 2) and could add gasoline to the flames of taking on too much, though this can be a wonderful time to advance social causes and tolerance of diversity. Perhaps a wonderful time for social gatherings and events. Venus tightly squares Uranus may bring doubt in relationships or friendships – on a lighter note, we may struggle to find the right clothes for this holiday season. It may not be a good time for trying out a new haircut. Our sense of ascetics may be off and we may compulsively feel that we need to look good with Venus in constrictive Capricorn having just left a conjunction with Pluto (conjunction Nov 25 at 15 Capricorn).

Instead with the Sagittarius stellium and Saturn and Mercury trining Uranus this would be a great time for travel to foreign lands and for a chance to indulge and escape in awe and wonder...

The Full Moon at 22 Gemini (Dec 13) by mid-month increases the natal theme of excess and lack of boundaries but now sensitivity and consequenc- es show up. The Sun is conjunct Saturn and both are squaring Chiron. This is Saturn's first taste of Chiron's wounds, and tears could fall with one to many glasses of wine at parties and the Gemini Moon's reckless words. There will be a price to be paid and one can feel a sting. The need for freedom of expression is blowing like a strong wind with Jupiter, the Moon and Mars all in a grand air trine and ideas could be flying like a flock of wild birds. With Jupiter, the cycle’s ruler within a degree of opposition to Uranus, no one can be certain what will manifest but it will be progressive and out of the box and relationships could look entirely different now than when we started these Sagittarian times. Take a leap and fly. The wind is strong the sails are up and the philosophical fires are burning as 2016 comes close to its completion...

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