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# 2018 Relationship & Specialist Exam

Section 2 Question 1

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## 1. ASTRO HISTORY / CYCLES

With Saturn's ingress into Capricorn, the next few years are likely to be very significant, particularly as a planet in its rulership can be likened to a king or queen in their own castle.

Using historical reference points, examine how the effect of Saturn, returning to its rulership in Capricorn may influence world affairs and mass consciousness in general.

Hypothesise (in your own words), what the potential implications of this upcoming cycle of Saturn could mean, in terms of its future impact on humanity.

Include in your evaluation the potential for psychological transformation in the world at large. This must be your original work with only short references to other authors.

In December 2017 Saturn entered his own sign of Capricorn where he'll remain for the next three years until December 2020. In this dignified position, in the most pure, undiluted archetypal expression, his influence will be strong and clear and have far reaching effect upon his area of governance. Saturn rules the practical systems which regulate the concerns of mankind. These are the governance structures of society and include our political, religious, legal, monetary and economic systems. Saturn also rules the conservative and restraining bodies within society and directly effects the amount of freedom which is given or deigned. He is known as "Father time" "and "Lord of Karma": he demands responsibility accountability, restraint and retribution, while cultivating the restructuring or shifting of boundaries in a decisive and timely manner.

Saturn returns to "his place of dignity" approximately every 30 years and remains in that place for a period of three years. The game changing nature of this cycles is illustrated in history through the following key themes.

### **1. Regime Change, the rise and fall of leaders and shifts in geopolitical power**

1900-1903 -

- Death of Queen Victoria and Hirohito Emperor of Japan.
- Federation of Australia

1929-1932

- Rise of fascism in Europe and Japan

1959-1962

- The Cold War
- President Kennedy Elected

1988-1991

- Fall of the USSR
- Mikhail Gorbachev Elected
- Margaret Thatcher toppled from power
- George H.W. Bush Inaugurated

## **2. Upheaval in monetary and financial systems**

1900-1903

- Gold Standard Act is ratified.
- The New York Stock exchange crashes

1929-1932

- The Great depression

1959-1962

- Reserve and Commonwealth banks established in Australia
- OPEC is founded

1988-1991

- UK Poll tax Riots

## **3. Adjustments to international and or domestic borders or boundaries**

1900-1903

- The birth of “New Imperialism”
- Australia Federation

1929-1932

- Full autonomy for Catalonia

1959-1962

- Antarctica declared a scientific preserve
- Berlin Wall Construction

1988-1991

- Berlin wall falls
- Establishment of the European Union
- Independent State of Palestine declared

#### **4. The mobilization of the populous for common causes**

1900-1903

- International Red Cross founded

1929-1932

- Gandhi's Salt March
- American National Anthem adopted

1959-1962

- Birth of the "Counter Culture"
- Establishment of the European Court of Human Rights

1988-1991

- Tiananmen Square Protests.
- End of Apartheid regime in South Africa
- First World Aids Day and improvements in Homosexual rights

#### **5. Retribution in response to reckless and unscrupulous behavior**

1900-1903

- Kid “Curry” Logan (member of Butch Cassidy’s gang) sentenced to 20 years hard Labor

1929-1932

- Al Capone sentenced to 11 years for Tax Evasion.
- Federal Bureau of Prisons established in USA

1959-1962

- Adolf Eichmann captured and executed

1988-1991

- Lt Col Oliver North found guilty of conspiracy
- Former Treblinka charged and found Guilty of War Crimes
- Ronald Regan approves Death Penalty in USA for Drug Dealers

Under a dignified Saturn, old ineffectual structures within society collapse and new systems to come to power. This clearly displayed through changing face of world powers; regime changes and rise and fall of significant leaders shifting the global balance of power.

In our current cycle the spotlight is on the populist American President Donald Trump; who’s reckless and irresponsible domestic and global agenda has threatened the worlds security, global economy, the environment and human rights. We have seen evidence of suspicious and unethical international and personal relationships, and dubious financial transactions. Saturn will demand retribution and under this cycle he may well be held accountable.

We can also expect new influential world players to rise to power such as the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has risen to be most influential figure in the world's

leading oil exporter. Recently in September he consolidated his power with the arrest of more than 20 influential clerics and intellectuals and perceived opponents to his rule.

We can also expect to see Government and regime change. In 1959/62 we saw the rise of the USA as the preeminent super power as the British empire declined. We see this trend continue with advent of Brexit and the UK's scheduled departure from the EU in March, 2019. the USA's position globally appears to be on shaky ground as China's ascent continues. May 2018 saw the unexpected defeat of the Malaysian ruling coalition's 60-year reign, and in the Winter Olympics we saw North and South Korea march together in the opening ceremony perhaps heralding a shift in relations between the two countries.

This current Saturn Cycle may also herald a restructuring within the British Monarchy. Queen Elizabeth is now 90 years old and England's longest serving monarch. Prince Charles may ascend to the throne, an echo of history from previous cycles as demonstrated by the death of British Queen Victoria (1901).

Under Saturn in Capricorn's influence we witness disputes over boundaries and territorial control often leading to the threat of war. In past cycles we have seen conflicts such as the Cuban missile crisis (1962) and the first Gulf War (1990). Currently President Trump has inflamed world affairs through the nuclear standoff with North Korea, the rejection of The Iran Nuclear Deal, and his proposal to move the American Israeli Embassy to Jerusalem.

Most recently we are seeing an escalating conflict between Iran and Israel, with Iran launching missiles at the Golan Heights, and Israel retaliating; in the ensuing conflict we see the consolidation of world power blocks with Russia supporting Iran and its proxy Syria, and USA coming Israel's support.

Border control and separation is also being illustrated quite literally through Trump's proposal to build a wall on the Mexican border. With the rise (1961) and fall (1989) of the Berlin wall and Yitzhak Rabin's proposal for the Palestinian wall in (1991) in the past cycles, it may well be that Trump's idea comes to fruition.

In the next few years corporations, individuals and the financial sector whom have been unscrupulous in their business transactions will be held accountable. Already this is in action with establishment of The Banking Royal Commission in late December, (coinciding with Saturn's ingress into Capricorn) to investigate misconduct into Australia's financial service entities. So far, we heard damning evidence of appalling behavior by Australia's major banks and financial planners. This enquiry concerns "the so-called big four banks – Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, ANZ, National Australia Bank... They comprise four of the five largest companies in Australia by market value, holding an inordinate amount of power over the financial system." (Hutchens, 2018)

Saturn also looks set to expose irregularities and corruption in the global taxation systems with the leak of 13.4M documents dubbed the "Paradise Papers" revealing widespread tax dodging and secrets of the world elite's hidden wealth. The Guardian reports

"the leak of 13.4M documents shows the scale of the offshore empire and involves everyone from the Queen to Facebook" (Garside, 2017)

Saturn, the planet of consolidation will also heavily influence the financial and economic systems during the next 3 years. In 1901 we saw New York Stock exchange crash and in 1929 The Great Depression. In the current fragile state of our world economy, with record low interest rates, encouraging an ever expanding need to consume, a restructuring of our economic system may be what is responsibly required. The Great Depression began in

America following a huge period of social and economic growth that brought about a new mass culture of a consumerist society that sparked the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrial world.

Now, our current global economic system will also be judged. Factors such as unethical systems of production, environmental irresponsibility and non-sustainable practices will come under the spotlight. Mass consciousness may shift as people begin to question the basic foundations upon which these structures are built such as the premise that we must consume beyond our means and needs in order to maintain the health of our global economy.

Collectively, we may examine our relationship to money; the governing system which determines and controls our most basic fundamental needs, conditions and freedom in life. Currently as a measure of global inequality, we see the top 1% of the world owning more than half of the worlds resources with the gap continuing to widen between the rich and everyone else, especially in the United States<sup>1</sup>

Lynn twist in her book *The Soul of Money* articulates the irresponsibility of the current system “Most people strive for abundance, but the truth is that abundance means that you always have more than you actually need and acting on this basis means that in fact you are deigning things to others in order to create an overflow for yourself.”<sup>2</sup>. As people and communities become more self-responsible, we may experience a shift away from the competitive consciousness which underpins our current systems towards a more cooperative awareness developing fair and sustainable practices that support us all.

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<sup>1</sup> (Inequality.org, 2018)

<sup>2</sup> (Twist, 2017)

As we have seen in history, Saturn in Capricorn inspires people to organize en masse to demand changes to laws and governments that restrict their human rights and freedom. Currently, Human Rights Watch, warns of the dangers of the rise in populism and the global attack on human rights and values. Yet we also witness massive shift in the development of consciousness which is aligning people across the globe through the shared ideology and desire to forge new responsible and sustainable systems for the distribution of our global resources.

Whilst Saturn is in dignity, we have both the opportunity and the responsibility to evaluate our honour code and the values which underpin the systems that determine how we live together on this planet. If the structures which govern us do not adhere to our own internal sense of what is right and just then now is the time for change. As people focus on building their own energetic structure of self-responsibility and communities and groups join together to work cooperatively to reflect to these values we may see shift in the balance of power in ways like never before.

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