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QUESTION 12: Mundane Astrology

As Saturn ingresses into Libra in late October 2009 he begins a series of square aspects to Pluto, already resident in Capricorn. Uranus then ingresses into Aries late May, 2010 accompanied by Jupiter also entering Aries. Saturn, Uranus and Pluto form a series of squares and T Squares to each other from 2010 until 2014. This is the same combination of planets in Cardinal signs as were at work during the early 1930s, except Pluto was in Cancer and Saturn was in Capricorn.

Discuss the correlations of this “Cardinal Climax” between the early 1930s and the early 2010s. What historical data from the early 1930s do you consider is relevant to the current societal developments we are starting to pass through. What makes this next 4 years more unique than the previous period 70 years ago?

ANSWER

Saturn and Pluto cycle through an average 33-year evolutionary phase 3 times in a century.¹ Their dance in the cosmos is recorded historically as the emergence of cold hard truths through the eruption of social poisons, fundamentalists, wars and economic showdowns. A planetary energetic interface reflecting destruction of old existing orders to birth anew.

In the 20th century it began this Saturn-Pluto phase on 4th October 1914 when notably, a few months prior, the assassination of Austro-Hungarian Duke Ferdinand in Sarajevo precipitated the outbreak of World War I.² This marked the overthrow of empires which had existed for hundreds of years and the breakdown of the political arrangement of the time. The stage was set for the birthing of new nations.

As with any initiation process we look to outcomes and results. Astrologically these are represented by the ‘opposition’ phase of the planetary cycle. With Saturn and Pluto this occurred approximately 17 years after the outbreak of World War I and signified the early stages of the Great Depression.³ In 1931 Saturn opposed Pluto in three passes occurring on the 17th February, 8th July and 13th December and was accompanied by Uranus squaring both. This spelled Hitler’s rise to power with the emergence of the Nazi Party, Stalin’s control of the Soviet Union and the annex of Manchuria by Japan. Meanwhile, Jewish Zionists, formed at the previous opposition in 1897 with a view to create a homeland around Jerusalem, became disgruntled with Britain’s loyalty to Palestine. This loyalty was born out of the Arabian support given in World War I (*Saturn-Pluto conjunction*) when, in return, England promised Arab lands independence from the Turkish Empire.⁴

¹ The Historical Ephemeris: Palden Jenkins; <http://www.isleofavalon.co.uk/ephem.html>

² 33 Year Cycle -vStarIQ Article by Rick Levine: <http://www.starIQ.com/main/articles/P0003039.htm>

³ A Crisis of Power: Saturn and Pluto Face Off - Mountain Astrologer Article by Robert Hand

http://www.mountainastrologer.com/standards/editor%27s%20choice/articles/sat_pluto/sat_pluto.html

⁴ 33 Year Cycle -vStarIQ Article by Rick Levine: <http://www.starIQ.com/main/articles/P0003039.htm>

Next enter mover and shaker, Uranus square Pluto to add to the woes of the early 1930's. The approximate 127 year cycle of Uranus/Pluto, known as the cycle of revolution, reflects the rise and escalation of revolutionary movements and their impact on society. In 1932-34, Uranus and Pluto entered the waning square of their 104 year cycle.⁵ It saw the formation of the Saudi Arabia kingdom and the self-proclamation of Ibn Saud as it's King, the ascent of China's Mao Zedong as he led the Communist Long March and events which fed the Nazi revolution spearheaded by Chancellor Hitler. Meanwhile both the USSR and USA implemented strategic economic packages in an endeavour to deal with the pecuniary depression.⁶

In essence, the t-square of Saturn, Uranus and Pluto in the early 1930's represented the quest for world power and empire building that ultimately affected the direction of the world's inhabitants both politically and economically. It contained the precipitating elements that led to World War II and the shifting of world power from Great Britain to the United States and its currency the US dollar.

Now, in the 21st century, we head towards the reformation of the 1930's cardinal t-square in 2010. The Uranus/Pluto combination once again involves Saturn, this time opposing Uranus and forming a waning square to Pluto, namely known as the "Cardinal Climax".⁷

Saturn began its opposition to Uranus 4th November 2008. Quite poignantly, on that very date, we saw old traditions land-slid by the election of a black Muslim into the Whitehouse - President Obama. Rather than the average 3 passings, Saturn's opposition to Uranus continues to exact its energies through another 4 passes on 5th Feb 2009, 15th September 2009, 26th April 2010 and 26th July, 2010.

As in the early 1930's we see the rise of new societal awakenings and the hope of new approaches (*Uranus*) for dealing with traditional primal needs (*Saturn*). Let's trust we learn from the mistakes in our past when Europe looked to promising new dictatorial leaders to alleviate their burdens of economic debt. Given that we are in mid 2009 and currently experiencing a global recession one can only contemplate the possibilities of history repeating itself.

Like Stalin's 'Five Year Plan' and Roosevelt's 'New Deal' of the 1930's,⁸ we have already seen the initiation of this process. Obama and our newly elected Prime Minister Kevin Rudd are pledging resources towards 'recession-busting' packages and shifting reliance on fossil fuel supplies (*coal & oil*) to sustainable environmentally friendly energy. The movement of which supports the breaking away (*Uranus*) from reliance on Middle Eastern oil supplies and its resulting global economic effects (*Saturn/Pluto cycles*).⁹ In radical Uranus style we are already seeing the execution of policies which would be seen as extremist in more conservative times.

In juxtaposition with Saturn opposing Uranus, Saturn forms a waning square to Pluto on 15th November 2009, 1st February 2010 and 21st August 2010 in cardinal signs.¹⁰ Coupled with this, Jupiter will join the mix and shore up residence beside Uranus from April 2010. Perhaps we have not yet seen the bottom of the downward spiral of the global economy. We may find that the current Australian "Stimulus Package" will only prove a bandaid affect, falsely placating society into a sense of security only to be shock-waved (*Uranus*) when greater (*Jupiter*) losses through unemployment, higher food and fuel prices and years of over-capitalism come home to roost (*Saturn/Pluto cycle & Uranus/Pluto cycle*). If the 1930's are any indication, we are only beginning to scratch the surface of both government and personal debt (*Pluto*) and the challenges (*Saturn*) ahead in climbing out of the debit reservoir.

The next phase of the 'War on Terror', birthed at the Saturn/Pluto opposition in 2001, will come to its 'crisis of re-orientation' phase as Saturn forms the waning square to Pluto. Perhaps, at this stage, we will see the

⁵ Uranus-Pluto: It's Time for Big New Ideas - AstroTableTalk Article by Dharmaruci: <http://astrotabletalk.blogspot.com/2009/04/uranus-pluto-its-time-for-big-new-ideas.html>

⁶ Horoscope for the New Millennium by Alan Meece; 1997 Llewellyn Publications

⁷ The Uranus-Pluto Cycle: Revolution, Anarchy and Power Article by Bill Herbst <http://www.billherbst.com/News80.pdf>

⁸ The Historical Ephemeris: Palden Jenkins; <http://www.isleofavalon.co.uk/ephem.htm>

⁹ A Crisis of Power: Saturn and Pluto Face Off - Mountain Astrologer Article by Robert Hand http://www.mountainastrologer.com/standards/editor%27s%20choice/articles/sat_pluto/sat_pluto.html

¹⁰ Current Transits Article by Ruby Falconer <http://www.astrologinsights.com/events/current.html>

firming up of Obama's campaign pledge of troop removal from Iraq cascading down to Australia's exit from Iraq and Afghanistan. At the very least the Middle East will become a hot spot once again as unresolved power conflicts flare commanding the world's attention. As evidenced in the early 1930's, coupled with the current unrest, the balance of weight lies on more difficulties ahead with clashing nations, crumbling empires and ego-powered directives.

By March - August 2011 the Jupiter-Saturn-Uranus-Pluto t-square returns a final time. This cosmic structure reflects similarities to a rare planetary configuration in mid-1931 during the lowest depths of the Great Depression.¹¹ One more reminder and kick-up the proverbial to propel the masses into living within one's means (*Saturn*) and banding communities (*Uranus*) together to survive the decaying of an outmoded commercial corporate world (*Saturn/Pluto cycle; Pluto in Cap*). Money belts will require cinching even tighter with resulting excess paunch requiring trimming in order to survive the gruelling times ahead.

In 2012 it will have been 70 odd years since we've seen Uranus square Pluto. This time however it forms a waxing square precipitating the summer phase of a new cycle rather than the ending winter cycle of the 1930's. At that time the waning square came three years after the market crash of 1929 resulting in the world being plunged into the Great Depression. This time the 2012 waxing square will come three years after the 2009 recession. It also coincides with the winter Kondratieff Cycle (2008-2014)¹² indicating sharp economic declines and threats of war.¹³ History provides us with evidence and pointers towards the need for a world-wide readjustment of attitudes towards money and the financial structure of the world economy.

The Uranus waxing square to Pluto marks the building phase of ideologies spun at the Uranus conjunction to Pluto in the late 1960's. It is possible we are about to see the formalisation of those radical ideas born out of a time when destabilizing the traditional collective was on the agenda. It was then that a 'flower-powered' generation revolted against global capitalism, exploitation of resources and unjustified war. Whilst these new ideologies were seeded, they affected little change and were quickly buried. The last 40 years however have given those seeds vital nutrients and it is likely they will sprout form at the Uranus/Pluto waxing square of 2012.

It begins its 7-phase pass on 24th June 2012 and continues to fall exact on 19th September 2012, 20th May 2013, 1st November 2013, 21st April 2014, 15th December 2014 and 17th March 2015.¹⁴ With the advent of current reform in the 'Whitehouse' speculation waxes lyrical. There is potential here for new forms of governments and the rise of innovative societies that steer away from industrialism and capitalism towards collective consciousness. As the repeated shock-waves reverberate through the Capitalist elites down to the common consumer the quasi-spiritual quest for material wealth will be jolted. This could pave the way for a re-union with the emotional twine that binds us all. When lessons from recent history have been learnt individual differences and self-interest will take second place to co-operation and communal sustainability necessitated by pragmatic survival. The crises endured during these years-long phases will result in the birthing of new global economic, political, cultural and spiritual realities.

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¹¹ Where we Are, Where we're Headed by Bill Herbst <http://www.billherbst.com/News92.pdf>

¹² http://www.kwaves.com/kond_overview.htm

¹³ The Cardinal Climax: 2008-2012 We are Here by Ray Merriman <http://www.mmacycles.com/articles/articles/the-cardinal-climax%3a-2008%112015/>

¹⁴ Uranus-Pluto Squares: 2008 to 2019 http://www.astrolog21.co.uk/c1uranuspluto.html#Second_Uranus_Square_Pluto

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Appendices

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3	8th July 1931 - T-square: Saturn opposition Pluto - 2nd passing	
4	13th December 1931 - T-square: Saturn opposition Pluto - 3rd passing	
5	21 April 1932 - Uranus square Pluto	
6	4th November 2008 - Saturn opposition Uranus - 1st passing	
7	5th February 2009 - Saturn opposition Uranus - 2nd passing	
8	15th September 2009 - Saturn opposition Uranus - 3rd passing	
9	26th April 2010 - Saturn opposition Uranus - 4th passing	
10	26th July 2010 - Saturn opposition Uranus - 5th passing	
11	15th November 2009 - Saturn square Pluto - 1st passing	
12	31st January 2010 - Saturn square Pluto - 2nd passing	
13	21st August 2010 - T-square: Saturn square Pluto - 3rd passing	
14	15th March 2011 - T-square: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Pluto	
15	24th June 2012 - Uranus square Pluto - 1st of 7 passings	