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Intensive Activations and Cyclic Renewal

Beginning in mid-March 2020 and extending through mid-April 2020, a string of activations in Capricorn and early Aquarius promises to re-focus our feelings and efforts in a dramatic way. This need not be all bad. In fact, it might even prove to be all good. Let's see why and how.

Transiting Mars is currently positioned in mid-Capricorn. That means it is presently approaching the positions of Jupiter, Pluto, and Saturn in that same sign, with conjunctions of Mars to Jupiter, Pluto, and Saturn shortly to occur. Further, transiting Jupiter is now closing in on a conjunction with Pluto, thus completing a 12-year cycle which has been in progress since the last meeting of Jupiter and Pluto in December of 2007 at 28 degrees of Sagittarius. With a length of 12 years, the Jupiter-Pluto cycle

is much more powerful than the Mars-Jupiter, Mars-Pluto, and Mars-Saturn cycles, which are all only about two years in length. The Jupiter-Pluto conjunction coming in early April is therefore a strong astrological influence, and it will take place in Capricorn. In fact, most of the action in March-April of 2020 will be in the sign of Capricorn, but by the time Mars reaches the zodiacal longitude of Saturn, Saturn shall have entered Aquarius. So part of the action will occur in the very earliest portion of Aquarius. The signs of the times thus are strongly conditioned by Capricorn and Aquarius. Here's how it works out chronologically.

Mars conjunct Jupiter	March 20, 2020	23 degrees Capricorn
Saturn enters Aquarius	March 21, 2020	
Mars conjunct Pluto	March 22, 2020	24 degrees Capricorn
Mars enters Aquarius	March 30, 2020	
Mars conjunct Saturn	March 31, 2020	1 degree Aquarius
Jupiter conjunct Pluto	April 4, 2020	25 degrees Capricorn
Mars square Uranus	April 7, 2020	5 Aquarius/Taurus

Just as might be intuited from a simple glance at this list, the period from late March to early April 2020 is packed with astrological activations. Conjunctions are the strongest of the astrological aspects, and as can be seen in the list above, four of them congregate in a brief period of time. Whenever planets appear to come together in the same degree and sign of the zodiac, there is signified the end of a meaningful period and the beginning of yet another. The ending phase has its own set of characteristics. In the final days leading up to major conjunctions, the ending phase manifests itself as a sense of dissolution, of things falling apart, imploding, and disintegrating. This is natural to the ending point, and the longer the cycle involved takes for completion, the more dramatic the effects as it draws to a close. In the list above, three cycles of approximately two years in duration come to a close, and one of

approximately twelve years does as well. That's rather a bit of ending and closing energy, which of course makes itself felt in the human consciousness and in the human body. All energies of an astrological nature make their first impact on the mind, then the emotions, and finally the physical vehicles of humanity, the built environment, and the natural world. This brings it right down to the tangible level. The same is true of the closing cycles now in effect. Their energies reach right down through mind and emotions to the densest level of creation.

The conclusion to be drawn is that a period of tremendous karmic conclusions and endings is upon us. It's not the strongest we've ever felt, but it's considerable. Right now in early March 2020, we are saying good bye to conditions, situations, and preoccupations which have been with us for the last 12 years or so, and to some only about two years old. We are completing karma, understanding issues at a deep level, seeing where we can stop struggling, and sensing the termination of certain matters. It's difficult for new situations and creative starts to take a hold during completion phases like this. Here is why so many otherwise inspiring and righteous initiatives and efforts seem to bear so little fruit right now. However, this circumstance is not permanent. As March ticks off, the Mars-Jupiter cycle re-starts, then the Mars-Pluto, and finally the Mars-Saturn, at each step of the way injecting new life energies such as enthusiasm and vitality into our experiences. Then, in early April, the much more powerful Jupiter-Pluto cycle will restart, further infusing consciousness and bodies with rejuvenated energies. By the first week in April, all the three Mars cycles plus the much more powerful Jupiter-Pluto cycle will be in the early days of renewed cycles, thus pumping newness of life into mind, emotions, and body.

Right now, however, we are on the dying-down side of matters, with three Mars cycles closing down to the ending point and the Jupiter-Pluto cycle doing the same. So, what to do? Answer: Let the dying life wave do its thing. Cooperate by letting go of anything which no longer claims your

interest or enthusiasm. Pull back into your spiritual cocoon and have a good long think. Detach, disengage, dissolve into your deep subconscious for a long meditative review of the life and death cycle, the continuity of soul consciousness, and the purpose for the present incarnation, that's what. Drop off any bad habits you know you should break. Throw out unneeded trash, recycle, upcycle, give away, unburden. But don't yet try to build Rome. Until early April, it will be fighting against the stream of life to try to channel it into positive outgoing and dynamic energetic extraversion, mind-blowing achievements, and impressive feats. That will come, indeed. But for the moment, not so. Yet, the shift comes soon. March 20, 22, 31, and April 4 will, step by step, imbue us with renewal of life. It will be. For the moment, if we feel exhausted, depleted, disappointed by recent events, lackluster, uncertain, hesitant, and filled with trepidations for the future, it would not be so terribly out of keeping with the cyclic place in time. In fact, it would be most definitely understandable, simply the psychospiritual effect of numerous cycles coming to an end simultaneously. The best thing is to be gentle with ourselves, and prepare inwardly for the surge of new life energies which is certain to break forth very shortly.

Meanwhile, we should know that the period of late March to early April is sure to bring dramatic developments as the new cycles start. These dates will bring focus and clarity to the many important matters at hand. Of great concern to many is the projected planetary health crisis. Cycle analysis would suggest that the business or fear of being weakened or of losing life force fits with cyclic endings because it is the mental reflection of the actual energetic situation. Yet, the psychological image of loss, fear, and death is likely to be much greater than the actual demonstration. In other words, yes, with all the cycles currently ending, it is to be expected that images of death and loss grow large in mind. However, the influx of vital life energies will shortly shift this picture, and the preoccupation with loss of vital life force as shown in popular discussions today will dissipate. It will be replaced with a different discussion, one much more centered on where we go from here. Expect this shift from fear to focus on constructive

effort not later than the first week in April, with steps in this direction taking place from March 20 – 31, 2020.

Meanwhile, Saturn enters Aquarius to stay there for April, May, and June, taking some of the power out of the Capricorn wallop we've felt for several years now and sounding a new note of international cooperation, group consciousness, and meaningful network connections. Aquarius is a profoundly mental and telepathic sign. With Saturn in this sign for three months beginning on March 21, we will feel a shift toward new forms of communication, leading to better understanding in the human community. This, too, will bring newness of life into the situation. In fact, Saturn in Aquarius has the potential to bring to planetary consciousness an image or understanding of the ideals which will be embodied by the Age of Aquarius, a long-term evolutionary influence operating in the background of human thought at this time. Saturn in Aquarius could help bring that more evolutionary thought-stream connected with the future of humanity into the forefront of planetary consciousness.



Daily Analysis and Prediction for the Week Ahead

Monday March 9 is Full Moon Day, with the Sun at 20 Pisces and the Moon at 20 Virgo, the moment of exact opposition being 12:48 pm CDT. That's enough on its own to whip up feelings and strong intuitions, but add to that the fact that mental Mercury goes direct at 10:49 pm CDT, and there you have a day of important changes and revelations. Aha moments abound.

Tuesday March 10 sees the extreme energies of Full Moon begin to fade a tad. The Moon enters Libra just after 5 am CDT, shifting attention to matters of aesthetics, beauty, and relations as seen from an abstract perspective. Cool mental appraisal helps perception along.

Wednesday March 11 brings an imperative to wage struggle against perceived impediments, as the Moon squares Mars, Jupiter, and Pluto in the achievement-oriented sign of Capricorn. Pressing forward seems important. Later, words and thoughts bring happiness overnight while the Moon trines Mercury in Aquarius, connecting us with ideas of freedom.

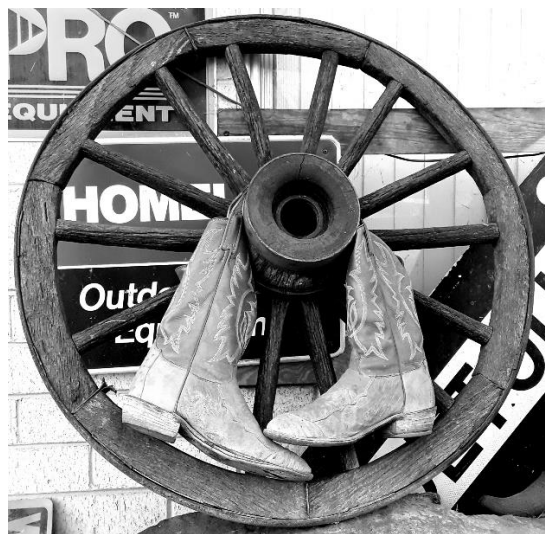
Thursday March 12 is another episode of working against perceived obstacles, especially around 3 am CDT while the Libra Moon squares Saturn. Then, just before 4:30 am, the Moon enters Scorpio, preparing us for awakenings and new understandings around 11 am CDT when the Moon opposes Uranus.

Unusual opportunities to effectively organize our minds and environments come together on **Friday March 13** while the Scorpio Moon takes a blissful ride through the sextile to Mars, the trine to Neptune, the sextile to Jupiter, a trine to the Sun, and a sextile to Pluto, making the whole day an interval designed just for the purpose of calming down and revisioning recent commitments. In the wings, Mars prepares to make the sextile to Neptune, thus assuaging raw nerves and providing spiritual balm on many levels. Creativity is favored as the Sun in imaginative Pisces prepares to make the sextile to resourceful Pluto in competent Capricorn. We feel ourselves

definitely emerging from the mental complications of the recent retrograde Mercury period.

Saturday March 14 features the Mars-Neptune sextile again, creating ease, bliss, relaxation, and pleasantries, plus the regenerative Sun-Pluto sextile, both exact today. Flexible options appear and enjoyable moments unfold. It's a day to remedy the recent uproars of the recent retrograde Mercury period. The Moon enters adventurous Sagittarius just after 6 am CDT, tinting the day rose and violet with the effervescence of the Archer's optimism.

Sunday March 15 continues the upbeat Sagittarius Moon outlook, though a smidge of wistfulness dampens the day just before 3 pm CDT when the Moon squares moody Neptune. We look forward to matters scheduled for the middle of the coming week, when the Moon in Capricorn will begin to activate all the coming conjunctions, which begin for earnest on Friday, March 20. The momentum is even today entering the picture. We sense major developments soon to unfold on the wheel of life through the foresight associated with the sign of the Archer, today's Moon sign.



Wagon Wheel Antiques, Perryville, Arkansas

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