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Signs of the Times: What About Trump?

With the impeachment trial of the American president now moving to the U.S. Senate, readers throughout the world are again asking what the astrological indications hold for Donald Trump. The answer comes from the very same powerful astrological activations which have been under discussion in this newsletter and around the internet: the transit of Saturn and Pluto through the governmental and executive sign of Capricorn. As readers know, the recent conjunction of Saturn and Pluto at 23 degrees of Capricorn (which was exact on January 12, 2020) registers as an historic happening with significant consequences throughout all areas of life. It brought together all that is signified by all three of the astrological actors involved: Saturn, emblem of age, maturity, wisdom, power, control, law, and the necessary restraint of individual impulse, but also of emblem of

fear, insecurity, withholding, miserliness, stinginess, harshness, and exclusion; Pluto, emblematic of death, resurrection, catharsis, renewal, but also of suppression, deception, corruption, and intrigue; Capricorn, emblematic of divine law, rule, administrative function, responsibility, and accountability, but also of material focus, excessive force, insensitivity, and even cruelty.

Just as with all astrological archetypes, Saturn, Pluto, and Capricorn each represent a range of characteristics spanning from the ideal divine intention behind the symbol to its complete distortion when expressed by separative personalities. Of late, there's been far too much of the latter and not enough of the former, but Time (also a manifestation of Saturn and Capricorn) has a way of correcting these imbalances. There's a reason why. In the human world, Capricorn and Saturn manifest as the functions of government which serve to delimit and restrain individual impulse in favor of keeping order for the greater collective. In the divine world, Capricorn and Saturn are agents of a much higher order of law, but one which fulfills much the same purpose. It chastens and restrains individual souls and groups of souls when they go too far off the beam of what is right, good, beautiful, and true. There is one simple word which sums up this divine function of Capricorn and Saturn: Karma. Yes, Capricorn and Saturn can be the agents of divine law, expressing as Karma, which is defined as the consequences flowing from action taken previously in the flow of time and events.

This is the force which is now confronting Donald John Trump in the form of the American impeachment process and in the numerous legal actions now being waged against his organizations. The force of Divine Justice is running at large among us all at present with both Saturn and Pluto positioned in Capricorn, and the two of these planets still so close together in zodiacal longitude. But the situation is even more targeted and intense for Trump, as his personal astrological chart reveals quite readily. Here is why. At the time of Trump's birth, transiting Saturn stood at 24

degrees of Cancer and Venus stood at 26 degrees of that sign. This means that Trump has Saturn at 24 degrees of Cancer and Venus at 26 degrees of Cancer in his astrological birth chart, a chart which is relevant for the entirety of his present incarnation. The current positions of Saturn and Pluto are slowly creeping up to exact oppositions to these natal positions in the Trump chart. These are called transits. The transit positions compared to the natal positions tell the story of the individual's life and the conditions which will be met at specific points. Trump right now has transiting Saturn opposite his own natal Saturn, with transiting Pluto closing in to do the same in short order. Combined, Saturn and Pluto will oppose Trump's own Saturn and Venus positions from late January 2020 through November 2022.

Trump is thus entering a three-year period in his life which astrologically is unlike anything he has ever experienced before. A simultaneous opposition of Saturn and Pluto to one's own Saturn and Venus is a once-in-a-lifetime event of several years' duration. It marks a major development, one in keeping with the nature of Saturn and Pluto, plus the sign in which they are positioned at the time of the opposition. In Capricorn, this opposition to Trump's planets signifies an encounter with a force of law much greater than that of the individual. It is the force of national law and of Divine Justice, both working at the same time. There is absolutely no question that Trump is positioned to come full force up against a wall of reality about which he hasn't the faintest idea. It will resemble nothing he has ever experienced before in this present incarnation. At the very least, he will discover the limits of personal liberty during this time.

Many worry that the greater force which Trump is now encountering might be some version of planetary or cosmic evil. With Pluto acting as it is on his chart, yes, this is possible. With this kind of contact comes the amplification of what the Theosophical tradition calls the dweller on the threshold, and what Jungian psychology calls the shadow. So yes, all the

worst sides of Trump's nature are likely to be stimulated with transiting Pluto opposing both his Saturn and Venus in the next three years. Concerned thinkers will immediately wonder if this set of influences might present a scenario in which Trump disestablishes democracy in the U.S. and proclaims himself dictator. The answer is that it is possible. However, the greater likelihood with both Saturn and Pluto opposing planets in Trump's chart is that instead of being empowered to accelerate his separative actions, he will meet with overwhelming force that will overcome, subdue, and thwart him in some fashion. The exact means are not specified astrologically, but the likely source is governmental and legal action, as signified by the sign involved (Capricorn).

The bottom line is this: it is not at all likely that Donald Trump will walk away from the present impeachment or his present blunders in the international arena unscathed. Something is getting ready to happen which will make that clear. Whether that something turns out to be additional articles of impeachment from the American House of Representatives, an internal Republican fracturing and shift of tone, retribution from foreign sources, or some other channel, this is the dominant theme. Trump is getting ready not only to meet his match, but to meet his better. It will come in some form or another, suited to the Divine Will. And it is likely to have reflex action on his family, as is suggested by the involvement of the family-oriented sign of Cancer, in which sign are located Trump's Saturn and Venus. To state the situation very clearly one more time, to the question *What About Trump*, the answer from the astrological perspective must be that a man who imagines himself all-powerful is destined to discover he is not, and Trump's time of so discovering is immediately at hand, 2020 through 2022.

Daily Predictions for the Week Ahead

Monday January 20 sees the Moon in philosophical and upbeat Sagittarius, while the Sun moves into socially-aware Aquarius. Key hours are 2 – 4 pm

CST when the Moon conjuncts Mars in Sagittarius, sparking spirited discussions on religion, politics, belief systems, and individual hopes and dreams. We do best during this interval if we let others vent without providing resistance. Feelings and passions run high in the human collective.

Tuesday January 21 sees the waning Moon now void of course, which tends to slow down the course of events. Further, the end of the current lunar cycle is upon us, making for yet another reason why matters may move somewhat slowly. However, a square between the Sun and Uranus shapes up for tomorrow, so we're feeling the sense of excitement and anticipation conjured up by such an arrangement. Could there be a smidge of impatience in the air? Changes in procedures and plans seem to crop up here and there, a real theme for tomorrow as well.

By **Wednesday January 22**, the Moon is in the governmental sign of Capricorn. The Sun squares Uranus, amplifying individual intentions for liberty and independence. Cooperation amongst members of various groups may therefore seem up in the air. Factions and schisms in major groups of elected officials are likely. There is a pulling and tugging in different directions amongst groups and sub-groups.

Thursday January 23 sees more emphasis on governmental procedures as the Capricorn Moon rocks and rolls with Pluto and Saturn, bringing forth a powerful echo of the themes connected with the recent Saturn-Pluto conjunction. Oaths, commitments, and spiritual duties figure prominently in the day's thoughts and events. The Sun-Uranus square is still in effect, making for unruliness in group interactions, while individuals seek their true natures and genuine inner truths. It's the tail end of the lunar cycle, too; matters spiral downward temporarily into inaction.

Friday January 24 marks a turning point as the New Moon occurs at 3:42 pm CST in the 4th degree of Aquarius. This configuration contains excellent potential for the will of the greater good to emerge and to direct all human affairs. Aquarius in its divine expression is that of the World Server, the

group-conscious individual who sees self in context of the whole and strives to live harmlessly and constructively. The Aquarian impulse feeds that angelic side of human nature today. We have vision, and insight, and the future stands somewhat revealed. Mercury in progressive Aquarius prepares to sextile Mars in idealistic Sagittarius, stimulating thoughts and conversations livened by the values of the higher worlds.

Positive ideas about the divine potential for an equitable world circulate in the human mental sphere on **Saturday January 25**. Remaining in Aquarius, the Moon conjuncts communicative Mercury around 1 pm CST, again sparking intense conversations and even telepathic interchanges about cooperation, community, higher ideas, and future hopes for the planet. Emerging technologies promise to solve certain of the problems of Humanity, and we learn about it today.

If we were excited about the potential for goodness yesterday, then today on **Sunday January 26**, we should bear in mind that not everyone may have ascended to the same heights. Venus is square Mars today, suggesting a difference in energy levels between associates who should otherwise be in sync with each other. Social tension is the deal, in other words. We do best today if we listen much and speak not so much, especially 6:30 – 8:30 pm CST, when the Venus-Mars square is at its greatest height of intensity.

Next week: Mars in Sagittarius squares Neptune in Pisces, stimulating intense discussions about ethics and morals grounded in spiritual teachings. Frustration may run high in the collective emotional body of Humanity for many reasons. Servants of the Light can help by holding to spiritual center while the tempests of emotions blow. This is especially the case on **Monday January 27 and Tuesday January 28**, when the Mars-Neptune square is precise. Weather may be an issue as well, with rain, thunderstorms, and flooding likely. Our better angels can make good of the Mars-Neptune square, turning on our aspiration towards the matters of the higher worlds. Spiritual alignment through prayer, meditation, and contemplation is much in order.