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In January of 2008, transiting Pluto made its first entry into the sign of Capricorn. After a period of retrogradation returning Pluto to the sign of Sagittarius for a few months that year, in November of 2008, Pluto entered Capricorn to stay until November of 2024. Thus, for a period of about 17 years, Pluto passes through the sign of Capricorn, the ambitious and doggedly determined Mountain Goat who climbs the ladder of life to a place of prominence and attainment.

Whenever any of the outer planets (such as Pluto) transits a sign, this astrological factor generates a lengthy period during which the functions of life represented by the sign concerned are forcefully brought to the attention of Humanity, that these functions of life may be contemplated, evaluated, understood, and ultimately, better expressed. In the case of

Pluto, this process assumes a somewhat ominous tone, for Pluto as the God of Hades has an ineluctable connection with all things buried, hidden, covert, underhanded, disguised, concealed, devious, dangerous, life-threatening, vile, and revolting. Further, Pluto as the God of Purgatory acts ever to cleanse and purify whatever he touches, that the dross may be burned away and the gold of spiritual goodness may stand revealed. The work of Pluto is thus serious alchemical business, not to be taken lightly.

As might be surmised, Plutonian cleansing is therefore fraught with danger and foreboding; no one knows whether the alchemy driven by Pluto will arrive at the albedo stage of perfection or not. Thus, as Pluto works, great trepidation and foreboding cloud the atmosphere. Meanwhile, the Plutonian process unfolds with no visible assurance of ultimate improvement. Instead, Pluto shows its face as an impersonal and intransigent agent of ruthless cleansing and purification. It's method: first reveal all that is problematic, all that is amiss, all that is disgusting, evil, backwards, hurtful, twisted, and morally wrong.

As regent of the underground world where in soil and humus the biological processes of death, decay, and putrefaction, hold sway, Pluto likewise works through these very stages or conditions when operative in human society and psyche. In society and psyche, Pluto thus plunges its penetrating and purging power into any zone where cower pernicious secrecy, moral filth, spiritual degradation, social animosity, and psychospiritual malice. All must be removed from the system if the goodness of life is to emerge.

As a result, this very purgative and eliminative process is, from 2008 – 2024, at work in the field of Capricorn. Symbolized as the mountain peak scaled by the determined Mountain Goat, Capricorn stands in general for the attainment of high goals through persistent, focused effort. When expressed by individuals and groups controlled by the soul values of goodwill, cooperation, and sharing, the energies of Capricorn serve to

bring about inspiring accomplishments. It is the energy standing behind significant attainments in the arts, sciences, humanities, spiritual self-discipline, and right human relations.

Yet, there is another and much more disturbing side of Capricorn. A distortion of the divine intent originally programmed into this sign, the disturbing side of Capricorn subverts the will to good into the will to vanquish all competition, to defeat and demean others, to subject them to harsh conditions, and like the Mountain Goat surveying his territory from the heights, to dominate the world. This is the distorted face of the once divine Goat. Now he is the fiendish, diabolical, cold-hearted Capricornian figure who stands atop his kingdom, sneering at and deriding those below him, while he revels in his superior position. Such a mentality is known to have expressed itself in many fields of life endeavor.

As Pluto has transited through Capricorn from 2008 through the present moment in May 2020, it has been at the dirty work for which it is so infamously recognized, doing so in the life functions of society and self for which Capricorn stands. This it has done by descending into the earthen world of secular Capricorn, which rules business, commerce, the corporate world, finance, wealth, privilege, executive position, influence, command, exclusivity, and superior social status. Just as the Divine Goat climbs the mountain of spiritual challenge to the height of greater cosmic understanding, the secular Goat climbs the corporate, financial, and political ladder, scratching, scruffing, and shoving its way up and over the backs of others until it arrives at a dominant position. The fates of others around it? Secular Capricorn has no time for such a consideration. Single-mindedly, it pursues the absolute hegemony of which its mercenary dreams are made. For this kind of Goat, other human beings are but pawns in its grand game of profit pursued at all costs. This is the face of Capricorn which Pluto has revealed since 2008, drawing back the curtain and unclinking the previously concealed presence of ruthless pecuniary interest.

That such a psychology even exists comes as a shock to many. Yet, as the transit of Pluto through Capricorn from 2008 through the present has demonstrated, surely it does. As the 2008 financial panic and subsequent government bail-outs of privileged corporations, the attainment of legal status equivalent to that of humans for corporations, and the recent nightmare of medical-pharmaceutical tyranny have demonstrated, a hidden world of ruthless and crushing financial power definitely exists and is often inexplicably and unjustly favored and privileged by government.

The corona virus crisis of 2020 has brought this reality into clear view, as transiting Jupiter and Saturn added the weight of their presence to the sign of Capricorn and thereby brought even greater focus to the meaning of Pluto's passage through this sign. The result has been stunning. Pluto in Capricorn has forced society to inquire into the underlying causes of the corona virus crisis. While government and the dominant medical-pharmaceutical industry have promoted one agenda alleging the mysterious emergence of a new biological life form lethal to humanity and therefore cause for the complete sequestration of civilians world-wide, citizen journalists and others have found the official narrative unconvincing. Instead, they've turned to relentless internet research and sharings carried out covertly through the internet and elsewhere, inquiring with Plutonian determination into the organizational and financial connections underlying the covid 2019 – 2020 world event. This core of volunteer citizen investigators is at work even now, and is in the process of assembling a riveting look into a global network of ultra-wealthy individuals and their representative organizations, a view which has shocked many onlookers to the core, bringing them abruptly to their senses and wiping the quiet contentment of submissive naivete off their faces forever.

Through the research and reportage of this army of inquirers, it has come to the surface that the annual Davos gathering of the world's wealthiest individuals and groups served as an incubator for a

comprehensive vision of planetary management which would support the interests of the participating wealthy individuals and add to their already immense store of riches. From the Davos group emerged the 201 Event held in New York during October of 2019, at which meeting the world's wealthiest presented seven objectives to world governments. All seven objectives sought funding from world governments for the organizations run by these individuals (already the wealthiest in the world), with the express purpose of positioning these individuals and their organizations to partner with governments in the case of global emergencies. The motivation for the world's governments to pay up? Don't, and you'll be unable to manage world crises sure to come. Governments paid up, according to citizen journalism.

The citizens of the world were not involved, consulted, or included in the Davos and 201 Event planning. Instead, the Capricornian elites took it on themselves to design the planetary future in grand and exclusive isolation from the inconvenient, irritating, and annoying hoi-polloi.

The 201 plan included the funding of a number of organizations owned and operated by today's headline names – Bill and Melinda Gates, and Anthony Fauci, for example. One citizen researcher has produced documentary videos revealing financial flows from the Gates Foundation, to Fauci's National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (which is not an agency of the U.S. government but rather a non-profit founded by Fauci), directly to the Wuhan Virology Laboratory at which the first death from covid 2019 occurred. Another documentary reveals a financial flow from the Gates Foundation to the Imperial College of London, from which the British epidemiological statistician Neal Ferguson issued his enormous (and erroneous) projections of anticipated covid deaths, now recognized to have driven draconian policy the world around. This combined with documented video footage showing Gates promoting his vaccine-manufacturing enterprises has led to the inescapable conclusion that the world-disabling 2019 covid event just happens to be a potentially

stratospheric money-maker for an individual who is already the world's second most wealthy person.

The implication is clear, but as is characteristic with Plutonian revelations, more than unsavory: commercial intentionality lies at the basis of the present world crisis, an intentionality wrapped around ruthless pecuniary objectives inconceivable to most human minds. That the entire 7.8 billion population of planet Earth should be thrown into structural disruption, social isolation, financial uncertainty, fear, want, and threat of death as a consequence of planned objectives conceptualized by a small group of maniacally self-centered individuals boggles the mind. Most human beings lack the capacity to think in this way. It is foreign to our natures. Yet, Pluto has drawn back the curtain of deep secrecy, forcing a confrontation with realities previously suppressed. It has revealed what goes on in the hidden places of unimaginable privilege, wealth, and clout.

Analysis and Predictions for the Week Ahead

For the week of **May 18 – 24**, the Moon will be in waning phase through **Thursday May 21**. It's time to invest ourselves in completing projects or following out lines of thought which had their genesis earlier in the month. That will be the theme until New Moon moment on **Friday May 22** at 12:39 pm CDT, when the Mother Moon and Father Sun conjoin zodiacally at 2 degrees of Gemini, giving birth to a new life wave. This new life wave will carry its birth signature of Gemini, connoting intentions driven by desire to learn, emerging curiosities, openness to local environments and surroundings, sharing of perspectives and information, as well as the making of new contacts in social and intellectual networks. On top of this, the weekend promises major positive steps forward, as transiting Mars in genteel Pisces makes the refined sextile to Uranus in artistically-talented Taurus, setting the stage for beauty, harmony, and cooperation.

Monday May 18 contains energy for quick thinking, as the waning but still spunky Aries Moon makes the sextile to mental Mercury in clever Gemini, exact at 12:17 pm CDT, making today an excellent interval for exercising flexible attitudes and adaptive mind sets.

Tuesday May 19 continues the Aries Moon theme, accentuating the independence and spirit of self-reliance for which the Fiery Ram is legendary. We feel that same headstrong thrust, ready to take on the world, but there's a small problem: impetuous Aries Moon square tough-guy Pluto and ego-swollen Jupiter in forbidding Capricorn from 10 am through 4 pm CDT. Maybe another day we'll get through to our governmental agencies, or make the big impact on organizational leadership. Today, not so much. Efforts closer to the zone of personal identity are likely to be more satisfying. The notion of being true to thine own self has innate appeal this day.

Wednesday May 20 through Friday May 21 promises to be a unique and memorable passage, conditioned by a bevy of interesting transiting aspects. The fun starts as the radiant Sun enters playful Gemini on **Wednesday May 20** at 8:49 am CDT, stirring up mental acuity, neat ideas, fascinating curiosities, and catchy linguistic formulations. Then the real material for the interval starts to unfold as relational Venus in intellectual Gemini squares dreamy Neptune in imaginative Pisces, stirring up all manner of romantic hopes and other sensitive matters. Psychic, romantic, spiritual, and artistic receptivities get a boost. Communications with many potential meanings seep in from every angle, piquing interest. Then Mercury joins Venus at 20 degrees Gemini, also squaring Neptune, thus colossally complexifying the already confabulated collaborative combongulations. Thus, there are three activations conditioning this three-day period from **Wednesday May 20 through Friday May 21**: Venus square Neptune, Mercury conjunct Venus, and Mercury square Neptune. It's a set-up for something akin to a Shakespearean romantic comedy, with potentials for

word mix-ups, mistaken identities, double-entendres, Freudian slips, accidental tells, and much more. Good humor pervades the scene for the most part, however, though emotional sensitivity runs like an underground current through this passage as well. Strong feelings waft around in the atmosphere, complicated by ambient ambiguity. At last the Sun in mentally-polarized Gemini comes to the rescue as it trines stable Saturn in objective Aquarius on **Friday May 22**, helping to sort matters out, stop the giddy emotional vertigo, and steady jangled nerves. The New Moon enters and takes center stage also on **Friday May 22**, letting one door close and another open.

And then, right away, good news is on the way. Transiting Mars in Pisces makes the exact sextile to Uranus on **Sunday May 24**, conditioning the period of **Saturday May 23 through Monday May 25** with undeniably encouraging signs. Teamwork and collaboration fall into place, and many of the negative feelings and depressing circumstances which troubled the soul of late will recede rather nicely into the background. Other ideas, topics of conversation, projects, and efforts come to our attention in this interval. Imagination and practicality work hand in hand, as Mars in Pisces and Uranus in Taurus form an electrical geometry within the circle of the zodiac which stimulates an understanding of the higher worlds. The confining and restrictive influence of Capricorn is mollified significantly during this period with graceful expressions, tasteful art and embellishment, appreciation of nature, upliftment through music, and the sense of harmonious human interactions. This should go a long way to balancing out the distinct unpleasantness of the last few months.

