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## **Multiple Planetary Cycle Interactions**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, planetary pair cycles constitute an important key to the understanding of evolutionary unfoldment in time. Fifteen such cycles exist, pairing the planets outside of the Earth's orbit one with another; these range in length from almost 500 to less than 2 years. Other shorter cycles also exist, defined by the pairing of the planets inside the orbit of the Earth. However, it seems to be the longer cycles which determine the greater trends of human behavior and history. For this reason, it is the ten longer cycles which are listed here.

## The Ten Major Planetary Pair Cycles

Neptune-Pluto	494 years	last conjunction 1891
Uranus-Neptune	172 years	last conjunction 1993
Uranus-Pluto	143 years	last conjunction 1965
Saturn-Uranus	45 years	last conjunction 1988
Saturn-Neptune	36 years	last conjunction 1989
Saturn-Pluto	36 years	last conjunction 2020
Jupiter-Saturn	20 years	last conjunction 2000
Jupiter-Uranus	14 years	last conjunction 2010
Jupiter-Neptune	13 years	last conjunction 2009
Jupiter-Pluto	12 years	last conjunction 2007

Each cycle can be viewed as a pulse, surge, or wave of energy. This wave begins with the conjunction phase, when the two bodies arrive at the same degree of the same sign in the zodiac. Much like a New Moon, the conjunction phase of any planetary pair cycle occurs when the two planetary bodies are separated by 0 degrees of zodiacal space. Like two mating bodies, the two planets bond and merge energies at the conjunction phase, giving birth to a new set of energies and ideas which wells up from Cosmic Mind and is projected into the collective consciousness of Humanity. These energies and ideas then take root, grow, expand, and begin to assume definite form as the cycle unfolds through the equivalent of First Quarter Moon phase, when the two bodies reach a separation of 90 degrees in the circle of the zodiac and hence are in waxing square phase. This waxing square represents a crisis or turning point during which time

action should be and is taken toward the expression of the inspiration received at the conjunction phase. As the faster-moving planetary body of the two then pulls forward in zodiacal motion, the opposition phase arises, with the two planets seen on opposite sides of Earth, just as are the Sun and Moon at the time of Full Moon phase. The faster moving body of the pair then continues to pull ahead in the zodiac, forming the Last Quarter or waning square phase, a time when the entirety of the cycle is contemplated and understood by the collective consciousness of Humanity. Finally, the wave or surge of energy loses momentum rapidly, as the energies of the cycle dissolve, die down, and return to center for rebirth at the next conjunction.

The entire cycle can be thought of as basically a two-stroke happening with a pattern just like that of the monthly cycle of the Moon. Hence, from conjunction to opposition, the planetary pair cycle is in its waxing phase, producing energy, drive, intensity, creativity, vitality, and outward expression. Then, the new thought or image received at the conjunction phase is made completely known and objective at the opposition, after which the cycle goes into waning phase as its energies gradually slow down. The original life surge becomes less pressing or compelling, slowly turns within, and then turns introspective and entirely dormant right before the next conjunction.

As a result, the final months and weeks leading into any conjunction of a major planetary pair cycle are profoundly imbued with the urge to relinquish the outer form and for consciousness to turn within, drop into spiritual slumber, die back, let go, and dissolve into the unity of life from which everything has emerged. [This is where we are now during mid-December 2020 in regard to the Jupiter-Saturn cycle, which comes to the conjunction or the equivalent of the New Moon moment on December 21, 2020.] This dissolution phase is immensely important to understand as the context of the worldwide covid 2019 event, for twelve of the fifteen planetary pair cycles were in closing or dissolution phase when the covid

2019 event began to appear on the news horizon in December of 2019. It was at that time that the issue of ill-health, lack of vitality, and vulnerability of the immune system became daily, hourly, and minute-to-minute topics of conversation. [Late cycle moment is also a point in time during which psychic and physical attacks from nefarious forces are likely to occur, as they seek take advantage of a point of weakness and vulnerability well-known to those who machinate against Humanity. Such was the wide-open door of opportunity for evil-doers in late 2019.]

The listing below gives all ten of the major planetary pair cycles. These are followed by the much shorter but still significant Mars pairings, all of which have a cyclic duration of approximately two years and which are intimately related to human vitality and the drive to survive.

#### Status of Planetary Pair Cycles December 2019

Neptune-Pluto	opening
Uranus-Neptune	opening
Uranus-Pluto	opening
Saturn-Uranus	closing
Saturn-Neptune	closing
Saturn-Pluto	closing
Jupiter-Saturn	closing
Jupiter-Uranus	closing
Jupiter-Neptune	closing
Jupiter-Pluto	closing
Mars-Jupiter	closing
Mars-Saturn	closing
Mars-Uranus	closing
Mars-Neptune	closing
Mars-Pluto	closing

As is apparent, the closing phase relationship dominated the situation in December of 2019. The consequences have been all too graphic: terror, fear that a deadly disease would defeat all the best efforts, extreme measures imposed around the world, and the global economy thrown into a downward spiral. However, this circumstance is not permanent. Over the course of January-April of 2020, a number of changes in planetary phase relationship developed. First, Saturn and Pluto came to conjunction on January 12, 2020, resurrecting the Saturn-Pluto cycle; then transiting Mars made conjunctions to Jupiter, Pluto, and Saturn in late March and early April 2020, thus resurrecting those cycles. Finally, Jupiter and Pluto made the conjunction on April 4, 2020, resurrecting that powerful cycle. (Jupiter and Pluto will do this twice more in 2020, dragging the process out a bit, but at the same time prompting far-reaching examination and transformation.)

Here are the consequent changes in phase relationships, indicated in red.

### Status of Planetary Pair Cycles April 2020

Neptune-Pluto	opening
Uranus-Neptune	opening
Uranus-Pluto	opening
Saturn-Uranus	closing
Saturn-Neptune	closing
Saturn-Pluto	opening
Jupiter-Saturn	closing
Jupiter-Uranus	closing
Jupiter-Neptune	closing

Jupiter-Pluto	opening
Mars-Jupiter	opening
Mars-Saturn	opening

Mars-Uranus	closing
Mars-Neptune	closing
Mars-Pluto	opening

Thus, by April 2020, eight of the influential planetary pair cycles were in opening or waxing or momentum-gaining phase, contrasted to seven in waning or dissolving phase. Here is a clear indication that the vitality of humanity is bouncing back from its deep dive into a death-like trance in December 2019, and that it is now gathering power and strength to come forth with immunity and physical vitality in a normal way, drawing inspiration and cosmic vitality from the ocean of space surrounding our planet.

By February 2021, the balance of opening to closing cycles will be even more profoundly weighted on the side of physical wellness, capability, and productivity.

#### Status of Planetary Pair Cycles February 2021

Neptune-Pluto	opening
Uranus-Neptune	opening
Uranus-Pluto	opening
Saturn-Uranus	closing
Saturn-Neptune	closing
Saturn-Pluto	opening
Jupiter-Saturn	opening
Jupiter-Uranus	closing
Jupiter-Neptune	closing
Jupiter-Pluto	opening
Mars-Jupiter	opening

Mars-Saturn	opening
Mars-Uranus	opening
Mars-Neptune	opening
Mars-Pluto	opening

By February 2021, eleven of the fifteen influential planetary pairs will be operating in waxing phase, with only four in waning phase. This is a certain sign that Humanity will rise from its present fears, hesitations, and quandaries to assert itself in a healthy way. [At this point in time, Humanity will also be in a better frame of reference to clearly perceive illusions, deceptions, and manipulations which have been worked upon it.] Then, looking on into the future, there is this: the three most powerful cycles will continue in waxing phase through 2140, 2080, and 2047, respectively, affording Humanity another quarter-century or so at the very least to evolve an economic paradigm sufficient to address the many problems of wealth inequality and to honor the ecosystem. It would be better that this much-to-be-desired development would happen sooner rather than later, but just in case it doesn't, it's good to know there's a good bit of energy, time, and creativity yet to flower forth. Armed with what Humanity shall have learned through the purposely manufactured covid hysteria and the uses to which it was put by the most wealthy of the planet, Humanity is likely to have a major awakening on this point.

### **Analysis and Prediction for the Week of December 14 – 20, 2020**

It would be an understatement to say that this week is packed with significant happenings. The Moon waxes all week, starting from the New Moon solar eclipse on Monday. Then, throughout the week, a bevy of notable astrological influences unfolds. Venus makes the beguiling,

seductive, and lovely sextile to Jupiter on Monday, just as Mercury trines Mars, making for all manner of good connections, nice gestures, and heart-warming goodness. Then Venus makes the sextile to Saturn on Tuesday, suffusing the head end of the week with a surprising dose of pleasantness in and around business and commerce. Venus then enters Sagittarius, turning desires in the direction of theory, law, travel, and vigorous outdoors experience for about a month.

Wednesday brings the much-awaited entry of Saturn in Aquarius, where the planet of Father Time will stay through February of 2023, while Saturday sees Jupiter enter that same sign to stay for about a year. The weekend brings the Sun into conjunction with Mercury in Sagittarius, intensifying wanderlust, restless bounding about, and big dreams. Then Mercury enters Capricorn on Sunday, bringing thoughts back to Earth for a few weeks.

All this is quite enough in and of itself, but that's not all. This week also constitutes the ramp-up to Monday December 21, the day of the historic conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the first degree of Aquarius; December 21 is also the solar ingress into Capricorn, which day is also therefore Yule, plus it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> lunar quarter, and the approach to Mars square Pluto on Wednesday December 23. Thus, the week of December 14 – 20 hums with anticipation, and it's not just the seasonal gift-giving kind. There's a sense that history is just about to be made, and that's true. The week of December 14 – 20 prepares us for that.

**Monday December 14** initiates the week with the waning Moon in philosophical Sagittarius. The Moon squares nebulous Neptune 1 – 3 am CST, amplifying mysteries, ambiguities, obfuscations, baffling dream images, and general murkiness. Then Lady Luna conjuncts articulate, hermetic Mercury and trines fearless, martial Mars 4 – 7 am CST, suddenly switching the atmosphere to a compelling clarity and abundant motivation. Straight away is the New Moon solar eclipse at 10:17 am CST, occurring in



the 23<sup>rd</sup> degree of Sagittarius. This position is closely conjunct the Moon and lunar south node of Donald Trump at 21 Sagittarius, and precisely opposite the Sun of Donald Trump at 23 degrees Gemini. The solar eclipse is thus certain to bring extreme emphasis to Trump and all his objectives. Sagittarius rules legal theory and attorneys. It is therefore highly likely that the Trump legal challenge to the recent election will come into notice and prominence at this time. The American Supreme Court has at present indicated an interest in hearing the case. Such could become big news on this day. The general vibes for all of Humanity are not at all bad. The New Moon kicks everyone into forward gear. Venus makes the sextile to Jupiter, improving interpersonal relations and making for palpable pleasantries. Then the Moon enters business-like Capricorn at 9:35 pm CST, shifting attention to duties and practicalities. Mercury in outdoorsy Sagittarius trines Mars in athletic Aries, bringing energy and fun outside and in.

**Tuesday December 15** carries the sense of niceness forward, as Venus in late Scorpio makes the sextile to Saturn in late Capricorn. This helps to settle emotions and to wipe away severe worries. After doing us all such good, Venus then enters Sagittarius at 10:21 am CST, to stay in that sign for about a month, all the while wooing us with notions of outdoors adventure, places distant and exotic, and mental challenges of all kinds.

**Wednesday December 16** signals big changes. The Moon in governmental Capricorn makes an antsy square to Mars and a coercive conjunction to Pluto 9 am – 2 pm CST, alerting one and all to the threat of tyrannical power. In response, we think about how to empower ourselves through ancient tradition and accessing the inner strengths of the Earth. Then the whole mental paradigm of the planet starts to shift in the direction of equality, liberty, and fraternity as Saturn enters Aquarius at 8:04 pm CST, there to stay for two years and some. New winds blow on the plane of mind.

**Thursday December 17** keeps the dial right there on that Aquarian theme. The Moon enters the altruistic sign of the Water-Bearer at 12:27 am CST, and immediately makes a conjunction to Saturn newly in that sign, thus sounding the message of Aquarius loud and clear through the radio waves of mind and matter. A moment of total attention on the principles of the Uranian-Aquarian archetype ensues, an appropriate moment for a new two-year era.

The Moon remains in world-conscious Aquarius on **Friday December 18**, making a sextile to Mercury in highly philosophical Sagittarius. The day is thus full of expansive, innovative, inspiring ideas. We intuit an abundance of new ways to get around old problems.

**Saturday December 19** brings even more forward momentum into the situation. The Moon enters Pisces at 6:39 am CST, feeding the powers of empathy, compassion, intuition, and imagination, thus setting the stage for a blurring of the boundaries between the pairs of opposites. Then along comes Zeus-like Jupiter to carpe diem! Yes, Jupiter enters Aquarius for a year-long stay in that sign, doing so at 7:07 am CST. Consciousness thus shifts noticeably from the many and unavoidable rules, regulations, restrictions, and requirements of Jupiter in Capricorn to a whole new gig. Aquarius is an air sign, symbolized by the wavy lines which might be water from the Aquarian vessel or the mind waves of telepathy and the wild, unrestrained antics of the sylph kingdom. Sylphs are notorious for the capacity to escape any type of restraint or restriction, for who can catch the wind? Only a windsock, or a boat sail, and that temporarily. Sylphs rule the day now, with two major planets emphasizing their domain. As above, so below; Humanity goes off in its own directions, not so much neatly rowed-up, cinched up, and hog-tied as in the Capricornian experience. For those who like order and consistency, this could be a challenge. Behold the jagged lines of the lightning-like symbol for Aquarius!



Aquarius goes its own unpredictable and often erratic way! This is not the willingness of Capricorn to humbly submit to six feet of social distancing, standing on blue lines at the grocery store, confined in white circles at school, and obediently doing as told. Instead, the metaphor “herding cats” comes to mind.



Or possibly it’s more like up, up, and away with my beautiful balloon!



In any case, it’s a movement toward freedom of mind and body. The Sun in Sagittarius conjuncts Mercury in that sign as well today, a further fire-sign hot air impetus to wild galloping escapades into the wide-open unknown.

So much for the pietistic complicity of Jupiter and Saturn in shaming and moralizing Capricorn, when much was made of virtue and the signaling thereof. Today, Sagittarius and Aquarius conspire to shift that paradigm toward freedom to observe, analyze, and formulate thoughts for oneself.

**Sunday December 20** brings more shifts. Mercury enters Capricorn at 5:07 pm CST, initiating a month of interest and curiosity in matters financial, professional, and governmental. The Pisces Moon conjuncts otherworldly Neptune 5 – 6 pm CST, blurring distinctions between the pairs of opposites. But no problem, for we are feeling the looming conjunction merger of solar systemic giants Jupiter and Saturn, exact on Monday December 21 at 12:21 pm CST. As these two deities conjoin to sound a common message, nothing can be altogether nebulous. An astrological juggernaut bears down on the moment. Today we know without a doubt that important new life directions are emerging for ourselves personally, for our communities and nations, and for our world. And it is our world, says Aquarius, not a world owned by a few ultra-wealthy individuals. Total truth on that is building in the wings and set to make its ineluctable appearance on December 21. A new twenty-year cycle of the social planets Jupiter and Saturn is set to begin.

