

# *The Starfire Messenger*



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## **Rising Tides of Revolutionary Sentiment**

Suffused throughout with the dynamic, electric power of the planet Uranus, the months of January and February 2021 represent a powder-keg of tense energies ready to erupt at any time. Whatever the politicians and self-proclaimed designers of world affairs may think, the energies of this time hail not to the tune of obedient complicity to authority and willing

submission to the invasion of basic human rights. Instead, January and February 2021 march to the tune of a different drummer, pounding out a beat which awakens sleepers to the nature of the challenge at hand. In fact, in early 2021, Uranus sounds a wake-up call, if not a call to arms, for those who prioritize human liberty, open intellectual inquiry, the free flow of information, bodily autonomy, and the embrace of social diversity. Thus, while the incoming Democratic presidential administration in the U.S. and the incumbent administration in the United Kingdom signal in early 2021 that they intend to manage and subdue their respective populations via the iron rule of lockdown, censorship, and mandatory medical interventions, the astrological energies of the time present an entirely different picture, in fact poised to upend their plans and foil them at every turn.

Why so? It is so because the astrology of these two months is dominated not by rule-bound and social approval-dominated Saturn, but by head-strong, individualistic Uranus, emblem and archetype of liberty, independent thinking, and the refusal to accept the dictates of distant, monolithic, privileged, ensconced authority. In fact, Uranus stands for everything opposite: the worth and rights of the individual, the urge toward freedom and self-realization, the primacy of self-rule, and the will toward self-determination.

It is this planet and that for which it stands which dawned in the consciousness of Humanity between the American and French Revolutions, a sign and indication that Uranian functioning rejects the notion of monarchy, with its bloated claims to divine right. Instead, Uranus affirms the worth and value of the individual, while championing the power of individuals to voluntarily form teams, cooperate, and collaborate in mutually beneficial efforts. Antithesis to the political and economic concepts which ruled western civilization for centuries, Uranus as a symbol of human self-discovery presented itself in the revolutionary period of 1781. As a result, in modern astrology, Uranus represents the overthrow of the old order, the repudiation of entrenched authority, and the drive for

self-determination. Uranus is the apotheosis of the will to cast off the shackles of domination, oppression, slavery, abuse, and gross injustice, shattering the bonds of egregious economic disparity and unjust schemes of forced labor. It stands instead for self-reliance, ingenuity, and the power to invent anew. Uranus grants the power to radically transcend the limitations imposed by narrow-minded concepts of truth and human potential. It is thus symbolic of revolutionary action, whether this takes the form of individual self-discovery, personal awakening, acceleration of evolution, cultural renaissance, fierce proclamations of identity, public displays of fiery rhetoric, political confrontation, disruption of existing systems, or outright revolutionary warfare.

The power of Uranus is greatly enhanced throughout the month of January 2021. In retrograde motion for the last few months, Uranus turns direct at 7 degrees of Taurus on January 14. On January 17, Uranus receives an exact square from Jupiter. Then on January 20, Mars makes the exact conjunction to Uranus at 7 degrees of Taurus. **Thus, the period January 14 through January 20 is saturated with the radical, disruptive power of Uranus, which planet always serves to depose the old order, whether in the life of the individual or in the life of the collective.** The passing of the old order involves much destruction, a rending and tearing of previously established forms and patterns. Norms are thus shattered and familiar patterns, customs, and traditions uprooted.

Some might say that the presence of Uranian energies in January 2021 signifies only the change of presidential administrations in Washington, D.C., and that Biden's way represents the New World revealed by Uranus. While it is true that the Uranian impact does coincide with the change of administrations, it is not likely that's all there is to it. Given Biden's deep roots in the Washington establishment and Harris' linkage to major pharmaceutical corporations, the Biden-Harris administration is far more representative of the privileged establishment elite than it is of a democratically-based people's movement attuned to free-thinking Uranus.

Accordingly, the month of January 2021 is anything but halcyon. Intense energies urgently trending toward independence and liberty dominate. The events of January 6 at the United States Capitol serve as a case in point. Here is what *Starfire Messenger* #147 of December 28, 2020 – January 3, 2021 had to say about January 6, 2021: “...the Uranian nature of the prevailing astrology strongly suggests that even though the Biden camp thinks it can’t possibly happen, the [election validity] challenge will result in a wild free-for all.” Indeed, that is precisely what occurred, as more than 200 unarmed American citizens, desperate to voice concerns about the absence of election integrity, broke into the fortified Capitol and demanded to confront Congress. A huge scuffle resulted, citizens and Capitol police in hand-to-hand combat in some locations, with verbal altercations in others.<sup>1</sup> As the world now knows, an unarmed 35-year-old military veteran from the West Coast lost her life in the effort to communicate with Congress, shot dead by Capitol police.

Democratic leadership and mainstream media immediately branded the event as domestic terrorism carried out by a few unstable political extremists. Democrats and mainstream media have so far refused to allow that the events of January 6 represent any true sentiments of a large segment of the American population. However, an ear to the ground reveals that the citizen actions of January 6 at the American Capitol do in fact represent not only a grave concern with the overwhelming evidence of election fraud (which the Supreme Court and Congress largely ignored), but also an emerging disgust with the self-serving methods of the American ruling class, including Congress and the entire governmental apparatus, which just approved vast sums of money for foreign aid while doling out miniscule compensation to the American public for covid closures. Bundled into this intolerable burden are frustration and

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<sup>1</sup> Independent media report that in at least two locations, Capitol police appear to have stood down and joined in solidarity with the protesters. Whether these were instances of spontaneous empathy or planned strategy for the purpose of drawing protesters into a trap is not known.

exasperation with the forced business closures mandated by politicians claiming to protect the public health against covid, as well as the resulting economic and financial devastation of the nation.

All of these issues have combined to generate tremendous pressure in and on the American population, a pressure which the activation of Uranus in 2021 is sure to release into explosive expression. The scene at the American Capitol on January 6, 2021 as viewed by an impartial observer educated in world history in fact would have conformed to the break-out stages of democratic revolution the world over – the invasion of the primary symbol of governmental power. This is Uranus, acting in its unexpected, anomalous manner to question authority and stridently differ with the established norms of the moment.

For its part, Congress ignored the obvious signs of serious unrest and impending eruption as nearly two million persons<sup>2</sup> questioning the election results gathered outside the Capitol. Instead of acknowledging the authenticity and sincerity of the assembly, Congress opted to dismiss the demonstration as pure partisanship, unworthy of notice. Congress therefore did not send out a delegation to speak with representatives of the crowd, instead barricading itself against the American people. The results are evident for the world to see.

The power of Uranus remains potent throughout the entirety of 2021, as Saturn in Aquarius makes the square to Uranus in mid-February, mid-June, and then again in late December. Uranus will, as a result, continue to generate upheaval, unanticipated aberrations from law and customs, and spasmodic eruptions of revolutionary sentiment throughout the entire year of 2021, and throughout the world. Attempts to contain or suppress this rising tide of revolutionary sentiment are certain only to intensify the drive for fair representation and self-determination. In other words, the more that governments such as the American and the British devote themselves

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<sup>2</sup> Estimated crowd size according to sources in independent media, based on participant observation.

to sequestering the people and refusing to hear their pleas of distress, the greater the push-back is likely to be. Those who wish to avoid bodily harm are thus advised to stay far away from public venues in which such demonstrations of rising revolutionary sentiments may flash into expression, especially on the dates mentioned above.

### **A Review of *Starfire Messenger* Predictions on Trump**

What follows is a review of predictions concerning the long-term political viability of Donald Trump. As will become evident, *Starfire Messenger* had it right, predicting back as early as the fall of 2018 that Trump would not gain a second presidential term. At the time these predictions were made, it was conventional wisdom that Trump was invulnerable. *Starfire Messenger* predictions to the contrary were ridiculed as wishful thinking, political naivete, and worse. See and read for yourself.

#### ***Starfire Messenger* #28: September 17 – 23, 2018**

“Whither Trump? Where is he headed? What is his karma? What can be expected? Astrology replies that **even though Trump’s mounting problems of 2018 are without a doubt more than substantial, they are small by comparison to the conditions which he will meet in 2019 and 2020.**

In the year of 2019, transiting Neptune will square Trump’s natal Uranus, an influence he has not yet confronted this lifetime. Neptune will be acting from his 7<sup>th</sup> house (significant others) on his Uranus in the 10<sup>th</sup> house (public image and reputation). Here is a sure formula for betrayal by someone and/or several someones who had been close to him, a strong astrological indication that ALL the individuals who previously served him and who have now been convicted will open their mighty little mouths and sing like songbirds to a legal tune composed by federal investigations. Also

in 2019, karmic agent Saturn will square Trump's Neptune, oppose his Mercury, and square his Jupiter, virtually ensuring that the rules of government shall be kept firmly pressed upon him. In 2018, Trump has felt the fullness of neither of these influences. When they do come, they will bring into sharp focus the trends now falling into place, especially as regards legal challenges.

**Then in the year 2020, Trump will encounter even greater astrological challenges,** as transiting Pluto reaches the opposition to Trump's Saturn, transiting Neptune continues to square his natal Uranus, transiting Saturn opposes his natal Saturn and Venus, and even transiting Uranus gets into the fray as it squares his natal Pluto. All this translated into plain English means that **in 2020, Trump will encounter terrific resistance, criticism, censure, unpopularity, rejection, and even disgrace.** The weight of the law will come down heavily upon him, his associates, and his family. The family involvement is inevitable, signified by the fact that transiting Saturn in governmental Capricorn will oppose Trump's Saturn and Venus in familial Cancer in 2020. Saturn is the planet of consequences. This means that the consequences of the actions taken by Trump and his family members in the past will be due for karmic accounting. At the same time, Trump's political fortunes will be greatly diminished. No longer will he have a substantial constituency. It is not at all likely that he will have a political future from that point forward.

**The astrological conditions which Trump will meet by 2020 are harsh. Going into them with an impudent attitude and trailing a long history of shady deals, Trump is virtually assured of public condemnation and serious legal reprisals.** Thus, to the question where Trump might be or is headed, astrology can reply quite confidently that he is headed toward a colossal and crushing encounter with his own karma, his own nefarious dealings, his own cavalier sense that he walks above water and flies above the law where even eagles dread to go. **Another term as president is not at all likely.** In fact, the astrological conditions suggest

that Trump's grip on the Oval Office will weaken significantly in 2019. At any time in 2019 and 2020, Trump is positioned to have the reins of power removed from his hands."

## **Starfire Messenger #82: September 30 – October 6, 2019**

### **Crisis in Washington, D.C.: Trump's Abuse of Power**

"Many have been asking if the current crisis in Washington, D.C. is the development predicted in several past issues of *Starfire Messenger*. The answer is: yes. However, the full impact of the astrological indicator of this situation is not yet in effect. This will come in December of 2019 and January of 2020. These months will be particularly powerful in regard to the forces of opposition sure to meet Trump and his circle.

It is clear from current news reports that Trump and certain members of the Republican Party think that Trump can easily slough off the impeachment challenge now mounting against him in the U.S. House of Representatives, but the astrological indicators suggest very differently. When both transiting Saturn and transiting Pluto begin in earnest to oppose Trump's natal Saturn placement later this year, the theme for him will be the facing of serious and severe questioning of his own words and actions as he expressed them over the course of many years. The full force of the law will be in his face. This is not a passage out of which he will be able to sail with ease, relying on his usual glib and ambiguous language. Every word and nuance will come under scrutiny, as will the words and actions of his inner circle and family members.

This drama is just coming into focus, so yes, this is the real deal and also just a hint of what is to come. **The astrological indicators strongly suggest that Trump will be exiting politics, that he will not be in a position to seek a second term, and that he will be confronted with a thorough rebuke of his methods. This is so even if his base continues to**



**worship him and even if his political cronies continue to protect him.**  
There are bigger forces coming into play. Time will reveal."

*Starfire Messenger #102: February 17 - 23, 2020*

"The take-way to keep in mind, however, is that no matter how arrogantly Trump may posture, forces are moving into play which will not support unrelenting hubris on his part. Whether the form these forces take turns out to be Congressional, administrative, elective, or other, they are sure to represent resistance of a type and potency Trump has never yet faced in his present incarnation. Given that Trump has set himself on a course which is inimical to the preservation of the planet, this is a fact of great importance to all. **Keep watching, especially now through late March 2020, as transiting Pluto slowly moves into the exact opposition to Trump's Saturn.** The signs of the times will make themselves known."

**Review of Predictions on the United States**

*Starfire Messenger #2: March 19 – 25, 2018*

**"The U.S. will experience its Pluto return from March of 2021 through October of 2023.** Hence, if we accept the notion of the life of an empire as equivalent to the time elapsed from date of founding to one orbit of Pluto around the Sun, then we inevitably see that the U.S. is in the final stages of development from the seed-idea for a democratic nation sown in the 1770s. According to the historical model (which has been derived from empirical studies), the portion of time in which the U.S. now finds itself is called the Period of Decadence, characterized as a phase of militarism, moral dissolution, indulgence, loss of basic values, and emphasis on personal advantage over the good of the greater group. Unfortunately, that's a rather convincing description of American corporate politics and vulgar popular culture, suggesting that the model may well apply.

**One thing is for certain: America is most definitely in the final approach to its Pluto return, due to occur in 2021 - 2023.** This long cycle planetary return inevitably brings into the picture the energies of Pluto, the archetype of death, decay, psychic purification, and regeneration. The Pluto archetype has its roots in the figure of Hades, god of the underworld in ancient Greek mythology. Hades oversaw an underground kingdom to which the souls of the dead were understood to go in ancient Greek religion. In this underground kingdom named for the god who presided over it, the souls of the dead processed their memories of the lifetime just lived, expiated for their misdeeds through the pangs of conscience and of inner suffering, eventually unburdening their souls of wrong attitudes and rising through the Earth to a new incarnation. The U.S. is increasingly experiencing a parallel situation in the years running up to and including 2021, 2022, and 2023.”

### **Daily Analysis and Prediction for the Week Ahead**

This week is packed with powerful astrological activations. Mercury in Aquarius conjuncts Jupiter and squares Uranus in Taurus, the Moon is New, Mars in Taurus squares Saturn in Aquarius, Venus trines Uranus, Uranus turns direct, the Sun conjuncts Pluto, and Jupiter squares Uranus. It's enough to stand the world on its head – especially the Jupiter square Uranus part! Radical departures from expectation take place, with all manner of surprises, some setbacks and delays from Saturn, and constant social agitation all coloring the week with a goodly amount of tension.

**Monday January 11** opens the work/school week with the Moon in hide-bound Capricorn, lecturing us on the duties and tasks to which we must attend, but Mercury conjunct Jupiter at 5 degrees of Aquarius stimulates intensive intellectual inquiry, wide-ranging conversations, and much social networking. Work-related tasks get a boost just after 2 pm CST while the Moon conjuncts Venus in professional Capricorn. We feel the forming

square between Mercury and Uranus as well, exact tomorrow, even now generating controversy, challenge, urgency, agitation, and sudden insights. Nothing is settled, including anybody's nerves.

**Tuesday January 12** sees the New Moon occur at 11 pm CST in the 23<sup>rd</sup> degree of Capricorn. Leading up to that point, the final hours of the lunar cycle find us less than motivated, even though a flurry of happenings assaults from every angle. We feel the Mars-Saturn square, exact tomorrow, but coming into awareness today as delays, setbacks, long arduous processes, many responsibilities, and various complications. We get odd and unanticipated benefits from such changes as Venus in calculating Capricorn trines Uranus in resourceful Taurus. Then the New Moon moment perks us up at 11 pm CST. We suddenly remember we have life goals and ambitions.

**Wednesday January 13** sees the exact square between Mars and Saturn, indicating that many processes and tasks slated for this week move along at a snail's pace, with some of them halted altogether. The Moon enters Aquarius at 10:44 am CST, shifting attention to group and team efforts. Venus trines Uranus, setting the stage for surprise connections with intriguing others. The Moon activates the forming Jupiter-Uranus square 8 pm – 11 pm CST, giving us clarity about major creative inspirations emerging from higher dimensions. We are in high alert mode as Uranus prepares to turn direct in a few hours, thus suffusing us with the dynamic electrical power of that planet. We feel jolted into the activation of our higher potentials.

**Thursday January 14** continues the theme of awakening to a greater sense of purpose and potential as transiting Uranus makes the station and turns direct at 2:36 am CST. Then the Moon conjuncts Mercury in Aquarius, further stimulating innovative thoughts and independent orientations. The Sun is conjunct Pluto, greatly amplifying the themes of power, politics, leadership, corruption, hidden matters, secrets, and the effects of predatory corporate practices. Even so, we have individual power to use.

**Friday January 15** relaxes the pace a smidge as the Moon enters graceful Pisces at 4:17 pm CST, cultivating a mood of thoughtful reflection. Then the Moon makes the sextile to Mars in steady Taurus overnight, adding a pinch of emotional stabilization. Even so, the greater context is tumult.

**Saturday January 16** promises interesting interludes, especially 00 hours – noon CST while the Moon is sextile Mars, Uranus, and Venus. Normally, such a sequence of aspects would calm us right down, but with Jupiter square Uranus at peak intensity, such is not to be expected. Intense energies of radical change surround the moment. We are given to think large thoughts and break through into new levels of understanding. We feel that the sky is the limit, if there is any limit at all. We are ready to tear away from that which limits creativity, authenticity, and autonomy. Bold actions for greater self-realization and social betterment catapult us into new associations and frames of reference.

**Sunday January 17** brings the maximum power of the current Jupiter-Uranus square. The Moon remains in Pisces, imparting the power of adaptation to large and sweeping changes. We make major spiritual, metaphysical, and cultural realizations today. Aha moments abound. The spirit of self-reliance, independence, individual effort, entrepreneurship, and the will to distinguish oneself propel all into new levels of creative thought and performance. Outside of the box is the place to be.

