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As the exact square of Saturn and Uranus on February 17 draws closer, the effects of this planetary combination grow more evident every day. Throughout the planet, on both collective and individual levels, major structural changes are in process of emerging. The powers of the Saturn-Uranus square affect both the soul and the body, mind and matter, psyche and environment. Thus, the processes now in place are both inward or subjective on one hand, and outward or objective on the other. Inwardly, individuals and groups are dramatically shifting and changing in terms of beliefs and points of view as they become more capable of and willing to

engage in independent thinking. Outwardly, the same energy manifests as a wave of independence initiatives taking place at various levels of governance, as an increasing number of regional powers seek to disconnect from larger federations and from exterior control by corporate entities.

For example, secession initiatives are in various stages of progress in Quebec, Catalan, and Scotland. Britain has departed the European Union, and France appears to be contemplating similar action. In the United States, serious deliberations regarding potential secession from the United States have arisen in Texas, Oregon, and Washington state, while a few counties in both eastern and western American states have announced a desire to separate from their respective states and join nearby states of a more conservative disposition. National leaders in India and European countries have broken away from the hypnotic control of major internet platforms, proclaiming that such entities as Twitter and Facebook shall not arrogate to themselves the power to dictate the terms of free speech within their national borders.

The rejection of the ruling paradigm has also manifested in the world financial markets, with the recent market revolt staged by independent investors dedicated to the American company Gamestop. Using the simple tactic of stock purchases, an international group of small investors managed to deliberately slap professional market loss speculators with a stunning defeat. Of course, the market elites subsequently contrived to punish the small investors in turn, but only after the speculative hedge fund managers had their heads served to them on the people's platter.

More eruption of the impulse toward freedom has emerged in the form of protests against draconian covid restrictions. Several nations in Europe have seen violent demonstrations expressing the ire of the people as their freedoms to engage in commerce, assemble socially, and travel continue to be abrogated. In the United States, resistance to covid measures has been suppressed through the threat that any such speech will be classed as domestic terrorism. Facebook and Twitter continue to inhibit

open discussion, and Google closely manages its internet search results to conform to its desired social and financial outcome. The result has been a mass migration to free speech platforms, now proliferating at breathtaking speed. The urge to explore and share information under the current passage of Jupiter through Aquarius appears to be irrepressible.

All these examples serve to show that the people of the Earth are in no mood to be shut up, shut down, muzzled, or manhandled. Instead, people around the world are fighting back against imposed rule, the privilege of wealth, and intellectual censorship. These trends are entirely consistent with the effects of the spirit of independence generated by the tug of war written into the Saturn-Uranus square. Given that this aspect is exact three times throughout 2021, it is quite safe to say that the rebellions against forms of governance and financial control have just begun.

The same is true for individuals. In other words, the shifts in orientation and interests now manifesting represent just a few drops in the bucket of what shall manifest over the course of the entire year of 2021. The trend for individuals is thus quite similar to that for collectives: the main movement is toward a rejection of belief paradigms which squelch individual worth and initiative in favor of slavishly glorifying a few special figures. This is so because Saturn square Uranus throughout 2021 indicates that in the subjective domain, all of humanity is working through a terrific conflict between the inclination to submit to and acquiesce in authoritarianism under Saturn, and the inclination to boldly and joyously pursue freedom of thought, speech, and assembly under Uranus.

In astrology, an old saw has it that in any contest between two planets, the one which has a greater orbit and hence slower progress through the zodiac will eventually win. In this case, it's Uranus, one orbit toward the outside of the solar system from Saturn. With the larger orbit, Uranus takes 84 years to travel around the Sun and hence to pass through the entire zodiac, while Saturn takes only about 29 years to do the same. Thus, Uranus is the superior spiritual power here, easily beating out

Saturn. Uranus concerns the acceleration of spiritual evolution in humanity; Saturn has its place in that context, but it's much more concerned with perpetuation of the status quo.

In the creation myths of ancient Greece, it was the other way around. Upstart Kronos bested elder Ouranos and wrested power and control from the older ruler. In the later Latin nomenclature, Kronos is of course Saturn, Father time, and Ouranos is Uranus, or Sky. Thus, in the ancient version of the story, Time defeated the infinity of Sky, the Unlimited Firmament, in the sequence of increasingly concretized vibrations characteristic of the manifestation process. It was at that point that limitation became a feature of existence on Earth. Thus, Saturn won out back then.

Surely turnabout is fair play. It's not only fair play, it's downright already happening. Uranus in the form of uprisings, rebellions, revolts, secessions, national divorces, de-federations, and refusals to be dictated to by corporate policies is already in play. For each of us individually, the call is similar. In 2021, with increasing frequency and thrust, individuals will identify those belief systems and behaviors which are nothing but vestiges of suppressive, oppressive, predatory, and privileged power systems. The medical system and pharmaceutical companies are two such, and these both stand to lose a great deal of unquestioning subservience during 2021 as more and more people see through the shell game of convenient statistics and tricky statements about the nature and efficacy of injections. The mental shackles will be thrown off. Vigorous questioning of the dominant paradigms in every sector of life will become the order of the day.

The process is underway. Just recently, a major mainstream media outlet ran a story on Anthony Fauci's documented financial support of genetic research deliberately designed to develop lethal superpathogens, information which had been widely disseminated outside of the mainstream media for almost a year now, and information which (if the public had it) would easily sway opinion. The breaking of this story into

mainstream media is but one of many examples of the shattering effect of the Saturn square Uranus aspect and its capacity to disrupt the convenient status quo. Fauci himself is a Capricorn, and thus one of Saturn's own. To him, Uranus - the very voice of democracy and individual worth - is anathema. As a long-time favorite of the pharmaceutical industry, Fauci is a Saturnian company man par excellence. In fact, his very domain is Saturnian - corporate structure, government agencies, the exclusive environs of the establishment, and his own hard-nosed focus on the bottom line. As Uranus in Taurus interacts with Saturn in 2021, Fauci could very easily find himself in the hotspot of questioning about his massive dollar support for projects at the Wuhan laboratory from which covid very likely sprang.

Look for more shockers of this type, as the Saturnian world of those clinging to security and seeming safety is increasingly rocked by Uranian revelations. What we have fervently believed to be true may not be so, we discover. Paradigm shifts are thus inevitable during 2021.

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The power of the Saturn-Uranus square grows all week long, thus setting the stage for radical shifts of opinion and equally drastic alterations in social and organizational alliances. The Moon wanes for half the week, with New Moon moment at 1:06 pm CST on Thursday February 11.

A number of potent short-term aspects color the week as well. The Sun conjuncts retrograde Mercury at 20 degrees of Aquarius on February 8, emphasizing the re-evaluations, introspections, and logistical alterations of the retrograde Mercury period. Then it's more Rx Mercury madness, as the backtracking Winged One makes an exact square to militant Mars on February 10, agitating the atmosphere mightily. Venus conjuncts Jupiter at 13 Aquarius on February 11, adding inflation and exaggeration to the

situation. Enough Rx Mercury, already? No such. Again the backtracking Winged One does mischief, making a conjunction to Venus at 15 degrees Aquarius on February 12.

A bit of peace and psychic harmony emerge anyway as Mars in sensual Taurus makes the harmonious sextile to Neptune in romantic Pisces on February 13, more or less just in time for the traditional Valentine Day thing. On Valentine's Day itself, Rx Mercury is at it again, conjunct giant Jupiter this time at 13 degrees of Aquarius, making for large demonstrations of whatever is served up. It's a week full of wacky, possibly even serendipitous Rx Mercury happenings. Old loves return, whether these be passions of the mind or heart, or both. All of these cause a mighty re-configuring of everything as Saturn edges closer and closer to the exact square with Saturn on February 17.

Monday February 8 opens the work week with the Moon in dutiful and methodical Capricorn. Work wants to get done, and we are in a mind to do it 3 am to midnight CST as the Moon trines Uranus and Mars, and makes the sextile to Neptune. Sounds good, right? It could work out that way if Mercury so concurs. This is his day, for the Sun is conjunct Rx Mercury at 20 degrees Aquarius today, greatly intensifying the retrograde effect. Thus, plans are revised, as are thoughts about organizations and social circles. Big developments are in the wings. Public arguments are soon to erupt.

Tuesday February 9 sees the Moon conjunct Pluto in Capricorn 11 am to noon CST, thus drawing attention to hidden powers of business and government. Then the Moon enters Aquarius at 7:20 pm CST, shifting the vibe to creative endeavors and intellectual interests. Spirited debates and outright confrontations are brewing, however, for Rx Mercury is moving to square Mars just now. We should pick our battles carefully, for there may be many. Irritation and verbal sallies seem to be all too present. Buildings containing dangerous chemicals and explosives should be avoided.

Wednesday February 10 looks volatile. Rx Mercury squares Mars at 6:16 am CST, focusing recent upsets and frustrations into a laser-like beam of

intense bitter, anger. The Moon in Aquarius conjuncts Saturn, Venus, Jupiter, and Rx Mercury 6 am until 2 am on Thursday February 11, while it also squares Uranus and Mars 7 am CST Wednesday February 10 through 5 am CST on Thursday February 11, thus adding to social tension. This makes all of Wednesday and a good bit of Thursday a flashpoint of intensity for all manner of freedom fighting, declarations of independence, and spontaneous uprisings. Passions run high on all fronts, personal and political. Be on the alert for aggressive driving and take evasive action.

The intensity runs right into **Thursday February 11**, when Venus conjoins Jupiter at 13 degrees of Aquarius, thus intensifying the trend toward personal independence, creative expression, and unique forms of individuality. Groups of like-minded free-thinkers coalesce around themes of self-determination, inclusion, and diversity. The Moon becomes New at 1:06 pm CST in the 23rd degree of Aquarius, again throwing light and intensity on collaborative endeavors. Teams of people seeking the same freedoms now come together. New friendships, platonic loves, and romance all get the spark. Even so, beware social pressure.

Friday February 12 sees the Moon enter Pisces at 1:23 am CST, calming the emotional waters a smidge with a blanket of mystic detachment, but not really, because more crazy wild mental stimulation seizes the day while Rx Mercury joins up with Venus at 15 degrees Aquarius, bringing eccentricism to new heights, while also bringing together like-minded all seeking various forms of political and personal freedoms. All the details are not in order just yet because Mercury is retrograde and we know how that goes, but the overall idea is there, and it has to do with increased affiliations under the banner of big important ideas.

Actual interpersonal harmony emerges **Saturday February 13**, as always hot-headed and passionate Mars in comfort-loving Taurus cozies into a sextile with dreamy Neptune in amenable Pisces, soothing even the wildest of temperaments. The Moon helps, from Pisces making a sextile to Mars and Pluto, and a conjunction to Neptune 1 pm Saturday to 1 am Sunday

CST. The day is thus ripe for all kinds of congenial sentiments, relational healing, and positive expressions. Yes, Mercury is still retrograde, complicating matters, but still, it's lovely.

Lovely things go on happening right into **Sunday February 14**, while Rx Mercury conjuncts Jupiter at 13 degrees Aquarius, again emphasizing friendship, companionship, social networks, and linkages with like-minded others. Good news takes shape in many forms today. Still, we know there are big questions yet to be answered, and major accomplishments yet to be mastered as Saturn moves to square Uranus. Even so, this interval of intriguing developments, vibrant ideas, and loving relations surely will help reduce tension.



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