

# Cosmic Views

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### 2009

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There are a couple ways to calculate a chart for the New Year, and always in the case of a country, one does it for the capital city's co-ordinates. To be pure, one would calculate the ingress of the Sun into Aries—the beginning of the Zodiac, which doesn't occur until late March; however, I believe that what a collective group considers a "beginning" has major validity. Therefore, I'm using a chart that reflects the moment the New Year begins.

The chart for the New Year 2009, calculated for Washington, DC at midnight January 1<sup>st</sup>, has the usual Libra ascendant as it always does, but this year, not only is the Sun square the ascendant (also, as usual), but in addition, Pluto and Mars are joining the Sun in this configuration. It is interesting to note, too, that on December 27, 2008 there is a new moon at 6:08 Capricorn, which is right in the midst of this pattern, as well. In fact, it is rising in a chart for the new moon cast for Washington, DC. These together are very powerful for suggesting that will-power, focus and determination are the key words in this country for the year ahead.

The Sabian symbol for this new moon degree ("A veiled prophet speaks, seized by the power of a god.") translates to an organized social collective being guided by an especially open person(s) to developments about to occur. (**An Astrological Mandala** by Dane Rudhyar) Such a powerful combination of all this, plus all planets except Saturn in a bucket pattern—i.e. all in Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces, with Saturn being across the wheel as a singleton—shows that this country has a very strong determination to discipline itself and do whatever is necessary to clean up whatever mess we are in. There is nothing like Pluto conjunct Mars, especially on an angle, to stay the course and focus on essentials.

The New Year chart's Mars is opposing the USA's Venus, and Pluto squares the USA MC, but both are in range of activating both positions. Notoriously, Pluto and Mars have a reputation for being "bad guys," but keep in mind that these energies are neutral. It is how we use them (or misuse them) that delivers positive or negative results. After all, Pluto and Mars are the traditional indications of surgery, and that can be lifesaving. But, they are also traditionally viewed as "murderous rage," as well, when knives might be used for other purposes. For this reason, this configuration *could* be the harbinger of violence here at home (they are on the 4<sup>th</sup> cusp), but much depends on individual decisions to bring it to fruition. Pluto, Mars and the Sun being in Capricorn is helpful because in that sign there is more thoughtful and deliberate use of the energy—or at least it is more easily accessed. Since the USA Venus rules its MC, both aspects address similar issues—leadership, particularly. We are already witnessing the willfulness of the whole

country in demanding wiser, more focused and responsible leaders. With a New Year's chart like this, the demand for accountability will continue unabated.

It is interesting that we are also witnessing a different kind of "surgery," as well, in the exposure and excising of corruption that is now costing billions of investors' money. This is also a Pluto/Mars function. It is upon the USA chart's Venus and MC, as well as the New Year's MC and Ascendant, that the pair is casting a laser beam right now, and since the chart lasts the whole year, although Mars will move on, his influence will linger throughout 2009. It is fascinating that Venus rules the USA MC and also rules the New Year chart's eighth house (investments and agents of all kinds). So when we combine those influences, we can see how the big issue is the economy, investments, and leadership. That leads us to the Venus in the New Year's chart.

Venus there, at 27:29 Aquarius, is conjunct the USA's Moon within half a degree—meaning that it is the one planet in this chart that the populace (USA Moon) will relate to the most. It is in an out-of-sign sextile to New Year's Pluto and Mars. Since the Moon here rules the New Year's MC, and Venus rules the USA's MC, the populace relates personally to the President. The MC is leadership in general—all authority figures. The Sun in a country's chart is specifically the President (or queen, czar, etc.), and the Sun in the New Year's chart is conjoining Pluto and Mars, and sextile the Moon. He promises to be determined, relentless, energetic, with a positive relationship possible with the people (Moon). Sextiles are not automatic; they require effort to materialize. (Since inauguration day is near next month's ingress, we will focus on the new chief then.)

However, Venus is between and in conjunction to the Moon in Pisces (which rules the MC) on one side, and Neptune on the other. There are no other major aspects to this triple conjunction, except for a wide trine from Moon to MC, and the trio is in the fun loving/gambling/speculative fifth house. We cannot include Venus and Neptune in the MC/Moon trine because they are not only too wide, but out-of-sign and separating. This is troubling. The strong Moon trine MC and sextile Pluto/Mars shows very strong, positive leadership being possible. But, Venus and Neptune, ruling the 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, show confused, weak and possibly ego-driven investment and tax strategies and instability of jobs (Neptune rules the sixth; Uranus ruling the 5<sup>th</sup>, is in the 6<sup>th</sup> opposite Saturn). The 6<sup>th</sup> house is crucial, since it is our day-to-day working lives. Uranus in that house tells us that jobs are inclined to be erratic and unstable. Being opposite Saturn, which is in the 12<sup>th</sup>, the collective mindset of the country is more slanted to being fearful. And fear is the real enemy.

### **What about Congress?**

Legislators, laws, group philosophical concepts, etc. are shown by the ninth house. There is nothing there, but the ruler is Mercury, and it is located in the fourth house conjunct Jupiter within less than a degree. Aspects in any chart—in fact, all energies in any chart—reflect potential only. They are not and never have been an ironclad guarantee of anything. They just show the energy at the disposal of the entity at the moment of its beginning. This aspect is usually wonderful, showing optimistic thinking and a positive attitude. But, aside from the conjunction, itself, and a few aspects to asteroids, there is only one strong Ptolemaic aspect, and that is a sextile to the Part of Fortune (the midpoint of the Sun, Moon and Ascendant). This can be good because it doesn't indicate a conflict with other energies in the chart. Therefore, it can operate relatively freely.

Since this conjunction is in the 4<sup>th</sup> house, which is where we'd look to see the condition of the countries' homes, I'd say that Congress will be inclined to concentrate on the mortgage crisis as a basic foundation for a sounder economy. Jupiter rules the third house (and, as said, Mercury rules the ninth). If these two rulers are conjunct, it means that Congress is able to hear what the people are saying, and taking positive action toward

a mutually agreeable resolution. The down side of Jupiter/Mercury is too much optimism and generosity. Since the 8<sup>th</sup> house (taxes, mortgages, investments, debt) ruler is conjunct Neptune, the problem can be too much debt (on top of too much debt) with no ability to see how illusionary or temporary the solutions might be. Let's hope that their (Jupiter and Mercury) being in Capricorn will temper the generosity with responsible accountability included in their solutions.

### **2009 Configurations**

We start the New Year with Mars conjunct Pluto, and separately, Saturn opposing Uranus. The former is usually fleeting, but in this case it will linger because it is part of the New Year's "birth" chart. However, Mars moves on to contact Pluto by opening square in late April/early May, when we might see its potential for violence and/or exposing corruption manifest again. It will oppose Pluto in late August/early September, bringing the same potential.

The Saturn/Uranus opposition, as we discussed in a prior newsletter, is much more significant for its length of presence and rarity in aligning. This represents our disillusion with the past, impatience with the status quo, and struggle to break free into innovation and change. I'd say its influence is pretty obvious. It will be with us—sometimes weaker and slightly out of range; sometimes stronger—until it begins to separate in the fall of 2010.

Saturn will first leave Virgo and go into Libra this year on October 30, 2009 (and be in and out throughout 2010), and at that time is only a degree from squaring Pluto. I would have been in range of an out-of-sign square since early September (depending on your own orb preference). I allow six degrees orb for aspects between planets and the six degree limit—where it begins to be felt—is reached around September 15, 2009. It is at this time that Uranus is exactly opposing Saturn, as well, and also within six degrees of squaring Pluto. This is similar to the configuration that was present during the Great Depression.

From early June through the summer, Uranus will have been in range of squaring Pluto out-of-sign, and this was similar to the major influence of the turbulent sixties (as well as Saturn being involved part of the time) when they were conjunct each other, and it was the last time they were in stressful contact. If you remember, we had riots and multiple assassinations. It was a violent decade.

The latter half of August concerns me because Uranus will be in orb of squaring Pluto just as Mars and Saturn activate the USA's Neptune/Mars square, and Mars moves on into orb of a T-square with Uranus and Pluto. That can be violent, whether storms or attacks. However the configuration, excluding its contact with USA planets, is global in influence.

However, another configuration that will be a major influence is the conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune. They will conjoin in Aquarius, starting to be felt around the last days of March, 2009, and exactly conjoining on May 27<sup>th</sup> just as Neptune stations retrograde. They stay together in range of influence until January 2010. What does this mean?

First, the conjunction and Neptune's station in late May will be very close to the USA Moon and the New Year chart's Venus. On the minus side, this can greatly increase illusions about how much we have or can handle financially. Jupiter/Neptune in conjunction or stress aspect greatly enhances gullibility and generosity. If used positively, it can be almost like having a direct link to God. It is the ultimate indication of trust in a higher power: spirituality at its best. The question is: are we advanced enough to use the energy in its best form?

### **Summing up**

These cycles have repeated again and again, and each time, hopefully, we benefit in our growth toward being more aware, responsible souls. Just because a depression and riots occurred the last times we had aspects of this sort, doesn't mean we have to repeat those experiences. We should have learned something from history. One of the problems is our inclination to panic and become excessively fearful, imagining the worst that can happen. It would be better to imagine the best outcome possible, and then, because it is metaphysical *law*, that outcome will manifest. Collective emotional energy is what drives everything, and it is influenced by the media. To resist falling into unconscious kneejerk reactions is hard. But maybe this is a good time to read *The Field* by Lynn MacTaggart, which explains the science behind all this.



### And Speaking of Books...

**Kids We Were**, created by Bernie Morris, is a wonderful collection of childhood memories written in their own words by people of all ages. It's a great overview of life in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. What a great gift for anyone for any occasion—but best of all, a gift for yourself! I contributed two stories from my childhood. You can get it here: [http://www.amazon.com/KIDS-WE-WERE-BERNIE-MORRIS/dp/0956050115/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1230662066&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/KIDS-WE-WERE-BERNIE-MORRIS/dp/0956050115/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1230662066&sr=1-1)

### To Help in this Recession

With so many people losing their jobs and with fear gripping far too many people, some need their charts interpreted more than ever. But, it's seen as a luxury, or it's put off because of expense. Therefore, until July 1<sup>st</sup>, I am lowering my prices for chart interpretations by \$25. The only exceptions are the monthly intensives and the sampler charts. So if there is something you would like, just reduce the price on the website by \$25, order it, and I will be happy to do it for you. **Parties are also being re-instated.** That is because the hostess gets a full session **free** for having one, and it's another way to be helpful. Remember parties can be done by mail order anywhere in the world. Please contact me for full details.



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