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The Conjunctions of 2019/2020

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The Saturn/Pluto and Saturn/Ketu (south node) conjunctions in Sagittarius have many fearing the future, as fundamentalists continue discussing the 'end times'. We are heading toward a climax of these fears in 2019 and 2020.

Saturn/Pluto conjunctions mark major changes of power, as they did in **1914** with the fall of Prussia and the start of World War 1; and in **1947** with the reorganization of world economics.

The plutocracy will be challenged by rioting of the 'Saturnine' masses, revolting against the elite. Rioting in France at the time of writing may be just the beginning.

Saudi Arabia and China seem particularly vulnerable to massive change with the conjunctions occurring in the 12th house of their charts, while the US is impacted strongly by a 1st house conjunction.

Turkey seems particularly vulnerable, as these occur in the 7th house. With Jupiter moving into Sagittarius on **November 2, 2019**, and transiting over the US ascendant degree on **December 3, 2019**, some of the turmoil of late 2019 will be supported in a positive way for change, along with Saturn's ingress into sidereal Capricorn on **January 14, 2020**.

Neptune in Aquarius

On **May 24, 2017** Neptune began a new 140 - year cycle as it entered *Purvabhadra Nakshatra* (20° Aquarius to 3 °20' Pisces). We will see more of this impact from **March 2018 to February 2025**.

Neptune transiting this lunar mansion is complex; connected to schemes, inflation, conspiracies, and grand governmental plans to make everything bigger in scope. The last cycle began in **1853** when, in October of that year, Donald McKay launched the Great Republic: the world's biggest sailing ship, which, at 4,500 tons, was too large to be successful. It sank!

The recent launch of the world's largest plane is a modern comparison. This cycle can inflate but, in the end, high hopes crumble. Uber is putting cabbies out of business while losing millions on paper, as are many other Silicon Valley start-ups.

The new Neptune cycle that began in **2017** does support the film industry, raw cotton, medicine, surgical goods, tobacco, drugs, chemicals and perfumes. Its transit points to socialism, so the Bernie movement will probably come back strongly again in 2019; also contributing to political instability.

The dark side of this cycle are secret societies, as the 'Deep State' is emboldened to create more deception, especially between **March and November 2019**, when the inflationary bubbles will start to deflate.

This will be felt from **March** until **May 2019** when Saturn is within 3 degrees of Pluto, and then again in **December 2019**, climaxing with the Saturn/Pluto conjunction on **January 12, 2020**.

Jupiter/Saturn

The Jupiter/Saturn conjunction has historically marked the beginning of recessionary periods, often lasting 3 years. In **1979** and **1980**, they were conjunct in Leo, when President Regan was elected, and tax cuts reduced inflation, tripling the national debt and increasing the gap between the rich and the poor.

In **1960** and **1961**, Saturn and Jupiter were conjunct in Sagittarius and Capricorn, leading to President Kennedy passing a massive tax cut to bring growth to the next decade. In **1940** and **1941**, Saturn and Jupiter were conjunct in Saturn's sign of debilitation, Aries, and conjunct Ketu, leading to the start of World War 2.

In **2019**, Saturn is conjunct Ketu in its exalted sign; Sagittarius, where Ketu supports spirituality and Saturn is uplifted by Jupiter after **November 2, 2019**. So, there is more likely to be a positive resolution for the US and the world. Still, history suggests that this conjunction has an impact for 2-3 years on world economies. Given the state of world debt, a larger economic fallout is likely to occur.

Capricorn is a sign connected to government and administration. Saturn's transit into Capricorn in **January 2020** should help world governments stabilize and reorganize. Still, Jupiter in Capricorn from **November 2020** into late **2021** will impact judgment. Jupiter in Capricorn can bring unethical behavior in business.

It seems that **2019** is the more difficult year between **March** and **November**, where Ketu conjunct Saturn will create turmoil in governments and force many world leaders to step down from growing scandals. The agitation from Saturn/Ketu will stir up more public unrest. Jupiter in Sagittarius in **November 2019** should temporarily help bring some stability into 2020 until Jupiter goes into Capricorn in late **November 2020**.

The Jupiter/Saturn conjunction occurs on **December 21, 2020**, at 6 degrees of sidereal Capricorn. This is a challenging transit for Jupiter as it is just past the lowest point of a 12-year cycle and is a low point for *Dharma* (order). Still, it is helped by Saturn, which will be very strong in Capricorn. This promotes rebuilding infrastructure.

China, a country whose chart has Capricorn rising, will benefit greatly in **2021**, while the US must deal with the 2nd house transit of Saturn and the financial reorganization suggested.

The rebellion that started with Brexit will continue in other EU countries as these conjunctions leave those in power unable to maintain control.

Powerful institutions will go through major changes. The last time we had a Saturn/Ketu/Pluto conjunction in Sagittarius, in **1517**, Martin Luther wrote his powerful Reformation which began the unraveling of the Catholic Church and its power structure. The growing unrest of the scandals in the Vatican could have a major scandal erupt into something more dramatic starting in **2019**.

The banking industry, ruled by Jupiter, must go through a major change. Can Saturn bring truth and uproot corruption? Scandals around Deutsche Bank and its inevitable collapse may be one trigger that starts a deeper unraveling of the world economic system. I suspect the transition will take until **2022-23** when Jupiter, and then Neptune, move into sidereal Pisces.

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