

The Saturn/Uranus opposition of 2010

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Only twice in the last 100 years have Saturn and Uranus engaged in a transiting opposition. Since November of 2008, the two planets have flirted back and forth in a series of exact face-offs, all coinciding with events that—along with Pluto now on the Capricorn/Cancer axis-- may be echoing history. This opposition is supported by some other transits.

The current Saturn/Uranus opposition has been (or will be) exact at the following times:

Saturn in 18 Virgo opposing Uranus retrograde in 18 Pisces on **November 4, 2008**, which was the presidential election day in the United States.

Saturn retrograde in 20 Virgo opposing Uranus in 20 Pisces **Jan. 30 through Feb. 11, 2009**.

Saturn retrograde in 24 Virgo opposing Uranus in 24 Pisces on **Sept. 15, 2009**.

Saturn retrograde in 28 Virgo opposing Uranus in 28 Pisces on **April 26, 2010**.

And, finally, **on July 26, 2010**, Saturn will be at 00 Libra opposing Uranus retrograde in 00 Aries. The dominance of the 00 cardinal axis—the sign of the spring and autumn equinox—is formidable to say the least.

Furthermore, on **July 30, 2010**, there will be a **Mars/Saturn** conjunction at 00 Libra, opposing **Uranus at 00** Aries and the Moon in Aries. **Jupiter** will be transiting 3 degrees of Aries and then goes retrograde and transits 00 degrees Aries in September, and in January 2011.

All of this will follow a **lunar eclipse** on June 26 at 4 Cancer/4 Capricorn, with Pluto conjoining the Moon at 4 Capricorn, and in 3 Capricorn on that date. Chart data for June 26, 2010, 7:30 AM in Washington, DC., gives an Ascendant of 25 Capricorn, the degree and sign of the eclipse last January 15.

Uranian astrologers would also point out that the trans-Neptunian planet, Hades, is at 29 Gemini, moving into 00 Cancer as well. Hades represents ancient documents (such as archaeological finds, the US Constitution, things hidden deeply in the earth, etc.), decay, and can sometimes function like Pluto on steroids. The trans-Neptunian Kronos, which represents high government officials, will be at 5 Cancer. The signature of Hades and Kronos is reputed to be one of meanness and great baseness. Rules for Planetary Pictures associates it with

criminality “on a large scale.”¹ Its further involvement with Saturn/Uranus *and* Pluto indicates that we are approaching serious times.

Very little happens that involves the 00 cardinal axis that isn’t worldwide, something that has global impact.² Even in a personal chart, a movement by progression into 00 Aries/Libra/Cancer/Capricorn can mean a “front and center” time of life. When found in natal charts, if the individuals are not internationally known and recognized, they are recognized significantly in the community that they choose to be their “world.” (There can be exception for Uranus, Pluto and Neptune, where entire generations are born under a 00 cardinal placement.) They frequently have careers that put them in contact with other countries, or foreigners, or foreign languages. They are often influenced by people of foreign birth.

The five exact oppositions of Saturn and Uranus between November 4, 2008 and July 26 of 2010 should be studied in historic context.

1918-1920 time frame

The most recent Saturn/Uranus exact oppositions occurred between 1917 and 1920; and between 1964 and 1967. Between 1917-1920, Pluto transited the early degrees of **Cancer**. Now, with the Saturn/Uranus opposition of 2008-2010, Pluto is in the opposite sign, **Capricorn**, and transiting in the 3-5 degree range of the sign³.

Between 1917-1920, the Saturn/Uranus oppositions were in Leo/Aquarius and against the backdrop of Pluto in Cancer. On Oct. 1, 1918, at 24 Leo/Aquarius; on Jan. 25, 1919 at 26 Leo/Aquarius; on Aug. 13, 1919 at 00 Virgo/Pisces; on April 27, 1920, at 4 Virgo/Pisces; on June 7, 1920 at 5 Virgo/Pisces. During this time frame, the following occurred:

- 1) World War I and the Bolshevik Revolution dominated attention.
- 2) In addition, there was the outbreak of the Spanish flu in the 1917-1920 time frame. The Influenza Pandemic ran from March 1918, and didn’t abate until June, 1920. Notice that in the beginning of the current **Saturn/Uranus** opposition and **Pluto** at 3 Capricorn, we have had the “swine flu” outbreak. And, at the time of this writing, at least in the US, there is considerable controversy surrounding a Health Care law signed by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010 at 11:56 AM in Washington, DC. The law’s “birth chart” contains a grand cardinal cross involving **Pluto, the Moon/Kronos, Saturn, Uranus and Hades**. (As mentioned, Kronos

¹ Witte-Lefeldt. **Rules for Planetary Pictures: The Astrology of Tomorrow**. (Plantation, Fla.: Penelope Publications, 1996), p.353. It should be noted that the Rules book frequently states the most extreme case for a planetary picture.

² Though my research isn’t complete, so far I have found 17 US presidents who became president with a progression or direction in 00 degrees of a cardinal sign. In addition, Golda Meir, Margaret Thatcher, Lech Walesa of Poland, Pope John Paul II, Mahmoud Ahmandinejad of Iran, King George VI of England, Abdullah II of Jordan also had progressed or directed positions at 00 cardinal when they ascended to high position.

³ Please see my article on 4-6 degrees of the Cancer/Capricorn axis at <http://www.micheleadler.com/articles.html>. under “Michele’s Blog July 2009.” Research on this degree arc shows a theme of removal and rebellion.

represents big government and high government officials; Hades represents decay, rot, antiquity and things from antiquity.)

- 3) On Nov. 2, 1917 the Balfour Declaration established a home in Palestine for the Jewish people. The Balfour Declaration event chart had **Pluto** at 5 Cancer 23 retrograde conjoined with the **South Node** at 4 Cancer, and directly on the **Jupiter/Zeus midpoint** at 4 Cancer 36. This chart is sensitized by this summer's grand cross, as is the chart for the state of Israel, which contains **natal Venus** at 5 Cancer 00.

Saturn/Uranus opposition in the 1960s

Next, let's move to the Saturn/Uranus opposition on the Virgo/Pisces axis that occurred first on April 1, 1965, and August 27, 1965. It then continued to make exact oppositions on Feb. 24, 1966 (18 Pisces/Virgo), and Nov. 8 (23 Pisces 12), with final exact opposition on Jan. 6, 1967 (24 Pisces/Virgo). Like the 1917 opposition, this one was also involved with Pluto, except that Pluto was in Virgo, in some cases making exact conjunction to Uranus during this time period.

What marked those times?

- 1) The intense passion of the US Civil Rights movement, led by Dr. Martin Luther King. During this time period, Malcolm X, a prominent Black Muslim leader, was shot. There were severe race riots in Los Angeles, resulting in 35 dead, and \$40 million in property damage. The Civil Rights Act was signed on July 2, 1964, before the exact opposition of Saturn and Uranus, but nonetheless, they were in opposition on that day: Saturn at 4 Pisces 47 retrograde and Uranus at 6 Virgo 59, and forming a conjunction to Pluto at 12 Virgo.⁴
- 2) The equally intense passion of the Viet Nam war protests erupted at this time.
- 3) US President Lyndon Johnson enacted Medicare into law, and launched his Great Society programs in the Saturn/Uranus opposition in the 1960s. This was probably the most ambitious social legislation since Roosevelt's New Deal.
- 4) The Six Day War between Israel and Arab nations did not officially occur until June of 1967, when the Saturn/Uranus exact oppositions had past, but events leading up to it likely occurred in the 1965-66 time period.

The important point here is that in both in the 1917 and 1966 time frames, the opposition had a strong Pluto involvement. Upheaval and transformation appear to be in the works, but history has also shown that we've lived through it.

So here is a preliminary summary of potential areas of this powerful opposition.

- 1) **Israel, and other foreign countries.** The controversy of some home construction going on in Israel is in the news (as of March 2010). This has similarities to the 1917 Balfour Declaration and to events leading up to the

⁴ It is beyond the scope of this article to include the Saturn/Uranus opposition with square to Pluto that occurred in the 1873-1875 time frame. However, on March 1, 1875, President Ulysses S. Grant passed a Civil Rights Act with Saturn in Aquarius opposing Uranus in Leo and squaring Pluto in Taurus. The Act was repealed in 1883 by the Supreme Court, but sought equality in accommodations for former slaves. Some of its provisions were incorporated into the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

1967 Israel-Arab war. The tensions between Israel and Iran could be heightened. In addition, an increasingly volatile situation exists with North Korea, which has **Uranus in 00 Cancer** in its country's chart. Pakistan has **Mars in 00 Cancer**, and Palestine has **Saturn in 00 Capricorn**.

- 2) **Health care reform.** The US Health Care Reform Act has been passed, and according to the majority of polls, opposition to it appears to be growing daily.⁵ Saturn transiting in late Virgo reflected the opposition to the reform, especially from senior citizens (Saturn) about their health (Virgo).
- 3) The outward **rebellion** (Uranus) of US taxpayers, symbolized in the Tea Party movement, reflects a transiting Saturn in Libra symbolizing the accountability of lawmakers. Transiting Uranus in Aries symbolizes the will of the people.
- 4) The move toward more government control, similar to the inauguration of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society programs, which included Medicare's beginning in the mid 1960s, and the rise of socialism in Russia.
- 5) **The economy.** The current Saturn/Uranus opposition initialized during one of the worst economic downturns in American and possibly global history.⁶ This economic downturn tends to color everything else, including a growing concern about the US deficit and debt and its long-term effects on American and global income.

Political Dot-Connecting

Here is an attempt to connect the dots of the current Saturn/Uranus opposition, using some US political matters to make the point.

1. The first exact opposition occurred on November 4, 2008, election day for the US, with the triumph of Barack Obama, the nation's first black president. This occurred on the 18 Virgo/Pisces axis. In another article on my web site, I wrote that this degree area of 18-19 Virgo can have an "out with the old, in with the new" character to it, as you will see in a number of things that have occurred under this degree when it shows up in events, or when it appears in progressions and directions. I think this is in keeping with 18-19 Virgo bordering on the end of the second Virgo decanate. It has been my observation that *degrees at the end of each sign's decanate can carry the same significance as the 29th degree of a sign, which is frequently associated with thresholds, moving on to new things, and the inevitable endings that are left in the wake of new direction.*

This opposition's strong monetary theme is also in play here. The election was held after, and may have been partially influenced by, the crash of the US stock market in the fall of 2008.

⁵ It should be noted that Britain passed its Public Health Act in 1875, with Saturn and Uranus opposed one another.

⁶ The Saturn/Uranus opposition that began in 1873 on the Aquarius/Leo axis included the Panic of 1873 which preceded a five-year depression (in the US). The Panic began with a run on the 4th National Bank of New York on Sept. 18, 1873.

2. Saturn/Uranus opposition between late January and early February of 2009, in 20 Virgo/Pisces. Obama was inaugurated in January, and enjoyed a honeymoon period during this time frame.
3. By the time of the Saturn/Uranus opposition of Sept. 15, 2009, there had been the beginning of an uprising and taxpayer revolt in the US, which began the previous April. The 24th degree of Virgo/Pisces was now dominating. The Sabian for 25 Virgo is *a flag at half mast*. The Sabian for the 25th of Pisces is *the purging of the priesthood* with a keyword of reformation given to it by Diana Rauche.⁷ I leave it to you to fill in the blanks.⁸

All of this is building to a crescendo that I think will be more clearly seen this summer, when the 2010 US congressional election campaigns will be in full swing.

4. In the summer of 2010—specifically, July 22 through August 1, the Saturn/Uranus opposition will be exact on the 00 cardinal axis. Transiting Pluto will be at 3 Capricorn, and close enough in orb to make a t-square with this opposition. The trans-Neptunian Hades will be at 00 Cancer. A transiting planet in Cancer—or, most likely, the Moon—would complete this, further underscoring a grand square in cardinal signs. Its meaning? An event of world proportions? Perhaps. What I think may be more likely would be that something could quietly be set in place that would show impact only a few years later. Or, perhaps we will see both.

It should also be noted that President Obama has a secondary progressed Sun in 29 Virgo. I think that progressions are affected by transits, a belief it took me years of observation to form. This secondary progressed position will be affected by the 00 Libra/00 Aries positions of the Saturn/Uranus opposition. Also, 29 Virgo is the solstice point for transiting Uranus at 00 Aries.

Asteroids: Isis, Ceres, Orpheus

Using asteroids can give more specificity to this discussion.

The July 30, 2010 chart also shows that Kronos is conjoined with the asteroid Isis, which has to do with a breakdown of things, putting pieces back together. Kronos/Isis, according to Martha Lang Wescott, can represent “success has to be built bit by bit and that when authority is divided, it’s important that there is cohesiveness or communication between departments, officials and levels of the bureaucracy. You may also be concerned regarding STATE law or

⁷ Roche, Diana. **The Sabian Symbols: A Screen of Prophecy**. (Victoria, Canada: Trafford Publishing: 1998) p. 388

⁸ This symbol, the purging of the priesthood, might also have some symbolism for the pedophilia scandal within the Catholic Church, threatening even the current Pope, Benedict XVI who, by the way, has his **natal Uranus** at 00 Aries. However, I see this connected more closely to the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn arc being eclipsed this coming July. A more in-depth article on this degree arc will be on my web site by June, 2010.

courts (vs. those on the national level.)⁹ At this writing, the US Health Care Reform Law is being challenged within at least 13 states, a fitting symbol for the asteroid Isis (bits and pieces of the whole).

There is also a conjunction of Ceres (out of bounds by declination, which it frequently is) and the asteroid Orpheus, which Lang-Wescott says can indicate mourning a nurturing not had or not felt.¹⁰ This can occur personally. It might also be a mourning of the “caretaker” role of an authority (a parent figure, a church figure, a government, or an employer). It might have something to do with the food chain itself.

In evaluating potential occurrences, it’s difficult to avoid political and governmental interpretations. However, these interpretations can be “grown down” into more specific and personal meaning. For example, if Saturn in Libra symbolizes the US Supreme Court, judges retiring, etc., it can also symbolize court decisions (Saturn) and marriages (Libra). If Hades/Uranus can symbolize the Hadron Collider, it can also symbolize subconscious energies within oneself, or underlying purpose, or *how things came to be* in one’s own life.

With that in mind, consider the following:

1. **Uranus in Aries/Saturn in Libra/Pluto in Capricorn and Kronos/Isis conjunction:** An uprising of state law within the US, as opposed to federal law. Small pockets of rebellion. On a personal level: Relationship changes, family responsibilities.
2. **Uranus in Aries:** A new form of military action. Accent on the US 2nd Amendment that supports the right to bear arms. Quarrels with allies. New innovation, particularly in the sciences. New leaders in science emerge. Sudden aggression.
3. **Uranus in Aries and Jupiter in Aries.** Jupiter/Uranus conjunctions are associated with winning and windfalls. Jupiter is also the planet of expansion, indicating that something connected with technology (Uranus) could expand or deliver more than expected.
4. **Saturn in Libra:** A Supreme Court ruling. Accountability of lawmakers. On a personal level: marriages, partnerships, divorces, restraining orders or marital problems. On a personal level: Setting boundaries within a relationship. (Justice John Stevens of the US Supreme Court has already announced he plans to retire soon, so here Saturn in Libra can symbolize the retirement of judges, as well as *the accountability of judges and judgments* being challenged.)
5. **Uranus in Aries/Pluto in Capricorn:** Significant profit from professional associations, including labor unions. Changes in ways of doing business. On a personal level: Changes in professional responsibilities, especially if 4th or 10th houses are involved.
6. **Saturn in Libra square Pluto in Capricorn and Kronos in Cancer:** Removal or talk of removal of government officials who are blatantly corrupt. Problems for authority figures. On a personal level: Difficulties with people in authority. Work-family life conflicts.

⁹ Lang-Wescott, Martha. **Angles and Predictions.** (Cody, Wyoming: Treehouse Mountain 2007) p. 331

¹⁰ Ibid, p. 143

7. **Kronos/Isis conjunction:** “The pieces not fitting.” Or the center not holding. Government officials in charge of smaller operations (as mentioned, state governors, city mayors). On a personal level, Isis is an asteroid that can symbolize siblings.
8. **Hades/Kronos:** The decay in government programs. Treaties and programs that have outlived their usefulness. Government attempting to control decay. Criminality on a large scale. Major archaeological discoveries. On a personal level: Acquiring historic knowledge, either through study of ancestry or of ancient cultures.
9. **Hades/Kronos, Saturn/Uranus:** High government officials vs ancient traditions and documents. Conflicting rules. The modern vs. the old.
10. **Uranus in Aries/Saturn in Libra:** Laws inhibiting innovation. People feeling restricted in creating something new. Changes in authority. New laws. Personal: A sudden separation, especially if 1st/7th houses involved. Can also mean a new way of doing things or seeing things. Discarding that which has not served you well.
11. **Ceres/Orpheus:** The loss of nurturing, or of someone in a nurturing role. Mourning a passing.¹¹
12. **Mars/Saturn = Uranus.** This occurs on July 30, 2010. From COSI: “*Extraordinary and unusual powers of resistance. The ability to give as well as take under provocation, the inclination to apply brute force. A test of nervous strength, intervention by a Higher Power or Provenance.*”¹² In addition, RFPP says of this planetary picture: “*Sudden actions which separate.*”¹³ My personal interpretation of this planetary picture is the discipline (Saturn) of energy or force (Mars) which results in an abrupt event (Uranus).
13. **Hades/Pluto.** Hidden viruses causing health problems. On a global level, many viruses have been reactivated with the destruction of the rainforests. Hades represents things long-buried coming to the surface, resurrecting. Germ warfare is another possibility. As Hades/Pluto is tied in with **transiting Uranus** as well, this could be a major computer virus, as Martha Lang-Wescott suggested in the April 2010 issue of **Tools of the Trade**, her monthly newsletter. This also has to do with anything underground. There could be an association with volcanoes.
14. **Uranus/Hades.** To continue on the theme of technology and Hades, there is probably no better symbol for this than the \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider, an atom smasher, which, among other things, is attempting to unravel the Big Bang—to discover how the earth actually began. The Collider (Uranus) is located underground (Hades, Pluto), in a 17-mile tunnel below the Swiss-French border. On March 30, the collider threw together minuscule particles racing at unheard-of speeds, a crash of two proton beams, producing three times more force than researchers had created before, and marking a

¹¹ Though Ceres/Orpheus wasn’t exactly forming a conjunction at the time, on March 30, there was a murder (ORPHEUS) of a Florida grocery store (CERES) employee by a disgruntled fired worker at the store. Ceres was at 2 Capricorn, in conjunction with Pluto, and the event certainly was symbolized by Pluto/Ceres. Orpheus was at 16 Capricorn, too far out of orb to be considered in conjunction with Ceres. Still, Orpheus was in conjunction with the South Node, also at 16 Capricorn.

¹² Ebertin, Reinhold. **A Combination of Stellar Influences** (Tempe, Ariz: American Federation of Astrologers, 1992), p. 157. As with *Rules for Planetary Pictures*, COSI sometimes has extreme definitions.

¹³ Op cit, Witte-Lefeldt. p. 216. I am not sure that this too doesn’t have some connection with the Catholic Church’s pedophilia scandal.

milestone for the Collider. The power produced from the 15-year-old collider is expected to ramp up even more. Michio Kaku, co-founder of string field theory and author of the book, *Physics of the Impossible*, has been quoted as saying that the finding of undiscovered particles could “affect our conception of who we are in the universe.”¹⁴ For some reason, that has a very distinct 00 cardinal axis flavor. Is all of this positive? I have no idea. My instincts tell me that no one totally understands technology this complex, so those working with the Collider probably don’t know what its capabilities are.

In personal charts

One should examine a natal chart for this transit using Saturn/Uranus, Jupiter and Pluto, and not restricting it to just one of the planets. In other words, if Saturn is transiting the first house, that means Uranus and Jupiter are transiting the seventh, and Pluto is transiting the 4th, with Kronos in the 10th. All four placements should be taken into account.

Should the grand cross transit fall in the cardinal houses (1,4,7,10), it would have emphasis, even if it isn’t close to any planets in those degrees, and most likely being in career and family areas. If this cardinal grand cross falls in fixed houses (2, 5, 8 and 11), the keyword is likely to be “resistance,” and the emphasis would be on resources. (Fixed houses and signs have been coping with Jupiter/Neptune/Chiron in late Aquarius for a good while now.) In mutable houses, a transiting grand cross can actually provide backbone to the natural adaptability of the 3, 6, 9, and 12 houses. (Mutable types are glad to see Uranus leave Pisces and Saturn leave Virgo anyway.)

People with planets in the 29th degree of Pisces will have Saturn transiting the solstice point, in 00 Libra. People with planets in the 29th degree of Virgo will have Uranus transiting the solstice point of 00 Aries.

A few people (and at least one entity) with prominent natal positions along the 00 cardinal axis:

Meryl Streep, **Sun/Uranus** conjunction at 00 Cancer

Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands, **Mars** 00 Aries, 12th house

Candice Bergen, **Ascendant** 00 Capricorn 01

Chaz Bono, **North Node**, 00 Aries, 4th house

Ethel Kennedy, **Mercury** 00 Aries 05, 1st house, and **Moon** in 29 Sagittarius, 10th house

and out of bounds by declination

Prince, **Mars** 00 Aries, 5th house

Pope Benedict XVI, **Uranus** 00 Aries, 1st house

Lee Radziwill, socialite, sister of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, **Mercury** 00 Aries, 7th house

William Shatner, actor, **Sun** 00 Aries, 2nd house

¹⁴ Associated Press. “Crash of two protons elates physicists,” **The Tampa Tribune**. March 31, 2010, p. 24

Lech Walesa, Polish revolutionary/Solidarity leader, **Moon** 00 Libra, 2nd house
Mel Gibson, actor/producer/director, **Moon** 00 Libra, 4th house
Princess Yasmin Khan, daughter of Prince Aly Khan and Rita Hayworth, activist for Alzheimers
cure, **Mars** 00 Libra, 8th house
Billie Jean King, tennis champion, entrepreneur, **Moon** 00 Libra, 8th house
US Federal Reserve, Pluto 00 Cancer, opposing the **Sun** at 1 Capricorn.

I would also advise watching the news and the headlines, which in my opinion is where astrology is best taught.