

## TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE DARKNESS

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Do you consider the year 2020 and the current world events as the times of greatest darkness and fear? Are you searching for answers, glimmers of hope and the long-awaited light at the end of the tunnel? Perhaps what we really should be doing is asking ourselves where we are today, how we got to this point and, if we are so hell-bent on trying to escape out of darkness, what it is that we are expecting to see and embrace, once we reach the end of the tunnel.

There is a lot of buildup, hype and expectations surrounding the upcoming grand conjunction between **Jupiter** and **Saturn** in **Aquarius**. There are speculations and attempts at foretelling the future amongst astrologers, with many people pinning their hopes and dreams on this heavenly spectacle. Will this event – the coming together of the two gas giants in our solar system, as viewed from our vantage point on Earth – become a harbinger of a brave new world, a new-and-much-improved reality with positive changes and beneficial transformations for many? Will we witness a sudden shift and massive changes in the worlds of economy, politics, health care, environment and human relations when we wake up on the morning of Dec 21<sup>st</sup>?

Time will tell. The good news is that we will find out soon enough. In fact, in a short time-space of less than 2 days we will be reaching the seasonal tipping point known as the winter solstice which will take place on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> around 10:00 am London, England time (early morning hours in North America, Eastern Time Zone). Jupiter and Saturn will be effectively conjunct at that moment, with a mere 2 minutes of arc separating them which will be unnoticeable to an average observer on the Earth. Their moment of exact coming together will take place a few hours later, on the same day of the winter solstice. This great conjunction will be happening in the early degrees of Aquarius, based on the western astrology viewpoint. Aquarius, traditionally a second sign of the winter season, does not easily translate into some great, monumental shift away from its “darker” and usually much-feared Capricorn sibling, which is where these two planets have been stationed for most of 2020. There is of course, the much anticipated shift out of the EARTH element (Capricorn) and into the AIR element (Aquarius) for the next 150+ years, which is considered by many as our universal cure for what ails most of modern societies and what causes most of our everyday challenges, problems, headaches, illnesses and sorrows.

Before we stand up and loudly proclaim the end of the old era and the dawning of some new and exciting chapter in the history of mankind, let us take a quick look around and try to assess where we are. A celestial “magic wand” does not exist. Just like Santa Claus, it is just another fairy tale we like to tell ourselves to feel better about tomorrow. It is our human tendency to continually mess up our lives with an expectation that a giant-size cosmic broom will show up someday and conveniently sweep it all away for us to make a clean start all over again. Sadly, there will be no friendly and supportive aliens showing up on our doorsteps in the closing days of 2020, or anytime soon, to save us from our own

wrongdoings. The tough and often painful lesson coming from the Capricorn sign is that we get to clean up our own messes, and the sooner we get around to doing that, the sooner we will get to enjoy a cleaner and safer environment in which we live. The darkness "out there" may soon be disappearing, either literally or figuratively, but it is actually the darkness and the heaviness which hides inside our hearts and our minds which needs to be released and let go to make room for more light and warmth.

There is nothing wrong with being hopeful, optimistic and viewing our cups as being half-full. It is often good to remain open to any new possibilities and opportunities coming our way. We should often embrace and welcome the change as we need to understand and accept that nothing under the sun remains the same for a long time. But we also need to accept the collective responsibility for what we have done or what we have sacrificed over the last 100+ years of continuous industrial development to get to where we are today and to begin to wonder if this was worth it. The cosmic weather will no doubt change and the winds accompanying it will begin to blow in a different direction as we will gradually slip into the early days of 2021. Will we recognize their call and their heavenly messages? Will we build up enough courage and determination to give up some of our old lifestyles and ways in which we approach the world around us to be able to see what could be unfolding for us in the future?

The cosmic clock runs on a different mechanism and has no direct interest in our human affairs. It simply points to the way the energies flow inside our solar system. It can offer support and guidance if we choose to recognize the new direction and also choose to think of others first before we think of our own comforts and pleasures.

**Dec 19, 2020 - Saturn and Jupiter in Aquarius**