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Momentous Planetary Shifts Bring Profound Changes

Ellyn Dye in Collaboration with the Lion People

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The winds of change are already blowing as the new year begins, bringing many profound changes powered not just by the recent election in the United States but more so by the deep unconscious forces of Pluto, the planet of death, rebirth, and deep transformation. Later in the year, Neptune and Uranus also change signs, bringing the winds of change up to hurricane force.

The seeds of big changes are sown when the outer planets change signs, so the operative phrase for 2025 is "change, change, change." These energies will not necessarily be easy. Each of the new planetary placements carries a whiff — a rhyme — of war. It will be up to humans to navigate the energies and choose the higher road, but the year will be fraught with tension and dissonance. Forewarned is forearmed.

Big Events and Technologies Are Coming

Pluto usually enters a new sign with a bang, announcing itself with a big event or situation that indicates the issues and shadows to be examined under its new influence. When Pluto entered Scorpio (the sign of sex, death, and taxes) in 1983, the AIDS epidemic began. When Pluto entered Sagittarius (self-righteousness, dogma, and aggressiveness) in 1995, the age of domestic terrorism began with the Oklahoma City bombing. When Pluto entered Capricorn (the economy and banking system) in 2008, it brought the economic crash, focused particularly on the housing market (a symbol of wealth, stability, and status).

It remains to be seen what Pluto will highlight in its early years in Aquarius (the sign of revolution, people power, and all types of technology). Something big related to hacking or artificial intelligence (AI) might be

a good guess. Pluto made its final move into Aquarius in November 2024, where it will

reside for the next twenty years. Over the past sixteen years, Pluto shined brightly on structures, systems, laws, hierarchy, the status quo, and the consolidation of wealth and power, exposing the shadow side of these entities: greed, corruption, abuse of power, and cracks in the foundations holding humanity back and favoring the few.

With Pluto now firmly ensconced in the sign of the collective — power to the people, revolution, freedom, justice, and all things technological — the push-and-pull of humanity's desire for (or resistance to) change might initially heat up as the world moves into this new territory. The forward momentum will be unstoppable, not necessarily easy to deal with, and not in a direct line. The key to the ease or difficulty of this new trajectory will be the extent of humanity's resistance or acceptance.

The U.S. has been in Pluto's crosshairs, particularly over the past five to ten years, because of Pluto's return to its position in the U.S. natal chart. The country has been under enormous pressure to acknowledge how it has deviated from the ideals of its founding and to make course corrections.

Other countries have also experienced the pressures of Pluto moving through Capricorn since 2008 (including economic issues), but they've felt it less and without the deep sense of all systems breaking down simultaneously. The changes from this transit in other countries might be slower to play out, but they will come.

The presence of Pluto in Aquarius will bring its issues and challenges. Uranus rules Aquarius, and the planet and sign can bring technological innovations, discoveries, events, and ideas that come from out of the blue. AI mainstreaming, virtual reality, robotics, and huge advances in medicine and medical technologies will hallmark the



transit of Pluto through Aquarius. At the end of this transit, today's technology will seem quaint and antiquated.

The Industrial Revolution gave a faint taste of what can be expected, as did the tech revolution of the 1990s: huge changes in science, space exploration, energy, education, health and longevity, environmental and climate support, social justice, construction and housing, communication and media, agriculture and food production, and every other area of life.

Along with amazing innovative technologies that change the world, many difficulties and even dangers will stem from them as well as all manner of moral and ethical arguments over their uses. Enhanced hacking, the targeted spread of misinformation across social-media platforms, and the use of AI images and voices fraudulently depicting public and private people (deepfakes) have already escalated, and governments will find it hard to keep up with or get ahead of those who use this technology for nefarious ends. Again, it will be up to the people to be discerning, condemn such actions, and take actions against them.

With great advances in science, medicine, DNA manipulation, in vitro fertilization, and even cloning, there will also surely be controversies over ethics and uses. Stem-cell research and use as well as IVF have already been controversial for years. What kinds of controversies might come with huge advancements in, and implementations of, gene editing?

Revolution Is in the Air

Another side of Pluto in Aquarius is revolution: revolutionary ideas and innovations as well as actual physical revolution. That whiff of revolution will be in the air throughout Pluto's sojourn in Aquarius. The French Revolution (1789 to 1799), which took place under this transit, was based on freedom and justice and exemplified the higher vibrations and expressions of Aquarius. That fight for those ideals also became brutally distorted by extremism, hatred, and lack of balance. Pluto shows where things have gone wrong in the world, and while Aquarius can show how to fix it, it sometimes uses a cosmic sledgehammer.

Each planet and sign has high and low vibration expressions, and each transit of the outer planets through the signs brings humanity opportunities to use the underlying energies in different, better, and higher ways. It is always up to each person to choose how he or she responds to those energies and opportunities.

Despite the chaos, anger, division, and volatility of the past decade, the U.S. avoided another bloody revolution under the Pluto natal return in Capricorn. The French are likely to do the same during their upcoming Pluto return in Aquarius. Make no mistake, the energies of discord and contentiousness will be in the atmosphere and influence humanity one way or another, so choose wisely.

With the huge influx of Divine Feminine energy flooding the planet and the Earth's rising vibration, humanity is likely to rise to the occasion in ways and to levels no one foresees. Like all evolution, it will not come in a straight line. This growth will have a zig-zag pattern — perhaps in the form of two or three steps forward and one step back, depending on the level of resistance — but growth will happen.

Spring and Summer Will Bring Huge Energies of Change

While Pluto's foray into Aquarius for the next eighteen years (until 2043) has huge implications for humanity, the other outer planets will help to bring momentous energetic shifts during the spring and summer: Uranus will leave Taurus and begin its move into Gemini until 2032, and Neptune will leave its home sign of Pisces and begin its move into Aries until 2039.

The outer planets don't change signs very often because they move so slowly: about seven years for Uranus, thirteen to fourteen years for Neptune, and thirteen to thirty-three years for Pluto. Three of them changing signs in such a short period of time is rare. The last time was in 1956, which saw the beginning of an early European Union after WWII and the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S., among other things. These transits create seismic shifts in the collective unconscious that aren't necessarily fully recognized for some time. These deep-seated changes will begin this year and play out over many years.

Fortunately, these changes will not be sudden: The planets move into their new signs for a few months, retrograde back into their previous signs, and then repeat that back-and-forth movement before taking up lengthy residences in their new signs. Humanity gets to put a toe into the new energy and compare it to the old energy before jumping into the deep end. The changes usually take place on deep, unconscious levels before completely manifesting in the outer world. With Uranus-Aquarius activated, however, sudden, surprising, and out-of-the-blue "aha!" moments and changes are not out of the question.

Neptune ramps things up: Because Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, the ingress of Neptune into Aries on March 30 marks the beginning of a new 14-year cycle through that sign as well as a new 165-year cycle of Neptune moving through the zodiac.

While Neptune brings spirituality and idealism, Aries is ruled by Mars, the planet of action, war, and aggression. Neptune also brings illusion, confusion, and foggyiness that make it difficult to discern the truth. Neptune's long transit of Pisces (it's home sign) since 2012 brought unprecedented levels of misinformation and disinformation as well as new and increased addictions and cult behaviors.

Neptune will take those propensities into its sojourn of Aries, but the initiative and action of Aries will help lift the fog, cut through Neptune's dreaminess and illusion, and bring breakthroughs and positive changes.

Simultaneously, Neptune dissolves structures, systems, traditions, roles, and boundaries. In that way, the transit of Neptune through Aries is likely to continue dissolving and dismantling traditions and roles that began when it moved through Pisces. Neptune in Aries will provide the creativity, inspiration, courage, and drive to create new traditions, structures, and systems that better serve the people.

The combination of Neptune's idealism, illusion, and cult behavior and the Aries angry and aggressive energy can also produce warriors for what is perceived to be a higher cause. The U.S. Civil War began the day Neptune moved into Aries.

Again, this time around, humanity is likely to take a higher road and express those energies in a higher way, but the energies will be there nevertheless, exerting an influence on the collective psyche. Existing global wars and political differences in the U.S. might escalate. Those who are already unbalanced could choose to act out in violent or other antisocial ways.

Alternatively, these energies could express and manifest in the "power to the people" aspects of Pluto in Aquarius with people joining together rather than further separating and then turning against the so-called powers that be. Numerous protests are a definite possibility throughout these transits.

It is always a choice of how people react to and use the prevailing energies, and the choice always starts with people. What will you choose?

Saturn joins Neptune: As if the ingress of Neptune into Aries isn't enough of a shift in energy, Saturn joins Neptune in July in a conjunction at 0 degrees Aries as Saturn begins its transit of the sign and a new journey through the zodiac.

Saturn and Neptune contradict each other, so this pairing can be extremely uncomfortable: Think stone-cold reality meets smoke and mirrors and disillusion and dissolution. Saturn fact-checks Neptune's illusions, and Neptune erodes Saturn's certainty like the ocean erodes rocks. They bring lessons in expectation versus reality, and people grapple with big questions about truth and reality. Dreams are shattered, and people are stunned and disillusioned to find that the Wizard of Oz is merely a man behind a curtain.

Saturn pushes people (often sternly and with tough love) to create strong foundations, and it can bring a call to implement a higher purpose through practical actions. During 1967 to 1968, Saturn in Aries brought the culmination of the Civil Rights Movement with legislation to support the implementation of restoring rights.

Interestingly, 2024 saw a push to remove or rewind certain rights in the U.S. What will Saturn push the country to do in 2025 and 2026?

The Saturn-Neptune cycle is traditionally associated with the rise and fall of empires, and it has a particularly strong connection to the Soviet Union, Russia, and Vladimir Putin. A Saturn-Neptune conjunction oversaw the Bolshevik Revolution and later the fall of the Berlin Wall and subsequent breakup of the Soviet Union. Putin himself has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction in his natal chart, and he became President of Russia during a Saturn-Neptune square.

Oddly enough, this is the end of the Saturn-Neptune cycle that began in 1989 and brought the fall of the Berlin Wall.

While this Saturn-Neptune conjunction will strongly affect all humanity, it is highly likely that the world will see huge, important shifts and restructuring in Russia during this transit that, in turn, will affect the rest of the world.

Uranus is less earthbound: Uranus moving into Gemini in July will take the emphasis off stability, financial and material wealth, and physical resources, and then it will shift it to breaking free of limitations and exploring new ideas and ways of being. Education, travel, and communication are key elements of Gemini's influence, and Uranus will bring sudden changes and events, unexpected revelations, amazing innovations, and thinking outside the box in those areas. Watch how the media and other forms of mass communication change over the next seven years. Keeping an open mind and going with the flow during this transit will bring the best personal and collective results.

This transit also brings a whiff of war: Uranus was in Gemini from 1774 to 1781 during the American Revolution (while Pluto was in Aquarius), from 1858 to 1865 during the American Civil War (and Neptune entered Aries), and from 1941 to 1948 for the end and aftermath of World War II.

Peace Begins with You

Will Uranus moving into Gemini, Neptune moving into Gemini, and Pluto moving deeper into Aquarius, bring another war? Not necessarily but the energies this year will be contentious. Despite the rampant polarization, fearmongering, demonization of "the other," and inflammatory rhetoric about another civil war in the U.S. and other countries over the past five to ten years, it is highly unlikely that new wars will break out, because humanity has turned the corner and put those warring inclinations in the rearview mirror. People want peace, and any future war would be started by a leader who is deaf to the desires of the people and after some kind of power- or resource-grab for personal gain.

Rather than worry about the potential for war, look at the higher-vibration impetus that prompted humanity to participate in previous wars, such as overthrowing oppression and fighting for freedom, justice, civil rights, and democracy. Those high-vibration expressions of Aquarius, Aries, and Gemini will again be emphasized and energetically supported during this transit but expressed and used in new and better ways.

It's all on you this year, so what do you choose? Sitting on the sidelines waiting for someone else to make things better, give you a break, or fix whatever is broken never really worked well, and it won't work at all this year. It is a waste of energy and an abdication of power. Living in fear and despair about what other people do, don't do, or might do in the world is counterproductive, because it creates feelings of hopelessness and victimhood that fuel the very things you don't want to continue. Again, it is an abdication of power. Do not let the *Sturm und Drang* in your life or in your world throw you out of balance any longer than necessary.

The sojourn of Pluto in Aquarius practically demands that humanity step into its power and stop giving it away. People must individually and collectively stand up for what you want and what you believe is right and take action against anyone in charge who stands in the way. Granted, this can be difficult for the millions of people who have been taught since birth (and for centuries) that they have no power, but this is what is here to be learned, and Pluto is relentless. Humanity seems to enjoy learning through suffering, so the only question will be: How bad does it have to get before you grab your power, join together, and use it to start creating the world you want?

It is always a choice and *all* a choice. All choices are up to you. Every choice of action or inaction you make sends your life in one direction or another, so choose wisely. There is always much talk of freedom and free will, but how many people actually claim their freedom and exercise their free will? What actions do you take or refrain from taking, and why? Do you take responsibility for yourself and your choices? Do you recognize the immense power you have, and do you use it?

What makes you happy? What brings you joy? It is time to be in the now. Put your focus on yourself rather than on everyone else, and go within. If you haven't been doing a deep assessment of how your life is or isn't serving you and what positive changes you can make, these are good questions to ask yourself.

To make the most of this year, use the high-vibration aspects of the prevailing energies. Choose to gracefully disengage from contentious situations. Practice making peace. Examine where you might have illusions and delusions, and get real. Pull yourself out of fear, and examine and release the root causes of it in your life. Acknowledge

what is and release your resistance and your illusion of control. Surrender to and trust the higher realms, and allow for everything to turn out well rather than leaping immediately to worst-case scenarios and terrorizing yourself. Step into your power, and own it!

Unwind and deprogram the prevalent beliefs that the unknown is, by nature, terrifying and dangerous; that change always makes things worse; that there is not enough to go around; that struggle is a natural and ongoing aspect of life on Earth; and, above all, that you can't do anything about it.

Once those beliefs loosen their grips, it is easier to believe that life can, in fact, become easier and better. It becomes easier to believe that you actually deserve better and that you have the power to create it. Once you believe and take action to create more joy and peace in your life, the universe will roll out the red carpet and assist you.

The choice is yours to manifest a new reality this year. What will you choose to make of it?

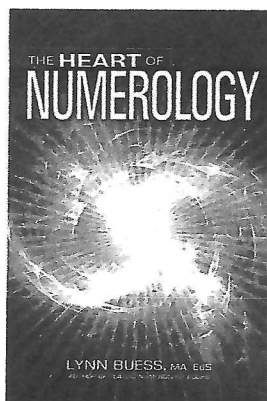
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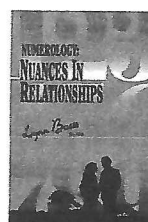
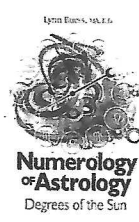
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