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KARMIC WAVES, THE DESTINY OF THE UNITED STATES...AND YOU!

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What are “Karmic Waves”?

As humans, we're subject to larger evolutionary forces – destiny, if you would – while we're on Earth. These forces serve a Divine Plan, or Intelligent Design, to propel life towards greater and greater awareness. As they play out, these forces can be considered Karmic Waves. What we create as individuals and in groups can then be experienced against a backdrop of continuously shifting patterns, which patterns, in turn, provide us with the energy available for creating our individual lives and the world.

Astrologically, we see some of these evolutionary forces as Pluto in its journey through the signs. Its very discovery heralded a change in human consciousness: the awareness of the existence of the psyche and its depths. Pluto, as you know, symbolizes death and rebirth, destruction and transformation, the deep process of rooting out of life's ugly underbelly that which needs to be brought up into the light to be cleansed and renewed.

For America, Pluto recently brought mass death and destruction in the first bombing at the World Trade Center in 1993 ¹, then on 9/11 when it transited the U.S. Ascendant at 12 Sagittarius (Sibley chart), then during the Iraq War, and then in its most extreme manifestation – an attack by Mother Nature herself – during Hurricane Katrina when it stationed final at 21 Sagittarius opposite the U.S. Mars exact. These events are neither random nor meaningless, but part of a larger pattern of karmic waves, whose meaning will be explored in this article.

Because of its long, 248-year cycle, at most we are able to survive Pluto's passage and see its direct effect in our lives – the karmic waves – through only half the Zodiac. But even so, we can look at these cycles in two ways: What are its present transits, and what were its at-birth transits (i.e., natal conditions on the world stage for different generations)? Each will reveal something about karmic waves.

How have some of these patterns manifested?

What, in other words, are the karmic set-ups regarding Pluto's transits?

Pluto transits manifest as large generational patterns affecting people of the same general age. First, your generation is born with Pluto in the same sign, which defines it. Then, your generation grows up in a world dominated by elders who were born with Pluto in earlier signs; you will be influenced by these other generations' patterns throughout your life, and should be aware of them. Finally, as you come of age, your generation will, working in tandem with spirit, co-create the pattern that will characterize the era.



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Here are some broad characteristics of Pluto's passage since the late 1800's (that is, within most of our lifetimes), along with the natal conditions and karmic ramifications regarding each generation's Plutonic set-up (note that the visits became shorter and shorter until passing through Scorpio in 1995):

Pluto in Gemini born 1884-1914, a 30-year spread (the youngest is now 91). They are the flappers – gay and frivolous. Their generation was one of “speak-easies”, “talkies” and witty banter in the media. Their influence, although great, is passing away from the world stage now.

Pluto in Cancer born 1914-1939, a 25-year spread (the youngest is now 66). Born into, and raised during, a world war and Great Depression, their focus was on tribe, family, home, and survival of the family unit. Situationally disaffected now, they see families dispersed and the focus no longer on the tight-knit clan but on more affluent, self-realizing efforts. In America especially, there seems to be a lot less Mom/home/apple pie, and a lot more diversification and globalization of culture.

Pluto in Leo born 1939-1958, a 19-year spread (the youngest is now 47). This is the “Me” generation, otherwise known as Baby Boomers, born into a world that could put the focus on self-expression and creativity, and which brought forth unparalleled talent in the arts. Their cultural sway is declining as the over-the-top entertainment scene is diminishing, and ego trips and demagogues are seen as more and more distasteful.

Pluto in Virgo born 1957-1972, a 15-year spread (the youngest is now 32), many with Uranus conjunct Pluto. They are the developers and geniuses of the Internet, the Yuppie workaholics whose focus is on health, fitness, vitamins, and making money. Now at their peak influence, they embrace Eastern traditions of yoga and green tea, stay awake in their jobs with lots of Starbucks lattes, and are organizing all the data in the world into Google.com. They are the most “techie” generation ever, festooned with cell phones, Ipods, Blackberries, MP3s and GameBoys. These are the kids who grew up on Atari, and adore digital data bits. Boomers can't keep up with their facility in cyberspace. They are very serious, responsible people, excelling at offering services to those in need, and their mission was to bring into being a global network of communications.

Pluto in Libra born 1971-1984, a 13-year spread (the youngest is now 21). This generation's focus seems to be on fashion, beauty, and social interactions. An item in the NY Times Magazine (9/11/05) referred to “the Fashion Hungry,” which is as good a characterization of them that I've seen. They are club kids, and lionize beautiful party animals like Paris Hilton and Hollywood 's glamorous youth. While seemingly less interested in serious accomplishment, and more in fun, it's well to remember that since Libra rules love and partnership, the institute of marriage may enjoy a resurgence of importance, especially since most of their parents were Pluto-in-Leo “Me” folk who were busy “finding themselves” and getting divorced. Their influence is growing stronger each year, and key industry will move away from entertainment (Leo) and dot.coms (Virgo) to fashion. Perhaps this generation's mission is to bring some lighthearted playfulness into their predecessors' stodgy world, a sense of beauty into “cubicle-dom”, and a commitment to (all kinds of) marriage.

Pluto in Scorpio (!) born 1984-1995 (shortest cycle, thankfully), an 11-year spread (the youngest now is 10). Born with Pluto in its ruling sign, these are the kids of terrorism such as in the massacre at the Russian school in Beslan,



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the “AIDs” generation of Africa , and huge destructive natural calamities like the tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. Mass death is the defining feature of their youth, and they are growing up in a society that is saturated in sexual imagery, casual acceptance of porn, and glorification of ghetto gangsterism. They are very courageous souls, but some will want to explore the darkest corners human life can provide. Key industries during their reign might be banking, insurance, and the sex trade. They are growing up in what the NY Times Book Review called “a pornified age”, bemoaning the fact that “young people are inundated with porn-style images these days, whether they want to be or not” (*Dirty Minds*, 9/11/05). Their focus will be on sex, power, wealth, and emotional intensity. They could greatly impact society. For instance, in an article in the NY Post on 8/26/05, a 12-year-old boy on Iraq 's version of “American Idol” (called “Pop Idol”) has emerged who “sang his song with incredible emotion [which] made [Iraqis] feel for our nation... The words he used were...very effective in conveying strong emotions... They were so powerful I was very moved by the performance. I felt he was sending a message to the people... He wasn't singing for himself – he wanted to send a message out to the people.” These souls, even as youngsters, will be either angels of light or vehicles of darkness.

Pluto in Sagittarius born 1996-2008 (i.e., the present), a 12-year spread. Born during a clash of cultures and religious wars and acts of terrorism in religion's name, they will want to purge the world of the pain these divisions cause, and will no doubt remake religious institutions, and perhaps educational and judicial ones too. They will pursue these goals one-pointedly, but surely leaven their predecessors' intense world with spiritual light.

What is Pluto's effect on values & culture?

It almost goes without saying that a generation's Pluto enormously influences the values and culture of the world during its reign. This is especially true nowadays, as the media and Internet rapidly disseminate values everywhere, and affect culture on a global scale. When the Pluto in Scorpio generation comes of age in 10-15 years hence, we will see a tremendous struggle between the “forces of dark and of light”. Those with base desires can run rampant, indulging in murder, suicide bombing, martyrdom, depravity, or a ruthless quest for power. But those with a zeal for the transforming power of spirit will also have a platform. For souls who would be new messiahs looking for the right pattern in which to incarnate, I'd say this was it!

Fanaticism easily takes root in such soil. Fanatics – zealous young souls convinced of the righteousness of their doctrines over anyone else's, and intent on forcing their beliefs down others' throats – can flourish anywhere. The great clash of culture and beliefs now afoot between West versus East is just one example of the arenas; another is the political divide within America between Red and Blue states. As the next generation matures, many will choose to leave Pluto-in-Libra's niceties behind and act upon their beliefs with increasing violence or indulgence. Pluto in Scorpio never promised a rose garden!

However, the Pluto in Sagittarius generation that is now being born, and will soon be on the rise, will lift the darkness. I feel this heralds a big moment in the U.S. chart. There is much to be said about the patterns we are now coming into, such as Pluto finishing Sagittarius, Pluto conjuncting the Galactic Center , and Pluto entering Capricorn,



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and what that presages for America and for the world. But to talk about these patterns, one must first discuss the metaphysical role of the U.S. in human affairs.

Pluto & America: The Destiny (Mission) of the U.S. implied in the symbols of its Great Seal

Now, in a time of war, natural disasters, and duress, with the ugly touch of terrorism loose on the world's stage, and nature attacking us, it's useful to remember the intentional spiritual purpose set into place by our metaphysical founding forefathers for the destiny of the U.S.A. Unlike some other nations that either just evolved into their present structure over history, or were established based upon what might be called political schedules, our nation was created (perhaps even electionally, as per astrology) with the metaphysical intent to serve a higher mission.

The Mission as Shown in the Great Seal

Like prophecy, the Great Seal reveals our nation's destiny.

The definitive book on all its complex metaphysical symbolism is by Paul Foster Case, "The Great Seal of the United States : Its History, Symbolism and Message for the New Age" (Builders of the Adytum, 1935). ³ For the student of occultism, it will be easily seen that the founders of the U.S. were metaphysicians (i.e., awakened souls), that the purpose upon which the nation was founded was that of an ideal, evolved, pluralistic society under God's guidance, and that its destiny intends the realization of this purpose.

In this thin (only 34 pages long) but jam-packed book is shown the deep significance of the number Thirteen, the multifaceted symbolism of the obverse and reverse sides of the Great Seal, the Declaration's explicit intent to conceive a government in harmony with Divine Providence, and the New World Order of the ages (Novus Ordo Seclorum) that such an entity would bring into being. The wise founders knew that, to bring this destiny to fulfillment, the work of man would need to be completed by a higher power.

For instance, the all-seeing Eye on top of the pyramid, which refers to Heavenly Wisdom as well as each person's own Third Eye, is the symbol of both watchful spiritual care and inner guidance, built upon a foundation of long-lasting strength. The words *Annuit Coeptis* mean "He hath prospered our undertaking," a clear reference to God's hand in this nation's creation. ⁴ The words *E Pluribus Unum* mean "Out of the many, one," a statement of the uniting not only of self-governing states but of the diversity of mankind's cultures, races, and religions. And the eagle itself, always the Scorpionic symbol of regeneration, represents both power and vision, with every item it holds or displays reinforcing the meaning of perfected humanity. The density of symbolism detailed in this little handbook is too great for the scope of this article, but suffice it to say that each and every detail of the Great Seal was carefully chosen to convey a purpose and a destiny imbuing this government. The Founding Fathers did not escape tyranny and oppression just to throw together any old system!

So America is The Great Experiment: people ruling themselves, not by a king, not by a religion, but by a philosophy and an ideal, which is truly the definition of democracy. The outcome of this Great Experiment, I believe, leads us to The New Order of the Ages... and if not here, where else in the world would it occur?! Yes, America has flaws,



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because of its primarily young soul level of awareness. 5 But, America is evolving and maturing, especially as we deal with Plutonic events of great destruction and rebirth. Many will seek meaning to their lives, and aspire to serving something greater than the self's appetites. This path will ultimately broaden the meaning of the phrase, "a purpose-driven life", as people react to catastrophes of their brethren with compassion and a search for significance; the phrase itself will no longer be coempted solely by the Religious Right.

What Chart to Use?

To speak of our nation's future, we must first decide upon which horoscope to use. Popular choices have had Gemini, Scorpio, or Sagittarius rising, all with their proponents. (When choosing intuitively, not logically, I can see some merit in the Scorpio rising, with our focus on money and power, but I lean more toward a Sagittarius rising because of our national motto of freedom to pursue individual self-realization.) Both Gemini and Sagittarius risings offer an angular Uranus, befitting a nation of individualists, born of revolution.

But, because of Pluto's recent transits, and the great national traumas of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, we have definitive touchstones to rest some solid rectified conclusions upon. As with any defining moment as powerful as 9/11, Pluto must be shown transiting to a major chart element. On that awful day, Pluto was at 12 Sagittarius. The famous **Sibley U.S. chart** of 7/4/1776, 5:10PM LMT, Philadelphia, PA, has its Ascendant at 12 Sagittarius.

[Sibley Horoscope – progressed to July 30, 2006]

This almost single-handedly confirms the chart, giving us the chance to study house placements, rulerships, and other astrological factors. It therefore puts Mars into H7 (open enemies, terrorism, attacks), and accounts for the War on Terror in the years following, as transiting Pluto, ruler of H12 (hidden factors) opposes from H1 (how we're seen, our image). Then, when Pluto stationed exactly opposite Mars for the final time (on 9/2/05), what foretold another harsh event was actually an attack by Mother Nature, i.e., Hurricane Katrina. Since Pluto comes from natal H2 (our money, values), and opposed Mars, ruler of natal H4 (property), the event was an economic disaster against the land itself. This, too, confirms the rightness of this horoscope.

There's much more: the elevated Neptune, our idealism; the tenth house Saturn (test of power and responsibility), our role as world police; the angular Uranus (rebellion), a nation of individualists; the Fortuna/Vertex/Node in Leo H8, Hollywood's existence and great influence on others' values (more on this interesting factor later).

Most ironically, though, using the Sagittarius rising (independence) chart, our Achilles heel is so obvious! It emphasizes our *dependency*, which is...on foreign oil! Neptune (oil) is placed in H9 (foreign), squaring Mars in H7 (enemies). With Pluto now transiting H1, setting off this square, the inevitable drama of cultural clash, the weakness of the energy dilemma undermining our economy, and hatred of America were all cosmically defined. (By the way, if



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any reader thinks the election of John Kerry would have forestalled this, they might want to study these astro-patterns more carefully. Or, perhaps that's why it was inevitable that George W. Bush get reelected, in order to play them out!

Now, whenever I see such a blatant karmic pattern shown, I have to ask why. What does the universe want out of this? Why is this drama being thrust upon humankind? There is always a higher purpose behind even the most horrendous events, if only to force mankind to yearn for solutions to life's suffering.

What patterns are showing now?

Remembering the fact of America's cosmic purpose, we can look more deeply at the Sibley chart and Pluto's upcoming transits.

Some really important things are afoot.

Pluto is finishing its 12-year transit of Sagittarius. During its passage, a war of beliefs has raged (Islamic Fundamentalism vs. Western civilization), a beloved Pope has died and been replaced leaving the church and its role at a critical crossroads, the O.J. Simpson/Michael Jackson/Robert Blake/Martha Stewart trials have tested the judicial system, pedophilia in the priesthood has been exposed, the make-up of the U.S. Supreme Court is undergoing change, and the U.S. relationship with foreign interests has been spotlighted.

The Moon in the Sibley chart (always the planet that will be shifted most when considering various birthtimes) is at 27 Aquarius (brotherhood) in H3 (communications), ruling H8 (other people's money). So transiting Pluto has yet to sextile it, and will do so in 2007, at the same time that it will semi-sextile its natal position, and trine the nation's progressed Ascendant at 28 Leo in H9 (better relations with foreign allies). This bodes well for deep positive change for the people, since Aquarius is humanitarian and democratic (e.g., tv announcers now reflect all races). *E Pluribus Unum* ("Out of Many, One") is truly manifesting. Everyone rushed to help fellow Americans in their suffering, and many nations reached out to America in its hours of need. Did we need disasters to learn to see ourselves in each other? I guess so.

Perhaps, too, our problems will drive us to invent a new energy source, not for lovely environmental reasons, but for hard economic ones.

By 2008, Pluto will enter Capricorn. This will surely uncover and cleanse abuses in government and Big Business, such as fraud and collusion. Just as Pluto's entry into Sagittarius kicked off with a high-profile news event that revealed the flaws in our *legal* system, expect 2008 to start off with a very ugly scandal about a *mega-corporation* and a big name in *government*. Flaws in these two intertwined institutions, as well as many other weaknesses and abuses related to each, will bring disgust before better resolution. And the legal system will continue to remain under fire as transiting Saturn enters Libra to square transiting Pluto briefly in August 2010. But Capricorn's influence can bring attention to everything that's aging, from the population to the nation's infrastructure, while Pluto requires repair, rejuvenation and renovation. Will we figure out how to stave off death, or discover the Fountain of Youth?!



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Furthermore, Pluto is hitting the Galactic Center at 26-27 Sagittarius. This is a big moment for humanity – and for the universe – since we (and other sentient life) are the manifestation of the universe's evolution to create a form that knows itself. I believe it represents a huge transformation of this creature...us! And of Sentient Form itself. It won't happen right away, but this transit is the key turning point to the evolving New Human.

Getting More Specific – Current Happenings:

Transiting **Pluto** (terror, pressure), ruler of H12 (secrets) from H2 (money), is in H1 (image) finishing its t-square to our afflicted Neptune, ruler of intercepted H3 (cars), in H9 (always the issue of dependency upon foreign oil), and Mars (war) in H7 (open enemies). This has brought the Iraq War quagmire, and a debilitating energy crisis, and has revealed, once again and even more, America's great weakness. But once the aspect finishes, to its own progressed position as well (by the end of 2006), it will not repeat until late in the twenty-first century, when Pluto transits the third decanate of Pisces.

We must find a way to resolve our Achilles heel. Improvement can come with Pluto's emerging sextile to the nation's humanitarian Aquarian Moon (the people)/progressed Mercury (ideas), trine to the progressed Ascendant, and semi-sextile to its own position in H2. Katrina's misery highlighted our national compassion even more than 9/11 or the Tsunami. Great lessons were given to mankind, not only within our borders, but globally, and America's generosity was met by the same from most other nations in our time of need. The Moon in Aquarius (technology) in H3 (communication, transportation, ideas) is dispositor of the Sun in H8. This can be a wonderful period for transformed empowerment, for emotional and economic growth for the whole country, for improved relationships with other nations, and for a new inventive approach to alternative fuels, especially as Pluto's quinquax to Mercury/Node keeps the pressure on.

Neptune, from H9 (higher values), can help a lot too as it finishes a trine to Saturn in Libra H10, which is bringing forth compassion and healing, person to person and nation to nation. This is further enhanced as **progressed Mars**, which turns retrograde in Libra (relationships) in 2006, works its way towards that Saturn in H10, allowing it to receive Neptune's trine as well.

Uranus, ruler of H3, hasn't been as helpful. It is finishing its square to natal Uranus in H6, always a disruptive, chaotic period, in this case regarding the job market and transportation domain. Buses weren't made available in a timely manner during Katrina, and two airlines have recently folded. But Uranus will do us some favors later.

Saturn (discipline, limitation), ruler of H2 (money), from H10 – a test of power – will perform its true role of taskmaster. With Saturn's transit through Leo until September 2007, we see the beginning of a period of tightened resources for the Baby Boomers born with Pluto in Leo. This also coincides with Saturn's transit of our country's North Node, a time of greater burdens but maturation. It is conjuncting Node/progressed Moon in Leo (the spotlight) in H8 (debts, funding), and squaring progressed Saturn retrograde in Scorpio (investments, insurance) in H11 (allies). This is painful. Debt soared under the losses of Katrina, and must be addressed. The Piper must be paid! We must get serious about paying for the overspending and borrowing that war and catastrophe has caused. We may also need to



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curtail our roles both as World Policeman and as World Benefactor. The Average Joe is hurting. America more than ever will need to keep its own dollars within its borders, and must recognize that to maintain allies' respect.

There are lots of Baby Boomers (those conceived after the World War II years), the generation with Pluto in Leo. These are the new retirees. From now through September 2007, Saturn transits Leo and methodically conjuncts the Boomers' Pluto placements. Saturn on Pluto is never much fun, since it is defined as blockages and restrictions. It's a real ego deflator. From older to younger Boomers, a wave of financial problems will be felt as reality hits...the wise would do well to cut up their credit cards and pay off debt before the aspects hits. To bank on appreciation of your equity during this period would not be sensible.

Nevertheless, we have to remember our nation's destiny, and what purpose it was founded upon and created for. Throughout it all, **Jupiter** (luck), Ascendant ruler, was in H10 conjunct Saturn – even in the worst of times, our economy stayed buoyant, and in 2007 during Saturn's squeezing, Jupiter moves into H1, offering helpful expansion. The playing field has to stay viable. Mankind must progress into greater awareness and light. This is done only when we see each other as one. Large-scale natural disasters, if nothing else, serve to bring us together, open our hearts, and manifest brotherhood.

So out of this, a maturing takes place, and perhaps a necessary global realignment of ties based on changed moods, acceptance of conditions, and an end to war based on energy interests.

Soon to come:

By mid 2006, transiting **Saturn**, ruler of H2, will sextile its own position in H10, and trine the 12 Sagittarius Ascendant, presaging helpful restructuring and economic recovery. And transiting **Uranus** (technology) and **Jupiter** (expansion) will form a Grand Water Trine (windfalls) to the Sun in H8, from H3 (communication, transportation, news) and H11 (hopes). We might find a breakthrough in the search for alternative energy that offers a whole new ballgame to our problems.

From November 2005 to September 2006, transiting **Jupiter** (luck), chart ruler, forms a lovely trine to our Venus/Jupiter/H8 cusp/Sun in Cancer, from H11 (allies), buoying the economy. This promises prosperity, perhaps from the rebuilding effort in New Orleans from Katrina, which will create a surge of jobs in service and construction, and perhaps from cashing out real estate equity, which, because of the recent real estate market, many Americans are awash in. We are essentially a lucky, rich land, and not even a series of catastrophes and costly wars can remove that karma.

And Still Later:

In 2007, transiting **Pluto** will sextile (opportunity) Moon (the people, their feelings) and progressed Mercury (news, information) in H3 (transportation, communication), and semi-sextile (some potential) itself in H2. This is a chance for much growth, transformation, and psychological re-empowerment, probably through improving news reports about a rebounding economy and better fuel prices. Meanwhile, the **progressed Sun**, ruler of H9 from H8, trines



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Venus (a natal conjunction), ruler of the MC – could anything be better for regaining love and prosperity?! We'll be completely back in the game, on top of the world once more.

But a very complex pattern arises during all this happiness. In Summer '07, **Saturn** will cross the **progressed Ascendant** at 27-28 Leo in H9 at the same time it opposes **the Moon** in H3, while **the progressed Descendant** conjuncts that Moon! This usually denotes a time of sadness and strong emotions in the land. (Fortunately, since we're a lucky nation, the Saturn-Moon pattern does not last very long.) People will be unhappy about the economy, their personal prospects, and local as well as international issues. Not to mention that the progressed Ascendant will at this very same time quinquax natal **Pluto** ! Perhaps the deep divide worsens in our nation, and the polarization of the population that we've been seeing steadily splits us into something like a mid-section versus two coasts – almost like a Civil War but without weapons. My intuition tells me that it's political, caused by the presidential nomination process – for instance, if Hillary Clinton, a very polarizing figure, seeks it, the deeply divisive nature of this political race would bring out our strong internal schism. (Hillary has Moon at 29 Pisces in H10, and Ascendant at 29 Gemini, with transiting Pluto, from H3 of news and communications, forming a t-square at this time. This is a bombshell waiting to be exploded. ☺) If you thought George W. Bush was a polarizing figure, you ain't seen nothin' yet!

Our Real Work?

With our Node/Vertex/ in Leo H8, for good or for bad Hollywood 's influence rocks the world and is the trendsetter of Western values. (This seems to be exactly what radical Islam is resisting.) As the Pluto-in-Libra and Pluto-in-Scorpio generations are reflecting, the media now displays mostly frivolity or sex-&-violence. However, for those born during these past years of Pluto-in-Sagittarius, a new trend has been surfacing slowly which will eventually rise to prominence as these people reach their 20s and 30s: it is movies by lightbearers. Among the first was the independently-produced “What the Bleep...”, starring Marlie Matlin, and tackling, among other subjects, quantum physics, channelers, purified water, and the effect of consciousness on reality. Another movie in the works at the time of this writing is based on Indigo children and Neale Donald Walsh's “Conversations with God” books. New movies such as these will keep coming. Their purpose – as is the new generation's – will be to help humanity evolve away from base desires and to a more enlightened world. Spreading humanity's growing consciousness can, in fact, be seen as Hollywood 's highest mission.

Pluto in Capricorn, and You

No article such as this would be complete without a stab at seeing ahead. What's on the agenda for us when Pluto moves into Capricorn in 2008?

Pluto in Cancer Generation – With an opposition to natal Pluto looming, these folk will begin to feel the pressure by 2008. The theme is business versus family. Will corporate needs eclipse domestic ones? During this period, the rule of despotic inheritors such as North Korea 's Kim Jong-Il must surrender to the hard cold realism of running a business or a government.



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Pluto in Leo Generation – With Pluto forming a quinquunx, their “wild and crazy” youth must give way to steeper adjustments. The focus on self-realization alternates with much more practical demands. As with the destruction of New Orleans, *les bons temps* (the good times) are no longer rolling along quite as easily. Entertainment industries face budget cuts.

Pluto in Virgo Generation – Here, a trine can bring lots of needed improvement into society, as this generation helps themselves and others to clean up any messes. Their sensible, fastidious work ethic pays off. Health-related industries will do very well, as will data analysis and such. National nutrition standards will be raised, and fast-food joints will have to provide reformed menus. We might even see some kind of national health care system in place by the end of this transit.

Pluto in Libra Generation – In this square, they will face their first formidable challenge in their young lives, and be forced to make difficult lifestyle changes. (Whereas Saturn is an “ouch,” Pluto is a “gulp!”) Hard partying and the pursuit of love or beauty is simply not enough anymore. Capricorn's self-discipline is at odds with Libra's sociability; pursuit of the bottom line may take the romance out of things. For instance, government policies may be pitted against non-heterosexual marriage contracts, not because of ideology but simply based on cost considerations.

Pluto in Scorpio Generation – Simply put, the sextile to their natal Plutos will change the world's values. This is the generation that can save or destroy it, and now is their moment of truth! What will a generation raised on copious images and experiences of death and sex do with that? It's Scorpio's age-old dance: devil or angel? Darkness or rebirth? Appetite or enlightenment? Whatever each soul chooses can easily be manifested. Hopefully, the scourge of AIDS could be completely eradicated with the support of this pattern.

Pluto in Capricorn Generation – Here a future semi-sextile awaits, and we must hang around until Pluto enters Aquarius in 2023 to see a new day dawn. The Internet's greatest potential will be reached. Perhaps it will bring a real global community. We can only hope.

¹ Right now, with the discovery of two new planets – Sedna, and a new unnamed planet, 2003 UB313 – beyond Pluto (i.e., beyond the psyche), we can rightly ask if this is symbolic of a soon-to-come “discovery”, such as of the existence and reality of the soul.

² Right on its station (!), on 2/26/93 at 25 Scorpio, i.e., only 1 degree away from an exact square to the U.S. Moon at 27 Aquarius.

³ This is listed as “currently unavailable” on Amazon.com, but might be through The Builders of the Adytum.

⁴ Here we get into some tricky political issues in this day and age: the role of religion in government. Whose God? What version of God? Where's the dividing line between Church and State, and what's actually meant by “under God”, or “In God We Trust”? As a spiritual person rather than a religious one, I personally maintain a clear



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distinction between the Source of Light & Love versus a dogmatic view of a relative God, believing that there is a Higher Power with which all of man's endeavors are co-created, and with which man benefits when harmonizing, but that my version of It is not necessarily your version of It. However, this blurring of the meaning of the Great Seal's symbolic message has proven to be a very sore point at the root of our nation's current deep polarization.

⁵ There's a school of thought, given through the *Michael* material, in which nations are defined by the soul age of the majority of its inhabitants. Whereas very young souls feel safer in small towns, souls who are not yet fully matured gravitate to big cities and centers of action in order to participate most intensively in life's games of wealth, fame and power. America is a mixture of low-density towns providing "safe" harbors for the younger evolving soul, and high-density urban centers providing maximum energy and challenge for those who want to drink in all that Earth can offer. What is less abundant in America in general are the experiences sought by the older, more introspective and temperate soul who is ready to turn away from materialism and seek inner wisdom.

⁶ With Neptune, ruler of her MC, stationing square her Mercury and opposite her Saturn right after the 2008 presidential election, Hillary's electoral chances seem very weak. But Pluto's sextile to the U.S. Moon at the very least could finally be offering up a woman candidate... or perhaps *only* women candidates, as in a scenario where Hillary runs against a female Republican such as Condoleeza Rice!