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URANUS THROUGH AQUARIUS: THE GATEWAY
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"There is nothing to fear but fear itself." Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of America's greatest presidents and an Aquarian to boot, gave us this wisdom earlier this century. But right now, as we enter the final days of the 20th century, these words could be the motto for what's certainly one of the most powerful astrological events seen in any of our lifetimes: the transit of Uranus through the sign it rules, Aquarius. Today's motto might be "there is nothing to fear but fear of change."

Whenever a planet goes through ("transits") its own sign, it boosts the signal we're all receiving from that energy pattern. That's doubly true when the planet is one of the slow-moving outer planets of the solar system, as is Uranus, because the signal is broadcast that much longer. The pattern we're speaking of actually began in April '95, and will continue until December 2003, but it's only just reaching its heyday now as it starts moving into the middle of Aquarius' territory. So let's explore its general significance, and look into the subject of fear as that would apply to Radical Change.

Uranus? Aquarius? What do these mean?

One of the basics of astrology is that each planet symbolizes a type of energy. Our spotlighted planet, Uranus, symbolizes drastic change, liberation, and the break-up of too-crystallized structures, be they within society (e.g., institutions) or within the self (psychological mindsets). It's an unexpected sort of upheaval, electrical in quality, sometimes shocking, and designed to blast the status quo to bits! Is that good or bad? Well, it depends on how the affected party views change. Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces) love change and adapt pretty easily. Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn) welcome change if they can figure out something to do with it! Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius) would prefer to hold onto the known, and so don't love change too much. Nevertheless, attitude is everything, and the whole purpose of astrology is to increase awareness of upcoming cosmic flows so as to align your inner choices with what the universe is presenting. No matter what your sign, if you're being impacted by some strong Uranian dynamite, you need only "go with the flow" and be ready to learn.

Uranus was discovered during the period of the French and American Revolutions, certainly a time of disruption of the status quo. Rapid and ever-increasing changes since then have brought us to the cusp of the Age of Aquarius. Aquarius is the sign most focused on progress and innovation. Future-oriented, individualistic, and ingenious, it's also the sign most directly connected with invention and technology. Very democratic and humanitarian in nature, Aquarius wants what's good for the group, not for anyone's ego-trip. Brilliant, kooky, and holistic are some other concepts describing the eleventh zodiac sign. If you want to understand what the much-heralded Age of Aquarius will be all about, think brotherhood, group-consciousness, global village, control passing from authoritarian (government) hands to individuals (the masses), all via the changes being wrought through progressive and ingenious technological



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advances. Some say the Age of Aquarius really began when Uranus entered that sign in '95. Because of its 84-year orbit around the Sun, now is only the third time since its discovery that we can observe the phenomenon of Uranus passing through its ruling sign, and only the first time that we've been technologically so advanced. So what is there that's occurring nowadays that would reflect such a mega trend, such an all-encompassing happening that will directly impact upon everybody's daily life? What is the single most important global technological trend that can make the world One, can shift power from governments and into the hands of the people, and can be pin-pointed as the Age of Aquarius' initiation?

The Internet

Barely existent before the mid-90s, this infant technology is growing exponentially, linking the world individual-by-individual as computers grow cheaper and more sophisticated, and everyone rushes to get online. Soon, web-tv will allow even non-computer users to join the global net. The Internet is already bringing drastic change to business as "brick-and-mortar" retailers are losing market share to cyber-entrepreneurs ("Retailers face new competition at the e-mall", The Rockland Journal News, 2/1/99), and online trading revs up the stock market ("SEC chief urges online investors to be cautious", New York Post, 1/28/99). If you're tuning in and wish to be ahead of the trend, perhaps the message is: "Get thee to a website"! Even more startling to our entrenched ways will be the coming encroachment upon our Intellectual Property laws (how do we continue to stake a claim upon information when it's available to all, everywhere?), and upon government secrecy (as witness the release of the Starr report over the Internet). From now on, there can never be another Iron Curtain! True to its astrological significance, the Internet is nothing if not democratic. It represents the sharing of knowledge (Aquarius is an air, or communications, sign), mind to mind, without any limitations imposed by a person's appearance (gender, race, body type, attractiveness), status (celebrity, royalty, powerhouse, or John Doe), or age (child or senior). Not even language or geographical "undesirability" will matter. We are finally relating to each other consciousness-to-consciousness, in true spiritual union, rather than via all the separative standards we have always applied to each other and which have always hampered our quest for true brotherhood. In fact, if you want to find the real New Age, you'll find much of its true beginning in this technological connectedness. The world has never seen anything like this before, and we can only guess at its ultimate results.

Disruption or Awakening...What's Your Sign?

Of course, even though the growth of the Internet may be terribly important as one of the obvious manifestations of Uranus through Aquarius, many people won't have anything to do with it per se, but will feel Uranus' transit in other ways. Here are some clues about its main impact on each of the 12 birth signs in the coming year:

ARIES: Pioneering opportunities, especially regarding group involvement. Change is most welcome, and can come via a friend. Best for 3/28-4/6 birthdays.

TAURUS: Drastic changes require loosening up (not your forte!), especially regarding your career. Forced retirement, down-sizing, or plain ol' moving on can be the news. Let go, let God, and be ready to switch into something more techie, if possible. Hardest for 4/30-5/7 birthdays.

GEMINI: Great for learning new equipment, taking computers courses, freeing your creative communications skills. Schools and trips offer interesting possibilities. Best for 5/30-6/7 birthdays.



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CANCER: Certain adjustments may be needed, especially regarding financial matters, but not too big an impact.

LEO: Can be most aware of need to allow change to happen, especially regarding close relationships. Partners can't be counted on. Personal growth is demanded but lots of support is available. (President Clinton is a Leo!) Greatest impact on 7/30-8/9 birthdays.

VIRGO: Perhaps a few job adjustments, but not terribly important ones.

LIBRA: Exciting for creative innovations and social functions. Try a blind date, for you can meet a new love! Young people can bring adventures into your life too. Best for 10/1-10/10 birthdays.

SCORPIO: Don't plan to stay in one location this year, you may have to move...and more than once! Conserve energy, don't let family members bug you, and hold onto savings. Most intense for 10/31 -11/9 birthdays.

SAGITTARIUS: A year of dramatic change that reveals a new you. Express your free spirit through writing or speeches. Jump out of your cage with glee! Best for 11/30-12/9 birthdays.

CAPRICORN: Some nice financial opportunities can be gotten with a wee bit of effort.

AQUARIUS: Radical, man! Your chance to shine, to invent, to do your thing, to strut your techie brilliance. Or, conversely, your wild and crazy side. Most notable for 1/28-2/6 birthdays.

PISCES: Hardly noticeable though can deepen intuition.

Just remember, you create your own reality. Allow, adjust, and design your future. Allow the changes that are occurring -- they will break you out of your box. Adjust to the new forces -- stop resisting change, or trying to push the river...just flow along without fear. Design your own future reality by working with the given energy patterns, and optimistically turning them into joyful experiences. You, the Aquarian human, are the architect of your own reality.

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