Welcome to my astrology update for 2018 dear reader.

I send my best wishes for an amazing year ahead for you!

I have been fascinated by the unfolding story of civilization on planet earth (and beyond for that matter) for many decades, as through the observation of the cycles of the planets in our solar system we witness the profound and extraordinary synthesis between these cycles and our unfolding evolutionary history.

As we head into 2018, we have SO MUCH to talk about with a number of planets changing sign opening a very different set of energies and possibilities!

- Jupiter diving into the waters of Scorpio - last time 2006
- Saturn enters his own sign of Capricorn - first time since 1989
- Chiron enters Aries - first time in 50 years!
- Uranus enters Taurus - first time since 1934!

We now have a major gear change in the cosmic clock from the dynamic fire and air energies of the past 7 years, into planets in water and earth combos - a very different signature reflecting major changes in the values that drive our culture. It is time for a complete overhaul of our current global systems!

I have included your Horoscopes ahead of the Global Report because as we are each the ‘centre of our own universe’ we are all keen to know what is happening in OUR world!
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Welcome dear reader to your Horoscopes for 2018. Astrology is the ancient science that observes the influence of the cycles of the planets in our ‘Solar SYSTEM’, and how these create our personal and global EVOLUTION. It is not fortune telling as it does not tell us what will happen!

Rather we use Astrology for objectively outlining the influences of the planets in their ‘areas of activity’, so we can be in the right place at the right time to take advantage of the cycles as they unfold through our lifetimes. This saves us lots of time and energy so we can go with the flow and take advantage of the unfolding influences rather than swim against the current.

I also add some psychological tools to help us use our innate qualities for our highest good so we get better and better at being who we really are as authentic individuals!

Think of the Solar SYSTEM as an Atom with the Sun in the CENTER powering the System and the planets as ELECTRONS. So our Horoscope is our personal ATOM, and our atom is part of the collective system of humanity. The more conscious we become of our ATOMIC influence the more we can contribute to empowering the collective ATOM...HUMANITY.

So when I mention planets at work in your life they are the ‘magnetic ingredients’ that are impelling your growth and evolution. Each planet has its cycle each year.

- The Sun is the 1 year cycle
- The New Moon has a 28 day cycle and moves through the Zodiac signs month by month
- Mercury has a 1 year cycle - retrogrades (goes backwards) three times a year
- Venus has a 1 year cycle – so moves through all 12 signs – retrograde this year
- Mars has a 2 year cycle – moves through 8 signs in 2017 – retrograde this year
- Jupiter has a 12 year cycle – currently in Libra for a year
- Saturn has a 28 year cycle – currently in Sagittarius until the end of 2017
- Uranus has an 84 year cycle – currently in Aries
- Neptune has a 164 year cycle – currently in Pisces
- Pluto has a 246-year cycle! – currently in Capricorn
Here is a visual model of the 12 signs so you can see the SYSTEM and how each sign is an ingredient in each of us. These ingredients become highlighted when we have the Sun or Moon or Ascendant sign in any of them. So make sure to read your Sun sign AND Moon sign AND Ascendant sign and if you do not know these book a session to find out your Moon and Rising sign!

Once you’ve read your ‘horoscopes’ get set for my “big picture” overview and details of the very significant and powerful forces on the way in 2018 as we get set for a major global reset over the next three years. I have spent ages investigating and researching the unfolding global chess game!

**Astronomy Calendar 2018**

Here is an interview I did with Chris Flisher from Boston. We discussed my favourite subject ‘Soul & Psyche’ and diverged into lots of interesting territory about the unfolding astroscape in 2018 and beyond...
# Aries Horoscope 2018

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Greetings Aries! Welcome to 2018…

As the pioneers of the Zodiac, you are famous for your love of a challenge to ignite and drive your creative process. I mean life is for living and risking and daring to step out of the comfort zone yes?

Whether you push yourself through active sporty stuff or get excited about being a business start-up person you like to be active and on the move.

You have a big year on the way where you will get to stretch yourself and jump into a completely new phase of your life so get excited and start preparing for action stations.

Big Time Career Focus…

As you step into 2018 there is a very good chance you are already picking up ‘signals’ that your brilliant career area is in for an overhaul dear Rams and you would be right on the money. 

As achiever Saturn in Capricorn now steps onto centre stage in your career zone for the next three years or so, you are entering a cycle holding enormous promise for achieving the success and bringing home the prize you have been working toward for the past 14 years…yes that long. This is when he was back in Cancer between 2003-05 and you laid the foundations for a major new phase.

He is the lad with the 28-year cycle and as he is now at ‘the top’ of the mountain (or the mid heaven of your chart) you are at a threshold between the past and the future. On the one hand, you will reap rewards for what you have sown over the past 14 years so this is an achievement period, whilst it is also a ‘crisis of re-orientation’ as you must also start dreaming up your future.

Yes this placement contains a bit of a conundrum, as you kind of have to split your awareness between doing the work to achieve within your current framework AND be alert for ideas and clues for new options, which you also need to put into place at the same time.

Saturn in your career zone will certainly help you to achieve authority and results if you are willing to practice a bit of good old-fashioned commitment and a bit of hard work! Promotions and greater responsibility can feature here with the provision to make sure you are up for any extra pressure this may involve.

By the way, he has not been in this area of your life since 1989-92 so if you were out and about back then check your memories of how your career options changed for clues.

Saturn can also offer a re-structuring process, and this could apply if your current goals or work situation aren’t measuring up to expectations. Sometimes you just need to take a good hard look at what is not working and why, and then re-organize your priorities or systems to be more effective.
BTW these are all Saturn’s favourite words! If you are thoroughly disillusioned or bored with your current gig then again ask a few questions so you can get clearer about who you really are and what you really want to direct your enormous energy toward. Our world is programmed to keep most people stuck in ‘limited reality’ doing jobs they don’t like with people they don’t enjoy right? Well this does not suit you one little bit!

As a Ram person you have a natural interest in business areas where your gifts involve opening fresh action and stimulating new enterprise. There are so many areas for you to play in over these next few years in this edgy changing world where old industries are dying and new ones being born. Never has the time been more ripe for clever spontaneous brave you. Go for it!

It’s also important to know that this Saturn Cap phase contains a major reality check for all aspects of government and corporate systems as pressure builds for greater accountability and the return of old fashioned values like moral integrity…lol in both cases. Yes we’re in for some shocks as moguls fall and systems are thrown into disarray over these next few years.

**Jupiter Expands Your Resources…**

The Lord of opportunity and growth is Jupiter the largest of all the planets, hence his reputation for doing things BIG and stirring up the themes of whatever sign he’s passing through. His 12-year cycle means he ventures into each of the 12 areas of our nature once every 12 years so as he now heads into your 8th House of “shared resources” he triggers a few different options.

He has just spent 2017 in Libra helping us sort out old relating patterns with his ‘opportunity’ in some cases requiring freeing up old partnerships that weren’t in sync with our needs. And in some cases he also brought in cool new people who are more aligned with your values.

As the 8th House is one of your money areas you are now set to expand financial activities in conjunction with ‘safe’ others and as long as you do due diligence then ‘lucky’ Jupiter augers well for joint ventures and seeking loans. Also a great placement for smart new investment strategies, and can also bring $ legacies and inheritances…not always but quite often!

The test with Jupiter always lies in keeping him under control and not letting him over-extend himself or promise more than he can deliver. Or, if you have a chunk of money arrive make sure you are very wise about what you do with it, as with other indicators on the 2018 horizon suggesting that the age of excessive consumption is about to have an accounting, I strongly suggest you stash some dosh for a rainy day! More on this soon when I cover the big shift of Uranus coming into Taurus…your other money house.

**Transforming and Empowering Your Feelings…**

The other area of your life with some yummy growth on offer ain’t about outer wealth but rather inner riches, as Jupiter in Scorpio spends the year diving deep into your feelings, which is not necessarily your favourite territory is it? It’s time to expand your relationship to your softer nature to invite warmer and
closer connection with others...also known as intimacy! So it is time to drop some of your defences and “I don’t need anyone” scripts, and “I can’t let others see my vulnerability as then I’ll look weak”...all that tough Aries stuff!

As Mars is your ruling planet your job is to master your Mars by creating ‘healthy assertiveness’ and if you’re still using your anger to control people then give it up! Our whole world is angry right now...justifiably as the system stinks...but allowing anger and thoughtless impulsiveness to drive us is dangerous both psychically and emotionally.

Your self-therapy here just requires some simple daily re-programming self-talk along the lines of “It’s safe to trust my feelings” and then release old rage and frustration punching a bag or whatever...not at others obviously! Then you can start using your intuition properly as this is one of the gifts on offer once we trust our feelings! Then there’s “It’s safe to trust others and let them come close”. More intimacy also opens sexual sensual passion too and we all know Rams like this!

Must mention another Scorpio issue that has been in sharp focus since he entered the sign back in October, and this is secrets and we’ve already seen heaps of these being exposed haven’t we? So yes Jupiter here does tend to like to keep cards close to your chest but if there are any skeletons in your closet be aware they may be clattering around.

The bottom line is this is a deeply transforming time to deepen your sense of inner power so you can get on with being powerful in the world in a whole new way! And to support this process you also have our ‘wounded healer’ Dr Chiron moving into your sign on May 18th for the next nine years! Please read all about this, in the Chiron in Aries section as the info totally applies to you!

**Activating Your Social Networks**

So let’s add the next ingredient to your story for 2018 as your ruler Mars about to charge into Aquarius is about to activate and energize your 11th House for SIX whole months between May 17th and November 15th. Normally he moves through each house in about 6 weeks but this year he is doing his retrograde thing so we all get an extra-long time to work out the territory he is triggering. For you this is the zone of friendships and groups, along with progressive ideas and all things inventive.

The upside here will bring a fabulous host of dynamic new people and ideas to stimulate your options and connections. Ideally we are talking about your ‘like-minded group or tribe’ who share your vision and urge for humanitarian reform, or at least are ready to think and do things differently.

So reach out to new people and groups and organizations with the caution to make sure they aren’t fruit loops who just like upsetting things without a healthy agenda for change. At best, you can work with a progressive team project as long as you’re not invested in ‘your way or the highway’ as this requires cooperation. This connects so well with your need to upgrade and innovate career areas!
The downside can bring reactive interactions with existing friends and setting up rejection by others...or you doing the rejecting! This is a provocative time with heaps of stimulus and the urge to break free of stale situations so your sense of rebellion may be high. Just don’t be the ‘rebel without a cause’.

**Your Values Are About To Change...**

As the God of innovation and revolution enters Taurus in May he activates your 2nd House of resources, values and money. As he will be here until 2026 you will now begin a gradual process of re-aligning your activities with a new set of values for what is important to you. As the way-showers of our world it is vital you lead the way here by choosing the cool new groove of our time that only works with innovative sustainable enterprise!

You will also be increasingly attracted to inventive new financial options and it is wise to make sure your finances can withstand sudden or unexpected changes coming at you from ‘outside’, so don’t be too rigid and expect things to stay the way they have been. If you are conscious of the need for change this can be a very liberating time where you choose to let go of old responsibilities and encumbrances of owning too much stuff!

Uranus can also bring in fab new resources to help you grow or you may suddenly see a new opportunity to change how you earn your money. All very interesting! As this is a long-term transit over the next 7 years there are many other factors in your chart that bring timing into greater focus so book a session with me for more in-depth insight.

**Travel and Adventure on the Way**

On November 9th Jupiter heads into Sagittarius and your 9th House to launch you out into the world to pursue and develop your networks both internally and externally. He loves being in the 9th house as he gets to travel to distant shores and hang out with inspiring people and ideas as he ‘disseminates’ or receive knowledge and cutting edge info.

Make sure passports are up to date as you’re either off and about teaching yourself, or zapping off to groups and trainings to up-skill your knowledge. The general call here is that you are ready to expand your whole perspective of what your life can look like and step up to a whole new dimension of possibilities. Yay!

Even if you aren’t physically jetting off to foreign lands you’ll still be expanding your exposure to international connections both personally and in business, as you are hungry to get involved in big picture action beyond your old models. 2019 will be the year for publishing your work or using communications media at a whole new level.

This can be tricky as the temptation with Jupiter is to try to make things too big or take on too much, so be selective and stay in alignment with your values when choosing options and accepting invitations. Another little word of caution involves Jupiter and his big mouth! Yep you have messages to share but must avoid being pushy or overwhelming in your quest to share them.
## Taurus Horoscope 2018

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Well well Taurus are you ready for the biggest seven years in your life EVER?

Every seven years Uranus the God of ‘revolution’, changes sign initiating a major phase of innovation for his new sign, and it is now your turn!

He enters Taurus in May – then back into Aries for a final swansong in late 2018 until March 2019 – then into Taurus to stay until May 2026.

This marks the beginning of an amazing progressive period in your world and in years to come you will look back and smile at who you used to be compared to who you are about to become! Uranus brings his awakening innovative impulse in a number of ways and even though this process happens over the next 7 years you will feel the vibe from 2018, with events becoming more specific for you depending on your birthday over the next 7 years.

- For those born 21st & 22nd April your new freedom phase is from May 2018 to Jan 2020
- For those born 23rd to 27th April your new freedom phase is from Aug 2020 to Jan 2022
- For those born 28th April to May 1st your new freedom phase is from Aug 2021 to Jan 2023
- For those born May 2nd to 5th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born May 6th to 9th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born May 10th to 14th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2023 to Jan 2025
- For those born May 15th to 19th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2024 to Jan 2026
- For those born May 20th & 21st your new freedom phase is from June 2025 to March 2026

As Uranus is the key player in our unfolding revolution, his entrance into Taurus for the first time since 1934 in his 84-year cycle is hugely significant. Our Sky God is about to come down to earth to revolutionize our ecological systems with a wave of amazing inventions and groups of people who will clean up our world over the next 7 years. This means YOU!

He’s also about to freshen up, to put it mildly, existing financial values and systems. His rulership over science and technology, plus human rights movements assures us of radical departures from existing conditions across the board.

Taurean associations arise from the core principle of VALUES, hence all things to do with nature and our earth along with money and wealth distribution. Taurus is the ‘builder’ of the Zodiac who uses strength and hard work to create security and safety, which is why you guys are so famous for your stubborn fixed qualities! Nature and beauty and pleasure are the fruits of Taurus who revels in the earthly delights of art and wine and music and all things sensual…she is Mother Nature expressed through the Nine ‘Muses’ who have inspired artists since ancient times. So as Uranus comes calling to Taurus over the next 7 years he brings his lightning bolt of creative fire to innovate and give birth to eclectic new forms in art and music.
Taurus brings up our survival issues and ability to establish foundations by being aware of and using our resources effectively. What is needed relative to resources determines what is VALUED. The more self-reliance that exists the more survival is guaranteed. We’re about to experience lots of ‘survival issues’ over the next seven years as collective population and environmental pressure will force many into new circumstances, and our IT revolution brings the end of old industries and jobs as it also gives birth to lots of new ones.

**So how can you use Uranus in Taurus to uplift and liberate your life?**

The freedom and liberation of Uranus allows you to break free from old value systems that restrict or inhibit your true individual expression, so you can begin to use our resources in inventive new ways!

As he’s an ‘unexpected’ trigger guy you must stay very flexible when sudden shifts upset your old systems and constructs. Uranus is a smart i.e. intelligent feature so stay alert for sudden flashes of insight or ideas that spin you into fab new possibilities that may be right out of the box from your old view of your potential. Then you can use Saturn in Capricorn for a reality check and create a ‘plan’...more on this in a minute.

If you are aware of the need for innovation and change this allows ‘the Universe’ to support your growth, whereas if you resist this your unconscious mind will create it anyway...sometimes in the form of upsetting things whether you like them or not!

A reminder that this is a 7-year process for our whole world, so you’ll notice the seeds of these features from mid-2018, with more specific changes depending on your birthday (listed above). It’s also about your personal horoscope and where Taurus falls...and Venus...and the whole picture really. **So if you’re inquisitive to know more about YOU you can book a session with me.**

I think this fits the bill for Uranus in Taurus very well. Here is your Mantra my friends! As Uranus asks us to break free of past conditions our core self-worth needs to be in very good condition, so whenever you get a bit wobbly as things start morphing in your life or the outer world close your eyes and say “I am safe and secure as I grow and change”. “I am prosperous!”

This will be a fantastic period if you are adaptable and allow the nature of your work or source of making a living to become exciting and challenging beyond our old expectations! We all need to feel valued so it’s time to make sure you are!

**Getting clear about what you believe...**

The other big 2018 player is Saturn in Capricorn who is lining up very nicely with Uranus in the 2018 offerings. He’s the builder goal-setting guy who brings a very creative feature into the mix as he now steps into your 9th house offering a study or teaching phase, and a general call to seek and open new territory both mentally and physically. His 29-year cycle means he has not been in this zone of your life...
since 1989/92! As Saturn is known as the ‘taskmaster’ who helps us build and construct our lives his message is you must be prepared to do some work and be a responsible “seeker after new horizons”. This ingredient also asks you to review and maybe make some changes to your core beliefs if they are too rigid or don’t allow for acceptance and tolerance of other peoples view of the world.

Over the next three years Saturn offers a strong call to deliver your knowledge or expertise with possible international options...think of yourself as ready to export yourself and your brilliant new enterprises. Passports and planes figure strongly here but not necessarily as a tourist but rather in pursuit of business growth or study or attending seminars...that sort of thing.

Saturn offers the ‘steady sustainable growth’ for the innovative stuff previously mentioned, and his connection with Uranus allows you to access a good rhythm in your creative development as you integrate the old with the new, taking the best of your past experience and bringing new ingredients into play. This excellent alignment happens throughout August and September.

**A Prosperous Year for Relationships...**

So here comes your once in 12-year relationship upgrade as Jupiter in Scorpio is now in your opposite sign bringing partnerships of all kinds onto the front burner dear Bulls. Traditionally Jupiter in your 7th house of partnerships is great for marriage & alliances, so now is the time to magnetize positive successful people into your world for mutual growth and prosperity. Generally, this is a very generous period in terms of both giving and receiving so let the moths out of your wallet!

At best Jupiter’s ‘opportunity’ for expansion is great for existing relationships as it creates the openness and trust to sort out or deal with issues that have been brewing over time, by speaking of them openly because you feel secure enough to do so. However, sometimes the ‘opportunity’ is revealed as accepting the need to let go of old situations that have outlived their time with good grace and gratitude for time spent and lessons learnt...got it?

Your ruling planet is Venus...Goddess of Love...yes that’s why you are such loving beings! She spends extra time in Scorpio this year starting 10th September through to the end of the year. These four months bring a rare gift to deepen your intimacy and closeness with those you love, if you are willing to face any old patterns that involve control through possessiveness or jealousy because you don’t feel safe!

You need lots of room to move this year as you begin to grow and change, so support yourself and partners by assuring them that you can both grow as individuals and still be close! This is also a very positive phase for investments and financial decisions with both personal and professional partners.

However, between 5th October and mid-November she is retrograde so use this time to review both love and money and make commitments or investments after December 3rd.
2018 opens a prosperous period for growth in all areas of life, and sure we know that material world goodies are important to you, but Jupiter’s wisdom here may also offer the “all that glitters is not gold” maxim! You also need to watch out for his tendency to extremes as his lessons can take us down a peg or two if we get too big for our boots!

**Innovation and Change in your Career Direction**

Another BIG feature for you this year arrives as activator Mars also spends extra time in Aquarius due to his rare retrograde phase in this sign. He will ignite your 10th House of Career from mid-May right through to the 16th of November...whoosh!

This brings an exciting period where you can make real progress toward your current goals or bring fresh innovations, or in some cases a brand new career path. Your competitive urge is strong here and ideally Mars likes to be free to take decisions and actions and do his own thing. Just be aware that your urge for freedom from old systems may mean you aren’t very tolerant of other people’s authority so just avoid challenging anyone too directly. Then they may indeed provide valuable support.

When Mars enters Aquarius in mid-May he squares off with Uranus who is also entering Taurus creating a volatile mix of forces that upset the status quo. This happens twice more in early August and 22nd September. There’s a good chance we will experience some kind of major global event around these dates with a social unrest or rebellious theme, or a financial shock...just so you know.

Perhaps you have a sudden revelation that you can’t do the same old thing anymore, or have a brilliant idea that is destined to change your life focus. This combo is future orientated so just hold the charge on any knee jerk reactions that may upset things unnecessarily.

Mars then goes retro from late June to late August so this is time to work on ideas and solutions with a plan to initialize new goodies after October 9th. Just remember even steady old bulls need to respond to changing conditions so get excited about this and don’t just wait for things to happen to you to force the point!

**Jupiter Expands Your Resources...**

From November 9th Jupiter the Lord of opportunity and growth heads into your 8th House of “shared resources” where he will reside until November 2019. As the 8th House is one of your money areas you are now set to expand financial activities in conjunction with ‘safe’ others and as long as you do due diligence then ‘lucky’ Jupiter augurs well for joint ventures and seeking loans. Also a great placement for smart new investment strategies, and can bring $ legacies and inheritances...not always but quite often!

The 8th also encompasses our deeply private inner life where we join with those we trust to invite closeness and intimacy so we may know the joy of loving support. So Jupiter is about to enhance this as he also steps off centre stage for a year so you may recharge and rejuvenate your energy. All good!
Gemini Horoscope 2018

Gemini Principle  ‘Mind & Mouth’ – how we connect learn & share information

II Ruled By  ☿ Mercury

Element is AIR  Quality Mutable

Keyword  '1 THINK'

Symbol  THE TWINS

Physically Rules  Shoulders to finer tips – lungs – nervous system

Permission  “I am heard and understood”
Greetings Gemini welcome to your preview of this more than interesting year to come! There is a whole new feeling to the energies in 2018 as we shift from lots of planets in fire and air signs to the major players now entering earth and water signs signalling a shift in focus from your activities of the past three years to a whole new agenda.

So I hope you have taken advantage of the upgrade from Saturn in your opposite sign of Sagittarius over this past three years by working to develop and mature your knowledge and ideas, re-structuring old partnerships that may have been limiting you, and developed your confidence to promote who you are! Because now it’s time to build your power to a whole new level dear ‘clever ones’!

It’s Time to Build Your Resources

From January 2018 good old Saturn now slides into your 8th house for the next three years doing his thing to help you re-define and redesign your power structures and the people and their resources that will help you grow from here. He’s not an easy guy to spend time with as his tendency to seriousness and constraint doesn’t make for fun and frivolity. He can be hard work!

But he is the ‘great teacher’ once we get what he’s trying to teach us and his lesson is all about power and the classic expressions of power...namely money, sex and control. The money bit means you now get to deal with how and where you are tangled up in other people’s finances so you can restructure where necessary.

Sometimes this involves paying the tax-man or divorce settlements and wrangling over inheritances, and if you keep a spirit of karmic debts being fulfilled, this can help manage your urge for retribution if you’ve been controlled or manipulated! Don’t forget jail time for murder is a long time...lol. Sorry if that all sounds like this is all going to be difficult, because it doesn’t have to be! The simple call is it is time for a reality check about you and how you manage resources and any old karmas that need to be released.

Sometimes this plays out as having to be more self-reliant financially and emotionally as other people won’t or can’t be there to support you, so this can be a bit of a wake-up call for Gemini as you guys are the ‘eternal youth’ of the Zodiac so often resist taking responsibility for things you’d rather not...just saying.

The key here is all about transformation as you journey deep into your unconscious fears and feelings so they no longer have the power to control you! The result is a re-birth as a very grown up Gemini who is in their power. Fabulous.

True power is an inner state that arises from our deepest core once we feel safe and secure! Saturn is teaching you to let go of trying to keep everything and everyone under control, because once we stop controlling and manipulating we can invite warmth and closeness with others. Then they will support us and we’ll feel valued and then we’ll feel powerful...got it?
Achieving Satisfaction through Your Work...

Lucky Jupiter in Scorpio until November, expands and grows your natural 6th house of "daily routine, work, service, health and order" so you can afford to really step up and forward toward your potential as fresh opportunities come your way. This can be a promotion or improvement in your working conditions, and generally this is a pleasant phase where you enjoy your daily routine feeling quite optimistic.

Promotions or heading off to training courses to enhance your work related goals are on the cards as powerful new info and ideas are a major feature of your growth through 2018. Jupiter is the God of writing/teaching/publishing as he loves to share and disseminate his message to inspire others and as your Gems love all kinds of communication and networking this is your year to get your message out there!

This is a once in 12-year cycle so cast your mind back to 2006 – did you get a new job or start a new project then? As Scorpio brings ‘sharing resources’ with partners into the picture, this may involve working with cool people whose knowledge adds a new dimension to your vision and purpose.

If you aren’t in love with your work this is a great time to check in with your higher self/Soul and ask for inspiration for “how can I serve” and as signals arise allow yourself to think about the practical steps you need to take to create the meaningful service for your life!

Jupiter’s opportunity can arrive as simply learning to enjoy being practical and adding organizational systems to your Gemini world plus taming your tendency to ‘scatter’ in too many directions!

This is a great cycle for good health and/or improving it! Once again this is a learning curve so do your research about which diets suit you best for wellness and understanding of the origins of your psycho/emotional health, and as Scorpio rules our regenerative and eliminatory organs it’s time to release old stored toxic emotions.

Yes There’s Some Exciting Action as Well...

So far we’ve covered lots of practical responsible stuff and you may be wondering if you get to do your air thing and simply be free to be your fabulous stimulating self! Yes you do! You have a great burst of all things energetic and highly original as Mars in Aquarius comes on the scene in mid-May right through to mid-November.

He zooms into your 9th house of expanded horizons so you’re off and away for journeys both intellectually and physically and in some cases these can happen suddenly and take you to unexpected shores. Wonderful. You will be hungry for fresh stimulating people and knowledge beyond the old models that have outworn their time, so grab this opportunity to share time with creative individuals and teams who are at the cutting edge of the highly innovative tech models of our future.
This is great for zappy stimulating progressive intellectual work that contributes to creating the new narrative of our times as the old political and economic systems are in disarray.

Mars will trigger your urge for rebellion and calling out stupid ideas and beliefs, but this is not a time for extreme views and words or you just become part of the problem energetically...if you know what I mean. Never has it been more essential for intelligent conversations about how we can constructively adapt and plan for greater social justice and solutions to big global problems. As the conversation people of the Zodiac you now get to start making a difference!

Just a word of caution here as Mars is an impulsive dude which is great for the pioneering spirit he embodies, but not so great for physical risk if you feel like a super person who forgets to put their seat belt on, so just take care as you judge what is a healthy risk.

Your Inner Revolution

Another big shift in your evolution is on the way starting in mid-May this year as Uranus now steps into Taurus for the next seven years, so for you this is your 12th house of hidden interior spaces...or your psyche and higher spiritual nature. It is the invisible source of the imagination; the mysterious realm from which dreams and visions come to us beyond our normal waking rational mind.

Uranus acts like an antenna linking us up to ‘higher or collective mind’ so we can tap into the electrical impulses beyond our everyday thinking mind. He is known as the ‘higher octave’ of your ruling planet Mercury so you love him! Sounds exciting and it is, as this feature now opens a whole new phase of how you use your mind, and you’re a Gemini right, so mind is your thing.

One of the revelations from our current spiritual revolution is how easy it is now to learn how to switch on our ‘right brain intuitive’ essence and use the tools of ancient masters to use our minds as the profound tools they are meant to be. So if you aren’t up to speed on all this fascinating and useful stuff then Uranus will trigger your urge to do so. BTW I do a lot of training in this area so if you’re interested please book a session as I love to share this information!

So your power and liberation now begins to arise when you say yes to connecting with your higher self to ignite your creative imagination in a whole new way. The provision here is that when we say, “I want this power,” we must also say yes to joining this spiritual revolution by using our power for the good of the whole...not just us. Uranus in this zone triggers your Soul to become the calm centre of your power! And you also get to align with the collective consciousness that unites us beyond the old selfish agendas that have brought our world to its knees!

When this ‘ego dissolution’ process begins we can experience a sense of losing control as our ego seeks to dissolve our personal “I” and you are drawn toward your higher nature so you can unite with a transcendental cause that is larger than you. The 12th House is where we tap into the incoming Zeitgeist that in time becomes the fresh ingredients of society as we are stimulated by the big ideas that are pulsing in the collective unconscious and demanding to be born.
So with Uranus in Taurus, sign of wealth and values and resources, don’t be surprised when you get zapped by an inspiration for an environmental project or get involved in the dynamic new wave of cryptocurrencies, or something triggers you to reflect on your values...and realize they are changing.

Another feature here can be the spontaneous eruption of psychological complexes that you’ve been managing to keep under the conscious ‘rug’ for a while, so this is an excellent time for psychotherapies beyond the conventional boring models where you talk a lot but don’t change anything...lol.

Gemini is loaded with nervous anxieties and fidgety bits and believe me it can be great fun and very fascinating when we really play in this territory, as once we understand how our mind has been running us it is actually quite easy to teach it how to be the servant rather than the master! If you’d like to find out how I’d love to share a session with you As Uranus is going to be in your 12th House for so long this isn’t a sudden bells and whistles moment...or for some it may be!

**Love and Marriage**

So here comes your once in 12-year relationship upgrade as Jupiter in Sagittarius heads into your opposite sign on November 9th where he will be throughout 2019. This brings partnerships of all kinds onto the front burner and traditionally Jupiter in your 7th house of partnerships is great for marriage and alliances, so you will magnetize positive successful people into your world for mutual growth and prosperity.

At best Jupiter’s ‘opportunity’ for expansion is great for existing relationships and really enjoying yourself with others, so you may be heading off on trips and adventures to wide open spaces beyond the norm. You will also enjoy the intellectual rapport with the fascinating people from other cultures or trainings, so also an excellent phase for jetting off to seminars or running your own!

This is because Jupiter here is also amazing for promoting or attracting new opportunities for your brand and can also bring important people into play to support you. The only stress here can arise as Jupiter will oppose your Sun so you are challenged to find productive balance between the role of others and your own need to run the show.
Cancer Horoscope 2018

Cancer Principle  Home & family – emotional safety & foundations

🍴 Ruled By  🌕 Moon

Element is WATER  Quality is CARDINAL

Keyword  ‘1 NEED’

Symbol  THE CRAB

Physically Rules  Breasts, Gall Bladder, Womb, Stomach, Etheric/feeling body

Permission  “It’s safe to have feelings and needs”
Hello dear Crab people and welcome to your 2018 insights and tips so you can embrace the re-vitalizing goodies on the way!

You are one of the FOUR Cardinal signs who are really up for the big shifts on the way from Saturn now in your opposite sign of Capricorn for the next three years.

I’m sure you’ve already been feeling the rising sense that it’s time to begin re-structuring your world and you are right! Nothing stays the same forever as we move through the cycles that drive our goals and outcomes and you are more than ready for this big new shift on the way. If you’ve been feeling stale and lacking inspiration for the next phase of your life then get excited as you will be stale no more very soon.

Who or What is Restricting You?

We need to talk about your existing partnerships and relationships as Saturn now steps into your 7th House bringing this vital feature on the front burner for his once in 28 year visit to your opposite sign for the next 3 years.

Yep this is a long cycle and Saturn is a pretty serious kind of dude who offers great gifts to us if we’re willing to step up into his maturing vibe and take responsibility where we need to, and sometimes let go of some if we are carrying other people who won’t take responsibility for their own lives and outcomes. Here are the specific timings for what’s on the way depending on your birthday.

- For those born 22nd June to 1st July Saturn will oppose your Sun from Jan to mid-December 2018
- For those born 2nd to 13th July Saturn will oppose your Sun from mid-Dec 2018 to late Dec 2019
- For those born 14th to 22nd July Saturn will oppose your Sun from Jan 2020 to mid-Dec 2021

The major feature here involves making some decisions about exactly who you need in your life to take forward from here. From early January it is wise to take a minute to reflect on your current ‘role’ in all your close associations and check in to make sure you are happy in these. If you are that’s great and you will experience a deepening of your commitment to make things stronger than ever.

If you ain’t so happy then it is reality check time, and you’ll begin to feel the urge to either call out partners (business and personal) who aren’t pulling their weight, aren’t supporting you or simply constrain your endeavours. Just be aware that sometimes partners and others who appear to block or limit our lives are actually offering us a mirror or excuse for why we’re not getting on with being amazing!

The message here is don’t project your fears onto others and make them the problem, and then you may allow them to help and support you to your goals. The big evolution here also involves knowing what your needs are (write a list) and then believing it is safe for you to ask for your needs to be met! If you are too needy and expect others to take care of this then partners may be the ones calling you out.
Another feature here involves you being honest if you are too authoritarian or bossy and controlling... who you...never! This creates a pattern where nobody ever ‘gets it right’ or lives up to your high expectations so they underperform and drive you even more crazy. Shifting this set up requires giving up being the Boss and beginning to treat people as competent adults, and then hey presto they become exactly this. If you are on the other end of this pattern and have a bossy controlling partner you won’t be willing to play the game much longer! Bullies are no longer tolerated in our society have you noticed?

As this brings your business life into focus you’re also set to develop or improve your existing brand, or sell up and move on if you are over it or have simply outgrown the situation. This is a cycle for excellent both achievement and seriously promoting yourself or your brand once you re-negotiate the people you work and share your life with so they are in full support.

Another big feature here involves PR and marketing your services with a view to longer-term outcomes in about seven years. Saturn can bring important alliances and long-term partners, but if you’re in a seriously not good relationship then it can be goodbye and good luck time.

As I said Saturn is a serious force and can feel a tad depressing or simply like hard work so it’s essential to keep your sense of humour as you negotiate his process taking you to becoming more authentic in all your one to one encounters! To assist this positive growth and help put a smile on your dial over the year ahead it’s time for some of the good news!

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After the last year of home and family focus it’s now time to have some fun and enjoy yourself as when he passes through the 5th house we get to play and party and go to the theatre and free up our ‘inner child’ to release spontaneous joy! His job is to expand and grow our lives and his frequency amplifies and enlarges whatever he touches...after all he is the biggest dude in the solar system.

You will feel a fresh sense of excitement and ready for adventure as it’s time to let your inner child out to play, and of course this is also a fab time to enjoy your kids and for some there may be a small addition on the way.

We all need healthy recognition and approval for our inner child to develop confidence, and this fits in with the Saturn partner territory already outlined as if you aren’t getting it in your current situations then you must learn to give it to yourself!

As this is also your ‘house of love affairs’ welcome to the very best once in 12 year timing for romance, either brand new ones or to spice up your current love life.
As Jupiter also connects beautifully with inspirational Neptune in late May and mid-August your spiritual and artistic nature is also amplified so art and design projects will stimulate the creative growth on offer. A fabulous phase on the way for you.

During January Mars joins Jupiter in Scorpio to amplify your urge for exciting and intense connections with your creative drive, and this signature is also wonderful for deep inner healing and renewal of your Cancerian feeling nature. Collectively this relates to the new #metoo movement as women are finally free to demand respect at every level in our culture.

**Your Changing Hopes and Aspirations**

The other big shift on the way this year comes as revolutionary Uranus changes sign into Taurus in May in his 84-year cycle. He’s just spent the past 7 years in your career zone making for some exciting but sometimes somewhat chaotic growth, and hopefully you have brought his inventive progressive options into your world to adapt to these challenging times.

So now he steps into your 11th House traditionally known as the house of “Hopes & Wishes, Friends, Groups & Organisations, Society, Reform & Change”. This 11th House stage offers the chance to realise that we are part of the family of humanity, and that our efforts once our own personal Capricorn goals are realised, must be sent toward something greater than ourselves! Hence the urge here toward social consciousness to bring change and reform to ‘uplift the human condition’.

This opens a long term process over the next 7 years stimulating your desire to move beyond existing images and models of yourself, as images of the future begin to pull you beyond your old world view. It offers a whole new set of ideas about possible lifestyles and goals you couldn’t even dream of when you were thinking more conservatively, as this innovative process calls you to step out of old boxes on many levels.

You’ll be attracted to stimulating new friends and groups and feel rebellious if existing friends expect you to stay the same as you’ve been or to conform to the party line. Indeed this placement stimulates political aspirations or finding a cause that matters to you so you can use your Cancer drive to nurture beyond your immediate family!

**A New Phase in Managing Your Resources**

From May your focus is drawn to all things financial as Mars in Aquarius zaps into your 8th House of “shared resources, inheritances and investments” for an extra-long stay right through to mid-November. So you have six months to use this excellent phase to explore innovative options for your finances.

Mars in Aquarius is thinking about financial freedom for the future and can stir up your urge to take action for positive financial upgrades if you are frustrated by current scenarios or begin to realize that the game is changing and you need to smarten up. So the caution is to be careful of his impulsive
tendency to get excited about a brand new idea and make sudden changes without care and consideration.

And whatever you do avoid making decisions without consulting your partners or those who share your resources as this can create resistance or resentment...got it?

You may also find you have different ideas and values from your partner and this can lead to ego conflicts, so you need to manage your ‘my way or the highway’ attitude so you can negotiate in a fair and balanced way. Impulsive Mars can also waste money with impulse purchases that you later regret but you’re not going to do this are you?

So use the period from mid-May to June 25th to become aware of what and why you want to make changes, then between June 26th and August 13th while he is retrograde do your research into innovative new investment options and solutions. You can then implement new strategies and plans after mid-September.

Ah let’s not forget a mention that the ‘expect the unexpected’ feature between May and November can also bring windfalls and/or income from sale of property or maybe you bought Bitcoin when it was cheap and you’re suddenly a millionaire!

**Enhancing Your Daily Work and Health Options**

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Leo Horoscope 2018

Leo Principle  
Our creativity, leadership & motivation, passion & joy

☑️ Ruled By  
Ø Sun

Element is FIRE  
Quality is FIXED

Keyword  
'1 CREATE'

Symbol  
THE LION

Physically Rules  
Heart & Back & Spinal column

Permission  
“I am passionate, joyous and creative”
Salutations to all you Lion Kings and Queens as you welcome in your dynamic 2018 on the way!

You have a great combination of shifts on the way as prosperous Jupiter opens a fresh ‘foundation’ phase and change-agent Uranus triggers innovations and changes in your career area…and not only but also, Mars spends six months activating exciting new partnership options.

Sounds good and it sure can be if you are willing to adjust to changing conditions in both your inside and outside world and let your big Leo heart lead the way.

Building and Liberating Your Career and Daily Work Structures

The combined forces of Saturn in Capricorn plus Uranus in Taurus as they are changing signs, now come into play as they trigger both of these zones in your world. Let’s start with Saturn and get this under our belt, and then add the Uranian ingredients.

Every 28/9 years Mr Achievement...Saturn...spends three years in your “house of daily work, service and health” and January opens with his arrival here until 2021. Saturn’s job is to build and develop our life as he moves through each zone so this can offer a period of major growth and achievement if you’re already on track and have spent recent years building your creative ingredients while Saturn was in Sagittarius and your 5th house.

He also makes you get very real about whether your current work is delivering and fulfilling your creative mojo and joy, and if not what are you going to do about it? If you’re feeling stale and that you have outgrown your current role then Uranus may be about to show you a completely new set of possibilities...so stay tuned.

Generally this period can help re-orient and improve how you do your everyday work so you can step into your authority over this next few years, so maybe it’s time to outsource skills to support your systems if you are self-employed or re-quest this in your work place. Saturn brings us practical planning and strategic insight as his gift and yes, increased responsibility can come along with Saturn’s package so it’s ok to say no if you do not want this. Indeed sometimes folks decide to retire or cut back on duties and working so damn hard lol.

If you are up for a very significant growth process then say yes and go for it if you’re prepared for a work phase with a serious commitment to build your potential without necessarily receiving the praise about how fabulous you are just yet. This will begin to come in after 2021 when Saturn enters Aquarius and you step into public recognition.

This is also why you really need to care for your health during his phase so you don’t burn out because you’re taking things way too seriously. Yes, you are in a responsible phase but hey, Leo remember to enjoy the process and have some fun along the way or you stress out your heart and nervous system ok? Lots of sleep, good food & friends, and rest when possible in between bursts of fabulous growth.
When things feel ho-hum and that peddling the bike is a bit wearisome you need to get your jollies by reminding yourself that all your efforts will be totally worthwhile as you are setting up useful new structures and systems to underpin your outcomes for many years to come! It is time to give up the belief that “life is hard” and that you must push relentlessly, and begin to tap into your higher intuitive nature that allows you to relax and flow beyond worry and fret and still get lots done along the way!

**Radical Uranus Enters Your Career Zone**

Mr revolutionary change agent is on the way from May this year to tweak your awareness that you are ready for an innovation phase, and then after his retro phase, he moves into Taurus to stay for the next seven years from 2019. His awakening rebellious force assures you it is soon time to start doing something differently…or at least thinking about it very soon as you are being drawn toward future creative visions.

- For those born July 23rd to 25th your new freedom phase is from May 2018 to Jan 2020
- For those born July 26th to 30th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2020 to Jan 2022
- For those born July 31st July to Aug 3rd your new freedom phase is from Aug 2021 to Jan 2023
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- For those born Aug 8th to 11th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born Aug 12th to 15th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2023 to Jan 2025
- For those born Aug 16th to 20th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2024 to Jan 2026
- For those born Aug 21st to 23rd your new freedom phase is from June 2025 to March 2026

The key process here involves your need to be free to strike out into fresh territory beyond the old ways you’ve been operating in the world. Uranus is an independent thinking eclectic guy who drives us to seek the path less travelled and embrace radical new ideas and worldviews, and goodness knows he’s about to do this for our whole collective from 2018.

So it is wise to stay alert for incoming signals or opportunities offering greater independence in your career areas as Uranus offers you the chance to break free of your old paradigm. He is the rebel of the zodiac so you may find you’re up for breaking a few rules and confronting authority positions and traditions, so you can lead the way by contributing exciting new ingredients to your vocational field.

Uranus likes working as a free agent so it may be time to start your own business or go freelance, so if you are ready to fly get out your Lion courage and go for it. But of course this isn’t for everyone so just be aware that your creative process is up for an upgrade so you can let your originality shine!

There is an irony here as Uranus in this area also offers greater involvement in teams and groups where you can work with other independent freethinking people and ideas toward progressive outcomes.

And just remember if we are grumbling that we don’t like our job it should come as no surprise if we suddenly lose it, as our psyche sets these things up if we aren’t willing to make the change ourselves!
This is where his positive connection with Saturn in your daily work zone can come into play as the practical strategic planning feature previously mentioned. This great alignment allows for constructive change with a creative balance between the old and the new in your life, and offers a sense of stability and wisdom; kind of like you've finally mastered your creative process and there doesn't have to be drama and struggle anymore. Saturn and Uranus connect between mid-August and late September making ideal timing for implementing major changes.

**Fortunate Times on the Home Front**

Every 12 years Jupiter, planet of positive expansion and growth comes calling to each zone of our life and since he entered Scorpio in October 2017 he’s stepped into your 4th house of “home, family, emotional safety, nourishment and love”.

This is a once in 12-year foundation phase as his purpose is to enhance your sense of inner security and belonging so you feel emotionally safe so you can build your life over the next six years toward the big success and results when he enters your 10th house in 2024!

So he’s right at the bottom of your chart now, which explains why you’re feeling nesty and inspired for home improvements. This also makes sense of why you may not be inspired by worldly goals right now, although career areas can also grow if you decide to as we have seen from other indicators.

In this house we are THANKFUL we give second chances we give HUGS we LAUGH a lot we do LOUD really well we ARE REAL we NEVER give up we LOVE

This is a wonderful year to spend your energies motivating and inspiring your home and family, or using your home base for new creative activities. Some of you may renovate or change residence even internationally, purchase investment real estate, or you may invite exotic new and interesting people into your home. Jupiter reminds us that sometimes our family is not connected by blood but are the friends we call family!

January is particularly active as Mars joins Jupiter so this is great timing for taking action on projects or selling and purchasing. Then you have Venus here between 10th September & 5th October bringing both her loving and artistic goodies so this is great for decorating and promoting a sale, but wait until she has finished her retrograde time before signing off or moving forward after mid-November.

Typically you wave goodbye to kids who are ready to fly and welcome new bubs when Jupiter transits this zone of your life. An added bonus for some may arrive as a romance or inspired artistic burst, as Neptune makes a beautiful connection to Jupiter in late May and mid-August.

**Relationship Action Stations**

Get ready for some sizzle and highly charged shifts and changes in your relationships from mid-May when Mr Mars in Aquarius comes calling for an extended tour of your 7th House of partners. The upside here brings exciting new people into your sphere with clever ideas that provoke your quest for new ingredients in your life. But this can also upset exciting situations or trigger conflict with others who may be threatened if you come on too strong with your Leo passion, so avoiding drama is a great idea.
The general call here is your need for greater autonomy or individuation in both your business and personal partnerships and the trick is to not unconsciously invite them to resist by making you the bad guy/gal. “I can be close AND be free” is your mantra here, and simply explaining that you need more space to explore your potential right now and this does not threaten them. Indeed if they let you individuate and be free to be you, they will get a better-improved version!

So as Mars heads into Aquarius in mid-May through to late June you will feel your passion for newness arise but best to wait until after his retro period completes in early September before making any major moves or decisions. Use his retro period to work out any relating issues using tolerance and cooperation as your tools for finding fresh options that allow both parties to get their needs met.

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Hello Virgo as you welcome in 2018. I’m sure you can relate to the word ‘service’ at a very simple level as this is what you dear practical humble people are all about!

You are in for a very progressive year in terms of a solid building phase to develop your creative goodies, along with an excellent fun time growing your knowledge and connections.

**Time to Empower Your “Mind & Mouth”**

Once every 12 years our favourite planet of positive growth arrives in your 3rd House of communications to expand your horizons and teach you how to master this powerful tool known as the Mind. His name is Jupiter and he brings the spirit of adventure to a fresh quest to grow your knowledge kit bag and empower your potential.

As he’s now in your ‘mind & mouth’ sector then obviously you have something to say. He hasn’t been here since 2006 so look back for themes then to support your understanding of now.

OK so we all do ‘creativity’ differently so we all have something different to say. Are you a words and ideas person? Or do you convey your messages through other mediums such as art or film or through your work or...whatever?

Yes you’re in for a busy stimulating year with a very good chance that you’ll be either learning or teaching or writing or publishing in the year ahead. You’ve just completed a big year learning new approaches for growing your financial base whilst he was in your ‘money house’. Now it is time for fresh motivation and ingredients to enhance your networks...and to make sure your words and ideas carry your highest meaning and purpose. Your mantra is “I am now heard and understood”!

Travel also features here so make sure that passport is up to date and overnight bag is ready for quick outings and visits and with expanding learning to grow your future, you’re in seminar junkie territory!

The fact that Jupiter is in Scorpio adds a deep and penetrating feature to your learning curve as this brings us research and digging up powerful knowledge beyond the trivial or superficial. You’ll be attracted to what we refer to as “the mysteries” including occult or hidden subjects that are taboo because they actually offer true power to liberate our mind!

We achieve this when we learn how to direct and focus our thoughts toward our goals with visualization tools, plus the clear belief that we will attract the people and pathways we need to achieve the desire of our intentions. This is known as “light magic”...cool yes? It’s actually not hard my friends but does require disciplining our left-brain mind when it wants to distract us or allow our fears to feed our thoughts. **I love to teach this stuff so if you’d like to learn please book a session.**
This is why the theme of power for your thoughts and words, is writ large as your opportunity right through until November when Jupiter then moves into Sagittarius. At best, you can really empower and transform yourself and others with your ideals and ideas now. At worst your thoughts and words can betray others or deeply wound them especially if you are overly critical of their thoughts and words!

BTW we are seeing huge outcomes from Jupiter in Scorpio in our collective as the revelation of big secrets and lies and cover-ups and the birth of a new safe environment for people to speak up at last. But this can also be ‘witch hunt’ territory so evidence is necessary yes?

Your growth can also arise from learning how to connect with others and believe it is safe to be vulnerable and close. You can have some lovely deep encounters with people in this space especially in January when Mars in Scorpio charges up our desire for closeness, and in late-May and mid-August when he harmonises with Neptune in your relating zone. Very nice indeed...quite romantic.

Jupiter can make us a bit pushy as he loves to tell everyone about his new ideas and can be a bit “preachy”, so watch this one if you notice people shutting you down when you’re telling them stuff you think is fascinating...lol. He also does things over the top so beware overcommitting to five courses at once and not finishing any of them.

Are You Comfortable With Your Creativity?

You are about to find out! Once every 29 years Taskmaster Saturn comes to visit each zone of our chart to help us develop and build our lives. So you’re entering a new three-year phase as he heads into your 5\textsuperscript{th} House of creativity, children, friends and fun, from January right through till 2021.

If you’ve been on the planet long enough to be able to check back to 1989/92 for patterns then please do so! If not then welcome to your first encounter with Saturn as he is about to help you face your fear of being amazing! His process brings up any old issues that have been holding us back because we think we’re not creative enough or didn’t get safe messages that supported our healthy ego...you know acknowledgement, approval and all that stuff.

This is why the 5\textsuperscript{th} House is the realm of children... both our physical kids and our inner kid...who may not have had the chance to play and be a kid and has been waiting for permission to enjoy life. So “life is fun” is your mantra to your ‘inner child’ over these next few years to help build the confidence and joy that allows passion to be the source of your creativity.

Every time your Virgo mind starts to run the show over thinking things and being picky and critical of yourself then stop it! If you are hard and demanding on yourself during this period you will miss the gift of it as you will be much more productive with a light touch rather than the “voice of authority”.

So your creativity is actually triggered by Capricorn type stuff...business models...corporate systems...legislation type areas...being in charge of important projects...lots of territory yes? And if you are the
health/service type then you may be in for an increased level of authority or the opportunity to create models/systems to enhance your profession.

Saturn’s passage here also brings your kids into focus and you’ll notice an increased sense of duty or karmas that need to be served over the next three years. Sometimes they simply need more support than usual through circumstance and you help out, or they need your best parenting to help them face their own fears of leaving the nest and individuating. So lots of approval and “I have faith in you” messages is essential and not being a hard or authoritarian parent. Your job is to motivate them to believe it is safe for them to grow up and be fabulous.

**Innovations on the Work Scene**

Another ingredient to feed your creative process arrives via an exciting passage of Mars in Aquarius in your 6th House of “daily work and service and routines”. He’s the trail blazing energizer planet that normally spends about 6 weeks in each sign, but this year due to his retrograde time will be in this zone for you between mid-May right through to mid-November.

This is great news if you are up for some exciting and possibly sudden developments in your regular work routines, with a key theme here involving your need for freedom to initialize new projects or bring in cutting ideas or technology to your work place. Ideally, it’s great to work independently if possible and if not, let people know you would appreciate more space and time to ‘think tank’ and develop your ideas.

Mars is the driver of our car and loves a challenge so will work like mad to get things done and may not be as patient as usual with the demands or expectations of co-workers and bosses. Needless to say it is wise to avoid conflict if and when you’re a tad frustrated and use this energy instead to pull your new rabbit out of the hat!

Another option here involves his humanitarian activities so maybe it’s time to take action about a cause that matters to you and as Virgos love animals it would be wonderful to volunteer at a shelter or join a group for animal liberation...you get the idea.

As this is also your “health house” Mars inspires you to implement a new health plan and/or to do the doctor/dentist thing and make sure all systems are in good shape. Mars can also activate acute inflammatory conditions or cause us to have accidents if we are angry or frustrated and not dealing with this. If you are cranky about anything just stamp your feet and say ‘foooock’ lots of times and get it out of your system OK?

**Expanding Your Awareness of the World**

Another major shift on the way arrives courtesy of Revolutionary Uranus about to energize your 9th House of “higher mind, philosophies and beliefs”. He has just spent the past 7 years in Aries tucked away in one of the behind the scenes zones of your chart, taking you through a long death/rebirth process in preparation for this next much more exciting phase as you step back out into the world.
So get set for some fresh adventures involving the need to open your mind and ideas beyond your comfortable assumptions about how the world works and how you may be effective within it. Society is changing at breakneck speed and we must be both adaptable to this, and also get very pragmatic that the old systems are in crisis and in urgent need of responsible new solutions.

You kids are also the engineers of our world, so this is where you may offer your practical skills over this next seven years as he journeys through Taurus to bring his revolutionary force as the ideas and inventions that will heal our ecosystems and fundamentally shift our attitudes to over consumption of resources. As the systems people of the Zodiac with an inherent appreciation of ‘natural systems’ you have so much opportunity here to make a contribution.

Typically you are conservative by nature and tend to conform to the prevailing worldview but not for much longer. Uranus is the enemy of rigid views and demands we become ‘enlightened’ by the fresh Zeitgeist that is sweeping the planet so don’t be surprised when you hear or read a new and stimulating ways of thinking that changes your current perspective.

Your ideals and beliefs are about to morph into a new place and initially this will challenge you, but very quickly will inspire you to become a ‘practical rebel’ with a cause.

**Fortunate Times on the Home Front**

On November 9th Jupiter flies into Sagittarius for a year in your 4th house of “home, family, emotional safety, nourishment and love”. This is a once in 12-year foundation phase as his purpose is to enhance your sense of inner security and belonging so you feel emotionally safe so you can build your life over the next six years toward the big success and results when he enters your 10th house in 2025!

So while he’s right at the bottom of your chart you’ll be feeling nesty and inspired for home improvements. This also makes sense of why you may not be inspired by worldly goals next year, as this is a wonderful year to spend your energies motivating and inspiring your home and family, or using your home base for new creative activities.

Some of you may renovate or change residence even internationally, purchase investment real estate, or you may invite exotic new and interesting people into your home. Jupiter reminds us that sometimes our family is not connected by blood but are the friends we call family!
Libra Horoscope 2018

Libra Principle: Relationships with others, social justice, PR & marketing

مادة: Venus

المادة: AIR

الجنس: CARDINAL

الكلمة المفتاحية: '1 RELATE'

الرمز: THE SCALES

نظام الجسم: Kidneys, Urethra, Skin tone & quality

الإذن: “I create healthy co-operative and supportive relationships”
...within reason! Hello Libra as you now move into a very important 2018 that paves the way for building the most significant foundation for your world in 28 years!

You are another of the FOUR Cardinal Signs (the others being Capricorn, Aries and Cancer) who are about to experience the strengthening gifts from Saturn in Capricorn for the next three years...hence your new foundations as we shall see.

There’s also a wonderful growth phase from lucky Jupiter in your money house...bet that made you smile! Then we have a great fresh burst of creative action from Mars in Aquarius. Yes all in all a very interesting set of goodies on the way to weave the fabric of your life this year.

**Let’s Talk About These New Foundations...**

...and it’s all about Mr Responsible Saturn now about to grace your 4th House of “home and family” for the first time in 29 years! If you’re old enough to remember back to 1989/92 you’ll get the message that this period brought major developments to your family systems no matter how old you were.

Before we go on a quick reminder that Saturn has just spent the last 3 years in your communications sector helping you grow up and become much stronger about expressing your self and your ideas, which isn’t necessarily easy to do for you as you would rather keep the peace and shut up...up until now!

I hope you get the take out from this as you see the implications of the great process that Saturn brings us, so now you are meant to bring this new maturing process by stepping up into your authority as a source of strength in your family group.

Saturn highlights responsibility themes, so this may have you having to go the extra yards to support family members, so if things get a bit heavy or tedious just remember ‘this too will pass grasshopper’, as you hold a steady force for your family group.

Re-structuring both your physical and emotional foundations is the key here, so there’s the obvious possibility of changes of residence, or building and renovation options also apply. Sometimes it’s about downscaling as your needs change or building a self-contained flat to rent space and make extra money.

Part of the family re-structuring may also involve allowing others to take responsibility for their own lives when they need to...i.e. beyond the age of 24! If you’ve still got adult kids at home it can be very empowering for you all by giving them the ‘4 Permissions’ from Family Therapy...they are great for us all as sometimes it is us who needs to leave home!

1. You can go 2. We have faith in you 3. We’ll miss you 4. But we’ll be OK!

Sometimes we need to say these to ourselves! I can go. I have faith in me. I’ll miss them & they’ll be OK.

When Saturn is at the base of our chart we are deep in personal territory and worldly outcomes are not our primary focus. So the most important outcome from this once in 28-year phase is your chance to
create new ‘safe inner foundations’ upon which you can build future goals and dreams to be reaped in 14 years when he arrives at the top of your chart...your career outcomes.

And finally. It will help you enormously to re-program any old issues you may have that you don’t deserve support from others! So your mantra is “It is safe for me to now find the balance between support and being supported”.

Finances also feature in this growing journey to maturity so let’s talk about Jupiter and Uranus as they are now activating your money and resources sectors.

**Expanding Your Financial Expertise**

Once every 12 years Jupiter visits each sign to open a new 12 year cycle and in 2017 it was your turn to step into this new phase while he was in your sign of Libra. As he is the Karmic Lord of fresh horizons and opportunity I’m trusting you took advantage of his positive vibes and did indeed step up and out toward your potential with increased optimism.

OK so now Mr Jupiter is in Scorpio taking you forward into the next ingredient you need to add to your growth as he heads through your 2nd house of money! This encompasses how you earn your bucks but it is so much more than this, as it is the essence of your self-worth and value, and if we don’t believe we are worthwhile and valuable then we don’t get far in life do we?

So yes the classic reading for Jupiter here is lucky stars around money...good fortune...winning things and all that stuff... yay...especially as your year starts with Mars joining Jupiter to activate opportunities for your new expanding financial empire throughout January.

Then we have a great timing from Venus...your ruler...in Scorpio from 11th September. She is here for an extra-long stretch due to her retrograde phase this year so you can expect opportunities to increase your earning power or create a new income stream up to 5th October. Then while she is retro develop your knowledge and projects so they are ready for all systems go when she turns direct from mid-November and the rest of the year. Also it’s wise to conserve funds earlier in the year so you have some reserves for when she is retro as sometimes funds aren’t so easily available.

OK so the point here is even if you don’t win the lottery you still need to be alert to incoming ideas and info that make you smarter about money in general and what to do to help your material world grow from here. Jupiter also asks you to get clear about what matters to you so you know where to direct your prosperous intentions!

Sometimes we need to invest in our projects and spend a few bucks for future outcomes, and as Jupiter is in Scorpio this brings other people’s resources into the equation both personally and professionally. So in any joint financial decisions make sure you stay in your power and don’t do your old Libran passive thing, as your insights and input is actually growing so you are a whole lot smarter right now!
Jupiter likes to do things BIG and when he’s in your money house be aware you’ll be tempted to spend BIG! Lock up your credit card until November when he moves on into Sagittarius and this brilliant phase will have delivered you a new improved version of money sense. Another scenario is other people hitting you up to spend on them...lol!

Ultimately the gift from Jupiter is to expand your belief that you are worthy of everything you totally deserve. Health wealth and happiness! “I am valuable and worthwhile and prosperous” is your daily mantra!

**Your Financial Independence**

As progressive Jupiter is doing his thing to help grow your prosperity consciousness we have another of the really big 2018 players also set to bring you a fresh evolutionary wave, as Uranus now steps into Taurus and your 8th House of “power, money, sex, birth & death”...yep all the biggies. This begins from mid-May and once he’s done his retro thing he will be here from 2019 for the next seven years!

Uranus is known as the Sky God who gives birth to brand new elements in our awareness to take us from a lower to a higher state of consciousness and along the way free up past patterns that still hold us in fear and limitation. He can be a chaotic agent in his quest to disrupt old pathways so we can step onto the road less travelled and dare to shine in our true individual light.

So when things get a tad unstable along the way over the next 7 years while he switches on your power and quest for freedom to be more authentic, just stay cool and in full trust that the new life is always greater than the old. This isn’t an overnight sensation although Uranus is famous for sudden unexpected events that spin you into a new framework financially or emotionally. Sudden inheritances and settlements also feature here but as this is a long transit much depends on other areas of your chart from year to year. **Why not book in for a session?**

As a Libran many of you tend to reply on others to provide for you, and yet your shadow or opposite sign is Aries containing your ‘balance’ as the independent pioneer who uses your personal power and courage whenever you like, not just in response to someone else. This is what Uranus is about to teach you and you will notice your growing urge for freedom from the control of others...once again financially or emotionally.

Uranus makes a wonderful connection with Saturn back in your 4th house throughout August and September bringing a time of stability and creative balance between the old and the new in your life. Stay alert for ‘unusual’ or progressive ideas and ingredients for your finances and home based plans. Maybe you decide to begin a business from home or an event frees up old stale stuff and gets things moving. It’s like you finally get what you need to let go of and where you need to invite innovation.
Fun and Action with Your Kids

Things are about to get very busy as Mars heads into Aquarius from mid-May right through till mid-November bringing his original maverick energy to play in your 5th House of “creativity passion and joy”. So lovely Libra here comes another big burst of “hey I want to be me” fired up to express who you are with all your passion! Your “Free Child” wants to come out to play.

This is a wonderful release point from some of the more responsible grown up things you have on your plate, whilst at the same time you won’t be inclined to self-denial or discipline or taking a back seat to someone else! Just enjoy an increased sense of playfulness and lots of activity to burn off your energy, especially playing with your kids...and anyone for that matter.

In terms of using this fab electric energy ‘creatively’ it’s all about innovative ideas and actions and this may involve connecting with new groups or community activity, or perhaps you get involved with your children’s school projects, as once again kids are a feature during this six month period. They may be feistier than usual or may need a bit of reigning in as they are also fired up and eager for adventures, so you may have to manage your frustration on this one.

Encourage them to express their individuality and support them if they feel a bit marginalised, as this Aquarian energy is designed to build a strength to be ‘different’ and not conform to what is expected of them. Ah yes the word ‘rebellion’ may apply here of course and may also apply to your own “inner child” as you are also individuating and may attract a little bit of disapproval yourself! Who cares!

A Fresh Spirit of Adventure...

...arrives in mid-November when our favourite planet of positive growth Jupiter zooms into Sagittarius and your 3rd House of communications, to expand your horizons and teach you how to master the powerful tool known as the Mind. This opens a fresh quest to grow your knowledge kit bag and empower your potential throughout 2019 as he will be doing his thing for 12 months.

As he is meant to expand your ‘mind & mouth’ sector then obviously you have something to say. OK so we all do ‘creativity’ differently so we all have something different to say. Are you a words and ideas person? Or do you convey your messages through other mediums such as art or film or through your work or...whatever?

2019 will bring a busy stimulating year with a very good chance that you’ll be either learning or teaching or writing or publishing. You spent most of 2018 learning new approaches for growing your financial base whilst he was in your ‘money house’. Now it is time for fresh motivation and ingredients to enhance your networks...and to make sure your words and ideas carry your highest meaning and purpose. Your mantra is “I am now heard and understood”! Travel also features here so make sure that passport is up to date and overnight bag is ready for quick outings and visits and with expanding learning to grow your future, you’re in seminar junkie territory!
Scorpio Horoscope 2018

Scorpio Principle  Our power, ability to share resources, depth & intimacy

♏ Ruled By  Pluto (and Mars)

Element is WATER  Quality is FIXED

Keyword  '1 DESIRE'

Symbol  THE SCORPION & EAGLE

Physically Rules  Large Intestine & Bowel, Reproductive organs,

Permission  “It’s safe for me to be powerful”
Well Happy ‘Jupiter in Scorpio Birthday’ to all you fabulous Eagle people out there … and what a year it will be.

2017 wasn’t the best fun you’ve ever had was it? Yes things were pretty quiet in general as you were quietly working away behind the scenes. I hope you took advantage of your once in 12-year preparation phase by enjoying time out and developing your psychic/intuitive powers.

As one of the most sensitive of the Zodiac creatures (yes I know you’d rather keep this a secret) your power does indeed lie in your perceptiveness and ability to read the invisible energies of the world. Well you’ve just had an upgrade to take you to a whole new level of your higher or spiritual connectivity and inspire you with fresh dreams. So now it’s time to step out into the world once more.

Your Grand New Beginning

Your new best friend is a guy called Jupiter! Get a picture of him and put it on the fridge and pay homage every day as he’s the guy who is currently uplifting you to a whole new plateau of optimism and enthusiasm for life no matter how weird things are ‘out there’.

We each get a turn at playing in Fortuna’s garden every 12 years, so please now enjoy his wonderful gifts as you open a major new 12-year expansive growth cycle in your life. Think back to 2006 for insight into what’s on offer PLUS you are 12 years older and wiser this time with lots of growth under your belt.

You will literally feel a growing sense of optimism and enthusiasm to move forward once more, after a year just spent letting go of the past and gestating your next phase. The question becomes…quite how and what you want to send your power toward from here dear dragon people? You are the ‘transformers’ of the Zodiac who are meant to nurture and heal your world, be that with your financial expertise or your deep need to empower people through your healing work…just saying!

This is a birth point in your life so think in terms of a new baby who isn’t quite ready to run yet as there are a few more processes to develop over the next 6 years before you get to start reaping what you are sewing this year. So you need lots of self-nurture over the next year to really start believing that you deserve the fabulous future opening now.

Jupiter is the guy who expands our possibilities and helps us grow in confidence and courage so we can strike forward beyond the past. So now it’s time to go for it right through until 8th November this year. Your urge to grow can feel really intense so this is a time for learning and gaining experience and discovering who you really are as an individual. What gets you motivated and matters most to you asks Jupiter as he inspires us to our purpose and meaning for life.

You are the most ‘magnetic’ of the signs at the best of times with your calm and private façade that keeps people guessing. With Jupiter now amping up every aspect of your life you can attract and magnetize to your hearts’ content as long as you don’t get too ‘pleased with yourself’ and overconfident! This is one of the cautions here, as Jupiter influences us to do things big and can be a
bit over the top so take care not to say yes to everything that comes your way as opportunities will be abundant!

Our planet is in great crisis on so many levels right now and you are powerful Souls who have the gift of being able to attract people and their resources, so as you make your choices make sure they involve people and projects that will improve or regenerate or transform some small or large part of our global family. Here endeth the sermon...lol.

**The Power of Your Mind**

To support this more serious dimension for your ‘opportunity choices’ you have a very significant ally on the way in the form of Saturn in Capricorn for the next three years travelling through your ‘mind & mouth’ sector. ‘The Lord of Structure & Form’ is now about to offer you a marvellous opportunity to refine both of these strategic bits of who you are!

It’s time to learn some cool new tools for understanding how to use the power of your ‘mind & mouth’ to create your reality. Start with giving up old negative self-talk and repetitive unhelpful thoughts and words...I mean it’s obvious that if we say the word ‘worry’ a lot we’re going to be anxious...right? Whenever an old self-limiting thought pops us close your eyes and send a positive supportive message to this sub-personality as you rub your belly and say “I am safe”.

In terms of your old unconscious patterns you’ll be very aware of your ‘inner critic’ doing overtime as Saturn brings up our fears of being not good enough or ‘this is never going to happen’. Needless to say you must have a word with this stern inner voice and tell him/her to give it up, as you are actually fabulous and ready to manifest your goals with ease and support!

Next comes using your mind to receive insights via your imagination and then visualizing your goals every day, and only using positive words about yourself and others. It’s easy really...it just takes daily ‘mindfulness’ for life changing outcomes.

You may also enter in a study or writing phase, in either a school setting or through self-learning as this is a once in 29-year phase for a knowledge upgrade. Saturn wants to get his teeth into something important and will really apply himself to achieve a result once you set a goal, and as this is a three-year period you can sure get some letters after your name if you want or need to, or get your manuscript to the publisher!

The other connection here involves using Saturn to create important social network connections with people and groups who are aligned with your objectives. This is on the way big time as Uranus arrives on the scene to bring you rad new ideas and solutions to support your growth, with a fab alignment through August & September allowing easy supportive change to finally resolve areas where you may have felt stuck or frustrated. Uranus opens us to seek eclectic and innovative knowledge to free us from old conditioning and to welcome change.
So if you have been working to develop a new biz idea or been toiling away at a writing project or creating new networks, pay day and forward motion is on the way in August & September.

Your local neighbourhood also comes into focus during this period so welcome the opportunity to get involved in community activities where you can help make a difference.

**Freedom in all Your Relationships**

Speaking of Uranus it’s time to take a closer look at the possible scenarios on the way as our change agent maverick freedom God comes to call in your 7th House of “partnerships” from May. Our Sky God has the big 84-year cycle, spending 7 years in each sign and as he moves through each sector we are re-vitalized or awakened or generally disrupted in some way so the ‘new’ can arrive in our lives.

It will be interesting for you to observe yourself from May. Typically under this influence we begin to get antsy for more freedom in our daily partnerships...both personally and professionally. We call this the ‘urge to individuation’! So if you start feeling like you’re a bit too controlled by others...or begin to be accused of being too controlling...then the game is up my friends.

Uranus demands freedom to be “free to be me” as an authentic individual. So if you’ve been allowing others to dictate terms over how you ‘are you’ this may start becoming very uncomfortable. And again if your partners let you know they need more space to individuate then give them a hug and tell them you understand!

Scorps control when they don’t feel safe so needless to say it’s time to stop relying on others to keep you safe. Only we can do that for ourselves. Once we do we are free to attract other ‘safe’ individuals to share time and energy with. Welcome to the true power of Scorpio! What a relief. You can give up possessiveness and jealousy and all that crap. This is the liberation on offer from Uranus passing through your 7th House over coming years.

BTW these dynamic highly original people who are about to enter your life will bring such excitement, especially when we consider your fab Jupiter timing opening this new 12-year cycle!

You will notice the triggers for this process in 2018 but it is not until 2019 that Uranus finally settles in the sigh of Taurus and gets down to business. So here’s a list of your birthdays over this next 7 years so you know when you will be directly impacted by this big new freedom phase.

- For those born 23rd to 26th Oct your new freedom phase is from May 2018 to Jan 2020
- For those born 27th to 30th Oct your new freedom phase is from Aug 2020 to Jan 2022
- For those born 31st Oct to Nov 3rd your new freedom phase is from Aug 2021 to Jan 2023
- For those born Nov 4th to 7th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born Nov 8th to 11th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born Nov 12th to 15th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2023 to Jan 2025
- For those born Nov 16th to 19th your new freedom phase is from Aug 2024 to Jan 2026
- For those born Nov 20th & 22nd your new freedom phase is from June 2025 to March 2026
Fresh Activation Also on the Home Front

You are also up for a big up-shift on the home front as activator Mars is also on the way to move things along on your “home and family” sector as he arrives into Aquarius...also in mid-May. What makes this visit very exceptional is his rare retrograde period here, as he doesn’t leave until mid-November.

So again we have these very Aquarian themes involving the need to free-up existing family structures. Mars is very impulsive and just says “hey let’s make a change”...sell the house or whatever. So take note of what arises from mid-May and be careful not to do knee jerk reactions from late June to mid-August.

This timing is best for planning and exploring options, or as retro means to ‘work on things’ this can be great for a home renovation and getting rid of old stuff. The Aquarian feature is also great for upgrading sustainable technology in your home such as solar power and water re-cycling. After mid-September once he is in direct motion you are free to move forward with major changes like selling or moving.

Mind you as Mars in Aquarius can bring sudden and ‘unexpected’ events into play things might just ‘happen’ and you need to respond to changing conditions...with calm poise...got it! If a family member wants to fly the coop let them go. If you get a fabulous opportunity and you need to ask your family to let you accept it and be more self-reliant for a while then just ask them. Get the idea?

I just had a spontaneous insight as Aquarius is associated with orphans and displaced people so maybe you decide to adopt or foster a child, or use your Mars ‘need to take action’ to become more active in your community to nurture and support your fellow citizens!

Financial Opportunity

Expansive Jupiter completes his time in Scorpio on November 9th and then steps forward into his own sign of Sagittarius until late 2019. So once he finishes hustling you forward into your new 12-year phase his next job is to hustle you forward in your ‘prosperity consciousness’! He will be here until late 2019.

So yes the classic reading for Jupiter here is lucky stars around money...good fortune...winning things and all that stuff... yay. But even if you don’t win the lottery stay alert to incoming ideas and info that make you smarter about money in general and what to do to help your material world grow from here. Jupiter also asks you to get clear about what matters to you so you know where to direct your prosperous intentions, and as he likes to do things BIG be aware you’ll be tempted to spend BIG!

Sometimes we need to invest in our projects and spend a few bucks for future outcomes, so this is fine as long as you are not too over the top and waste funds. See that you save some instead!!
Sagittarius Horoscope 2018

**Sag Principle**  
Ideals & beliefs, quests, higher learning, teaching & writing

**Ruled By**  
♇ Jupiter

**Element is FIRE**  
Quality is MUTABLE

**Keyword**  
'1 SEEK'

**Symbol**  
THE ARCHER

**Physically Rules**  
Liver, Hips & thighs

**Permission**  
“My life has purpose - I am tolerant and wise”
Greetings to all our Archers as you bid goodbye to the last three years of Saturn in your Sign...yay!

As you head into 2018 your life promises to be a much quieter affair allowing time to re-group and do some time developing your inner spaces in preparation for your new beginnings in November when Jupiter jumps into your sign.

Just a little review before we go on as it’s important for you to take a minute to own just how much you have grown since 2014! Task Master Saturn only comes to visit our sign every 29 years and his job is to help us build our sense of identity and step up into our authority as a grown up person. He tests our mettle, makes us confront our fears and take responsibility for every aspect of our outcomes.

So you are now a much more competent and stable being than you were and this is a good thing for you is it not, as you aren’t normally famed for these qualities! So congratulations kids you’re all done for another 30 odd years! So moving right along let’s see what Saturn is up to next...

Re-formatting your Security

Saturn has now just entered Capricorn...his own sign for the next 3 years, which has huge implications for the whole socio/economic systems globally. Historically this cycle brought us the 1929/32 depression era, with recessions in 1959/62 and 1989/92 that demanded huge reality checks after periods of unbridled spending sprees.

So as he’s now heading into your 2nd House of “money, resources and values” you have the heads up that it is now time to re-shape and re-define all of the above so you can make sure you are in good shape if things get tight ‘out there’.

Traditionally Saturn here is considered a restrictive force, purely in the sense that he makes us very pragmatic and brings reality checks as to how prosperous we believe we have the right to be. This process is meant to offer us a chance to re-fine and re-structure existing earning sources, clean up debt and live within our means.

This is actually a general call for our whole global financial system, which is tenuous to say the least. The other feature is pragmatic investment of resources toward the development of your goals so if you need to invest in equipment or added resources then do so. The caution is not to buy into risky speculative get rich quick schemes...because you won’t. So make like a clever archer over the next 3 years and you’ll be sitting pretty!

He offers another major gift here so we may re-structure and re-program any old unconscious beliefs that are our blocking your ‘prosperity consciousness’. Who would you be if you were financially prosperous? Or if you already have this sorted and you’re very prosperous then what are you meant to do with your wealth? How do you use your resources to uplift and transform your world in some way?
Saturn in your money house can also be a 3-year period where you are consolidating toward successfully achieving your financial goals. His positive connection with revolutionary Uranus during August and September can offer an unexpected financial success OR show you where you need to innovate or let go of an old investment or financial mindset so you can change it.

The other big theme here involves the words ‘security’ and ‘values’ so Saturn may bring up your survival issues and show you how to establish healthy foundations by being aware of and using resources effectively. What is needed relative to resources determines what is VALUED. The more self-reliance that exists the more survival is guaranteed and the more you value your SELF!

So your goal now is to explore this by getting clear about what you really need and what you don’t. I mean we live in an era of ‘instant gratification’ with the assumption that if we can’t afford something we just borrow money and have it! Excessive consumption is killing our planet and destroying the values of our collective world and this must stop…yes?

This is where you archers may come into your own in this process. As the writers and teachers of the Zodiac, you can spread this message through your work as you personally experience the re-valuation in your own life! Also, your busy Saggie knowledge seeking self will be well served from study and researching the current state of ‘money’ on our planet so you can upgrade your own security ideas and share your knowledge on the way.

**Speaking of Research It Is Time For Time Out!**

Your primary expression isn’t necessarily about bells and whistles in the external world this year. This is because your growth until November comes from expansive Jupiter hanging out in your 12th House the zone of your nature concerned with your psychological health and how this underpins how you create your reality. It’s time for “inner transformation”.

Jupiter is of course your favourite dude as he is your ruling planet so his placement each year is even more important for you than all those other boring signs. He has a 12-year cycle and is now in Scorpio until November and then whoosh he charges into your sign where he will play in 2019.

Jupiter’s job is to open fresh territory so we can learn how to use it. He is the ‘lucky’ planet whose rays uplift us to new possibilities and ask us to seek and learn so we can expand our lives.

So when he is in this house/sector you are called to expand your ‘inner spaces’ so this is great for studying psycho/ emotional models and practices.

Thus, Jupiter’s positive gift now is about developing your relationship to ‘Intuition’ and the wondrous realm of the mysteries that underpin the creative process of life. If this is new territory, you revel in your discovery of researching ‘the occult’, which simply means the ‘hidden knowledge’... and they hide it away because it is powerful!
So, this is great timing to enrol in psyche study and intuition training, but not just the old models based on rats and stats and left brain empirical thinking. We are in a revolutionary time as we open new levels of our human potential way beyond that! We are now fusing, or synthesizing, the link between our left and right brain and this offers incredible power to use our mind and feelings in a whole new way!

Make the most of this phase of quantum leaps of discovery about new energy systems both internally and in the world, as this holds the key to the future from here.

Jupiter can attract you to an important spiritual or mind/body teacher/s this year, so needless to say, be alert to incoming synchronicity here. Jupiter in the 12th is said to attract ‘Divine Protection’ and connection to very high planes of energy. So don’t be shocked if/when you start tuning in and channelling messages with the ‘other side’ or put your hands on your body and ‘feel’ where you are blocked. Also great to keep a journal this year so you can pick up your pen after you’ve tuned in and had a ‘download’.

Another gift from Jupiter passing through your ‘spiritual’ zone is real lessons around compassion. Compassion is not the same as sympathy and getting sucked into people’s need to be rescued. Indeed this is when we end up becoming ‘their victim’, as our resentment rises when they keep expecting us to do it for them...lol.

So you are now to see where your own ‘victim’ positions are part of your script and give them up! Compassionate service is wonderful when we are clear about it, but not when it’s just coming from our own need to enmesh as co-dependant victims ourselves. On that note it’s often the case that we do need to be there for someone who is ill or passing over in this cycle. This connects with the Scorpio feature of midwives and palliative carers.

Generally this year can bring a much-needed release of pressure...some time out with our inner world and imaginative resources...a time to let go and trust, so see the opportunity for what it is and don’t feel bad if your usual questing spirit is a little quieter than usual!

**Re-birth Just Around the Corner**

Jupiter in your 12th House is also a gestative phase so you can prepare for your new life re-birth on November 8th 2018 as Jupiter enters your sign for the first time in 12 years! From this point you’ll be out and about in ‘the world’ once more freshly empowered to step into a brand new life phase.

Confidence and optimism will infuse your purpose because you are powerful from the deepest level of your being after your 12-month sabbatical ‘behind the scenes’ learning how to use the power of your mind! Jupiter’s lucky force makes you hugely attractive to others so all relationships flourish under his rays, as long as you are mindful to curb any urge for self-importance, as this is one of the few downsides of this magic new 12-year era of your life.

You guys love travelling and Jupiter is your ruling planet now in his own sign so we have triple dose signals that you’ll be off and away on fab new adventures in 2019...something to look forward to my gypsy friends!
Mental Stimulus and Brand New Ideas

Just when you thought everything is sounding a tad too quiet and maybe not much fun during 2018 I’m now going to introduce Mars into the equation! By nature you love Mars as he is the dynamic and compelling God of action, and he is now about to spend 6 months stirring things up in your 3rd House of the “mind & mouth”.

So this is a great counterpoint to bring an exciting feature to all this behind the scenes knowledge growth from Jupiter in stealth mode in your 12th house, because Mars will be in the stimulating sign of Aquarius from mid-May until mid-November. This picks up the pace of daily life big time as this is the house of ‘short distance journeys’ so planes and cars will feature over this 6 month period, along with a fab activation of your social and techno ‘networks’.

The fact that you have Aquarius in this zone normally explains why you’re always up for the ideas that are ahead of their time and this no doubt has earned you a bit of a reputation for being an eccentric weirdo...lol. As Mars now triggers this innate feature you’re even more hungry for the latest cutting edge knowledge and inventions and you’re out and about seeking stimulating people and info through your networks...there’s that word again.

Mars can be aggressive in his approach to both gathering and sharing ideas, so be aware that you may come on a bit strong here and there in your excitement. As Sag tends to be a bit over the top at the best of times just take care not to incite arguments if other people don’t get what you’re on about.

On the other hand, this can also be the year when your progressive ‘seed planting’ info is finally ready to be heard, so Mars can give you the courage to do your ‘disseminating’ thing and write/teach or publish your ‘ideas whose time has come’, with best results after October 9th. Use his retro phase between late June and mid-September to develop or research the fab new revolutionary ideas.

Mars in one of your travel sectors can also inspire you to take a sudden or unexpected trip for either business or pleasure so I’m sure your gypsy heart is pleased to hear this!

Freeing Up Your Daily Routines

The final major ingredient in your evolving Astro-scape brings us Mr Freedom Uranus stepping into your 6th House of “daily work, service and health”. He is the big slow ‘evolutionary lord’ who is about to inspire you into new directions here from mid-May and for the next seven years as this is a long stay here. He urges you to free-up old routines that have become stagnant or where you’re just not free to enjoy you creative mojo, so changes of job are an obvious outcome or altering your existing situation.

Uranus can operate as a rebellious guy who drives us to sudden shifts without due consideration for the larger implications so watch out here. He is best used to learn new techniques and as he is the lord of technology and invention you may be about to do your mad professor thing!
Capricorn Horoscope 2018

Cap Principle  
Goals & ambitions, self-responsibility, achievement & results

Ruled By  
Saturn

Element is EARTH  
Quality is CARDINAL

Keyword  
'1 ACHIEVE'

Symbol  
THE GOAT

Physically Rules  
Skeletal system, bones & knees

Permission  
“I am responsible - I set goals and work to achieve them”
Hello Capricorn welcome to 2018 as you get set for the birth of a new era in your life as your ruling planet Saturn comes home to your sign for the next three years!

And you have some great support to assist the dawning of your new life as optimistic Jupiter opens fresh new social connections, activator Mars fires up innovative financial strategies and revolutionary Uranus motivates your creative mojo way beyond your old approaches.

Sounds fab and it is so if you’ve been hearing the word on the street about Saturn’s arrival as “oh shoot here comes lots of hard work and no play” then just don’t go there ok?

Who Am I These Days?

...asks Saturn as he joins your Sun for the first time in 29 years! Our Sun is the centre of our universe providing our vital life force and sense of identity...who I am as a unique individual. So when Saturn unites his force with our Sun he asks us to examine who we think we are up until now, so we can see what areas we have outgrown.

He brings up our fears and limitations so we can re-program these and ‘give birth’ to a new improved model of who we are. Hence the really positive spin on Saturn as our teacher, and if we embrace him he brings the gift of maturing into a more conscious individual.

Someone wrote the word responsibility on your birth certificate when you signed up as a Capricorn and this sure has its place in your natural tendencies BUT there comes a time when stepping away from ‘I’m responsible for every bloody thing/person’ must be replaced with ‘Let them sink or swim it’s not my business’. Which is not to say you don’t keep being the practical builder who you are, but it’s time to let go of ‘Life is hard and I have to be a rigid control freak’...ha!

So if you’re relating to this one you will find the universe conspires to present you with situations where you can see where you are doing ‘over responsible’ personally or professionally so you can allow other people to step into their power and let you off the hook!

You do this by giving up being in the “Parent ego state” where you are the ‘strong’ person who attracts people in the “Child ego state” who need you to be responsible for them. They then underperform or are too needy and you get the shits as they don’t support or validate you. This is a classic Capricorn behaviour cycle! Once you operate from the “Adult ego state” (ruled by the Sun) you are free to have functional relationships with other individuals who are in their power!

The other biggie arises here for you guys as your ‘shadow’ sign of Cancer where you block your own sensitive needs and feelings and act tough...once again living in the “Parent ego state”. Making the decision that it’s OK to be soft and this is not weakness is a huge evolutionary moment here my friends. Then you can be strong but not tough and your psychological wholeness can happen. You can then invite the support you’ve believed you don’t deserve...without working hard for it!
Another favourite core belief for Capricorn is simply that “life is hard and nothing comes easy”. Your re-programming self-talk here is simply “Life is easy for me and I invite support with ease”!

As your new best friend will be in Capricorn until early 2021 this is a three-year project and becomes specific to you depending on your birthday so here are the dates...

- Dec 21st to 31st – your re-structuring process happens from Jan to Dec 2018
- Jan 1st to 11th - your re-structuring process happens from late Dec 2018 to late Dec 2019
- Jan 12th to 20th - your re-structuring process happens Jan to mid Dec 2020

Regardless of your birthday timing the general call from Saturn offers an intense period of personal growth to allow you to set new goals for the future and take stock of what and who you wish to take forward with you. So don’t be surprised if you decide to cull some old relationships if they are holding you back so you can invite more positive ones. Our Sun demands that we are free to be authentic in our self-expression so maybe it’s time to give up taking things so seriously and lighten up dear Cap?

You may be offered many opportunities for achievement this year and Saturn provides the structure and discipline to any task or project you set yourself this year. And with your freshly re-programmed beliefs you can embrace it all with a sense of excitement and joy! So now it’s time to see how freedom machine Uranus is set to help you do this...

**What Brings You Joy?**

One of the reasons 2018 is such a game changer is because we have so many planets changing signs. Thus your cast of ‘internal characters’ (or sub-personalities as they are known in my business) are up for some big shifts. Revolutionary Uranus now triggers your need for individual self-expression as he heads into Taurus in mid-May for the next seven years!

As he electrifies his way into your 5th House of “creativity, children, love affairs, passion and joy” your inner rebel may be about to make an appearance to trigger this life changing freedom phase. You will suddenly want to try new things and hang out with weird and interesting people and ideas this year, as your inner child demands to be let out of his/her old strait jackets!

This fits in so well with the stuff already mentioned about giving up being too serious and overly responsible perfectly. We are living in such dynamic times, as the old world in crisis must re-invent itself..., as must you. So break a few rules...have a mad love affair without having to plan the wedding...do something to sparkle up existing relationships...go on adventure treks in the wilderness...play with your kids like a kid.

Yes children feature here big time, so if they become a source of shaking up your routines then jump on board the shakeup by being flexible and inventive as you encourage them to be free to explore the things that bring them joy. Now look in the mirror and give yourself the same permission!
Your Social World Takes Off

OK so here’s the best news in your 2018 story in the form of expansive horizon widening Jupiter having a fine time in your 11th House of groups and society. This is a once in 12-year visit – the last one was 2006 so reflect on this for themes and insights for this time.

‘Lucky’ Jupiter’s job is to expand and open new territory and he loves being in the 11th House of “humanitarian activity, groups and society, hopes and wishes”. You are now free to socialize to your heart’s content, meeting splendid new people and in some cases taking up a whole new role in your community. Accept invitations and open your heart my friends, with the only caution here being to just watch any tendency to take on too many projects or new people and over commit yourself...then have to figure out how to say no lol.

Obviously, this favours working in teams or groups toward a common goal and as Jupiter is a teacher/mentor guy, put your hand up if you can offer guidance or your skills to a community project or social cause, or perhaps this can play out in your work place. As the 11th house also triggers the need to immerse yourself with innovative inventive ideas and cutting edge knowledge this can be an extraordinary time to break through into a whole new world view. Very exciting my friends.

As expansive Jupiter passes through this zone he connects with visionary Neptune in Pisces during late May and mid-August. This is one of the yummiest planet combos of 2018, that aligns ‘visionary dreaming’ with ‘transforming power’ as Jupiter is in Scorpio. This highly idealistic combo of Jupiter with Neptune may prompt you to study spiritual and hidden matters, find your inner poet and artist and muse, heighten your intuition and compassion and to enjoy your sensual pleasure nature.

So the time is finally right to activate a series of innovations or launch your new life. You’ll be amazed and delighted by generous offers of friendship and invitations to be part of ‘humanitarian’ projects where you can use your skills to bring reform and improvement.

You won’t be interested in the same old scenarios and people stuck in old paradigm scripts. In fact, you’ll be impatient with them and may find you need to let go of some people, which you will with good grace and best wishes! In this fabulous phase stay very fluid and open to all kinds of options as they present themselves right through to November 8th. Jupiter then enters Sagittarius and your 12th House...more about this shortly.

The only caution in this wonderful period is to just watch any tendency to take on too many projects or new people and over commit yourself.

Creating Financial Freedom

What you value and how you spend and invest your money come onto the front burner from mid-May when pioneering Mars zooms into your 2nd House of “money”! He spends an extended time here due to his retrograde phase this year, thus you have right through to mid-November to take advantage of his
impulse to start doing things differently. Mars is in Aquarius so is in hyper inventive, innovative and progressive mode so it’s time to free up any old beliefs that ‘you are what you own’. Caps are typically very security conscious and work hard to gather resources and wealth so you can ‘feel safe’. And this is fine as long as you’re not too attached to ‘things’ and believe these make you valuable!

Between mid-May and late June you’ll be enthusiastic about setting fresh goals that liberate your values and financial world, then until mid-August while Mars is retro, it’s great to do your think tanking and research for fresh options.

This can also be a time of frustration and delays around income or bring sudden outgoings, so just stay cool and consider whether this is actually a message that the new balls aren’t all lined up just yet. Delays clear and you are free to move forward with new plans after September 11th through to mid-November.

**Healing and Rejuvenation**

After a hectic passage from Jupiter powering through your social sector you can look forward to a change of pace once he slides into your 12th House of spiritual growth and psychological power. This happens on November 9th and carries through until late 2019 so becomes an important feature then.

As Jupiter’s process helps us expand our knowledge this is an excellent time to enjoy spiritual and metaphysical studies, and you’ll be fascinated by the growing body of info about mind/body health and all things psychological really. Also a great time to write a book or work on projects on your own.

He will also hit your empathy and compassion buttons for the suffering of others in our world and you will genuinely want to help because you are not so concerned with your own ego gratification under this influence. Jupiter’s great opportunity and gift can arise by offering to care for someone who is ill for example so you get to just feel good about yourself without any expectation of a reward.

This is also the final phase of Jupiter’s 12-year cycle, so offers a calm gestation period while you dream up your life script from 2020 when Jupiter enters your sign and off you go into the world once more.
Aquarius Horoscope 2018

Aqua Principle: Connection to humanity/society, change & re-invention

℞ Ruled By: ☽ Uranus (and Saturn)

Element is AIR: Quality is FIXED

Keyword: '1 UNDERSTAND'

Symbol: THE WATER BEARER (waters of Knowledge)

Physically Rules: Electrical nervous system, ankles

Permission: “I belong in society which welcomes my inventive ideas”
Greetings to my fellow nutty genius Aqua people as we step into a fantastic year containing the best opportunity for success in 12 years!

And not only but also...we have ambitious Saturn sliding behind the scenes to teach us how to trust and flow, as change agent Uranus kicks into our home and family zone, and energiser Mars comes to visit Aquarius bringing a brand new day! Whoosh lots of big shifts to figure out how to put together over this next year so let’s start with our Lord of expansion and growth...Jupiter.

Prosperous Times as You Reap What You Have Sewn

OK so I’m particularly excited about expansive Jupiter now in residence in our 10th House of “brilliant career and social standing.” He is the big guy with the 12-year cycle so think back to 2006 to see what happened then for clues as to what he’s offering now. You will have experienced an enhanced and progressive career phase then...and are about to do so again!

He stepped into the sign of Scorpio in October 2017 and remains here until November 9th this year. This is why your world work always involves empowering people in some way, as Scorpio is the natural ruler of our career zone. Despite our innate Aqua nature being all about daring to be different and marching to the beat of a different drum, our expression for this involves the intense need for transforming the world through our urge to improve existing conditions.

So no surprise if you find yourself in high octane ‘big picture’ mode as 2018 opens feeling much more positive than last year and in expectation of 2018 being a whole lot more interesting than in ages!

Jupiter offers a number of options for career and professional advancement. General, you’ll be very keen to move ahead in your chosen field or in some cases ready to make some big decisions to re-orient into a new vocation if you’re not thrilled with where you are at.

If you’ve been building your business or profession over the past six years Jupiter will bring recognition and outcomes for all your hard work, and as he likes to do things BIG you have the opportunity to really reap what you have sewn. However, if you’ve decided to move on into a new field then obviously this is not the case, but still brings a sense of positive choices to build upon.

Either way you must strive to expand and enliven your situation and bring fresh meaning and purpose to your endeavours. This is such a great phase for really getting in touch with your purpose and meaning for what and why you do it, so ponder this as the year opens and write the answer to these questions on your new vision manifestation board for the year ahead. There’s a fab model that says we must know WHY we want to act and once we know this we can define HOW to create the plans we need to do this.

Jupiter is also an international kind of dude and loves to travel and expand his horizons both internally and externally. The important message here is you are set to open new options in your professional world with lots of fun and travelling or connecting with international peeps to help grow your life. One thing is for sure you’re going to be busy!
Sometimes Jupiter opens a learning curve to gather new knowledge to support your growth, and sometimes it is actually you in teacher mode as you train others to take on tasks, or outsourcing as it is known these days, and this then alleviates your need to keep everything under control.

So how good are you at delegation? Do you trust others to get it right and be in their power? Ummm. Give this some thought and if the answer is no then you need to step out of ‘nobody ever gets it right’ beliefs, and relax and be patient so you can allow people to shine so they can support your success.

The Scorpio ingredients also bring in other people’s resources, so stay open to magnetizing cool partners who offer career opportunities. There will be also be some big shifts around home and family with major moves afoot for some that free up new opportunities or take you to new abodes. Yes dear Water Carriers it’ time to shine...hey why not dazzle?

OK so just a word of caution for Jupiter energies here, as he can incline you to take on big projects and tasks and end up promising more than you can deliver so keep things real and manageable. Another risk is becoming a ‘bit too big for your boots’ and alienating the very people you need to help support your growth...but you won’t do this right?

A Time For Completion and Winding Down

One of our ruling planets is dear old ‘Saturn the Lord of Karma and Time’, which makes sense of why we do take life/things rather seriously! He is the traditional ruler from ancient times, and when they discovered Uranus in 1781 and his archetype was revealed as a ‘change agent’, he was given the title of the modern ruler of Aquarius. So we are always dealing with finding the path between traditional and progressive perspectives aren’t we my fellow Aquas?

Saturn has the 28/9 year major life cycle that underpins the steady development of aspects of our nature as he passes through the 12 signs and houses of our chart every 3 years or so. He now moves into Capricorn for the next three years into the zone known as the 12th House of inner psychic spaces and connection to our higher spiritual nature so we can ‘commune’ with our intuitional guidance.

Thus on one level our journey over the next few years takes us ‘off the boil’ from major worldly outcomes, which could at times be at odds with prosperous Jupiter bringing in rewards from our career zone. And yet there is actually a great synch here as we can use this year ahead to achieve our results, at the same time as releasing a major 29-year phase. Very interesting.

Without a proper relationship with our intuitive guidance systems, meditative practices and mind-management we are not a whole person. So make like a guru and start reading up on ‘energy psychology’ so you can empower yourself through greater self-awareness and mindfulness.

Learn how to master your mind and anxieties and generally become a calmer more useful ‘seed planter’ as you seek insight and inspiration for your future direction, as during this phase we are releasing the past and gestating the major life re-launch when Saturn enters Aquarius in 2021.
This is a time for clearing away the past and completing projects in readiness for a new start so important elements of your life may begin to pass away and activities that used to work well no longer do. Don’t freak out as this process unfolds, just reflect on what you have achieved and forgive yourself for apparent failures. You are now in a gestation period as you prepare to give birth to a new order in your life so this is actually very exciting!

Sometimes it can feel like you have to change everything but are not sure how, so this is why it is now very important to use Saturn by realizing that you are building inner resources to ultimately empower your life. Once we link our practical mind with our intuitive mind we step into the creative zone where we’re empowered to achieve the balance or synthesis that is the goal of the new consciousness. You could call this an artistic/spiritual renaissance period!

We create our reality from the inside out. So here is the formula! Connect to Higher Self-intuition and ask for guidance for direction and ideas for future progress. As ideas pop in use visualization tools to create images and use your psychic power to attract the people and ingredients you need to bring them into manifestation.

Remember Saturn is bringing a gradual process over the next few years, and there’s still plenty of activity from Jupiter bringing his prosperity in your career zone, and energizer Mars about to leap into action in our sign shortly.

**Upbeat Motivation and Confidence!**

A brilliant period is on the way when Mars changes into Aquarius from mid-May right through until mid-November to light up our independent free spirit with a great charge of action and adventure. He normally zaps through a sign in 6 weeks or so but this year he is doing his retrograde thing, hence the very long period of 6 months. This is fab news and is very congruent with Jupiter in busy career mode.

This period brings fast-paced progress with confidence and excitement, and daring to use your determination to make some things happen beyond your comfort zone. Some lively like-minded innovative people and ideas are on the way hoorah! You will have plenty of energy and can get lots done, with a caution to be aware of other people’s needs as you also feel like being incredibly selfish!

Aquarius is independence personified at the best of times and Mars now drives your freedom to be who you are even more so this is a great period to do your own thing with complete confidence that your nuts ideas and world-view have been genius all along!

While he is direct between mid-May and late June is cool for initiating new territory, and best to use the retro time from late June as a pause to review and clarify your plans and gather your strength for action stations from mid-September until mid-November! Just remember to pop back into your 12th House and visit Saturn along the way, to rest and restore your source connection for nurture and trust that all is well.
Changing Conditions on the Home Front

The other big player about to change signs after 7 years is our ruling planet Uranus...Lord of all things eccentric and beyond normal...which is why we are! He has just spent the last 7 years in Aries stimulating us with the fresh Zeitgeist ideas and models of the future as he also went about the business of upsetting the old global systems.

As he enters Taurus in mid-May, his change in focus will bring the revolutionary technologies to drive our next renaissance in financial models and environmental solutions over the next 7 years. This has huge implications so check out the Uranus in Taurus section in the Global Report section.

For us this next revolutionary phase involves our 4th House of “home and family and foundations”. So begins a long period that will open a fresh freedom phase around our home base and family members.

You will notice the triggers for this process in 2018 but it is not until 2019 that Uranus finally settles in the sigh of Taurus and gets down to business. So here’s a list of your birthdays over this next 7 years so you know when you will be directly impacted by this big new freedom phase.

- For those born 21st to 23rd Jan your new freedom phase is from May 2018 to Jan 2020
- For those born 24th to 26th Jan your new freedom phase is from Aug 2020 to Jan 2022
- For those born 27th to 30th Jan your new freedom phase is from Aug 2021 to Jan 2023
- For those born 1st to 5th Feb your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born 6th to 9th Feb your new freedom phase is from Aug 2022 to Jan 2024
- For those born 10th to 13th Feb your new freedom phase is from Aug 2023 to Jan 2025
- For those born 14th to 17th Feb your new freedom phase is from Aug 2024 to Jan 2026
- For those born 18th & 19th Feb your new freedom phase is from June 2025 to March 2026

The general call here involves your growing need to free-up old family systems and patterns to create room for more freedom for everyone to be authentic! Popular press astrology tells us that Aquarians are freedom machines who love change but this is not necessarily the case as our traditional ruler Saturn actually likes stability and routines, and can be quite attached to home and hearth as a means of feeling safe.

So as sudden shifts and events begin to come into play with parents and kids and your extended family stay cool and accept that your own psyche is ready for change and evolution into fresh territory. This cycle is about the ‘roots and foundations’ of our life so it can feel unsettling as Uranus starts doing his thing but also very exhilarating! If you’ve been putting up with things and people then move house or go live overseas for a while or generally find new solutions to improve your situation.

Hopes and Wishes Can Come True!

On November 9th Jupiter, the biggest bestest planet of all flies into his own sign of Sagittarius where he will have a wonderful time until late 2019 in our 11th House of friends, groups and society. So this is a brilliant phase to play in the world enjoying a wide range of stimulating friends and new folks with whom you share your ideals for conscious co-operation for reform and change. This also re-ignites you with fresh ideas and ideals to re-inspire your belief that we can change the world!
Pisces Horoscope 2018

Pisces Principle  
Psycho/Spiritual Self, intuition & imagination, compassion

Ruled By  
Neptune

Element is WATER  
Quality is MUTABLE

Keyword  
'1 UNDERSTAND'

Symbol  
THE FISH

Physically Rules  
Auto immune & Lymphatic Systems, The Feet

Permission  
“I trust my Soul to guide me”
Greetings to all my fishy friends welcome to your insights and guidance for this excellent 2018 year on the way!

You’ve had your share of challenges over this past few years so you’ll be pleased to know your 2018 astro-scape brings a whole new set of possibilities to revitalize and refresh your life as you step back into the world, with a sense of positive expectation that the dreams you have been brewing are about to come true.

Expanding Horizons

There’s such an amazing alignment of planets kicking in to your world as January opens, so let’s start with the big news that Jupiter...planet of luck and opportunity is now in your 9th House of all things fabulous to do with travel and publishing and teaching and questing for truth.

He only comes to visit every 12 years in each sign and is now in Scorpio your fellow water sign, so he aligns beautifully with your Sun right through until November 8th this year. Last time he was here was 2006 so this would also have been an adventurous year with some or all of the above featuring.

The fact that this big dude is your traditional ruling planet makes sense of your passion to seek wisdom and understanding of our higher spiritual nature, and explains why you have wandered far and wide in this pursuit.

Yes most people don’t realize that Pisceans are traveller adventurers who love a pilgrimage to sacred places or to sit with Gurus, or just to hang out on the deck of a boat and commune with the beauty of nature. You are also the artists and poets whose dreams and visions express the spirit of ‘the time’, and let’s not forget your fascination with ‘psyche and Soul’...the bridge between our mind and higher nature.

So his passage each year is particularly important! This year Jupiter’s heroic impulse drives you forward into brand new territory with a reminder to do your fluid adaptable thing as opportunities arise beyond any plans you may have.

So it’s good to say your New Year mantras lots over the first few months “It’s safe for me to let go and fly in new directions” & “I am ready to be truly free”. Or anything else that springs to mind and feels good for you!

OK back to the exciting stuff as Jupiter launches you out into the world to pursue and develop your networks both internally and externally. He loves being in the 9th house as he gets to travel to distant shores and hang out with inspiring people and ideas as he ‘disseminates’ knowledge and cutting edge info.
So now replace ‘he’ with ‘you’! Make sure passports are up to date as you’re either off and about teaching yourself, or zapping off to groups and trainings to up-skill your knowledge. The general call here is that you are ready to expand your whole perspective of what your life can look like and step up to a whole new dimension of possibilities. Yay!

Even if you aren’t physically jetting off to foreign lands you’ll still be expanding your exposure to international connections both personally and in business, as you are hungry to get involved in big picture action beyond your old models.

This is the year for publishing your work or using communications media at a whole new level. This can be tricky as the temptation with Jupiter is to try to make things too big or take on too much, so be selective and stay in alignment with your values when choosing options and accepting invitations.

Another little word of caution involves Jupiter and his big mouth! Yep you have messages to share but must avoid being pushy or overwhelming in your quest to share them. Yes it’s time to become the Sage Fish inspired to enhance the world with positive ideas and ideals.

**Finding Your Tribe**

As you tend to be rather solitary people who prefer your own company rather than waste time and energy in superficial chit chat, the arrival of Saturn into your 11th House of “group consciousness and community affairs” is about to bring fresh purpose to your social world and some important new people onto the scene.

Saturn has just entered his own sign of Capricorn for the next three years, and as his 28-year cycle underpins our major structural growth, wherever he is active we are developing that territory. He’s the Karmic Lord who confronts us with our fears and limitations so we may transcend them and achieve true liberation by learning how to use his masterful essence to build meaningful structures…in this case how you realistically fit into society.

It’s time to take responsibility for your role in the world as a serious player in group dynamics by stepping into your power at a very practical level. Your energy can magnetize people to work together for the revolutionary changes currently unfolding as you teach and lead groups for the awakening into new levels of conscious energy manifestation!

There’s a good chance you will be attracted to a ‘cause’ or inspiring group whose work triggers fresh inspiration, as you also notice yourself pulling out from old situations you have outgrown. Your mantra is “I am free to be an individual AND belong in the world.”

As the 11th House is also associated with Aquarian ‘brilliant and inventive ideas’, you will also begin to get seriously interested in new techno territory and solutions for improving our collective outcomes over coming years…and goodness knows we sure need plenty of this!
Time For a Psychological Upgrade

Another important feature of your year ahead arrives as Mars enters Aquarius and your 12th House from mid-May right through to mid-November 2018. Mars is our energy driver who impels us to take action and pioneer new levels of our potential, and he’s doing an extra tour of duty here for six months due to his rare retrograde timing in Aquarius this year.

At best this is marvellous for maximising your attention for projects and dream fulfilment especially if you are free to work alone without having to be accountable to other people. But when this isn’t possible just curb your impatience if others are not operating as quickly or intuitively as you are!

Mars is impulsive, and in Aquarius brings genius ideas so make sure to meditate and do inner time to make the space for these to come in. I’m thinking lots of films and docos and good quality e-time checking out the latest waves of IT revelations as you guys are the ‘downloaders’ of visionary images of the future after all. Check out my section on Jupiter Saturn & Pluto in Aquarius for further insights here.

Mars is also compulsive, and as he is in your psyche zone you will experience old anger patterns coming to the surface so you can release this old patterning and evolve big time. Fish people are by nature quite passive souls who practice “passive rage” rather than directly owning and dealing with your frustrations. So start practicing “healthy assertiveness” by simply saying how you feel and what you need…ok?

This also gives rise to the classic victim/martyr issues for Pisces where you are busy rescuing people or needing to be rescued. Either way this doesn’t work does it, as you or they get angry once people stop playing the game. What a fabulous opportunity to get clear about your old behaviour patterns that have been limiting your psychological wellness!

Liberating Your Mind

I told you 2018 had impressive evolutionary shifts on the way didn’t I? Let’s add another life changer that also involves a big upgrade in your 3rd House of “communications, networks and data gathering” as revolutionary Uranus is about to sizzle into this zone from mid-May 2018. Ye gad even more inventive ideas on the way!

Uranus is one of the “great Evolutionary Lords” who switches on new circuits to connect us to “the Mind of God” or the great computer in the sky...lol. He has a very slow 84-year cycle so spends 7 years in each area of our lives to wake up fresh ingredients. SO yes, this is a long transit to take you through until 2026, but you will notice the urge for greater freedom of movement this year and a change in your mental attitudes so you can look at life in a new way!
Uranus frees up old constructs and old habits (as does Mars in your 12\textsuperscript{th} House) to bring the freedom of new neural pathways and new interests like yoga, astrology and the occult so lots of stimulating fun learning adventures on the way here.

Little details will contain the germ of change that may revolutionize your consciousness and disrupt existing models and ways of communicating. But, as ever you fish are flexible creatures who know how to flow with the changing tides so I trust you will enjoy heading into a brand new ocean.

**Fulfilling Career Outcomes**

...are on the way as your ruler Jupiter zaps into his home sign of Sagittarius from November 9\textsuperscript{th} into your career zone. This takes you through until late 2019 so holds a key driver for your 2019. This launches a once in 12-year reaping phase containing fabulous success if you’ve been doing the work to set this up since 2011.

This can be a time of wonderful achievement and getting ahead in your chosen field, and as long as you don’t get too big for your boots and attract resentment from others you’re set to shine and gain recognition for your work. Promotions and public acclaim can arise here along with an increasing self-confidence to teach or share your knowledge. Jupiter also brings international travel and connections into play...fabulous.
Welcome to the 21st Century Reformation!

2018 brings us the beginning of a 3-year period that will re-shape the systems and structures of our world. In decades to come 2018 through to 2022 will become known as a period of radical reformation that took us from an old worldview to a new one.

Echoes here bring us the ‘enlightenment’ periods of the 1520s and 1760s as the control of entrenched traditions of the times gave way to radical new eras as empires were re-shaped and new deals struck between power brokers.

After seven turbulent years of the exciting chaos bringing us the revolution in technology and science that has driven our business and economic models to frenetic new levels of both amazing creative advances...plus greed and corruption, it is time for the accounting!

As the great bard informed us: All the world is a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances... William Shakespeare, 1564 – 1616

Introducing our 2018 cast of characters writing, directing and producing the next act of our global saga! You will find my in-depth review of the production as you read on!
So get set for a host of new memes and daily phrases that contain the words accountability, responsibility, transparency, regulation, watchdog, re-form, legislation, ethical standards... All the words and actions that come into play when Saturn steps onto centre stage, as he is now in Capricorn (the sign he rules!) for the first time in 29 years between 2018 to 2021.

The next player wearing his big black cloak is Jupiter in Scorpio, bringing us the ‘digging up the dirt’ ingredient in our story, as he steps behind the scenes to expose cover-ups and lies and deeply buried secrets. This allows regeneration and re-birth of healthy power! He’s already been busy with Weinstein & Co since he entered Scorpio in October 2017 with lots more juicy stuff to come!

From ‘stage left’, we have Uranus in Taurus for the first time in 84 years who will revolutionize our financial systems and the values that drive industry, and open a progressive phase in agriculture and how we use the resources of our planet. He’s already been setting the stage with the technology that drives cryptocurrencies and increasing awareness of the crisis in natural ecosystems.

From ‘stage right’ enters Dr. Chiron in Aries for the first time in 50 years opening a brand new cycle for our maverick healer. He brings crisis to awaken our global ‘will’ to take us beyond the belief that war is normal and necessary to keep our world safe...and to heal our ‘collective rage’! Our global model is driven by big business from war creating so much pain and suffering in our world!

Mr Activator Mars makes a grand entrance in May when he enters Aquarius for six whole months until November due to his once in 18-month retrograde phase. Thus, human rights and political agitation is where he will do his provocative thing, plus lots of stimulus for inventions and technology to clean up our world. He challenges Uranus in Taurus three times to stimulate Saturn reform.

Neptune reclines on his couch as he continues his journey through Pisces since 2012 until 2026 bringing us the overarching Spiritual evolution of our times beyond to unite our world beyond the ‘separative’ traditional religions.

Pluto continues his role as ‘director’ of the Shakespearean global chess game that brought us Act 1 in 2008 when he sidled into Capricorn for the first time in 246 years. He now awaits the arrival of Saturn to join him in 2020 to enact the grand finale of the show.

And we must not forget our two Solar Eclipses lighting up the production in February and August. They are in Leo opening new pathways for leadership in community and politics as they re-ignite our personal creative drives and ask us to dare to shine in our chosen fields.

So without further ado...on with the show!

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Before we move into the 2018 ‘Act’ of our play we need to look back over the story thus far since 2008 when the drama/comedy/tragedy of our current times began...

- It started when transformer Pluto entered Capricorn in 2008 for the first time in 250 years to bring about a massive regeneration of models and systems that run our world, and we experienced the first global financial meltdown. Since then global debt has increased x 5, as our financial system is being kept alive with false stimulus so the rich can keep getting richer and the poor poorer.

- Then revolutionary Uranus entered Aries in 2011 for the first time since 1927, and brought us the Arab Spring, Occupy Movement, Fukushima meltdown, and the biological & genetic and techno innovations that are the theme of the 7-year period he spends in Aries. (He enters Taurus in 2018, which is when the financial systems will be up for revolution.)

- From 2011, Uranus & Pluto began to form a square or challenging aspect in their 127-year cycle, which began in the mid 1960s as the revolution in consciousness to take us toward the Age of Aquarius. Historically these boys have brought us the French Revolution and Great Depression... just so you get the idea of the massive social implications of their interaction.

- Next comes Saturn entering Scorpio for 2 years in 2012. Saturn rules Capricorn, and Scorpio is ruled by Pluto and during 2012-14, the current corporate/government control systems went into overdrive to prevent the liberation movement attempting to break through via Uranus/Pluto. This also brought us the rise of the surveillance state on every level – ‘The Drone State’.

- Also in 2012 we had the 2012 Mayan Calendar completing a 26,000-year cycle as our Solar System aligned with the plane of our Galaxy. Yes it was a big deal at the time and still is, as this process actually takes 72 years. More info on this in the appendix as we need to keep this knowledge fresh as it is so important!

- 2012 also ushered in a brilliant new ingredient in this great planetary symphony as Neptune entered the sign of Pisces for the first time in 165 years. Is last timing here was in 1840/50/60s. We are in a ‘Spiritual Revolution’ as the separative religions are in crisis, plus the mind/body emotional connection is now becoming mainstream knowledge.

- During 2012/3/4/5/6/7 Uranus and Pluto have danced past each other 6 times bringing progress and turbulence in equal measure. It takes many years for the longer term outcomes to emerge from these big boys so we need to remember that the chaotic and dramatic events of our times are actually giving birth to a whole new age and it is up to each of us to be the midwives!

- In 2015 Saturn stepped into Sagittarius where he resided until late 2017 amping up global terrorism and religious extremism, and expanding international business systems.

- In 2016 Saturn in Sagittarius spent the year dancing in hard aspect with Neptune in Pisces bringing us the themes of propaganda/truth/lies/what and whom do we believe anymore?

- In 2017 Jupiter in Libra opposed Uranus in Aries creating extreme geo-political and weather events and revealing polarization and division in all levels of society. Our new ‘Cold War’ between USA, Russia and China provides major action for 2018!
2017 Review

I love reading back to my previous thoughts when I preview a year ahead and seeing just how much of the territory came to pass, and quite how! It is also important to re-state some of the material as it is very relevant as we come into 2018 so take a minute to read back with me...

‘The Year of the Rooster’ announces the dawn of a brand new era coinciding with a new ONE year in numerology so new beginnings there also.

The big news for 2017 was the Jupiter in Libra opposite Uranus in Aries in challenging connection with Pluto in Capricorn...smack bang in the ‘Zap Zone’ of revolutionary forces of the 2010s. The last time they met in 1934 was in the midst of the great depression as the Roosevelt Administration created The "New Deal" to deal with the banking crises through the Emergency Banking Act (1933) and to kick start employment.

Meanwhile Nazism and other Fascist movements were gaining power in Europe. So this history is very relevant in light of massive spending plans (and tax cuts) by the new Trump Admin AND the fact that our current global surveillance controls are indeed a form of fascist intrusion on personal privacy. So you see these are pretty significant forces!

The Jupiter/Uranus mix is actually incredibly creative as we headed into new directions with a view to the future. The old mantra “expect the unexpected” is writ big time in the story so this is not a period for rigid OTT positions or views. We are free to form fab new partnerships to grow our lives with WIN WIN outcomes on offer if we don’t seek to control or limit others along the way.

As the collective urge for freedom is so intense you will find any old limiting relationships and situations will feel like dead wood, so if someone/thing is holding you back through guilt or obligation you’ll be feeling it big time. Bless them and let them go if they really have outlived their purpose and gifts in your life. The caution is to make sure you don’t throw out the baby with the bathwater or make knee jerk reactive decisions.

The other big word for Jupiter in Libra is compromise as we seek a fair deal for all and back down from extreme positions. I offer an in-depth rundown of the history of Jupiter in Libra and global alliances in my extensive Jupiter in Libra article so for now just a brief mention that we are in for major realignments and treaties between countries & political systems & economic partners from Jan through Sept 2017. Thus there will be extreme reactions and frustration for many as they are up against governments changing their positions suddenly or unexpectedly and apparently without due diligence.

Remember the big theme of 2017 is political, financial, social and environmental activism. We can expect much social unrest in many countries as these peak energies amplify the extreme issues coming to a head. And we can also expect massive new waves of people power arising to say NO to the old systems based on greed and corruption!
2017 marks the final year or Uranus in fiery Aries, Saturn in fiery Sagittarius and Jupiter in airy Libra. By December Saturn moves into Capricorn, Jupiter into Scorpio and Uranus into Taurus in 2018. This new earth/water signature from 2018 is a very different vibe beyond the revolutionary awakening, toward the practical implementation of the new ideas and systems and technologies coming forward this year.

Thus it’s totally appropriate for each of us to embrace our cause or whatever makes us angry about an injustice and get on with doing something about this PEACEFULLY. Whether your passion is animals, or food, or the land, or people’s rights it’s time to get off our proverbial arse and start making a difference!

Jupiter is famous for bringing things to extreme and making them BIG, and our 19-year Eclipse cycles in Leo/Aquarius carry a history of ‘earth shifting’ action. We had these in February and August 2017. As they form strong connection to Jupiter/Saturn/Uranus this adds to the likelihood of something pretty major on the way this year. I’m not trying to freak anyone out here...just doing my job reporting planetary cycles and historical precedents.

Regarding climate change generally I’m of the view that we currently have a convergence of man-made impacts AND long term cosmic cycles over these ‘tipping point’ years. The Sun continues to behave ‘abnormally’ which may have much to do with where we are travelling through space, so solar magnetism is having considerable effect on the planets and Earth. Thus, increased storms are likely across the world as is the potential for volcanic eruption.

**Politics**

Well things were very hot in politics as 2017 opened weren’t they? It’s now an open secret that our world is really run by ‘the deep state’ a group of politicians and corporations behind the public persona of democratically elected governments. “The Deep State, to be clear, describes the way the US government really works, rather than the way it’s supposed to work. In the popular myth, we have a government that responds — clumsily but eventually — to the will of the people. It is supposed to be ‘by, for, and of’ the people. So we are tempted to believe that what it does is ultimately for our own good. We can trust it, in other words, to look out for us. We do not have to fear it. After all, as Hillary Clinton said, ‘The government is all of us.’

But the Deep State is not all of us. It is only some of us. The Deep State is a curious group, comprised of foreign governments, billionaire political donors, lobbyists, international corporations, global organisations, and supra-government agencies. Together, they — along with domestic-favoured industries, the bureaucracy itself, special interests, and cronies of various stripes and persuasions — run the US government and control the police, the armed forces, the financial industry, the medical industry, the educational industry, and other major parts of the economy.”

So is this what Trump decided to confront? Or is he a sheep in wolf’s clothing? Who knows? Right now I sure don’t but I’m open to miracles! What I do know is that we are witnessing the beginning of the breakdown of political systems that were designed hundreds of years ago with an enlightened ideal to create just and fair societies. But right now our societies are neither just nor fair for the majority.
There is increasingly little difference between major political parties these days. They are custodians of a system where bankrupt governments are depending on the central banks, which exist to finance governments as a matter of last resort.

Besides, all incumbent and mainstream politicians have one thing in common: they seek power and self-preservation. That means defending the current monetary system, despite its obvious flaws and irreparability. It also explains the rise of fringe and radical political parties. Indeed history shows that we pass through organic phases in human society. We go from chaos to theocracy to aristocracy to democracy. Then, when republics begin to lose the plot and become imperial and tyrannous, we go right back to chaos and the wheel begins to roll over again. We are currently in this phase!

I discussed how Jupiter and Saturn and Uranus would activate Mars in Gemini in the Horoscope of the USA...

So yes there are many angry words and reactions about to be unleashed in the USA. One of my clients on Colorado just yesterday shared that “lots of folks are scared, pissed & anxiety & PTSD is at its highest.”

I know it’s easy for me sitting over here in Oz at a safe distance saying ‘hey everyone stay cool and don’t buy into the rage’. But it is imperative that cool heads and the spirit of non-violence be the order of these times.

I’ve always seen ‘this Mars’ as an interesting contradiction in the US psyche, as it is a defence mechanism as much a confidence feature. ‘This Mars’ energy has been building up over many years now as the economic management in the USA had consistently eroded outcomes for the 99% masses, as the top end 1% have become massively wealthy. People are angry with the old guard system that is so desperately in need of change, not just in the USA but globally.

I encourage you to see Trump as an activator disruptor archetype to stir up the hornet’s nest this year, with deeper changes coming into play from 2018 when the planetary signatures morph into a whole new setup with Saturn moving into Capricorn, and Uranus into Taurus, and Jupiter into Scorpio.

So even though Trump is going to upset the apple carts this year I don’t see him as an enlightened leader with long-term implications. I’m putting out that one or more new ‘sparks’ will also arise this year as true new visionary leaders who will step onto the global stage to represent and manifest the shifting world view beyond the greed and corruption of our current system toward our sustainable future.

Check out the movie “The Connected Universe” - I thoroughly recommend watching it for perception altering info and inspiration for the fab new worldview on the way!

So there’s a quick review of the core themes of 2017 (written in late 2016) and it sure turned out to be a bizarre and chaotic year that revealed the deep cracks in our systems. So it is time to let the light in through those cracks as we head into 2018 and get set to renovate and re-build our broken world.
2018 Overview...

I’m so excited as I contemplate the year ahead! It’s November 16th and yesterday Australia voted YES to marriage equality and the whole country is celebrating!

Not only is this a wonderful landmark decision for the GLT community, but also a larger statement from Ozzies that we want UNITY and an end to racial and religious discrimination. I can’t remember ever seeing such JOY here on the streets, but this outcome took many years of pain and separation and hard work!

So heads up to Jupiter in Scorpio whose 12-year cycle has historically brought us breakthroughs in civil rights liberty movements, and here’s to him bringing the sexual discrimination story into the light in 2018. His year in Libra during 2017 revealed the extreme polarization and division inherent in our global culture, so we can finally begin to heal into the UNITY and respect for all beings that is the true essence of our humanity.

Yes, we still have a ways to go on this one and indeed, we won’t see the really big shifts into this Aquarian ideal until the early 2020s, but 2018 starts setting things up with a welcome dose of these goodies from Mars and Uranus bringing daring ideas and some highly charged freedom/rebellion from old paradigms! Yay. It’s going to be so interesting to see how this signature plays out in the face of Saturn in Capricorn and his urge toward traditional and conservative values.

It’s so important that we head into 2018 with a glass half full attitude rather than “oh my God it’s all so awful in our world with such seemingly insurmountable problems that I just want to stay in my bubble and hope it gets better”. But the trouble is that for the countless of millions who are really struggling to simply live and survive in these extreme times this is not an option.

And it’s also not an option if we have any kind of moral compass that connects with the reality that our whole world is interconnected, so it is up to each of us to do any small or large thing to make a difference and bring healthy progress to our broken system.

This is the great opportunity of these revolutionary times. It’s so easy to feel powerless, as we may believe we can’t do anything about the unjust system, or that we are the victim of circumstances, or whatever. But we do have the power to take responsibility for healing our personal ATOM so we can contribute to healing the collective ATOM known as humanity.

I’m just back from a 5-week tour of the USA where I presented my “Awakening Tour – Changing the World from the Inside Out”. It was an amazing time to be there as hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Jose decimated communities, and then the Las Vegas massacre of innocents.
Whoosh the energy felt very challenging and yet just perfect for my presentation, as I explained the reality that we are in a global healing crisis, and it’s up to each of us to use these intense regenerative forces to re-program our unsafe emotional patterns, so we can become an individual who uses our Soul and heart and mind consciously.

We are in a great and exciting evolutionary shift between the past and a more conscious sustainable future, so we just need to keep educating ourselves how to do this. This is what my work is all about, as I use Astrology to identify our limiting DNA programming, and Psychotherapy and emotional healing tools to re-program old patterns and ‘master our vibration’! So I’m including my ‘User Guide to Becoming a Human Being’ model as part of your 2018 package on Page 134.

There’s also lots more good news we don’t hear much about as they like focusing on the BAD to keep us in fear! There’s been masses of progress in recent years courtesy of the many who are inspired by our sustainable future vision:

- 55 countries have banned or restricted GMOs as organics movement grows quickly
- attempts to suppress the internet are not working
- people are saying no to smart meters and Wi-Fi radiation exposure
- ‘chemtrails’ or toxic areal sprays coming into people’s attention
- non pharma controlled immune system breakthrough www.GCMAF.eu
- big banks beginning to be fined for market rigging
- consciousness and activist movements are coming together and sharing resources
- more people starting to question accuracy of images we are being fed about material systems
- changing role of US in global affairs as the
- climate change agendas being exposed as for profit making, rather than really dealing with the old polluting industries
- people are questioning the ramifications of the USA and other countries being ‘corporations’
- people demanding true vision from political systems to develop a roadmap for transformation with specific implantable solutions so we may begin transition to true freedom and prosperity
- ‘new science’ and free energy inventions in break through technologies in all areas of life
- a new financial paradigm is being demanded by massive numbers of people
- thanks to movies like SUGAR and WHEAT the truth about the danger of sugar and pesticides is now out
- Monsanto coming under increasing pressure to
- Solar power has become so affordable that the growth in the industry is now driving the shift to sustainable power

**Our Rapidly Changing World and It’s Challenges**

As I pointed out in my 2017 report, our world would experience a number of extreme features courtesy of Jupiter opposing Uranus and this sure came to pass. We had extreme weather and natural disasters as our solar system is impacted by alterations in our Sun’s magnetisms as the result of the galactic alignment of the 26,000-year cycle currently underway. When you add the reality of the wanton overuse of fossil fuels and destruction of habitat, we have the ‘perfect storm’ bringing our world to its knees. **It is time to do something about it my friends, and the Saturn in Capricorn and Uranus in Taurus team are just the guys to begin this process during 2018.**
Then there’s the predatory capitalism agendas creating the extreme ‘super-rich’ bubble in the midst of truly staggering levels of global debt, currently eight times higher than at the GFC of 2008. And it is all ‘legal’ in a government/industrial system that feeds and rewards profit at any cost, at the expense of human and earth rights. Highly paid Lobbyists continue to bribe governments to support the old fossil fuel multinationals to resist the shift to sustainable energy, despite paying lip service to ‘green agendas’.

These same governments have now created the ‘surveillance state’ under the auspices of the war on terror, which they created in the first place. And when we resist or speak out about these true crimes against humanity, we may be prosecuted for telling the truth! Sounds awfully like the lead up to the French and American revolutions yes?  

As Markets Roar American Poverty Soars

Well Uranus and Pluto were doing their thing then also, and as we shall see Pluto’s entrance into revolutionary Aquarius in 2023 will be the beginning a fantastic fresh period for humanity where we begin to honour the sacred relationship between all beings and nature. Yes, this is why I know that we must keep the faith and do our bit to heal our world.

As Saturn and Pluto come together in Capricorn over the next three years, we are in for such a big reality check my friends. It is now time for people in rich developed countries to realize the ‘normal’ lifestyle of overconsumption has to change. We must stop the constant greed and materialism for the sake of all living beings. In other words, growth is not an option any more – we have already grown too much.

Scientists tell us that we are blowing past planetary boundaries at breakneck speed. And the hard truth is that this global crisis is due almost entirely to overconsumption in rich countries through exploitation of poor ones, fed by a corrupt and iniquitous banking system.

Then we have the rise of China onto the global stage as its economy surpasses the USA, and it joins the BRICS nations to trade in currencies other than US$. China & India have been buying lots of gold in recent years and as many commentators have speculated that the western banking cartels can no longer sustain the false reality of economic recovery, and we continue to see people working and earning less as costs continue to rise.

The oil and commodities booms are over and we are already seeing wobbles in the bond/equities markets as global stock markets ride unprecedented highs based on goodness only knows what, as property markets go nuts. Are we in a bubble as some with experience of past cycles are saying, or is it an endless credit fest with no tomorrow? Yep it’s all a huge and complex mess based on lies and deceit. But for how much longer?

Another social crisis of great concern is the epidemic of prescription drug abuse, being happily fed by our illustrious pharmaceutical industry, to say nothing of the Ice phenomena destroying families and
communities. Sorry about this awful litany of issues folks, but it is important to be up front with this stuff so we can make sense of why people are angry and disaffected and why they resort to drugs and violence to either disengage from their challenges and sense of hopelessness and loss of meaning, or act out their rage.

In the midst of all this horror story most folks in the west carry on as normal...even though normal is very weird right now. The media keeps us distracted from the 'elephant in the room' by keeping our attention on the latest crisis, as our political leaders continue their factional infighting to stay in power at the expense of any of them really dealing with the big issues. In fact, they just keep talking up more war and creating ever more suffering in the name of the war on terror.

Meanwhile governments around the world are in disarray and meltdowns for various reasons, with clear messages from the electorates of widespread disillusionment of current policies and leaders. 2017 also brought us the looming spectre of nuclear war as North Korea and USA go head to head in an escalation of tension.

And let’s not forget the growing unfolding drama as revelations of sexual misconduct by stars and politicians bring this long term social secret up onto the front burner at last, as many women begin to speak out for a real change in our culture. Gotta love Jupiter in Scorpio!

So what may it take to ‘bring things to a head’...as they say? 2018 does indeed contain the ingredients, as Saturn in Capricorn PLUS Uranus in Taurus bring us right back down to earth to activate our global reformation...or re-set. Every aspect of our global values must change so we can move beyond the old models based on exploitation of people and resources for the wealth of the few.

This applies to each of us personally as an excellent opportunity to revitalize our current structures and free up the areas of our lives that may feel stuck or that have outlived their usefulness. 2018 offers us a fantastic reality check so we can re-value and re-invent how we earn, and what products and services we spend our money on...is it ‘clean and green’ is your first question before you buy anything!

Stop buying too much food and so many clothes and stuff you simply do not need, so you can do your bit to curtail ‘overconsumption’ and be delighted with your clever re-cycling ideas! Get involved in or organize community markets and food co-ops and connect with your sensual earth nature through art and music and rituals that align you with natural cycles.

Saturn asks us to take full responsibility for every aspect of our life and set goals inspired by our willingness to be effective in the world beyond our personal ego gratification.

Before we get to the ‘main event 2018 in detail I have included:

- 2018 The Year of the Earth Dog
- 2018 Eclipses
- 2018 Mercury Retrograde phases
- 2018 New and Full moons
The Chinese Earth Dog Year

...starting from Friday 15th February the Lunar Chinese New Year or Chinese Spring Festival and lasting to 4th February 2019.


2018= 11/2 or Number 2 in numerology with equates with practical earthy Taurus – 11 is a master number = Aquarius

I am alert
Worldwide violence is why I’m here
To listen to complaints and dismiss your fears
To guide you to a more peaceful time
To protect what’s pure and eliminate crime
Defending the underdog is my game
I promise to proceed in God’s name
My vision fixed on cowardice acts
My intent to stop bullies in their tracks
I stand for honour, justice and fair play
And will stop at nothing to save the day
I AM THE DOG.  Unknown Author

After the vast challenges of the past two years, the Brown Earth Dog 2018 is expected to be much less dramatic for all animal symbols and we can expect a generally positive year if we are willing to put in some hard work and apply ourselves. This fits very well with Saturn in Capricorn!

As this is a year for setting practical goals and believing you’re ready to ‘make it’, remember how tenacious and patient dogs are whenever you feel yourself feeling a bit exhausted from your efforts, then wag your tail and step into your positive Dog mojo! So to keep energies strong taking care of our health is very important and it will be easier than usual to give up bad habits!

Innovation is another feature of Dog timing as here we pick up the 11th sign Aquarius, and this also aligns with our western system very well with Uranus moving into the practical earth sign of Taurus.

Dogs love to run and play so this is a great year for being active and sporty, easily making and keeping friends, and appreciating some luxury and the goodies in life. The Dog is an ethical and idealistic sign, and the year that bears its name will bring increased social awareness and interest in societies less powerful members. Greedy tendencies will be replaced by a widespread sentiment of generosity and selflessness. In general, we will all be imbued with the Dog’s keen sense of right and wrong.
Destiny calls on these cycles as we release the past and welcome the new. These are called ‘Saros Cycles’ and contain imprints of activity for better or worse depending on the Saros number.

If you have planets close to Eclipse degrees you will begin a new 19-year cycle in the affairs of this house and sign so check back to the year 2000 for clues for this one.

It’s wise to avoid big decisions or announcements for a few weeks after eclipses, although events can bring ‘wild card’ shifts that propel you forward anyway! They bring big news or sudden changes in fortune. Eclipses have a ‘path’ or shadow over earth and it’s clear that historically earthquakes and weather events occur in countries under these paths.

We saw this very clearly in August/September 2017 when the shadow of the “Great American Total Eclipse” in Leo tracked down from North West to South East of the USA with three devastating hurricanes and massive wildfires.

This year the eclipses continue in Leo & Aquarius in their 19-year cycle, as well as our first Solar eclipse in Cancer in July. This begins the 18-month Capricorn/Cancer series continuing through 2019. This is a powerful co-incidence with Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn during this period! There are NO TOTAL eclipses this year, which is good news as these herald really difficult outcomes as we saw in 2017.

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The first pair is Saros Cycle 1 South. “…concerned with ideas and their enthusiastic expression. If it affects your chart you will be flooded with ideas or options that bring positive outcomes.”

We can feel the effect of Eclipses for a month or so proceeding then they are affective for 6 months until the second set in July/August 2018.

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The Cancer Solar Eclipse on July 13th is from Saros 2 Old North. “…can bring separation or the ending of a union. However, although the picture may look glum at the time, the actual results are quite positive.”

The Leo Solar Eclipse on August 11th is from Saros 2 New North. “…can bring sudden collapse of plans or life styles that create re-building and transformation with far reaching effects for life direction”. Bernadette Brady “The Eagle & the Lark”
**2018 Mercury Retrograde Periods**

Mercury retrogrades (apparently goes backward) three times each year. He’s the guy whose magnetisms affect all forms of communication and our thought processes. These periods are when IT and gizmos don’t work properly and messages/mail gets lost…you get the idea.

So don’t buy new appliances, be aware that travel plans may change, avoid signing contracts etc., as details are often incorrect. Mind you some folks don’t experience these problems because of their horoscope makeup, so check your chart with me to work with planning your year on all levels…saves so much time and mess! **So book a session**

2018 Mercury retro periods are in FIRE signs so we get extra time to initiate and develop our fresh creative mojo!

This is a refreshing dose of FIRE for 2018, as we have so many planets in practical EARTH and nurturing WATER signs I’m happy our little dude friend will be playing some extra time in FIRE to stimulate our passion & joy!

The retro periods are opportunities to re-do, re-evaluate, re-organize, research, review and plan our activity.

- **Aries** 23rd March to 15th April but not until 3rd of May for full steam ahead
- **Leo** 26th July to 19th August but not until 2nd September for full steam ahead
- **Sagittarius** 17th Nov to 6th Dec but not until 25th Dec for full steam ahead

Our 2018 focus shifts from the earthy practicalities of Mercury in earth signs last year...plans/systems etc...to the creative force and aspiration to act upon ideas and information.

- In early March, he kicks into Aries triggering the impulse to initiate ideas or plans – then we get to review things between March 23rd until early May when we are free to activate to our hearts content. The caution here is impulsiveness without due diligence!
- In early July, he heads into Leo and we are full of passion and creative mojo to move things along – then get to revise or make it better between July 26th and early September when we can come on strong and really get things moving.
- In early November, he charges into Sagittarius and we are out and about travelling or writing/publishing our product or service – then we get to take stock and develop things until between Nov 17th and late December when we hit the accelerator.
- Mid-December to January 5th 2018 is fantastic for adventures and new horizons as Mercury joins Jupiter in Sagittarius...fun!
Yes, she is our muse and primary source of connecting to source energy! So it is great to place a Mother Goddess statue of your preference in your home or altar so you can ask for her nurture and guidance every day! She is Isis or Quan Yin or Mother Mary or Parvati and so many others in the various cultures. So it is great to have a Moon calendar on your desk or in the kitchen for everyone so you are aware of the changing phases every 2 days to support your conscious use of your feelings & to know where to send your emotional energy!

Here is a list of the New and Full Moons in each sign for 2017 so you can set your intentions to do with the affairs of the sign on the NEW Moon AND be prepared for the feedback from those in your life that will arise on the FULL Moon.

Jan 17th **New Moon** @ 27 deg with Sun in Capricorn & Moon in Cancer – family & career focus with possible sudden shifts and openings

Jan 28th **Full Moon ECLIPSE** @ 11 deg - Sun Aquarius & Moon Leo – inventive clever ideas – great to hang with folks who motivate or awaken new ingredients

Feb 15th **New Moon ECLIPSE** @ 27 deg – Sun & Moon in in Aquarius– creative release of brand new original energy – leading groups or assembling a team

March 2nd **Full Moon** @ 11 deg – Sun in Pisces & Moon in Virgo - fertile time for imagination & using psychic power – with Mercury in Aries this is fired up!

March 17th **New Moon** @ 26 deg – Sun & Moon in Pisces - gestate & prepare for action after March 21st when our NEW NATURAL YEAR BEGINS as Sun enters Aries.

March 31st **Full Moon** @ 10 deg - Sun in Aries & Moon in Libra – linking fresh aspiration and actions with supportive partners to help us move forward

April 16th **New Moon** @ 26 deg – Sun & Moon in Aries– time for independent activity to initiate be brave and confident, especially as Mercury in Aries is now direct!

April 30th **Full Moon** @ 9 degrees - Sun in Taurus & Moon in Scorpio – deal with finances & joint resources to support growth – stay very practical grounded

May 15th **New Moon** @ 24 deg – Sun & Moon in Taurus – set intention for prosperity in your life – enjoy beauty and nature – commit to the values that matter to you

May 29th **Full Moon** @ 8 deg – Sun in Gemini & Moon in Sagittarius – networking and connections to expand your influence with ideas & info
June 13th  **New Moon** @ 22 deg - Sun & Moon in Gemini – time to think tank & develop IT ingredients – short distance travel & flexible thinking

June 28th  **Full Moon** @ 6 degrees - Sun in Cancer & Moon in Capricorn – home or career moves to free up and expand options – an innovative time

July 13th  **New Moon ECLIPSE** @ 20 - Sun & Moon in Cancer – focus on home family areas and enjoy loving growth – may bring big shifts & new directions

July 27th  **Full Moon ECLIPSE** @ 4 deg - Sun in Leo & Moon in Aquarius – links creative projects with group endeavours – great for team & tribe gatherings

August 11th  **New Moon ECLIPSE** @ 18 deg - Sun & Moon in Leo – big creative burst with fun/joy/passion to motivate – may cause sudden shift into fresh directions

August 26th  **Full Moon** @ 3 deg - Sun in Virgo & Moon in Pisces – bringing intuition into daily work – practical plans to make your dreams come true!

Sept 9th  **New Moon** @ 17 deg with - Sun & Moon in Virgo – opens fresh work/service phase – you’re in demand and feeling powerful

Sept 25th  **Full Moon** @ 1 deg - Sun in Libra & Moon in Aries – maintaining your independent power as you restructure alliances & relationships

Oct 9th  **New Moon** @ 15 deg - Sun & Moon in Libra – major PR and marketing phase to sell your services – brings liberating ideas & cool new people/connections

Oct 24th  **Full Moon** @ 1 deg - Sun in Scorpio & Moon in Taurus – manage money & investments and empower goals inviting support from others

Nov 7th  **New Moon** @ 15 deg - Sun & Moon in Scorpio - quieter behind the scenes time to enhance intimacy and bonding – inner power builds

Nov 23rd  **Full Moon** @ zero deg - Sun in Sagittarius & Moon in Gemini – out in the world again with vibrant travel and connections to ‘spread your word’

Dec 7th  **New Moon** @ 15 deg - Sun & Moon in Sagittarius – a fab NMoon with Jupiter also in Sag so big adventures and travels & great for writing/publishing

Dec 18th  **Full Moon** @ zero deg – Sun in Capricorn & Moon in Cancer – can bring career promotion and reform of home/work goals and needs
2018 Horoscope Overview

I’ll do a quick overview of our chart for the year ahead and then head into detail of the unfolding story.

Every year on Jan 1st the Sun ☉ is in Capricorn & we cast the chart for Greenwich as this the prime meridian. Over recent years, Sun has been joined by Pluto ♒ in Capricorn gradually moving over the Sun since 2008. Hence, the background hum of deep transformational activity since 2008.

Now we have Saturn ♒ in Capricorn joining Sun for the next few years for the first time since 1989/1992. This brings the major reform restructuring stuff already mentioned.

We also have Venus ♀ in Cap joining Saturn ♒ AND the star of the show Sun ☉. Venus ♀ brings alliances/partnerships and social justice themes into the mix, as well as money and resources.

Saturn ♒ will bring the ‘reformation’ and as he gradually moves through Cap until 2021, and we can expect his retraction and re-ordering process to force reform of our major government, corporate and economic systems. Venus with Saturn brings both restriction and accountability in finances and relationships, and in the 3rd house of communication this is being talked about!

Previous cycles in 1929/32 and 1959/62 and 1989/92 have brought recession/depression so yes we are due for a bubble popping ‘moment’ in the next 3 years, although how severe this will be remains to be seen. Lots more on Saturn shortly...

The Moon ♀ in Gemini in the 9th house says there will be lots of WORDS flying at an international and media level. At best, this is great for spreading ideas and knowledge. But with Moon opposite Mercury (who rules mind & mouth) in Sagittarius (ruler of the 9th) the extreme polarization themes from 2017 may continue between parties & positions. This Moon is conjunct Trump’s Sun & Uranus in Gemini and opposes his Moon in Sagittarius so lots more tweeting and erratic/controversial action from him!

OK now we add Uranus ☼ in Aries in positive aspect with both the Moon and Mercury, bringing his awakening clever inventive bits to stimulate all the Moon Gemini/Mercury Sagittarius words and ideas. As ever with Uranus, we must expect the unexpected, and he does love a touch of anarchy and rule breaking. Should be interesting!
We see Mars ♃ with Jupiter ♄ in Scorpio in the 2nd house of money and the values that underpin how we use resources. Jupiter expands and opens opportunity, and Mars activates and pioneers, so together they will drive some extreme new regenerative action in our financial systems and environmental issues.

Scorpio rules death and taxes, sex and money and all the juicy bits, so we can expect lots more exposure along the lines of ‘The Paradise Papers’ detailing where the rich and powerful hide their ‘hidden assets’ and lots more sex scandals too! We’ll start to see Saturn in Capricorn having a big word to say about this very soon, although many of the wealthy who need to be prosecuted and brought to account are the very Saturn people who will be doing the ‘regulating’...so we shall see.

And as you’ll see when you read on to the Jupiter in Scorpio section this powerful Mars/Jupiter ingredient also contains much healing and feminine power so we may use this year for some wonderful restoration and regeneration before he heads into fresh fire action in Sagittarius in November. We lost feminine SOUL in our modern material world and the whole healing movement since the 1960s is all about getting her back!

By May Things Start Getting Interesting!
Now we see THREE planets have changed sign and the real driving forces of 2018 really begin to kick in. I will introduce each of them and then go a bit deeper...

First look at Chiron ♒ in Aries (on the left horizon) our archetypal ‘wounded healer’ opening his new 50-year cycle for the first time since 1968. He will be in Aries until 2027.

Then we have revolutionary Uranus ♃ right at the beginning of earthy Taurus in his 84-year cycle for the first time since 1934! He will be in Taurus until 2025.

Lastly activator Mars just into Aquarius for SIX months as he’s doing a retrograde period.

Chiron in Aries 
Chiron is the newest member of our Solar System, discovered in 1977 and cycling between Saturn and Uranus with a 50-year cycle. When a new planet becomes visible to us, it activates a new archetype in our collective psyche that demands recognition as an ingredient in our evolutionary process.

The astronomers named him Chiron (no they don’t ask Astrologers they just use whatever name is next on the list of Gods/esses). Then low and behold, the attributes of the mythological God mysteriously correlate with the unfolding narrative of our Global process. Big time synchronicity here, as with so many other Astro phenomena!
In Greek mythology he was held to be the superlative centaur, as he was called as the "wisest and justest of all the centaurs". His myth contains rising above the pain of his abandonment and rejection to become a wise healer and teacher to many of the great Greek heroes, and mythically the Centaur horseman symbolically unites our mortal and immortal nature. The horse is considered to be the bridge between the world of form and the world of the unseen.

His position between the ‘known boundaries’ of Saturn and the higher consciousness of Uranus gives rise to his “rainbow bridge” title, and his process that brings crisis forcing us to confront our Saturn fears and limitations that keep us stuck in our lower nature.

So he's the link between our lower and higher nature, which has been available to us since his sighting in 1977. Yes the Uranus Neptune & Pluto ingredients have been with us over the last few hundred years paving the way for the incoming Age of Aquarius, but it wasn’t until Chiron brought his shaman healing process into the story that we’ve been confronted with the reality of our disconnect from nature and wholeness of a healthy world.

1977 is the year when our Sun began his 72-year passage to align with the Galactic Plane so yes another fascinating timing correlation! So Chiron connects us to Galactic Consciousness! (BTW the mid-point of this was 21.12.12 the end/beginning date for the Mayan Calendar 26,000 cycle.)

OK so on with Chiron in Aries. He was last here between May 1968 until May 1977, so we haven’t experienced a Chiron in Aries transit since he was discovered, which was in November 1977. Yes, the planets are still there even if we don’t know about them, but we experience their magnetisms intuitively or in a non-rational mode. Once they are in our objective awareness they become a much more active force.

As Aries is the beginning of the Zodiac round….or the ‘World Degree’, our wounded healer enters a pioneering period on May 18th 2018 that completes in May 2068 after his 50 year cycle passage! So when a major player like Chiron triggers this degree it brings about an ‘Initiation’ or new beginning – a psychological re-birth that challenges us to transform our concept of reality!

The Aries process contains our confident ‘healthy will’ so we can be brave and courageous and say yes to new adventures into the future. At best, it is the questing spirit in us that dares to risk letting go of the familiar, even if this familiar isn't too great!

And as recent times on the third rock from the Sun have shown, we have a major issue with this ‘healthy will’ business, as the ‘damaged will’ brings us aggression and anger and all the defences and overcompensations that arise when we don’t feel safe or that we have the ‘right to exist’. Thus, Chiron’s job over the next NINE years is to reveal this crisis clearly, so we can sort out this primary component in our human makeup! Goddess knows this is essential if we are to ever build a peaceful world.
Functional Aries (and Mars who rules Aries) brings us “healthy assertiveness” where we feel safe enough to assert ourselves in the world, and communicate to ask for our needs to be met, without fear of retribution or judgement or rejection or being made wrong. The trouble is that most folks aren’t safe enough to do this and are stuck in the “passive aggressive split”!

They either believe they have no power to act OR are over-reactive and defiant with a determination to defeat apparent opposition and are unable to co-operate to invite support.

This can also mean they please and comply and put up with stuff (and seethe) in their attempts to get loved, and safe, and to ‘belong’. Then when this doesn’t work, they get aggressive and angry and destructive, and end up with the very outcomes they are trying to avoid! Classic stuff. So the SAFE outcome here requires we have a good look at our compliance or aggression patterns and make the decision to change them, and let go of our defensive behaviours.

If you’re relating to this or have friends/family members who may benefit, here’s your re-programming message. “It is safe for me to assert myself – to be authentic – to be brave – to belong – to matter”. Just say this to yourself many times a day as you hold your hand over your belly, the seat of our emotions.

Aries is about our ‘identity in the world’, so it will be no surprise that millions of folks are about to have a little ‘identity crisis’...lol. Who am I? Why am I here?

And this is not just a superficial matter at this time on planet earth as millions of folks spend their day stuck in jobs they don’t like, to earn money to stay on the treadmill existence of our material world construct. And they aren’t happy! Which isn’t to say this applies to everyone as lots of folks have done the work to become authentic and are living meaningful happy lives. But lots more aren’t!

The outcome once we’ve faced our fear of flying as an independent creative agent is a whole new level of action, so over the next 9 years we’re about to experience some fabulous people doing some fabulously brave edgy things, daring to be catalysts leading the way for the healing and renewal process on our planet.

And a final note on Aries as the WARRIOR archetype. Conscious warriors are not impulsive or driven by knee jerk reaction. They understand the reality that we need discipline to empower and use our will wisely!

Enter Saturn in Capricorn, who makes a challenging connection with Chiron in Aries in July, August and September 2018, bringing us the classic confrontation between the emerging new consciousness and the old guard resistance to allowing innovation and change. I cover this in detail in the Saturn section, when we also bring Uranus into the story. OK so moving right along...to Mars in Aquarius.
Mars in Aquarius

If you’ve been paying attention you now know the core themes of Mars as he’s the ruler of Aries, where Chiron is about to do his healing thing. He’s the warrior archetype who instinctively drives us into new territory... in this case Aquarius... where he resides for six months from 17th May until 16th November. This is an extraordinary time for him to spend in a sign as he usually only spends about six weeks!

This is because he has a retrograde phase every 18 months, and this one is in Aquarius, the sign of all things revolutionary and progressive, scientific and inventive, rebellious and original thinking. This sets the tone for the second half of the year being loaded with fantastic fast paced social progress, but also contains the seed of social unrest over human rights issues.

We currently have an appalling drought and famine in Yemen (caused by military action from Saudi Arabia and friends next door), there’s an ongoing humanitarian refugee crisis in Myanmar, Syria and other Middle East countries continuing to spill into Europe and Asia, and a host of disaffected Souls in urgent circumstances everywhere. Increasing homelessness is also at crisis levels in our developed nations, as social services don’t have the resources to support so many good people who find themselves the victims of our unjust and unethical system.

I mean they can afford to increase the defence budget in the USA by an extra couple of billion dollars to make it the largest outgoing expense for the nation. But people don’t matter? There are so many clever ways our Governments could spend very little money to empower our communities, with self-build projects, and community gardens to feed the locals, and on and on I could go.

Instead, we hear of local governments constraining local growers markets, denying permission for group sharing projects, and allowing big business to control outcomes for smaller sustainable goods and services.

This is totally nuts! It’s time to demand that our so called leaders actually begin to drive our culture into healthy outcomes such as I’ve just mentioned. People are hungry for opportunity to re-invent their lives. They are hungry for a sense of belonging and getting back to the values that sustain a supportive community. This then may contain the very best of what Saturn in Capricorn has to offer over the next 3 years as he re-connects us with certain traditional core values that are a good thing.

It also reminds us that it’s time to take responsibility for getting on with our own solutions as like-minded groups rather than waiting for our governments to act on our behalf. Back to my intro when I declared such happiness over the Marriage Equality vote here in oz. It happened because our Parliament didn’t have the guts to pass this legislation so as not to offend various factions. So they spent $100M of taxpayer’s money with a postal vote... and 70% of Ozzies voted... with a 61% YES outcome.

As Mars enters Aquarius in May he connects with Uranus, also just entering Taurus for the next seven years. So here is the first pass of their challenging square connection with the next in early August, and the final in mid-September. To make more sense of this it’s time to bring our next player on stage!
Uranus in Taurus

May 2018 until July 2025...for first time in 84 years!

Time for a New Earth

When this revolutionary change agent comes calling to each sign every seven years we experience an upgrade in the affairs of the sign, in this case Taurus, with far reaching implications. His rulership over science and technology, plus human rights movements assures us of radical departures from existing conditions across the board.

As he is the key player in our unfolding revolution, his entrance into Taurus for the first time since 1934 in his 84 year cycle is hugely significant. Our Sky God is about to come down to earth to revolutionize our ecological systems with a wave of amazing inventions and groups of people who will clean up our world over the next 7 years. He’s also about to freshen up, to put it mildly, existing financial values and systems.

Uranus is the Roman name derived from the Greek god Ouranus, considered “creator and guardian of cosmic law” who mated with earth mother Gaia, and became known as the original sky father. So Ouranus is the essential, primal force of creation...his process triggers ‘chaos’ that gives birth to the new.

His discovery in 1781 coincided with the ‘awakening’ of the enlightenment period with ‘the rights of the individual’ triggering the French and American revolutions AND the discovery of electricity that ignited the Industrial revolution. Hence, his rulership over science and technology and the revolutionary impulse that arises as old systems have outlived their time.

His electric impulse connects us with our higher mind...or the ‘Mind of God’ so we can download ideas and inspiration to ignite new possibilities to bring progress into the future. Uranian types are gifted with far reaching insight and objectivity as they go about the business of upsetting existing conditions to improve community and society. They are the rebels and eccentrics who experience rejection from the status quo, who consider them strange! Uranus is the modern ruler of Aquarius. Anyone relating?

His keywords of liberation, invention, freedom and change are music to my Aquarian ears! So as Uranus enters any sign he brings his chaos function along for the ride, to awaken us from the complacency of existing conditions so we may enlighten and illuminate the path of humanitarian reform.

The Uranian archetype also carried into the later myth of Prometheus who stole one of Zeus’ thunderbolts and brought fire down to Humanity. The fire is an esoteric symbol of enlightenment thus the ‘fires of consciousness’ could be lit, so here we meet ⚡ being connected with illumination and sudden flashes of insight into the higher mind.
Prometheus was punished severely by Zeus by being chained isolated to a rock whilst a great bird flew down daily and tore out his liver, which regenerated overnight for eternal suffering. In this myth we see Prometheus' Uranian character, serving humanity through inventiveness and daring to bring in new aspects to free up narrowed perception. He was the 'Divine Rebel' made to suffer for his daring and creativity. There’s a happy ending here as Chiron offered himself in place of Prometheus, and Zeus was so impressed by this sacrifice that he freed them both!

**The Uranian Process** – “When the Uranian archetype becomes active through transit, it begins to produce ‘signals’ that portend the future for an individual, nation, or the world. These are initially just little flashes that seem totally out of the existing context (Saturn) of reality, and are rarely understood or heeded. The signals then become more frequent and tightly spaced together, and if not heeded the individual or collective is ‘surprised’ when the situation, event, etc ‘suddenly happens’: the unexpected or out-of-the-blue phenomena associated with Uranus. Unprepared, the individual or collective must rapidly adjust to the new situation or development in order to re-integrate and stabilize, lest the situation induce a personal or collective feeling or fear of being out of control”. (Uranus by Jeff Greene). This is why we must always ‘expect the unexpected’ when Uranus comes to town!

**Taurean associations arise from the core principle of VALUES**, hence all things to do with nature and our earth along with money and wealth distribution. Taurus is the ‘builder’ of the Zodiac who uses strength and hard work to create security and safety, which is why Taureans are so famous for their stubborn fixed qualities!

Nature and beauty and pleasure are the fruits of Taurus who revels in the earthly delights of art and wine and music and all things sensual...she is Mother Nature expressed through the Nine ‘Muses’ who have inspired artists since ancient times.

So as Uranus comes calling to Taurus over the next seven years he brings his lightning bolt of creative fire to innovate and give birth to great changes in our economic and material world.

Taurus bring up our survival issues and our ability to establish foundations by being aware of and using resources effectively. What is needed relative to resources determines what is VALUED. The more self-reliance that exists the more survival is guaranteed. We’re about to experience lots of ‘survival issues’ over the next seven years as collective population and environmental pressure will force many into new circumstances, and our IT revolution brings the end of old industries and jobs as it also gives birth to lots of new ones.

**So how can we use Uranus in Taurus to uplift and liberate our lives?**

The freedom and liberation of Uranus allows us to break free from old value systems that restrict or inhibit our true individual expression, so we can begin to use our resources in inventive new ways!
As he’s an ‘unexpected’ trigger guy we must stay very flexible when sudden shifts upset our old systems and constructs. Uranus is a smart i.e. intelligent feature so stay alert for sudden flashes of insight or ideas that spin you into fab new possibilities that may be right out of the box from your old view of your potential. Then use Saturn in Capricorn for a reality check and create a ‘plan’! If we are aware of the need for innovation and change this allows ‘the Universe’ to support our growth, whereas if we resist this our unconscious mind will create it anyway…sometimes in the form of upsetting things whether we like them or not!

A reminder that this is a 7 year process for our whole world, so you’ll notice the seeds of these features from mid-2018, but this doesn’t mean it’s going to happen to you immediately OK? It’s also about your personal horoscope and where Taurus falls…and Venus…and the whole picture really. So if you’re inquisitive to know more about YOU you can book a session with me.

I think this fits the bill for Uranus in Taurus very well. Here is your Mantra my friends! As Uranus asks us to break free of past conditions our core self-worth needs to be in very good condition, so whenever you get a bit wobbly as things start morphing in your life or the outer world close your eyes and say “I am safe and secure as I grow and change”. “I am prosperous!”

This will be a fantastic period if we are adaptable and allow the nature of our work or source of making a living to become exciting and challenging beyond our old expectations! We all need to feel valued so it’s time to make sure you are!

Historically Uranus in Taurus brings radical progress in the affairs of building new phases in empires and business. The 1934-42 period gave rise to the Fascist dictators leading to WWII and the armaments industries flourished as technology gave us radar and 1st generation computers. The Glass–Steagall Act separated commercial and private banking and was rescinded by Clinton in 1999 allowing the use of private savings for investment by banks. Roosevelt’s ‘New Deal’ created massive building projects to re-build the economy after the depression. The FBI was founded as commercial TV began creating a whole new industry. And the Dust Bowl period created major ecological and agricultural damage.

Between 1850-1858 was a very turbulent period with the Crimean War that shifted and shook European politics, the expansion of British colonization in the Far East sparking the Opium War in China and dissolution of the Mughal Empire in India. Gold rushes in California and Australia created massive wealth as petroleum was distilled for the first time, the first transpacific telegraph cable laid, and railroads began to be the primary means of transporting goods. And let’s not forget the publishing of ‘The Origin of Species’ by Charles Darwin, which paved the way for a whole new revisionist world view.

Yep in both cases it’s an impressive list of material world developments that went on to form the backbone of industry thereafter. I won’t do an in-depth for other earlier cycles except for a mention of 1683 – 1690 and the ‘Glorious Revolution’ in England which deposed James II, as Louis XIV France and
Tsar Peter the Great were at the height of their powers. The **1767- 1775** period, included James Cook claiming Australia for the British and the American colonies tea being taxed by England leading to the revolution.

**Uranus has been in Aries since 2011** opening a new 84 year Zodiac cycle, bring an exciting and bizarre period full of extremes as radical new technology ushered in a bio-molecular world of designer babies; underwater greenhouses; robotics; sustainable energy systems; artificial intelligence; metadata; a new space age; the cashless society; and scientific proof that our heart/mind does indeed create reality through the power of our thoughts and beliefs.

Our world is changing so fast it is literally hard to keep up with all the advances, let along the implications of how these contain the ingredients for our next Uranus in Taurus phase. So yes we’re up for a revolution in industry and commerce...and money!

**Nature and Agriculture**

Our sea creatures are drowning in plastic, our farmers struggle to make a living, our native peoples and their innate wisdom for earth management continue to be disregarded, natural ecosystems and our food sources suffer ongoing damage from pesticides...the bees are dying...the list is endless.

Isn’t it ironic that we must now invent new technologies to clean up the damage created by technology!

The birth of ‘rational thought’ during the 16thC dispelled the superstitions of earlier times...it was like the Zeitgeist shift of the era, but it created a major disconnect with the ‘natural world’ and the sacred traditions that honoured our relationship to earth and her creatures.

Until we re-connect with the feminine nurture/nature facet of our humanity we don’t stand a chance of healing the damage we’ve done along the way. So here’s to Uranus as he brings not only the solutions to clean up our world but also the consciousness that will inspire it. This is such a huge subject so can only cover briefly with both some positive news, and some areas of concern...

**Data Storage set to use three times more energy in next 10 years**

**Biodynamic Farming**

**Lawmakers Give Human Rights to Rivers**

**Stanford Professor Predicts that virtually all fossil fuel vehicles will have vanished within eight years.**

**Project to Clean Up 50% of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in 5 Years**

**Drones are Revolutionizing Agriculture**
Solar energy is now cheaper than traditional fossil fuels. Solar and wind is now either the same price or cheaper than new fossil fuel capacity in more than 30 countries, according to a new report from the World Economic Forum. The foundation has described the change as a "tipping point" that could make fighting climate change into a profitable form of business for energy companies. But investors and energy firms are still failing to put money into such green solutions despite the fact that they are cheaper than more traditional forms of electricity generation. Renewable Energy Beating Fossil Fuels Growth

Environmental Pollution is killing more people every year than all the war and violence in the world
While there has never been an international declaration on pollution, the topic is gaining traction. The World Bank in April declared that reducing pollution, in all forms, would now be a global priority. And in December 2017, the United Nations will host its’ first-ever conference on the topic of pollution.

Pesticides and Bees
Biologists have found more than 150 different chemical residues in bee pollen, a deadly “pesticide cocktail” according to University of California apiculturist Eric Mussen. The chemical companies Bayer, Syngenta, BASF, Dow, DuPont and Monsanto shrug their shoulders at the systemic complexity, as if the mystery were too complicated. They advocate no change in pesticide policy. After all, selling poisons to the world’s farmers is profitable.

The Paris Agreement of 2015 – Trump has withdrawn the USA from this accord, and after reading this summary I’m wondering why they are not even bringing plans into action until 2019?

Emissions Trading Schemes – appear to offer incentive to business to cut emissions but also contain opportunities for profit as permits can be bought and sold!

Climate Engineering – has been happening for decades and who knows how much this is contributing to increased weather chaos of recent times? We cannot allow the politicians alone to dominate the conversation. The “unintended consequences of geoengineering,” have shown that altering the climate in one part of the world could have disastrous effects elsewhere!

Sorry to say Uranus in Taurus may also bring an increase in seismic and natural disasters, as the Sky God activates our natural Taurean ecosystems. Mother Nature is so stressed my friends so please send healing thoughts to her and do all you can to enhance her! Buy a re-usable take away drink mug, stop using plastic bottles and bags and aluminium foil, and eat less meat as not only is it full of antibiotics but requires ongoing land clearing to grow the animals. Grow your own vegies and chooks or buy them at local markets to support your community growers...there are so many ways we can make a difference and get healthier along the way.
The Global Economy

In a nutshell it is well and truly stuffed! I have been on about this for years as I’ve observed the mounting debt reaching extraordinary levels to the point where our grandchildren will be paying it back!

The global banking system is very fragile right now as the secret derivatives debt that no-one ever mentions, plus the on-going bail outs of sovereign nations and their banks has reached epic proportions.

Some observers think we are in for another big financial meltdown that will make the 2008 GFC look like a picnic. Will this be orchestrated by ‘the deep state powers that be’ to enable the implementation of a global currency? Next is the rumour that a whole new model/system has been cooking behind the scenes to replace our current debt slavery model, and this will arise or be announced sometime soon!

Collectively the global political/economic chess game is morphing us into a whole new level between the old guard western financial petro dollar system and the new BRICS alliances seeking to break the control of the US$ as the global reserve currency.

Meanwhile western governments have been passing new laws to allow banks to use personal savings for bailouts of the ‘banks that are too big to fail’...think Cyprus 3 years ago. The really big question is: Is there a force in the world that is strong and powerful enough to check-mate and transcend the global domination agenda of the global banking cabal? 2018 may begin to answer this one way or the other.

After decades of the globalization model underpinning our economic system it is beyond obvious that not all the world’s people...or the earth and her ecosystems for that matter...are sharing the benefits! Rampant exploitation of people and resources for financial gain has been the norm in our modern world, driven by greed and corruption by those who seek wealth without regard for the damage created.

At this pivotal moment in history millions of everyday people are fed up with this model as they either witness or experience first-hand the horrible outcomes. Please ‘let it be’ that at this ‘turning of the wheel’ we are finally able to use this next seven years to actually do something about this.

As we are in such extreme times of division and polarization it’s no surprise that there are currently two very different or ‘polarized’ views as to our economic future... funny about that...two sides of the coin...sorry! One camp is calling for a major financial meltdown while other economic experts say we’re set for an explosion of new business opportunities that will trigger a huge new productive cycle!

So let’s have a look at both sides, and then add the technological equivalent of the creation of coins thousands of years ago...yes cryptocurrencies and the ‘blockchain’ technology that will drive them.
The case FOR a major meltdown: The simple summary here is that global debt is at epic proportions and something’s gotta give!

- Saturn in Capricorn over the next 3 years joining Pluto by 2020 – historically this cycle brings recession/depression 1929-32 & 1959-62 & 1989-92
- The deliberate creation of a financial crisis to allow the neo-con elite to create their “One World Government” and global currency.
- Bankers Panic: 400-Year-Old Banking Swindle Coming To a Close?
- Major Overhaul of Vatican Bank – Purges in China and Saudi Arabia – Are we About to See a redistribution of fraudulently obtained assets and the immediate start of a massive campaign to end poverty and stop environmental destruction?
- The Saudi Purge is a Global Crisis – explains the geo-political shifts happening in Asia involving new alliances with Russia & the factions in Saudi as they deal with debt since oil price decline
- Jim Rickards - for The Daily Reckoning Australia. The question is: Where is it all heading? Negative interest rates engulfed Europe and Japan last year. This is the next stage of the currency wars. It is extremely dangerous. Trade wars produce the same result as currency wars. Despite the illusion of short-term advantage, in the long run everyone is worse off. The original condition of too much debt and too little growth never goes away. Finally, tensions rise, rival blocs are formed, and a shooting war begins. The fact is, shooting wars often have a not-so-hidden economic grievance or rationale behind them... Take the 20th century... The sequence in the early 20th century began with a currency war that started in Weimar Germany with hyperinflation (1921–23), and then extended to a French devaluation (1925), a UK devaluation (1931), a US devaluation (1933), and another French/UK devaluation (1936). Meanwhile, a global trade war emerged after the Smoot-Hawley tariffs (1930) and comparable tariffs of trading partners of the US. Finally, a shooting war progressed with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria (1931), the Japanese invasion of Beijing and China (1937), the German invasion of Poland (1939), and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (1941). Eventually, the world was engulfed in the flames of the Second World War, and the international monetary system came to a complete collapse until the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944 when the US$ was set as the ‘global reserve currency’. Is this pattern repeating today? Sadly, the answer appears to be yes. That is why it is critical you prepare now.
- Reports that China’s debt requires them to de-value the YUAN, leading to the currency war described above that can escalate into shooting wars and/or a fiscal crisis that spreads globally.

The case for a major growth phase:

- Previous Uranus in Taurus cycles have brought financial upturns often based on war!
- Chinese plans for massive infrastructure development will create meaningful growth for many countries... not just China. China hopes to recruit the entire world to what has become known as the “project of the century”, its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping in September 2013. The project will connect Asia with Western Europe, the Middle East and North Africa through high-speed rail connections, new ports, canals, shipping lanes and economic development zones. The idea is to extend this concept across every continent.
Why is China doing this? There is certainly self-interest in China’s plan: it wants to maintain the economic growth that in one generation has lifted nearly a billion Chinese out of poverty, by sharing the formula for that growth with the world, to uplift the masses of poor in Asia and Africa into prosperous future trading partners. The contrast between this approach and hundreds of years of European colonialism could not be starker. Politicians may cast doubt on China’s intentions but global economies are only functioning since the 2008 GFC because China ploughed $20 trillion into its productive sectors to generate a recovery; now it is unleashing the next step: global-scale economic development to drive prosperity through peaceful cooperation. This all sounds very positive in this light, however whether they manage this project with sustainable industry remains to be seen.

- The Financial Revolution on the way via cryptocurrencies and the ‘blockchain’ technology that will drive it. More on this below...

- Understanding what Beijing is up to behind the scenes – Fascinating explanation of possible devaluation of the YUAN in China that will require the Federal Reserve to devalue the US$ and in turn escalate the tensions between China and USA. He also describes how sovereign nations like Russia and China are now free to create their own “PutinCoin” and “XiCoin” and use these to trade without any need for the US$ as reserve currency (not backed by Gold), as their cryptos can be Gold backed as both countries have been stockpiling gold over recent years!

I will leave it to you to weigh up the very basic evidence I have offered, as yes it is such a huge and complex situation. One thing is for sure...we are moving into a radical departure from existing global financial systems, especially with the re-structuring process on the way from Saturn in Capricorn. Personally, I recommend investing in some Gold & Silver bullion, doing some research and buying some cryptos or shares in blockchain tech companies, and keeping some cash around the house...just in case the cash machines can’t or won’t give you any!

**Cryptocurrencies**

The most famous of these is Bitcoin, which arrived on the scene in January 2009. What makes these on-line currencies different are there is no centralized authority or bank controlling the currency or the network. No one there to manipulate supply through interest rates, or to create more bitcoins out of thin air. Bitcoin achieves this truly decentralized system through blockchain technology. The blockchain is essentially a shared public ledger — a database that every member of the network can see and contribute to. Blockchain technology will become the ‘next normal’ in financial transfers in every aspect of business in the very near future.

Cryptos are a disruptive force of new wealth creation...not of wealth redistribution. Of course, the potential on offer in the crypto world is far greater than just bitcoin as there are now hundreds of coins. Although bitcoin is the biggest player, the entire crypto network has rocketed 1,500% in 2017 alone, bringing the value of the whole crypto market to US$160 billion...or 2% of the global currency market. So not only have cryptos gone from almost nothing to more than three times the value of the
entire Ford Motor Company virtually overnight, but with only a 2% slice of the global currency market, there is a lot of room left to grow.

![The fastest growing market in the world](image)

There are already hundreds of cryptos and I have discovered it is a bit of a minefield to research how it all works. It is wise to buy an off-line ‘wallet’ to store your coins and this one comes out as best quality/value - Ledger Nano S – and then sign up to purchase coins through a Broker like “Coinspot”.

The whole crypto market is hugely speculative right now as there are massive profits to be made and recently big investors are moving money into this market. However, its early days and some analysts say the real value of the coins is yet to be tested, as they are not backed by gold or anything else, so if there is a fiscal crisis they would quickly lose value as people rush to redeem cash...

**How Will Bitcoin React in a Financial Crisis Like 2008?**  **Regulating Cryptocurrencies — And Why It Matters**

http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-12-09/if-you-dont-own-any-bitcoin-read


It is not about bitcoins — it is about a monetary revolution! Once again one thing is for sure, Blockchain and cryptos are here to stay so start doing your research to empower your financial world over the years ahead, as Uranus in Taurus inspires us all into clever inventive new ways to invest in and use our resources in startling new ways!

**Uranus in Taurus is challenged by Mars in Aquarius** as they both enter their new signs on 17/18th May, and late July/early August and finally in mid- September 2018. This brings Impulsive and restless energies with the urge to revolt against restrictive authority...sudden expression of anger...explosive change. On the upside, it awakens fabulous new freedom to take action into brand new directions allowing us to break free of the past and invent marvellous new realities. I am going for this option!

So now, it is finally time to bring the star of the show for 2018-2021 on stage. Saturn in Capricorn!
Saturn in Capricorn Dec 2017 until 17th Dec 2021

The 2017 December 21st Solstice happens each year when our Sun enters Capricorn marking the 3/4 point in his seasonal round...mid-winter in the north and mid-summer for those of us down south of the equator.

So is it a big deal that the planet that rules Capricorn... Saturn ‘lord of order & form’, joins the Sun as he also now heads into his own sign for the next 3 years? Yes indeed as this is a once in 29 year cycle that sets the stage for the next great wave of global re-structuring, with echoes back to 1988/91, 1959/62 & 1930/33.

The next passage of Saturn in Cap will be from Feb 2047 to Jan 2050! It’s also the first time in 150 years that Sun/Saturn in Cap is joined by money planet Venus at his ingress or entrance into Capricorn. In addition let’s not forget Pluto has also been in Cap since 2008, so we have a MAJOR set of players lining up for the ‘game of thrones’ global re-set on the way.

Yes these pivotal dates in 20C history carry a common theme of financial and business re-sets, and as Astrological cycles offer us the heads up for historical precedents we can assume that this next 3 years will also contain major reformation of government and corporate systems, with a high possibility of some kind of global recession or period of austerity. I’ve been saying for a few years now that the high times of endless credit expansion will eventually have a reckoning, and the age of conspicuous consumption is about to become very passé as we learn to live once more within the reality of healthy production underpinning a true market economy.

Personally, we’re also set to reap rewards for what we have sewn as the Lord of Karma comes calling, and much can be achieved under his auspices if we’re up for some concerted effort toward our goals. Yes doesn’t sound like heaps of fun and indeed Saturn is not a cheery guy BUT he’s super productive and has his own wry sense of humour as he goes about the business of getting results.

A planet in his own sign is ‘dignified’ thus at its most potent force, so as Saturn steps into Capricorn he’s at his practical strategic best on the one hand, and on the other can bring us the harshest measure of his restrictive controlling influence!

He’s a complex archetype so let’s explore him a little better to gain insight into what he offers over the next 3 years. To the ancient Greeks he was Kronos an agricultural deity, hence the sickle to reap the harvest, and his title Lord of Time emerged as the reality that every cycle has it’s time! Birth – youth – maturity - old age. His original essence is one of a benevolent wise ruler or king, who in due course is usurped by the next king and so on. (He was overthrown by his son Jupiter)
He got caught up in the Christian symbolism as the dark angel Satan because God appointed him to run the world and he got a bit carried away and sought to rule the world in his own right! Hence he was cast out of heaven and became the fallen angel bad guy, hence his ongoing reputation as a hard controlling dude who makes us sing for our supper. He’s also known as the Lord of Karma who bestows judgement for our actions morally and physically. All in all, he’s quite a guy! The Boss – The King.

Until the discovery of Uranus in 1781, he reigned supreme, as his placement as the 6th planet from the Sun with his rings represented the edge of the known system, hence his association as “The Ring Pass Not”...the boundary between the known and the unknown worlds. The world-view until this time was indeed limited as were the options for those who lived in it.

Once we ‘discovered’ Uranus a whole new set of possibilities brought us technology and a new enlightened world view, hence Uranus associations with all these matters. We were also free to transcend the fears that keep us in our limited lower nature and aspire to the higher aspirations of the Aquarian Age currently dawning...ruled by Uranus AND Saturn...where the possibility exists for cohesive unified outcomes for everyone...not just the Saturn guys that run the show up until now.

Saturn didn’t go anywhere once Uranus entered the unfolding scenario, and continues to do his job managing the practical systems and regulating the affairs of men. Images for Saturn bring us “The Wall” representing boundaries once again, and he has a wide range of defences in place when under threat, as we shall see. I wonder if Donald’s ‘wall of separation’ will be built, or perhaps it becomes the symbol for what we don’t need if we are ever to build a cohesive unified co-operative society.

Saturn and his father Uranus have been at loggerheads ever since, as Saturn resists the Uranian impulse to innovate and stimulate our evolution toward higher conscious outcomes for the serfs who till the fields! Here we see the never-ending cycle as the old order must give way to the new, and in due course, this also becomes rigid, outlives its purpose, and in comes Uranus once more with his revolutionary goodies. It’s cool to remember that over the centuries since the 1780s the Uranian vibration has been increasing as we head closer to the Age of Aquarius, so each time Saturn returns to Capricorn the ‘impulse’ to revolutionize government/corporate systems becomes more intense!

As with all things Saturnine, we have an impressive list of keywords from which to draw as we contemplate his passage over the next 3 years. Limit, structure, contraction, constraint, concentration, defeat, failure, loss, achievement, goals, success, ambition, necessity, hard work, responsibility, duty, strict authority, conventions, rules, regulations, taxes, consensus reality, control, order, form, regulation, security, stability, rational organization, law, right & wrong, dark, cold, heavy, lead stern, repressive, dense, guilt, punishment, isolation, depression, sadness, loss, pessimism, testing karmas, wisdom from lessons learnt, harvest, reaping, fate!

As I said all the fun stuff, but without him we would never manifest anything and learn and grow from our experiences. They say that once we stop resisting him and make him our friend, he becomes much
easier to work with. Once we no longer see his hard lessons and process coming ‘at us from outside’ thus feel like his victim, we can recognize his interior process within our own psyche as the periodic need to take responsibility for building structure and form in our lives.

Read on for insights into using Saturn in Cap for your personal evolution and check your horoscopes as well. Whatever house in your Horoscope he is transiting becomes focalized as you either reap rewards if you’ve been a good kid and already mastered lessons here, or are confronted by your fear of success in this area. If you’re up for a good review of this then why not book in for a session with me?

Here is his Temple in the Roman Forum, the largest and most impressive relic remaining from this time. Interesting with the Catholic Church in the pic behind as this is another classic Saturn motif. At the height of the power of this Church in mediaeval times were practiced the most hideous and repressive of punishments to those who dared to step beyond the doctrine. All done in the name of Saturn keeping everything under control and indeed the Roman Empire was a tad controlling also!

He comes to us as extreme right wing movements who use orthodoxy and religious fundamentalism as their keynote excuse for repressing Uranian enlightenment thought and action. Thus is perpetrated the belief that actions taken are fair and justified no matter how hideous, in the pursuit of order. Classic stuff...sounding familiar?

It’s very insightful to look back on the history of a cycle so let’s check the action from when Saturn began his 29/30 year new cycle in Aries. He can spend 2.5 or 3 years in a sign depending upon his closeness (perihelion) or distance (aphelion) from the Sun.

- Aries 1996 – Asian Credit Crisis & lead up to dot.com crisis of 1997
- Taurus 1999 – joined by Jupiter to start a new 20 year cycle driven by money and resources
- Gemini 2001 – when he opposed Pluto in Sagittarius 9/11 gave rise to current terror war
- Cancer 2003 – invasion of Iraq by coalition forces for control of oil
- Leo 2005 – Saddam Hussein killed as mid-east tensions intensify – Pres. Bush unpopular
- Virgo Sept 2007 - increased control by big pharma & GFC begins
- Libra Nov 2009 – rise of on-line social networking
- Scorpio Oct 2012 – increased surveillance industry
- Sagittarius Jan 2015 – spread of international terrorism – propaganda ‘fake news’
- **Capricorn Oct 2017** – This is the ¾ point in his cycle known as ‘the crisis of re-orientation’
- Aquarius Dec 2020
- Pisces March 2023
- Aries Feb 2026

Over the past 3 years, Saturn was in the fire sign of Sagittarius, doing his thing confronting us with the beliefs that drive fear and separation in our world. Fake news has always been with us but now it has
reached epic and farcical proportions as Saturn has brought us the best and worst of information technology.

Terrorism and holy wars have shocked the international community as refugee populations and extreme weather events have created seemingly insoluble problems. Yikes, it is enough to make you lose the faith isn’t it. Gotta love Saturn because believe it or not (pun intended) he has actually brought the REALITY of our broken system front and centre.

So the question becomes is there enough conscious intelligence and will power to use this next three years to activate radical changes in our government/economic systems. What will it take for the massive reality check we need...another recession/depression such as we have had in previous cycles?

I’m writing this in October 2017, as global stock markets are riding high, which is usually a ‘bubble’ stage in economic cycles. But I’m happy to admit that as ‘economic fundamentals’ have been highly manipulated since the GFC of 2008 it will be fascinating to see if “they” manage to keep kicking the bucket down the road with ever increasing levels of debt...

As we’ve seen with Uranus in Taurus about to revolutionize our economic systems as Saturn in Capricorn brings a reality check we are about to find out. Remember Astrology does not tell us what’s going to happen, rather provides many clues through historical research.

So how can you use Saturn in Capricorn for your growth and evolution?

The simple call is we all need to get very pragmatic about our responsibilities in every aspect of life. Ask yourself “What is outmoded and no longer serves me? How is my budget and am I wasting money on things I don’t really need because I’m caught up in the consumption bubble? How can I re-structure and conserve rather than waste and over-spend? Leave your credit card at home and carry cash and when that’s gone for the day you can’t spend any more right? Simple stuff that can make a big difference.

As I previously mentioned this can be a remarkable period of achievement and realization of goals if you are willing to really apply yourself. But we are not all meant to be a CEO or mega-magnate right? Depending on our horoscope makeup we are either into the big world achievement thing, or we are not...and that is perfectly OK. So don’t buy into having to go for it over the next 3 years if this is not in your natural makeup. Just apply yourself steadily to whatever goal you like to set.

Saturn in Cap reminds us that the ‘top of the mountain’ is the goal...whatever our mountain is meant to be for us...and that we must be nice to others on the way up in case we meet them on the way down lol. If we keep the mountaineering expedition metaphor going then we need others to help us reach the summit. It’s a team thing so we need to believe that we can ask for support and that this is strength and not a weakness. We also need to relax and enjoy the view along the way and share it with a friend!
Yes, the trick is to be ambitious and dream big without setting up “oh my God this is so hard”. Saturn has a few classic core beliefs and they are all to do with ‘success’ and ‘life being hard’.

The ‘fear of success fear of failure’ tape goes something like this: If I make it that’s a problem because I have to keep it up, and if I don’t make it that’s a problem because I’m a failure. In therapy, I recommend if a big goal makes you uncomfortable then set a small goal and achieve that before you move onto larger things. This way you build confidence and self-esteem and can grow bit by bit rather than setting yourself up to fail with an un-realistic dream/goal.

Saturn is by nature a pessimist and will drive us to exhaustion if we let him. So tell him to take a hike if you are feeling his weight on your shoulder pushing you beyond a reasonable level of work. Remind him he will get more out of you when you take time to have a rest to allow inspiration and emotional wellness. He is also a rigid guy and way too serious and over-responsible for people who won’t take responsibility for their own outcomes. So watch out for this as you encourage those around you, without controlling or limiting them with messages that they are not competent or capable of creating their own success.

On that note serious Saturn in Capricorn can be hard and unfeeling and hates to seem helpless or weak, or see weakness in others for that matter! So the opposite sign brings us the ‘shadow’ of Cancer where we must feel our vulnerabilities and nurture them! Your mantra is “It’s safe for me to create success without struggle and to enjoy the ride”.

Previous Saturn in Capricorn Cycles

1988/92 Fall of the Berlin Wall ends USSR & births new Russian era - Protests in Peking heavily repressed – global recession

1959/62 Height of Cold War – Kennedy defeated Nixon to become President – global recession followed by new era

1929/32 Great Depression and rise of Fascist dictators in Europe and Japan

1898/98 Global depression and arrival of the inventions that would drive the 21stC

Saturn in Capricorn and the Changing Face of Geopolitical Power
As we see from previous Saturn in Cap periods, they bring recession or depression followed by periods of major economic growth. In previous cycles before 1989/92 Britain and the USA were the global powers whose economies drove the business cycles, and whose leaders set policies for ‘global carve-ups’ after WWI and WWII for better or worse depending on your point of view.

But all that is about to change. To gain a true insight into the unfolding drama of the global shake-up on the way we need to understand the history of the USA and the Petro$ system. Here goes...
After the 1959/62 period, the USA became pre-eminent as the power of the British Empire declined after losing the Pound as the global reserve currency in 1944, and the 1960’s became the most productive decade in American history as the Cold War with Russia intensified. The ‘American Dream’ was in full swing with industrial might and increasing involvement in global politics, leading to the disastrous Vietnam/Cambodian War as the ‘Peace Movement’ was born. And the USA was in debt!

The 1944 Bretton Woods Agreement decided that the USA$ would become the global reserve currency backed by a Gold Standard of $35 per ounce. So when the USA overspent and didn’t have the Gold reserves to pay other countries when they asked for it, Nixon & Kissinger made the fateful decision for the whole world in 1971 of removing the US$ from the Gold standard. So now, they could just print money to simulate their economy.

Then in 1973, middle eastern oil producers formed OPEC and they imposed the Oil Embargo on the west. So The Bilderberg Group, Dutch Royals, Kissinger, Rothschild’s and other big movers and shakers, got together and created the Petro$ system. The deal was simple.

In exchange for military protection from their neighbours plus arms/munitions and technology, Saudi Arabia just had to accept payment for their oil in US$...from everyone! It didn’t take long for the other oil producing nations to get in on the deal, and so was born a massive earning system for the USA as oil production was vital to global industry and became big business! Dollars for Gold became Dollars for Oil.

As the demand for oil grew so did the demand for the US$ which the Fed happily kept printing, subsequently increasing the value of US assets. Understanding the petrodollar system helps make sense of the 700 U.S. military bases stationed in over 130 countries! When Saddam Hussein announced his intention to switch from Petro$ to PetroEuro the US led invasion of Iraq soon put an end to this, and yes 9/11 was a terrific excuse, plus created a whole new oil supply for the USA. France, Russia and China have not been happy ever since as they had large contracts for Iraqi oil.

In 2017, the Chinese opened the Shanghai Gold Exchange and created ‘Crude Oil Futures’ for their markets. They also struck a deal with Saudi Arabia for $65 Billion for trade/energy and technology as part of their New Silk Road scheme and purchased a major share in Saudi Aramco. BTW this is one of the new alliances formed in 2017 when Jupiter was in Libra!

And over the last few years, Russia & China are seeking to form a new political reality for the whole region based on the fact that the Arabian countries are closer to the shared values of Asia. So they are forging new alliances that threaten the old Petro$ system.
This starts making sense of the current shake-up in Saudi Arabia as a battle between the old Saudi petro$ faction and the new Crown Prince Mohammed and his desire to align with the ‘resistance block’ as it has been named (resistant to USA/Saudi/Israel/allies block).

Trouble is despite the positive spin on the Crown Prince MBS modernizing his country and cleaning up corruption, his recent Coup to depose his uncle who is C.I.A friendly is actually a factional battle, which has yet to be completed! BTW, his Coup and ousting of 11 princes (cousins) and many high ranking officials and taking their billions of wealth happened only days after an unannounced unofficial visit of Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner! Prince MBS is also not winning popularity as his war in Yemen is causing a humanitarian crisis. It is all very complicated...

OK so stay with me here for one more vital ingredient in this unfolding game of thrones. Since the drop in the price of oil plus glut in supply, Saudi has been struggling to maintain their social services and been borrowing heavily. Hence their deal with China. Ah no surprise that the US admin will pull out all stops to avoid this as once Russia and China start trading in their new PetroYuan then it’s curtains for large earnings for the USA from the Petro$. Get it? Here’s a bit of background from New Yorker article

This is where things get tricky. If the USA is in open rivalry for Saudi Petro$ earnings with China/Russia this can escalate into conflict, giving rise to the call by a number of observers that not just a currency war but heavier outcomes may by on the way over this next Saturn in Capricorn period.

Then there’s the theory that these escalating tensions are being deliberately orchestrated to create the removal of the Petro$ system and conflict between USA & China/Russia to bring about the next great economic meltdown.

In the 1997 crisis, the banks bailed out the insolvent funds. In the 2008 crisis, the government bailed out the banks. In the next crisis, the only body that will have the funds to bail out the governments is the World Bank SDR (Special Drawing Rights) or world-currency. Ah so is this the One World Government plot finally being hatched? If things become too unstable and financially dire, the people will say yes please! Are we about to enter the End Game?

The Elite banksters are very clever and have been at work since 1954 when the Bilderberg Group was formed to create a One World Government. Quite how we as individuals are going to respond to this complex unfolding story is the question, especially since most people haven’t got a clue how the chess board works let alone what moves the Kings and Bishops are about to make.

It’s also interesting to reflect here on the previous Saturn Cap period 1989/92 when the ‘Berlin Wall’ came down issuing in a new phase of business activity as China and Russia joined the global game. If we get pragmatic about this, it was simply an opening up of both these markets to a fresh wave of Capitalist growth agendas.

Then came the mid-90s dot.com revolution as Uranus in his own sign of Aquarius activated the www igniting a completely new phase in global connectivity…and market trading. So the global corporate
capitalist/communist system had a fabulous new mechanism for wealth creation for those who were smart enough...at the top of the food chain...to take advantage of. Since then it has all been out of control. It is all about money...with lip service to humanistic outcomes. Meanwhile governments around the world are in disarray and meltdowns for various reasons, with clear messages from the electorates of widespread disillusionment of current policies and leaders.

2017 also brought us the looming spectre of nuclear war as North Korea and USA go head to head in an escalation of tension. So who is about to play out what with whom? I don’t know but I’m holding on to my seat for the next act!

And the most recent act of provocation from President Trump declaring Jerusalem Israel’s’ capital adds another layer of complexity to the unfolding 2018 possibilities. Is this also the influence of Jared Kushner who is of the Jewish faith. He is a Capricorn and Pluto is about to join his Sun for the next 2 years, which brings great power or destruction depending on the ‘Soul orientation’ of this ambitious young man.

And let’s not forget the growing unfolding drama as revelations of sexual and financial misconduct by stars and politicians and financial institutions bring these long term ‘secrets’ up onto the front burner at last. Yes, the 2018 show is about to get very interesting as our society begins to demand the return of moral integrity in every aspect of our world.

With the birth of the #metoo and #blacklivesmatter movements, 2018 is the year that will begin turning the tide of the old patriarchal ways of operating!

It is also wise to get very clear that the geo-political axis of power is shifting as Chinese and Russian influence overshadows the winding down of the USA as the major global superpower.

**Saturn in Capricorn and Regulations...**

Saturn loves nothing better than regulations and when he is in Capricorn, he has a field day! The upside of ‘regulation’ offers healthy constraints to better manage conduct in every aspect of worldly activity, hence Saturn’s role as ‘lawmaker’ and judge. The downside brings us totalitarian control or repressive regulation that disempowers individuals and groups of people.

We have already experienced lots of this since Pluto entered Capricorn in 2008 and the corrupt systems began to collapse, but rather than punish or ‘regulate’ the people who brought about the GFC not a SINGLE authority figure has ever been prosecuted. The ‘regulatory authorities’ actually decided to make things worse (telling us they are making it better) with endless ‘fiscal stimulus’ that has made the top 1% wealthier than ever as the middle and lower classes have paid the bills through taxation...without any say in the matter.
The trouble for the ‘regulatory authorities’ is that huge numbers of people are wising up to this, and forgive me if I repeat myself but these are the same conditions that were around before the American and French revolutions...one whole 250 year Pluto cycle ago! As everyday people become more and more disillusioned with our governments and corporate systems, we are heading toward an ‘accounting’...another one of Saturn’s favourite words.

At best, these next 3 years offer a fantastic opportunity to right the wrongs of a vast trove of horrible inequities. After this section you can read on to learn about Jupiter in Scorpio, but for now he needs a mention as it is since October last year that he has been revealing the hidden agendas of “sex, power and money” in our culture. This is of course Scorpios favourite territory and provides the ingredients for Saturn’s next round of regulations and karmic accounting...we hope!

The publication of the “Paradise Papers” in November 2017 revealed that trillions are still being siphoned off by wealthy individuals (including the Queen) to dodge tax in the most shadowy places in the global economy. Here’s the link to our ABC Four Corners Report This has all been set up and normalised for so long, so the question becomes will anything be done to regulate or prosecute?

Ex British PM Gordon Brown, “It’s one of today’s greatest injustices, allowing the richest to stand aside while the rest of us pay for health, education, and protecting the most vulnerable. But now we have a chance to stop it -- through an international agreement that outlaws tax havens and imposes penalties and prison sentences on tax evaders. And the G20, the leaders of the world's biggest economies, can make it happen. Please join me in signing this open letter to Argentine President Mauricio Macri, chair of the G20 -- if a million of us sign, I will personally deliver it to him, asking him and other G20 leaders to take urgent action to finish the job we began in 2009.’ At last count, they are up to 1.14M signatures.

It is time for we the people to demand that the noble classes are held to account in our society!

Then there is the matter of the biggest companies in the world not paying their fair share of tax. I am using this illustration that applies to the USA; however, this is a global phenomenon. Why are ‘corporations’ governed by a separate set of laws from the rest of us? And are we not complicit if we hold shares in the companies that do this?

The expectation of ‘transparency’ is now arising as the obvious outcome of ever-wider exposure of so many old ‘normal’ secret deals and back stage manipulations. What a fun ride we are in for over the next 3 years.

Some very big heads are about to roll my friends...a bit like the old times in the 1520s when Saturn joined Pluto in Capricorn under Henry VIII.

We have just had the release in Australia of a 5-year ‘investigation’ of institutional sexual abuse and the paper is damming to say the least. But it is a “Royal Commission” without power to effect change. That will be up to our Government to respond to the ‘recommendations’. I hope you can access this link to the ABC Doco “Undeniable” or if not this article covers it I listened to an interview with a survivor in
Ireland who said that despite a similar report there in 2011 that absolutely nothing has been done to prosecute...interesting.

With all due respect to my Catholic friends and readers why is it that this group of supposedly celibate cabal of old men have the power to continue to not protect the innocent under the ‘sanctity of the confessional’? BTW, not just governments and corporations are up for major overhauls. Religious institutions are also in the firing line as Saturn confronts the inbuilt protective systems that allow them to operate with impunity regardless of their misdemeanours.

In fact, as a result of that same period in the 1520s when Henry VIII was lopping heads the Protestant Church was born leading to one of the bloodiest periods in history! Hence my title for this 2018 report “Welcome to the Reformation”!

The Banking Sector is also up for grabs as Banks scramble to assure their clients that they are squeaky clean once more after revelations of money laundering and dangerous financial advice and why you should put your money there when interest rates are non-existent. The biggest elephant in the room is still the gazillion$ debts they carry from shonky derivatives trading.

In recent decades, it seems we have begun to allow the lunatics to run the asylum, as both political and financial leaders seem intent on destroying true wealth creation. Wealth is now generated in thin air along fiber optic cables (based on algorithms) in massive transactions traded between all the nations on earth regardless of their political persuasion. During the 1990’s the new economic product known as ‘derivatives’ entered the money making system.

“A derivative is a legal bet (contract) that derives its value from another asset, such as the future or current value of oil, government bonds or anything else. A derivative buys you the option (but not obligation) to buy oil in 6 months for today’s price/any agreed price, hoping that oil will cost more in future. (I'll bet you it'll cost more in 6 months). Derivative can also be used as insurance, betting that a loan will or won’t default before a given date. So it’s a big betting system, like a Casino, but instead of betting on cards and roulette, you bet on future values and performance of practically anything that holds value. The system is not regulated what-so-ever, and you can buy a derivative on an existing derivative.

Most large banks try to prevent smaller investors from gaining access to the derivative market on the basis of there being too much risk. The Derivative market has blown a galactic bubble, just like the real estate bubble or stock market bubble (that's going on right now). Since there is literally no economist in the world that knows exactly how the derivative money flows or how the system works, while derivatives are traded in microseconds by computers, we really don’t know what will trigger the crash or when it will happen, but considering the global financial crisis this system is in for tough times that will be catastrophic for the world financial system, since the 9 largest banks hold a total of $500 trillion in Derivatives - Approximately 3 times the entire world economy. No government in the world has money for this bailout.”  http://www.businessinsider.com/new-york-fed-derivatives-500-trillion-market-2017-5?IR=T

The losses incurred through this trading system are responsible for the Global Financial Crisis that began in 2008. Governments, thus tax payers, then ‘bailed out’ these banks (by printing money) as they were ‘too big to fail’. The banks then used the bailouts to further fund their employee bonuses and invest in more derivatives trading, which have grown massively since the 2008 crisis. Once again, this is bizarre stuff as the bubble continues to grow, no one is made accountable and the media says nothing!
Trump originally expressed interest in re-instating the “Glass Steagall” policy that separates personal and global banking but this is one promise we are still waiting for. The Glass-Steagall Act was passed by Congress in 1933 to prohibit commercial banks from engaging in the investment business. It was enacted as an emergency response to the failure of nearly 5,000 banks during the Great Depression. It was repealed in 1999 by the Clinton administration and since then we have seen the global debt system soar!

What we need is legislation to contain and begin dismantling the ‘derivatives market’ AND re-instating the Glass Steagall policy to separate private and commercial banking! This is logical, sensible and begins to make the banking sector accountable for incurring massive debt through speculative gambling with OUR money, and then expecting US to BAIL them out!

The other biggie is demanding transparency from “off shore banks” where our illustrious wealthy store their money so they do not have to pay tax. I mentioned this previously when I discussed Jupiter in Scorpio’s revelation of ‘The Panama Papers’.

**Taxation Reform in the USA**  
As I am writing this on Dec 21st news arrived that Trump’s ‘largest taxation reform since the late 1980s’ bill has just passed. This is on THE DAY that Saturn entered Capricorn! The previous reform was enacted the last time Saturn was in Capricorn! Gotta luv Astrology...

The only people popping corks in Washington are the 1% at the top who are delighted. Despite claims that this stimulates the economy for everyone, the reality is that “trickle-down economics” has been shown to be a failed model since the 1990s!

Our Conservative Aussie Treasurer is already singing up for the same process here, as they don’t want to miss the boat. He informs us this will happen in the next budget...yep time to give the people at the top here a break too, while our ‘homeless count’ continues to grow at an alarming rate. If this is the signature of Saturn in Cap thus far, there is a good chance this will be the case in all conservative systems globally. I wonder how long the peasants will continue to be happy ‘eating cake’ when they can’t afford to feed themselves while the boys at the top are playing in their Lear jets?

**Another interesting ‘moment’ today is** Trump’s new executive order claiming a national emergency due to serious human rights abuse and corruption in the world and the USA. It is actually very insightful to read the list of people and countries named, and at face value looks like an important attempt to clean up some awful people and illegal practices in Africa and South America. I wonder why there is no mention of any people or companies in the USA...lol. It talks about contracts awarded to cronies in many other countries, so what about IRAQ and Cheney & cronies company Halliburton, or Trump and his family? Just saying...
Another biggie or course is Brexit and whether the EU Elite will let Britain leave. In these times of radical polarization, events are either heading towards curtains for the EU over the next three years, or Saturn & Pluto will ‘regulate’ it into greater central control than ever with the SDR World Currency...maybe?

**Other Major Players Over Coming Years**

This next cycle from Saturn in Cap also brings **revolutionary Uranus into the money and resources game, as he is about to enter the financial sign of Taurus in May 2018** for the first time in 84 years as already discussed. Bells and whistles on this one!

Uranus has done his maverick progressive wildcard thing over the past 7 years happily disrupting and innovating our world through the sign of Aries, as he gave birth to a whole new 84 year cycle since the late 1920’s. We now have ‘artificial intelligence’ and robots, ‘metadata’, plans for rockets to Mars and ‘block chain technology’...fabulous...but we also have complexity and superficiality as never before as he manifested the ingredients for our future world straight out of science fiction.

So as Uranus moves into Taurus for the next 7 years he brings his ‘awakening change agent’ force into earthy practical bull territory so it is all about security and resources, and the values that drive our personal and global systems. Uranian technology has brought us the ‘blockchain’ technology that will host the cryptocurrency revolution on the way over the next 7 years. And as Taurus literally rules the earth, we are also set for a fresh enlightenment of our collective attitude to nature and the ecosystems that drive her.

**He forms a positive trine with Saturn in August/September 2018** paving the way for the much-needed reform and a fresh wave of regulations toward a sustainable new earth paradigm (I hope!)

Uranus in Taurus brings us the first taste of the fabulous shifts in store from late 2020 when Saturn moves into Aquarius (with Jupiter as they begin a new 20 year cycle), and the Aquarian ideals will begin to be realized i.e. major humanitarian reformation! And then this is followed by transformer Pluto also entering Aquarius in 2024. Yes folks ever more amazing and startling revolutionary and technological advances are on the way.

But first we have to get through this Saturn in Capricorn period 2017-2020, and it sure may be fraught with some tension as the old world view is finally brought to account for the misuse and abuse of people and our planet.

**Saturn & Pluto in Capricorn**

The other hugely important ingredient in the mix over the next few years is **good old transformer Pluto who has also been in Capricorn since 2008**. So before he moves into Aquarius, **Saturn will catch up with Pluto and they meet together from December 2020**.

This will be one of the most significant conjunctions of our era and sets the stage until 2053! Saturn/Pluto share a 38-year cycle together and their combined archetypes bring us “the Plutonic empowering and **intensifying of the Saturn impulse towards conservative reaction or repression.**”
The previous Saturn/Pluto conjunction in Libra period 1981-84 brought us the conservative Reagan & Thatcher admins with their agenda for ‘Globalization’ and ‘free market economy’ to reward industry at the expense of sovereign and humanitarian rights, and the waning period of the old USSR system as the Polish regime repressed the Solidarity Movement. Major repressive figures of this era include Philippines Ferdinand Marcos, Pinochet in Chile and Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

A recession in the United States began in July 1981 and ended in November 1982. One cause was the Federal Reserve's contractionary monetary policy, which sought to rein in the high inflation. In the wake of the 1973 oil crisis and the 1979 energy crisis, stagflation began to afflict the economy.

BTW, Saturn joins the Sun in Cap & Pluto in Cancer in the Federal Reserve chart every 29 years and this is about to happen in December 2017! (Read on for the Fed Chart and the other big guys USA & UK & Australia & China who are about to be triggered by Saturn in Cap).

And let us not forget the massive global re-arrangement when Saturn & Pluto met in 1947-8 when they were in Leo, as Israel and Palestine AND India and Pakistan AND North & South Korea were created! Is it any wonder with this archetypal signature these countries have endured such tremendous stress to this day! For goodness sake when are global policy makers going to consult a good astrologer to set a horoscope for positive outcomes?

Then there’s the September 1914/15 Saturn Pluto conjunction in Cancer which brought us WW1 and the Russian Revolution, after which the empires of Europe were re-shaped, giving birth to the excessive times of the ‘Roaring Twenties’ in the West leading up to the Great Depression of 1929/32 when Saturn was yes...you guessed it...in Capricorn!

So as Saturn in Cap heads toward this meeting with Pluto in late 2020s get set for another wave of conservative agendas in all areas of our lives, including tax cuts for the rich, while we are told this is good for the little people as it stimulates the economy.

Also in a religious context, we can expect heightened ‘fundamentalism’ and the rise of extreme right wing movements. The 1929/32 cycle brought us German, Italian & Japanese Fascism, and the 1959/62 cycle the height of the Cold War.

I have read reports from a number of Astrologers expressing concern for a major war as a possibility during this period. 2017 has already brought us heightened tensions from North Korea as they develop their nuclear capability with direct threat to the USA and Japan. We also have a fresh wave of tension between the USA and Russia as the Trump and Clinton fiasco plays out with accusations of collusion on both sides with ‘the bad guys’. Yep gotta have some bad guys that is how the game works.

So there is plenty of excuses for war right now! And as ever, it is all about the military/industrial complex continuing to drive our poor world under the auspices of protecting us from the very threats they create. Oh pleeeze when are people going to wake up and say NO to this hideous system?
A Rare Triple Conjunction of Jupiter & Saturn & Pluto in Capricorn 2020...

Now let’s bring Jupiter into the story as he’s becomes a major player by 2020 when he also joins with Saturn to begin their new 20 year cycle. Indeed when Saturn and Pluto meet in December 2020, they are joined by Jupiter.

So, that’s a triple conjunction triggering a new 20 year Jupiter/Saturn AND a new 38 year Saturn/Pluto AND a new 12 year Jupiter/Pluto cycle. Whoosh! This will have a profound effect on the global economy & governments due to the extreme concentration of planets in earth signs, as Uranus is also in Taurus.

Thanks to Astrologer Roy Gillette (England) for his research on this rare conjunction, which has not happened in Capricorn since 1st Dec 2866BCE...nearly 5000 years ago!

This was the period of the 4th Dynasty in Egypt with the Great Pyramids of Giza AND the beginning of civilization in the Indus Valley...semital periods to say the least!

This is beyond exciting my friends as it offers our world a massive opportunity to deal with our material world issues to begin to create a whole NEW PARADIGM in human affairs. This initiates a truly ‘epoch changing’ transformational period when the big bosses of the Solar System demand that we ‘get our act together’ and begin to take responsibility!

Welcome to the Age of Aquarius!

But there’s more! Five weeks after Jupiter/Saturn meet in Cap with Pluto, both Jupiter and Saturn change sign into Aquarius...together. So, this is another brand new 20 year Jupiter/Saturn cycle, but in the revolutionary sign of Aquarius!

So it’s like the zeitgeist may ‘bring us to the brink’ as it triggers this massive new stimulus to get our earth stuff together (economy Governments etc) and then a fresh impulse of innovative action arrives to stimulate the progressive change via Aquarius. This is why I mentioned previously, the first true dawning of the Age of Aquarius, as Pluto also enters this sign of social and humanitarian freedom by 2024.

Long Term 960 year Jupiter/Saturn Cycles are Amazing... Now here’s another startling piece of research from Astrologer Wendy Stacey (England) who explains the longer-term cycles of these two “social planets” over a 960-year cycle! This is broken up into 4 periods of 240 years in each element. These “Grand Mutation” cycles underpin the very nature of society’s focus during these 240-year periods.

We are now completing 240 years in Earth signs that began in 1802 in Virgo & continued through Earth signs every 20 years, hence the primary focus on money/resources/wealth/controlling/owning/security
feature of the past 240 years! We had a big hint of the Air cycle now on the way with the conjunction of Jupiter/Saturn in Libra in 1980, setting the tone for social and human rights over the next 20 years, but then we had a final blast of the earth cycle with the May 2000 conjunction in Taurus. (This is how planet cycles operate, as they step into a new sign/element and then retro back one more time to complete the old cycle before full arrival into the new cycle...kind of like the retrograde motion principle.

Yes folks for the first time since 1226 we are about to begin a new 960 year cycle of these conjunctions in Air Signs. Back in 1226 there was an enlightened King by the name of Alfonso of Castile who revolutionized his time by bringing together the ‘books’ or teachings of the Christians & Jews & Muslims to create one Universal Law and judicial system.

He was known as ‘the wise one’ whose central tenant was ‘one world people language’, and the creation of the Castilian language went on to become Spanish. So his ‘seeding’ of universal principles’ is totally Aquarian! I find it fascinating that current unrest in Spain comes from the Catalan group/culture and their resentment of unjust Spanish legislation. Regardless of the wisdom of Catalan independence, it contains the spirit of the time.

From 2021, the very nature of our primary collective focus will begin to shift to a completely new set of values, urges and drives. Whereas we’ve been driven by insecurity and ownership and defence of resources over the past 240 years, the Air principles of sharing knowledge and ideas, inventiveness, people’s rights, originality, fairness and equality take us to a whole new level of human evolution...and not before time!

Physically our energies move from the dense earth magnetisms that are attracted to meat and sugar to the air magnetism which is not very ‘foodie’ at all, and may have trouble remembering to eat! As Aquarius rules the central nervous system, our challenge will be to actually eat well and stay calm and focused!

Aquarian objectivity and detachment will replace the emotional insecurities of our current era passing away, as whereas it’s been all about owning things/houses/people I suspect it will be a great relief to not want to own anything!!! The progressive humanistic ideals of Aquarius first released in the 1780s are now finally set to be anchored into our collective. Yay!

I also suspect we’re in for further desire for breaking away from centralized government and failed banking systems as Uranus in Taurus forms a challenging square to the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction in December 2020... Bye bye EU and hello return to individual groups and communities taking responsibility for their own innovation into healthy economies and outcomes.

Yes folks we finally get to become ‘The Jetsons’...the much loved family from the iconic cartoons released in September 1962 right at the beginning of the revolutionary Uranus/Pluto conjunction and with Saturn in Aquarius...gotta luv Astrology!
There’s lots of fear these days that the robot economy will displace millions of workers in the near future. But what about the new industries that will spring up to produce sustainable goods and services?

Echoes here of the fears of ‘the machines’ in the early industrial era in Britain, which quickly gave way to a new era that changed the fabric of society at that time! This is why we must get in early and start innovating our possibilities beyond our current ‘box’, as I explained in the Uranus in Taurus section.

Architecture and engineering is in for a fabulous period of innovation with cities in the sky, high-speed air and land travel, and yes robots becoming part of everyday life. Both Saudi Arabia and Japan have just given citizenship to a robot in recent months for goodness sake!

Apparently, by 2028 or so we’ll be able to upload our brain to a cloud file and download features we’d like to have! So if you want to learn French you just check in and have it downloaded...cool. However of course it is not cool in the sense that we’re going to need a great deal of responsibility to use and manage all this stuff. The rate of change will accelerate so quickly that artificial intelligence AI, genetic engineering and robotics will amalgamate into a completely new revolutionary phase of human possibilities!

Personally I’m loving that Astrology will finally become accepted once more after nearly a thousand years doing its thing in the background, while we passed through the big dark age of the 1000s stumbling around in the dark! I’m also thinking of the great 5,000-year cycle from early Egyptian times when the study of the heavens gave birth to Astrology as the greatest Science of all. As Above SO Below.

Anyway I could go on and on but this little report is getting way out of hand, so let’s move on to some Horoscopes for my Astrologer friends out there as we explore the impact of Saturn in Capricorn.
Horoscopes of Interest – USA – Donald Trump - The FED –Australia – Great Britain – China

And for all of you let’s start with the man of the moment...yes Horoscope for Mr. Trump.

Inner Wheel -Natal Donald Trump
14th June 1946 @ 10.54am Queens NY
Outer Wheel –Progressed 24th Jan 2018

During 2017 Saturn in Sagittarius was on his Moon and opposite his Sun & Uranus in Gemini bringing great force to his ‘split’ personality as he tweeted and blustered his way through offending just about everyone but his GOP backers.

He also received the full blast of the Great American Eclipse in Leo right on his Mars and Ascendant bringing his megalomania to epic proportions as his country suffered the worst disasters in recent history.

The outer wheel shows a slow timing system called “progressions” where the Moon completes a cycle in 28 years. In Jan 2018 the Moon joins his Pluto in Leo in his 12th House of ‘self-undoing’ - the last time this occurred in 1990 he filed for bankruptcy and his wife filed for divorce.

We also see Prog Saturn EXACTLY CONJUNCT his Prog Midheaven – it has taken his whole life for this to perfect. On the one hand it shows his ‘supreme authority’ right now but also suggests a possible major restriction to his career or sudden reversal of fortune.

In March Jupiter in Scorpio stations at the base of his chart for a once in 12-year visit + triggers his Saturn in Cancer. Typically this brings a period of focus on personal life and family rather than career and can bring changes in residence.

As Mars enters Aquarius for 6 months in May it brings sudden changes to his 6th House of ‘daily work’ with exact opposition to the Pluto in June July & 11th October. As ever Astrology shows us cycles and indicators but can’t tell us what will happen. Once again, we shall see especially in light of potential sexual misconduct charges.
The FED is a private consortium of banks that loan money to the US Government at compounding interest and also sets interest rates. Americans believe their government must borrow what it spends thus creating ever-rising debt.

Thus the banks who own the FED make more and more money from the American people as the debt burden rises. Surely this is a flawed system?

BTW this is how ALL CENTRAL BANKS operate, which is why countries are so burdened with ever greater debt as they have been encouraged to borrow money over the past decades.

As Saturn enters Cap on Dec 21st 2017 he opposes Pluto in Cancer – then joins the Sun in the first week of Jan 2018 & again in Sept– previous cycle in Feb 1988 just after the 1987 crash.

Jupiter in Scorpio is on the top of the chart from Jan to August – previous cycle in 2006 in build up to 2007/8 crash.

Then we have Uranus in Taurus arriving for the first time in 84-years also triggering both Pluto and the Sun in June for the first time and then throughout 2019. We have already seen how Uranus in Taurus will trigger sudden and revolutionary financial shifts. The last time Uranus was in this position was 1934/5 when President Roosevelt created ‘The New Deal’ to restart the US economy after the Great Depression (which was caused by the banks).

Pluto in Capricorn has been opposing Mars in Cancer since March 2017 and again in Jan 2018 then completes in Nov 2018. Then Pluto opposes Jupiter in 2019 & the Ascendant in 2020...joined by Saturn!

Here is a quote from respected financial astrologer Ray Merriman: “can’t help but wonder what central banks have planned for the very end of 2017. Might there be a return to a gold standard? It does seem likely that there will be a shift in banking practices soon after the December solstice. Pluto is then edging ever closer to the opposition to Mars in the chart for the Federal Reserve Bank. With Saturn simultaneously conjoining its Sun, it seems likely that it will take strong action. Pressure on its executive is likely to be great as it fights – perhaps – for its very survival.”

When President Wilson signed the Bill into law he later admitted ‘I have unwittingly ruined my country’.
During 2017, Saturn in Sagittarius opposed Mars in Gemini in the USA chart, as Uranus in Aries challenged Pluto in Cancer AND activated Moon in Aquarius. The resulting political upheaval civil unrest and natural disasters have been unprecedented in modern history.

From Jan 2018 Saturn has moved into Capricorn and begins to oppose Venus and Jupiter in Cancer to bring his re-structuring to core values and financial systems.

From Jan 2019 Saturn opposes the SUN in Cancer and challenges Saturn in Libra, bringing further deep reform of the essential identity PLUS international influence.

Then in 2020 Saturn challenges Mercury in Cancer AND Pluto in Capricorn. These are all HARD influences creating America’s ‘dark night of the soul’ as the pre-cursor to Pluto returning to his natal place in 2022 after 246 years. The USA will re-invent itself!

The high times of 2017 came from transiting Uranus in Aries joining the Moon & Saturn opposite transiting Jupiter in Libra joining Jupiter & Neptune. Pluto has also been empowering Mars in Virgo.

Transiting Pluto in Cap forms challenging square to the Moon from Feb 2018 to Nov 2019, and then in 2019 to 2020 Pluto squares Jupiter in Libra. Neither of these combos has ever happened before since 1792!

Solar Eclipse Feb 2018 in Aquarius makes exact challenging square to the Sun in Taurus. Eclipses bring major turning points and gear changes.

Then Saturn joins Pluto to form the same aspects in 2019 to 2020! These are all extremely challenging triggers and as Pluto creates death/rebirth scenarios the NYSE may be in for a wide ride over the next three years!
Oz has just spent the last 3 years with transiting Saturn passing over the SIX planets in Sagittarius in our horoscope. This has tested our relationships with both USA as our main ‘protector’ ally and China as our major trading partner.

Australia has a decision to make: disrupt that potential as the flag-bearer for an outdated Anglo-American order, or forge our own pathway towards a future of economic development, achieving true independence along the way.

From March 2018 Saturn in Cap returns to his natal position and also joins the Sun (and trines Mars in Virgo) for his once in 29 year visit.

His previous cycle here is 1989 saw the collapse of several large corporations, including Equiticorp, Hooker Corporation & Qintex-Fitzgerald inquiry reveals illegal activities and associated police misconduct in Qld - Central Australia experiences worst flooding since white settlement - damaging 2-month airline pilots' strike – Labour PM Bob Hawke reformed his party.

The UK has Moon in Cancer @ 19 degrees. Pluto in Capricorn has been opposing this since 2017 continuing through 2018. This underpins the death/rebirth process of this amalgam of countries. Yes Brexit & Teresa Mays’ struggle.

Also in 2018 Saturn in Capricorn now joins the Sun for his once in 29-year visit with the previous cycle in 1989 as Maggie Thatcher’s iron grip is waning...she is defeated in 1990 - fears of a recession are deepened by the economy’s overall growth rate dropping to 1.7%, the lowest since 1981.

Saturn also challenges Uranus in Libra in early Jan 2018 suggesting a sudden shift in alliances & Uranus in Taurus from May 2018 begins to challenge Jupiter in Leo suggested sudden changes in leadership. This aspect continues through to Jan 2020.
China has Venus in Scorpio @ 19 degrees so Pluto in Cap has been forming a positive sextile during 2017 and into 2018. This is a classic signature for the growing financial power and influence of late.

Pluto will join Jupiter in Capricorn in 2019 through 2020 suggesting a major growth of influence.

Meanwhile Saturn in Capricorn forms a square to the Sun in Libra from March through Nov 2018 suggesting challenges or re-structuring for their geopolitical alliances.

Then in 2019 Uranus in Taurus forms a square to Moon in Aquarius suggesting major shakeups and unexpected changes to their political system...not sure what this could mean but it's pretty big.

When Uranus was in Aquarius on the Moon in 1996/97 China regained Hong Kong and launched a major new economic phase and began to rise in power on the global stage.

Modern Russia also has a Capricorn Sun @ 3 degrees so Saturn in Capricorn will join this from Jan through to Oct 2018. Once again a major reset is on the way with prior history from 1989 when the soviet bloc ended!

Jupiter in Scorpio joins Pluto & Venus in their 2nd House of money from Jan through to October 2018 amping up the financial power plays I have previously mentioned.

From 2019 Uranus in Taurus forms positive connection with both Sun in Capricorn and Moon in Virgo, potentially auguring a huge series of changes, which can bring either great reform or their political power rising to new levels of influence.
Jupiter in Scorpio – Oct 11\textsuperscript{th} 2017 to Nov 8\textsuperscript{th} 2018

Embracing our Dragon!!

Well our big friend has certainly kept us on our toes over the last year as he stormed through Libra hasn’t he? Famous for his tendency to amplify and bring to extremes the affairs of the sign he’s traversing, he sure didn’t disappoint as he stirred up all levels of RELATIONSHIP dynamics both personal and global.

With his keywords of “expansion - opportunity - growth - luck – wisdom – knowledge - good fortune” it’s interesting to look for these in the bizarre events of the 2017 Trump Presidency year, as we have also experienced the extremes of both weather calamities and global terrorism events that have shocked the world into a fresh wave of fear and confusion.

And as he joined Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn in the revolutionary transforming ‘Zap Zone’ of the 2010s we’ve also experienced the extremely polarized and divided world in which we live. So here we see his backhanded ‘gift’ through his revelation that we can no longer divide and conquer, or support a system that continues to sustain division and separation!

There has been a powerful seed of change planted during Jupiter/Uranus/Pluto in 2017. Now we just wait and keep nurturing the seed for 3 years until he reaches Aquarius, when some major shoots will begin to arise in the collective!

So what’s next as he dives deep into the powerful water sign of Scorpio? Well if his process in Libra has offered us the opportunity to expand our capacity to attract healthy relationships, by showing us what is no longer acceptable in our leaders and personal partners, then here’s to him taking us to a much healthier version of power.

This is after all the bottom line theme of Scorpio, the sign of death and re-birth where we confront the deepest, darkest features of our personal and collective nature and learn to love and embrace our inner dragons!!

Before we get to the Scorpio ingredients let’s take a minute to review the current Jupiter cycle since he entered Aries back in 2010, so we can understand the power of his purpose in our lives in his 12-year cycle. Astrology is such a cool model once you really start working with the development process on offer!

• Stage 1 - This current Jupiter cycle began in mid-2010 when he entered Aries for a brand new cycle personally & collectively. Uranus also entered Aries for the first time in 84 years & Jupiter ignited this new revolutionary phase in technology & individual expression!
• **Stage 2** - Then mid-2011 when he was in Taurus we dealt with our core issues re our values & prosperity and added steady building to our initial seed of 2010.
• **Stage 3** - In mid-2012, he charged into Gemini and we experienced the arrival of a completely new set of technology and expanded our knowledge & connections to grow our lives.
• **Stage 4** - Then mid-2013 he took us into Cancer so we could heal our emotional safety and do the hard yards required to build safe foundations to underpin further progress.
• **Stage 5** - Mid-2014 as he powered into Leo he gave us the opportunity to step into our true individuality and ‘be free to be me’ and grow our creative confidence and courage.
• **Stage 6** - Between Aug 15 & Sept 16, he passed through Virgo offering the opportunity to develop practical plans & strategies to take our creative goodies forward, & health themes were prominent.
• **Stage 7** - He entered Libra in Sept 2016 & leaves 11th Oct 2017, bringing us PR and marketing for our projects, as we redefined partnerships to release old co-dependence issues & invite healthy support.
• **Stage 8** - He now steps into Scorpio from Oct 2017 to Nov 2018 bringing us themes of all things hidden & mysterious - “life/death/regeneration/sex/money/power”. Time for our SAFE POWER.
• **Stage 9** - He enters Sagittarius on 8th Nov 2018 until 3rd Dec 2019 opening an expansive fire period with themes of beliefs/writing/publishing/media/religion.
• **Stage 10** - He enters Capricorn Dec 2019 the sign of government/corporate systems, and joins Saturn in Capricorn to begin their new 20-year cycle in December 2020!
• **Stage 11** - He enters Aquarius also in Dec 2010 & again joins Saturn also just entering Aquarius the sign of social revolution & technology. SO they have 2 new cycles both coinciding in Dec 2020!
• **Stage 12** - He enters Pisces the sign of spiritual evolution, in Jan 2022 until Dec 2022 when he enters Aries to begin his new 12-year cycle.

![Ruled By Fixed Water]

**Naturally Rules**  
8th house - ‘I DESIRE’

**Symbol**  
THE SCORPION & EAGLE & DRAGON

**Physically rules**  
Regenerative Organs & Bowel

**Permission**  
“It is safe for me to be powerful”

**Keywords**  
+ Power, control, resources, regeneration, transformation, birth and death, sex and money, shared resources, legacies and inheritances, hidden matters thus the ‘occult’, research and investigation, the mysteries, internal unconscious psychological drivers, hidden depths, the shadow, emotional depth and safety, metapsychics or energy systems, sensitivty, vulnerability, intimacy, passion and emotional intensity, shamans and depth psychologists who support healing and transformation.
- Possessive, obsessive, controlling, seductive, psychopathic, betrayal, jealous, vengeful, destructive, manipulative, distrustful, pionsous, threatening, dark and secretive, the black magical arts, murderous, surveillance without consent, sexual predators, financial scams, family infighting over estates!

Poor old Scorpio is definitely one of the most misunderstood of the 12 Zodiac signs, with many a bad rap for tail stinging and obsessive controlling behaviours. If only people really understood the wonderful features of this fixed water sign, where we meet the most intense and sensitive levels of our feeling nature with such a capacity for vulnerable intimate connection both within and outside of our selves.

And this is of course why Scorp types are so very secretive and protective of their true nature, after all it’s dangerous to let ‘them’ see these qualities in our hard nosed world, so I’ll just protect myself with distance and control them...lol. And if I let them get close and they betray my trust then watch out!! Scorp is the second of the water signs, the first being Cancer where we meet the instinctve urge for emotional safety and security.

So if we are not ‘emotionally safe’ it’s a tall order to feel safe in our power in Scorpio. Hence the power and control themes that offer such a wide range of territory in our personal and global experience. So as Jupiter plunges into the deep waters of Scorpio over the next year we have an amazing opportunity for healing and renewal, by re-connecting with our feminine source energy that gives birth to inspiration and imagination.

I have always loved dragons so I really connected with the ‘Mother of Dragons’ in Game of Thrones, and as dragons are associated with the deepest contents of our unconscious I guess this has lots to do with why I’m so attracted to depth psychology and the processes of death and re-birth...

In the human psyche dragons symbolize a meeting ground in the imaginable world of the unlimited power and possibilities of the Creation Magic of which universes are born, together with the need to overcome, individually and collectively, the lower aspects of our nature while developing high moral character, integrity, honor, and nobility of motive.

So I’m seeing this Jupiter Scorpio year as a time to confront and heal the deepest darkest regions of our collective unconscious; to dig up and release the pain and anger that is affecting so many people as we pass through ‘the dark night of the Soul’ in our global evolutionary process. For my in-depth insights into this process read on to ‘Personal implications of Jupiter in Scorpio’.

**Jupiter makes very few major aspects with other planets over the next year, so his positive trine connection with Neptune in Pisces** is very important me thinks! Neptune as God of the Seas rules over the sign of Pisces where he has been travelling since 2012 through to 2026, heightening the spiritualizing process at work in our Zeitgeist over these years, as we struggle toward a more enlightened worldview beyond the greed and insecurities that run our material world.
Jupiter trine Neptune offers a sublime mystical and spiritual alignment to open our quest toward higher and more idealistic expression of the best of our human nature. After the intense events of recent times we may feel overwhelmed by the negativity and lack of inspiration and optimism, so please use this excellent opportunity to chillax a little and go within to seek fresh inspiration and regeneration re-engage your imaginations and ideals.

You see we are in a hiatus period in the 12-fold process, containing the seeds of re-birth just around the corner from late 2018 when Jupiter re-emerges from the underworld and strides into Sagittarius. Then we can jump on our trusty horse and head forward into our Heroic journey freshly empowered after releasing all our old unwanted emotional baggage! This does not mean that we do nothing until then...just that our doing is about learning how to be a being!

This highly idealistic combo of Jupiter with Neptune may prompt us to study spiritual and hidden matters, find our inner poet and artist and muse, heighten our intuition and compassion and to enjoy our erotic and sensual pleasure nature. As Scorpio and Pisces are both healing signs we will experience a fresh phase in the healing arts and sciences that synthesize the scientific and the metaphysical, as the reality that our psychological health has everything to do with our physical health, finally comes through into wider recognition during 2018.

We are in the realm of the Sacred Feminine mysteries in Scorpio where we have access to powers beyond our rational capacities. Here we learn that we are not just our psychical bodies and how to use the untapped power of the mind to heal it-self!

When we become metapsychicians we penetrate the mystery of energy systems to allow tapping into our own power to heal once we learn how to move energy! Fabulous stuff and your mission is to enroll in a Metapsychics or Shaman course or whatever takes your fancy in this territory. I may have just the thing for you! My '12System Toolkit' covers all of this!

Jupiter seeks the truth and in Scorpio this is the POWER OF LOVE. Healing happens when we find peace in our SOUL and daily life. TO do this we must release old stored resentments and ‘stuff’. Read on to the Personal Section below for how to do this!

The caution here involves not over idealizing the latest guru/teacher, as you also strengthen your personal energetic boundaries about whose emotional energy you ‘let in’ and feel their feelings for them, if they are resisting their own transformational process. As these energies stimulate our compassionate nature it is also important not to buy into rescuing victims who simply will not take responsibility for themselves!

There’s also some pretty hot romantic and erotic charge on this one so if the perfect lover arrives be sure to take a minute for the fog to clear before you lose yourself in ‘the merge’...lol. At best this can bring us deep and intimate encounters with safe and nurturing others who heal and soothe. Bring it on!

I have always enjoyed informing Scorpio type people that their power lays in their softness, and they are often shocked by this. So here is to Jupiter in Scorpio expanding the yummiest attributes of our humanity as we re-enchant the feminine healing process back into our lives and the world! The transit
of Jupiter in Scorpio with Neptune in Pisces began in early December 2017, then late May and mid-August 2018.

**Scorp rules the behind the scene power brokers who run our government and corporate systems** as they hide in the shadows beneath the outer forms as they are presented to us. Over the next 12 months these power brokers will be confronted with the need to transform their systems, and as Scorp is a money sign (opposite Taurus where Uranus is about to arrive for the first time in 84 years!) then financial systems will be right up during 2018, with major upsets and changes definitely on the cards.

With a bit of luck good old Jupiter will have a fine time digging up all manner of secrets and lies they use to control and manipulate us. There’s also a good chance we will see ever increasing levels of surveillance systems kicking in as the Elite continue to deepen their erosion of civil liberties in the name of the ‘war on terror’.

Then there will be the revelation of BIG names involvement in sexual and financial scandals in all levels of society...bring it on! We can also expect a new wave of brave whistleblowers calling out the rampant corruption in all levels of banking, government and corporate culture, which leads to my next point!

I love the great saying that we marry them in Libra and go to bed with them in Scorpio, as this is where the behind the scenes safety and intimacy live in any relationship personally and collectively! It’s also where we divorce them and haggle over the settlement, hence Scorp’s association with litigation and inheritances. Thus we’ll be hearing of lots of litigation matters as people sue the socks off unjust services and products during 2018.

The other feature that’s always fascinating to watch is Jupiter’s publicity/spread the word tendencies in all levels of our culture, in particular via the movies and TV shows that come on line during his transit. So as Scorp is all about detectives and mysteries and research and archealogy and occult mysteries and conspiracy theries we’re set for lots of new shows and news in all these areas. After all it was only a month after Jupiter entered Scorp in late 1922 that Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the boy-king Tutankhamun, so I wonder what’s in store this time?

**Then we have the business of birth and death!** Lots of action on this one as euthenasia agendas will be front and centre, along with burials and rites of passage. Giving birth will also become a hot topic yet again with the whole ‘business’ of invitro-fertilization and genetically created beings getting lots of attention and moves toward legislation.

Then theres gay/lesbian/trans sexuality issues stepping forward another notch, with historical precedents from 1969/70 and 1981/82 in gay rights activism. We are currently awaiting the public POLL here in Oz for equal rights marriage...I mean it has to be a no brainer doesn’t it? Although with the
growing power of the conservative right over the next 3 years with Saturn in Capricorn this and many other progressive individual freedom issues will be hard won.

SO lots to look forward to during 2018 on so many levels my friends!

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**Previous Jupiter in Scorpio Cycles – every 12 Years**

**Nov 2005/Nov 06**
- PM Silvio Berlusconi of Italy sex scandals – US President George W. Bush & UK Prime Minister Tony Blair popularity wanes - Nintendo releases the Wii in North America - Google purchases YouTube for US$1.65 billion in stock - Pluto is downgraded from a Planet to a dwarf planet by IAU - The US Energy department report of a trillion barrels worth of Oil shale reserves in the Green River basin, U.S. - President Bush acknowledged secret CIA prisons around the world outside of US legal jurisdiction.

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**Nov 1993/Dec 94**
- Northridge Earthquake hits Los Angeles - Dow Jones closes above 3,900 for 1st time - Civil War in Rwanda - Nelson Mandela becomes president of South Africa - Channel Tunnel opened - 48 members of the Order of the Solar Tradition Cult commit suicide - OJ Simpson flees police - Russian President Boris Yeltsin orders tanks and troops into the rebel region of Chechnya - Jordan and Israel sign a peace treaty ending state of war that has existed between the nations since 1948 - The Whitewater scandal investigation begins - The North American Free Trade Agreement - A New Outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus begins

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**Dec 1981/Dec 82**
- Wave of Terrorist attacks in France by Carlos the Jackal - Argentina invades Falkland Islands - Israeli forces invade Lebanon - Israeli returns Sinai to Egypt - Largest cash robbery in History in New York when $9,800,000 is stolen from armored car - Around 700,000 demonstrators in New York City's Central Park protesting proliferation of nuclear weapons - International Whaling Commission ends commercial whaling - Yassar Arafat elected President of the Palestinian National Council - first implant of a permanent artificial heart - Severe recession begins in the United States - World's largest oil rig sinks in north Atlantic - First CD player sold in Japan

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**Dec 1969/Sep 70**
- "The Beatles" announce they have disbanded - NASA's Apollo 13 Moon Mission returns to Earth successfully after an explosion - Forty-three nations ratify the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty - The United States invades Cambodia - The first jumbo-jet the Boeing 747 debut commercial flight from NY to London - American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of psychiatric disorders

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**Sept 1958/Oct 59**
- Fidel Castro comes to power in Cuba after Revolution with the first communist state in the west - The Dalai Lama and tens of thousands of Tibetans flee to India - Twilight Zone TV Series - Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in New York City is completed - Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper goes down in Iowa plane crash

Oct 1934/Nov 35  The years of depression continued in 1935 with unemployment still running at 20.1% , and the war clouds were gathering as Germany began to rearm and passed the Nuremburg laws to strip Jews of their civil rights, and Mussolini’s Italy attacked Ethiopia. The Gallup Poll was introduced - reformed drinker named Bill Wilson formed Alcoholics Anonymous - first time a completely synthetic fibre was produced called nylon by a Dupont chemist - birth of "Swing" by Benny Goodman and the world was ready to boogie - Persia is renamed to Iran - The Boulder (Hoover) Dam is completed - Black Sunday Dust Storm USA - The Luftwaffe is created as Germany's air force and Germany announces rearmament in violation of the Versailles Treaty,

Oct 1922/Nov 23  First Issue of Time Magazine - Japan  Great Kanto earthquake 100K dead - King Tut Burial Chamber Opened by Howard Carter - Beer Hall Putsch Adolf Hitler leads the Nazi Party in failed coup attempt in Germany - Insulin is introduced for treatment of Diabetes - The first successful flight of an autogyro, the predecessor to a helicopter - Republic of Turkey Established - Sicily Mount Etna volcano erupts - Rosewood, Fla Massacre, the town is burnt to the ground by members of the Ku Klux Klan - worlds first domestic refrigerator is sold in Sweden - worlds first portable radio is developed in the US

The Personal Implications of Jupiter in Scorpio Oct 2017 to Nov 2018

As I previously stated I’m seeing this Jupiter Scorpio year as a time to confront and heal the deepest darkest regions of our collective unconscious; to dig up and release the pain and anger that is affecting so many people as we pass through ‘the dark night of the Soul’ in our global evolutionary process.

This is an extract from my book ‘The 12 System’ as it covers the deeper implications of the death/re-birth process. The book and 4 Videos ‘The 12 System Seminars’ are now available as a membership program to download over 4 weeks here

Following this is my “User Guide to Becoming a Human Being” model which explains the process necessary to heal our ‘emotional body’ so we can connect with our Higher Nature or SOUL.

Stage 8 SCORPIO  Transformation and Power

As our Hero steps forward from the 7th Stage where he learnt conscious co-operation and the principle of justice, he pauses for a breath in preparation for the next stage in his journey to wholeness. Indeed the 8th Stage of the 12-fold process contains the greatest test of all as he is confronted with his own power - or lack of it - and how he chooses to use it from here. This will occupy him fully during this second phase of the water system, as he learns how to master his emotions and purify his Ego.

Stage 8 is all about the transformational process we all must pass through so we can take the major step from ‘my will to thy will be done’, allowing our Stage 5 Ego to begin to use our power safely. It is in this
Stage we confront our ‘ring pass not’ i.e. the fears and insecurities that keep us trapped in our lower nature. This is the definitely the most challenging process we will ever pass through in our journey to consciousness.

In the ‘Heroic round’ the Hero enters the underworld in this 8th Stage to confront and slay the demon or dragon protecting ‘the treasure’, which he then brings back up into the light of day so the ‘kingdom’ can prosper once more. The symbolism here tells of our own ‘confrontation with our shadow’ or dark side, where we bury the ‘bad feelings’ we are not meant to have in our happy little upwardly mobile lives.

Hate, rage, impotence, helplessness, neediness and depression are some of the darkest feelings that make up the human experience, but without them we could never know love, assertiveness, potency, safety and inspiration; their opposite expressions.

Thus, it is in this 8th Stage that we wrap up our evolutionary growth from sequential development of the previous 7 Stages to create the synthesis in our ‘emotional body’. The primitive emotions that drive us to seek safety and love first encountered in Stage 4 are now ready for the ‘firing process’ of transformation, so we can emerge empowered and free to pursue our quest for meaning in Stage 9 to follow. The source of this power is the ‘buried treasure’ we had to slay a few dragons for. Once slayed, we can achieve the ‘Union of Opposites’, where safe feelings and the purified Ego can work together hand in hand for the first time.

There are two areas we need to cover here. The first is the feminine water system where the unconscious emotional programming from Stage 4 sets the tone for how emotionally safe we are. The second is the masculine Ego from Stage 5, with our programming as to how free we are to be a creative individual. Both collide now in the alchemical process that turns ‘base metals into gold’ as we release any unconscious beliefs that are limiting our fullest potential.

**Mythic Themes of Power and the Feminine**

In looking at the myth of Persephone, many power themes emerge. She was abducted by Hades the God of the Underworld into his realm. Her mother Demeter mourned for her return neglecting her duties as a goddess of fruitfulness, and the Upper World became dark and barren. It was eventually agreed that Persephone spent a certain portion of the year with her mother in the physical world or on Earth, and a certain amount of time at Hades’ side as his Queen in the underworld. This myth gives rise to the existence of the seasons - winter, when Persephone leaves her mother - and spring when her mother rejoices upon her return. This seasonal cycle of course reflects the cycle of life, death and renewal.

An important point to note in this myth is that Persephone was an innocent young maiden when she was abducted, who graduated to become a powerful goddess in her own right as ‘Queen of the Underworld’. This symbolism speaks of the ‘vulnerable’ entering into a dark and unknown place - the confrontation with terror - even a certain degree of torture - and then the return to a purified position of greater empowerment. This then is the 8th Stage experience in a nutshell.

What does this mean about us? It tells us that we are all ‘seasonal’ as we are re-born periodically
through the different cycles of life; we grow and develop as we reach toward fulfilment, and then as we reach the threshold of achieving our outcomes we must prepare to release the old cycle and get ready for the next one.

Very simple really, and yet how many people resist this most natural of systems underpinning all creation. It also reminds us that our own vulnerability must be integrated before we gain the power of the feminine emotional realm, and that our periodic descent into our ‘underworld’ of buried feelings must be honoured if we are to feel these feelings, and then release them so we can re-generate ourselves. We will look at this more deeply in the following sections.

**Mythic Themes of Power and the Masculine**

This passage from The Holy Grail, Its Origins, Secrets and Meanings Revealed is very appropriate:

> ‘If we examine the nature of being a hero, the most recurrent motif in the hero’s eternal quest is that of leaving one condition in order to discover a richer or more mature condition. In essence, a hero’s journey is toward transformation. And at the very end of that road, the transformation is likely to be a radical change in consciousness. Heroes and heroines are those who give their lives to something bigger than themselves. But this can transpire only when the hero is no longer identified with the ego. Only then can there be a truly heroic transformation of consciousness.’

The Roman God of the Underworld was Pluto and the word 'plutocrat' is derived from this association meaning 'one who rules with wealth'. These ‘riches’ are also a metaphor for the ‘wealth’ that resides in the underworld of our unconscious. The Greeks knew him as Hades a God of mystery and terror who carried the themes of control, power and domination. His special possession was the 'helmet of invisibility', which he donned upon visiting the Upper World.

It allowed him to remain unseen so only the most initiated individuals could observe his presence. Hades/Pluto is a god of immense power whose law is irrevocable. Once a Soul had entered Tartarus, the Greek Underworld, it could not leave. Two mythological exceptions were Orpheus and Theseus, who made their respective entries, but upon return to the Upper World were never the same again.

There is a deep transformative theme within the myths of these heroes. Thus, the region Hades ruled over was very important in the mystical aspect to the Greeks, as the journey to the Underworld is not only associated with transformation, but with purification and empowerment. Mythically, the realm of the dead and its gods carry these themes of power, fear and purification in all cultures. Essentially, they reflect the transformative journey that contributes to the cycle of all life and to our own individual growth and empowerment.

Again, what does this mean about us? The masculine Heroic opens us to the perception and inspiration of a noble Spirit available to infuse us all. But as with all polar principles there is another side to this

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1 The Holy Grail Its Origins, Secrets and Meanings Revealed. Malcolm Godwin Pg. 228
‘Divine Nobility’ and this shadow-land is contained within our own unconscious nature. Here the Christian mythology offers us Angels and Demons - Heaven and Hell. Isn’t it a shame that we don’t seem to be able to just have the ‘goodies’ in life without paying the piper? Because ultimately we must all confront our own base ‘shadow’, the denied and sometimes tortured lower emotional nature, before we get the ‘Golden Apple’.

Pluto or Hades’ realm is also the place where we hideaway our not so pleasant feelings when our Ego and Will are blocked or damaged. We have already met our innate urge for releasing our creative spark as ‘Eros’ and learnt that Eros is risky as we must step beyond the safe and known, when our emotional instincts would rather hold us in the past even when we know we must move on. So is it any wonder that we get scared and lonely sometimes as we confront the unknown future.

If we are doing this from the lower ego, we will feel ashamed by our helpless feelings and add them to the stack of unexpressed pain, loss and longing deep in our unconscious. We will also cover these feelings with displays of strength and apparent power, but usually in very unsafe ways with manipulation and control becoming the protection we use to take care of our true sense of powerlessness.

**A brief look at the theme of ‘Power’ up until now**

As we saw in Stage 1 it is only over the past few thousand years the ‘individual’ has been with us, as in earlier times and pre-history the ‘I’ did not exist. So in terms of the human evolutionary process it is still early days when it comes to the correct use of the individual Will and Power. In history, some of the most notable characters are men and women of influence, and the few we have met in earlier chapters usually have one thing in common. They are powerful in some form.

So what then is power and why do most of us stand in awe of powerful people? Because, they affect events and outcomes, and this can occur in a host of different areas and ways in our world. Whether it is the authority of a general or statesman who rules or commands, or the Dalai Lama whose power lies in his compassion, the mark of powerful people is their ability to use their Will for good or evil dependent on their Spiritual evolutionary level.

Historically power and influence has been the domain of the patriarchal or male system. It is only in the past four decades since the rise of feminism that women now can rise to positions of power, but even then, they must work within the male system to do this. *As we have seen, it is the male System, without awareness of consequences that has brought us to the global crisis point we are now experiencing.*

The power of patriarchy has evolved through the industrial era of the last 200 years as control of natural resources, the essential ingredient in Stage 2. So here, we see the interplay between Stage 2 and its polar Stage 8 as the outcome from the literal use of the material world. Stage 2 involves financial security and Stage 8 involves the power and control process we impose in the pursuit of this security, and then the holding of it.

**The Pursuit of Security**

So the ‘power brokers’ of our world are the folks who hold the purse strings and operate behind the
scenes rather than the authority figures that appear in public life, who are usually figureheads for powerful industrial interests. All forms of financial investment, stock and bond market trading and the insurance industry are the province of Stage 8.

During 2008-2017 we have experienced the worst recession/depression since the early 1930’s brought about mainly by a small group of bankers and traders whose greed created the ‘sub-prime mortgage’ crisis. As the global share market bubble reached all-time highs, the complex house of cards came crumbling down and a host of investment systems fell apart leaving a mountain of unsecured debt.

Governments have continued scrambling to financially prop up existing credit institutions and other major players in the industrial systems as they seek to ‘regulate’ and set boundaries that should have been in place a very long time ago. *The problem is that the collective system is so dysfunctional that attempts to restore it in the old forms can only lead to further crisis* in due course as the US UK & EU print money, the very scene that created the hyperinflation in the lead up to the 1930’s depression.

As we shall see in Stage 10 there are cyclic forces in the pipeline that do not really come into play until late 2011 and will continue to 2017 and these are also the same forces in play between 1929 and 1934. *It will be between 2011 and 2017 that the real work of re-structuring, or better still re-birthing the new financial systems will occur, and this will require a whole new attitude from the ‘power brokers’.*

This new attitude will absolutely need the awakening consciousness of a more equitable system that allows for yet another synthesis of male and female balance. Essentially we could say that *Patriarchy is losing its grip* as we move through these dynamic decades between the Great Ages of Pisces into the Age of Aquarius.

The collective issue here in terms of security, is that most folks continue to be driven to ‘get secure’ by owning things, investments and people, and still do not realise that *security is actually an internal experience - or consciousness*. Once we are safe in our power to manifest our reality as an internal process where we unite our Will, Values, Mind, Feelings, Ego, Service and Relationships - the first 7 stages - we become the magicians who can create our own prosperous reality.

This is not a fluffy ‘pipe dream’ from the new age movement. *This is the correct use of our emotional power* at a truly occult level. Occult actually means that which is hidden; the true workings of power at the invisible or subtle level. Thus the occult sciences also fall under the dominion of Stage 8.

**The Financial Underworld**

This section would not be complete without a mention of the fascinating enactment of the dark and mysterious forces at work on our planet in the guise of what is colloquially known as ‘the underworld’ or black market. All forms of prostitution and the sex trade, narcotics industry, illegal arms trading and so on involve the laundering of red money to make it black. A scary but amusing anecdote here is that the illegal drug trade accounts for multi-billion dollar returns each year, and if the ‘red money made black’ and then invested in global share markets was withdrawn, our financial institutions would collapse.

This industry has its foundations in the colonial mid 1800’s when England started the narcotic trade
between India and China, and accelerated during the 1930’s as the Italian Mafia entered the game. The next big developments came after WWII as the US made deals with the Italians during the allied push back into Europe, and then the Vietnam War that became the conduit for the Golden Triangle to ship its produce to the West. In current time the Asian Triads and South American Cartels are the main players and the industry continues to grow and thrive.

As a general call there has always been a black market for as long as people have been trading goods and services. It is part of the fabric of society based on the polar principle of light and dark forces, and until the collective unconscious is re-vitalized with a greater ability to seek security and harmony we cannot expect this darker set of forces to be released. That is why once again it is up to each of us to do the work on ourselves so that over the coming decades we can shift the energetic field of the collective unconscious.

**Power and Relationships**

Well we may meet and marry them in Stage 7, but it is not until we start sharing our physical, emotional and financial resources with them in Stage 8 we find out what is really alive and well within a relationship. The attachment and bonding process from Stage 4 really makes its impression felt as we enter into the intimacy and trust necessary to forge a lasting and loving marriage/relationship or business partnership.

If we are emotionally unsafe then a host of outcomes await us, from prolonged endurance of unhappy union, to the inability to ever allow closeness by forming long-term outcomes. The result is often pain after the early pleasure. All forms of litigation and property settlements are Stage 8 features and we often see horrible enactments of family rage when betrayal rears its head and people fight for control of financial outcomes.

*Power between couples or business partners occurs in lots of ways and it’s always about control.* Financially this can be where one party is dependent on the other in an unsafe way, and of course the other biggie is sex, which can be used as both an emotional and physical threat to security. The bottom line is that we will only manipulate and control others if we are unsafe physically and emotionally. *The true nature of correct use of power in any partnership involves not using coercion or threat of exposure if the partner is vulnerable and reveals their weakness.*

As in all forms of Stage 8, matters the ultimate power lies in the power of non-attachment; to people, things, places and outcomes. Which is not to say that we cannot form loving, intimate and trusting bonds with people in our lives; but rather that we cannot force them to make us ‘safe’ if we are not safe in the first place. The Buddhists speak of ‘overcoming the desire nature’ as the means for liberation of the Ego and it is through financial and relationship lessons that we may do this. We just need to be wise enough to ‘own our own stuff’ so this can occur.

**The ‘Transformational Process’ - our personal descent into our underworld**

So the purpose of the 8th Stage is all about power and becoming powerful, in a true and healthy sense. Not power as an expression of ‘look how powerful I am’; ‘look how much I own or control’, but power as
‘I am a centred being who understands the cyclic process of life and how to work with it’.

*True power can only be achieved when mind, body and feelings are working in harmony. True power only arises when our Ego is working in alignment with our Soul as the Masculine and Feminine components of our nature in balance and alignment.*

So the goal of the Transformational Process is conscious union between our inner instinctive nature (Soul), and outer Will and Ego expression (Spirit). In occult traditions, the process that takes us from the small ego to the Spiritualised Ego is also known as the ‘Grand Conjunctio’ - or Divine Marriage - or Union of Opposites.

Whether this process is ever triggered and what provokes it is indeed a great mystery. It appears that many lifetimes in the unconscious ego state are lived before the Soul makes its impression felt. Indeed Hermetic traditions tell us the single greatest point of evolution for the Soul is when it becomes aware of itself!

Once it knocks on the door of our conscious self and triggers the journey from unconscious to consciousness a process begins in our lives that must be passed through before the evolutionary growth is achieved. Along the way the old conditioned, negative and restrictive ego qualities begin to break down, as a result of which a whole range of repressed feelings leap out of our unconscious - yes the ‘dragons’! We will be looking at how the dragons are unleashed shortly. First, we need to put some more pieces of the puzzle into place.

**The ‘True or Core Self’ & the ‘False Self’**

In Stage 4 we worked with the reality that we are all ‘programmed’ in the original family - for better or worse! This is how we form our core beliefs that are then stored in our unconscious. So when we are small children we learn to protect and armor many of our naturally occurring qualities and to adapt our ‘True or Core Self’. It is after all a matter of survival within our particular family or community group. So by the time we are 7 years old we are operating from a conditioned self-known as the ‘False Self’. This is not to say that there is no authenticity in who we are, but most of us enter adulthood with a pretty strong ‘False Self’ running the show.

Most of us then go into the world attempting to get our needs met; get loved, safe, happy, secure and successful operating from this conditioned False Self and then wonder why our goals for happiness, joy and success are not met! Most folks stay in this state for all of their lives, playing out the scripts of a conditioned experience complete with unconscious games, favorite bad feelings, and alienation from society and themselves in their power in some form. Indeed we use up most of our ‘healthy Will’ energy keeping the old False Self in place, until we either simply haven’t got the energy to keep it together anymore or ‘circumstances’ collude to weaken us, and we begin to ‘break down’.

The term for the ‘breaking down’ of the old False Self (complete with over-compensations, sabotage mechanisms etc.) is ‘Fragmentation’ and it can be a painful and dis-orientating process.

During the past few decades we have witnessed large groups of humanity passing through this
fragmentation process - some consciously - some not, and the themes of abuse, misuse and attempts to begin to correctly use the Power Principle have been issues for all of us. We have all been in this alchemical process in some form. This is because large Soul Pods or groups are ready for further initiation into higher states of conscious empowered creative awareness, so that we can achieve ‘The Shift’.

Earth is a 2nd Ray Planet (This is the Ray of Love and Wisdom) offering the Spiritual opportunity for acceleration of Soul growth through ‘Calcinatio’ or the Firing Process of the lower ego driven nature, toward the Spiritual potential contained in our human DNA. The goal is after all to open the Heart and know the joy of Love as the key to empowerment. Once this occurs we become inspired to use our Ego for the good of humanity and not just ourselves! This is the ‘buried treasure’.

Meanwhile back to ‘Fragmentation’. This is usually quite painful as it involves the exposing of the vulnerable True Self burdened with all the old buried repressed feelings (anger/fear/guilt/shame/helplessness/rage/impotence etc.) to the ‘light’ so that cleansing and healing may occur. The Healing Journey is essentially a very feminine affair as the Goddess is the prime feminine, and offers us a sense of the true self-love and nurturing that is required to support ourselves and ultimately others in this great process. Persephone's descent into Hades underworld realm (the unconscious), and return to the outer world transformed and empowered is the Archetypal principle here.

The mechanism for ‘Fragmentation’ varies for each of us but often involves betrayal or loss through a loved one, or a position in society. The encounter with seeming ‘fate’ unleashes a torrent of feeling - grief/pain/anger/helplessness etc. This can entail a literal breakdown, and as the 4 elements produce 4 primary types of people there are 4 primary ‘breakdown styles’:

1. Fire Types—burn out
2. Earth Types—get sick
3. Air Types—mental breakdowns
4. Water Types—emotional breakdowns

So what happens next for most people is usually a period of recuperation until they start feeling a little better, and then off they go once more back to exactly the same ‘way of being’ as before their ‘breakdown’, and do it some more. An analogy here is that our False Self is a wall and at the time of breakdown we simply have not got enough energy (Will) to keep the wall in place, so it shatters and all the feelings we have been hiding behind our wall, come rushing out and overwhelm us.

But as soon as we start feeling a little better we just go to the hardware shop, buy some more bricks, and rebuild the wall exactly the same as it was. So a woman who has been repeatedly betrayed by men goes on-line and meets her next ‘persecutor’, marries for the third time and repeats the cycle yet again. Or a man who has given his all to his business life is betrayed by his partner/employee or debt, loses his business, buries his feelings of anger and loss, and as soon as possible starts his next business without any awareness of the higher purpose at work in his own evolutionary story. You get the idea.

Obviously the problem is that in both examples the true feelings that accompany the shattered wall are
not acknowledged or dealt with. Usually blame is projected onto ‘someone else who betrayed me’ or left me (through death or divorce). There is no conscious awareness that our own unconscious process is at work setting up our outcomes. If we believe we are not valuable (Stage 2 opposite) then we will keep setting up situations where we are not valued and lose our power, which we really did not have in the first place!

Indeed this is the principle behind ‘The 12 System’ as a therapy tool, as by working with the 12 core themes from each stage we are able to become conscious of the positive function of each component of our personal ‘12 System’. Then we can learn how to make each of them ‘functional’ so we can become a ‘whole person’.

When we fragment and ‘lose the plot’ we are actually meeting our inner damaged or wounded child who is the real seat of our power. The trouble is that most of us left behind our ‘child’ way back in those first 7 years. We know at a deeply instinctive level who we are meant to be when we are kids, but for many of us the early conditioning limited the joyous spontaneity of our child, and we were left angry, frightened or bewildered at the big grown up world we are going to have to be part of.

Recent studies have shown how important it is for us to work in vocations where we are naturally at home because they make us happy. We need to feel valued by the people we work with and enjoy the values of the companies we work for. There are heaps of examples of people who have lost jobs / businesses in the current recession, retrained in totally unrelated fields, and found much happiness. Maybe not as much money but that’s not the point!

So when we have our encounter with our feelings we are actually meeting our ‘inner child’. However, most folks are very hard on themselves when they fragment and breakdown, as it is seen as weakness so they whip their inner child back into shape as soon as possible. The reality is that the gradual development of the newly revealed Core Self needs to be treated very tenderly. We need to be kind to ourselves and allow others to be kind to us. We must release the old beliefs that have limited our true nature.

However, the ego will fall back into its old ways very easily so we must give ourselves new ‘safe messages’ to help build the trust needed to allow our True Self to blossom and flourish. In time the old Ego goals are sublimated into the Soul’s true goals and we begin to live in our true flow, with the magical opening of our path without effort or stress from the Ego. Wonderful stuff - and it works!

We must remember that connecting with the True Core Self is the goal of raising our consciousness. The Self in its true power does not mean some sort of easy, perfect, constantly joy filled expression. This is an unfortunate assumption by many; that if I let go of the past and my old conditioning then somehow I will magically become a perfected happily ever after being!

The truth is that we learn to tolerate and honor the emotions of loss, pain and grief and be willing to have them as they occur, knowing that they are a perpetual part of life and existence. By coming into our truth we allow space for pain and depression, and have the trust to experience them fully, knowing that on the other side of the ‘Dark Dream’ is the ‘Light Dream’; the joy and excitement of movement and
growth and we move through the birth and death cycles of life.

The grand irony is that when we submit the Ego to the Soul life we begin to experience the very Ego fulfillment we always somehow desired. It all comes from the Soul in the first place, and the happiness and contentment of our true potential can begin to be realized when we simply move into trust and faith that our Higher Self-Soul knows the path we must travel. All we have to do is get out of our own way, and move away from other people’s control systems and projections onto us so we may allow ourselves to find it.

So, the Hero’s journey through the Stage 8 is to enable the True Core Self to be revealed and gradually given permission to exist in its authentic power.

**Depression**

One of the most common presenting symptoms of the stress of modern life is the ‘Big D’ - Depression. Now this might not sound like a very exciting or interesting topic, but in light of the material we have already covered in Stage 8, there are some basic ideas that can open understanding of depression as a fascinating aspect of the human condition, which definitely warrants both exploration and discussion. As we shall see it is the *keynote experience for people who are struggling to integrate their power.*

Indeed depression is actually something that we all have in common to some degree. It is also a piece of territory in our culture which still holds a taboo, as very few people admit to experiencing it or understand much about it - much the same as grief.

They both get labelled as ‘bad’ feelings and consequently largely denied and repressed, and therefore not valued or utilized in any sort of meaningful way. There are so many people on anti-depressant medication these days that simply do not need to be if only we all understood the depressive process in its true light.

As we have seen the potential for wholeness in each of us requires that we integrate both the feminine yin Soul and masculine yang Ego sides of our nature. The yang path to individuation must be supported by the energy of the Will and the capacity for self-responsibility and nurture, which in turn leads to true empowerment both on an inner and outer level. Ultimately for the true Spiritualization of our Ego the ‘Higher Will and Purpose’ must be brought into alignment.

- *The yin path* within the wholeness process requires that we become ‘Soul Centred’ so we may respond to our higher intuitive feelings, and become ‘safe’ in them so we may use this function to inspire and nurture our authentic Self. This requires clearing and healing our lower emotional nature where we are at the mercy of our emotional reactions and unconscious ancestral patterns.

- *The yang path* requires that we have a safe Will and healthy use of our Ego. Thus simple reasoning tells us that at the heart (Ego) of depression, lays a belief that the individual does not have the right or the power to express their free Will and take responsibility for this expression.
So let us explore the Stage 1 Will again briefly the principle of energy in action, and the origins of the original creation of our beliefs about having the right to have a safe Will and assert ourselves.

- Our Will serves our Ego so we may take action and assert on our own behalf or defend ourselves as necessary - the archetypal heroic warrior.
- The first expression of our Will is at age 2, and this sets the scene for establishing an individual’s capacity for self will.
- Depending on how a little person is responded to at this vital point, will set the stage for later Will expression. This is known as the ‘anal’ stage in early development described as ‘active-aggressive development’. In the psychologist Erikson’s emotional development model he describes this stage as ‘Separation - Autonomy versus Shame and Doubt’.
- The successful outcome here is meant to be ‘Self-Control and Will Power’. This experience is expressed through toilet and food, and I am sure all of us who have been through the delightful stage of raising a two year old can easily remember our own feelings of rage and impotence, when said toddler is raising hell attempting to impose their will over ours! Interesting to note that our own power and control issues are literally ‘in our face’ during this process. It isn’t hard to see how the transference system operates here, as our offspring responds to our own ‘stuff’ accordingly, thus fulfilling (i.e. taking on board unconsciously) the core issues of the family system into which it has chosen to arrive.
- So if the small persons will is overruled by one or both parents, feelings of rage, shame and impotence are buried deep within the unconscious psyche, and later expressed as behaviours that either under or overcompensate, and ultimately ‘protect’ the true feelings.
- The result on the one hand is the very compliant and seemingly pleasant personality type, who has tremendous trouble dealing with aggressive or angry people, and experiences many projections of their own disowned rage (I’m so nice - they are so angry!).
- Conversely the person may become overtly aggressive, but still be incapable of cleanly asserting their will.

These repressed feelings of rage, helplessness and impotence are channelled down into the unconscious underworld for the remainder of the first 28-year maturation cycle, until what appears to be an adult, is unleashed upon society. An adult by the way, who in most cases is still being run by unconscious ‘child held’ beliefs.

If the damage has been great then the result will be a deeply controlling and manipulative Ego, incapable of self-reflection and the ability to see their own darkness. This is the psychopathic structure. Less damage then less darkness, but even those of us who emerged seemingly ‘normal’ have some degree of this experience in our nature.

The healed Stage 8 experience offers the use of power that enables rather than disables the self and others. The capacity for internal and external transformation creates a person who is free to move through the cycles of life, know when to release the past, and use their power to build meaningful structures in a completely non-selfish fashion.
In the transactional Analysis Model the Will is found in the ‘Free Child’, the part within us that contains joy/fun/courage/bravery and the ‘wild child’. Hence the acting out of wicked/wild/angry if the child in us believes it is impotent.

Alternatively, if this rage is denied or suppressed...you guessed it... depression is the result. The now frustrated/blocked energy mingles with our fear and our powerlessness.

So the Will becomes ‘dirty’, and spirals down into a cycle of using up all the nice fresh clean Will energy as frustration **ultimately becoming immobilised!**

This leads to another important idea. **Depression is also a signal from the psyche that old feelings that have been blocked, repressed or denied need to be felt and released - grief, guilt, shame, the whole box and dice. In other words depression is a ‘Fragmentation’ as outlined in the previous section.**

Hence for many folks accessing these old feelings is essential to ‘shift’ the blocked energy. Re-birthing and various forms of active psychotherapies and bodywork are appropriate here. The deeper and older the depression the greater the work may have to be, however even in the case of chronic depression accessing and releasing old repressed feelings to allow mobilisation of the Will is the key.

**Our fears also contribute to the immobilisation of the Will** as they keep us powerless and feed our unconsciousness. Many people have never been given ‘safe’ messages in early childhood to support their ability to become self-responsible autonomous adults who have the right to set goals as they create their own reality. Very sensitive yin types are usually conditioned to be part of other people’s ‘fields of experience’ with resulting co-dependency and co-addictive relationships that limit their capacity for individual expression. They often have trouble ‘leaving home’ both emotionally and physically in the ascribed period between 18 and 24 years of age.

They become invested in staying ‘victims’ or ‘rescuers’ so they may stay ‘enmeshed’ as they either ‘please’ others or control others to ‘please’ them. Passive rage is the result of this system and another major contributor to the depression cycle. Many folks in their 30’s, 40’s, 50’s and 60’s have still never ‘left home’ safely even though they have married and had families.

They are still at the mercy of old symbiotic familial relationships that limit and impede their true potential. **Then they can blame ‘others’ for why they are not getting on with making themselves happy**
and fulfilled! The path to individuation requires that we move beyond these old patterns and confront our ‘fear of flying’ in our own right.

Another idea from the psychotherapies is often very useful. It describes the ‘dark dream’ and the ‘light dream’. All is well while we are in the ‘light dreaming’; life is swimming along nicely and feels good. But as surely as night follows day the ‘dark dream’ follows behind the ‘light dream’.

All things are cyclic after all. For most people the beginning of the descent into the ‘dark dream’ is something to be feared and avoided, after all who wants to go down into Hade’s realm and hang out with our feelings of loss and grief. (I love Thomas Moore a great and wise being – read him!)

So we try and pull back up into the ‘light dream’ and avoid the descent, as our societal conditioning tells us that we are meant to stay in some kind of upwardly mobile experience where everything is fabulous all of the time. Wrong! We go out and spend money we do or don’t have on things we don’t need in a desperate attempt to make ourselves feel better! Or let’s keep drinking and partying - anything to avoid the ‘other’ me.

If we don’t honour the time we must all spend in our deeper inner regions experiencing the ‘Nigredo’ or the dark phase in any cycle where we must grieve the old phase of life dying so the new life can be born, we remain an emotional cripple out of touch with the rich experience of our own gestation process and our capacity for regeneration.

Impotence on both physical and emotional levels is the shadow side of clean and potent expression of our Ego urge to be ‘the self who we truly are’. To individuate we must ultimately confront and integrate the shadow aspect of our nature, thus offering us the opportunity to ‘own’ and make functional each of our archetypal voices.

In the words of Albert Einstein ‘repeating old patterns and expecting a different outcome is insanity.’ ‘Re-decisioning’ our old belief systems and directing our energy toward creating new ones is obviously essential if we are to access our clean Will energy and become this ‘true and authentic Self’. In terms of the psycho-spiritual whole person Self, work is usually required to open some level of faith and trust in a sense of our own process - i.e. accessing the feminine yin, thus enabling our Soul to nurture and support the healing process.

This can only be a brief attempt to discuss an area, which is complex to say the least. I make no claims to being an expert in this area. I am simply aware as the result of my own and observation of so many other people’s journey through fields of depression, that I have come to understand it as an experience, which can be rich and ultimately very rewarding. Depression phases are usually the precursor to new life stages - very gestative and developmental once we understand them as a ‘rite of passage’.

If we can understand that these deeply introspective phases in our lives are the time for releasing past
feelings that are part of a phase in life drawing to a close, and quietly nurture ourselves whilst our Soul is preparing us for the next phase of growth, we can contain the feelings of loss and separation. From this place faith and trust can be born.

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**HEART = LOVE = BLISS**
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**Sympathetic Nervous System**
‘NOT SAFE’ creates STRESS
Controls body/mind for Survival
**FEAR TERROR** Program = Fight or Flight & Adaptation
Enhances autonomic reactions such as strength & speed
Adrenalin & Cortisol = Chronic Disease
Keeps us in Lower Nature suppressing feelings
Auto-immune diseases & leaky gut

**Para-sympathetic Nervous System**
‘SAFE’ = Rest and Digest – Repairs stress
Ensures open respiratory & circulatory flow
Rejuvenates vitality & restores harmony
Enables reflection, creativity, visualization, memory recall, learning & organization
Re-claim our imaginations & healthy reality
Access to Higher Nature trust flow & CALM
Correct foods & digestion =healthy immune

Neither are good or bad as we need both TENSION-> followed by CALM->then integration-> then growth!
Must maintain balance between BOTH for harmony & ability to stay CALM & WELL

**LOWER CONSCIOUS NATURE**

**SACRAL PLEXUS** – Power Control others when ‘unsafe’ V HEALTHY POWER & WILL
Store unprocessed/suppressed feelings – Rage guilt shame helplessness impotence
BASE – HEAVEN DOWN TO EARTH
SOUL Expression into FORM
Our Spiritual Revolution

Spiritual teachings from many cultures tell us we are passing through an “Initiation” toward a higher level of our human potential. The concept of an ‘end of times scenario’ where ‘the forces of darkness do battle with the forces of light’ is also a theme in epoch shifting times. This does not have to be literal but rather a metaphor for the passing of a great 26,000-year cycle as old forms become extinct and new ones arise, and we transition from a dark age to the enlightenment of a global shift in perception.

Thus the ‘shift in consciousness’ of our times requires that we completely change the old worldview that was based on scarcity, separation and wanton material consumption. As soon as we embrace this, our lives begin to step into a completely new magical potential.

It is no longer ok to be driven by the instinctual urge for survival, with greed and complete disregard for the natural world that is our ‘mother’ source. We live in a ‘unified field’ where all the kingdoms of nature are intricately interwoven in an ethereal web and our own rational brain is unified with our intuitive nature. Ancient and tribal people knew this.

The re-awakening of this reality in the western mindset is an essential feature of our current era, and will be more important than Galileo’s revelation that the Sun is the centre of our solar system and Columbus sailing west and not falling off the edge of the world.

Life is not linear…it is circular, and driven by interweaving cycles of creation! For the first time, an entire planet is shifting its vibration into a new dimensional frequency. We are re-programming our DNA sequence as we access levels of energy systems beyond 3D reality.

Some call this ‘ascension’ as we can now step up into new levels of energy systems in our mind/heart that liberate us beyond fear and insecurity. Many souls or groups of souls have experienced a shift like this in the past, but never has an entire planet shifted at once.

This shift in consciousness has demanded from us that we release old limiting fears and insecurities. Many of us carrying the seeds of change have been working our way through these insecurities over recent years, as we also manage the general repressive feature of the current system that says NO to conscious change.

Well the news is that the old system no longer has the power they used to. Everything is energy right? So when enough people combine their conscious energy the ‘critical mass’ begins to swing the pendulum in the opposite direction…it is just physics.
In addition, this is what is happening as multi-millions of us are now thinking and acting the new philosophy of sustainability & conscious co-operation.

Freedom, invention, liberation & change are the keynote of these years as we transition into a future where we must convert unsustainable, destructive systems to sustainable and regenerative ones. After what has felt like a harsh and grinding couple of years, the brilliant news for 2018 is that the tide is starting to turn at last!

It is time to give up trudging the path and start sprinting my friends. It is time for dreams to come true as we learn to master and practice the tools for a conscious life by uniting our hearts and minds to create our lives. This is the gift on offer in the midst of the chaos and confusion that always accompanies the death of old systems my friends. Viva La Revolución!
Neptune in Pisces

Neptune has been in Pisces since 2012 for the first time in 164 years and completes his passage in 2025 when he enters Aries!

Neptune in Pisces is deepening the psycho/spiritual growth that offers the beautiful counterpoint to all the Uranus/Pluto mayhem of these times. His influence is deep and pervasive...way above the threshold of daily consciousness. So be grateful that our evolutionary planetary forces have everything covered despite outward appearances. Our spiritual evolution will occur in leaps and bounds over the 14 years he is in Pisces.

Neptune’s part in our current global story involves the spread of a new wave of spiritual awareness and inspiration through the collective emotional field as he infuses us with the new imprint or DNA program. Neptune’s entry into Pisces in 2012 coincided with the Mayan Calendar cycle shift. He is a huge ingredient in these times opening a new phase in our spiritual evolution as he also brings us the ‘spiritual crisis’ of these times where material values appear to have replaced loving compassion, tolerance and faith in our higher nature and purpose.

Historically Neptune’s 14-year passage through a sign influences the fashion/style/image of the time...the Zeitgeist...along with films and media that reflect this. Physical science is now ‘proving’ the power of our mind to influence our outer world and many breakthroughs are occurring in the understanding of the causal link between our emotional/mental and physical health.

By connecting with our intuitive nature, we can step into ‘the stream of consciousness’ and invite synchronicity into our creative flow! It is time to get past our own ego needs and see what we can do for others. The many global religions are all underpinned with core spiritual values and truths. It is only when they become dogmatic about their version of God that they can be used as political tools to control and limit people and creates ‘separation’ rather than inclusiveness.

Neptune enters Pisces – April 2011 to 2025 – Here is the full article I wrote in 2011

On April 4th Neptune slides gracefully into Pisces for the first time in 164 years! So here comes another of the big evolutionary guns who will participate in the shift in the decades ahead. He will be in Pisces until 2025, when he enters a new phase commencing in Aries. This accompanies transformer Pluto entering Aquarius...when the stage will be set for the true revolution of our times.

Transcendental Neptune has been in Aquarius for the past 14 years – between 1998 and 2011/12. So he has been in the sign ruled by Uranus... whilst Uranus has been in Pisces...the sign ruled by Neptune. Not really confusing! This is called a Mutual Reception where the energies of each planet mutually support each other in their process of linking evolutionary forces. Go to www.universalastrology.com.au/articles for a big article I wrote on this back in 2003 where I offer the historical level of this rare phenomenon.
So Neptune in Aquarius for the past 14 years has also been underpinning the collective spread of the next ‘great idea’ or enlightenment thought...that we are all part of a collective intelligence that contains the reality of other planes of existence, and our awakening the centres in the brain that are responsible for intuitive connection to these other planes. The gifted Medium John Edwards has done great work to teach his large audiences of the nature of our relationship to the other side during this period. He and other brave way-showers have often been vilified for their trouble...but hey, that has always been what happens when progressive people try to bring reform and change to existing redundant systems. That’s called being an Aquarian!

Psychic matters of all types have become a new industry as the reality of our emotional/mind/body health has revolutionized the mainstream health industry. Mind you, the pharmaceutical companies are pulling no punches in their efforts to deprive us as individuals to make our own choices about quite what food and medicine we put into our bodies. This then is the downside of Pluto in Capricorn since 2008 as corporate commercial interests gain the power to control our human rights to freedom of thought, information, speech and action.

Neptune’s associations always involve the sensitive creative field where dreams arise as we tap into the collective “mind of God”. In our physical systems, he rules the Auto Immune system...our invisible filtering system that keeps out the virus and bacteria that can infect us...if we carry the unconscious emotional patterns that predispose us to a certain disease. So Global Pandemics have been quite the rage lately...once again a major attempt by business interests to sell vast quantities of vaccine for an epidemic that never happened...classic stuff! Mind you, we all know how infuriating our on-line lives can become when a virus makes its way through the invisible ethers and takes out our hard drive. Yes, we now have worldwide connectivity...and we are all more exposed and vulnerable than we have ever been. Big Brother is having a fab time keeping check on us all via our i-pads and i-phones.

Earth’s Immune System is the Ozone Layer, the protective sheath that filters the sun’s rays and protects us from the solar forces that would burn us to a crisp. So is it any surprise that our collective Immune System is so unwell now that we have damaged the protective veil? So strengthening our Immune System is vital to maintain our health...both physically and emotionally.

The 14-year period of Neptune in any sign also permeates the collective unconscious at a cultural level, as the art and style that develops to reflect the prevailing Zeitgeist...or Spirit of the Time. The synthesis between art and technology has been the result with virtual reality a primary theme...think ‘The Matrix’ with all its’ associated revelations. As Neptune is the primary agent of God in its’ many expressions, it is no surprise that the Aquarian phase has represented a new level of religious tolerance and intolerance, as conflicting theologies have also spread in a viral fashion. For many this has created the search for the next level of Spiritual Evolution beyond separatist doctrines toward a unified philosophy that supersedes the old models.
So How Can We Empower Ourselves This Time?  The keyword for this one is Inspiration with a capital I. When we put this together with Uranus in Aries, we get Inspiration for Innovation! Our realities are already starting to shift into new levels of our human potential, so once Mr Neptune gathers strength in Pisces it will be all systems go. As with all big outer planets, they enter the new sign briefly then retrograde back into the previous sign for a last blast/completion. Thus, Neptune enters Pisces fully from 4th February 2012 offering his vital ingredients to the mix as we enter the transformational tunnel on our evolutionary rollercoaster ride with Uranus square Pluto.

There are so many phrases and images that arise from these 2 simple symbols — of veils lifting to reveal what lies behind our current reality on so many levels; romantic heroes and heroines emerging from magical places on their quests from the Gods to save and redeem. Then there are the transcendent and ecstatic emotions that evoke connection with sublime and wondrous awareness, happiness and contentment – at one ment = atonement. The Divine Lover Eros come to re-enchant our world...a world that has lost meaning and connection with Mother Nature. Yes, the Divine is set for quite a reappearance in the many guises of inspiration over the next 14 years.

When a ruler is in his dominion, he is at his most powerful. Thus, Neptune moving through his Pisces will delight at coming home to his sign to weave the new etheric fabric for humanities future. Not since the mid 1800s have we seen the profound level of his expression, as the Romantic Movement brought us the artists, poets and composers who inspired the imagination of their time with echoes to this day. For this is also the domain of Neptune, as we open our Crown Chakra and receive the down pouring of ideas and their expression of the beautiful and creative in humanity. God at Work!

Neptune was only discovered in 1846...when he was in Aquarius. So he has just had his first 164-year cycle in. Thus it is only during the previous cycle between Feb 1847 to Oct 1861 that we have been ‘conscious’ of him, and although he has always opened pathways in spiritual and religious matters through history, his alliance with the other modern planets...Uranus and Pluto...has been at work in this 200 short years of evolutionary awakening. In the 1530s phase Henry VIII broke with the Catholic Church as Luther’s Reformation took hold in Europe. The Knights Templar and Crusader armies reclaimed the Holy Land for Christ in the 1190s, whilst Eleanor of Aquitaine nurtured the troubadour romantic poets in the Age of Chivalry...all very Neptunian.

Empires rise and fall on this cycle as the dreams of conquerors and their culture infect the conquered. In the 1530s, the Spaniards brought their Catholicism as they decimated the Aztec, Maya and Inca as the Spanish Inquisition was in full swing. In the 370s, the Roman Empire adopted Christianity as state religion and heathen cults were prohibited. In the 1850s’ the British Empire expanded the world and missionary zealots transformed native cultures yet again. The Opium Wars brought back the narcotics from China that would fan the imagination of a generation of artists and poets. From photography to anaesthesia, ‘blessed virgins” appearing at Lourdes, Darwin’s “On the “Origin of Species”, to an
ideological humanitarian civil war in the USA, the themes of Neptune ring loud and clear as we take a quick look back through time.

This visit between 2011/2 and 2024/5 will be impressive and profound as this is only the second time since his discovery, and accompanies the Uranus square Pluto ‘Cardinal Climax’ and Uranus entering Aries. However, as usual we do not know what will happen. I can only ‘sense it’ in conjunction with my job as an Astrologer to try to make sense of what the Gods have in store as we move through our evolutionary journey. So we can only postulate by calling upon our images in context with the complexities of our current world scenarios.

As we have seen, for the past 14 years we’ve opened our collective field in new and vibrant ways through techno marvels that connect us as never before. We’ve also re-connected our intuitive brain so we can become the balanced beings we must be to become powerful as ‘whole’ people – left and right brain...together at last! So now, we get to experiment! What fun. How cool will it be when we are completely in synch with creating a thought-form, magnetising the people and resources we need, and then manifesting marvellous realities? This is what is on offer as the Science of Mind or Noetics, bursts forth into daily life. The only thing is...you must have ‘pure intention’ and your idea must serve more than just your own selfish egoic outcomes. That’s the point kids. We’ve spent 14 years being shown that ‘we are all one...we live in a unified field’ etc. etc. So if our intention is not about serving the collective in some fashion it may indeed work for a brief moment and fulfil our ego aggrandisement, but sure as sunshine it will not last.

As the veils lift from our old 3D Reality we are free to begin to see at last what is ahead as we take on our ‘light bodies’. It has felt cloudy and uncertain for so long now with hints and glimpses of what the parallel dimension has to offer, but it just ain’t been time yet my friends. The Gods control the timing, while men seek to assert control yet are completely clueless...up until now. So bring on Ψ in Ξ.

Leonardo Di Caprio’s latest role in “Inception” offers wonderful images of the warp in the space/time continuum that allows stepping between realities. The movies and all artistic image-making tools have always been Neptune’s tool for expression. Now that the Gods and Goddesses of ancient time are long gone it falls to Hollywood to be modern Neptune’s vehicle for the birth of new archetypes. Both our current and future Zeitgeists are on the big screen, and the clothes we wear, art we enjoy, houses we live in are all conditioned by the prevailing Neptunian influence...or “Glamour”

Quite what it will feel like to actually live in this new reality is yet to be seen and experienced. Once again, I have glimpses. It is a calm and accepting place and there is little drama. One accepts the day and works with whatever people and situations it throws at you. It is a very deeply aware and feeling place yet it is a very objective place. It’s kind of like being at the top of Jupiter’s mountain after the hard climb, surveying the panorama of options in a state of calm expectation. Without controlling ‘things’, you can allow ‘things’ to come to you, knowing that what will come is perfect for your lessons in that moment.
Over the next 14 years, those who understand the Spiritual evolution on offer will have much responsibility, but no longer a sense of burden. We are the privileged group of humanity who have food and love and aspiration. So it is incumbent on us that we inspire others to be inspired by ψ in Χ to step up our consciousness to a place of loving inclusiveness.

On a collective level the themes of mental and psycho-spiritual health will come onto the front burner, as more people than ever are diagnosed with various ‘disorders’ that result from ‘breaking with reality’ in response to various pressures in the outer world. So Pharmaceutical companies can make some more drugs to keep folks trapped in their confusion and depression. That is why it is so essential to empower the masses with simple information that supports their emotional healing. So expect new developments in psychological/therapy territory, advancing the revolution of psychotherapy in the mid 1960s. Be your own healer!

Χ in Τ opens new fabulous options for our ‘entrepreneur self’ and offers freedom and liberation as ψ in Χ opens the door for us to transcend our old limited selves.

- However, there is again a caveat, as we cannot bring our old fear and anger and confusion with us. That’s part of the old matrix and will keep you firmly stuck in 3D reality under the control of our current old, sick unconscious system.
- So it is essential to give up your last dregs of victim nonsense and create healthy boundaries around yourself, emotionally and physically.
- Give up the belief in suffering and replace it with a healthy relationship to sacrifice when necessary; i.e. to take care of a sick child or whatever.
- Give up fret and worry…it keeps you stuck in fear…be an optimist
- Surrender to intimacy by honestly facing your fear of loss and hurt...and then you can merge safely.
- Listen to your intuitive self and be always open to the ‘phenomenal universe’ by noticing the signs and signals coming at you via strange and synchronistic means. It’s fun when you live like this...incredibly interesting and creative.
- Create a sacred space in your home or garden where you connect with your ‘higher dudes and gals’ every day, if only for a few minutes. Remember to say thank you and be in gratitude before you ask for help and guidance. And when you don’t need help say thank you anyway.
- Give yourself permission to believe that it is possible to achieve ‘Heaven on Earth’, the core idea in Christianity that was such a revolutionary idea...we don’t have to wait for ‘eternity’
- Beware ‘Spiritual Glamour’...your own and other people’s – we are all on the same level playing field so question ideas and information before aligning yourself with groups and organisations
- Be artistic and creative. Many great artists and composers will emerge in the years ahead to convey their messages...perhaps you are one of them!
- Be at peace. Avoid conflict as you also assert yourself in healthy ways when you need to.
- Be kind. Kindness is the greatest and most powerful tool you have at your disposal.
- Give yourself permission to be clear and inspired no matter what negative stories the power elite and their media cohorts are spinning.
- Step into “the Stream of Consciousness” where right action is rewarded with growth and prosperity.
- Dare to dream...our dreams are the incubus of our “magician self’ creating our future limitless realities.
The 26,000-year Mayan Calendar cycle

There are a number of interconnected calendars in the Mayan system, considered to be a ‘Cosmic Timing System’ that reflect their deep understanding of long-term cycles of creation, following a pattern of phases of dark and light. So these calendars are not just a fluffy new age phenomena to capture our imagination. The 26,000-year calendar gained popular attention due to an ‘end date’ of December 21 2012 and became perfect fodder for the doomsday gang at the time.

The celestial mechanics of this date are actually remarkable as only occur every 26,000 years – a ‘Great Cycle’. This is when the December solstice sun aligns with the galactic equator because of the ‘precession of the equinoxes’ and this occurred on 21.12.12. This date not only links in with the 26,000 cycle, but also with another Mayan Cycle or ‘Tun’ of 5,210 years. It is also the ‘final date’ of their Galactic Cycle of 16 Billion years...whoosh! So in terms of a major evolutionary moment they do not get much bigger than this.

The implications in terms of species morphing into new forms are similar to 26,000 years ago when Homo sapiens first began to make their impression felt. At subsequent 5,210-year phases, we have seen the major developments in our global story as it was around 3000BCE that our current western and eastern civilization phases began.

We are now poised for the next ‘shift’ in the underlying consciousness that generates our individual and therefore group outcomes. In recent history i.e. the last 500 years, we had Galileo and Newton in their time channelling their visions to click humanity forwards another notch in our learning of ‘who we really are’.

We are Gods! But to step into our Godhood requires stepping beyond the old worldview that says we are merely slaves to the powerful, and that our duty is to them not to ourselves and our true purpose. This is of course to serve humanity and have a wonderful time on the way becoming ‘who we really are’!

Here I am at the Chichen Itza pyramid in Mexico where I attended the dawn ceremony for the new 26,000-year cycle on 21.12.12! It was a fabulous moment in my life!
What is Astrology?

Astrology is a Natural Cosmic Science as a tool for recording and analysing the cyclic movement of the Celestial bodies...be these movements large (as in the case of the cycles of the Galaxy), or small (as in the case of our nearest neighbour our Moon and her cycles). So we could broadly say that Astrology is a Historical Evolutionary Recording Device.

Astrology contains the philosophy that there is Order to the Cosmos: that the universe is a single unity, a single entity, where all parts are interconnected and inter-dependent on one another. This indeed is the greatest of the Natural Laws of the Cosmos. This implies a sense of divine order and purpose, and that a divine or spiritualising seed of creativity contained within each of us that we instinctively attempt to express during the course of a lifetime.

A further extension to these basic precepts, takes us to the notion that if there is a DIVINE ORDER then it follows as a matter of course that there is some orchestrating influence which permeates and infuses this order with a CONSCIOUSNESS, which again is inclusive and non-separative.

When one ponders this concept around the nature of consciousness, it is truly astounding and takes us into the metaphysical mystery of the interconnection between visible and invisible energy systems. So it would appear that there is a great and sophisticated “mind” or computer out there in the invisible ethers, in which we are co-participating at all times. Modern psychics has come a long way in attempting to explain this consciousness, and perhaps when it finally does these Esoteric ideas will be become part of mainstream consciousness for the first time.

So here we have the link which brings us back to the use of Astrology as a tool for knowing the nature of your own Soul, and the purpose for its’ coming here in the first place. Contained within the Natal Birth Chart or “HOROSCOPE” is this knowledge, along with the complete story of who you are as an Ego and personality, all the psychological themes which make up our beliefs and behaviours, natural creative gifts and potentials, life challenges and primary Soul evolutionary patterns......the list goes on

This is why one of the terms used to describe modern Astrology is as a “Humanistic” Belief System, as it acknowledges the basic rights and qualities shared by every species and organism.

Next we have the reality that Astrology offers us a Model for the Human Psyche, and contains information as to the nature of the Individual Human Ego State, and how and why each of us developed from Birth to become the functioning person in the world (or “dysfunctional” as the case may be!) Information as to the early Familial environment and the DNA influences of each parent may be defined from the Horoscope, with the resultant model of the Individual Psyche and its’ potential in the world.
Which takes us to what I consider is the greatest potential for the use of Astrology in a modern context. Astrology is a Healing Tool, as because it offers us all of the already outlined functions, it is appropriate to realise that the whole point of knowing all which we may seek to discover about our origins and purpose, is to be able to live out our fullest creative potential and allow our Soul to realise itself in any lifetime.

In these modern times of “dis-connectedness” from most of what is true and natural in our world, it is no surprise that so many people experience themselves as alienated and meaningless in our Society. Astrology offers us the “way home to ourself”, thereby healing these alienated experiences and allowing a sense of “unity” and “accord” with our world and our purpose in it!

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Here is an interview I did with Chris Flisher from Boston on his ‘Turning of The Wheel’ program. We discussed my favourite subject ‘Soul & Psyche’ and diverged into lots of interesting territory about the unfolding astroscape in 2018 and beyond…
Letter from Australian Journalist John Pilger

I am including this letter from Australian Journalist John Pilger - 4 August 2017 – as I have always respected his work as one of the few remaining investigative journalists who goes beyond the party line. The US submarine captain says, "We've all got to die one day, some sooner and some later. The trouble always has been that you’re never ready, because you don't know when it's coming. Well, now we do know and there's nothing to be done about it."

He says he will be dead by September. It will take about a week to die, though no one can be sure. Animals live the longest. The war was over in a month. The United States, Russia and China were the protagonists. It is not clear if it was started by accident or mistake. There was no victor. The northern hemisphere is contaminated and lifeless now.

A curtain of radioactivity is moving south towards Australia and New Zealand, southern Africa and South America. By September, the last cities, towns and villages will succumb. As in the north, most buildings will remain untouched, some illuminated by the last flickers of electric light.

This is the way the world ends   Not with a bang but a whimper

These lines from T.S. Eliot’s poem The Hollow Men appear at the beginning of Nevil Shute’s novel On the Beach, which left me close to tears. The endorsements on the cover said the same.

Published in 1957 at the height of the Cold War when too many writers were silent or cowed, it is a masterpiece. At first, the language suggests a genteel relic; yet nothing I have read on nuclear war is as unyielding in its warning. No book is more urgent.

Some readers will remember the black and white Hollywood film starring Gregory Peck as the US Navy commander who takes his submarine to Australia to await the silent, formless spectre descending on the last of the living world.

I read On the Beach for the first time the other day, finishing it as the US Congress passed a law to wage economic war on Russia, the world's second most lethal nuclear power. There was no justification for this insane vote, except the promise of plunder.

The "sanctions" are aimed at Europe, too, mainly Germany, which depends on Russian natural gas and on European companies that do legitimate business with Russia. In what passed for debate on Capitol Hill, the more garrulous senators left no doubt that the embargo was designed to force Europe to import expensive American gas.

Their main aim seems to be war - real war. No provocation as extreme can suggest anything else. They seem to crave it, even though Americans have little idea what war is. The Civil War of 1861-5 was the last on their mainland. War is what the United States does to others.

The only nation to have used nuclear weapons against human beings, they have since destroyed scores of governments, many of them democracies, and laid to waste whole societies - the million deaths in Iraq were a fraction of the carnage in Indo-China, which President Reagan called "a noble cause" and President Obama revised as the tragedy of an "exceptional people" He was not referring to the Vietnamese.
Filming last year at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, I overheard a National Parks Service guide lecturing a school party of young teenagers. "Listen up," he said. "We lost 58,000 young soldiers in Vietnam, and they died defending your freedom."

At a stroke, the truth was inverted. No freedom was defended. Freedom was destroyed. A peasant country was invaded and millions of its people were killed, maimed, dispossessed, poisoned; 60,000 of the invaders took their own lives. Listen up, indeed.

A lobotomy is performed on each generation. Facts are removed. History is excised and replaced by what Time magazine calls "an eternal present". Harold Pinter described this as "manipulation of power worldwide, while masquerading as a force for universal good, a brilliant, even witty, highly successful act of hypnosis [which meant] that it never happened. Nothing ever happened. Even while it was happening, it wasn't happening. It didn't matter. It was of no interest."

Those who call themselves liberals or tendentiously "the left" are eager participants in this manipulation, and its brainwashing, which today revert to one name: Trump. Trump is mad, a fascist, a dupe of Russia. He is also a gift for "liberal brains pickled in the formaldehyde of identity politics", wrote Luciana Bohne memorably. The obsession with Trump the man - not Trump as a symptom and caricature of an enduring system - beckons great danger for all of us.

While they pursue their fossilised anti-Russia agendas, narcissistic media such as the Washington Post, the BBC and the Guardian suppress the essence of the most important political story of our time as they warmonger on a scale I cannot remember in my lifetime.

On 3 August, in contrast to the acreage the Guardian has given to drivel that the Russians conspired with Trump (reminiscent of the far-right smearing of John Kennedy as a "Soviet agent"), the paper buried, on page 16, news that the President of the United States was forced to sign a Congressional bill declaring economic war on Russia. Unlike every other Trump signing, this was conducted in virtual secrecy and attached with a caveat from Trump himself that it was "clearly unconstitutional".

A coup against the man in the White House is under way. This is not because he is an odious human being, but because he has consistently made clear, he does not want war with Russia. This glimpse of sanity, or simple pragmatism, is anathema to the "national security" managers who guard a system based on war, surveillance, armaments, threats and extreme capitalism. Martin Luther King called them "the greatest purveyors of violence in the world today".

They have encircled Russia and China with missiles and a nuclear arsenal. They have used neo-Nazis to install an unstable, aggressive regime on Russia’s "borderland" - the way through which Hitler invaded, causing the deaths of 27 million people. Their goal is to dismember the modern Russian Federation.

In response, "partnership" is a word used incessantly by Vladimir Putin - anything, it seems, that might halt an evangelical drive to war in the United States. Incredulity in Russia may have now turned to fear and perhaps a certain resolution. The Russians almost certainly have war-gamed nuclear counter strikes. Air-raid drills are not uncommon. Their history tells them to get ready.

The threat is simultaneous. Russia is first, China is next. The US has just completed a huge military exercise with Australia known as Talisman Sabre. They rehearsed a blockade of the Malacca Straits and
the South China Sea, through which pass China's economic lifelines. The admiral commanding the US Pacific fleet said that, "if required", he would nuke China. That he would say such a thing publicly in the current perfidious atmosphere begins to make fact of Nevil Shute's fiction.

None of this is considered news. No connection is made as the bloodfest of Passchendaele a century ago is remembered. Honest reporting is no longer welcome in much of the media. Windbags, known as pundits, dominate: editors are infotainment or party line managers. Where there was once sub-editing, there is the liberation of axe-grinding clichés. Those journalists who do not comply are defenestrated.

The urgency has plenty of precedents. In my film, The Coming War on China, John Bordne, a member of a US Air Force missile combat crew based in Okinawa, Japan, describes how in 1962 - during the Cuban missile crisis - he and his colleagues were "told to launch all the missiles" from their silos.

Nuclear armed, the missiles were aimed at both China and Russia. A junior officer questioned this, and the order was eventually rescinded - but only after they were issued with service revolvers and ordered to shoot at others in a missile crew if they did not "stand down".

At the height of the Cold War, the anti-communist hysteria in the United States was such that US officials who were on official business in China were accused of treason and sacked. In 1957 - the year Shute wrote On the Beach - no official in the State Department could speak the language of the world's most populous nation. Mandarin speakers were purged under strictures now echoed in the Congressional bill that has just passed, aimed at Russia.

The bill was bipartisan. There is no fundamental difference between Democrats and Republicans. The terms "left" and "right" are meaningless. Most of America's modern wars were started not by conservatives, but by liberal Democrats.

When Obama left office, he presided over a record seven wars, including America's longest war and an unprecedented campaign of extrajudicial killings - murder - by drones.

In his last year, according to a Council on Foreign Relations study, Obama, the "reluctant liberal warrior", dropped 26,171 bombs - three bombs every hour, 24 hours a day. Having pledged to help "rid the world" of nuclear weapons, the Nobel Peace Laureate built more nuclear warheads than any president since the Cold War.

Trump is a wimp by comparison. It was Obama - with his secretary of state Hillary Clinton at his side - who destroyed Libya as a modern state and launched the human stampede to Europe. At home, immigration groups knew him as the "deporter-in-chief".

One of Obama's last acts as president was to sign a bill that handed a record $618billion to the Pentagon, reflecting the soaring ascendancy of fascist militarism in the governance of the United States. Trump has endorsed this.

Buried in the detail was the establishment of a "Center for Information Analysis and Response". This is a ministry of truth. It is tasked with providing an "official narrative of facts" that will prepare us for the real possibility of nuclear war - if we allow it.
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