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“Outline From SIRE Lecture”

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Mr. Lewis began by reviewing his previous astrological prediction from other lectures over the last several years; including the Bush elections, the violent pull to the political right, the rise in oil and gold prices, and the top of the housing market exactly when Saturn exited Cancer in July 2005. That month proved to be the beginning of the turnaround.

The central point of this lecture was Saturn opposing Neptune, an aspect that occurs approximately every 36 years. Lewis explained that Saturn represents reality, foundation, structure and support. It rules real estate, houses, large corporations and the housing market in general. Lewis expects a big financial problem in the housing sector over the next 12 months, which will help pull the economy down into a recession. In the financial world Saturn represents long-term investments as opposed to short-term and day trading. Lewis expects much confusion and dissipation of long standing capital, making him bearish on the stock market and bullish on oil and precious metals.

Neptune rules illusions, spirituality, drugs, medicine, fantasies, music, movies and fine art. Obviously these two energies can be diametrically opposed to one another, and when in conflict they will often produce contradictory feelings and beliefs. You could say that Saturn rules reality and Neptune rules un-reality. Although there are often upsetting results from this transit, there can be very beneficial results as well. For example, in 1899, while this aspect was in orb, Pasteur opened his institute in Paris and aspirin was first distributed by the Bayer Company; two instances where the structural qualities of Saturn worked in harmony with Neptune, ruler of medicine. If we give foundation to our dreams and fantasies we can create wonderful things.

The history of the Israel and Saturn – Neptune oppositions:

Lewis began by discussing the effects this transit has had on the nation of Israel. He explained that astrology charts can be read effectively for persons or things either dead or not yet in existence. For example: even though the modern nation of Israel didn't exist until 1948, long before its inception events were taking place each time this cyclical transit occurred, effecting the future nation.

In 1897, Theodore Hertzl assembled the first Zionist congress, made up of prominent Jewish leaders from around the globe. This was the first serious meeting to discuss the creation of a Jewish state. **This was also shortly before Saturn opposed Neptune.**

In 1936 there began a three year long series of riots and a general boycott of Jewish products by Arabs in Palestine protesting the Zionist movement, which by then had taken on a great deal of force. This is also the year Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen concentration camps were opened, the first of many to come. **Saturn opposed Neptune 1936-7.**

In 1972 the Yom Kipper War came as close to dissolving the state of Israel as has yet happened. **Saturn opposed Neptune 1971-2.**

Today there is the Hezbollah – Hamas war. Iran is on the brink of nuclear capability and the region is once again at the edge of calamity. **Saturn opposes Neptune 2006-7.** If history is any indication, this war is going to escalate and be particularly difficult for the Israelis. This opposition occurs exactly on Israel's Saturn return. In other words, Saturn in the sky is where it was when Israel was created, while Neptune is in opposition to Israel's Saturn. This is the cause of the terrible confusion and misdirection that this armed conflict has taken so far.

Saturn rules the 4th house of home in the chart of that vulnerable nation. This opposition will severely challenge Israel's ability to survive. This may be the beginning of a yearlong war, during which Syria and Iran will continue to build their armies in expectation of a major conflict.

Saturn opposite Neptune and world politics

Throughout history this aspect has had a great effect on many nations, including America. Empires fall, governments change hands and in general there is a time of confusion and mistrust. Below are a few examples.

While Saturn opposed Neptune from March 1936 – January 1937:

The Spanish Civil War began, King Edward VIII of England abdicated his throne. Germany marched into the Rhineland unopposed, solidifying Hitler's control of power, which begins Germany's economic and military resurgence. Saturn creates reality to Neptune's illusion. The Nuremberg Laws were passed; stripping the Jews of their citizenship and human rights. The constitution of the USSR was adopted December 1936, connecting its 16 members.

While Saturn opposed Neptune 1898-99:

In 1899 the Boer War began. In 1899 the Spanish were kicked out of the New World after 400 years, leaving its last possession, Cuba.

While Saturn opposed Neptune 1863-4:

A small disagreement was occurring on the North American continent. Lincoln signs the emancipation proclamation delivers the Gettysburg Address exactly as this aspect is in orb.

While Saturn opposed Neptune 1827-29:

King Miguel of Portugal overthrows his niece Maria II in the "Liberal wars." Uruguay gains independence. The Russo-Turkish War is fought The Greek War of independence against the Turks. The Creek Indians lose rights to all their lands in the U.S. Jackson beats J.Q. Adams as the new Democratic Party is formed. Beethoven dies.

While Saturn opposed Neptune 1791-2:

1792 – King Gustav of Sweden is fatally shot in the head. The French Revolution was in full swing. King Louis and family guillotined. Violence erupts into the Reign of terror 1792-1795. France declares war on the Habsburg Empire. La Marseillaise is composed. The stock market begins. Postal service and coinage act passed.

The most recent time this aspect occurred was in 1971-2. We were still in the middle of the Vietnam War when this aspect hit. Nixon and Kissinger declared "peace was at hand" just in time to kill McGovern's chances as an anti-war candidate. Of course they were lying, (Neptune's deception) and the war continued for another year. In 1971 the Pentagon Papers were published; Cambodia, Laos, the Christmas bombings; lie after lie was covered up, then finally uncovered.

This was also when some of Nixon's friends took a room at the Watergate, found their mini-bar empty and apparently were just looking to borrow a few snacks from a neighbor's room when all hell broke loose. It was the result of this aspect that brought down the Nixon White House. Truth (Saturn) will eventually win over deception (Neptune.) At that time this planetary opposition dissolved the structure of our government and we came as close to a collapse of power as we ever have since the Civil War. (Remember, Saturn was in opposition to Neptune from 1863 – 64.)

Now as this aspect approaches again, we have a president with the lowest popularity in our nation's history. With this opposition about to take place Lewis expects to see a reversal in power this next election. If history is to repeat itself a Democratic senate could censure or even impeach Bush, resulting in a power struggle at the highest levels. His presidency is at serious risk these next two years. Lewis also reminded the audience that for years he had been steadfastly predicting that Bush would not serve out his term.

Saturn opposite Neptune and The economy

Historically whenever this aspect hits there can be a period of destabilization and a great deal of confusion economically. The value of things (Saturn's domain) become confusing and unreal (Neptune), such as during extreme inflation, when nothing seems worth its cost.

While Saturn opposed Neptune 1971 – 1972 inflation was running so rampant and the economy was in such a state of disarray that economists refer to this period as "The Great Inflation of the 1970's. August 1971 Nixon implemented a price-wage freeze (Saturn's limitations), which didn't work. Oil prices were exploding and public sentiment hit an all time low. Neptune's ability to create confusion and misdirection to Saturn's structure and stability was obvious. The tug-of-war between our need for stability and the outrageous prices led to an inflationary recession. The recession of 1971 became a world crisis as the OPEC oil embargo pushed prices and inflation higher. Fear took hold as Americans had to wait in line on certain days to get gasoline. We went on daylight saving's time all year long (a pain in the ass for neophyte astrologers unaware of that change). Oil was through the roof, Israel was being attacked, and our government was badly distrusted. Sound familiar?

In 1936 as Saturn opposed Neptune the great American recovery from the Great Depression hit a speed bump. The year 1936 is referred to as Roosevelt's recession, a period that almost cost him his political capital. The worldwide depression was at its height, and events around the globe were beginning that would have tremendous effect upon our culture.

Gold seems to have a particularly strong relationship to this transit. In 1792 The mint and coinage act was passed, which eventually resulted in the world gold standard. In 1933 the world ended the gold standard as it had been defined

up to that point. But in 1936 as Saturn was directly opposite Neptune, Roosevelt attempted to balance our budget with gold once again helping to create the recession. It is the years from 1946-71 we were back on the world gold standard, which Nixon dissolved in 1971, just when Saturn was opposite Neptune.

Now gold is trading the highest it's been in 20 years. Could it be that we are facing such a global financial crisis that we could return to that antiquated system? Remember, the U.S. has increasingly sold off our gold supply through the years; deeming it worthless and unimportant to our security. Could this be a rude awakening if the world chooses to redefine its position on that precious metal?

Water has become a major concern for our species. The necessity for huge amounts of clean water for drinking and bathing will continue to increase as our population grows. We already have a water crisis in many areas of the world. With the restrictive nature of Saturn acting upon Neptune, ruler of all moving water such as rivers and streams, we may see some drying up or contamination of major waterways. Lewis expects that droughts will become a major concern this year. The shrinking of the ice caps is a perfect example of this aspect's potential. The battle for water isn't going away.

In 1999 Lewis began writing and lecturing about the possibility of a pandemic similar to the 1918 influenza due to the historic pattern of Uranus in Pisces and infectious diseases. It has done so every 84 years for as long back as research will allow. But it hasn't happened this time – yet.

In 1918 Saturn and Neptune began to conjunct in the sky. This created the structure upon which Neptune could act. Since Neptune rules infections and Saturn creates reality, indiscriminately, it is doing its job if it creates a solid foundation upon which Neptune can reproduce a virulent and deadly flu, for example. Now we have Saturn in opposition to Neptune in the sky while Uranus, ruler of sudden and unexpected changes is still in Pisces, Neptune's home and thus ruler of all infections. We cannot let our guard down nor be misdirected. When it comes to killing, mankind is a piker compared with nature. We threw everything we could at each other for 4 years in World War One and could only kill 20 million people. The influenza virus killed at least three times that number in a few months.

Lewis believes this aspect may very well challenge our societal attitude towards health in general. Preventative drugs cannot be held hostage to profits and bottom lines. Tens of millions of Americans are without health insurance. What that would mean during a health disaster? The reality (Saturn) of diseases (Neptune) will be one of the results of this transit. How it manifests and how we deal with it is the question.

In conclusion Lewis predicted a formative Democratic victory in the mid-term elections, and a strenuous power struggle for the remainder of the Bush administration. He also does not believe that Bush will complete his term in office, although he did not say under what circumstances Mr. Bush would leave the White House.

He believes we are entering a period of recession and inflation, both of which will amplify during the next 12 months. The price of gold and oil will continue to rise, while the stock markets become more risky.

He sees more difficulties for the nation of Israel and expects an escalation in the Middle East conflict. He believes there is a strong chance that both Iran and Syria will test nuclear devices at the same time; for maximum effect.

Because of the tens of millions of uninsured Americans, he believes there is a medical catastrophe waiting to happen. Since Neptune rules infectious diseases and hospitals, and Saturn rules all things restrictive, the potential is staring us all in the face.

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