

## The Outer Planets through the Decades

Everyone on Planet Earth is influenced by the energies that we associate with the meanderings of Neptune, Uranus, and Pluto. Where are those outer planets, and what energies can people use?

Let's begin our journey through time in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The aftermath of World War 2 was, on the one hand, a huge sigh of relief and the rebuilding of home and hearth, and on the other hand, easy acceptance and continuation of important social inequalities. Married women could not get mortgages or other financial credit without their husband's signature. Single women were generally considered unfulfilled, if not incomplete persons. Segregation was explicit in large areas of the country, and not quite so explicit in other areas. Racial segregation was the most visible type, but not the only type, of social segregation. Where did we go from here?

### The 1950's

The Korean War begins (1950), the McCarthy anti-American hearings (complete with black-listing entertainers and others holding dissenting viewpoints), the introduction of color television, discovery of the molecular model of DNA, the first atomic submarine launched (Nautilus), West Germany becomes a sovereign state (1955), Martin Luther King Jr leads black boycott against the Montgomery Alabama bus system (1955), AFL and CIO merge, President Eisenhower sends troops to Little Rock Arkansas to facilitate school integration (1957), both the Common market in Europe and the United Arab Republic are formed (1958), Charles de Gaulle becomes French premier, Castro takes over in Cuba (1959), Dalai Lama escapes to India, Alaska and Hawaii become 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> states.

Pluto was in Leo until 1956, at which time Pluto entered Virgo.  
Neptune was in Libra until 1955, at which time Neptune entered Scorpio.  
Uranus was in Cancer until 1955, at which time Uranus entered Leo.

Pluto in Leo focuses attention on the responsible, and irresponsible, use of power. Pluto into Virgo adds a new focus on implementation, with attention to details. Work on communications networks, the space program, medical research, and transportation systems, are but a few of the innovations from this time.

Neptune in Libra makes it easier for ordinary thinking to articulate uncomfortable feelings and convictions. Neptune in Scorpio (a water sign) creates a restlessness -- a need to use what bubbles up from the unconscious and from the dream space.

Uranus in Cancer focuses on the structure of home and family. 'Leave it to Beaver' portrayed an idealistic family and home setting, an antidote to wartime. But the reality of people's lives rarely ran so smoothly, Change seemed inevitable as Uranus settled into Leo.

### The 1960's

Senegal, Ghana, Nigeria, Madagascar, & Zaire gain independence (1960), Bay of Pigs (1961), Alan Shepard first astronaut, John Glen first American to orbit Earth (1962), Cuban missile crisis, Second Vatican Council, 1<sup>st</sup> artificial heart developed (1963), President Kennedy assassinated (1963), Martin Luther King, Jr 'I have a dream' speech, Betty Friedan publishes 'the Feminine Mystique', 1<sup>st</sup> American appearance of the Beatles (1964), Malcolm X assassinated (1965), Riots in Watts and other major cities across America, Ralph Nadar's 'Unsafe at Any Speed', Six Day War in Middle East (1967), Tet offensive (turning point in Vietnam war, 1968), Martin Luther King Jr assassinated in Memphis, Robert Kennedy assassinated after winning California primary, beginning of Gay Rights movement, Neil Armstrong -- man's 1<sup>st</sup> walk on the Moon (1969), Edward Kennedy Chappaquiddick incident, Woodstock festival, Sesame Street debuts.

Pluto was in Virgo throughout the 1960's.  
Neptune was in Scorpio throughout the 1960's.  
Uranus entered Virgo in 1961, remained there until 1968, and then moved into Libra.

Pluto is in Virgo. The space program is showing results. IBM is a new mega-industry, with 85% market share. Technological advances are exploding. Neptune remains in Scorpio -- people want to live their dreams. The up side is lots of imagination and innovation. The down side is disregard for other people's dreams, when they differ from our own dreams. Uranus was in Virgo during most of this period. Change played out in the physicality of our lives, and not in plans and projections.

### The 1970's

Supreme court rules in favor of school bussing to create racial balance (1971), voting age lowered to 18, Communist China replaces Nationalist China in the United Nations, Pres. Nixon visits mainland China (1972), Gov. Wallace of Alabama shot, Watergate scandal (1972), Roe vs. Wade, biggest Arab / Israeli conflict so far (1973), Pres. Nixon impeached (1974), Pres. Ford grants full pardon to Nixon, Supreme court rules death penalty acceptable form of punishment, Legionnaires disease in Philadelphia (1976), American Bi-Centennial, Jimmy Carter elected president (1976), first woman Episcopal priest ordained (1977), Supreme court rules against using Medicaid funds to pay for elective abortions, Proposition 13 in California (60% slash in property tax rate, 1978), John Paul II becomes Pope (1978), historic meeting between Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin at Camp David, Jim Jones followers' mass suicide, Kent State shootings (1979), Ayatollah Khomeini assumes rule in Iran, 3 Mile Island disaster, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (1979).

Pluto moved into Libra in 1971, and remained there throughout the 1970s.  
Neptune moved into Sagittarius in 1970, and remained there throughout the 1970s.  
Uranus started out in Libra, moved into Scorpio in 1974, and remained there for the duration of the 1970s.

Pluto in Libra focuses on fairness, and unfairness, in human interactions. The middle class was rapidly growing (count the number of new shopping malls in suburban neighborhoods). Neptune (the search to identify illusion) was working its way through Sagittarius (what is real and what is illusion, in the new ideologies being offered). Uranus (shake it up to see what bubbles up) in Libra is sifting through current attitudes for transformative ideas, to be further shaped as Uranus travels through Scorpio.

### The 1980's

Beginning of the 8 year Iran / Iraq war, Regan becomes president (1980), Discovery of the Titanic (1980), cost of a 1<sup>st</sup> class postage stamp 15 cents, federal debt is \$909 billion (1980), Anwar Sadat assassinated, Pope John Paul II shot, beginning popularization of home computers, first reported case of AIDS (1981), Ted Turner launched the CNN news network, Falklands war (1981), landslide win for President Regan's 2<sup>nd</sup> term (1984), Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi assassinated (1984), discovery of hole in the ozone layer (1985), Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster (1986), Iraqi missile hits American Destroyer USS Stark (1987), US Supreme Court rules Rotary Clubs must admit women (1987), 'A Brief History of Time' by Stephen Hawking published (1988), Benazir Bhutto - first Islamic woman prime minister chosen to lead Pakistan (1988), dismantling of the Berlin Wall begins (1988), Pan-Am terrorist explosion over Lockerbie, victory over Communist Party in 1<sup>st</sup> free elections in Poland, pressure against Communist Party in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, ... (1989), Tiananmen Square (1989), Berlin Wall opens to West, San Francisco earthquake measures 7.1 (1989).

Pluto was in Libra until 1983, and then in Scorpio for the remainder of the 1980s.  
Neptune was in Sagittarius until 1984, and then in Capricorn for the remainder of the 1980s.  
Uranus was in Sagittarius from 1981 until 1988, and then moved into Capricorn.

The first few years of this decade have Pluto in Libra (dealing with un-balanced relationships) and Neptune in Sagittarius (who is lying and who is telling the truth). Pluto entered its own sign, Scorpio, in 1983, and Neptune entered Capricorn soon after. Just do what is necessary, no procrastinating, no frills. Uranus in Sagittarius – whoops, the stock market crash in 1987.

### The 1990's

Iraq invades Kuwait starting the Persian Gulf War (1990), German reunification completed, Nelson Mandela freed, East and West Germany united, Margaret Thatcher resigns, Hubble space telescope launched (1990), end of Persian Gulf War (1991), Mikhail Gorbachev resigns – dissolution of the U.S.S.R. (1991), repeal of apartheid, unemployment 6.8%, Clinton elected president (1992), World Trade Center bombing (1993), President Clinton announces 'don't ask, don't tell' policy (1993), US forces to Persian Gulf (1994), Sarajevo under siege, O.J. Simpson trial, 1<sup>st</sup> cloned mammal born (Dolly the sheep), start of commercial sites on the internet (World Wide Web), Bosnia / Croatia fighting (1995), US bailout of Mexican economy, Oklahoma City bombing, Million Man March (1995), Martian explorer satellite lands on Mars, Mother Teresa dies (1997), Princess Diana killed, Monika Lewinsky (1998), mandatory school bussing for integration purposes officially ended in Prince George's County Maryland, Kurt Kobain suicide, Viagra approved by FDA (1998), creation of the Euro, war in Kosovo (1999), Columbine tragedy (1999), earthquake in Turkey kills 13,000 people, Y2K scare

Pluto was in Scorpio until 1995, and then moved into Sagittarius.  
Neptune was in Capricorn until 1998, and then moved into Aquarius.  
Uranus was in Capricorn until 1995, and then moved into Aquarius.

Pluto is in Scorpio, with both Neptune and Uranus in Capricorn. Think of an active volcano with nothing visible from the outside. Pluto is in Sagittarius, with both Neptune and Uranus in Aquarius. New initiatives, new directions, no one is coloring inside the lines.

#### 2000 - 2010

Florida voting machines 'Hanging chad' (2000), Microsoft is declared a monopoly, completion of a rough blueprint mapping all the genes of the human body, dot.com implosion, 'rumors' of impending layoffs and a failing economy (2001), Twin Towers (Sept 11, 2001), Bush tax cuts (2001), unemployment 4.8%, first artificial heart implanted, strikes against al Qaeda in Afghan caves, creation of dept. of Homeland Security, beginning face-offs with Saddam Hussein, Corporate scandals – Enron, Arthur Andersen, Merrill Lynch, Citigroup .... (2002), Federal reserve cuts interest rate to a 40 year low, pedophile priests in news, Saddam Hussein captured, loss of Columbia space shuttle and its crew (2003), 9.0 earthquake in Indian Ocean killed at least 150,000 from Thailand to Somalia (2004), Tsunamis left hundreds of thousands homeless, Florida seriously hurt by hurricane season, major controversies over same-sex marriage (2004), Red Sox win the world series (2004), G. W. Bush re-elected, Pope John Paul II dies, Hurricane Katrina (2005), Angela Merkel 1<sup>st</sup> female Chancellor in Germany (2005), Sago Mine disaster in West Virginia (2006), President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announces Iran has successfully enriched uranium (2006), North Korea tests nuclear device in North Korean mountains (2006), Arizona border disputes, Nancy Pelosi becomes speaker of the House (2007), another 20,000 troops being sent to Baghdad, talk about a timeline for withdrawing troops from Iraq, Saddam Hussein's trial and conviction, stem cell research continuing, national unemployment rate 4.6% in 2007, minimum wage set at \$5.85 (2007), Kosovo gains independence from Serbia (2008), Bailout of banks (2008), Barak Obama becomes president (2008), Fannie May & Freddie Mac fiasco, massive housing foreclosures, piracy in the Gulf of Aden (2008), Summer Olympics in Beijing, Lehman Brothers investment bank declares bankruptcy, half million jobs lost in November alone (2008), auto industry asking for bailout money, health-care bill (2009), H1N1 virus, AIG government bailout (2009), Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme, federal debt \$12,300 billion, unemployment 9.3%

Pluto was in Sagittarius until 2008, and then moved into Capricorn.  
Neptune was in Aquarius.  
Uranus was in Aquarius until 2003, and then in Pisces.

The pattern of Pluto in Sagittarius with both Neptune and Uranus in Aquarius did not change until 2003, at which time Uranus moved into Pisces (a mutual reception between Neptune and Uranus). This decade ended with economic disaster. Record numbers of homes being foreclosed, a shrinking job market, uncertainty about future tax codes, paper money being printed as a stop-gap measure (raising prices

everywhere), and major corporations and government agencies alike being caught either with their hand in the cookie jar, or asking for government bail-outs, or both.

### 2010 – present

Tsunami in Haiti (Jan 2010), Earthquake and tsunami in Chile (Feb 2010), intense fighting in Afghanistan, BP oil spill in Gulf of Mexico (started April 2010 and keep gushing for 3 months), Introduction of Tea Party candidates, Midterm elections – Democrats keep majority in Senate, Republicans get majority in house (2010), the amazing rescue of 33 Chilean miners after 68 days trapped in a mine, Goldman Sachs pays \$550 million settlement consequent to the mortgage crisis (2010), Unemployment rate over 9%, under-employment (any job rather than no job) and long-term unemployment major issues, 2 year extension of Bush tax cuts, Major earthquakes, aftershocks, and tsunamis around the Pacific rim, Nuclear plant disaster in Japan (2011), more than 600 tornadoes across Midwest in a single year (Joplin, MO left a disaster area May 2011), cost of 1<sup>st</sup> class postage stamp 44 cents, Osama bin Laden killed (2011), King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia grants women the right to vote and run for political office, marriage of Kate Middleton and Prince William, President Obama proposes \$3.8 trillion dollar budget, attempts to raise the \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling (2011), Occupy Wall Street, Jerry Sandusky Penn State football scandal (2011), National debt skyrocketing (government borrowing 41 cents on every dollar spent), China holds significant portion of US debt, protests against dictators (ruling families) across middle east and elsewhere (supported by internet and satellite communications), civil war in Syria with Syrian military attacking Syrian population (2012), killings at American consulate in Benghazi, Hurricane Sandy, President Obama re-elected (2012), shootings at Sandy Hook elementary school, Boston Marathon bombing (2013), NSA (National Security Agency) using PRISM to spy on web activities - including emails - of private citizens, Zimmerman found not guilty of Trayvon Martin murder, Private Bradley Manning leaks over 700,000 classified U.S. government files to WikiLeaks (2013), the tumultuous introduction of Obama Care to the general public (2013).

Pluto is in Capricorn throughout this entire decade.  
Neptune is in Pisces throughout this entire decade.  
Uranus is in Aries throughout this entire decade.

And here we are. Pluto in Capricorn -- a long steady climb divesting ourselves of whatever is not really necessary (and who agrees on what that is). Neptune in Pisces -- an invitation to investigate inner realms to find life solutions, often beginning with meditation or prayer. Uranus in Aries -- every action has a consequence -- immediately.

Well, dear reader, do you see any patterns? The non-ending cycles of war, and willingness to cause pain and suffering to other human beings, seem relatively steady over time. Too steady. Why should this be? Is there no way to break away from this? We talk about progress, but most often we are referring to technological advances -- ex. a better hand-held computer, or a better automobile engine. While technology is important and plays a major part in our lives, so too does compassion, or the lack of compassion.

How can we use available energies to grow compassion in our world (the central Neptune / Pisces issue)? The central Uranus / Aries issue is about individual people accepting personal responsibility for actions taken -- a step towards individuation and away from mob psychology. How can we use astrology to work towards these goals? PLEASE share your thoughts with the rest of us. Submitting an article to the ASC is a great way to do this.

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Usually, when a planet enters a new sign (the next part of the sky) it zigs and zags between the old sign and the new sign a little. The following tables ignore the ziggling and zagging.

Pluto in each of the following signs:

♁	1912 - 1937
♈	1937 - 1956
♉	1956 - 1971
♊	1971 - 1983
♋	1983 - 1995
♌	1995 - 2008
♍	2008 - 2023
♎	2023 -

Neptune in each of the following signs:

♈	1914 - 1928
♉	1928 - 1942
♊	1942 - 1955
♋	1955 - 1970
♌	1970 - 1984
♍	1984 - 1998
♎	1998 - 2011
♏	2011 - 2025

Uranus in each of the following signs:

♍	1904 - 1912
♎	1912 - 1919
♏	1919 - 1927
♐	1927 - 1934
♑	1934 - 1941
♒	1941 - 1948
♓	1948 - 1955
♈	1955 - 1961
♉	1961 - 1968
♊	1968 - 1974
♋	1974 - 1981
♌	1981 - 1988
♍	1988 - 1995
♎	1995 - 2003
♏	2003 - 2010
♐	2010 - 2018
♑	2018 - 2025

Saturn in each of the following signs:

♁	6/2003 - 7/2005
♈	7/2005 - 9/2007
♉	9/2007 - 10/2009
♊	10/2009 - 10/2012
♋	10/2012 - 12/2014
♌	12/2014 - 12/2017
♍	12/2017 - 3/2020
♎	3/2020 - 3/2023