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Moving from Fire to Earth: Saturn and Pluto Transitions

When a major planet transits into the next sign in the Zodiac, it is reflected by profound shifts in society and partially sets the theme for the generation born during that cycle. Among the many factors involved, is the shift of the planet from its expression in one element to another.

Saturn: Very recently, on September 3, 2007 Saturn moved into the earth sign of Virgo after spending approximately two and a half years in fire sign of Leo.

In Astrology, Saturn is considered to be one of our greatest teachers. Among many of its positive attributes, it represents discipline, wisdom-through-experience, focused activity, strength, integrity, the Sage and the passage of time. In its less mature expressions it represents suppression, repression, contraction, rigidity - where we may feel limited or stuck. In society it represents, among other things, systems and institutions.

When Saturn was in Leo from mid-July 2005 until early September, 2007, the personal lessons to be explored involved our hearts. Leo, ruler of the heart, was being transited by Saturn. During that period we needed to learn to keep our hearts open, to watch our pride and ego and learn lessons of humility and striving to be more open-hearted. The temptation for individuals and nations would have been to seek power over any considerations of justice and equity.

If you were born when Saturn was in Leo (August 1946–October 1948 or June 1976–August 1978), the above lessons could be a major theme of your life’s journey.

Virgo themes include health, service and discernment. The presence of Saturn in Virgo emphasizes that during this next cycle, from September 2007 until late July 2010, many more of us will feel that it’s critical to bring order to the many chaotic situations that we have created in society and in our personal lives.

Concern over health care – taking responsibility for our individual health and well-being and making health care available to many more people will be of major import. An example of a wonderful grassroots-to-global campaign acknowledging and promoting nurses and nursing’s vital role in creating a healthy world is the *Nightingale Declaration Campaign*. Please check our website at www.Nightingaledeclaration.net.

Putting a lot of energy into finding solutions for our environmental issues will be on the front burner for many more people in a variety of occupations. Using Saturn's discipline and Virgo's exquisite ability to think rationally and systematically, vital research can be done resulting in practical and creative solutions to relieve our environmental systems that are over-stressed. Sustainability is very congruent with Saturn in Virgo's.

There's another side to the expression of Saturn in Virgo. On the personal level, there can be a tendency to feel and express more self doubt and be overly critical of oneself and of others. It's crucial to maintain an overview and also remember to have faith so that irritability and small mindedness don't take over and occupy too much of our time. It's very important to discern between what is really a priority and what is a waste of our valuable time – and we spend our life energy wisely and productively.

Pluto spends an average of 14 years in each astrological sign. It's about to move from its long cycle in the fire sign of Sagittarius into the earth sign of Capricorn. The first taste we'll have of this shift will come in late January of 2008 when Pluto will dip into Capricorn until mid-June. It will temporarily move back into Sagittarius from mid-June to late November 2008, and then return to Capricorn where it will remain until late January 2024!

Pluto can reveal to us the extremes of our psyches as well as the power of transcendence – the “phoenix arising from the ashes”. It's related to the profoundest levels for us to explore inwardly and societally, and can involve exposing our shadows and the weaknesses in our foundations, as well as open the possibility of radical transformation. One major theme for the last 14 years of Pluto in the sign of Sagittarius has involved the dramatic increase of extreme religious expression and belief systems – with the rise of fundamentalism in many parts of the world. On the positive side, we also have begun to emphasize a new story - of needing to transcend divisions for the sake of our very survival - as conditions on our Earth have become far less sustainable with imperiled natural resources and dwindling species.

Capricorn: With Pluto now moving into Capricorn, the emphasis will shift to structures – corporations, governments and other institutions that have organized society and it's functioning. Both Pluto and Capricorn deal with power. Institutions with weak foundations will need to radically transform. Will we have world government--if so by whom? What will happen to individual expression? What will happen to democracies?

For individuals - how will we restructure our lives to sustain ourselves in a good way? Which of our habits will need to be thoroughly transformed? Pluto represents things under the earth including oil and minerals. Obviously our consumption of natural resources will need to sharply decrease. Will we finally learn to “live simply so that others may live?”

We're moving from Fire to Earth – from inflamed rhetoric to practical implementation. It can be a time of upheaval with ultimately positive results as we get into the serious business of creating new and sustainable institutions and personal habits. *When we link the power of Pluto's transformational capacities with Capricorn's know-how for the overall benefit of humanity, miracles can and will happen.*

It's definitely to our benefit to think globally as we act locally – and to set priorities that take into account that we are all interrelated and that our individual security is intimately linked to our collective security – as an evolving humanity.

Many blessings to one and all,

Keep looking up!!

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NIGH's mission is to educate and empower nurses, healthcare workers and other concerned citizens to learn to communicate more effectively—about health issues—with each other, with friends and colleagues and with community and national leaders – and by networking together globally - to build a healthy world.

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