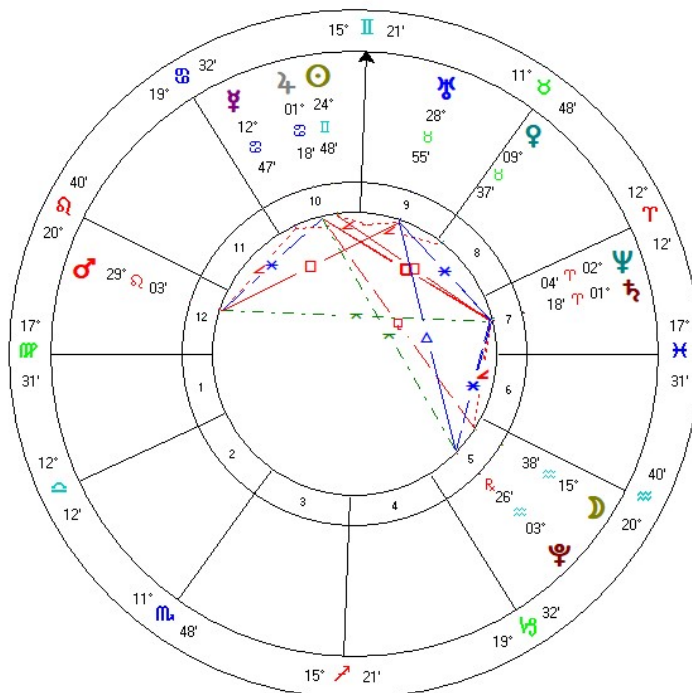


2025: How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb by Doug Kellogg

The year 2025 will see many important exact aspects and aspect patterns. These include a Saturn and Neptune conjunction and Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto aspected together.

Jupiter and Saturn have a 20-year cycle and for several hundred years this 20-year cycle has corresponded to two decades. One can see it as the equivalent of a New Moon when Jupiter and Saturn conjoin, and the equivalent of a Full Moon when Jupiter is opposite Saturn. Thus, there exists a waxing decade - even numbers and a waning decade -- odd numbers. The Jupiter Saturn conjunction -- the beginning of the cycle -- only happened once this decade on December 21, 2020 at 0 Aquarius. 2025 will see the first quarter of the cycle when there is Jupiter square Saturn on June 15. This marks the end of the first half of this decade and the beginning of the second half. In general, the first half of the decade is quite different than the second half. For example, the Academy award winning film for 1964 -- the last year of the first half of the decade of the 1960s -- was "My Fair Lady"; the Academy award winning best film for 1969 was "Midnight Cowboy" the only X-rated movie to win an Oscar. It is hard to think of two films more dissimilar than "Midnight Cowboy" and "My Fair Lady". You can notice this difference in other decades, most obviously in the decade of the 1940s where the first half saw World War Two and the second saw the Post-war period and the beginning of what is called the Great Acceleration. Like the decade of the 1940s and 1960s, the decade of the 2020s is a waxing decade; waxing decades seem to be more eventful than waning decades, as for example the decade of the 1950s and 1970s. Notice that at the same time as the Jupiter-Saturn square there is a Mars square Uranus which is almost an astrological cliché for accidents. It should be an interesting summer!

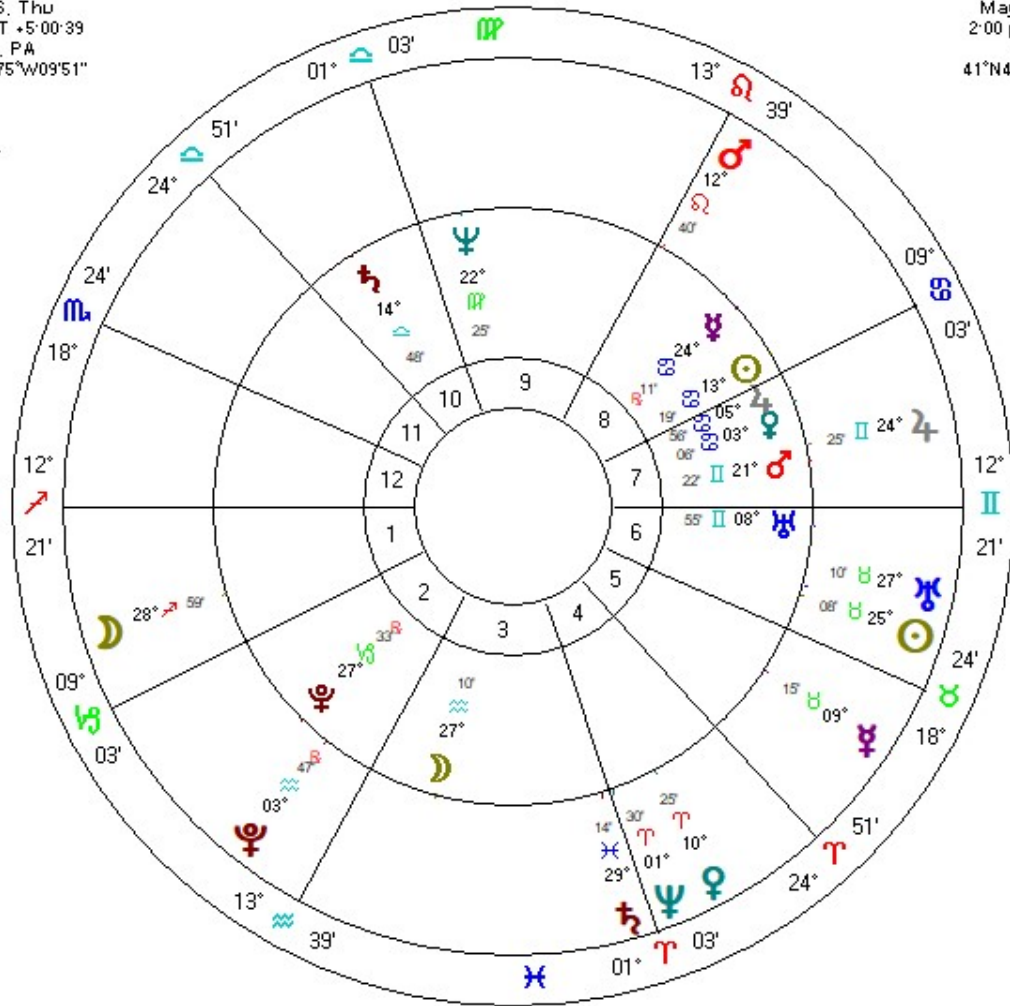
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Jun 15 2025, Sun
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Brewster, MA
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Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node*



Uranus squares the natal Moon of the United States at 27 Aquarius 10 on May 15 and squares the natal Mars of Israel at 28 Leo 18 two weeks later on June 1. By looking at previous hard aspects between Uranus and the US Moon we can get a sense of what it portends.

Inner Wheel
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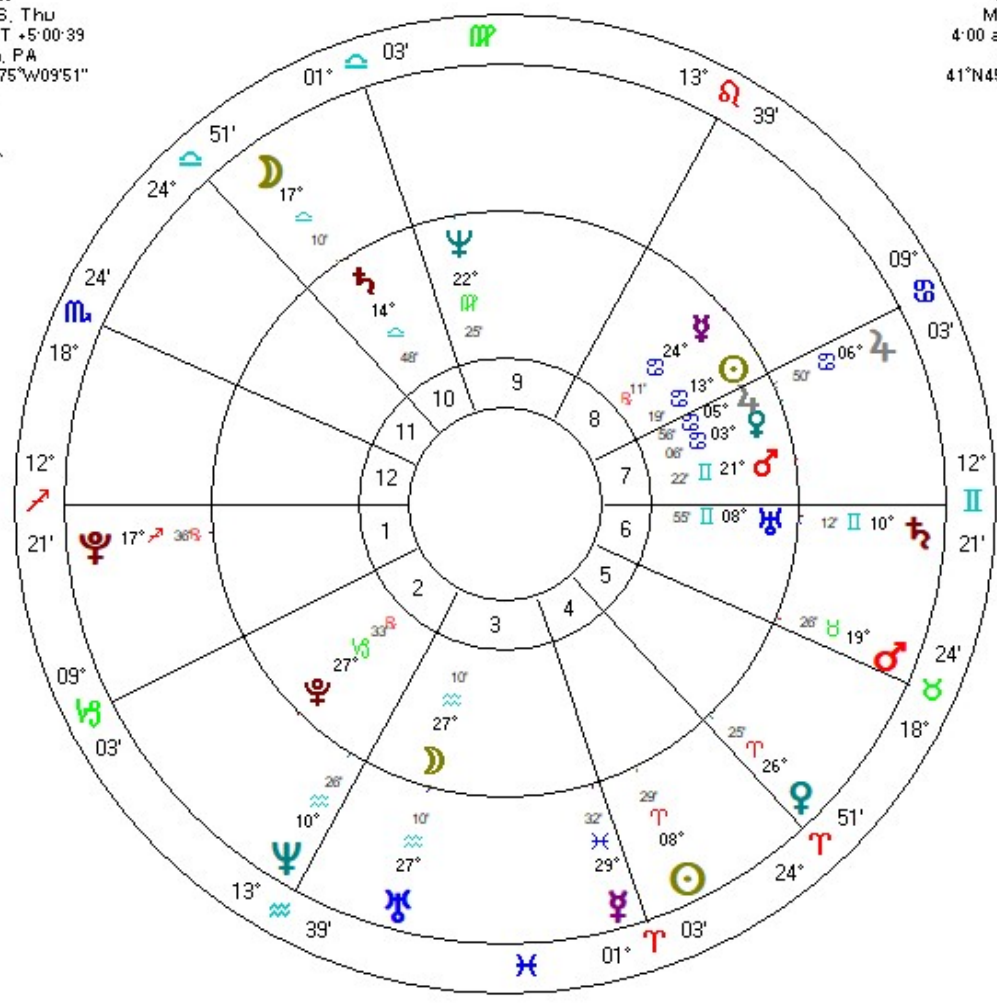
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There was a conjunction of transiting Uranus and the natal Moon in 2002 and 2003; this was the previous hard aspect between these two planets; this was shortly after 9/11 when Americans were braying for blood and it was easy to convince them that invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan were in their best interests. The invasion of Afghanistan took place on October 7, 2001, less than a month after the attacks on 9/11. The invasion of Iraq happened about a year and a half later.

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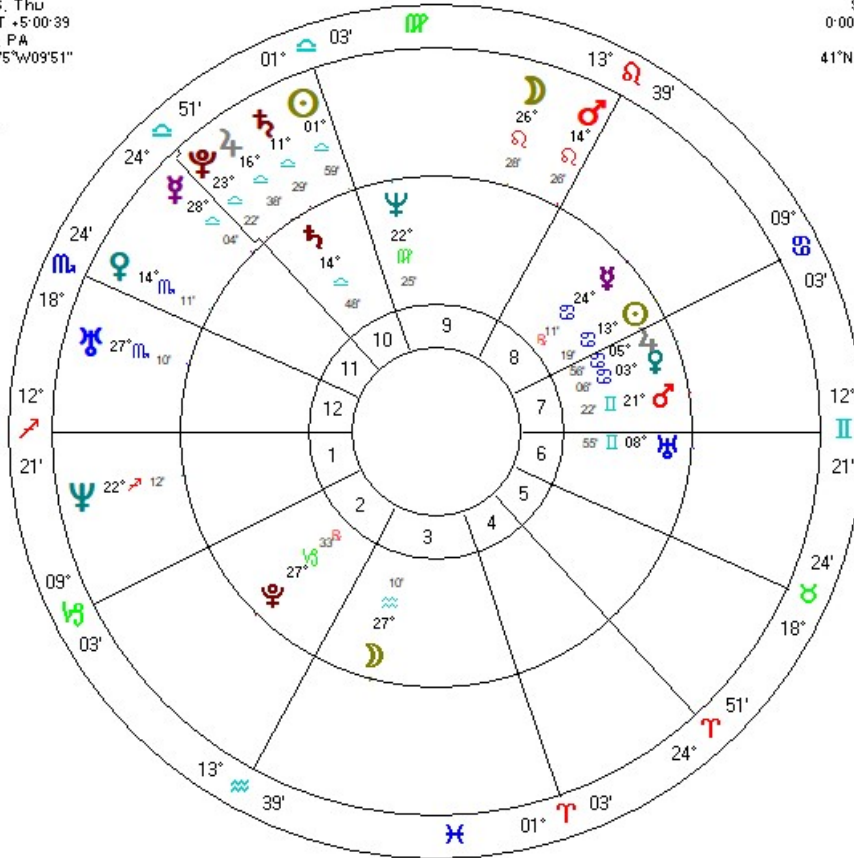
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At the end of 1980 and 1981 Uranus was square the Moon. This period saw the election of Ronald Reagan and the start of the New Cold War (as one book titled it) and also the beginning of the Iraq-Iran war (the US was helping Iraq and Saddam Hussein since Iran had held our hostages) and there was ongoing fighting in Central America: in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and the USS Honduras (as some wag called it), a military base to allow the US to support the Contras, their proxy army in Central America. All three countries saw much violence and the United States was definitely involved.

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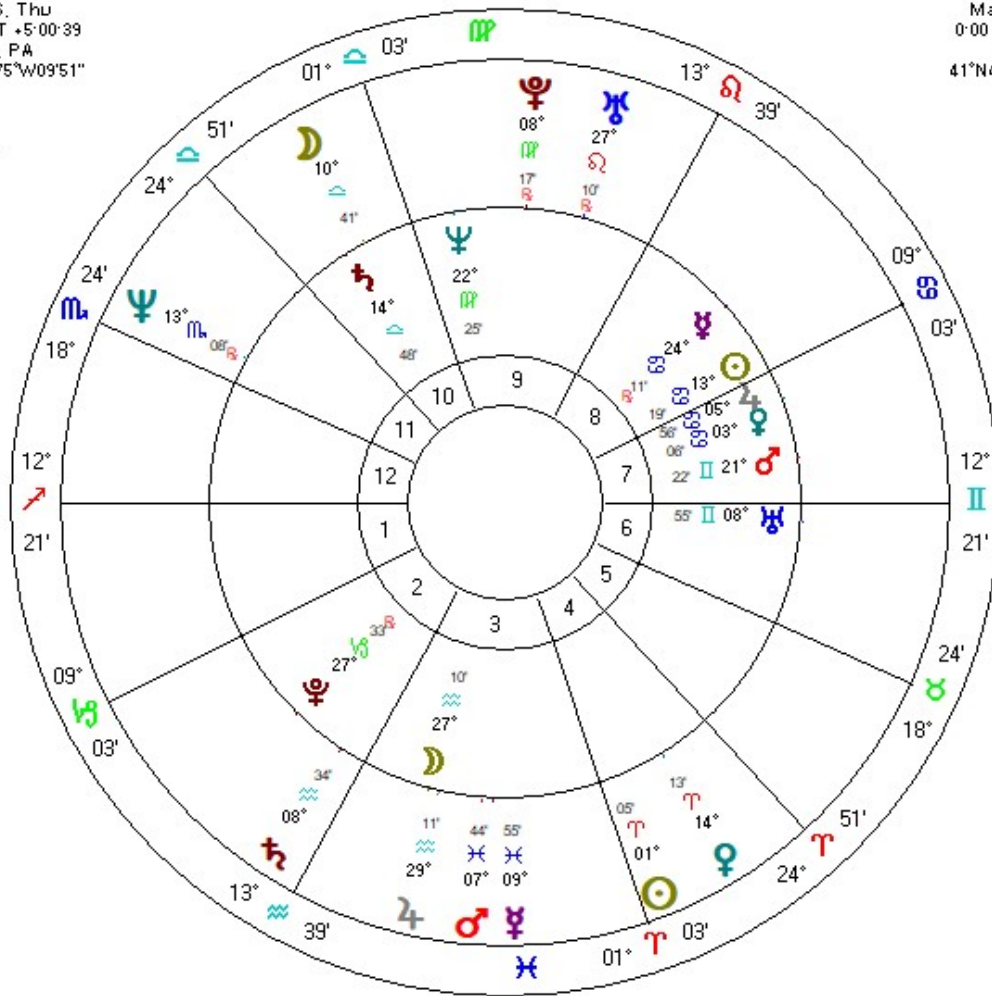
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At the beginning of the Sixties (1961 and 1962), Uranus was opposite the US Moon. This was the beginning of serious American involvement in Vietnam; many think this did not happen until the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in August 1964, but earlier in the decade Vietnam was a big flash point. Early in 1963 a Buddhist monk burnt himself in protest of the war which had been picking up steam since John Kennedy had been elected. There were already student protests at some college campuses. The book by David Halberstam "The Making of a Quagmire" describes this period well and shows how the United States got involved in a disaster.

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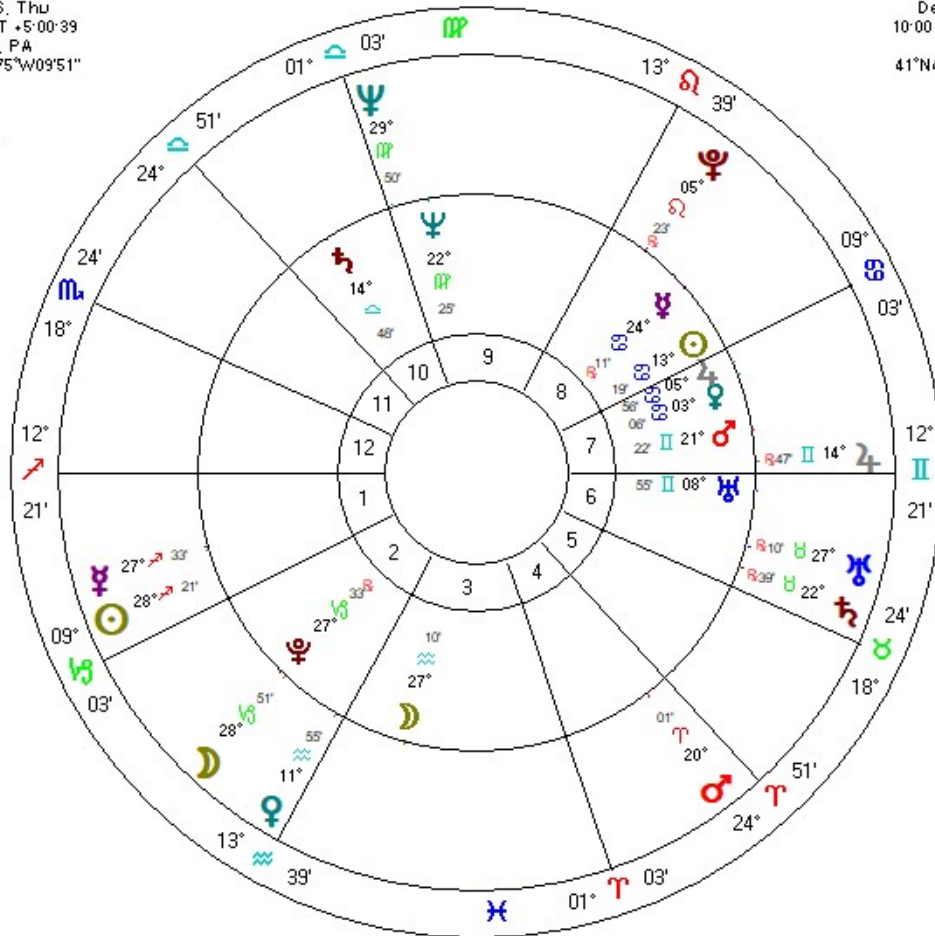
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In 1941 and 1942 Uranus squared the Moon in the same type of square that is coming up -- this period was 84 years ago, one Uranus cycle before now. And, in fact, the second exact transit of this cycle was on December 20, 1941, less than two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor that got America involved in World War II. The American people were not terribly convinced of the need to get involved in a war that seemed mostly in Europe, but after this square ("A date that will live in infamy") there was much more eagerness to go to war.

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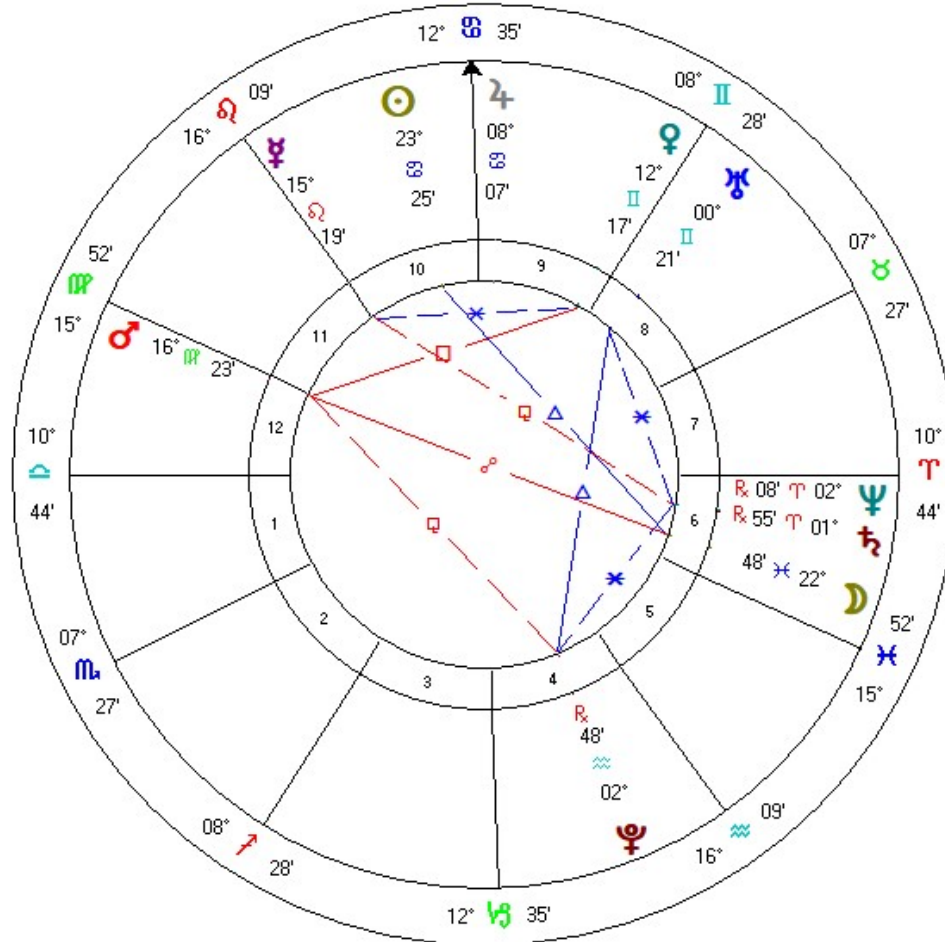


The most likely guess for the happenings symbolized by this Uranus square of the US Moon is war. But this is not a far-fetched guess since war involving the United States is already happening. Considering the state of the world as I write this, the best guess would be war with Iran, something the neocons in and about the American government have been hankering for since 1979. But that is perhaps too facile a guess.

Saturn Neptune

Natal Chart

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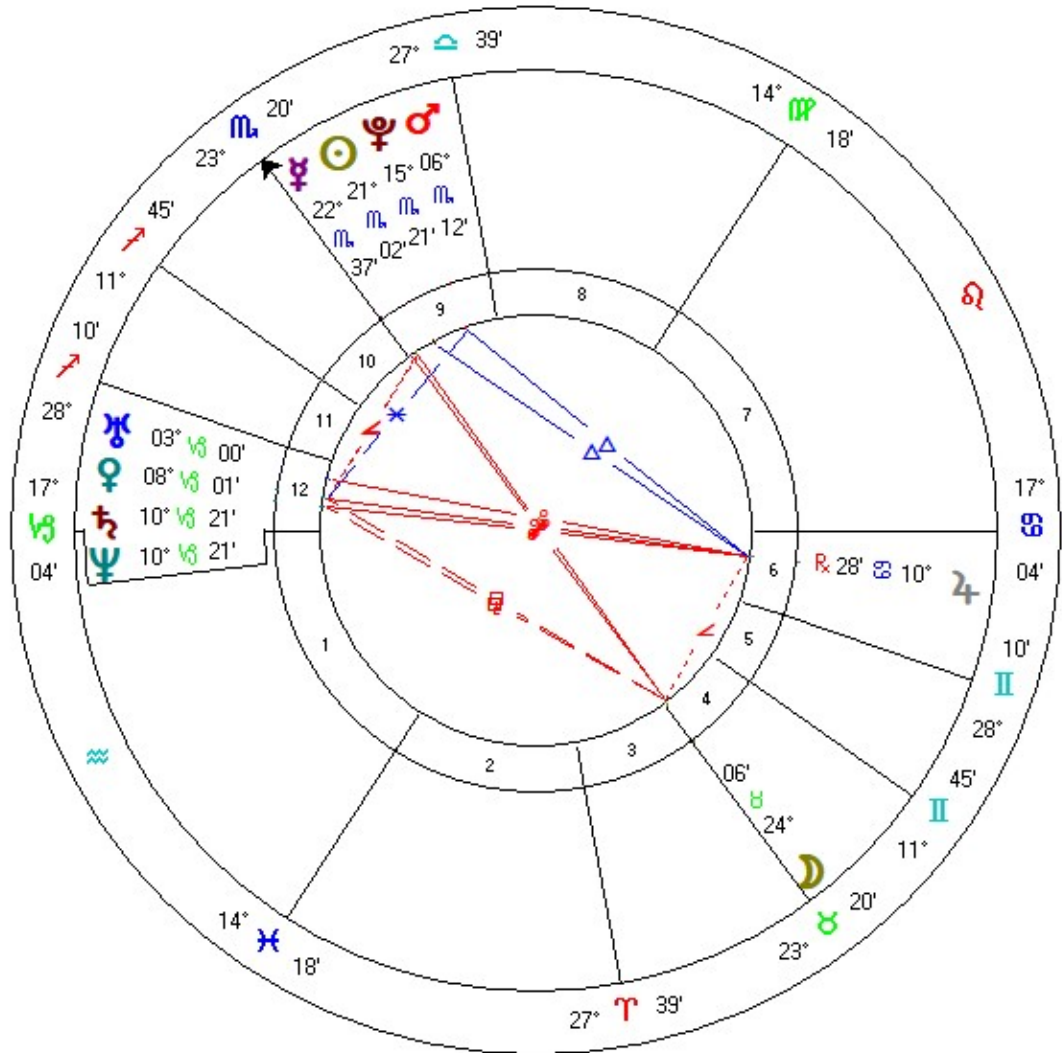


There is a close conjunction of Saturn and Neptune in the middle of July when they both go retrograde without actually crossing. These conjunctions are important as we can see by looking at previous conjunction of those two planets. But this conjunction is even more important since it takes place at the Aries Point. With the Aries Point in the mix this conjunction will have ramifications for the whole world.

1989

Natal Chart

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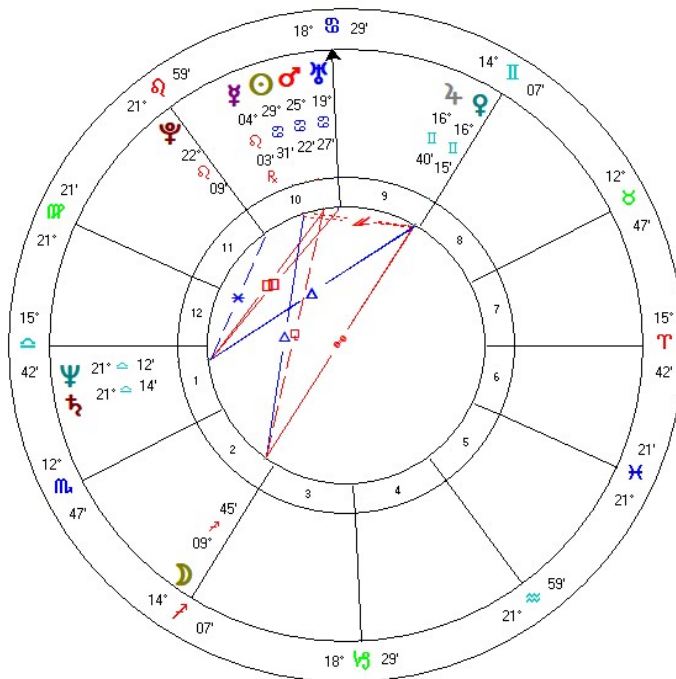


Now we will look at previous conjunctions of these two planets which take place about every thirty-six years. The most famous one was the previous conjunction in 1989. This saw the fall of the Berlin Wall (four days before the second conjunction in a series of three) and in the next two years the fall of the Soviet Union and all the Soviet-connected Eastern European countries. The Soviet Union broke into several countries, such as Russia and Ukraine. This was also the turn of the decade with a Jupiter Saturn opposition at about the same time that the Wall fell. There were also the Tiananmen Square protests of April May 1989 and the Soviet Union withdrawal from Afghanistan in May 1988 through February 1989 after Geneva Accords were signed April 14, 1988. Much happened under this Saturn Neptune conjunction.

But this dissolution of the Soviet bloc also caused many changes in the Western block. Since 1945 and the start of the Cold War, this conflict with the Soviet Union had served as sort of a *raison d'être* for the West. While the West and especially the United States could believe that they had "won" the Cold War after this conjunction and so take victory laps (cf "The End of History" by Francis Fukuyama) there was also a loss to the West because one of their prime motivators and unifiers — fighting the good cold war fight — was no longer around — see again Francis Fukuyama. It was as if an employee who hates his boss with passion the question becomes what does he do when his boss dies.

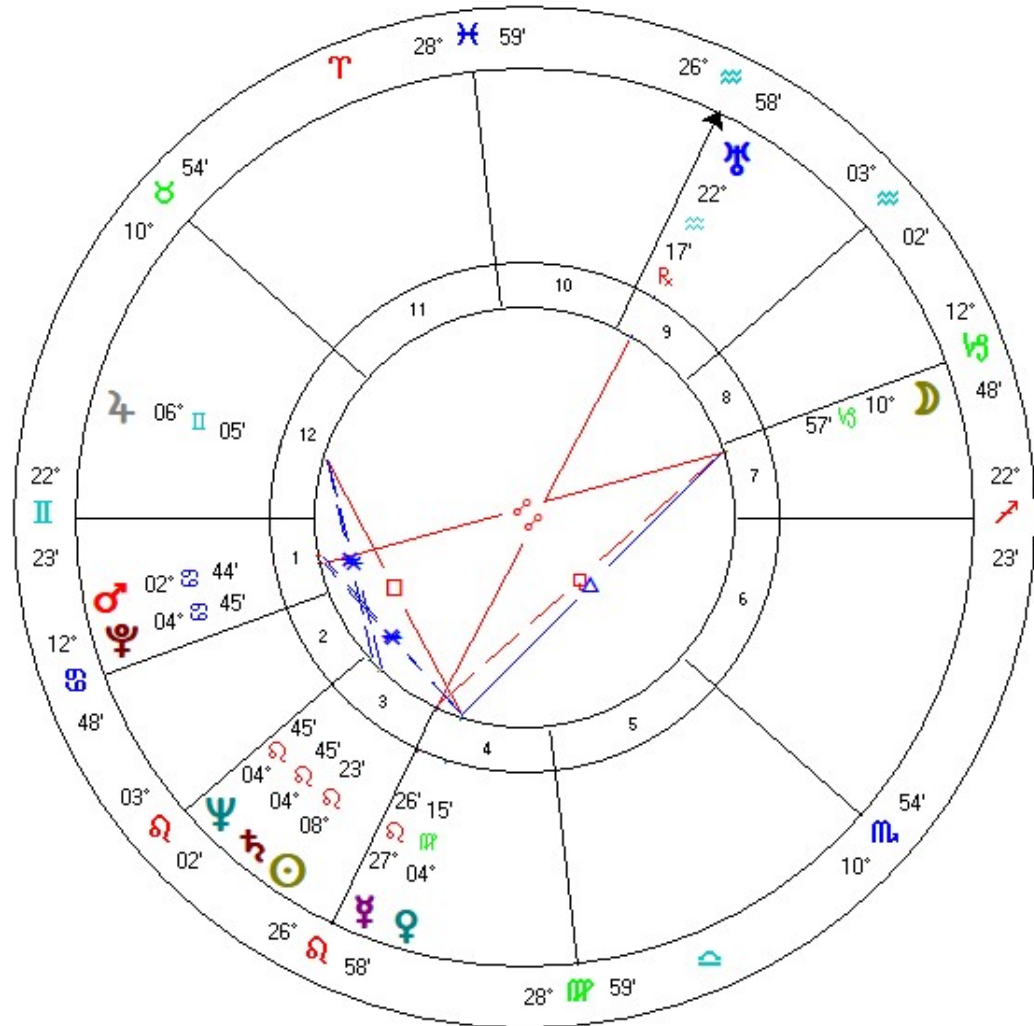
The conjunction of these two planets the time before 1989 was 1953 which saw the death of Stalin and thus a big change in the Soviet Union; in the United States this year saw the beginning of the downfall of Joseph McCarthy, a Senator from Wisconsin who had over the previous three years charged that Communists had infiltrated the US government.

1953
Natal Chart
 Jul 22 1953, Wed
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 Brewster, MA
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 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 Mean Node



The previous conjunction was in 1917. This was important and in keeping with the following conjunctions because this year saw the Communist revolution and civil war in Russia which was to form the Soviet Union which dissolved two Saturn-Neptune cycles afterwards.

1917
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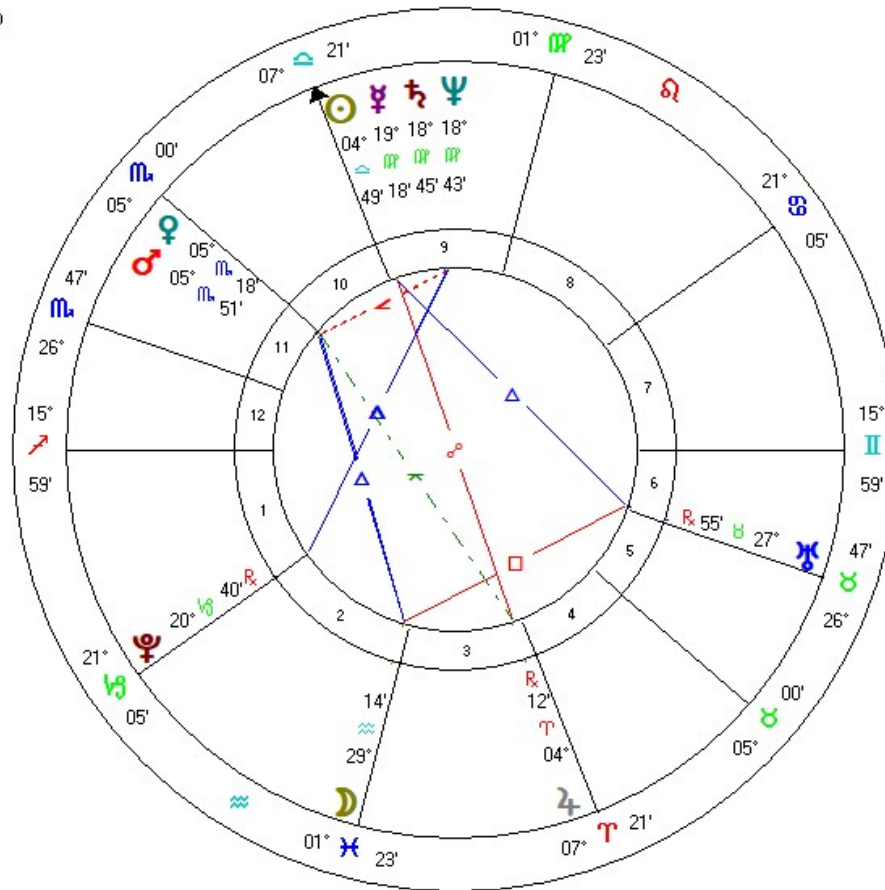


There was an exact conjunction of Saturn and Neptune in Fall of 1773. That was the only exact conjunction that period though there was a close conjunction the Summer of 1774. For any student of American history, it should be clear what was happening at the time. The putative start of the American Revolution was in April 1775.

1773

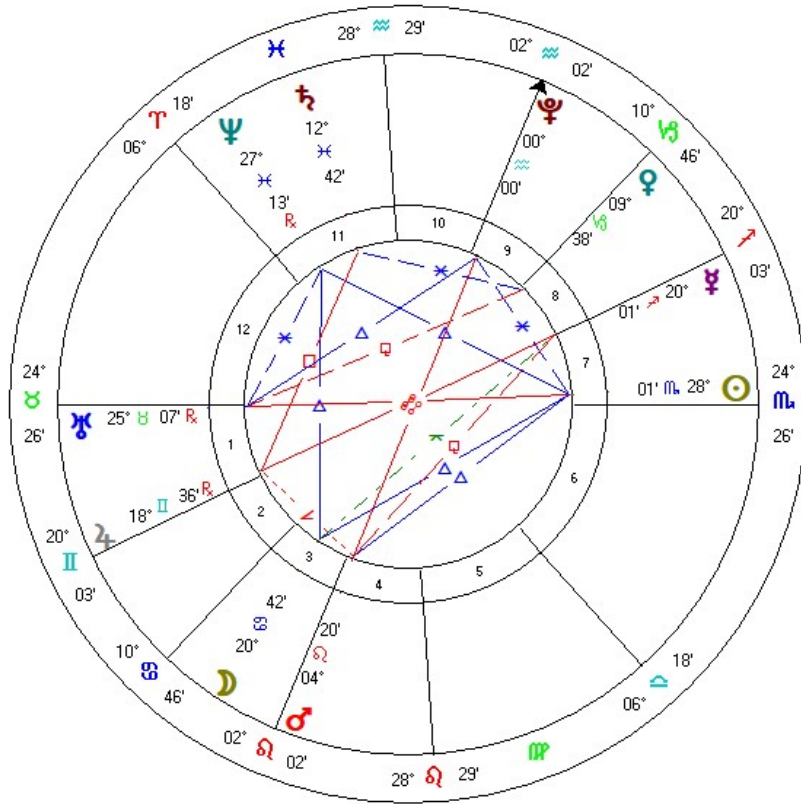
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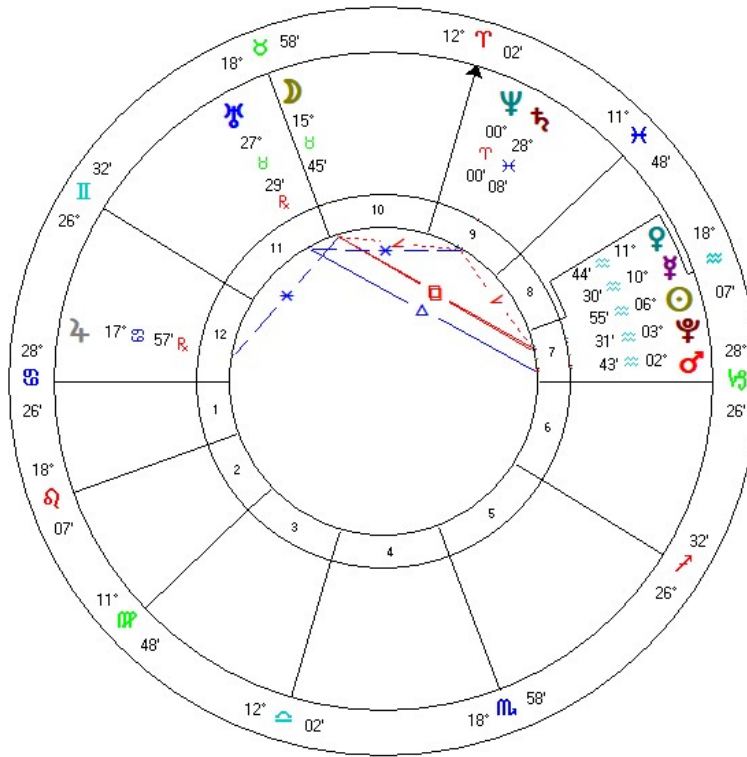


Sign changes of the three outer planets are always considered important and, in this decade, we have all three changing into positive signs in a short period of time. Pluto went from Capricorn to Aquarius in 2023 and 2024; Pluto last moved into Aquarius late November of 2024. Then in Summer of 2024 Neptune got within four minutes of entering Aries but at the last minute turned away as if the sight of a Fire Sign was too disturbing. Then in 2025 Neptune will move clearly into Aries only to retreat to Pisces again in the Fall of that year to return for once and all into Aries early in 2026. The last of the three outer planets, Uranus, will move into Gemini in the Summer of 2025 and then exit that Fall, finally to enter Gemini for good Spring of 2026.

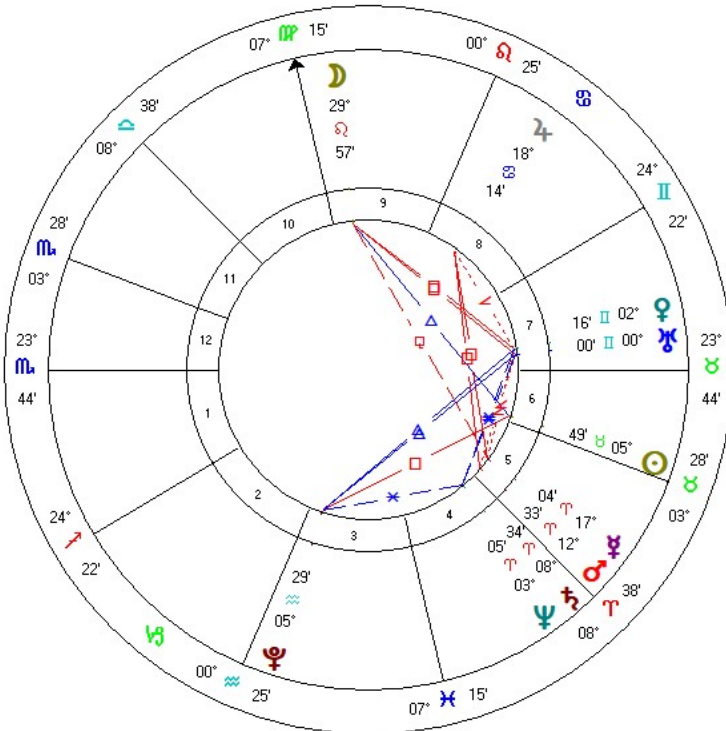
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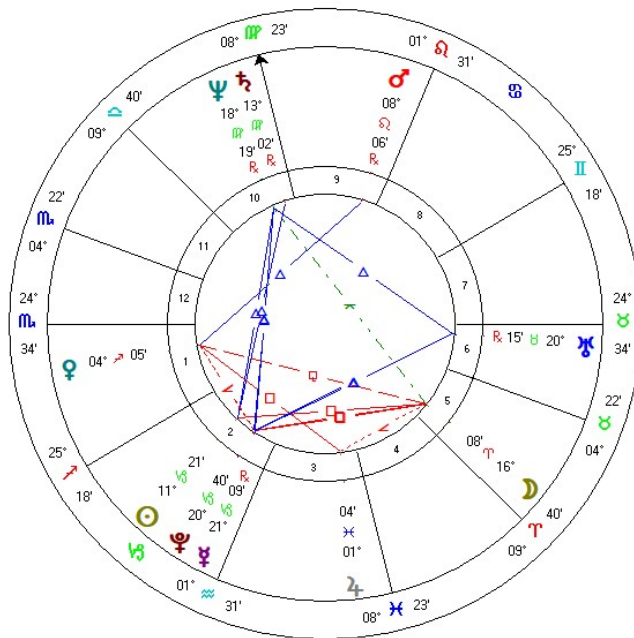
Thus, we see the three sign changes within three years. Pluto was last in Aquarius in the last quarter of the Eighteenth Century during the American Revolution and the founding of a new country; Neptune last entered Aires in 1861 on the days that Fort Sumter was attacked; this is considered the start of the American Civil War; Uranus had entered Gemini two cycles ago in 1858, only to barely return to Taurus in 1859 before finally entering Gemini for good later in 1859. One cycle ago Uranus entered the first degree of Gemini in the Fall of 1941 finally entering for good in Summer of 1942.

From these example of previous sign changes of the outer planets we can expect big changes, and if the past is any indication, war.

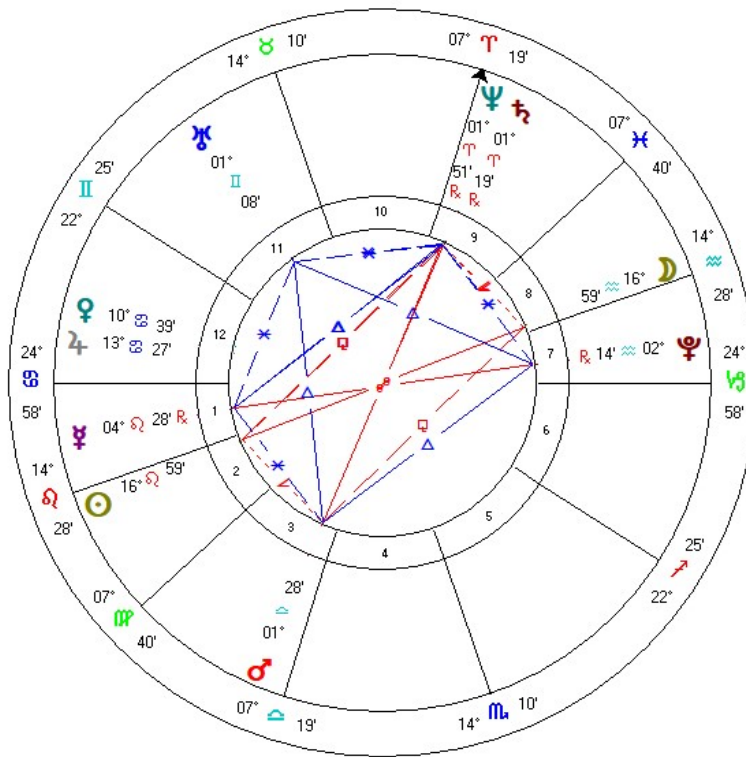
If these sign changes are not enough to convince you that big changes are coming, consider that this decade is also seeing an important midpoint of the three outer planet -- Neptune at the midpoint of Uranus and Pluto. Depending on the orb used, this midpoint goes on from 2022 through 2029. This midpoint configuration is exact several times during the decade, including in the year 2025 on August 18. In addition, there is the aspect pattern between those three planets called a "mini-grand trine" which consists of Uranus trine Pluto and both planets sextile Neptune. This aspect pattern lasts from 2024 through 2028 and is most exact in August of 2025. This midpoint configuration will mark a big change in the way the world operates. The last time a similar midpoint occurred with Neptune at the apex was the first decade of the Sixteenth Century; that midpoint did not last as many years as this one and also did not involve an aspect pattern.

Midpoint configurations involving the three outer planets occur two or three times a century, usually with Uranus or Pluto at the apex. There are only two exceptions: once every 500 year the planets form a Grand Trine and so the three planets take turns being at the midpoint of the other two. This last happened in the 1770s. Also, every 500 years but 250 years before or after the Grand Trine Neptune is at the midpoint of Uranus and Pluto. This is the type happening this decade.

Grand Trine
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Natal Chart
 Aug 9 2025, Sat
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 Placidus
 Mean Node



On August 9 there will be a Full Moon with all the planets in a formation when seen from the Earth. Saturn is conjunct Neptune at 1 Aries opposite Mars at 1 Libra. Pluto at 2 Aquarius is trine Uranus at 1 Gemini and both are sextile the Saturn-Neptune conjunction. Pluto is opposite Mercury which is trine Saturn-Neptune. The Sun is sesquiquadrate the Saturn-Neptune conjunction and semisquare Mars, while the Moon is semisquare Saturn-Neptune and sesquiquadrate Mars. Thus, there is a Finger of God pointing to Mars and a hard Mystic Rectangle (semisquares and sesquiquadrates rather than trines and sextiles). To make it more interesting, Mars is on the Midheaven of the US (Sibley chart) and thus most of those other planets also aspect that MC.

I do not expect that something special will happen on that date. Rather, this formation brings together many aspects that will be impacting the year: Saturn conjunct Neptune conjunct the Aries Point, Neptune at the midpoint of Uranus and Pluto, and the mini-Grand Trine with Mars opposite Saturn-Neptune; the Full Moon is thrown in for good measure.

It appears that 2025 will be the pivot year of this decade. Many important events that occurred in the first half of the decade -- I am sure you can think of many -- will begin unraveling in 2025 and the consequences will play out in the second half of the decade.

Consider the fifty-year period 500 years ago from 1493 to 1543 in Europe. There were a lot fewer people in the world and much less information flowing around, but a half a century earlier there was the development of the printing press, shortly before the conjunction of Uranus and Pluto in the 1450's and the Uranus-Neptune conjunction of the 1470s, that slowly led to information transfer among people that

had never existed before. There was a planetary configuration with Neptune at the midpoint of Uranus and Pluto which lasted for four or five years (1503-1507); Uranus went into Gemini, Pluto went into Aquarius, and Neptune went into Aries within a ten-year period (1523-1533). Within that 50 years span Columbus returned to Europe and the news of new continents spread, altering European's view of the world that had existed for millennia. Martin Luther nailed his theses to a church door and religion that had been constant for a millennium changed drastically. Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus published a book describing the heliocentric system and people's view of the universe that had been held for millennia would change.

Now we have many more people on the planet and an Internet that was developed shortly after the Uranus Pluto conjunction of the 1960s and the Uranus-Neptune conjunction of the 1990s. As mentioned above, there are sign changes of the three outer planets and Neptune is at the midpoint of Uranus and Pluto but things move much faster now than they did 500 years ago just as the planetary formations are moving faster. Stay tuned!