


THE PASSAGE OF SATURN & PLUTO

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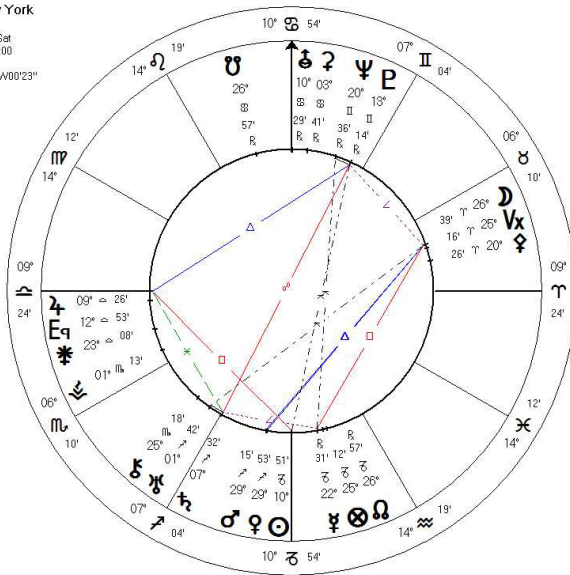
First I want to give my thanks to Richard Tarnas who wrote *Cosmos and Psyche*, most of which we are going to discuss today. Richard talked about aspects between the outer planets and their cycles, but he didn't bother to discuss the outer planets actually going through the signs—

and that is very important. As we all know, Pluto is now in Capricorn. In the early 1990s, I was telling all my clients that Pluto was going into the sign of Sagittarius, the sign of religion, and to expect a rise in religious fanaticism and violence. Boy, that one shocked even me. That was one of my more accurate predictions. What I forgot about at the time is that Sagittarius is the sign of expansion and that Pluto rules credit. Pluto rules the sign of Scorpio—other people's money. From 1995 on, credit expanded and expanded and expanded. Pluto went into the sign of Capricorn in the last week of January 2008. Less than two months later, Bear Stearns went belly up and started the whole crash.

Things got worse in June 2008 when Pluto went back to the first degree of Capricorn. Everybody

knows that the first degree of Capricorn is part of the world axis, the strongest degree in the zodiac. The last time Pluto hit the first degree of Capricorn was November 26, 2008—early that day when it was on the cusp, there was a major terrorist attack in Mumbai followed by the Gaza war a short time later. Pluto spent some time from August to October 2009 making a station on the first degree of Capricorn, stirring things up. And of course they keep telling us the economy is getting better...don't believe them! But this is just the first part of what has been hitting the world axis. Saturn just hit again. Saturn hit the first degree of Libra on October 29, 2009, and it is squaring Pluto now. When was the last time Saturn and Pluto were in early cardinal signs making a square? 1973—Watergate. Libra

Greater New York
 Natal Chart
 Jan 1 1898 NS, Sat
 0:00 am EST +5:00
 New York, NY
 40°N42°51" 074°W00°23"
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



We have some time left to talk about 2012. New York City's horoscope is well known. When the first mayor of Greater New York took over, the five boroughs merged, in 1898, on New Year's Eve at midnight. The Sun at ten degrees of Capricorn at the bottom. The Nadir at ten degrees Capricorn at the bottom. Nine degrees of Libra rising with Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant in Libra. Big town—Jupiter: lucky, expansive. What happened in 1975? What did Pluto do? It went to nine and ten degrees of Libra. It went over New York City's Jupiter, killing New York City's luck. It went over New York City's rising sign. If you have ever had that happen to you, well, you know. It squared the Sun. It squared the Nadir. They had the bankruptcy papers signed and ready to file and at the last minute, New York State came in and took over New York City's finances.

This was Pluto in Libra—nine degrees Libra. Ten degrees Libra. Where is Pluto going to be in 2012? Nine and ten degrees of Capricorn. Right at the bottom of New York City's chart. If we had some heavy earthquake calls here, I would say it could be an earthquake. We did have a minor quake once. Who knows. Pluto is hitting—Pluto over the Sun, Pluto squaring the rising sign, Pluto squaring Jupiter. I am a lifelong New Yorker, and I am already making arrangements to be out of town...

AUDIENCE: *Comment on last Pluto transit.*

BM: Sure, I lived through it too. This time it is going to be a little different. There is one thing that we have now that we didn't have to worry about in 1975: Pluto rules terrorism and terrorist attacks. With Pluto, at the very least the city is facing another financial crisis and this time the State can't bail it out because it too is broke.

AUDIENCE: *Remember the incident with Gerald Ford when New York asked the federal government for help? The front page of The Daily News read: "FORD TO CITY: DROP DEAD."*

BM: That's right! But of course, he never said that.

In March of 2012, Pluto gets there for the first time, retrogrades, goes back in December 2012, goes back and forth during 2013. By the end of 2013 its transit is basically over. But you have to look at this in terms of the larger picture—which is hitting in 2010. There is a whole series of eclipses also. There is an eclipse in 25 degrees of Capricorn coming up in January 2010. The U.S. Pluto is 27 degrees of Capricorn. This is one that is going to open everything up. And it continues through to 2012. The upsets continue through 2012.

AUDIENCE: *Question on the meaning of an eclipse.*

BM: An eclipse is simply raw power, and it is starting to be pretty close to the Pluto of the U.S. chart no matter what chart you use for the United States. I personally use the Gemini rising chart. Pluto doesn't move that much during the course of a day so the U.S. Sun is still 27 degrees Capricorn. We have to look quite closely at eclipses. Should I mention in terms of the eclipse that President Obama has Saturn at 25 degrees Capricorn? It is a Saros cycle. It repeats every nineteen years. He had the same eclipse happen to him in 1991.

AUDIENCE: *What is the date of the eclipse?*

BM: January 15, 2010. Eclipses tend to stir things up—plus we have Pluto going around squaring the rising sign of New York City's chart.