

Uranus Conjunct North Node: The Future of Astrology

Uranus-North Node conjunctions occur every 15 to 15 1/2 years and at these times, the future of astrology is seeded in some meaningful way. It was a delight to be part of the faculty at the recent 2007 Blast Astrology Conference in Sedona. I had the honor of presenting my lecture on Holographic Transits on Sunday, April 1st at 2:00 PM when Mercury, Uranus and the North Node were almost precisely aligned in a triple conjunction at 16 Pisces.

This conference was planned and organized to showcase the knowledge and skills of the younger generation of astrologers, from whom the faculty was largely comprised. What those in attendance experienced was a significant marker in the ongoing evolution of modern professional astrology. As this conjunction of Uranus and the North Node is in Pisces, sign of intellectual synthesis (last of the mutables), and conjoined by the Winged Messenger, this informs us that the future of astrology over the next 15 years belongs to the young astrologers (Mercury) and their intelligent and comprehensive synthesis of Modern Western, Vedic, Medieval and Hellenistic theory and technique.

If one looks back to November 1991, when Uranus last conjoined the North Node in Capricorn, it was around this time that Robert Schmidt approached Michael Erlewine at a NCGR conference about doing a translation of Claudius Ptolemaeus' Tetrabiblos. Shortly afterward, Robert Hand joined this effort and the Archive for the Retrieval of Historical Astrological Texts (ARHAT) was birthed, with Project Hindsight following and coming into prominence within the astrological community.

This previous Uranus-North Node conjunction in Capricorn, sign of tradition and antiquity, has produced a fruitful past 15 years resulting in the translation of Arabic, Greek and Latin astrological manuscripts into English by a team of skilled astrologers (Robert Hand, Robert Schmidt, Robert Zoller, Demetra George and others). This development has defined astrological progress over the last decade and a half, with many younger students and practitioners of astrology learning Hellenistic and other Heritage Tradition theories and techniques.

It should be pointed out that this horoscope, remarkably, cast for Washington, D.C., has the 2000 Grand Conjunction degree (Jupiter and Saturn) on its IC, and the next Grand Conjunction in 2020 as its rising degree. That Uranus-North Node conjunction in 11 Capricorn was also closely conjunct the MC ruler, Venus, of Robert Schmidt, and the composite chart between he and the 1991 conjunction has

an exact Saturn-Neptune conjunction, along with the South Node being in the same degree as his Ascendant. Perhaps his present efforts are unfinished business from past lives. From Charubel, Leo 18:

The Greek letter Lambda.

This is no ordinary person; he or she may be born of humble parentage, but must eventually rise above the plane of his birth. This life is marked by sobriety, with a plodding disposition. He may not be noticed during his younger days and during his earlier efforts, but by virtue of that innate courage which he possesses he is bound to gain publicity.

The prior Uranus-North Node conjunction occurred in September 1976 in the 5th degree of Scorpio, with a powerful and tightly orbed stellium of Mercury, Venus, Mars and Pluto in Libra. Your correspondent should point out that this conjunction landed exactly on his natal Venus and also at his Mars Return, and this was the month, at the age of 22 going on 23, that he did his first natal astrological interpretation.

This period of astrological history coincided with the publication of outstanding psychological astrology books, such as *Astrology, Psychology & The Four Elements* and *Astrology, Karma & Transformation* by Stephen Arroyo; *Karmic Astrology, Volume I: The Moon's Nodes and Reincarnation* and *Karmic Astrology, Volume II: Retrogrades and Reincarnation* by Martin Schulman; *Saturn: A New Look at an Old Devil, The Astrology of Fate, and Relating* by Liz Greene; *Planets in Transit and Planets in Composite* by Robert Hand; *Modern Transits* by Lois Rodden, and additional psychologically oriented treatises of exceptional quality written by Tracy Marks, Bil Tierney, Noel Tyl, Jeff Green, and other authors of that era.

This influence of Uranus conjunct the North Node in Scorpio, sign of depth psychology, lasted from 1976 until 1991, when the Heritage Tradition research and translation activity then commenced.

Previous to that, a 1961 conjunction of Uranus and the North Node in Leo corresponded with a proliferation of Sun-sign forecasting and the astrology of the famous movement, led by the intense astrological scrutiny of Camelot (John and Jackie Kennedy and their young and glamorous presence in U.S. politics). Jeane Dixon, referring to Tecumseh's Curse, predicted JFK's death in advance (1956), based on the upcoming 1961 Grand Conjunction in Capricorn. She became famous for that prediction at the age of 59 in 1963, coinciding with her 2nd Saturn return.

Marcia Moore, who (with Mark Douglas) wrote the classic treatise, *Astrology, The Divine Science* (Arcane; 1971 - my first astrology book), had previously written *Astrology Today—A Socio-Psychological Survey* (Lucis Publishing; 1960) and *Diet, Sex, and Yoga* (1966) during this era in astrology. Being a Radcliffe graduate and the daughter of Robert L. Moore, founder of the chain of Sheraton Hotels, had positioned Ms Moore at an upper level in society in which there was extensive contact with, and astrological analysis of, the Kennedy clan and other glamorous and affluent celebrities of that decade. Marcia Moore was born on the exact same day as Lois Rodden (22 May 1928). Alas, she was murdered in 1979.

Going further back in history, the 1946 Uranus conjunction with the North Node in Gemini 21 (this correspondent's pre-natal conjunction and exactly conjoining his MC) corresponded with the Irish astrologer, Cyril Fagan, beginning the post World War II siderealist movement (twin Zodiacs!). His pioneering work cleared the way for Donald Bradley and Brigadier Firebrace, two other leading western sidereal astrologers of their day.

From Gavin Kent McClung's article, *A Salute To Our Heritage: What Makes A True Astrologer?* (Dell Horoscope; June 2000):

"Cyril Fagan was a giant of twentieth-century sidereal astrology, who stands out in the area of what might well be called forensic [argumentative discourse] astrology. A protracted debate followed upon his placing the ayanamsa (specific arc of variance between the sidereal and tropical zodiacs) of siderealism on the basis of the heliacal rising of all the planets in their degrees of exaltation in the year 786 BC.

Given the current widespread interest in Eastern astrologies and the ayanamsa, the position established by Fagan and others in his train, e.g., Donald Bradley and Brigadier Firebrace, has vastly influenced not only today's sidereal view, but the entire field of astrology. His studies stimulated later astrologers in the area of quantitative analysis and research--including the development of harmonics and the greater framework of thought that allows us to consider the possible existence of several varied zodiacs in astrology, based upon different points of departure in the sky.

Amazingly, Fagan spent about twenty-five years doing creative work in tropical or traditional Western astrology before turning his

attention to the tenets of siderealism. His book, *Primer of Sidereal Astrology*, is a core resource in that specialized field."

With regards to Cyril Fagan, there can be no doubt as to his exceptional intelligence, for this Gemini Sun possessed two of C.E.O. Carter's indicators of raw brainpower - Sun sextile Mars (on the Aries Point) and Sun sextile Jupiter.

One of the more consequential Uranus conjunctions with the North Node during the 20th century was in 1931 in the sign of Aries. This conjunction launched an astrological era that saw the ascent of Dane Rudhyar, Marc Edmund Jones and Grant Lewi, three giants in the annals of astrology.

In May 1931, two months after this conjunction, Marc Jones published his 26 lessons in *Symbolical Astrology*. Contained within these Lecture~Lessons was a philosophical treatment of symbolism and the mimeographed records of the 360 Sabian Symbols that were clairvoyantly obtained by Elsie Wheeler in 1925 in Balboa Park in San Diego, in collaboration with Jones.

Dane Rudhyar's first wife, Malya Contento, whom he had married in 1930, was attending astrology classes with Marc Jones. Rudhyar obtained a copy of those 1931 Lecture~Lessons from Jones and began to work with the Sabian Symbols, along with perceiving the deeper potential of astrology through its comprehensive treatment of time cycles. In 1932, Rudhyar began writing articles for the fledging Paul Clancy publication, *American Astrology*. In 1934, this magazine became more widely circulated and Rudhyar's writing took on greater popularity. In 1936, his seminal work, *The Astrology of Personality*, was published, incorporating Jungian psychology, and the book contained an analysis of the 360 Sabian Symbols.

Also during this 1931-1946 astrological era, Grant Lewi served as editor of a rival publication, *Horoscope Magazine*, and wrote two monumental books, *Astrology for the Millions* and *Heaven Knows What*. These books were enormously popular and introduced astrology to tens of thousands of new enthusiasts. His analysis of the 144 Sun-Moon combinations, along with his pioneering work of the transits through the horoscopic quadrants, influenced generations of astrologers to follow.

The previous astrological era to this commenced with a conjunction of Uranus and the North Node in November 1915 in 11 degrees of Aquarius. What is notable about this 15 1/2 year cycle in astrology was the founding by Alan Leo of the Astrological Lodge that year in London, and his subsequent course of public lectures in 1915 and 1916 that became transcribed for the three books, *Mars: the War Lord*, *Jupiter: the*

Preserver; and Saturn: the Reaper.

Upon the death of Alan Leo in August 1917, the young Charles E.O. Carter, after serving in the British military during World War I, began to succeed Leo as the leading British astrologer in London, and assumed the presidency of the Astrological Lodge from Bessie Leo in 1922, at his 3rd Jupiter return.

This 1915 conjunction conjoined the Sun in C.E.O. Carter's nativity, exact to 09' of arc. Remarkably, there was also a partile synastric conjunction of Mercury to his natal Jupiter, and he was undergoing his first Saturn return at the time of this conjunction. Carter, with an Aquarius Sun in trine to Uranus, then became the symbol of astrology's progress away from the metaphysical ambiguities of the Theosophical Society and into a more respectable and scientific (Aquarius) astrology. Seven of his ten books, penned between 1924 and 1932, are a lasting testimony to his remarkable genius:

An Encyclopædia of Psychological Astrology; 1924

The Principles of Astrology; 1925

The Seven Great Problems of Astrology; 1927

The Zodiac and the Soul; 1928

Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology; 1929

The Astrological Aspects; 1930

The Astrology of Accidents; 1932

Lastly, our journey back through time takes us to the August 1900 Uranus-North Node conjunction in Sagittarius. This era of astrology was highlighted by the astrological publishing empire that Alan Leo built in London (some thirty textbooks by 1915), and by his trips to India to study Vedic astrology. This conjunction was trine his Jupiter to the degree, and formed a synastric Full Moon with his nativity.

Leo incorporated Indian mysticism and Hindu spiritual teachings, Theosophical metaphysics, and Vedic technique into his work and his writings. It was also during this era that Sepharial (aka Walter Gorn Old), a friend and colleague of Alan Leo, was quite active with his writing. His research into the dimensions of the astral plane, his translation into English of the La Volasfera degree symbols, his books on primary directions and the astrology of the stock markets, all were brilliant and highly original.

It is indeed of interest that there was a Saturn-Neptune opposition in 1900, as is now occurring in the heavens. Making concrete (Saturn) that which is to be found on the

spiritual planes (Neptune) was certainly a hallmark of that era. This author certainly felt that Saturn-Neptune opposition while writing Holographic Transits last year, and he attempted to articulate the connections between the space-time continuum and free will and fate, and between standard time cycle transits and holographic spatial cycle transits. Perhaps the next 15 years will be most like this 1900-1915 era in astrology, as the conjunction occurred in Jupiter-ruled Pisces, along with the practical spirituality influence of the Saturn-Neptune conjunction.

From this historical review of the last 100+ years of astrology, one can see that a new era in the development of astrology is ushered in about every 15 years when Uranus conjoins the North Node. As the recent Blast Astrology Conference in Sedona took place right as this important conjunction was forming in the heavens, a new chapter in astrology's evolution has begun.

The baton of leadership in astrology, with Saturn having stationed direct in Leo, has now been passed on to the younger generation of astrologers. Moses Siregar III is to be highly commended for his vision and leadership abilities for having taken the financial risk to organize and produce such a splendid astrology conference. He is a born leader with Mars conjunct the South Node and as his pre-natal Sun-Jupiter synodic cycle conjunction cast for his place of birth attests, with that conjunction on the Aries Point and Uranus exactly rising, he was born to be a noted astrologer and leader in the community.

There were also five young astrologers on the faculty at The Blast who were born in 1971: Kelly Lee Phipps, Jonathan Pearl, Eric Meyers, Bill Streett and Maurice Fernandez. Their souls all came to Earth as part of the same Sun-Jupiter synodic cycle that commenced in November 1970 and lasted until December 1971. It is no small coincidence that the degree of that late 1970 Sun-Jupiter conjunction was 16 Scorpio and exactly conjunct the Ascendant of Moses Siregar III. They have each just had their 3rd Jupiter return, and a Saturn-Neptune opposition recurrence transit, and their careers are all growing and expanding (Note that three of these young men have natal Mars in Aquarius 21, on either side of the 1971 Mars Rx period).

I want to congratulate Moses and all of the other astrologers of the younger generation for creating this bright future for astrology at this current Uranus-North Node conjunction. The next 15 years for astrology look quite promising.

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