

# Understanding the gods in the skies in the build-up to the Transits of 2012 – Part 4



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*What we have ignored or denied inwardly will then more likely come to us as outer fate*  
Carl Jung

## **The transit of Pluto in Capricorn on Individuals and the Collective**

One of astrology's most helpful functions is to offer us, as individuals and as a collective, a map to assist us in understanding and working with the evolution of life. It does not determine the outcome – it merely describes the energies/patterns which the cosmos offers as an aid to our development. In understanding the current planetary energies, we become more aware of the collective and personal arenas that require our attention. As humans we are gifted with free will, enabling us at all times to make choices for our highest good or not.

In the last edition, I described how the planet Pluto affects us as individuals and as a collective as it moves through the different signs of the zodiac. In this edition, I am focusing on its current impact in the earth sign of Capricorn.

### **What does the sign Capricorn represent?**

Capricorn, like the two other astrological earth signs, Taurus and Virgo, fundamentally represents the world of matter. As in nature, the astrological element of earth is about the material, visible, concrete plane. Capricorn in particular is about underlying structures and foundations. Physiologically, Capricorn and its planetary ruler Saturn rule the knees. The knees enable us to move forward in life. If our bones and knees lack calcium they cannot hold our body, yet if they calcify and become rigid we cannot move. Ultimately, lasting structures need the strength to endure and yet also the flexibility to sway with change. Fear, leading to stasis, is one of Capricorn's greatest challenges, which is best surmounted through tenacity – one of its greatest strengths. Like its zodiac symbol the mountain goat, Capricorn expects to work hard, repeatedly climbing steep mountains with a load on its back in a steady unremitting manner, forgoing any short cuts. This sign enjoys recognition and status for its achievements whilst maintaining a modest unassuming demeanour.

### **So how does Pluto moving through this sign impact us collectively?**

In travelling through this sign, Pluto shines a torch on all that is inauthentic in our collective structures and infrastructures. This includes capitalism, which is a cornerstone of western financial structures. The issue of true authority at macro and micro levels also comes under scrutiny. Other Capricornian collective areas include our sense of roots and belonging, as well as ownership of land and property. The use and misuse of our basic resources is highlighted during this transit, including metals and ores, food and water.

As a collective we are challenged with a fundamental question: have we built solid/real foundations in these areas – are they too rigid or too weak? Do they serve their true purpose?

### **How can we best work with Pluto in Capricorn as individuals, particularly with current global collective changes impacting most of us in our daily lives?**

- Capricorn takes us back to basics, hence it is a good time to do an “NCT” on our physical body, remembering we are human earth-bound creatures – check out any symptoms you have avoided. Look after the basics of your physical self – sleeping, eating, resting and relaxing as well as working hard.
- Check out what is authentic in the structures of your own life including your home – is it where you want to live? Does it need any repairs? Who lives with you? Who lives around you?
- Your finances – What does money mean to you? How do you earn your living? Is it authentic to you? Are you taking full responsibility for your finances or have you handed financial responsibility over to someone else?
- Where in your life are you growing and developing and where are you stagnating? Is fear holding you back in any area of your life? Where do you need to rebuild foundations? Are you using duty or guilt to hold you back from moving forward in parts of your life?

This is an excellent time to build on your authentic sense of self, moving away from any blame, shame or guilt to real self-empowerment. This includes an awareness of the vast amount of choices available to each of us and the real strength and freedom that comes from taking full responsibility for our choices.

### **Understanding the potential impact of Pluto moving through Capricorn if your Sun, Moon or Ascendant is in Capricorn**

If your Sun is in Capricorn, your sense of self, identity and vocation will go through a time of immense transformation at some point over the next 15 years. There is huge potential for authentic self-empowerment and strengthening of your true self. Your relationship with your internalized archetype of father is also going to change during this time, freeing you up to fully connect with your own internal sense of authority.

If your Moon is in Capricorn, the transformation is in your emotional life. During this time you will discover a deeper layer of what truly nurtures you. This is a good time to be on your own and in nature to process your feelings and your relationships. This transit is likely to help you

release unresolved emotional issues to do with your childhood and your relationship with your mother archetype.

If your Ascendant is in Capricorn, your approach to life is going to undergo a major transformation, offering you the opportunity to make real choices in how you wish to go forward in life. Although your natural ability to work hard and have clear boundaries is unlikely to change, you will allow a lighter approach to life to also surface.

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