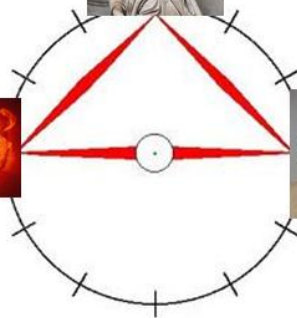
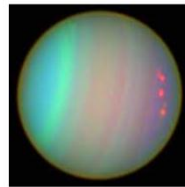


Prometheus Unbound Meets Hades Bound!

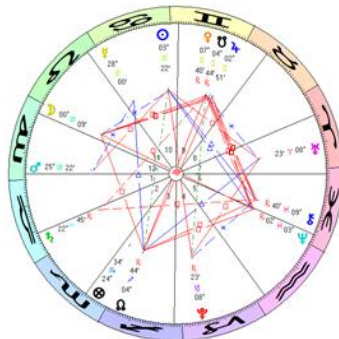
A Cosmological Drama in 7 Acts

Methinks I grow like what I contemplate
by Lord Byron from 'Prometheus
unbound'

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Uranus Square Pluto
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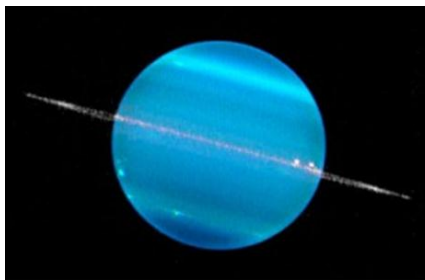
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Introducing the two main protagonists:

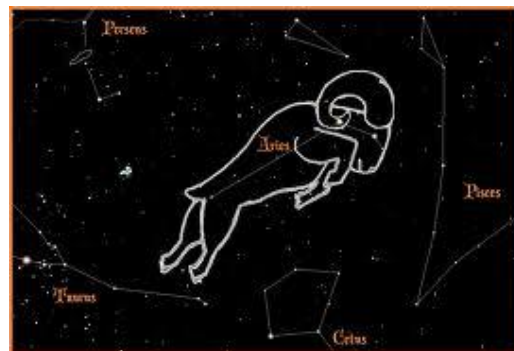
The planet Uranus

Main Goal = *Enlightenment*

In Aries – *Immediate Courageous Innovative*



Discovered in 1781



(Discovery coincided with three major revolutions: American, French and Industrial)

known as the Greek god Ouranos and connected to the Titan Prometheus



Mythology

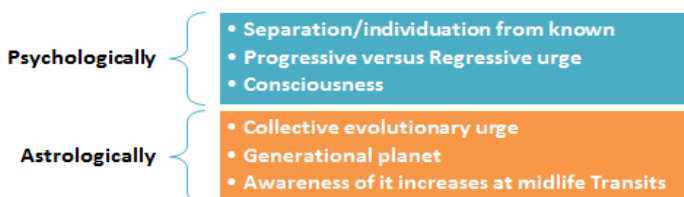
One of the archetypal representations by Ouranos, the founding father of the Olympian gods, is of the destructive father who rejected the imperfections of his offspring, imprisoning them deep within the

depths of the earth in Tartarus. Appalled by his lack of respect for his offspring and for earth itself, Ouranos' consort cum mother Gaia, gave her youngest son Cronus/Saturn a sickle to castrate his father, thus reminding us of the importance of integrating rather than rejecting our humanity in favour of the Uranian realms.

My tendency however, is to associate the Promethian mythology with Uranus as it resonates so strongly with the powerful rapid insights and flashes of inspiration which often accompany Uranian transits. Chiron's compassion in saving Prometheus, through swapping places with him and thereby releasing him of his nightly torture, reminds us of the power of compassion in healing the disparity between our divine and human self. Its current aspect to almost the entire heavenly planetary pantheon, offers a similar opportunity to us, as individuals and as a collective.

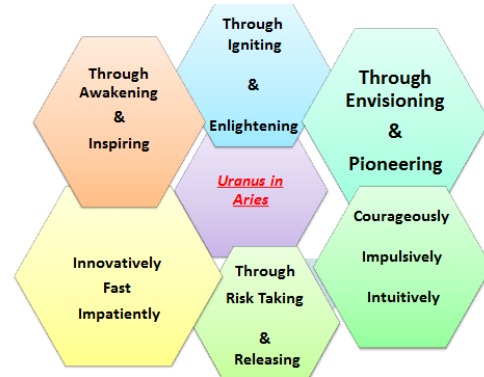
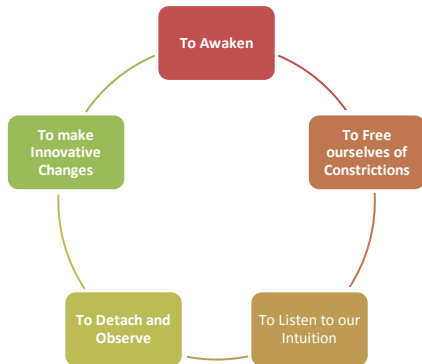
*To suffer woes which Hope thinks infinite; [4.570]
To forgive wrongs darker than death or night;
To defy Power, which seems omnipotent;
To love, and bear; to hope till Hope creates
From its own wreck the thing it contemplates;
Neither to change, nor falter, nor repent; [4.575]
This, like thy glory, Titan, is to be
Good, great and joyous, beautiful and free;
This is alone Life, Joy, Empire, and Victory.*

Lord Byron



Representing the part of us that is urged forward by the progressive idealistic pull to evolve beyond our Saturnian mortal limitations, including the regressive pull of the familiar and often largely unconscious lunar realm, Prometheus invites us on the journey of conscious individuation. All the while he also reminds us of the greater patterns and interconnectedness of all that is seen and unseen. As a generational planet, Uranus connects us most deeply to the ideals of our generation and powerfully awakening when it opposes itself during our midlife transits in our early 40's – (there is further information on this in the section at the end of this article).

So - what does this Promethean deity invite us to do as it moves through the sky in the fiery sign of Aries?



How?

Meeting the second main protagonist:

The Planet Pluto

Main Goal = *Transformation and Transmutation*
 In Capricorn – *Tenaciously determined*



Discovered in 1930



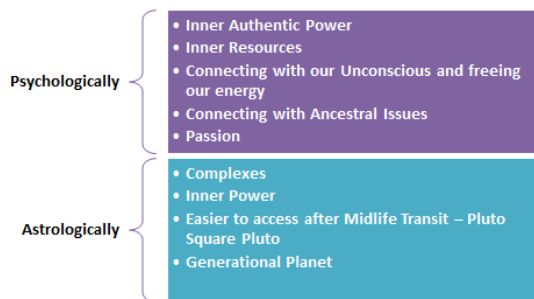
(Discovery coincided with the splitting of the Atom)



Mythology:

Plutonian mythologies worldwide remind us of the existence of aspects of our being that are largely unfathomable. In human terms this has usually been equated with something to be feared rather than embraced, as it appeared to threaten our human existence. In collectively awakening to a greater

evolutionary process and increasingly remembering the purpose of our soul journey, the associations we have attributed to the ‘underworld’ are likely to change. Pluto’s demotion as a planet could be interpreted as a symbolic invitation to do so. In substituting power ‘within’ rather than power ‘over’, we can voluntarily enter Hades realm as in the Sumerian myth of Inanna, rather than feeling we are pulled into it, as in the abduction of Persephone. ¹ In doing so we can choose to release personal, family and past life complexes that appear to hinder us and re-connect with our authentic power within. This connects us to the Venusian principle of self-value and unconditional love which is highlighted in the current chart through Venus aspecting almost all of the planets. Once more we are reminded to place our heart at the forefront. What is additionally poignant is that Venus is going direct two days after the exact square and therefore still forming an almost exact aspect to Uranus, Pluto and Chiron as she emerges from her time with Erishkigal, ready to share her depthful insights with us.



In its role as a generational planet Plutonian energies become easier to work with in a conscious manner after Pluto squares itself as part of our midlife transits in our late 30’s/early 40’s – (there is further information on this in the section at the end of this article).

What does this Plutonian deity invite us to do as it moves through the earthy sign of Capricorn ?



How?

Uranus conjunct Pluto
1965
Where were you?



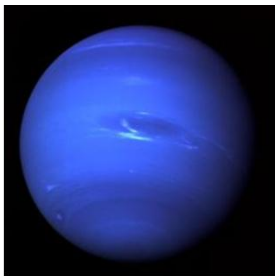
The conjunction of these two powerful planets on Oct 9th 1965 at 17°/18' Virgo, (also on April 4th and June 30th 1966), was when the seeds were planted for the current transit of Uranus square Pluto. Events at the time included: Civil Rights demonstrations, Vietnam war protests, the establishment of Medicare and Medicaid, suspension of the death penalty in the UK and the popularity of award winning musicals including Mary Poppins, My Fair Lady and the Sound of Music. Unresolved issues from this time are likely to be revisited on a collective and personal level. Anyone born at the time of this conjunction is likely to be particularly ignited by the current Uranus square Pluto transit. The end of this current cycle and start of the next one will be on April 24th 2104 when Uranus and Pluto come together at 7° Taurus. ⁱⁱ

Time to introduce two further Protagonists:

The planet Neptune

Main Goal = *remembering our interconnection with all*

In Pisces – *Imaginative, intuitive*



Discovered in 1846



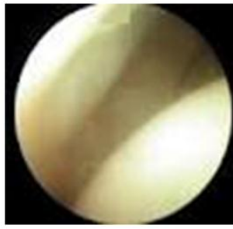
(Discovery of Neptune coincided with the use of anesthetics in hospital and with photography)

Conjunct

The Centaur Chiron

Main Goal = *healing through inner wisdom and compassion*

In Pisces – *dissolving seeping*



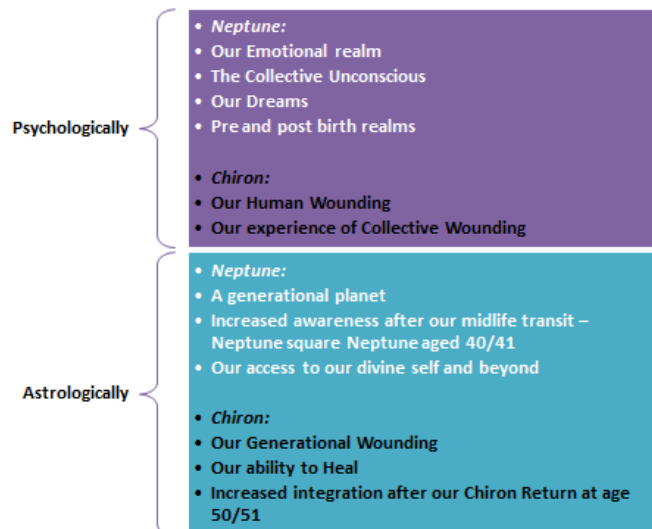
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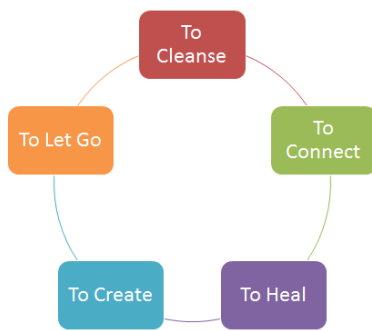
(Discovery of Chiron coincided with the expansion of the ‘new age movement’)

Mythology

The Neptunian realms fall easily within the oceanic domain of Poseidon whilst also being associated with the Dionysian principle of ecstasy. In its own sign, this powerful planetary deity has been traveling with the Centaur Chiron since 2009. Together, this powerful pair invite us to remember our innate interconnection with all, whilst offering opportunities to heal discord from our perceived disconnection from each other and from the source. Moving from Aquarius into Pisces last year, with Chiron leading the way, this formidable pair currently forms a sextile to Pluto, highlighting the healing regenerative component within the transformation of structures. With Neptune almost exactly square the nodal axis in the sky, this oceanic deity offers us potential assistance to move into an expansive future through letting go of our fears and holding hands with each other as we bob in these powerful ocean waves.



What do these deities invite us to do as they move through the sky in the watery sign of Pisces?



How?



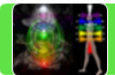


What is the joint invitation from all these planetary protagonists?



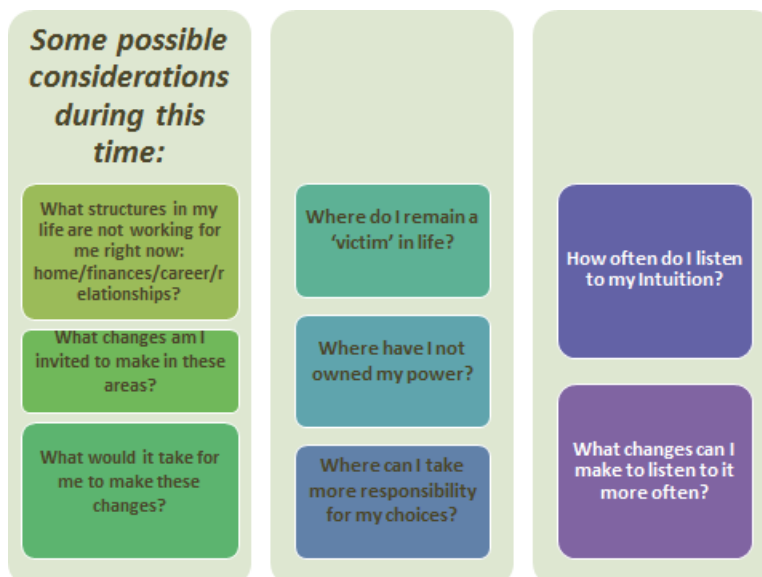
Uranus square Pluto Neptune/Chiron sextile Pluto

How?

Some suggestions to help us co-create with the current transits:

-  **Don't Nail the Floorboards Down!!**
-  **Go Willingly into Hades Realm**
-  **Step into Your Authentic Power**
-  **Co-Create with the Planetary gods**
-  **Have Fun in the Process**

- Taking ocean or salt baths – being near water
- Keeping a dream journal
- Creating a vision board
- Grounding and connecting with the earth through walks in nature or being with animals
- Keeping your heart open through compassion and gratitude
- Allowing old wounds to be released – resolving whatever needs to be resolved and finding ways that work for you to forgive and release old stories
- Maintaining boundaries with yourself and others in a self-caring manner – paying back debts, being aware of psychic as well as physical space, breaking co-dependency patterns in relationships
- Releasing fear and anger
- Following your heart and your dreams – living out what you have always dreamt of – whether it is a place, an activity or a relationship – this is the time
- Owning your own power – engaging with your Sun, Jupiter and Pluto – being the agent of transformation that you are
- Taking care of your body – engaging with your Saturnian energy – knowing when your body needs rest, food or exercise.
- Using the creative arts as a container and expressive medium for the energies - writing, painting, dancing etc.
- Taking time out to ‘be’ – daydreaming, being rather than doing
- Noticing your psychic skills awakening. Practicing ways in which they can assist you in your daily life. Choosing your intention in using them.
- Practicing Yoga and/or Meditation to relax the mind. Uranus in Aries is a particularly fast moving energy which can be felt powerfully through our nervous system.
- Breathing – spending time in fresh air. Releasing old grief from your lungs through deep breathing.
- Engaging willingly with Pluto’s realm – remembering that the most beautiful diamonds are found in the deepest caves



How might this affect you on an individual level:

If you are in the midst of your Midlife transits?

If you are part of the generation who are currently **42/43 yrs. old**, this transit coincides with your **Uranus opposition** which is part of the midlife transits. Inviting freedom from all restrictions that impede your soul journey, this transit will also include the transformative energy of Pluto, as he puts additional pressure on you to radically transform all structures in your life which are not authentic to your soul self. The main focus is on creating balance and fairness in relationships both on an individual and a collective level, whilst retaining autonomy and freedom. This is a particularly good time to focus your energies and engage your idealism for the purpose of enhancing fairness and justice in the world.

If you are part of the generation who are **37/38 yrs old**, and going through the **Pluto square Pluto** midlife transits, your focus is likely to be on forging your inner resources and strength as you take your place in the collective as the agent of transformation you truly are. You are at the forefront of innovative changes in the arena of relationships.

If your Sun is in the four Cardinal Signs Capricorn, Aries, Libra or Cancer?

Pluto is going to conjunct, oppose or square your solar energy at some point in the next 14 years. Over the next two years Uranus is also going to closely impact your Sun at the same time as Pluto. The arena in your life that is woken up is your solar journey, including your vocation, sense of meaning in the world, archetype of father and your animus. Using Joseph Campbell's analogy of the hero's journey, your solar light/identity will be invited to cross a threshold with enormous potential for authentic self-empowerment and strengthening of your true self. In changing your relationship with your internalized archetype of father, (which is deeply connected with your relationship with your birth father), you will be freed to fully connect with your own internal sense of authority. The timing is dependent on the degree position of your Sun in your chart.

If the transits are impacting your Moon?

If your **Moon is between 3' – 17' Capricorn Aries Libra or Cancer** the awakening and transformation is occurring to your emotional life. During this time you are likely to discover a deeper layer of what truly nurtures you. This transit can also potentially help you release unresolved emotional issues to do with your childhood and to your relationship with your mother archetype within which is deeply connected with your relationship with your birth mother and mothering.

If the transits are impacting your Ascendant?

If your **Ascendant is in Capricorn Aries Libra or Cancer** your approach to life is undergoing a major awakening and transformation, offering you the opportunity to make real choices and changes in how you wish to go forward in life. The changes within you will be reflected in changes in your relationships.

If you are approaching or are in the midst of your Chiron Return (age 50/51)?

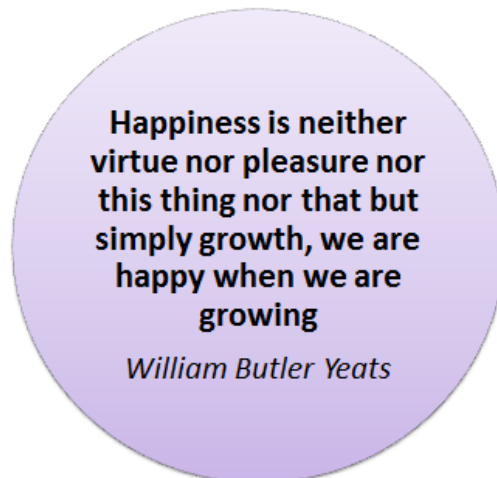
Returning to the same position it was in the sky when you were born, Chiron invites you to a place of greater wisdom as the sources of past perceived wounding become clearer, thereby offering you the potential to release and clear them. For the generation with Chiron in Pisces, past wounding is connected with collective feelings of aloneness and sadness due to a perceived disconnection from source energy

and repeated fruitless attempts to find comfort predominantly through human relationships. Visiting your natal Chiron alongside transiting Chiron, Neptune offers enormous potential to release old grief and reconnect to our source. There are a multitude of tools available to assist in this process including: meditation, writing, visualisations, being in the ocean, chanting, yoga etc. (Feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance re suggestions and contacts).

(If you don't have a copy of your birth chart and would like to know the position of your planets www.astro.com offers an excellent free copy of your chart)

Similarly to a play that appears to end when the curtain comes down, it is merely an act which takes place within a play, which in its turn takes place within the interpretation of each protagonist and each participant, which changes in response to the reaction of each part and each individual..... likewise we continue to co-create with these amazing planetary beings who are an intrinsic part of each of us.

I leave you with a quote from one of my favourite Irish writers which helps to remind me at times of what it is all about!



Many thanks for reading this article – feel free to share it with your friends

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ⁱ For an excellent description of the Venus retrograde cycle as related to the journey of Inanna you may wish to go to the website of Melanie Reinhart www.melaniereinhart.com

ⁱⁱ My thanks to Richard Nolle for these dates