

THE CARDINAL T-SQUARE AND CARDINAL CROSS

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The planet Pluto was reduced to a dwarf planet by the world astronomers a few years ago, but believe me it packs a wallop and then some. Pluto is no dwarf in my estimation. Pluto was discovered in 1930 and a short time later Otto Hahn discovers fission and successfully splits an atom, all of which helped to create the atomic bomb. So you can imagine the kind of energy Pluto represents.

It takes 246 years for Pluto to circle around the Sun and it can stay in one particular zodiacal sign anywhere from 12 to 15 or more years. Not everyone will experience the transit of Pluto crossing over their Sun Sign, but for those that it has happened, they can probably tell you what a life altering time it was for them. In fact, their whole life may have changed or at least some very important area of their life experienced some type of transformation or metamorphoses.

Transiting Pluto entered the sign of Capricorn in November 2008 and is now having a tremendous impact on the entire world. (Remember, the planets don't literally make us do anything, but there is a synergistic relationship between Earth and our solar system...as, above, so below). There is a correlation between what goes on up there and what goes on down here.

Astrologers understand the historic times we are now living in, but it is hard to explain to non-astrologers what this historic cycle in the heavens is all about or what they can expect from it. Non-astrologers are constantly asking me, "When is all this going to end? When are things going to get better?" Their tales of woe and stress are real. They feel as though there isn't a lot of stability in their lives and that they can't do a whole heck of a lot to make things better regarding their circumstances. It is important to note that we never feel like we have the control with a Pluto transit, because circumstances are very often out of our control or beyond our control.

Well, folks, this cycle is not about endings, but rather about new beginnings. You can't fill a cup unless it is empty. This is the role transiting Pluto in Capricorn is now

playing out in our lives. It is emptying us of anything and everything in order to make us new. Our lives are sure to be transformed on some important level.

When you look at the whole of things, you have to ask yourself, “What will it take for me to change so that I don’t get left behind amid all the changes taking place in the world?” Monumental change is often what we need in order to grow on a soul level. For this to happen we are likely to get exactly what we need in our life to force us to change and grow and, in turn, take another step up on the ladder of our evolutionary progress.

Unfortunately any change big enough to enact a permanent change in our thinking, our lives or our lifestyle is, more than likely, going to be brought about through some type of pain, disaster, catastrophe or loss before we wake up and realize we are being forced to follow a new path and to think and behave differently.

Life as we knew it just isn’t going to be the same anymore. Does this mean gloom and doom for all of us? No, it does not. I will retract this and say, “Not necessarily.” It depends on how resistant you are to holding onto the old way of life and the old way of thinking. Where the resistance is, is where lies your learning lesson.

The positive side of Pluto works for the betterment of the whole and for the betterment of all humankind. If you try to use Pluto’s energy for selfish reasons, to gather power and wealth without any thought of anyone else, you are likely to get a giant kick in the pants. This Pluto transit in Capricorn has to do with world politics and world power, but hopefully it will bring about universal change that will make our world a better place to live, and let’s pray without total destruction. World powers will have to begin to work together in order to maintain all forms of life here on Mother Earth, which includes plants and animals.

On a personal level this Cardinal T-Square can also be about internal changes within us regarding our beliefs and how we think along the lines of humanitarian consciousness. It can also be about external change regarding our jobs, home, family, our country, our government and what ever else we hold dear and hold on to for stability and survival.

This Saturn/Pluto planetary cycle is about historical change in the world, as we now know it. Will the changes be for the good or will they be negative ones? The choice is really ours in the long run and it has to do with attitude.

What if you lost all your money, your home, your family, or feel like you aren't the top banana with wealth anymore and now you have to experience what it is like to be a poor person and walk in their shoes and experience what their life was like when you had plenty and didn't take the time to be charitable with those less fortunate?

I don't mean to minimize anyone's pain or sorrow. I am merely trying to help people better understand that there is, more than likely, a bigger picture to all the events taking place in one's life these days. And, just maybe, Pluto is creating some experiences for us in which to either give and/or receive karma...you reap what you sow. Past karma can be good stuff coming back to us as well as learning what it feels like to wear someone else's shoes.

In the Bible Ecclesiastes states that there is a time for every purpose in life, a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant a time to break down, a time to build up, a time to keep and a time to cast away.... Since Pluto is the planet of death and transformation and is currently in the zodiacal sign of Capricorn, and will be there until 2024, then I feel it safe to say there will be a lot of breaking down and building up during this cycle, especially in the next two and a half years with transiting Saturn in Libra being an integral part of this Cardinal T-square. Ask yourself, "What have I lost so far since Pluto entered Capricorn in 08? What huge permanent changes have come into my life or that I have had to make or adjust to, because of life altering events that I had no control over?"


This is an historical time for humanity since I can't find any dates that correspond to the exact planetary patterns of these three signs and the planets in these three signs. The signs involved are the Cardinal signs Aries, Libra, Capricorn, while the planets playing out this real life play are the transcendental planets Pluto, Saturn and Uranus. Transcendental means to go beyond the realm of experience and because Cardinal is action, we are in what could be termed a universal crisis never known before in recorded history.

Cardinal planets are the doers of the Zodiac. Cardinal planets don't just sit and wait for a problem to resolve itself. Cardinal signs get up and "do," they act and they strive to resolve problems. Cardinal signs take charge. They can be very bossy, but they get things done and they work as fast as they can to get things done right away.

Pluto is in the Cardinal sign of Capricorn, transiting Saturn is in the Cardinal sign of Libra, and transiting Uranus and Jupiter are in the Cardinal sign of Aries. All these planets in Cardinal zodiacal signs form the configuration of a "T," thus the term Cardinal T-Square.

While Saturn and Uranus are fighting for control to act as they please as they stand opposite each other, transiting Pluto in Capricorn have them both in headlocks while he forms a square aspect to both of them. Squares and oppositions create a lot of tension. These particular aspects are called building blocks, because they can get a lot done, but along with an opposition or a square you can expect frustration, delay, aggression, accidents, disappointment, and, yes, stress, a ton of stress. This is quite a power struggle folks that is indicative of the powerful Cardinal T-Sq we are all currently experiencing. No wonder you might not be feeling settled inside or any peace lately.

This is a little confusing for non-astrologers to understand. So, use a pencil and draw an upside "T" on a piece of paper. Place two x(s) on both sides of the line that crosses the "T" letter at the bottom and then place one x at the top of this upside down "T" letter. You have just drawn an upside down "T" Now place the word Pluto at the top and the word Uranus and Jupiter at your left and Saturn on your right.

Now what happens if you are born a Cancer or you have some of your natal planets in the sign of Cancer or when the Sun moves into the sign of Cancer? Then you have what is known as a Grand Cardinal Cross, because with Cancer added into the mix then all four of the Cardinal signs are in play to make up the Grand  Cardinal Cross. And, believe me, there is nothing grand about this planetary configuration.

Does this mean gloom and doom in our lives? No it does not. If we are flexible enough, adjust our attitudes and accept change as positive progress then we can all get

through this transformation a lot easier. The old and outworn is definitely going to make way for the new, whether we like it or not.

The fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Aquarius) will probably hang on to their old ways no matter what the cost and this can be a good thing in the long run to maintain some stability and solid foundations. But all the Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) will surely have a lot going on in their very busy lives as they work fast and furious to create, build and renew. The Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces) are recuperating from the recent transit of Saturn's journey through the sign of Virgo these past few years, so they are probably trying to rebuild what had to come to an end and get on with their new lives and forge new habits, new thinking, and possibly a new life.

It has been written that we are in the Aquarian Age. Aquarius represents humanitarianism and Aquarius' ruling planet is Uranus. Uranus is now in Aries for the next seven years and is part of this Cardinal T-Square. So, I think we will see a lot more work toward becoming a more humanitarian conscious world with more action going into the preservation of animal and plant life and maintaining clean water and air. We need all this to sustain life on Earth. Will Uranus be strong enough to break down old barriers that have held us back from cleaning up our planet? We have to wait and see.

Saturn is about building structure and setting rules and regulations, but because it is in the sign of Libra and Libra is about justice, Saturn will proceed with justice and abide by the rules and bring forth fairness through a legal system. Rebuilding roads and repairing infrastructure is in the making right now.

We are also in what is termed the Information Age. Our whole world is set up like a wireless communication station. The world is wired to some extent. Everyone receives a ton of information when they click on to their e-mails on the Internet. Perhaps in time computers will be tiny enough to help launch a space ship to Mars. But we need to be mindful that we don't pollute our world with nuclear and technical waste piling up in outer space as well in our garbage dumps with a zillion TV's, computers, iPhones and iPods that are thrown away every day, because they become obsolete within a year. And will this overload of transmitted energy circulating our globe cause havoc with our DNA,

brains, or health in any way? This gives us a lot to think about regarding our future here on earth and how quickly we can safely adapt to all the new advances in technology. Will it all hurt our harm us in the future?

Transiting Saturn in Libra, Libra is an air sign, is likely to bring about rules and regulations regarding what can and cannot be said and done on the airwaves. The Internet has been acting like the Wild, Wild West, unbridled since its inception, and because much harm has come from its lawlessness, legal changes are being considered. Rest assured transiting Uranus would not allow anyone to take away “free speech,” or the right to bare arms.

Yes, this Cardinal T-square is all about drastic change that can only happen through total destruction, which will, hopefully, result in complete transformation.

So, I think we can all expect to become moths in cocoons waiting and getting ready for our flight into becoming butterflies. Hang in there, folks, “this is going to be a bumpy ride,” but it won’t be if we have done the necessary work on ourselves, been patient, changed for the better and in ways that are more humanitarian, and only then can we sprout our wings and learn how to soar with the eagles, swim with the dolphins and think among the stars.

The sun signs most likely to feel the impact of this Cardinal T-Square and Cardinal Cross and are likely to experience a lot of serious change, challenge, growth in these next two years are: Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. They make up the Grand Cardinal Cross.