

The Grand Cross of 2010

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At the conclusion of my live presentation on the Mayan Calendar and 2012, one that I have been doing at astrology conferences for the past decade or more, I like to draw attention to an unusually dense concentration of planets that occurs during 2010. My conclusions about the “Earth changes” associated with 2012 prophecy has been that many such things may actually occur two years earlier, in particular during the summer of 2010.

Mundane astrology, also called natural astrology, is the branch of astrology that investigates and interprets global and regional events such as climate, weather, plagues, earthquakes, volcanoes, wars, cultural events and the fates of individual cities and countries. Tradition and a few studies have shown that planetary alignments occur at the same time that social and environmental changes occur. From the astrological perspective, developments and changes occur according to the cyclic schedules of the planets, and when many cycles concur, the chances of change are greater. Those who study mundane astrology investigate the past and note correlations which are then used to make predictions. This procedure works to some extent, but because the planets move in ways that are never repeated perfectly, prediction is still guesswork.

In 2008 dwarf planet Pluto (corporate power) entered the sign Capricorn, a sign of reality and practicality. Later that year the world’s economic systems suffered a collapse. The last time this happened England raised taxes on the American colonies sparking the American Revolution. In 2008 politics took a swing to the left and Obama was elected on the day that Saturn (government) first opposed Uranus (individual freedom), an alignment associated with social conflict that was last experienced during the social revolutions of the mid 1960’s. Saturn made more oppositions with Uranus in 2009 and during that year politicians assumed more extreme positions on most issues including a serious polarization on the subject of health care. Also climate skeptics misused stolen data to manipulate the media on the subject of climate change (the number one issue in the general category of “Earth changes.”) while groups such as the Tea Party were formed and made compromises between the parties even more difficult. Late in 2009 Saturn entered Libra and moved into a square with Pluto, the first of several squares between these bodies. This square, also active in 2010, marks a time of serious conflicts between government and those who use power irresponsibly. The standoffs with North Korea and Iran, and the BP oil spill both fall into this category as do other instances of governmental power abuse.

In June 2010 Uranus and Jupiter (growth) entered Aries, the sign that is opposite Libra and square to Capricorn. All the outer planets except Neptune are now positioned near the equinoxes and the winter solstice. A T-square (planets in opposition with another at 90 degrees to this axis) has formed and is the background planetary landscape for the year, a primary theme driver that is periodically activated when triggered.

In addition to the known planets, the hypothetical planet of disgusting messes, Hades, charted by the brilliant German astrologer Alfred Witte, is now a part of this traffic jam of planets and will be entering Cancer making the T-square a Grand Cross. It enters Cancer for the first time in August 2010 and, after retrograding, re-enters Cancer in the summer of 2011. The last time this happened was in the mid 17th century when puritanical Oliver Cromwell emerged out of the chaotic English Civil War and became the eventually unpopular leader of England for a few years. At the same time a short-lived and likewise unpopular expansion of the Muslim world by the religious fanatic Aurangzeb took place. In today’s world of technology, events like oil spills, and not just conservative fundamentalist leaders, have the potential for creating disgusting problems.

Triggers of the great planetary alignment don't have to be other giant planets. When dwarf planet Ceres, the asteroid that is associated with care of the Earth, moved into orb of conjunction with Pluto in April, the BP oil spill occurred. This near conjunction finally closes in mid October when the matter might be highlighted and play a role in the election. On the 26th of June a lunar eclipse occurred conjunct Pluto and nearly square to Saturn, Uranus and Jupiter. Significant developments related to government (change of generals in Afghanistan) homeland security (Russian spies) and corporate power (Wall Street reform) reached occurred at that time.

The planetary action becomes even more complex in late July and early August. From July 23-25 Jupiter stations in Aries just as it makes a square with Pluto. This could signify some very large-scale issues that pit personal freedom against the rule of law. On July 31st Mars enters the T-square and conjuncts Saturn and opposes Uranus. Three days later it opposes Jupiter and squares Pluto. On August 7th the Moon moves into the sign Cancer and squares Uranus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, and opposes Pluto. We now have a true Grand Cross, a dynamically tense combination of squares and oppositions. In addition, the location of this Grand Cross, near the Cardinal signs (the signs of the solstices and equinoxes) amplifies its effects – which include gravity. I don't expect early August will necessarily be the focal point of changes in 2010, though it could be. Experience has shown that complex and tense alignments such as this one correlate with significant events before and after they are exact. The full and new moons that precede and follow the alignments may act as triggers bringing events in the making into sharper focus.

Without a lengthy and detail analysis It is hard to say exactly what will happen on a collective level except that the kinds of conflicts and tensions that presently exist will, no doubt, continue. Quite possibly some thresholds may be crossed, new laws will be passed and big changes will occur. Socially, there has never been a better time for a "green" revolution. Apart from the social world of humans, the Earth itself may react to the small but constant gravitational tugs of the planets in the grand cross – climate patterns may intensify, plates may shift and earthquakes, tsunamis, and eruptions may follow.

Individuals with planets in the early degrees of the Cardinal signs Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn will experience strong events, or strong needs and feelings, and they may play a big role in society – or even within families. There will certainly be a collective need to fix things that are broken and in this sense the Grand Cross may drive initiatives that are badly needed in desperate times. We know what the problems are, but apparently we need things to get worse before we pester our government to do something. Perhaps 2010 is the beginning of the end of the generally unconscious abuse perpetrated by *Homo sapiens* on the Earth. Our planet mates in the biosphere would probably hope so.