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Uranus in Taurus:

When a transpersonal planet changes sign it marks a significant change in the collective consciousness that is mirrored in the world around us . How do you believe the recent ingress of Uranus to Taurus has /will impact on both the collective psyche and world events? Refer to past times this has occurred to support your arguments.

"Upon this handful of soil our survival depends. Husband it and it will grow our food, our fuel and our shelter and surround us with beauty. Abuse it and the soil will collapse and die, taking humanity with it."

Uranus, the God of blue skies and of stormy skies, came into divine communion with Gaia, represented by Taurus, this is the creation myth of the Western world. Taurus the Bull represents the rich, fertile earth, ready to be cultivated. She is Mother Earth, provider and nurturer. Taurus energy, being fixed earth, has strength in stability and maintaining order, she is placid, reassuring and sturdy. Uranus symbolises divine inspiration, sudden flashes of insight and broad, intellectually determined ideals. He is highly volatile, sporadic, and filled with electric life force.

Imprisoning his offspring deep under ground and causing great pain to Gaia, Uranus can also be the cold, calculating and impersonal tyrant. If provoked beyond her tolerance, Mother Earth may retaliate in self defence. Uranus can either create life with Gaia or bring about great destruction. The Titans were the old gods who gave birth to the rivers, the Sun and Moon before the era of the Olympians, they belonged to a more primeval culture before the Greeks invaded the area. As a new culture invades, the religion and consciousness changes guard.

Although Uranus in Taurus can be an uncomfortable match, they are the opposites of chaos and order, requiring each other for the continual interplay of creation. In this unexpected coupling, Uranus is able to assist us in transcending dualism to the understanding that Gaia, a living,

conscious being consists of many interlocking ecosystems including her delicate and sublime atmosphere. The brilliant lightning, those shocking moments of realisation that enter our environment are replenishing and expansive, bringing greater fertility to the earth and to our consciousness. This creative process can be found both in the ingenuity of Uranus as well as the Venusian sensuality of Taurus, giving life to innovative art forms, reflecting the consciousness of humanity in multidimensional ways.

In these times, we are witnessing broad, sweeping changes to human life on earth. This year, 2020, has been perhaps one of the most important years that humanity may have witnessed for centuries. In mundane astrology, Uranus can be an equalising factor, recognising human rights and taking down old hierarchies. Uranus can also come into effect regarding extreme right-wing politics. Uranus shakes everything up and shocks us out of our comfort zones, he brings advances in science and technology, changing the way we live. He shepherds political upheaval as well as the spread of the accompanying public information used to sway the hearts and minds of a population. Taurus is associated what we value, our self-worth, the monetary system and therefore our work, our physical bodies, agriculture and the arts. As Taurus is ruled by Venus, love and relationships of all kinds are at play. In mundane astrology, Taurus may be associated with conservatism, the status quo, wealth and the old guard.

Put the two together and we have a global wave of right-wing political parties, we have extreme social distancing measures expressing the coldness of Uranus affecting all of our relationships, limiting the amount of physical expression, human touch and sending us into isolation. The number and degree of global environmental disasters has increased, with massive destruction of the earths lungs, the Amazon rainforest, through fire as well as the fires in Australia rated 'catastrophic'. Our relationship to the earth is such that we may not be able to feed ourselves if we continue with our current monocultural farming practices that destroy the soil. The health of Mother Earth has a direct result on the economy and the current economical system as well as job

security. Uranus in Taurus is bringing many unpredictable changes to our work and will bring about huge change to our monetary systems, causing high unemployment and financial crashes.

These patterns can be reflected in the last ingress of Uranus in Taurus in 1934. Hitler's rise to power was cemented when he was named Führer of Germany. His Taurus Sun was conjunct Uranus with the ingress. In December of 1938, he was on the cover of TIME magazine as "Man of the Year" as most influential person. The 'Long March' in China consolidated the Communist Party in China, (Uranus) finding a strong-hold and gaining the support of the peasants.(Taurus). While thousands died along the way Environmentally, The 'Dust Bowl' was a series of severe dust storms which damaged the American prairies, beginning in 1934. The major causes of this was drought (most likely due to deforestation) and lack of ecological farming techniques. With some recovery from the Great Depression, there was a focus on the creation of abundance with "Think and Grow Rich" by Napolean Hill published, showing the power of our consciousness to affect our reality. The board game 'Monopoly' appeared on the market in 1935. The wins, losses and overall unpredictability of the faux money-making game reflects Uranian influence.

The shift of human life and interaction to being online is now coming into place to an extreme degree, mediating our relationships and our work lives through the internet and technology through our phones, computers, smart TV's and smart homes. This also allows for the ease of surveillance of the population in all of our activities: work, social connection, health, banking and even romantic relationships. This is happening to the point where it is our minds and hearts that are being 'mined' or 'farmed' (Taurus) in a form of 'surveillance capitalism' (Uranus in Taurus) where our data is collected and sold to data mining companies for resale. It doesn't end there as the military-educational-industrial-agribusiness-news-complex is also using our personal data for the purpose of moulding or rebuilding (Taurus) our consciousness (Uranus) to comply with the agenda of the 'top 1%', the billionaires who are engineering our lives.

That's the bad news, the good news is that Uranus also symbolises 'the people', he brings about revolutions, creating equality for all including workers rights. The Euroka Stockade, a gold miners rebellion that grew out of the Ballarat Reform League 1854, as Uranus was in the middle of Taurus. The onset of the gold rush coincided at the ingress of Uranus in Taurus, along with other gold rushes and the establishment of oil wells globally throughout the seven-year period of Uranus in Taurus from 1850-1857. This was an important event in Australian history, resulting in the introduction of the Electoral Act of 1856, bringing about suffrage for male colonists in Australia and precipitated the suffrage of women 5 years later. In some ways, the gold rush was a great leveller where any man could turn his fortune around. In the same way that there is now the potential that a young woman living in a slum in a third world country could potentially create an online business and make her fortune today.

In many countries, governments who have learnt from the past have provided extra support for people experiencing financial difficulty to help stimulate the economy due to the loss of people's livelihoods. The last time Uranus was in Taurus, In the United States, President Franklin D Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935, supporting the aged, the unsupported children and the unemployed. Humanity staying inside our homes in 2020 has resulted in massive reductions in pollution in the air and water so much that children living in villages near the Himalayas were able to see the mountains for the very first time. The canals in Venice, after severe flooding earlier in the year, became clear enough during the lockdown to see the fish. Many wild animals have been walking city streets as well as repopulating national parks.

Much inspiration (Uranus) was to be found in the arts (Taurus) during the last ingress. Frank Lloyd Wright's highly innovative house "Fallingwater" was completed; Django Reinhardt forms band "Hot Club" in Paris, bringing great innovation with his mix of Romani and Jazz to the music scene. The influences coming from displaced people's - the Romani's and African American where Jazz originated. John Steinbeck's novella "Of Mice and Men" was published highlighting the inhumanity of the harvest trail during the Great Depression.

A curious aspect of this time is the grounding of the flight industry whereas, during Uranus's last visit through Taurus, we had Amelia Earhart making her brave solo flights, with a large following encouraging the public towards international flight. We also had the invention of the helicopter which is has now been used for the purpose of upholding the 'lockdown'.

One thing we can always predict about Uranus is unpredictability. Vandana Shiva is an advocate for biodiversity, organic natural farming techniques and seed-saving. She has taken large multinational companies to court on numerous occasions for bio-piracy, to protect the right for humanity to use seeds into the future. She had been a successful quantum physicist when she realised that what was most important for humanity was food security. With a background in quantum physics, the one things she knows is that even when we are up against immense power and tyranny, nothing is set in stone because in the quantum universe, everything is constantly changing. This reminds me that it is our own consciousness that can interplay with the universe, collapsing and emerging into concrete form. We can infuse our handful of soil with the loving power of the cosmos, then think and create a beautiful new, abundant future.

"I have a secret love of chaos ... Unless we can psychologically accommodate change, we ourselves begin to die, ... objects, customs, habits, and ways of life must perish so that the authentic human being can live ... the viable, elastic organism which can bounce back, absorb, and deal with the new."

Philip K. Dick

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