

## PLUTO'S CONNECTION TO MARS RETROGRADE IN SAGITTARIUS

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The recent transit of Mars through Sagittarius is very interesting to study. It "previewed" all of the aspects Pluto will duplicate from 15 degrees to the end of the sign, not to mention Chiron.

Therefore, whatever aspects Mars made at 15 degrees of Sagittarius would have been concurrent with those of Pluto in the years 2001 and 2002. An easy example of this would be to take the years 1935 and 1936, when EVERYONE born in those years had Neptune at 14-17 degrees of Virgo, and those born in 1936 had a Saturn/Neptune opposition which was (T) squared by Mars this year from March 11-March 27 and June 22-August 12. It would be instructive and informative for those people to reflect on the occurrences, since Pluto is or will be next year duplicating those aspects for a period of 2 years. Since Mars tends to affect more on the personal level, the natal placement of Neptune would be indicative of the manifestation. In addition, with a Mars/Neptune (and vice versa) aspect, money is always an issue, and NOT necessarily negatively. However, with the concurrent or ensuing Pluto transit, it would be more or less a manifestation of Evil versus Good, and the transit to natal Saturn would spell "loss at its worst," where this applies for those born in 1936.

Another easy example, would be those born in 1965, who have Pluto at 13-16 Virgo, opposed by Saturn at 12-17 Pisces. Mars would have set up a (T) square to that opposition from March

7-27, and June 22-August 12, 2001, concurrent with the 2001 Pluto/Saturn opposition setting up a grand cross. This will be followed by a (T) square from Pluto in successive years for the rest of the Pluto in Virgo generation, while Pluto transits the remainder of Sagittarius.

Obviously, this would include any planet in 15-30 degrees of a mutable sign, with Mars denoting accidents, danger or ego conflicts, and Pluto designating transformation in regard to the planet being aspected. The following table will be helpful:

ASPECTS made by Mars from March 20-29 & June 16 - August 18, will be duplicated by Pluto in 2003-2004;

ASPECTS made by Mars from March 23-April 1, & June 20-August 28, will be duplicated by Pluto in 2004-2005;

ASPECTS made by Mars from March 25-April 22, & May 30-June 28 & August 10 - September 2, will be duplicated by Pluto in 2005-2006 and so on and so forth.

Please note that on 9/9/01, Mars moved into Capricorn past the shadow point of its retrograde travel in Sagittarius. On 9/11/01, it occupied 1 degree of Capricorn in opposition to the Venus in the US Chart in the financial houses, and ruling the house of speculation and children. Pluto will duplicate this transit in 2008.

It would be foolish to ignore the Pluto/Saturn opposition which occurred

in exact aspect on August 5, and again on November 1, never, however, getting out of orb more than 2 degrees in the interim. This will again be exact on May 26, 2002. Pluto oppose Saturn signifies loss at its worst. On August 5, it was the beginning of the economic downturn, or at least an official admission, thereof. When the President was asked in mid-August by the press, if he would break his campaign pledge not to go into the Social Security "Lockbox," his answer was that he would only touch it in case of war. And Mars played into this opposition, earlier in the year.

Again, this opposition will be very noticeable next year by those people with the afore-mentioned Neptune placements, with those born in 1936\* feeling it for the next 2 years, i.e., November 7, 2001-end-2003. Since it will "hit" 5 times, it will affect archetypically, generationally and personally. It will signify "loss at its worst" and "evil versus good."

And will very soon be no mystery, as it was when I first began predicting this in the charts of my clients, when it was very difficult for them to relate to "evil versus good. For those born in 1935, it is now clear, and those born in 1936, are not "wondering" anymore.

Just taking the placement of Neptune in Virgo at birth, will illustrate the enormity of this transit. Add to that, those born in 1965 with the natal Pluto/Saturn opposition, as described above, and all of the possible mutable sign placements of Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus, and it leaves very few people out.

Without Jupiter's new cycle in the US Chart, using the Gemini ASCendant chart, there would be little hope. As it is, there is (a little hope).

\*John McCain was born in 1936 and has this opposition in his natal chart.

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