Chapter 2

The Cycles of Pluto and Neptune

The thoughts of man, and his emotional reactions to events, enter into combination with related thoughts and emotions to build up the thought-cells, or stellar cells, of which his astral body is composed. And according to the department of life to which they are related do they thus build thought-cells within one of the twelve compartments of the astral body rather than within the others.

These twelve compartments are accurately mapped by the twelve houses of the birth-chart. Each house indicates the composition, harmony and activity of the thought-cells within the compartment of the astral body relating to one department of life.

In the life of a nation or a city, the individuals composing it perform very much the same function that thought-cells do within the astral body of individual man. People, by their interests, activities and occupations, relate more pronouncedly to one department of the nation's life than to other departments. Thus it is that in a mundane chart the composition, harmony and activity of the human and other factors relating to a given department of life, are mapped by a house having a significance similar to that attached to it in natal astrology.

One, therefore, who is familiar with the department of life ruled by each of the twelve houses in natal astrology will commonly have little difficulty in selecting the house of the birth-chart of a nation, of a Cycle Chart, or of a Major Conjunction Chart, which rules any given phase of activity.

All that is needed is to expand the function of the house, as recognized in natal astrology, to embrace group activities of similar purport. Yet as the significance of the houses is so important in any branch of astrology, as it is to them we always must look to determine the department of life affected, they should here be designated specifically in their relation to mundane affairs.

FIRST HOUSE — The people of a country or city; their disposition, health and personal affairs as distinct from their foreign interests.

SECOND HOUSE — The wealth and personal property of the people, the national treasury, banks, non-speculative bonds and securities, financial transactions, and places where money and securities are handled.

THIRD HOUSE — Transportation, railroads, roads, motor busses, automobiles, local airplane traffic, local traffic in general; telegraph, telephone, and mails; printing, newspapers, magazines, other periodicals; literary work, intellectual activity, the thoughts of the people; neighboring countries.

FOURTH HOUSE — The land, the homes of the people, buildings, hotels
and rooming houses; the weather, agriculture, crops on the ground, mining; the political party that is out of power but opposed to the ruling party.

**FIFTH HOUSE** — Entertainment and the motion picture industry, theaters, other places of amusement, the birth-rate, speculation, the stock market and stock exchange, ambassadors from foreign countries, children and places where children congregate, such as schools and colleges. The education acquired is ruled by the 3rd, the teachers by the 9th, and the place where education or entertainment is dispensed by the 5th.

**SIXTH HOUSE** — The illness of the people, their food; laboring people and their labor; employees in general, including the personnel of the army, navy and police force who are employees of the people, also all civil service employees; stored grain or other stored products of the land or mines, the garnered harvest, restaurants, cafeterias, drug stores and all places where food and drink are dispensed; small animals.

**SEVENTH HOUSE** — Foreign nations and their attitude, war and international disputes, marriage and divorce.

**EIGHTH HOUSE** — The death-rate and the kind of deaths suffered by the people; the debts due from foreign countries; tariffs, taxes, insurance, pensions; the cabinet of the president or prime minister and the chief appointees of the mayor of a city or governor of a state.

**NINTH HOUSE** — Interstate and international commerce and traffic, the navy, foreign shipping, the radio, cable messages, interstate airplane traffic; the law, lawyers, the supreme court; churches, religion, preachers; teachers, lecturers, publishing, advertising, books, lectures, and all places where opinions are publicly proclaimed.

**TENTH HOUSE** — The administration, president, dictator, monarch, governor or mayor; the credit and reputation of a nation; its business and its influence in world affairs; also eminent and famous persons, and those possessing unusual power.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE** — The legislature or parliament, particularly the house of commons; the aldermen of a city; and ambassadors sent to foreign countries.

**TWELFTH HOUSE** — Prisons, hospitals, asylums, workhouses, charitable institutions, relief work, crime, criminals, defectives, secret societies, spies, and the secret enemies of the people; large animals.

Because in attempting to determine the rulership of a country or city by observing the effect of the Transits of the heavier planets through the signs, it is easy to mistake the influence of a planet Transiting through the first house for its influence when Transiting through the tenth house, and vice versa; and as most of the sign rulerships which follow were determined by someone who observed that planets Transiting a certain sign commonly influenced strongly a certain city or country; it is probable that further research will make necessary a number of modifications in this list.

It is given, therefore, not because it is considered authentic, but merely because it represents the rulership most commonly used by astrologers at this time. In very few instances has our research department IS yet had the time to test these rulerships. But as opportunity offers for such detailed investigation the findings will be published in THE CHURCH OF LIGHT QUARTERLY, and any changes will be included in future issues of this lesson.

**ARIES** — Countries: England, Palestine, Denmark, Japan, Syria, Lesser Poland, Bergundy, and the older authors give Germany

Cities and Towns: Florence, Naples, Saragossa Verona, Marseilles,
Brunswick, Capua, Leicester Oldham, Birmingham, Blackburn, Cracow, Utrecht

TAURUS—Countries: Ireland, Asia Minor; Caucasus, Cyprus, Persia, Poland, Grecian Archipelago, Georgia, Austria.

GEMINI—Countries: United States (7°), Lower Egypt, West of England, Belgium, Armenia, Flanders, Lombardy, Wales, Tripoli, Sardinia, Brabant N.E. Coast of Egypt.

CANCER—Countries: Scotland, Holland, N.W. Africa, Paraguay, East of Mauritius, Zealand; Germany.

LEO—Countries: France, Italy, Northern Roumania, Sicily, Chaldea, Bohemia, Apulia, the Alps, Phonecia, round Tyre, and Sidon.
Cities and Towns: Chicago (1st decanate), Rome, Bristol, Philadelphia, Damascus, Portsmouth, Ravenia, Prague, Bombay (3rd decanate), Bath, Taunton, Blackpool.

VIRGO—Countries: Brazil, Assyria, Babylonia, Crete, Kurdestan, West Indies, Part of Greece, Croatia, Turkey, Thessaly, the Morea, Silesia, Switzerland, Virginia.

LIBRA—Countries: China, Indo-China, Tibet, Borders of Caspian, Upper Egypt, Savoy, Argentina, Livonia, Burma.

SCORPIO—Countries: Norway, Queensland, Transvaal, Algeria, North Syria, Morocco, Bavaria, Barbary, Jutland, Judea, Catalonia, Cappodocia.

SAGITTARIUS—Countries: Arabia, Australia Dalmatia, Cape Finistere, Hungary, Madagascar Moravia, Province in France, Slavonia, Spain, Tuscania, Felix, Istria.

CAPRICORN—Countries: India, Afghanistan Greece, Macedonia, Mexico, S.W. Saxony, Styria, Circan, Maraccan, Punjab, Thrace, Illyria, Romandia, Orkney Islands, Mecklenburg, Albania, Bosia, Bulgaria, Khorassan, Hesse.

AQUARIUS—Countries: Sweden, Tartary, Lithuania, Piedmont, Arabia the Stony, Abyssinia, Circassia, Prussia, Russia, Wallachia, Westphalia.

**PISCES**—Countries: Nubia, Normandy, Galicia, Calabria, Portugal, Sahara Desert.

Cities and Towns: Alexandria, Preston, Bournemouth, Cowes, Lancaster, Ratisbon, King's Lynn, Southport, Grimsby, Seville, Worms, Compostella, Farnham, Yiverton, Regensburg, Christchurch.

Each planet rules definite activities and definite environmental influences. A list of these is given in Chapter 5, Course 10-1, *Natal Astrology, Delineating the Horoscope*. But as the events shown by a Cycle Chart are chiefly brought about through the influence of the activities ruled by the planet for which it is erected; and as the events indicated by Major Conjunctions are chiefly brought about through the things ruled by the planets which are in conjunction; close attention should be paid in all Mundane delineation also to the trend of thought, the type of business, and the political group, governed by each planet, as follows:

**SUN**—In thought, politics. In business, executive work and administration. In politics, bosses and the ruling class.

**MOON**—In thought, the family and home. In business, groceries and other commodities. In politics, women and the common people.

**MERCURY**—In thought, science. In business, literary work. In politics, the press.

**VENUS**—In thought, the beautiful. In business, art. In politics, the so-called society element.

**MARS**—In thought, mechanics. In business, manufacturing and the military profession. In politics, militarism.

**JUPITER**—In thought, religion and philosophy. In business, finances and commerce. In politics, capitalism.

**SATURN**—In thought, orthodoxy. In business, land and basic utilities. In politics, conservatism, the farmer and the miner.

**URANUS**—In thought, the occult and ultra progressive. In business, invention and unusual methods. In politics, the radical element.

**NEPTUNE**—In thought, the mystical and psychic. In business, promotion and stock companies. In politics, the ideal.

**PLUTO**—In thought, spirituality or inversion, and the influence of invisible intelligences. In business, group activity, either for the selfish advantage of the group or for universal good. In politics, compulsory co-operation.

When a planet moves from south declination to north declination there is a definite change of polarity which marks itself in the astral substance which environs the world. The moment thus indicated is the birth of a new cycle of influence in so far as this particular planet and the things it rules are concerned. And a chart erected at any place on the earth's surface for this moment indicates, by the house positions of the planets, particularly when they aspect this particular planet, the influence of the things ruled by this planet during the ensuing cycle.

A Cycle Chart, except those of Sun and Moon, DOES NOT indicate the influence of a wide variety of things on the affairs of the locality for which erected. Its influence is narrowly confined to that which it is there possible for the things ruled by the planet for which the chart is erected to exert. A Mars Cycle reveals the influence exerted by mechanics, by manufacturing...
and the military profession, and by aggressive action; but it does not reveal the influence of orthodoxy, of land and basic utilities, of conservatism, or of the farmer and miner.

A Cycle Chart is the birth-chart of the type of influence indicated by the planet for which it is erected. This birth-chart continues effective until the commencement of the next Cycle of the same planet. It is possible, for instance, to gain some information from a chart erected for the time the Sun enters Cancer, for the time the Sun enters Libra, and for the time it enters Capricorn. But these quarterly charts are entirely subsidiary to the Ingress Chart for the year, erected for the time the Sun crosses from south declination to north declination.

The Sun and Moon and the things they rule are so important in human life that from the Sun Cycle for each year and the Moon Cycle for each month it is possible to determine much of what is going to happen in a country or city. But if dependence is placed exclusively upon the Ingress Map (as the Sun Cycle commonly is called), and the Lunation Maps (as the Moon Cycles often are termed), some of the most outstanding events will be overlooked; for these relate chiefly to the influence of things ruled by some other planet.

A Cycle Chart, as the birth-chart of a definite influence over a stated period, reveals the events that will transpire due to that particular influence, but not those due to other types of influence.

And, as in the birth-chart of an individual, the time when the indicated events will happen is revealed by Progressed Aspects. But unlike the progressions in the birth-chart of an individual, only one planet makes progressed aspects.

Also, unlike the birth-chart of an individual, the progressions of this ONE planet are by TRANSIT only, and ONLY to the birth-chart positions of the planets. That is, throughout the duration of the Cycle, the positions of the planets in the Cycle Chart, and not as they later appear, are the positions to which progressed aspects are made. And the progressed aspects to them, which indicate when the indicated events will happen, are those made by the position of the planet for which the chart was erected, as it moves forward by TRANSIT, as shown by the sign and degree it occupies on the same date in the ephemeris.

The most common error of those who are unfamiliar with the use of these Cycle Charts is the attempt to predict events unrelated to the planet for which the chart is erected. The next most common error is to consider the progressed aspects made by planets other than the one for which the chart was erected. Both of these errors grow out of a misconception of the true nature of a Cycle; and either of them will lead to unreliable forecasts.

A Cycle Chart is erected for the longitude and latitude of the place where its influence is to be ascertained, for the exact moment the planet crosses from South Declination to North Declination. The moment it reaches 0°N 0’ declination is the correct time.

This time may very roughly be ascertained from the declinations given in Raphael’s Ephemeris, using either proportional logarithms, or simple proportion, to find the time when the planet reaches 0°N 0’ declination. Unfortunately, however, as the declinations are given only every second day for the slower planets, the time thus ascertained is not precise enough to give accu-
rate house positions when the chart is erected at some particular place. Therefore, until more precise data is incorporated in this ephemeris, it becomes necessary to have recourse to *The American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac*. This is published each year by the U. S. Government, and may not be had through book dealers, but must be obtained directly from The Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

In this annual publication the declinations are given each day with the variation in declination per hour. In the ephemeris for Greenwich time Uranus and Neptune are given only for every fourth day, but for Transit at Washington they are given for each day. As the variation per hour—amount of movement—is given to 1/100 of a second, and as their places are given to the nearest 1/10 of a second, the data is quite precise enough for the purpose of ascertaining the time for which Cycle Charts should be erected.

As it is intended to publish in *THE CHURCH OF LIGHT QUARTERLY* both the time and the charts of more important Cycles in the future, the Nautical Almanac is indispensable only to those who expect to do considerable original research in Mundane Astrology. Throughout this entire Course, the time given for which charts are erected is LOCAL MEAN TIME.

When a new Cycle Chart comes in it is found that the events signified by it may begin to happen somewhat before the Cycle actually starts. The changing of the planet, from south magnetic polarity to north magnetic polarity, brings into considerable prominence the affairs under the rulership of the planet. The time of the commencement of the Cycle, therefore, is commonly coincident with some of the matters foreshadowed in the Cycle Chart.

That which happens as the Cycle commences, and which comes under its influence, is seldom all that transpires of similar import during the Cycle. More often it foreshadows other events of similar nature which come to pass at the time progressed aspects form in the Cycle Chart. And not infrequently these later events are a further development of less outstanding events that arrive with the Cycle.

Astrological influences tend to bring a response from the physical environment, not merely at the moment the phenomenon is perfect, but for a certain time before and a certain time afterwards. In its change of polarity, from south to north, the change begins to exert an influence when the planet is within one degree of crossing the celestial equator, and continues to exert some influence during the time it is within one degree after crossing.

The influence is more pronounced while the planet is close to the exact line between south and north declination. But because the physical environment, by its resistance or lack of it, may require accumulated planetary pressures to manifest as a given event, the condition indicated by the changing polarity may develop somewhat before, or somewhat after, the exact moment of change in declination. There is an orb, therefore, of one degree of movement by declination, within which events signified by the Cycle may take place before the Cycle actually starts.

In a similar manner, the Progressed Aspects which form to the places of the planets in the Cycle Chart, also have an orb of one degree from the perfect aspect, within which the event signified happens. In the Moon Cycle, which is set for the conjunction of the Moon with the Sun, and not for change in declination, because the Moon moves so rapidly, an orb of 24 hours is allowed within which the event signified by the progressed aspect of the Moon happens. Any
event which transpires outside of the orb of one degree from perfect, or in the case of the Moon, more than 24 hours before or after the perfect aspect, should not be attributed to the commencement of the Cycle or to the aspect.

The characteristic feature of most events attracted through the influence of the planet Pluto is group activity in the accomplishment of some purpose. Mob lynchings, for instance, are typical; although the purpose of the group activity may be either beneficial to society or opposed to it.

Pluto is never milk and water. He always is either strongly for the right or strongly for the wrong. Co-operative effort to alleviate suffering and to administer justice are under his rule, as also are the activities of gangsters and racketeers. In this latter field his specialities are kidnapping and mass murder.

On the constructive side he accomplishes his work through commissions, bureaus, committees, or other groups who accept the responsibility of obtaining the desired results. Unlike Neptune, he has little regard for the voice of the common people. When he works for their welfare, as he does when his better side expresses, he delegates to a group of specialists the responsibility of deciding what is good for the people and how best to obtain it. Neptune would let every man have a voice in deciding important matters; but Pluto, through popular vote or force of arms, gives dictatorial powers to one person or to a small group of persons, and holds them responsible for results.

Pluto, whether dealing with the common man or with those of much authority does not ask, by your leave; but dictates what shall be done. Those under the leader, who has been elected by popular ballot or who has placed himself in power through force, are expected to carry out his orders unquestioningly. Subordinates who fail to co-operate are drastically and summarily punished. And all those coming under the jurisdiction of the group are compelled to co-operate in carrying out such plans as have been decided upon.

Pluto, when afflicted, tends to split a group into two rival factions. And even when unafflicted, the forming of one group to accomplish some purpose is usually the occasion for the formation of another group to prevent that purpose being realized. The conflict of opposing interests, next to group activity, is the most characteristic expression of his influence.

His worst attribute is Inversion. Thus the suppression of facts and the distortion of information to create a public opinion favorable to some group, or favorable to the purpose of some group, is the greatest menace he affords, and is perhaps also the greatest menace to human progress.

331. Chart of Conjunction of Uranus and Pluto, June 20, 1850, 6:52 a.m., Washington. Uranus (liberty) conjunction Pluto (organized group) in 10th (business interests), sextile Sun in 12th (slaves), semi-square Mercury in 11th (congress); Mercury square Neptune, ruler of 9th (laws). The underground railroad by which slaves escaped became the object of legislative controversy resulting on Sept. 18, in a New and Drastic (Uranus) Anti-Slave Law, intended to check Organized (Pluto) assistance to fugitives.

332. Chart of Conjunction of Neptune and Pluto, July 22, 1891, 10:24 p.m., Washington. March 14, eleven Italians were lynched (Pluto) in New Orleans. This crime (Jupiter in 12th square Neptune and Pluto) resulted in the recall by Italy (Uranus in 7th sesqui-square Neptune and Pluto) of her minister at Washington, and a demand for reparations (Neptune and Pluto in 2nd). The controversy continued throughout the summer, and not until Apr. 12, 1892 was the matter finally settled by the payment of cash (Neptune and Pluto in 2nd) to Italy by our State Department.
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The last Cycle of Pluto commenced Feb. 20, 1864. At the time this is written no tables are available covering the declination of Pluto in 1864 with sufficient precision to determine the time of day when it crossed from south declination to north declination. Therefore, until such tables are calculated, we must be content with the Natural Chart of the Pluto Cycle, given on page 14, of chapter 1, which is equally applicable to the whole world, and in which the house positions of the planets are completely ignored.

This was during the Civil War, and the North had failed to accomplish much, as its various military leaders each acted largely according to his own plans. But with the commencement of the Pluto Cycle the leaders were compelled to act as a unified group; for on March 12, Grant was given complete command of all the Federal forces.

The following dates are those of heavy Pluto aspects, by Transit, to the places of the planets in the Pluto Cycle Chart. As the degree occupied by the Moon is unknown, aspects to it are neglected, and as house positions likewise are unknown, they also will receive no consideration. As many aspects are given as available space permits, and, except for those since 1920, which are not included in it, the events will be confined to those given in the brief Reference History of the U.S., in the back of Webster’s New International Dictionary.

June, 1869, Pluto trine Mars: June 15, Massachusetts Act for State Railroad Commission (Pluto), first of its kind.

1875, Pluto trine Venus: Thirty nations form the Universal Telegraph Union, and twenty-three nations adopt the Metric system of weights and measures.

June, 1876, Pluto trine Venus: June 25, Massacre (Pluto method) of Custer’s forces in Montana by the Sioux, under Chief Sitting Bull.

May, 1877, Pluto trine Venus: Reduction of wages causes railroad riots. Mob (Pluto) controls Pittsburgh July 19—23 and destroys much property.

1878, Pluto opposition Jupiter: Sixty nations form the Universal Postal Union.

1883, Pluto square Sun: At Berne Convention, nineteen nations ratify standardized international patent laws.

June, 1884, Pluto square Sun: June 27, Congress authorizes the Federal Bureau (Pluto) of Labor.

August, 1887, Pluto sextile Neptune, trine Mercury: Sept. 5, Labor Day (labor acting as a group) first observed in New York as a legal holiday. Also, same year, fifteen nations at Berne Convention adopt uniform copyright laws.

1889, Pluto sextile Neptune, trine Mercury: The International Parliamentary Union is formed.

May, 1902, Pluto trine Saturn, inconjunct Mars: May 12—Oct. 21, strike (group activity) of anthracite coal miners (Saturn occupation); 145,000 miners stop work, coal famine (Saturn) results. Militia (Mars) ordered to the mines.

July, 1904, Pluto conjunction Uranus: July 12—Sept. 8, strike of meatpacking employees in Middle West. July 25, strike of textile workers at Fall River, Mass. Radical activities are under Uranus. Collective bargaining is under Pluto.

June, 1915, Pluto trine Sun: June 24, Secretary Daniels creates a general staff (Pluto) of the navy.

June, 1918, Pluto square Neptune: June 3, treaty with Great Britain for reciprocal military service; citizens of either country resident in the other liable to conscription (Pluto rules conscription and Neptune rules involuntary servitude).

July, 1928; June, 1929; March, 1930; Pluto opposition Mars, (not quite
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perfect in 1930), square Saturn r: The liquor racket reached its peak of lawlessness, gang slayings occurred daily, racketeers became dictators in politics, and the Federal Government was called upon to curb them when State authorities admitted themselves powerless.

June, 1934, Pluto opposition Venus r: In the U. S. a radical change in the NRA effort to fix prices and to compel shorter hours and collective bargaining. June 30, Dictator Hitler of Germany, without warning rounded up and had shot, Ernst Roehm, cabinet minister and chief in command of Hitler's troopers, together with more than 60 other leaders who were alleged to be implicated in a conspiracy. This mass (Pluto) execution was termed a "blood purge."

The most pronounced influence of Neptune is to exaggerate the hopes and expectations. He is thus the most active factor in promotion schemes, in vast undertakings of world-wide scope, in inflation of all sorts, and in socialistic and utopian enterprises.

Corporations of the type which draw together the capital of a large number of people in order to utilize it in business on a vast scale, and in which there is profit-sharing by many, come under his jurisdiction, as do colonies and enterprises in which many members share alike or on a pro rata basis.

He rules gas, aviation, moving pictures, and dramatic art through whatever medium it is expressed. On his adverse side, he is the particular patron of frauds, swindles, confidence men, graft, the watering of stocks, and all the more subtle methods by which, without violence, people are taken advantage of. On his better side he rules brotherly love and the ideal, mystical lines of thought, spiritual aspirations, and psychical research.

Pisces is the ruler of the natural 12th house, which relates both to crime and imprisonment. Neptune, as the ruler of Pisces, thus rules the more cunning non-violent types of crime, and the various subtle forms of bondage. Kidnapping, as practiced by the violent methods of the racketeer, comes under Pluto; but involuntary servitude in general is ruled by Neptune. Slavery, drug addiction, undesired control by invisible forces, blackmail and other secret means by which people are kept in bondage are under his jurisdiction.

The table on page 13, of chapter 1, gives the charts of the eleven conjunctions of Jupiter and Neptune that have occurred since the year 1800, These charts, erected for Washington, D.C., reveal the influence of the things ruled by Jupiter (finances, commerce, religion, law) as they converge with the things ruled by Neptune, as affecting the U. S. The space at my disposal causes me to confine the events to those given in the brief outline in the back of Webster's New International Dictionary.

18. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, Dec. 29, 1804, 11:35 a.m. The desire for commercial (Jupiter) and territorial expansion (Neptune) is fulfilled by the Lewis Clark expedition up the Missouri, down the Columbia to the Pacific, and return; giving a further foundation of claim to the Oregon country and the Northwest fur trade (conjunction in 8th).

19. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, Dec. 24, 1817, 00:58 p.m. Dec. 10, Mississippi admitted as Slave (Neptune) State. Taken with Indiana the first clear case of admission of slave states in pairs (conjunction in house of government in a dual sign).

20. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, Dec. 15, 1830, 4:52 a.m. Jan. 1, 1831, W. L. Garrison establishes the Liberator at Boston, as the organ of those who demand immediate abolition of slavery (Neptune) Mars, ruler of 1st, is sextile Uranus (freedom) in 3rd (periodicals).
21. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, April 9, 1843, 1:31 p.m. John C. Freemont’s warlike (conjunction in 7th) expeditions in the Far West furthers the ends of commercial (Jupiter) and territorial expansion (Neptune).

22. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, March 17, 1856, 1:23 a.m. H. R. Helper, a Southern poor white, writes (conjunction in 3rd), and early in 1857 publishes, The Impending Crisis of the South, showing slavery (Neptune) to be a bad thing for the white laborer (Saturn in 6th, square conjunction).

23. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, Feb. 26, 1869, 00.19 a.m. Feb. 27, the Fifteenth Amendment is submitted to the States; it (Mars, ruler of the first — the people — in the 9th — the law, trine the conjunction) declares that suffrage shall not be denied or abridged because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude (Neptune).

24. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, June 18, 1881, 7:34 a.m. The conjunction is in the 10th (office and the president) with Saturn, and is trine to the ruler of the 8th (death). Mars is on the M.C. (president), sesqui-square Uranus, ruler of 8th (death). July 2, president Garfield is shot by a disappointed (Neptune rules exaggerated hopes) office seeker.

25. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, June 1, 1894, 4:41 a.m. April 29, Coxey’s Army of unemployed (conjunction in 1st, ruling the people) reaches Washington with a demand for the issue of $5,000,000 paper money (exaggerated hopes).

26. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, May 22, 1907, 6:43 a.m. May 22, New York legislature established a Public Utilities Commission (Pluto square Moon in 4th — utilities) to exercise control over public service corporations (conjunction in 1st — people, opposition Uranus and Mars in 7th — their exploiters); a policy also adopted by other states.


28. Jupiter Conjunction Neptune, Sept. 18, 1932, 11 :30 p.m. The election (Moon ruling 1st — people, trine the conjunction) threw overboard (Uranus in 10th square Pluto in 1st) 250-year-old notions as to the relation of government (Neptune, ruler of 10th) to business (Jupiter) and to money (Moon, ruler of 2nd — money, trine the conjunction).

The Cycle of Neptune

Neptune crossed from south declination to north declination March 14, 1863. The most powerful aspect in the chart is Saturn opposition Neptune, Saturn representing property rights and the proverbial pound of flesh, and Neptune representing slavery, and on its better side the brotherhood of all men. The Key-word of the aspect is Separation, and the owners (Saturn) were separated from their slaves (Neptune).

Six weeks before the Cycle started, but well within the orb of its influence, on Jan. 1, 1863, Lincoln signed the Final Emancipation Proclamation as a war measure. Mars (war) in the chart is almost exactly trine Saturn and sextile Neptune. It is significant that the proclamation was signed by a man having Saturn conjunction Neptune on his Ascendant (see Lincoln’s chart, Chapter 2, Course 10-1, Natal Astrology, Delineating the Horoscope).

The Cycle of March 14 was a short one, as Neptune moved back south of the equator, and then again crossed to north declination Dec. 28. 1863 2:46 a.m. Washington. This Neptune Cycle Chart, which is still in force, is given on page 15, of chapter 1.

The emancipation of the slaves remained merely a war measure until
Neptune in the present Cycle came to the square of the Sun r, Feb. 1, 1865, when the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment broadened its application to a peace time basis. Uranus, the planet of freedom is in the 8th house of this chart. Mars is ruler of the 6th (labor) and Dec. 18, 1865, the amendment was accepted by the States, when Neptune came trine Mars r.

The commencement of this cycle gave a tremendous impetus to mystical studies, to psychical research and to spiritualism. But as Pluto, ruler of Scorpio and thus of the natural 8th house, also governs information and influences from the dead, the Cycle of Pluto, commencing in 1864, was jointly responsible in these movements. It was out of psychical research, for instance, that, according to Col. Olcott, the Theosophical Society was founded in New York, Nov. 17, 1875. Pluto was trine Venus r in the Pluto Cycle.

At this time human reincarnation was not a tenet of the society, but when in the Neptune Cycle, Neptune came semi-square Neptune r, in October, 1882, Mr. Sinnett published in the Theosophist, Vol. IV, No. 1, the basis of the doctrine of human reincarnation.

Quoting from The World Almanac: “June 12, 1926, at London the young Indian Krishnamurti was accepted as the ‘world teacher’ by the Theosophical Society at its annual convention in Queen’s Hall.” Neptune (world-wide schemes) sextile Uranus r (independence), from the 10th (governing authority). The authority conferred upon him enabled Krishnamurti (who has Uranus prominent in his birth-chart) later to disband the secret (Neptune) section of the society.

The Brotherhood of Light, in its object to cooperate for universal welfare, and as an organization which in no activity is secret, comes chiefly under the spiritual side of Pluto. Its teachings were first given wide publicity in modern times through the publication, in 1889, when in the Pluto Cycle, Pluto was sextile Neptune r and trine Mercury r, of Light of Egypt, Vol. I., by T. H. Burgoyne (his chart is in present edition of Chapter 1, Laws of Occultism, page xiii). Volume II, compiled after his death is less authentic. Both volumes are now out of print.


Nov. 11, 1918 B. of L. opened membership to general public, and thus expanded (Neptune) its influence: Neptune trine Mars r from the 9th (religion), in Neptune Cycle, a few minutes more than one degree distant.

Nov. 2, 1932, united opposition of orthodox churches (Pluto opposition Venus r in Pluto Cycle) made it advisable to incorporate (Neptune trine Pluto r in Neptune Cycle) as The Church of Light, that our Religion (Major Conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune on Sept. 18) might not be at a legal disadvantage.

This is all the space that can be devoted to spiritual trends, and I shall, therefore, use such room as is left to more material events which have been influenced by the Neptune Cycle.

Industrial combinations and the movement toward trusts (Neptune) date from the Neptune Cycle of 1863. Certain pools (Neptune), as of the cordage industry were formed in the ’60s; but immediately after the Cycle started the Michigan Salt Association was organized, and in the year of the Cycle Commodore Vanderbilt engineered a Wall Street coup of typically Neptune character, by which he annexed the Harlem Railroad as a first step in consolidation (Neptune).

1864, stimulated by the new Cycle, two far reaching international organizations were conceived. In 1864 the International Red Cross (Neptune trine
Mars in the Cycle Chart) was organized at Geneva, and the same year the Marxian Socialists (Neptune) organized an “International” at London.

1867, Neptune semi-sextile Pluto r: Commodore Vanderbilt formed the New York Central out of previous consolidations.

1868, Neptune (ruler of 5th-speculation) opposition Saturn r (coruler of 3rd-railroads). “Watering stocks” became so common that the railroads were accused of increasing securities 150%, all water (inflation).


1879, Neptune inconjunct Mars r: Original Trust Agreement of Standard Oil bears the date April 8, 1879.

1881, Neptune square M.C. r: The Kentucky Distillers form a gigantic trust in May.

1882, Neptune in seventh (international) inconjunct Saturn in twelfth (hospitals and relief work): Largely through the energy of Clara Barton, U.S. ratifies the Geneva Convention and becomes member of International Red Cross.

1884, Neptune semi-sextile Uranus r: Latter part of year American Cotton Oil Trust is formed.

1890, Neptune sesqui-square Mercury r, ruler of the 11th (Congress): Sherman Anti-Trust Law adopted.

1902, Oct. 1, Neptune square Neptune r: International Mercantile Marine Co., controlling 114 steamers, is formed with capital of 120 million dollars.

1903, Neptune square Neptune r: International Harvest Co. obtains control of smaller companies.

1917, Jan. 22, Neptune trine Neptune r: Supreme Court in Blue Sky Cases upholds the rights of States to guard against questionable stock and bond dealers and fraudulent securities.

**Notes**

1. In a letter dated April 27, 1959, U. S. Naval Observatory states:”...no exact ephemerides of Pluto for years as early as 1864 have been computed...but accurate basic tables are, now available...in Greenwich Time Pluto crossed the equator from south to north within a few hours before or after the midnight between February 20 and 21, 1864.”
URANUS CYCLE
March 11, 1844, 7:20 a.m. L.M.T. Washington.

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