RADICAL AWAKENING

The Uranus Opposition

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“Blue blue electric blue that’s the color of my room where i will live . . . waiting for the gift of sound and vision”

–David Bowie

Girl Reading a Letter at an Open Window by Johannes Vermeer (1657–1659)
84 year old wisdom

- Uranus has an 84 year orbit
- Suggests learning from wisdom of our 84 year old elders
- Jane Goodall born with Uranus at 27 degrees of Aries (also Pluto at 23 Cancer and Jupiter at 19 Libra)
Essential awakening at the Uranus opposition - age 38 to 45 - depending upon natal placement (ex. Uranus in Gemini generation)

The glyph has crescents of soul bound to the cross of matter atop the circle of spirit - celestial spirit within material world of flux

Perihelion (closest orbit) is Virgo; Aphelion (farthest orbit) is Pisces; North Node is Gemini; South Node is Sagittarius
1781
Discovery

- Age of Enlightenment and Revolutions (political, scientific, industrial, technological)
- Shattered conception of solar system
- Immanuel Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason also published in 1781

- “a priori” knowledge independent of experience
- “a posteriori” knowledge gained from experience
Prometheus as Uranus

- Prometheus - bringer of creative fire, arts and sciences of civilization to humanity

- Within the emancipation, innovation, invention, rebellious individuality of Prometheus, there are lessons around hubris. What have humans created with the gift of fire? What do you want to bring to civilization? What will you awaken in yourself and others?

- Kant’s questions: What can I know? What is moral value? Can we find universal laws to dictate what must happen? Self will is the source of morality to Kant.
People who shut their eyes to reality simply invite their own destruction, and anyone who insists on remaining in a state of innocence long after that innocence is dead turns himself into a monster.

Confronted with the impossibility of remaining faithful to one's beliefs, and the equal impossibility of becoming free of them, one can be driven to the most inhuman excesses.

quotes from Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin
Ouranos

- Primal sky god born from Nyx or Aether, lover of Gaia, primal earth goddess

- Father with Gaia of the 12 Titans, Cyclops, 100-Handers - buried them underground

- Titanic son Kronos castrates Ouranos, giving birth to the Furies, Ash Tree Nymphs, Giants, as well as Aphrodite

- Divined that Kronos would also be overthrown by son; no longer covering Gaia at night, Ouranos was held aloft by the Titan Atlas
Like Prometheus and the Titans, she [soul] is bound to body - Damascius (5th/6th Century)

- Prometheus: “before thought . . . a priori knowledge . . . sees effects within causes”

- Prometheus requires the soul to ask, “what am I not?”

- “The mystic’s initiation into the mysteries of Prometheus is the voluntary acceptance of the limitations of matter, not its rejection.”

- “Prometheus is the inspective guardian of the rational soul: but...his is the descending arc of the cycle of the soul...Because this sphere is a real limitation of what is properly free, the voluntary sacrifice is necessary.”
Mnemosyne, Mother of Muses

- Titanic daughter of Uranus and Gaia
- Muses are the daughters of Mnemosyne (memory) and Zeus (creative divine mind)
- Engaging in arts and sciences requires both creative thought and “the memory of our pre-terrestrial vision of the celestial realm” - Tim Addey, Seven Myths of Soul
- “The theory of reminiscence is Plato’s explanation of why we as human beings are able to recognize abstract, universal and spiritual truths, such as justice, beauty, and goodness: it is because the soul once possessed this knowledge..but forgotten when she descended into the world of matter; the soul’s activities in arts and sciences helps her remember it”

Urania, Muse of Astronomy, Cosmic Poetry & Mystery by Berthel Thorvaldsen (1836)
Uranus in Evolutionary Astrology

- Jeff Green described Uranus as the long-term memory of the soul— all memories of this and other lives we don’t consciously remember.

- All information related to larger future— "contains in a blueprint-like way abstract information that relates to your larger future".

- Breaks us free from all conditioning patterns from society, family, peers, past lives . . .

- Liberation from the known - must be free from inhibitions and blocks from the past before we can move into and fully realize the future.

- Can respond by (1) suppression; (2) throwing off the past, going all in; (3) acting on small pieces or fragments instead of full engagement.
My soul, my soul, where are you? Do you hear me? I speak, I call you—are you there? I have returned, I am here again. I have shaken the dust of all the lands from my feet, and I have come to you, I am with you. After long years of long wandering, I have come to you again....

Do you still know me? How long the separation lasted! Everything has become so different. And how did I find you? How strange my journey was! What words should I use to tell you on what twisted paths a good star has guided me to you? Give me your hand, my almost forgotten soul. How warm the joy at seeing you again, you long disavowed soul. Life has led me back to you. ... My soul, my journey should continue with you. I will wander with you and ascend to my solitude

November 12, 1913 journal entry by C.G. Jung
chart for 11/12/1913
date of Black Book entry
age 38
“He [Phanes] is foresight. He is the end of fear. He is the sprouting seed, the opening bud . . . He is the spring and the desert. He is the safe haven and the stormy night. He is the certainty in desperation. He is the solid in dissolution. He is the liberation from imprisonment. He is counsel and strength in advancement. He is the friend of man, the light emanating from man, the bright glow that man beholds on his path.”

- C.G. Jung, from the *Black Book 7* cited in Jung’s *Liber Novus*
Uranus & the “Midlife Crisis”

“The man who is truly free makes no choices; he does what he must do”
- Dane Rudhyar from The Planetarization of Consciousness

- Oppositions of both Uranus and Saturn occur around the same period of time in the early 40s of midlife.

- Connects back to how the person engaged with the first quarter square of Uranus and last quarter square of Saturn that happens in early 20s - time of crises in action (Uranus) and consciousness (Saturn).

- Produces a need to clarify, objectify life direction in all cases. If individual has already worked to define themselves outside the status quo then can experience rapid acceleration in life direction requiring adaptation. If the person has tended to conform to consensus reality, the Uranus opposition can bring extreme restlesslessness and crisis of how to liberate themselves from the myriad life structures they have built within conditioning of collective.
Angela Davis

• 1983 published *Women, Race, and Class* while teaching Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University

• Pioneered black feminism and articulation of *intersectionality* (before the term was coined) - reveals how interlocking systems of power impact those who are most marginalized in society, and challenges that “gender” is primary factor determining fate of women

• “If Black people had simply accepted a status of economic and political inferiority, the mob murders would probably have subsided. But because vast numbers of ex-slaves refused to discard their dreams of progress, more than ten thousand lynchings occurred during the three decades following the war.”
- Jupiter expands and initiates within forms of Saturn; Saturn constricts the leaps of Jupiter to vaster beyond.
- Uranus both shatters and opens the structures and boundaries of Saturn to messages outside the boundaries of all of our complex conditioning.
- Saturn & Uranus: need to feel socially secure leads to identifying with groups of like-minded soulfulness.
- "High" Saturn and Uranus is willing to set itself apart from conditioning forces of groups.
Jupiter and Uranus can be nonlinear and intuitive in their rapid and sudden illumination, inspiration that breaks us free from dominant cultural & familial perspectives & values.

Brings need to realize and embrace more expansive whole that holds within it our radically shifting perceptions and experience instead of dissociating.

The awakening of the Uranus opposition forces confrontations with limitations of time and space - if we choose to embrace the newly emerging essential self, we must figure out how to separate ourselves from all the built up structures and relationships that we no longer align with authentically. If we choose to accept the awakening, we must experiment with how to live from our fresh essential values rather than remain in the old status quo.
7 x 12 = 84

- 7 cycles of 12 years: Jupiter has 11.8 year cycle
- 12 cycles of 7 years: Saturn has 4th harmonic aspects (conjunction, square, opposition) every 7 years
- Interplay between Saturn and Uranus cycles especially compelling:
  - early 20’s (20-24): **Uranus square**, Saturn square . . . followed by the second Jupiter return
  - age 28 (27-29): **Uranus trine**, Saturn return
  - age 42 (38-45): **Uranus opposition**, Saturn Opposition
Saturn, Uranus, & Neptune

Neptune sextile in mid to late 20s around time of Uranus trine and Saturn return

Neptune square in late 30s, early 40s around time of Uranus and Saturn Oppositions
Uranus and Pluto

- Pluto square to natal Pluto varies in age according to generation, can happen before or after the Uranus opposition.

- Current generation experiencing Uranus opposition already had Pluto square natal Pluto that also involved Uranus in opposition to natal Pluto (Pluto-Uranus square).

- Experiencing the Pluto square prior to Uranus opposition means intense encounter with depths has already happened; Uranus opposition can be rooted in essential treasure unearthed.
Birth Time
Jim Henson: The Biography by Brian Jay Jones

Uranus Sextile natal Uranus
Saturn Opposite natal Saturn
age 13-14
Uranus square natal Uranus
Saturn square natal Saturn
age 21-22
Premiere of Saturday Night Live

Uranus Opposition

Neptune Square

age 39
Premiere of The Muppet Show

Uranus Opposition

Neptune Square

age 39-40
Generation born 1974 - 1981

- Entering Uranus opposition period with Uranus in Taurus
- Experience Neptune and Pluto first quarter squares beforehand
- Uranus in Taurus will liberate sense of underlying values, provoking confrontation with structures of reality they have been fixated upon and attached to; fears of abandonment and betrayal can be triggered