

The Astrology of Mankind

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PREFACE 1

In *The Destiny of the Nations*, the British theosophical author Alice A. Bailey presents a historical theory based upon the 12 zodiacal signs and the esoteric science of the 7 Rays, offering an opportunity for developing a new synthesis between history and astrology.

Alice A. Bailey claims that two zodiacal signs, a Sun sign and an Ascendant and two Rays govern every nation; one being the Ray of the soul and the other the Ray of the personality.

This hypothesis is so revolutionary that only few history researchers so far have taken it seriously, because among other things, the assertion still lacks scientific proof. Unless methods of verification are developed these hypotheses are not likely to be taken seriously in the future by researchers, historians or astrologers. It is therefore epoch-making that Charles DeMotte, an acknowledged professor in history in New York, in 1997 published *The Inner Side of History*, which is one of the first serious and scientific works of esoteric history yet published.

According to Alice Bailey it will be difficult to demonstrate or refute the statements anent the national zodiacal signs given in *The Destiny of the Nations*: “Until, therefore, astrologers know more about group astrology and know also how to determine past influences as well as forecasts, it will not be possible for them to assign the correct ruling signs to the various countries and nations or to check the accuracy or the inaccuracy of the statements which I may make in the following tabulations” (DN 63).

Though it might be difficult to determine if we know more about mundane astrology or group astrology today than in 1949, working with hundred years-charts seems to offer an opportunity to prove or disprove the thesis of Alice Bailey about the astrological signs and Rays that rules the leading nations of the world today.

Alice Bailey furthermore claims that Esoteric Astrology will produce the final proofs of her theories: “This process of investigation, deduction and proof, the Science of Esoteric Astrology and its subsidiary sciences will eventually provide. The foundation is already laid” (Alice Bailey: *Esoteric Astrology* (EA) 516).

The purpose of this book is therefore to examine the hypotheses of Alice Bailey

from the following 5 methods:

1. Do Hundred-Year-Charts work convincingly for the part of humanity that uses the chronology of the Western world?
2. Do the various national events reflected in the Hundred-Year-Charts have a meaningful correlation with the Rays, Planets and Signs of the nations given by Alice Bailey?
3. Do the transits of the outer planets through the ruling signs of the nations correlate with their most important historical events?
4. Is it possible from a study of the planetary cycles to find the prehistoric astrological factors as causes for present happenings out of which we can render future events?
5. Are there meaningful coincidences between the Ascendant and Sun sign of the great historical personalities and the signs of the nation or city in which they work or worked?

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PREFACE 2

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Great trees grow from small seeds so the work at hand is to be the sower rather than the pruner. Holger Stavnsbjerg's study of *The Astrology of Mankind*, is a helpful groundbreaking study through which some seeds contained in the densely packed pages of his book will be scattered, and so, hopefully, germinate. From such humble efforts, new pathways are certain to be developed and clarified, which will provide welcome new perspectives as to how we view history.

Modern academic history is only three centuries old. It emerged during the advent of the machine age when men ceased to look to the ancient world for inspiration, and, instead saw a line of progress towards the future. To the descriptive and narrative style of this early historical writing was added the rigor of the scientific method and research methodologies in the nineteenth century. Modern academic history thus evolved, part science, part art form, into a myriad of different fields and sub fields, which have colonized all aspects of the past and have unearthed a prodigious quarry of detail and information.

As with all forms, entropy sets in and crystallization takes place. Historical questions, once fertile and engaging, have now fallen prey to trendiness and ideological concerns, as well as a rehashing of familiar historical issues. The time comes when forms become too fragmented to be redefined or provide a basis for transforming themselves. It is at that point when a new vision must appear, which gives new life to the depleted form.

It would appear that so-called megahistory, such as that practiced by such outstanding thinkers as Arnold Toynbee, Oswald Spengler, and earlier, Hesiod, Virgil, Plato, and St. Augustine would offer a starting point. Beyond the models developed by these great minds stands what might be called esoteric history, or more simply stated, the history of energies and forces. The interface between the visible and the unseen worlds requires not only new methodologies, but also a wider sense of relationship that restores the provincial realm of human history on planet earth to its rightful place within the cosmos.

The key to this process of restoration would appear to come from two sources.

The first is the ancient art/science of astrology which provides a set of signatures that identify connecting points for common streams of energy throughout the solar system and beyond. The second source, closely related to the first, is a study of the seven rays. The study of the seven rays is a relatively new teaching presented in the theosophical writings of Alice A. Bailey, who transmitted many volumes of esoteric wisdom over a period thirty years from 1919 to 1949. The analysis of astrology in relation to the seven rays is a profound endeavor that is only just the beginning to be investigated. Whereas the rays and astrology can be studied with reference to just about any imaginable topic, they have an important connection to the study of history.

Some of the most useful work, relating history to astrology and the seven rays, is being carried out by Danish astrologer, Holger Stavnsbjerg. As a student of the Alice Bailey teachings, an astrologer and a historian, Stavnsbjerg is uniquely placed to do the pioneering work of bringing about a synthesis of esoteric wisdom and the many-tiered interplay of themes and events that constitute observable history.

The first task of the historian is to establish a framework of periodicity. Stavnsbjerg does this by creating a hundred year zodiacal chart, dating from the first day of each century. This chart can then be progressed to indicate the conjunctions, points of tension, periods of harmony, and other connections around which important historical events tend to cluster.

As an historian of modern Europe, Stavnsbjerg focuses primarily on the last five centuries. It should be noted that whereas astrology is a prime indicator of individual and group behavior, historical events, and the nature of human destiny, there is no suggestion that the affairs of men are determined by energies and forces beyond their control. Men and women make their own history, but it is done within magnetic cycles that condition human activity in accordance with certain patterns.

The seven rays, which characterize and qualify all existing forms, including those of planets and constellations, pass in and out of manifestation and thereby color the historical periods in which their influence is felt. The turmoil and uncertainty of our present moment is, esoterically speaking, largely the result of the waning sixth ray of idealism and devotion, which was at its height during the middle age and is now quickly passing out of manifestation, and the resurgent seventh ray of ceremonial order and ritual that is now increasingly making its

presence felt. Add to this major interchange of energies the impact of the third ray of active intelligence, the second ray of love-wisdom, and the fifth ray of concrete knowledge and science and the mix becomes even more complex. We must also recognize that all of the rays, in one form or another, are active at any given time so that the whole of human history is a vast web of inflowing and outgoing ray energies.

Esoteric Astrology, of which Stavnsbjerg is a skilled practitioner, views the influence of constellations and planets not only on the level of the personality but on the level of the soul as well. In so doing, esoteric astrology deals with not just the lower transitory aspects of a person, an organization, or a nation, but also with the permanent, qualitative elements of such entities. By looking at the ray and astrological structure of nations, from both the perspective of the soul and personality, one is able to not deduce numerous aspects of a nation's character, but also understand many of the intricacies of foreign relations that have united and separated nations and kingdoms for centuries.

Clearly the application of esoteric science to the study of history is a vast subject that contains nearly inexhaustible possibilities. Much needs to be done in terms of extending our knowledge of the rays in all their various modes. For example, it would be helpful to carefully construct the ray structure of those notable people who have left their mark on history and have played key roles in the outcome of significant events. We also need to establish a science of cycles so as to understand and make sensible the vibratory patterns that constantly ebb and flow all around us. Added to this are the dynamic astrological combinations, the role of consciousness in human affairs, and the relationships between those people, whose awareness stretches to abstract levels, and those great beings known in the esoteric literature as the planetary Hierarchy.

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CHAPTER 1

MUNDANE ASTROLOGY AND THE SEVEN RAYS

THE DEFINITION OF A NATION

A nation is a soul, an initiate spiritual being that attracts and holds together the human beings constituting it. It is important to differentiate between a country, a demarcated geographical area and a nation, the soul that inhabits the concerned territory. Even though an attraction between the territory and the nation exist, they are not identical. A nation is the oversoul (or maybe the entity some esotericists call the national deva) which binds the people together as one unit within a certain geographical area (Alice Bailey: *The Destiny of The Nations* (DN) 71 72; see list of abbreviations in the last chapter).

Since humanity is differentiated into nationalities the nations can also be considered as centres or organs in the body of humanity: “In the great body of humanity there are certain areas which vibrate in unison and which attract to themselves souls of a certain quality and keynote; there is a magnetic interplay between countries (territories) and the nations which occupy them” (DN 71 72).

Because of wars, migrations and mixtures of races the countries and the souls governing (the nations) are not identical and this will, in the future, increasingly be the case. The United States is as an example of a large synthesis of people as is the British Empire in which London, as an example, is the heart centre, while Ottawa is the throat centre and Sydney the solar plexus centre (TXH 85).

Despite the magnetic attraction between the territory and the soul (nation) overshadowing it this soul is separated from identification with the country which is why it is necessary “... to distinguish between the horoscope of the territory, housing the nation, and the people themselves who compose that unit which we call a nation”. “The horoscope of a country can, therefore, be either that of the soul of the nation or of the personality of the nation, based on the form aspect” (DN 70 72).

“I will give you two signs for each country. One will be the emerging influence which will govern the ego or the soul of the country or nation, and the other that

which governs at the present moment the personality Ray of the individual country, and so conditions the masses. Forget not that the soul of the people is represented by those who react to the influence of the soul Ray and of the sign which is affecting it (its Ascendant, one might say), whilst the masses are conditioned by the personality Ray and therefore by the sun sign of the specified nation” (DN 66 68). From this it would be interesting to investigate, if there is a connection between the rising sign, sun sign and esoteric rulers of famous people and the governing sign of the nation they serve or served in.

From these quotes it is possible that the horoscope of the COUNTRY is the horoscope of the personality while the horoscope of the NATION is the horoscope of the soul. If this interpretation is correct the horoscope of the nation must have an Ascendant that reflects its higher and deeper purpose and a sun sign related to the personality of the entity influencing the majority of the population. Whether the horoscope of the COUNTRY/PERSONALITY likewise has an Ascendant reflecting the purpose of the soul/nation as well as a sun sign which also influences the majority of the population is a question which is given an ambiguous answer in the writings of Alice A. Bailey.

Since Alice A. Bailey continuously writes that the given signs are the zodiacal signs of the NATIONS these would have to refer to the soul or deva of the country in question. On the other hand from the various quotes it is not possible with certainty to find out which sign governs the COUNTRY.

Even though places, dates or times for the foundation of the cities and nations for which signs are given are not specified, they could have been determined from the time when the Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara, initiated or magnetised the nation or the country.

Such an initiation or magnetisation happens “when it is desirable to form a central magnetic point which, by its attractive power, will draw into a coherent whole some race, nation, or large organisation. Every nation has its “magnetic point”, formed in etheric matter by the application of the “Flaming Diamond” to the ethers; it is the national heart and the basis of the national character. Usually the capital of a nation is built up around it, but this is not invariably so” (I 131).

A horoscope for the time of this initiation might be reflected in the sign Alice A. Bailey has given for the capital city. Assuming that the capital city is the “national heart”, such a chart might be the chart of the

COUNTRY/PERSONALITY since the capital city is the form aspect of the NATION as well as the most important of the seven chakras through which its energy is focused. It is also possible that the charts of the territory and the personality are different horoscopes that we know nothing about but the hierarchy knows and works with them.

By magnetisation we might imagine that the nation, the soul or deva is initiated to be a “national deva” connected to the capital city whereby it, through its chakras, starts to vitalise the six most important cities and develop a people with a common national identity.

The Soul Horoscope of the Nations

A soul horoscope can be cast for a nation using the longitude and latitude of the capital city since the rising sign is a determining factor for the sign of the descendant and the MC-axis. Next through a rectification it will be possible to approximate the degree of the Sun and the Ascendant.

This method called “the rectification method” has been derived from the following quote:” ... from a proper understanding of the rules which should (but as yet do not) govern the processes of what is sometimes called the rectifying of a horoscope when the exact moment of birth is not known will come the future science of ascertaining those past facts which produce present occurrences” (DN 63 64).

If we, as an example, make the chart of Russia from the co-ordinates of Moscow with the Ascendant in Aquarius the descendant will fall in Leo and the MC/IC axis in Sagittarius and Gemini. Through a rectification it is then possible to estimate that the Sun was 17 degrees Leo in the 7th house, the Ascendant 2 degrees Aquarius and MC 8 degrees into the sign of Sagittarius.

As examples in this chart Neptune and Pluto were on the descendant when the 1st and 2nd World War broke out and in 1999 Vladimir Putin came into power, when Neptune was conjunct the Ascendant and Pluto conjunct the MC.

Using the same method a chart for Moscow was made and checked for more than 200 events which showed that this chart worked well with an Ascendant 17 degrees Taurus, MC 16 degrees Capricorn and the Sun 12 degrees Aquarius.

A personality horoscope for Moscow could also be made since Moscow was founded April 4th 1147 and has been convincingly rectified by Marc Penfield to 9:55AM. It should be noted that this chart was made independently of information from Alice A. Bailey and that Marc Penfield was not a follower of her theosophy.

Moscow also celebrated its 850 years anniversary in 1997, which indicates that the Russians themselves place importance upon these data. This horoscope tells almost the same story as that of Alice A. Bailey since it has 4 planets in Taurus in the 11th house (the house of Aquarius) and the Ascendant in Cancer. It is possible in both these charts to see the same historical events reflected from different angles.

The Horoscopes of the Personality

As mentioned before we have to differentiate between THE HOROSCOPE OF THE PERSONALITY, which might be the chart of the capital city at the time of initiation, the territory - or maybe a third possibility which we do not know but known by Hierarchy - and the HOROSCOPES OF A NATION. Modern mundane astrologers often work with more than one horoscope for a country each of them might be a horoscope for one specific historical era.

Now we are lucky to live in a time of great changes in which many nations are born or reorganised giving us many accurate astrological data. Much of this data is collected by Nicholas Champion in his book: “The Book of World Horoscopes”.

Since nations just like humans pass through crisis of initiation and relatively often change their personality Ray, especially in our time, it might be possible that some of these horoscopes coincide with such events (EA 462 DN 66 101).

Concluding I must agree with Alice A. Bailey when she writes that the given information requires a lot of attention and that the searching astrologer will have to hopefully continue even though they: “... cannot yet expect full understanding of what I here impart“ (DN 71).

The Methods of Investigation

According to Alice A. Bailey it will be difficult to demonstrate or refute the

statements anent the national zodiacal signs as given in “The Destiny of the Nations”: ”Until, therefore, astrologers know more about group astrology and know also how to determine past influences as well as forecasts, it will not be possible for them to assign the correct ruling signs to the various countries and nations or to check the accuracy or the inaccuracy of the statements which I may make in the following tabulations” (DN 63).

Though it might be difficult to determine if we today know more about group astrology than in 1947 when this was written, we can use 5 methods to demonstrate or refute the truth of the given statements:

1. By investigating in the Hundred-Year-Chart if the most important events meaningfully coincide with the zodiacal signs and the ruling planets of the various nations as given by Alice A. Bailey.
2. By investigating if the major Rays of the nations transmitted by certain planets convincingly coincide with the Hundred-Year-Charts and the crucial national events.
3. If the movements of the transits of the outer planets through the ruling signs of the nations coincide with the most important national events.
4. If by a study of planetary cycles it is possible to find the past factors causing present events.
5. If significant correlations exist between the zodiacal signs and esoteric planetary rulers of disciples and initiates and the nation they serve or served in.

THE SEVEN RAYS

The Science of the Seven Rays plays a prominent role in the esoteric mundane astrology, which is why a revision will serve well as an introduction to the work with the Hundred-Year-Charts from an esoteric perspective.

As part of the Original Plan the One Life sought expansion out of which the seven radiations emanated. They in turn became the Seven Builders, the Seven Rishis or the Seven Rays as they are called in most of the ancient sacred scriptures.

Through a study of the Seven Rays we can formulate the astrology and psychology of the future in which every single human being and every nation has a soul and a personality Ray and are governed by specific astrological signs.

Through Rays we are also able to shed light upon history since the cyclic manifestation of Rays is a primary cause for the appearance, culmination and disappearance of different cultures (DN 3).

The Seven Rays and the Planets

The seven stars in the Great Bear are the prototypes of the Seven Rays transmitting their light to our solar system. Our Sun transfers this light to the Seven Sacred Planets and from them it finally reaches our Earth.

The Seven Sacred Planets are Vulcan, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. They develop the intuition and they facilitate the soul/personality interaction and fusion within a human being or a nation. The sacred planets exclusively govern the centres of an initiate.

The five non-sacred planets the Sun, the Moon, Mars, the Earth and Pluto have not reached the same level of development as the sacred planets. The emphasis is upon the personality and the material physical aspect of life, which is why these only govern the undeveloped man. The non-sacred planets are related to the lower centres and from their help develop the personality.

In average humanity some of the sacred planets and some of the non-sacred planets control (EA 509-12).

Our Sun or the Solar Logos, as it is termed in theosophical literature, is the heart centre in the Sirian System, and the recipient of Ray 2 of Love/Wisdom. This makes all Rays that our Sun transmits sub-Rays of Ray 2.

Ray 1: Will and Power

This Ray is the Ray of power and without love it can become a destructive force. A Ray 1 nation is proud, independent and strong willed, always in the forefront presenting itself as a powerful unit. In its underdeveloped stages it will find it natural to lead and dominate other countries (Alice Bailey: Esoteric Psychology 1 (EP 1) 200-02).

India, China, the Catholic Church and the Jewish people have a Ray 1 soul, while Germany and Great Britain have a Ray 1 personality. When Ray 1 is co-operating with Ray 2 as in the case of Great Britain, it gives the nation the ability to create great political syntheses like The British Empire, which was by and large ruled with wisdom and intelligence.

Pluto, Vulcan, Leo, Aries and Capricorn transmit Ray 1 through the crown centre and the base centre. Great Britain expresses its Ray 1 personality in a rather non-destructive way through Vulcan, which is esoteric ruler in Taurus, which is the Sun sign of this nation. Pluto, the esoteric ruler of Germany's Sun sign, Pisces, and the exoteric ruler of Berlin's Scorpio Ascendant, rules the personality of this country, which has previously expressed itself in very powerful but also destructive ways.

If Pluto in a national chart is conjunct Mercury and the Sun, (both for instance in the sign of Leo in the first house), then Pluto will also be conjunct Vulcan. The combination of these three Ray 1 influences from Leo, Vulcan and Pluto in this example would create very strong Ray 1 energy. This is for instance the case in the independence chart of India from August 15, 1947 in which Mercury, Pluto, Saturn and Venus are conjunct in Leo in the 3rd and 4th house. India has a Ray 1 soul and a Ray 4 personality.

Ray 2: Love and Wisdom

This Ray is called the Ray of wisdom and religion because of its aspiration to find the ultimate truth. Many of the greatest teachers of the world are Ray 2 souls, like the Buddha and the Christ, having developed wisdom and love and sacrificed by passing it on (EP 1 203).

Ray 2 people are usually tactful, far-sighted, sensitive and can be skilful healers and social workers, teachers or leaders of institutions of higher education. They often have a bright mind and are able to convey clear visions to others, since they easily make others see things from their own angle.

If love is lacking, Ray 2 can be cold and indifferent and display contempt for the mental capacity and limitations of others. Many are the scholars who have difficulties grounding their knowledge. If strength (Ray 1) is missing Ray 2 can be over inclusive, dependent, passive, vulnerable, self-pitying or fearful because of over-sensitivity.

The Planetary Logos, The West, USA, Great Britain and likely Denmark have a Ray 2 soul, while Brazil has a Ray 2 personality: “Great Britain is the custodian of the wisdom aspect of this Ray 2 energy for the Aryan race; the United States will fulfil the same office for the world of the immediate future, whilst Brazil will eventually - many thousands of years hence - supersede both of them. These three races embody the attractive cohesive aspect of Ray 2 and will demonstrate it through wisdom and right government, based on true idealism and love” (DN 54).

Ray 2 is transmitted to our Earth via Jupiter and the Sun, Gemini, Virgo and Pisces and governs the heart centre. If Jupiter for instance is conjunct the Sun in Virgo a lot of Ray 2 energy will be available in the house where the conjunction is located. This energy might be used in social work, teaching, research or healing.

Ray 3: Active Intelligence

Ray 3 of intelligent materialism and activity rules the throat centre. A person governed by Ray 3 can be an abstract thinker like philosophers, critics, authors, metaphysicians, mathematicians, astrologers, historians, theosophists, graduates, professors and chess players. They can be extremely inattentive or even helpless confronted with physical reality unless they are also under the influence of one of the practical Rays like Ray 5 or Ray 7 (EP 1 204).

Through a highly developed imagination a person governed by Ray 3 quickly grasps the essential of a truth. Ray 3 can create an idealistic theorist who from his farsightedness and great caution is able to see all aspects of a question equally clearly. This might sometimes create a situation in which it is difficult to take action or it might be difficult to reach a conclusion.

Some Ray 3 types are extremely critical, arrogant and at the same time unconventional, lacking precision, lazy and oblivious to their physical appearance.

Ray 3 country France has always had a strong intellectual, idealistic and often times highly educated elite, who has played a great role in the political and social development of the country. As an example we can mention Ray 3 soul Voltaire who's political, satirical and philosophical novels and writing was one of the reasons for The French Revolution in 1789.

We find in Albert Einstein the archetype of the abstract Ray 3 soul (Pisces with Cancer Rising) who physically was totally absent spending several days in his bath tub while thinking out his theory of relativity.

A totally different Ray 3 type exists who is grounded, practical, active, (often times hyperactive) manipulating, sometimes philanthropic and skilful in working with other people's money. Examples of these types can be the businessman, the economist, someone working in a bank or the accountant who might sometimes be tempted to do some thinking in terms of tax advantages or other forms of amoral materialism.

The Catholic Church, China and the Jewish people which have a Ray 3 personality and a Ray 1 soul, have proven through the times that they are particularly active and intelligent within economy, trade and business. Through their ability to work intelligently with money (Ray 3) they have created a powerful (Ray 1) position for themselves on the Earth, who also has a Ray 3 personality.

Cancer, Libra and Capricorn distribute Ray 3, transferred through Saturn to our Earth. If for example Saturn and the Earth are in Libra, then the house in which Libra and the two planets are situated has a lot of Ray 3 energy available for that area of life.

Ray 4: Harmony through Conflict

We can understand Ray 4 as a combination of the qualities, rajas (action) and tamas (inertia) which in various periods can create intense conflict between the pairs of opposite. Tamas might create indolence and indecision, a dislike of hurting people, which in turn creates avoidance of conflict, inertia and lack of action. Rajas on the contrary creates enthusiasm for all that is new, impatience and a urge towards action. This duality can cause a Ray 4 person to be in constant conflict and experience numerous highs and lows. But is it this tension between the extremes, which creates the fast progress and through these constant birth pains the soul might be brought to birth (EP 1 205).

It is the Ray of creativity, colour, beauty and art even though artistic creativity can express through all Rays. As a writer or a conductor a Ray 4 person will have a well-developed dramatic sense and be full of metaphors and exaggerations.

Germany, Austria and Japan have a Ray 4 soul and Italy a Ray 4 personality which was one of the reasons for the alliance between these countries during the 2nd World War. These countries have further more been tremendously creative in the areas of literature and music, opera, psychology and architecture.

Ray 4 is transmitted by the Moon and Mercury and of Taurus, Scorpio and Sagittarius and is at a certain stage of development associated with the base centre. As an example the Moon conjunct Mercury in Scorpio, in Taurus or in Sagittarius can create a creative Ray 4 resource in the house in which one of those three signs and aspects are located.

Ray 5: Concrete Science

Ray 5 is Ray for concrete science and research, which is why this person is particularly looking for the truth and has a sharp but critical intellect. This person might spend a lot of energy verifying every detail to prove or disprove a theory. A Ray 5 person is often orderly, precise and systematic, but he is sometimes pedantic and boring or occupied with materialistic fixated thought forms. He might be the sceptic or the scientist who cut of the soul impulse and as a result is very much against religion, the esoteric sciences or phenomenon that cannot be sensed and thereby proven to exist (EP 1 206).

But positively this can be Ray of the computer expert (combined with ex. Ray 3), the chemist, the electrician, the doctor, the surgeon, the inventor, the mechanic, the lawyer, the service mechanic or the supervisor of a technical department yet uncomfortable to work under.

London and France have Ray 5 souls and Austria has a Ray 5 personality, which is one of the reasons why the energies of these countries and their destinies are so strongly connected.

When the French in the future begin to research the inner world, the Ray of their soul will dominate and the Ray 5 and Ray 3 separatism of the nation will be transformed into its revealing function. France will then again enter into a period of greatness and its new empire will be founded upon its intelligence and ability to prove spiritual realities like the existence of the soul through scientific research (DN 51).

Ray 5 reaches our Earth through Venus, Leo, Aquarius and Sagittarius and rules

the ajna centre. Venus in one of the three signs mentioned above would increase the influence of this Ray in the house in which it is placed.

Ray 6: Devotion and Idealism

Ray 6 together with Ray 2 is the Rays of religion. The person on Ray 6 is therefore full of religious instincts and is often incredibly intense, emotional and extreme in his or her attempts to put his or her ideals into practice. He or she is also very idealistic, but also dogmatic where everything easily turns into black and white; things are either perfect or unbearable. They are full of devotion towards certain friends, groups, ideas and idols since they cannot live without worshipping a personified god. On the contrary they can easily end up feeling intense dislike of other people who do not share their own ideology (EP 1 207).

On the positive side Ray 6 people can be gentle, self-sacrificing, loyal and unshakeable in their belief and their enthusiasm. They possess the ability to awaken, save and inspire and can put into practice the highest human ideals like humility, purity and chastity which some of the great saints of the Catholic Church demonstrated in their lives. They furthermore possess the ability to receive elevated mystical visions and calls of which the Ray 6 soul Jeanne d'Arc is a good example. This type of Ray 6 will be more under the influence of Neptune, Virgo and Pisces than the other often more aggressive Ray 6 planet Mars. Mars and Sagittarius can evoke the less desirable qualities of Ray 6. We have seen that in the narrow-minded fanatic follower or the martyr, terrorist, inquisitor or crusader.

More mob-dominated countries like Russia, Italy and the US are ruled by Ray 6 and through that connected to Mars, which in its lower form appropriates what is desired by violence. Rock-music, fan clubs and the extreme idol-worship of young pop-stars also arose in the Ray 6-country USA, while Neptune was in Scorpio from 1956 to 1969.

Other countries that both have Ray 6 souls are Italy and Spain. This is one of the reasons for the strong idealistic, religious and mystical but also fanatical quality these two countries have manifested throughout the Christian era. It was likewise the common soul Ray that paved the way for an easy telepathic communication of the Italian fascism to Spain in the inter-war period (DN 62).

Ray 6 is transmitted to our Earth by Mars and Neptune, Virgo, Pisces and

Sagittarius and rules the solar plexus. As an example a Mars/Neptune conjunction in one of the above mentioned Ray 6 signs will create a lot of devotion and idealism, which can manifest within the area of life or the house in which they are placed.

Mars/Neptune conjunctions appear in charts of some of the most fanatic personalities that history can show as for examples Robespierre, Danton and Lenin. All these people were driven by a strong idealism but unfortunately also by fanaticism and cruelty which cost the lives of millions of innocent people.

Ray 7: Ceremonial Order and Magic

Ray 7 of ceremonial order and magic rules the sacral centre and can be the Ray of the high priest, the chamberlain, the shaman or the mason who love to carry out things in good order according to rule and custom.

From the positive angle Ray 7 people are good organisers, create structures, rationalise and plan since they have a keen sense of timing and synthesis. As white magicians they have a developed sense of synchronicity, ceremony and ritual and find it easy to co-operate with the elementals and devas in activities such as healing.

From the negative angle the Ray 7 person can be extremely conservative, a conformist and materialist motivated by the fear of chaos and change because he is in an almost ritualistic-neurotic way caught in a stagnated set of rules and procedures. This Ray can also create a superstitious or sectarian person or find its use among brotherhoods working with black magic or sex magic which Ray 7 soul Aleister Crowley is an example.

It can furthermore be the ray of the perfect nurse who carefully nurses her patients down to the last detail though she would sometimes be inclined to overlook their specific needs since she has the tendency to treat everybody according to routine (EP1 211-12).

Other possible occupations could be sculpture, conductor, manager, coach, judge, legislator, architect, bricklayer, artist, gymnast, dancer, designer, diplomat, revolutionary, choreographer, film producer, crystal healer, geologist, bodybuilder or tarot healer.

Russia has a Ray 7 soul, which is one of the explanations for Communism being ruled by this Ray. Spain has a Ray 7 personality and many also feel Scandinavia is under a strong influence of this Ray.

Ray 7 is transmitted to our Earth through the planet Uranus and all the signs of the cardinal cross, Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn.

Uranus or Uranus transits in one of the cardinal signs create a strong Ray 7 influence in the chart in which it is placed. As an example the all the political structure of Eastern Europe was reorganised from 1985-1996 when Uranus and Neptune went through Capricorn.

Rays that we need to study related to Humanity

1. The Solar system (Ray 2)
2. Our planet (Ray 2 soul, Ray 3 personality)
3. Humanity (Ray 4 soul, Ray 5 personality)
4. Hierarchy (Ray 5 soul, Ray 2 personality)
5. The present root race (Ray 3 soul, Ray 5 personality)
6. The current cycle (Ray 7, Ray 2, Ray 3 and Ray 5)
7. The nation and city a human being lives in
8. The soul Ray of the human being
9. The personality of the human being
10. Ray governing the mental, astral, and physical vehicles of the human being

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SIGNS PLANETES CHAKRAS AND RAYS

Sign	Planets	Chakra	Rays
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Aries	Mars*	Solar Plexus	6.
	Mercury	Root	4.
Taurus	Venus	Ajna	5.
	Vulcan	Crown	1.
Gemini	Mercury	Root	4.
	Venus	Ajna	5.
Cancer	The Moon*	Solar Plexus	4.
	Neptune		6.
Leo	The Sun*	Heart	2.
	Neptune	Heart	2.
Virgo	Mercury	Root	4.
	The Moon	Root	4.
Libra	Venus	Ajna	5.
	Uranus	Sacral	7.
Scorpio	Pluto*	Root/Crown	1.
	Mars*	Solar Plexus	6.
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Heart	2.
	The Earth*	Throat	3.
Capricorn	Saturn	Throat	3.
	Saturn	Throat	3.
Aquarius	Uranus	Sacral	7.
	Jupiter	Heart	2.
	Jupiter	Solar	6./2.
Pisces	Neptune/Pluto*	Plexus/Heart	1.
		Root/Crown	

* = Non-sacred planet

Big Cities Nations and the Seven Rays

Any human being, city, nation, planet or solar system is governed by a soul and a personality ray as well as an Ascendant and a Sun sign. Any nation has 7 centres or chakras as well, often localised around its 7 largest cities. As an example Washington is the Crown centre of America, New York the Throat centre, Chicago the Solar Plexus and Los Angeles the Heart centre (TXH 85).

The Ascendant and the soul Ray give indications relating to the soul purpose which the intuitive and highly advanced people perceive, while the Sun sign and the Ray of the personality are more pronounced through the people.

In the present world cycle the following zodiacal signs and Rays govern the nations and cities mentioned below. In most cases they agree with other commonly accepted astrological writings. Even though the personality Rays given by Alice A. Bailey for the various countries from 1948 could be altered, it is assumed that they are still current in this book (DN 67-68).

Nation/City	Ascendant	Sun Sign	Soul Ray	Pers. Ray
Argentina	Cancer	Libra	-	-
Australia	Virgo	Capricorn	-	-
Austria	Libra	Capricorn	Ray 4	Ray 5
Belgium	Sagittarius	Gemini	-	-
Berlin	Scorpio	Leo	-	-
Brazil	Leo	Virgo	Ray 4	Ray 2
Brussels	Genimi	Capricorn	-	-
Canada	Taurus	Libra	-	-
China	Taurus	Libra	Ray 1	Ray 3
Darjeeling	Scorpio*		Ray 2	Ray 5
England	Germini	Taurus	Ray 2	Ray 1
Finland	Capricorn	Aries	-	-
France	Pisces	Leo	Ray 5	Ray 3
Geneva	Leo*		Ray 1	Ray 2
Germany	Aries	Pisces	Ray 4	Ray 1
Greece	Virgo	Capricorn	-	-

Holland	Aquarius	Cancer	-	-
India	Aries	Capricorn	Ray 1	Ray 4
Ireland	Virgo	Pisces	-	-
Italy	Leo	Sagittarius	Ray 6	Ray 4
Japan	Scorpio	Capricorn	Ray 4	Ray 6
London	Leo	Libra	Ray 5	Ray 7
Moscow	Taurus	Aquarius	-	-
New Zealand	Gemini	Virgo	-	-
New York	Cancer*		Ray 2	Ray 3
Paris	Virgo	Capricorn	-	-
Poland	Taurus	Gemini	-	-
Rome	Taurus	Leo	-	-
Rumania	Leo	Aries	-	-
Russia	Aquarius	Leo	Ray 7	Ray 6

It is not given whether the ruling sign for New York, Tokyo, Geneva and Darjeeling refer to the Ascendant or the Sun sign, which is why they are only put down under the Ascendant for schematic reasons (DN 67-69).

The British Empire or Great Britain consisting of England, Scotland and Wales has the Sun in Taurus and the Ascendant in Gemini while the small part called England is governed by Aries (DN 80).

HUNDRED-YEARS CHARTS

Hundred-year charts are set up for a given location at the beginning of the

century in question for January 1st at 00:00 AM, since today in most places in the world the New Year starts on this date.

A question arises as to whether such a time is an artificial concept because it is unrelated to an astronomical reality and also because astronomers and astrologers are discussing whether a new century begins by the year 00 or 01. Despite this relevant discussion most people feel that a new century begins by January 00 and not 01 since few would postpone their New Year a year to be astronomically correct.

According to Alice A. Bailey Hierarchy also works from cycles considering the twenty-five-year cycles and the hundred-year cycles of major importance. The Hierarchy holds its conclaves every twenty-fifth year and one of them always concurs with the beginning of each century in which a special hundred-year effort is prepared. The masters though, think much further ahead than a hundred years viewing large time periods, working with long evolutionary cycles (TWM 402).

To a human being the beginning of a New Year, decade, century or millennium has always had a special meaning, which is why most cultures through out history have marked these beginnings by rituals.

Millions of people all over the world make New Year resolutions or mark in other ways that something new will happen. A moment like that has great psychological and collective significance not only locally but also for the whole world which implies astrological significance related to the new cycle humanity is facing.

A turn of the century has always created great expectations but also fear and gloomy prophecies leaving many feeling the end of the world is near which is true in a sense, because every century has its own special note, problems, purpose, colour, mood and energy quite different from the previous one (Charles Harvey: Mundane Astrology 341-44).

Delimiting of the Research

Even though the western calendar by now dominates the world, the Chinese, the Hindus, the Muslims and the Jews have a different New Year from the European one. For this reason this research is delimited to those areas on Earth where the

New Year starts January 1st which is predominantly Europe, America, Russia and Australia.

The next question is which geographical position to choose to get a chart covering the coming century. Some have chosen The International Date Line (IDL) 180 degrees east while others have worked from charts made for the capital of each country.

I have chosen the latter providing greater variety and better astrological explanations of the development in each of the various countries. Since the Hundred-Year Charts are not exactly identical for the different countries some of the planets might fall in different houses. Moreover the placement of the Ascendant and the Moon is not the same all over the world. Likewise the speed of the progressed Ascendant vary from country to country.

For instance in the chart for the twentieth century January 1 1900 at 00:00 AM, the progressed Ascendant in the Hundred-Year chart of the USA was conjunct Uranus in 1979/80. This correlated with the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island, the kidnapping in Iran and the election victory of former president Ronald Reagan.

In Denmark where the progression of the Ascendant is moving slower, it was not until 1998 that it was conjunct Uranus marking a general election, a yes to the Amsterdam Treaty and the opening of the bridge over the Great Belt and where the Danish foreign politics had significant international impact.

The chart of the country should complement hundred-Year Charts since a Hundred-Year-Chart cannot provide answers to all minor national events by themselves.

The Naibod method of rectification has been used. The various birth times of notabilities or famous people are from *www.astro.com*.

THE PROBLEM OF CHRONOLOGY

The Julian calendar which the Roman emperor Julius Cesar instituted from January 1st 45 BC was gradually taken over by the Catholic Church from where Christianity spread it to the rest of Europe, though local variations of the beginning of the year continued. In Russia the New Year began on September

1st, in England on March 25th and in France and the Netherlands on Easter Saturday.

It was not until the art of printing and the almanac in the fourteenth century that January 1st as New Year's Day was generally accepted. During the fifteen century most of the German states came around, in the seventeen century Russia, and from 1752 England and her colonies joined.

Discovering over time that the Julian year was 11 minutes too long, Pope Gregor XIII in 1582 introduced a new calendar dropping 10 days. The Spring Equinox was then as closely returned to the true Equinox as possible. In the Catholic countries, the reform was quickly carried out, in the Lutheran parts of Germany and Denmark-Norway in the year 1700, England with her colonies in 1752 and the Greek-orthodox countries including Russia as late as the 1920's.

For these reasons I have chosen to work with Hundred-Year Charts from the year 1700 and ahead, because most countries then had introduced the Gregorian calendar and January 1st as the beginning of the year. The seventeenth century chart for Russia derived from the Julian calendar and January 1st works well also for the following centuries.

Since, in the last fourth of the sixteenth century, both January 1st and March 25th was used to mark the beginning of the year in England, the Julian calendar for the seventeen hundreds can be used here, too.

The charts before 1700 only cover the Catholic part of Europe and Christianity, which had an important spiritual but also political role in the history of Europe in the Middle-ages.

Since the sixteenth century mark an important transition form the pre-dominantly Christian universe of thoughts to the more scientific approach of the modern world, this chart is also included in this work.

ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTION

If we gather all predictions and astrological predictions that Alice A. Bailey has written it should be possible to extract a method for future working with the exiting but also difficult question of astrological predictions.

According to Alice A. Bailey humanity through increased soul-contact will develop the ability to predict future events over the next three hundred years. This ability is developed in several ways:

1. Through development of soul-contact and the ability to meditate the brain will be trained to receive soul-impressions creating an accurate precognition concerning individual destiny and future events.
2. “Through development of the Science of Astrology - a science which is still in embryo and based on so many unknown factors that it is difficult for the student to arrive at the true indications revealing the future.” For this mundane astrology, national charts, and Hundred-, Fifty-, and Ten-Year Charts might prove helpful. Nostradamus wrote that he used astrology for his predictions.
3. By disciples upon Ray 7 mediums will be trained to talk at the full-moon rituals in May and June under the inspiration of the Hierarchy, whose prescience reaches two thousand years into the future. The interest in and development of clairvoyance in our time is no doubt a result of this work.

Another way is to work from ordinary logical conclusions derived from past and present events and be open to future possibilities and the unexpected: ”Any deep student of human affairs could follow the same line of reasoning and come to approximately the same conclusions provided he loved his fellow men enough to see them truly as they were and allow, consequently, for the appearance of the unexpected” (DN 27-28).

Three Causes of Changes

Knowledge of the 7 Rays and their cyclic periods of manifestation are a prerequisite to be able to predict. Alice A. Bailey gives three important causes of change:

1. Those outer physical events which are definitely “acts of God” and over which no human being has the slightest authority including earthquakes, floods, changes in the climate and other catastrophes (DN 31).
2. The preponderance of souls and personalities on a certain Ray: Today a very large number of souls are on Ray 2 and increasingly on Ray 7. The horizontal activity of the mind will develop the mental capacity in

the masses due to events and effects hitherto not envisioned and until today considered impossible.

3. The influence of the outgoing and the incoming Rays at any time.

The length of time in which a Ray appears, manifests and does its work and finally disappears is one of the secrets of initiation (DN 31-33).

Here the missing knowledge of the cyclic period of manifestation pertaining to the sub-Ray further more restrict the possibility of prediction since we don't know how often (possibly 7 times) the sub-Rays incarnate within a cycle of a larger Ray.

Since the period a sub-Ray has its effect can be between 150 and 200 years all 7 Rays must have manifested more than once within the greater Ray 6 cycle which started before Christianity came into existence and began to decrease from 1625.

One thing we know is that the 7th sub-Ray began its cycle around 1860 which created spiritualism and has resulted in establishing of many new organisations and rituals, sports like football or soccer (EP 1 165).

It also has to be mentioned that the nations often change personality Ray: "I would remind you that - over the lapse of centuries - nations are reborn several times or come into incarnation in a new form which we may call a period, if unimportant, or a civilisation if significant and dramatic enough. Therefore, the personality Ray and the governing influences change with frequency. This is oft forgotten, because the cycles are so much vaster than those of human incarnation" (DN 66). "I would remind you that we are in a period of shifting rays and that they change both for individuals and nations, for hemispheres and planets. All can move off a minor ray on to a major, if destiny decrees" (DN 101).

The Transit of Uranus

The transit of Uranus will have extraordinary significance since Uranus is the esoteric ruler Libra, the sign that is most often the Rising Sign in a Ten-Year-Chart or a Hundred-Year-Chart. Further more Uranus transmits Ray 7 which is the primary Ray for the new age. It will reflect the manifestation of all that has for a long time been hidden in the consciousness of the Lord of the World, Sanat

Kumara. He is the only one who knows in detail the evolutionary plan for all of humanity on our planet. From 1860 Uranus will have increasing influence, since the 7th sub-Ray began its cycle lasting between 150 and 200 years and because Ray 7 is getting stronger every year.

It will also reflect the work of Ray 7 master Rakoczi in Europe, America and Australia the areas he has the closest association with. He is a former incarnation of the count of St. Germain and Roger Bacon and the general manager for the carrying out of the plans of the executive council of the Lodge (I 58-59).

It is difficult to know if it will be the higher or the lower aspect of Uranus and thereby Ray 7 that will have its effect since the reactions of humans are unpredictable and Ray 3 is only now beginning to make its impact.

If it will be white magic, the synthesis of the inner and the outer or conscious or unconscious black magic not even the Masters can predict: "...even the Masters Themselves do not and cannot foretell what the result of the impacts of the of force may be nor what may eventuate as a result, though they can frequently determine the probable happenings" (DN 41).

"It is too dangerous in these days of difficulty and world turmoil to express myself more definitely as to the future lines development. The destiny and the future functioning of the nations lie hid in their present activities". "The role of the prophet is a dangerous one, for destiny lies in the hands of the people and no one knows exactly what the people will do - once aroused and educated" (DN 55).

Many constellations only existing in etheric form and the fact that the 70 hidden planets also influencing the destiny of the nations tells us not to expect to find answers to and predictions for everything in a Hundred-Year-Chart (EA 644-48). Further more the influence of the asteroids upon the planets is much greater than science has so far admitted (TCF 794).

"I would repeat here as I have often done before that I am not concerned with predictive astrology. The coming emphasis in astrology will be upon the available energies and the use the subject makes of them and the opportunity, which they present at any given, time" (DN 75).

"I refer not here to the casting of a horoscope with the objective of discovering the future or of determining action. This aspect of astrological interpretation will

become less and less useful as men achieve the power to control and to govern their stars and so direct their own lives” (EP 2 414).

So, the degree of soul contact of a person or a nation influences the predictions since: “... an advanced individual can offset the influence of the planets and thus so dominate his personality life that prediction and certainty, as to activity and circumstance, are no longer possible. The soul is dominating, and the planets cease to condition the life” (EA 32).

The Astrology of the Three Planes

Another factor which also makes accurate predicting difficult is astrologers forgetting to take the astrology of the three planes into account in their interpretations since the energies from the signs and planets are felt first on the mental plane then on the astral plane and lastly on the physical plane.

In the astrology of the future the astrologer will learn to make one charts for the physical, one chart for the astral and one chart for the mental vehicle.

When these three charts are superimposed it will be apparent that they together create certain geometrical lines out of which the individual life pattern will emerge (TWM 438).

Today most astrologers are concerned with effects upon the physical plane and not their original causes, distorting the horoscopes of the three planes: “A horoscope which could be interpreted purely on mental plane is given a physical interpretation, and thus happenings which are entirely mental are portrayed as physical occurrences. A clue to this triple interpretation which astrology must eventually recognise can be found in the relation of the orthodox, the esoteric and the hierarchical planets and Rays of which they are the expression” (EA 216).

In the developing of the new astrology, the one the masters are using, we will also learn to differentiate between the horoscope of the personality and the horoscope of the soul or the inner living Christ-principle. The teachers on the inner side, therefore, study charts only in their relation to the following three entities:

1. THE HOROSCOPE OF THE PLANET as the expression of the life of the

planetary Logos: “This involves the studying of the horoscope of the spirit of the planet as well as of the informing Life and their joint relationship and interplay. The spirit of the Earth is to the planetary Logos of the Earth, for instance, what the personality (or form nature) is to the soul of man. The two horoscopes are superimposed and the ‘planetary pattern’ then emerges” (EA 59).

2. THE HOROSCOPE OF THE HUMAN FAMILY. The horoscope of the kingdom of souls, the divine sons of God upon the mental plane, is superimposed upon the horoscope of the entity which, is the coherent life of the form side and physical appearance. These horoscopes or charts are drawn on a large scale upon transparent material unknown to man: “Upon these charts are noted the pattern which emerges when ‘soul and personality are brought together’ and present conditions, possible developments and relationships, and the immediate future objective appear with clarity” (EA 59).

3. THE HOROSCOPES OF DISCIPLES. Again the two horoscopes are studied, one for the soul and one for the personality, the two superimposed upon each other: “In one horoscope, the new orientation and the embryonic reorganised inner life will be noted and studied, and in the other the outer life and its conformity or non-conformity to inner conditions will be the subject of attention. Thus the life pattern will emerge, possibilities will be indicated, problems will disappear, and the immediate next step will clearly show forth” (EA 59).

Returning to the question on the astrology of the three planes it seems that the exoteric ruler of the Sun sign or the Ascendant, progressed or in transit would reflect the physical, the esoteric ruler the emotional and the hierarchical ruler the mental events.

In a Hundred-Year-Chart with the Ascendant in Libra, Venus would then reflect the physical, Uranus the astral and Saturn the mental conditions. But since the Sun sign is always Capricorn, whose exoteric and esoteric ruler is Saturn and whose hierarchical ruler is Venus this method would prove confusing in this context. By researching horoscopes along those lines with the Sun and the Ascendant in the same sign it might be possible to determine with greater clarity if the quote can be used as suggested.

We will have to conclude that it is progressively more difficult to predict the future of a person or a nation the greater the conscious soul infusion is. We will have to study planet cycles to see how the planets have influenced in the past

and in take into account probabilities of their future influence, the unexpected and the outgoing and incoming Rays, when we work with horoscopes for the future.

The Group of World Servers

From about the year 700 until the year 1400 the spring equinox been in the second decanate of Pisces, ruled by the Ray 4 Moon veiling Ray 1 planet Vulcan. In the year 1400 the Ray 1 of will and power from Vulcan, had created so much crystallised political and religious orthodoxy and so much conflict and separatism between the countries, that a problem had arisen for Ray 2 of love and wisdom to transmit spiritual truth to humanity.

The spring equinox was then to go through the last decanate of Pisces for the next 700 years, which esoterically is ruled by Ray 2 planet, Jupiter, and exoterically by Ray 6 planet Mars, which perhaps gave Hierarchy a better astrological possibility to transmit Ray 2 via Jupiter and Mars which transmit Ray 6, that is a subray of Ray 2.

That the decanates is meaningful to consider in connection with esoteric history and astrology and also the future, can been seen in the following. During the Aquarian Age and during one third of its expression, that is, during the first decanate, which is esoterically ruled by Saturn, the vitalising of the human centre (spiritually considered) and first initiation can take place due to the work of Ray 3 Saturn, which govern the first decanate of Aquarius (DN 136-9 EA 148-49). The next 700 years from 2817 to 3517 the second decanate ruled by Ray 4 Mercury will bring about illumination and the second initiation to many disciples.

When the task of Saturn and Mercury has been accomplished, then during the third decanate, Venus will create the longed for ear of love-wisdom and expressed brotherly relationships. “Opportunity (Saturn), Illumination (Mercury) and Brotherhood (Venus) are the gifts Shamballa is planning to confer upon mankind during the Aquarian Age, if man will but prepare for them, accept them, and use them. Only the future will make clear man’s reaction” (EA 149).

From about the year 1400 The Hierarchy observed the situation for another hundred years and assembled in a conclave around the year 1500. A plan for developing an inner mental and subjective synthesis in humanity was worked

out, since inner union automatically creates union in the outer world (TWM 401-02).

First an overview of the plan was created, next the available energies (among others the incoming Aquarian Age) were taken into consideration and lastly it was decided to train 7 discipleship groups for a group of future co-workers, which is now called The First Group of World Servers. At this time around the year 1500 Saturn was in Taurus, that rules the Group of World Servers, Uranus in Aquarius, that rules Hierarchy, while Pluto was in Scorpio, that rules humanity, in the 2nd house in the hundred year chart for the year 1500.

THE 7 GROUPS OF WORLD SERVERS

RAYAREA

- 1 Politics
Humanitarian Healing
- 2 Psychology
Esoteric Teaching
Philosophy Physics
- 3 Economy & Philantropy
Communication
The Renaissance
- 4 Music
Painting
Science
- 5 Inventions
Nuclear Physics
Religion
- 6 Christian Science
Salvation Army
Capitalism Communism
- 7 Sport Factories The World
Community

DISCIPLES

Napoleon Washington
Lincoln Bismarck
Angela Merkel Barak
Obama
Florence Nightingale
Freud Jung Assagioli
Alice Bailey
Newton Descartes
Einstein Karl Marx
Bill Gates Marconi
Da Vinci Michaelangelo
Mozart Beethoven
Rembrandt Van Gogh
Tycho Brahe
Thomas Edison Louis
Pasteur
Einstein Niels Bohr
Martin Luther
Mary Baker Eddy
William Booth
Francis Bacon Madame
Curie
Tolkien Christopher Wren

The First Group of World Servers did not express all Rays like the later New

Group of World Servers will. It was coloured by great personalities, who were geniuses because of a certain soul contact. They were somewhat one-sided since they only expressed some of the divine aspects like for instance Karl Marx, Shakespeare, Leonardo Da Vinci, Napoleon and Beethoven. They possessed a feeble continuity of consciousness and had weak mental telepathic abilities, which were due to the fact that they were mostly initiates of lower degrees that often unconsciously were guided by their souls, who on the inner planes consciously co-operated with Hierarchy.

Even though some of the people succeeding the First Group of World Servers failed as a group they have since the year 1500 fulfilled their task of facilitating a unification of the world.

Beginning around the year 1640 the increased inflow from Aquarius has succeeded in breaking down the crystallised thought forms of the Age of Pisces. We have witnessed a de-personification in which the group has become more important than the individuals, organisations come to life and the development of a sensitive mutual communication between units and groups. The New Group of World Servers, designed to express creativity on all the Rays, was created around 1917 when Uranus again transited Aquarius (TWM 410-415).

THE CYCLIC MANIFESTATION OF RAYS

Knowing the astrological signs and Rays governing a nation as well as the main rays for the Aquarian Age, we have a tool to understand the future even though as earlier mentioned we are hampered by the lack of knowledge about the cyclic periods of manifestation for the sub-rays.

It is helpful to know that in 1625 Ray 6 related to religion began its cyclic withdrawal from physical manifestation and that Ray 2, Ray 3, Ray 5 and Ray 7 condition the majority of what has happened and what will happen in the Aquarian Age.

Ray 2 and Ray 3 have as an example created the new educational system and advanced communication technology, Ray 5 the concrete sciences and Ray 7 the new international world order (DN 56).

Usually only 5 rays are in manifestation at the same time, so currently Ray 4 and Ray 1 are out of physical manifestation, even though Ray 1 from 1825 has been

more active on the mental plane. Ray 4 can also be said to be constantly active since it is the soul ray of Humanity. It will come into physical manifestation from the year 2025.

The reaction to increasing inflow of the soul ray of a person or a nation is accompanied by momentary and preparatory phases of destruction or crisis creating an opening for the incoming soul energy.

The missing, but also shortly coming, manifestation of Ray 4 is an example which explains the problems and turmoil in Ray 4 countries like Japan, Germany, Italy, India and Brazil in the World War (DN 52).

A surprising but nevertheless logical connection exists between rays and their manifestation as well as the four planets and Ray 5 ruling Aquarius, which will appear evident from the listing below:

Ray 3 Active Intelligence

Ray 3 coming into manifestation from 1425 rules the throat and is transmitted by Saturn, the old ruler of Aquarius. This ray is also the soul ray of the current 5th root race (The Arian Race, not to be confused with the Nazi interpretation of the word) as well as the personality ray of the Earth.

The increased influence from 1425 has properly facilitated an integration of the personality of the Earth and its people, initiated through the development of trading capitalism, the great discoveries and the art of printing during the 15th century.

Many of the European universities were founded in the 15th century when among other things, astronomy and astrology blossomed thanks to geniuses like Tycho Brahe, Johannes Kepler, Galileo and Copernicus.

The Ray 3 country France expanded and integrated its personality thanks to Ray 6 disciple Jeanne d'Arc who in 1429 succeeded in turning the luck of her country around in the Hundred Year War against England.

Since it takes time for a newly manifesting ray to make its impression (maybe 200 or 300 year) it was not until the 17th century under cardinal Richelieu and Ludwig XIV that France obtained the position of the strongest nation in Europe

and French culture reached its peak. Ray 3 which is also responsible for the speeding up of evolution, has influenced the Ray 3 personality of China and the Orient, which over the past 40 years has experienced a considerable economical growth (DN 100).

Ray 2 Love and Wisdom

Ray 2 for love and wisdom, ruling the heart chakra and transmitted by Jupiter ruling Aquarius and the Sun ruling Leo, began its physical manifestation in 1575.

The increasing influence of this ray has greatly stimulated the Occident, which has a Ray 2 soul and a Ray 4 personality. Also Ray 2 nations like England and the USA, who for a long time because of ray identity with the Occident have dominated this hemisphere and initiated an important process of expansion since 1575.

By the end of the 16th century queen Elisabeth I and her chancellor Roger Bacon began the creation of the modern Great Britain by conquering Ireland. From 1603, when Uranus was in the nations Sun sign, Taurus, Great Britain entered into personal union with Scotland. At the same time the British colonisation of America started which turned out to be the beginning of the development of the United States and the creation of the world-wide British Empire. In 1575 Roger Bacon instituted the Rosicrucian order.

Master Morya in his probable incarnation as Emperor Akbar the Great (1542-1606) built up the immense mogul empire in India including most of what is presently India, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Shortly after the manifestation of Ray 2 in 1575 he instituted as something new and revolutionary freedom of religion in all of his countries in 1578.

Ray 6 Idealism and Devotion

Ray 6 involved in religion, devotion and idealism ruling the solar plexus and transmitted to our Earth by Mars and Neptune, started its withdrawal in 1625.

Ray 6 nations like Japan, Spain, and Italy as well as the papacy and Christianity experienced decline in the 17th century and the 30-Year War (1618-48) was the last religious war in Europe. Spain, Italy, USA, Russia and Japan are connected

because of their common Ray 6.

In 1636 Japan cut off contact with foreigners and foreign countries and the next 250 years of isolation contributed to destroying the country economically and politically. Japan has a Ray 4 soul, the Sun in Capricorn and the Ascendant in Scorpio where Mars, as exoteric and esoteric ruler of that sign, expresses the Ray 6 personality of Japan, for example through the old samurai culture and through the present days devotion and self-sacrificial industriousness. Because of defeat or frustrated pride the influence from Scorpio sometimes led the powerful warrior to commit ritual suicide or hara-kiri, where he stab a knife in solar plexus, both ruled by Mars.

Ray 7 Ceremonial Order and Magic

From 1675 Ray 7 ruling the sacral centre, transmitted by Uranus, the new ruler of Aquarius, began its long cycle of manifestation.

Nations ruled by Aquarius and Ray 1, Ray 3, Ray 5 and Ray 7 nations such as Russia, Great Britain, France, Austria and later America, Germany and China developed into Great Powers, since Ray 7 also stimulates Ray 5 nations (DN 29).

Ray 1 or the energy of the will, also called the Shamballa force, is presently out of physical incarnation but has since 1825 increasingly influenced the mental plane. This force will especially express through the personality of disciples and nations on Ray 1, Ray 3, Ray 5 or Ray 7 (EA 451).

From the end of the 18th century and up until today Ray 7 and Uranus are related to numerous movements fighting for freedom, and revolutions. This is connected with the fact that Ray 1 until now has worked through Ray 7 and Uranus to protect humanity against its powerful and sometimes destroying force.

Ray 7 is related to the renaissance of Free Masonry and The Philosophy of Enlightenment in the 18th century the new and more liberal view of sexuality and marriage as well as the modern scientific world community.

During the World War a point of equilibrium was reached between the outgoing Ray 6 and the incoming Ray 7 reaching a peak in the conflict between the conservative idealism and the spirit of freedom of the new era. Characteristically

Uranus (Ray 7) was opposed to Neptune (Ray 6) in the 1900's chart.

Ray 5 Concrete Science

Ray 5 the ray of concrete science started its cyclic manifestation in 1775. It governs the ajna centre (the centre of the integrated personality). Aquarius, Leo, Sagittarius and Venus transmit this Ray. Together with Ray 3 and Ray 7 it was one of the reasons for the industrial revolution and the development of the positivistic science in the 19th century. This ray has caused great progress in space travel, nuclear physics, medical science, biochemistry, computer technology and esoteric science. In the end of the twentieth century it was temporary stopped, because a further intensification would be fatal (DN 143). The possibility of cloning people and animals has frightened many people. When this fact was publicly known in 1997 Uranus transited Ray 5 planet Venus in Aquarius in the 1900's chart.

Since The Age of Aquarius, humanity and the present 5th Root Race, have a Ray 5 personality and Hierarchy a 5th Ray soul, the quick integration of the personality of humanity has been stimulated by analytic mental activity in all areas of life because of the growing influence from that ray and many scientific inspirations from Hierarchy to humanity.

Ray 4 Harmony through Conflict

Ray 4, the Ray of harmony and beauty through conflict, is transmitted by Mercury and also by the Moon, the hierarchical ruler of Aquarius, and will from 2025 slowly enter into manifestation. During the coming centuries, it might bring new creativity in the arts, psychology and architecture to the world and stimulate the Ray 4 soul of humanity and Ray 4 nations like Japan, Germany, Italy, Austria and Brazil. Furthermore it will facilitate the unification of the West with the East since the West has a Ray 4 personality, and the East a Ray 4 soul (DN 100).

PROGRESSIONS AND TRANSITS

According to Alice A. Bailey, it is important to understand that each nation like every human being is at a different stage of evolution: "Some nations are fluid and not properly integrated as are the masses of people everywhere; others are

integrated entities, or fully expressing personalities; others are crystallised and have nearly run their course as personalities; others again are coming under the influence of their soul ray, leading to another cycle of fluidity, before the definiteness of the initiate-entity becomes apparent; a few again are purely embryonic” (DN 70). As examples Alice Bailey wrote in 1949, that France was mental and had an integrated personality while Germany was more astral and not yet an integrated personality (DN 77).

Practically this means that the esoteric rulers of the signs would have to be taken into consideration when dealing with an entity assessed to have developed soul contact.

In a Hundred-Year-Chart the minor planets and their progressive movements refer to the astrological signs in which they rule, governing the following cities and countries:

THE SUN might indicate cities or nations ruled by Leo as for example Russia, France, Italy, Brazil, London, Berlin, Geneva and Rome.

THE MOON is the ruler of Cancer, which influences Scandinavia, Turkey, Holland, New York, Washington and Tokyo. If we consider a developed city or nation we also have to study Neptune, the esoteric ruler in Cancer.

MERCURY is related to countries ruled by Virgo or Gemini, which are: the USA, Great Britain, Poland, Belgium, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, London, Brussels and Paris. If we are dealing with entities with soul contact as an example Great Britain and London we can also work with the esoteric rulers of the signs. The esoteric ruler of Gemini and Virgo are respectively Venus and the Moon.

VENUS rules Libra and Taurus which are governing signs for China, Great Britain, Austria, Scandinavia, Poland, Canada, Rome, London and Moscow. Uranus, the esoteric ruler of Libra and the esoteric planet of Taurus, Vulcan, can be examined if the country or city in question is assessed to have developed or are developing soul contact.

MARS is the governing planet in Scorpio and Aries connected to Germany, Japan, Turkey, India, Switzerland, Finland, South Africa and Darjeeling. As an example India presented itself as a Great Power in 1998 through its nuclear test explosions when progressive Mars in the horoscope of 1900's went into Aries,

which is the rising sign of India.

JUPITER relates to Pisces and Sagittarius influencing South Africa, Germany, France, Ireland, Belgium, Italy, Spain as well as Warsaw and Washington.

Since the daily movements of the outer planets, the transits of Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto play an important part in the progressive manifestation of the Divine Plan, the countries, astrologically connected with them and the transmitting rays will be analysed in the following:

The Transit of Saturn

SATURN: Transmits Ray 3 governs the throat and is the exoteric ruler of Aquarius and Capricorn, in which it also rules esoterically. It is moreover the hierarchical ruler of Libra and has a 29/30-years revolution around the Sun.

KEYWORDS: The planet of discipleship and trials and one of the strongest of the 4 Lords of Karma. Reveals shortcomings and settles karma, which often creates problems.

Bureaucracy, conservatism, older people. Since the Jewish people, Austria, India, Switzerland, Spain, Australia, Japan and Greece have the Sun in Capricorn, Saturn and the transits of Saturn might have a special relation to these countries and people. As an example the present Israel was founded in May 1948, when Jupiter was conjunct Saturn in the horoscope of 1900's.

The Transit of Uranus

URANUS: Transmits Ray 7, governs the sacral chakra and rules exoterically in Aquarius, esoterically in Libra and hierarchically in Aries and Leo. Uranus has an 84-years revolution around the Sun.

KEYWORDS: Freedom, equality, renewal, rebellion, democracy, communism, group consciousness, ritual, organisation and economy, science fiction, grassroots, astrology, astronomy, EDB, electricity, the mineral kingdom. Technological inventions, space travel, television, electronic data processing, nuclear power, heavy industry, uranium. Sexual liberation and homosexuality. Governs the first, third and fifth initiation through its connection with Ray 7, because initiation is always connected to ritual.

Uranus is through Ray 7 connected with London, Russia, Scandinavia and Spain. Through the astrological correspondences it is related to Scandinavia, London, Argentina, China, Germany, Canada and Austria governed by Libra, the Aquarian nations like U.S.A., Switzerland, Holland and Russia as well as Leo countries and cities like Russia, Berlin, France, London and Brazil.

The Transit of Neptune

NEPTUNE: Transmits Ray 6, governs the solar plexus and connects through unselfish service the solar plexus with all the 7 chakras. Its revolution around the Sun is 167 years and it was discovered in 1846. Neptune is also through Ray 6 connected with the animal kingdom and the vegetable kingdom.

KEYWORDS: Socialism, slavery, religion, fanaticism, idealism, gas, oil, healing, art, meditation, movies, chemical industry, hospitals, spiritism, shipping, extreme suffering, nationalism, scandals, victim, illusions, Victorian double standard, chaos, drugs, charity and dissolution. Governs the first and the second initiation.

Neptune is related to America, Russia, Spain, Italy and Japan through Ray 6. As the esoteric ruler of Pisces and esoteric ruler of Cancer it is indirectly related to Germany, France, Ireland, Turkey, Holland, Scandinavia and Warsaw, New York, Tokyo and Washington.

Neptune changing sign, often relates to events which happened to the countries governed by the sign concerned, or in those countries that are astrologically or rayologically connected with Neptune as indicated by the events below:

1685	France suspended freedom of conscience (France ASC in Pisces) In England (Sun in Taurus) “The Southern Sea Company” was founded to trade within the Spanish-American colonies.	Neptune in Pisces
1711	St. Petersburg becomes the capital city instead of Moscow (ASC in Taurus)	Neptune in Taurus
1739	Swedish ideas of re-establishment of the The Kalmar Union in Scandinavia (Sun in Cancer) The great Encyclopaedia is beginning to be published in France	Neptune in Cancer
1751	(Sun in Leo)	Neptune

	French defeat in India against Great Britain	in Leo
1778	The Bavarian War of Succession between Prussia and Austria (ASC in Libra) Tokugawa Ienari takes over the Shogun Government, which only promotes the fast moving decay of Japan	Neptune in Libra
1793	Russia tries unsuccessfully to establish commercial relations with Japan (Japan ASC in Scorpio) The new ruler of Turkey tries without any luck to reorganise the army, trading and the tax system (Turkey Sun in Scorpio)	Neptune in Scorpio
1820	Revolution in Spain and Greece (Sun in Capricorn)	Neptune in Capricorn
1848	Revolution in Germany and France (Sun and ASC in Pisces) The Conservatives in power in	Neptune in Pisces
1875	Great Britain which also gains control over the Suez Channel The Suez Channel is protected in war	Neptune in Taurus
1889	Scandal around the Panama Channel Great Britain USA (ASC and Sun in Gemini)	Neptune in Gemini
1914	1st World War: Berlin, France, Russia London, and Italy are governed by Leo Poison gas catastrophe in India	Neptune in Leo
1985	Indira Ghandi assassinated Wine swindle and Kurt Waldheim's Nazi history exposed in Austria (Capricorn) Iraq and Kosovo crisis Bill Clinton's sex scandal	Neptune in Capricorn
1998	Government crisis in Russia USA and Russia Ascendant in Aquarius.	Neptune in Aquarius

The Transits of Pluto

PLUTO: Is a Ray 1 planet governing the crown chakra as well as the root chakra and was discovered in 1929. Pluto is the exoteric ruler in Scorpio and the esoteric ruler in Pisces. It has a 247-year revolution around the Sun and governs the 1st initiation.

KEYWORDS: Destruction/reconstruction, death, power, will, aversion,

intention. Secret police, intelligence service, organised crime. Racism, research, nuclear power, nuclear power catastrophes, dictatorship, politics, psychology, removal of refuse, banking, terrorism, multinational companies, sexuality, AIDS, political or economical crisis.

1914	First World War	Pluto in Cancer
1939	Second World War	Pluto in Leo
1956	Suez Crisis Rebellion in Hungary	Pluto in Virgo
1972	Expansion of the EU	Pluto in Libra
	China member of UN	
	Aids, growing interest in psychological self	
1984	development	Pluto in Scorpio
	Bank crisis	
1995	Expansion in the world economy	Pluto in Sagittarius
	Growing international terrorism	
2008	The crisis of Finance	Pluto in Capricorn

CHAPTER 2

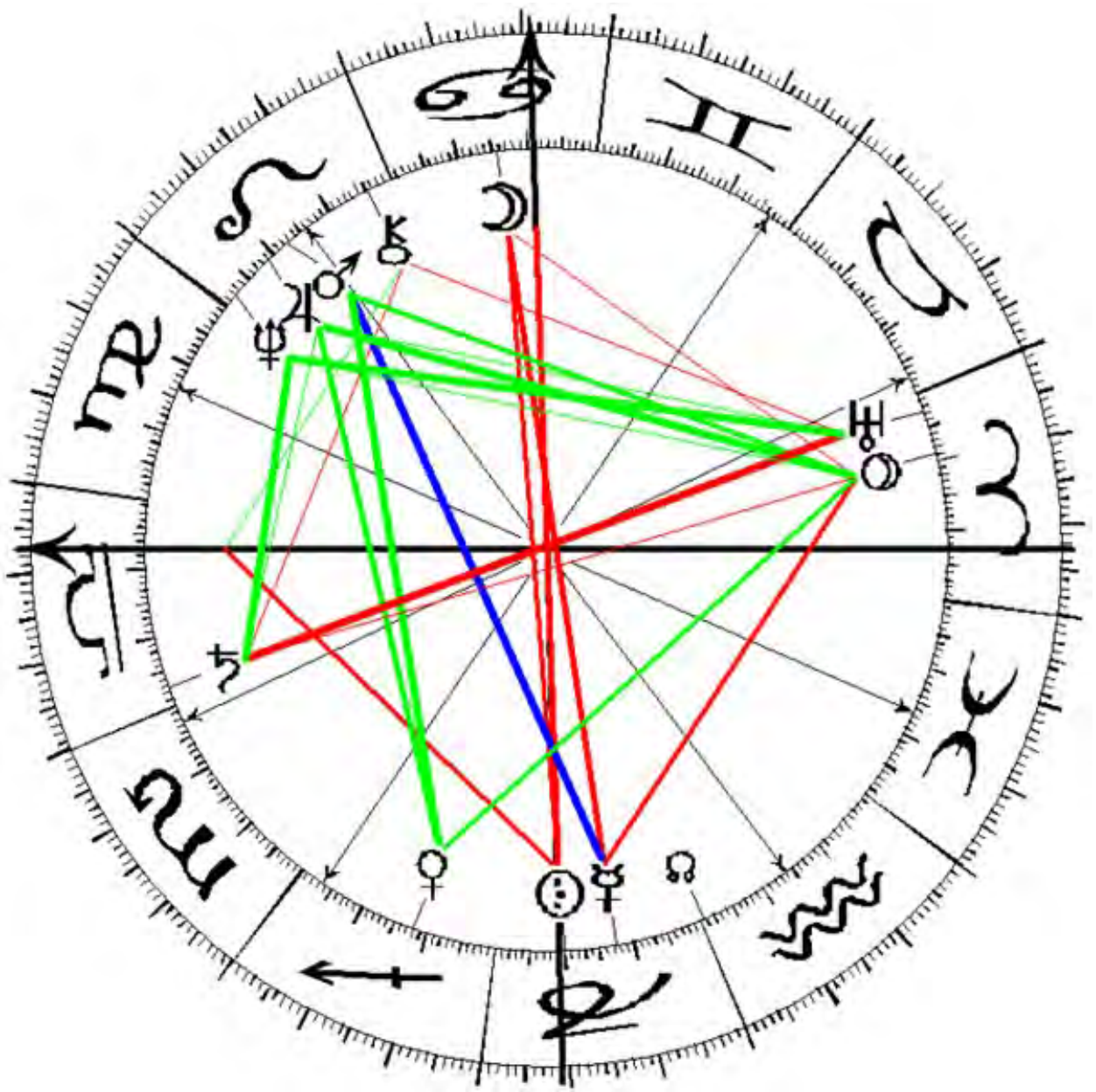
THE CHART OF THE 1600S

THE TRANSITION TO THE AGE OF AQUARIUS

According to Alice Bailey the 500-year transition from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius began in the 17th century, more exactly during the 1640s. In another context the Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul announced in 1940, as a reply to Assaglioli, that the Aquarian Age could be expected to begin 177 years later, in other words in the year 2017 (Discipleship Degree, series 11 set 77).

As Alice Bailey suggests a transition phase of approximately 500 years, this is likely to have begun around 1617. During the following year the Thirty Years' War broke out. This was the last big religious war in Europe, during which the destruction of many of the thoughtforms of the old era began.

The Hierarchy made preparations for the new age by bringing Ray 2 into physical manifestation from 1575, withdrawing Ray 6 from 1625 and manifesting Ray 7 from 1675.



The Chart of the 1600s

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The weakened Ray 6 and the strengthened Ray 2 and Ray 7 could possibly be linked to the agricultural crisis which began in Europe in 1625 and lasted until 1750. Ray 2 from 1575 (which is linked to grains) and Ray 6 both govern the vegetable kingdom, whereas Ray 7 from 1675 is linked to the mineral kingdom (EP 1 242).

It seems to take time to get accustomed to a new ray influence for the atoms of

the Earth as well as for the human atoms: “Those atoms which are predominantly Piscean are beginning to slow down their activity and to be “occult withdrawn“ as it is called, or abstracted, whilst those which are responsive to the New Age tendencies are, in their turn, being stimulated and their vibratory activity increased” (TXH 13).

Decline of Ray 6 Nations

The waning influence of Ray 6 could possibly also explain why Ray 6 nations as well as nations which are astrologically linked to the mutable cross (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces) experienced a decline in the 1600s. Of the three crosses the mutable cross is the strongest transmitter of Ray 6; typically there are no planets on the mutable cross in the chart of the 1600s.

This was for instance the case for Germany (Pisces), Italy and Spain (Ray 6 soul and Sagittarius), Poland (Gemini) and Ireland (Virgo/Pisces).

Japan, a Ray 6 personality, shut off all international contact in 1636 with the result that financial, political and social progress slowly came to a standstill.

The supremacy of the Ottoman Dynasty in South Eastern Europe was broken towards the end of the 1600s (Moon in Cancer square Pluto in opposition to the Sun). This is linked to the fact that Turkey, with a Scorpio Sun and Cancer Ascendant is strongly influenced by Ray 6, through the esoteric rulers Mars and Neptune.

The waxing influence of the fixed cross consisting of Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius could explain the appearance of new economic and political theories and also the creation of dictatorships and communistic regimes in many countries all over the world in the 1900s.

According to Alice Bailey the influence of Leo and Aquarius is one of the causes of the appearance of the numerous dictators, and their inherent value is an ability to synthesise the life, goals and intentions of a nation (EA 285).

It is significant that those states which became Great Powers during the 17th or following centuries all had the Sun or the Ascendant in fixed signs.

Among these are: France and Russia (Leo), Holland (Aquarius) and Great

Britain (Taurus). Later the USA (Aquarius), China (Taurus) and Japan (Scorpio) emerged as Great Powers in world politics.

THE THIRTY YEARS' WAR

In the chart of the 1600s the intention of the soul is partly reflected through the conjunction between Uranus, esoteric ruler of the Ascendant, and Pluto in Aries in the 7th house. This refers to Germany which has Aries rising. The 7th house also represents alliances, cooperation and open conflicts and according to Alice Bailey the energy from Aries initiates the new age, which commenced during the 1600s (EA 486 490 548).

During the years after 1600 the tensions between the Catholics and the Protestants within The Holy Roman Empire grew. In 1609 the Protestants formed a Protestant union and a year later a Catholic league was established under the leadership of the German Emperor (MC semisextile Mars quincunx Venus). Although the religious feelings were strong, they were definitely motivated by "Realpolitik" concerning balances of power and issues regarding trade and succession. When the war broke out in 1618 the Ray 6 planet, Neptune, was in conjunction with the Ascendant while the progressive Ascendant triggered the grand cross via its opposition to Pluto.

In the beginning the Catholics and the Emperor of Habsburg in Vienna had the upper hand, because they had the most skilful generals like Tilly and Wallenstein. The latter had an Aquarius Ascendant and the Sun in Libra, which is the Ascendant of Austria.

In 1608 the mathematician, astronomer and astrologer Johannes Kepler erected his famous chart for Wallenstein in which his death was predicted in March 1634. The prediction came true as Wallenstein was murdered on the 25th of February 1634 by his own mercenaries, during a difficult aspect from Saturn.

In November 1620 the Protestant Czechs were badly defeated by general Johann Tserclaes, Count of Tilly, at the White Mountain outside Prague (MC square Saturn square Uranus).

In 1625 Christian the 4th of Denmark intervened in the war, but lost a big battle to general Tilly at Lutter am Barenberge on the 17th of August 1626 (Uranus conjunct Neptune) and had to make peace with the Emperor in 1629, when the

Ascendant was in conjunction with Saturn.

After this peace treaty Catholicism was at the zenith of its power. In 1629 the infamous Edict of Restitution was issued, ordering the Protestants to return the Church property seized earlier by Protestant princes to the Catholics (Neptune/ASC conjunct 4th house ruler Saturn).

As this affected many dioceses, monasteries and churches, it was met with violent resentment, which deepened because of the extensive religious persecutions implemented by the Catholics after the victory.

This unwise tightening of control was a contributory cause for Gustav Adolf the 2nd of Sweden to enter the war in 1630 with serious long-term repercussions for the Catholic cause (Ascendant opposition Uranus).

When the Emperor seemed to be winning the war, Cardinal Richelieu, leader of France and a great diplomat, intervened in the conflict in 1635. Now The Thirty Years' War lost any appearance of a religious war and turned into a conflict concerning the European balance of power (Uranus conjunct the Ascendant). Richelieu had the Ascendant in Libra and the Sun in Virgo (Paris Ascendant), while the Moon, esoteric ruler of Virgo, was placed in Pisces, the sign of the Ascendant of France.

In 1640 the new Elector of Brandenburg, Frederick William, made peace with Sweden, and the Portuguese revolted against Spanish control and gained independence (MC conjunct Mars).

In 1644 peace negotiations were initiated (MC conjunct Jupiter) but these dragged out until 1648, when the war was finally brought to an end by the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, when MC was in conjunction with Neptune.

At this peace treaty Germany was divided into more than 300 smaller units, when progressed Sun went into Pisces. At the same time transit Uranus was conjunct transit Neptune in Sagittarius in opposition to transit Pluto, while forming harmonious aspects to the Ascendant.

As we know, the sign on the Ascendant of France and the Sun sign of Germany is Pisces, of which Neptune is the exoteric and Pluto the esoteric ruler.

Individual freedom of conscience was still not recognised even though certain

restrictions in the religious power of the national princes had been agreed upon.

The German Emperor and Spain lost their positions of power in Germany, while the conquerors were France and Sweden, who gained large extensions of land in Germany by the peace. The Netherlands broke away from Spain and grew to become the biggest commercial state in Europe.

THE URANUS/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION 1648

During the period of transition from one astrological era to another, crises and conflicts between the main Ray and signs of the new era and the crystallised thought forms caused by the Ray and signs of the old era prevail. However, the conflict between the outgoing Ray 6 and the ingoing Ray 7 did not culminate until the World War 1914-45.

This polarity was already felt in the 1600s and all historians concur with the crisis theory of the 17th century, considering the middle of the century as a dividing line in European history.

This crisis coincided with, among other things, the great conjunction between Uranus and Neptune in Sagittarius in 1648/49 around the time of the conclusion of the Thirty Years' War. The polarisation is also likely to have been influenced by the combined and increasing potency of Ray 3 from 1425 and Ray 2 from 1575.

At the great Neptune/Uranus conjunction in 1648 the energy from the Piscean Age (Neptune) met the new Aquarian energies (Uranus) facilitating the birth of new scientific, economic and political ideas and visions in the collective psyche (Sagittarius).

This powerful and important conjunction initiated at the same time a new cycle in the manifestation the soul aspect of the personality of humanity on Earth, because Uranus and Neptune rule the fifth kingdom of souls (EP 1 245).

It was a confusing and difficult time, as one could no longer rely on authorities, religion, government, science or not even of the power of thought. The disintegration of the existing social order lead to the threat of chaos on a national as well as on an individual scale and thus the choice was between order (Saturn) or anarchy (Uranus/Pluto).

The split between two opposing value systems was tangible, one based on authority and belief and the other one on the quest for knowledge and for complete understanding of the perception of living in two different worlds simultaneously (Saturn opposing Uranus and Sun opposing Moon).

The grand trine between Jupiter/Mars, Venus and Pluto/Uranus in fire signs provided the key for disciples to create a new harmonious pattern from chaos. The old belief system dissolved (Jupiter conjunct Neptune) and power was derived out of this chaos (Pluto conjunct Uranus) to create a new harmonious worldview (Venus in Sagittarius).

THE REORGANISATION OF THE STATES

After 1650 international politics revolved increasingly around national and dynastic issues, and religion was rarely the decisive cause of war.

The violent upheavals during the Thirty Years' War had created the need for a strong central power and in many European states the Kings established absolute monarchy supported by the progressively stronger citizenry. The remaining governmental and administrative structures were not in keeping with the challenges arising from the expanding international trade and from the internal life of the states.

In order to address these problems a new and more efficient administration was created to represent the royal power at all levels of society; compared to the chaotic administrative machinery of the middle ages this was a step forward (Uranus in Aries). The new positions in the Civil Service were filled by the citizenry, which was indebted to the royal power. This weakened the nobility which was however allowed to keep previous privileges such as exemption from taxation and local jurisdiction as compensation.

After 1648 the privately owned professional armies from the Thirty Years' War were replaced by bigger and better organised national armies which were kept permanently, also in times of peace. They were managed by a permanent corps of officers from the nobility and were under the absolute control of the royal power. Uniforms became compulsory and weapons and administration were standardised (Mars in Leo trine Uranus/Pluto in Aries).

We find typical examples of the new absolute monarchy in France,

Brandenburg/Prussia, Denmark/Norway and Russia.

However, attempts to introduce new governing structures met with resistance from the traditional parliaments and the assemblies of the Estates of the Realm, and in Holland, Sweden, Poland and England the kings did not succeed in establishing absolute monarchy (Sun in the 4th house (traditional authoritarian royal government) in opposition to Moon in the 10th house (democracy)).

THE EFFECT OF RAY 7 ON FRANCE AND AUSTRIA

Alice Bailey writes about the relationship between Ray 7 and Ray 5: “The seventh ray is steadily gaining momentum and has for a long time been stimulating and enhancing the activity of all fifth ray nations” (DN 29). Notice the words: “... has for a long time ...”.

As Ray 5 is one of the main Rays for both France, London and Austria, a study of their history in relation to the manifestation of Ray 7 is particularly interesting.

The end of The Thirty Years’ War signalled the beginning of the days of glory of the monarchy in Europe, a 200-year period, with Leo country France at the helm (Jupiter, Mars and Neptune in conjunction in Leo).

That country had grown stronger during The Thirty Years’ War and after its conclusion it became the leading superpower in Europe where it dominated international politics to the Peace in Utrecht in 1713.

When Louis the 14th (Sun in Virgo (Ascendant of Paris) and Ascendant in Scorpio) inherited the throne in France as a child, another attempt to seize power was made by the nobility during the Fronde revolt in 1649 (MC conjunct Neptune).

This was suppressed and when 23-year old Louis came of age he declared himself absolute monarch by the Grace of God in 1661 (Neptune conjunct Sun).

The new world view created by the astronomers of the renaissance had at its centre a motionless Sun surrounded by a revolving, orderly planetary system. This was an inspiration for those philosophers who supported the new form of

government. The King was only responsible to God and to his conscience.

Louis the 14th built a huge baroque castle in Versailles, where a graceful and ceremonial court life unfolded, complete with French furniture, perfumes and elegant conversation. All over Europe both minor and important princes attempted to imitate this lifestyle.

The years 1688/89, when progressed Sun squared natal Sun, were in many ways significant for several cities and states like London, Berlin, France and Russia, which are governed by Leo ruled by the Sun.

During the 1680s Louis the 14th annexed certain West German provinces to France by making use of the legal rights stipulated in the so-called “reunion-politics“, which led to another major European war, the War of the Palatine Succession, in 1688.

At “The Glorious Revolution” in 1688/89 the English parliament ousted Jacob the 2nd and in this way democracy won a victory over absolute rule.

At his ascension to the throne William the 3rd, the new king who originated from the Netherlands, signed the “Declaration of Rights”, which placed the law above the king and maintained the right of parliament to freedom of speech, the Power of the Purse, legislation and unrestricted free elections.

In 1688 the Great Elector Frederick William of Brandenburg/Prussia died in Berlin, capital of Brandenburg and was superseded by the Elector Frederic the 3rd.

A revolt by the Strelitzer guard secured power for the only 17-year old Tsar Peter in Russia in 1689. He initiated a thorough transformation of the country which turned Russia into a superpower of a Western outlook during the following 30 years.

During the War of the Palatine Succession, in which Louis 14th was defeated, Neptune transited the Pisces Ascendant of France while Pluto transited Leo, the Sun sign of France. By the Peace at Rijswiek in 1697 Louis 14th had to cede all the annexations apart from Alsace with Strasbourg (Ascendant conjunct Venus).

Austria and Turkey

During The Thirty Years' War the last attempt to turn the Habsburg Empire into an international superpower as centre of the Holy Roman Empire failed. Nevertheless the position of the Austrian Habsburgs was consolidated at the end of the war in 1648, but it was in their capacity as princes of the Austrian hereditary kingdoms that they created the foundation of the future Austrian Empire.

Important events also took place in the Ottoman Empire during the period 1670-94, while Pluto transited Cancer, the Ascendant of Turkey.

After a long period of weakness Turkey had regained strength and through a string of victories had considerably expanded its central European territories from 1662 to 1676 which made it an increasing threat to Austria.

In 1683 a Turkish army of 200.000 soldiers marched on to and seized Vienna, but in September international relieving forces under the Polish King Jan Sobiski inflicted on the Turks one of the most severe defeats they had ever experienced (Saturn conjunct Neptune).

Austria has the Sun in Capricorn (Saturn) and Turkey has a Cancer Ascendant, whose esoteric ruler is Neptune.

During the following years the battles continued, assuming the character of a modern crusade as the Pope, the German Emperor, Venice, Poland and later Russia formed the Holy League, which eventually drove the Turks out of Europe.

The actual conqueror was Austria which gained the whole of Hungary and Transsylvania by the Peace at Karlowitz in 1699 (Uranus conjunct MC).

SCIENCE AND ART

It was Ray 7 master Francis Bacon, with both his Ascendant and Sun in Aquarius, who introduced the idea that observing and collecting facts must be the foundation of the development of new knowledge; however, it was only later these new guidelines for research were followed in earnest.

After 1650 science entered an extremely fertile period which saw scientific genie like Ray 3 soul Newton, with Sun in Capricorn and Libra rising, continued the

work of Galileo and Descartes by taking the conclusions of their discoveries one step further (Venus in Sagittarius trine Jupiter and Pluto).

Many of the founders of modern science were influenced by Ray 2, 3 and 7; consequently, they collaborated with the Protestants against the Catholic Church which, by virtue of its Ray 1 soul and Ray 6 mental body, still considered Truth to be its exclusive monopoly.

Many Protestants were persecuted because of their convictions and had to go into exile (Venus in Sagittarius).

In 1685 when Neptune entered Pisces, Ascendant of France, Louis 14th revoked the Edict of Nantes, which had guaranteed some kind of freedom of religion in France. In the Hundred Years' chart progressed Moon was passing through Leo, the Sun sign of that country, in conjunction with the two religious planets Neptune and Jupiter, which both rule Pisces, the Ascendant of France. The consequence of the revocation was that 200.000 of the wealthiest and most intelligent French Huguenots emigrated, which was a great loss to France. Many immigrated to England and Germany or to the Aquarian nations Holland and Switzerland where the respect for individual freedom was more engrained.

The grand trine in fire reflected the interest in social and political issues of many philosophers (Venus in Sagittarius and Jupiter in Leo conjunct Mars). Several of them wrote about power and the contract between the king and the people, the so-called social contract.

Art and science were influenced by the foundation of academies with royal privileges, such as L'Académie française, which was founded by Richelieu in 1635, during which time Jupiter was transiting Leo, the Sun sign of France while 5th house ruler Uranus was conjoining the Ascendant. In the Netherlands great painters like Rembrandt and Rubens created the golden age of Netherlands' culture. Like Holland, both had their Sun in Cancer (Moon in Cancer in the 10th house in the chart of the 1600s).

CHAPTER 3

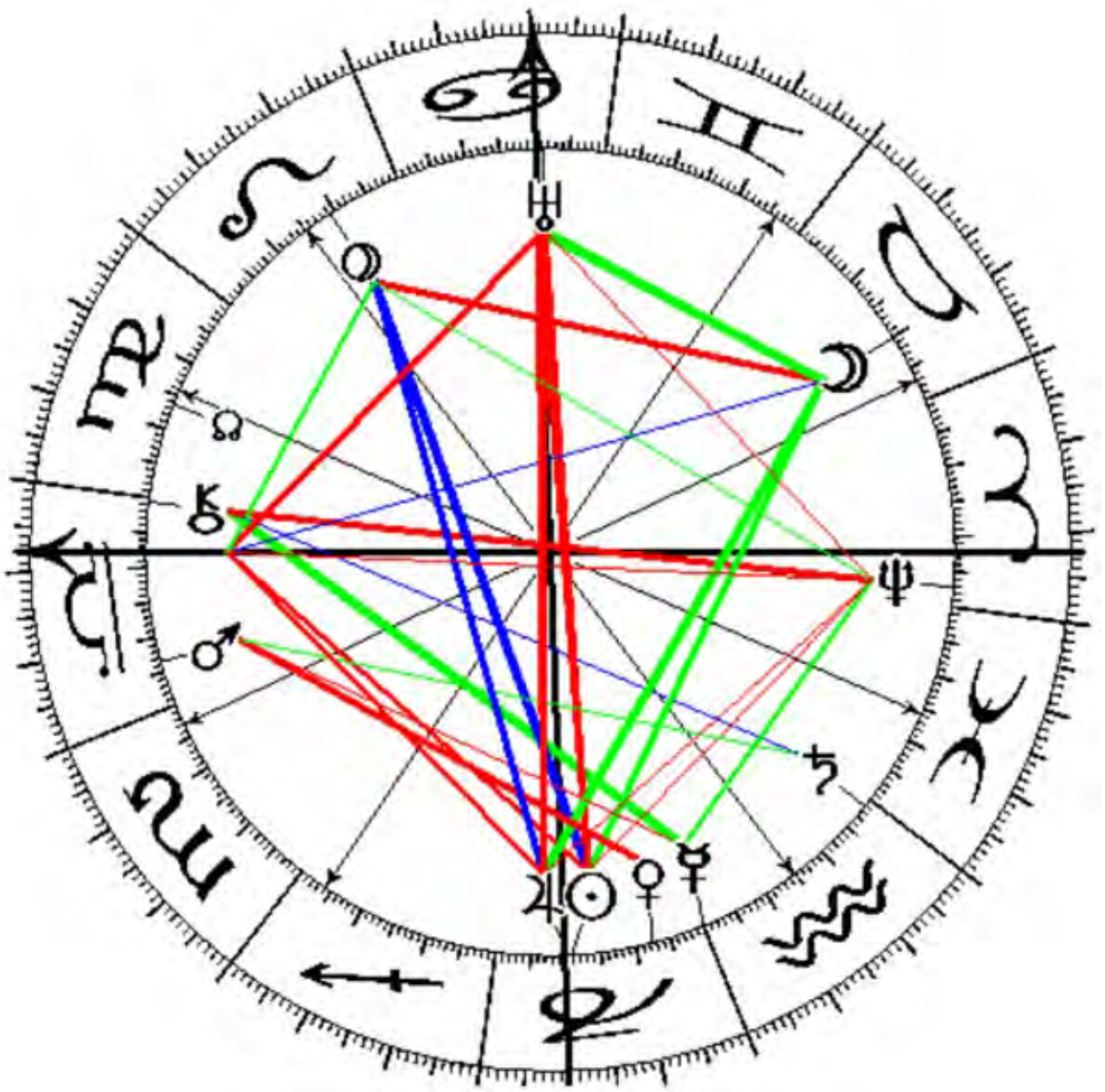
THE CHART OF THE 1700S

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The astronomer Herschel constructed the finest telescope of his time, which enabled him to discover the planet Uranus in 1781; this coincided with the American War of Independence when Uranus transited Gemini, the Sun sign of the U.S.A.

It was not a coincidence that Uranus was discovered during the 18th century, because it is intimately linked to the dominant ideas of this century, that is the aspiration to create a new society based on individual freedom and social justice.

Uranus is also linked to electricity, uranium, advanced technology, astronomy and science and it transmits Ray 7, representing ritual and magic. Together with Pluto, Neptune and Vulcan Uranus also rule the first initiation.



The Chart of the 1700s

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In 1752, when Uranus was conjunct Saturn in Aquarius, the American Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is a form of static electricity. Klaproth discovered uranium in 1789, when MC formed a square to Uranus.

With the two sacred or radiant planets Jupiter and Uranus in conjunction with respectively IC and MC, it is obvious that the ideals of freedom, equality and brotherhood of the new age had such an impact on this century, as Jupiter is the

esoteric ruler of Aquarius and Uranus is the exoteric one. It was during the 1700s that the political ideas and modern culture, as we know it today slowly emerged. It is also significant that the earth and air signs are predominant in the chart for the “age of reason”, as this provides good opportunities for scientific and objective work to take place.

The dominant philosophical current in this century was the philosophy of enlightenment, which claimed that the monarch (Sun) was able to create greater freedom (Uranus) for the people (Moon) via enlightenment (Jupiter).

The old religious explanations of phenomena no longer met the human need to understand the world. The thoughtforms of the Age of Pisces were in conflict with the logical and scientific ways of providing explanations of the new age (Neptune in the 6th house square Uranus conjunct MC).

While the old religious worldview was disintegrating, there was a longing for the new ideal society. Here religious needs were, from time to time, mixed with a belief in rationalism and, as a consequence, temples were erected for the new God: Reason (Uranus square Neptune sextile Mercury).

In 1762 Rousseau published “The Social Contract”, which is a description of the utopian society (MC sextile Uranus). In this society the individual has found his personal dignity by listening to his own moral principles and by living according to the laws he has recognised to be in harmony with the whole, because he has understood his own will to be identical with that of the whole. Therefore, he is both autocrat and subject. The best state is the smaller one where people are educated with love and have learnt to act with freedom and responsibility (Saturn in Aquarius in the 5th house).

The need for new and exact knowledge grew increasingly everywhere and people became interested in methodical observation. “Ruthless striving for Truth”, the new mantra of the Age of Enlightenment, caught the imagination of the average person. It became popular to collect fossils, insects and dried plants which was the beginning of systematic modern science.

It is worth noticing that all the philosophers who created the modern political ideologies lived, wrote and worked during the 12-year period from 1748-59, where Pluto was in Sagittarius (1749-63) and progressed Sun in the first decanate of Pisces, ruled esoterically by Jupiter, the planet of philosophy.

This is the case of philosophers like David Hume, Rousseau, Edmund Burke, Adam Smith and Montesquieu, who knew and visited each other, discussing and testing their theories in private conversations.

With progressed Sun in Pisces many of these political philosophers, although liberal, were not prepared to abandon those less fortunate in society. On the contrary, their fundamental principles were that feelings of empathy, solidarity and a sense of community could unite people with the purpose of providing mutual support rather than seeking personal gain at the expense of others. Politics were to be regarded as a means to further ethical goals.

Rousseau and Voltaire, was two of the most formidable ideological and revolutionary writers of the 1700s. When progressed Sun passed through Aquarius during the period 1719 to 1749 Voltaire's rational philosophy of enlightenment gained momentum, while Rousseau's more emotional idealism came to the fore in the period 1749-79 when the Sun passed through Pisces.

THE MOON IN TAURUS IN THE 8TH HOUSE

Urban employment and particularly overseas trade continued to expand and was increasingly influenced by international competition. Through mercantile and protectionist legislature Great Britain and France both attempted to boost their own shipping trade and commerce (ruler of the 9th house, Mercury, conjunct Venus in the 4th house).

In the 17 - and 1800s the vast majority of the population in Europe still lived in small village societies, where agriculture was the most important industry. Most often these had very limited contact with the outside world because of poor means of transport. For this reason only few goods could reach them from elsewhere and they were highly dependent on the whims of nature, which made them particularly vulnerable to epidemics and failure of crops.

In Great Britain (Sun in Taurus, ASC in Gemini) the landowners continued to enclose big areas of the communal land where crops like wool or grain were produced and sold, which the Venus/Mercury conjunction in Aquarius in the 4th house in the 1700s chart of England reflects. The chart for the 1700s was erected according to the Julian calendar. See this chart for Great Britain under the chart of Russia further ahead.

The farmers joined the proletariat through migration to the cities; here, they found employment in the new factories where production was rationalised through industrial manufacture. Due to big demands for fuel, exaggerated felling resulted in the use of coal which, at first, could be found by surface digging.

Later it became necessary to dig deeper to reach the coal and therefore Steam Powered Pumps were constructed to keep water out of the collieries. These eventually became steam engines, which found their use as sources of energy in other branches of the manufacturing industry.

Industrial production requires advanced technology, raw materials, labour and capital, all of which were available in England. There were coal and iron deposits in Central England, the increase in the population grew rapidly and the nation had ample capital thanks to its large foreign trade and modern banking system (Venus, ruler of the 8th house, in Aquarius).

The budding manufacturing industry in England created the foundation for a string of technological inventions, which increased the production capacity markedly. The most important of these were the spinning machine in 1738 (Mercury conjunct Venus), Watt's steam engine in 1769 (Sun in Aries Pluto conjunct Jupiter) and the mechanical loom in 1785 (Uranus conjunct MC Saturn conjunct Venus in Aquarius.)

Because of its wealth, mining industry and industrialisation England was in the forefront of the emerging shift from agricultural to industrial society in Europe.

This difference between England and the rest of Europe is reflected by Venus (England, Ray 5, soul Ray of London, linked to concrete science) which is in Aquarius (technology) in the Hundred Years' chart of England, while it is in Capricorn in the chart of the continent.

The lower classes in society were for the most part illiterate, dressed in rags and living in extreme poverty. Unemployment, economic exploitation by the higher classes and lack of social security in the event of disease characterised life. The size of taxes and the efficiency with which they were collected decided what would be left for the farmer himself - if anything at all - after having paid everyone his due (Pluto square Moon in Taurus in the 8th house).

The Church, the nobility and the State had a common interest in the oppression of the lower classes and the fear of Hell and damnation served them as a

powerful political means of oppression (Jupiter (the Church and the upper class) conjunct the Sun (the King) trining the Moon in the 8th house and Pluto square the Moon (the people)).

Although the philosophers of the Age of Enlightenment saw this pattern and accused both the Church and the State of using religion in an unethical way, they were not prepared to give the lower classes absolute political freedom.

The only way out of the problem was a kind of enlightenment of the people, because the philosophers were of the opinion that everybody by nature was endowed with the ability to think, but over time had been deceived by corrupt princes and priests (Uranus sextile and Jupiter trine Moon).

ART AS POLITICAL WEAPON

During the 1700s art changed character from pure entertainment to a deeper involvement which required it to depict the thoughts and passions of ordinary people while showing the shortcomings of society (Mercury, ruler of the 9th house, conjunct Venus in Capricorn and Saturn in the 5th house in Aquarius).

The interest in theatre was never greater than in the 18th century when many magnificent baroque and rococo theatres, opera houses and concert halls were built all over Europe (ruler of the 5th house, Uranus, conjunct MC, ruler of the 4th house, Saturn, in the 5th house and Pluto in Leo).

The actors were allowed to express the feelings of ordinary people on stage, a prerogative which earlier, in Shakespeare's works for instance, had been almost exclusively reserved for the upper classes. Plays were staged with a sentimental or moral content in which the emotional crises of ordinary people were as important as those of kings and queens had been earlier. Opera acquired a new, more direct and temperamental style (Moon in Taurus in the 8th house), and comedy was tremendously popular everywhere because of its ready wit, hilarity and intrigues (Jupiter conjunct Sun).

As increasing numbers of artisans and merchants had become literate, the novel made its appearance in the 1700s, particularly in England, where many new novelists like Samuel Richardson, Henry Fielding and Laurence Sterne appeared on the scene.

The conjunction between Mercury and Venus in Aquarius in the 4th house reflects the significance of England in this context, as it has Sun in Taurus and a Gemini Ascendant, both ruled by Venus.

These writers often wrote novels in letter-form using an informal style and composition, which permitted numerous deviations and emotional expression, that was something quite revolutionary within literature. These oftentimes-sentimental letter novels contributed to the breakdown of barriers between private and public life. By showing one's own feelings readers were indirectly shown the value of their inner feelings and thus became empowered to express them (Moon in the 8th house).

Much was written about virtue, morality and sex and the conflict between masculine power and an innocent girl in the family, who was punished for her virtue, like for instance Samuel Richardson's *Clarissa* (Mars in Libra in the 1st house square Venus and Mercury in the 4th house).

There were many edifying deathbeds in the literature of the 18th century and these novels particularly moved the wealthy middle classes (Moon in the 8th house).

By attaching value to emotional expression a deeper heart contact was created and this influenced public opinion which demanded more justice and humanism. This again swayed the judicial system and as a result, incidences of torture and mutilation in connection with trials were reduced in several places (Moon trine Jupiter/Sun sextile Uranus).

Public libraries were opened which lent out books against payment and several new periodicals were initiated, like the English *The Spectator* by Addison and Steele in 1711 (Sun conjunct Mercury, Mercury conjunct IC).

In 1719 when Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* was published (dealing with isolation, social roles and freedom) Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, was conjunct the Moon in Libra in the 12th house in the Hundred Years' chart of England.

The publication of the enormous encyclopaedia *The Encyclopédie* by Diderot began in Paris in 1751, when Neptune had just entered Leo and progressed MC was in quincunx to Mercury. France has Sun in Leo and Paris the Ascendant in Virgo.

As Rousseau's Cancer Sun was conjunct MC and Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, he was particularly suited to become the spokesman of a freer attitude to love and education of children.

His big novel *The New Heloise*, which expressed a new view of love, was published in 1761 when Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, was conjunct the Descendant. This novel subsequently went into 72 editions and was read throughout Europe during the remaining part of the century.

In 1762 when MC was trining the Sun/Jupiter conjunction, he published two of his most famous works, *The Social Contract* (about the legal relationship between the King and the people) and *Emile* (about free education of children).

THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN GERMANY

During the 1600s a unique musical culture had developed in Germany as a result of the need for entertainment of the numerous small principalities and of the great significance of hymn singing and organ music in the Protestant service.

As the greatest master of baroque music, Johan Sebastian Bach (whose Sun was in Aries, which is the Ascendant of Germany and Mercury, its esoteric ruler, was in conjunction with Venus and Neptune in Pisces, Sun sign of Germany) practised all musical genres. Within the strict parameters of his logically constructed compositions there was space for a wealth of nuances, and his *Brandenburg Concertos* reflect the clarity, logical order and multiple beauty of the mental plane.

Another German, G. F. Händel, settled in London in 1710, where he conducted, taught and in 1742 created his most well known composition, *Messiah*, when Neptune was conjunct the Uranus/MC conjunction and Uranus conjunct Venus in the chart of the 1700s.

Händel's Sun was in Pisces conjunct the Moon and his Ascendant in Aquarius, whose esoteric ruler, Jupiter, was in the 8th house in Libra, which is the Sun sign of London.

In spite of the creativity within the world of music, no original German literature was created until 1750, when progressed Sun entered Pisces and later Aries, the domicile of Neptune. As we know, the Sun sign of Germany is Pisces, ruled by

Neptune, and its Ascendant is Aries, whose esoteric ruler is Mercury, and these two planets formed a sextile in the Hundred Years' chart.

For Germany the last half of the 18th century became the golden age of literature, during which time its writers liberated themselves from the French sources of inspiration and created an independent German national literature.

Influenced by Rousseau's philosophy great poets like Goethe and Schiller contributed to the development of the so-called "Sturm und Drang", which was a forerunner for the romantic movement, characterised by sensitivity, imagination, restlessness, idealism and conflict as new elements in art.

In 1774 when Pluto was conjunct Venus, Goethe put his name on the European literary map with the publication of the diary novel *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. The novel revolves around the unhappy love affair between Lotte and the young Werther, resulting in his committing suicide.

Goethe's Ascendant was in Scorpio and the Sun in Virgo with its esoteric ruler, the Moon, in Pisces, which is the Sun sign of Germany. When he wrote *The Sorrows of the Young Werther* progressed MC was in conjunction with Venus in Virgo in his 10th house, activating the kite configuration in his radix, which was composed of Pluto, Neptune, Venus and Jupiter predominantly placed in watersigns.

This tragic story created a fashion among the young men of the day who, lovesick and suffering from some unhappy love affair or other, committed suicide

Apart from Goethe and Schiller the German cultural circle produced genie like Lessing, Wieland, Kant, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart.

The latter was seen as the founder of German opera and reached an unprecedented degree of perfection in his symphonies. Mozart's Ascendant was in Virgo and his Sun in Aquarius, whose esoteric ruler, Jupiter, was placed in Libra, which is the Ascendant of Austria.

The best known compositions by Mozart were created between 1778 and 1791, during which period Neptune transited Libra and he, among others, composed the Jupiter Symphony.

Furthermore, from 1781 to his death in 1791 Mozart's progressed Sun was in the first decanate of Pisces, which is ruled by Jupiter, esoterically.

The Importance of Women in the Arts

Paris, with Capricorn Sun and Virgo Rising, remained the most important intellectual and cultural centre in Europe throughout the 1700s and French was the preferred language of the upper class.

Women had great influence in the world of politics and arts in Paris in this period and with that in the whole of France. For instance, Madame de Pompadour was the mistress of Louis 15th for 20 years and ruled France by and large for 15 years, until her beauty faded (Venus in Capricorn).

Many Parisian women of the upper class opened their salons to intellectuals, artists and philosophers, because this added to their prestige and also because many of them were interested in current ideas. The cultural elite met in the salons to gossip, exchange ideas, discuss, read aloud or to practise the art of conversation, which was at the height of fashion and a sign of distinguished culture (Venus conjunct Mercury in Capricorn in the 4th House).

People enjoyed a merry conversation, which only required superficial listening (Venus), but called for ready-wit and casual chatter (Mercury square Mars).

The life of French women of the upper class was an unremitting ritual from morning to night. Their toilette was a public performance and even philandering followed a certain ritual and pattern. To a great extent they were free to amuse themselves as they pleased without this leading to divorce.

The men developed affected, effeminate and contrived manners and spoke superficially, while competing to become the best at flattering and expressing exquisite compliments (Mars in exile in Libra in the 1st house square Mercury/Venus). Among the nobility of the French Court, intense extra marital activities with sexual experimentation became the trend, which, no doubt, was one of the causes of the revolution in 1789.

Uranus, transmitting Ray 7 and ruling the sacral centre, is also linked to this development and it offers an explanation to the renaissance and popularity of Freemasonry in the European upper class in the 1700s.

SATURN IN THE 5TH HOUSE

Saturn, which rules Capricorn esoterically and exoterically, warrants particular attention, because the Sun is always in that sign in the Hundred Years' charts. Saturn represents the specific problems and drawbacks of the given period as well as its challenges, possibilities and karma.

With Saturn in the 5th house in Aquarius one of the biggest problems of the period was the lack of (Saturn) social humanitarian consciousness (Aquarius) of the aristocracy (5th house).

This class was reluctant to take a position on the social problems of the time, the extreme inequality between rich and poor and those events, which were brought about by new ideas in the whole of Europe.

One of the problems of the upper class was boredom and the emptiness, which arose from living an unproductive life of egocentric pleasures. People tried to overcome these feelings by worshipping the theatre which was the overwhelming passion of the dynasty and of the aristocracy throughout the 1700s (Pluto in Leo in the 10th house and Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, conjunct MC).

Estates and fortunes were gambled away at the gambling tables found everywhere in the better salons, causing many to be imprisoned for debt or to be locked up in a madhouse.

If this did not suffice there were numerous sporting pastimes like fencing, indoor tennis, hunting, romantic affairs or duels, where the adversaries fought for the love of one particular woman as a matter of life and death.

It is significant that Pluto transited Aquarius and the 5th house (the upper class) between 1789 and 1795, when large parts of the French nobility were executed on the guillotines during the French Revolution.

Another problem of this century was the education of children or, what seems to us, the complete lack of educational awareness (Saturn in Aquarius in the 5th house and Pluto in Leo).

Small children were regarded as objects that dressed as adults rarely saw their

parents and who were treated quite impersonally as rational beings.

Shortly after birth they were handed over to a wet nurse, later to a governess who taught them good manners and then they entered an institution like a convent school. As 15-year olds they were placed in a marriage arranged by their parents.

With his Pluto/Uranus conjunction in the 5th house in Virgo, Rousseau attacked this inhumane way of raising children and he wrote a polemic novel *Emile*, which appeared in 1762 and became extremely popular.

Rousseau wrote that the most useful of all the arts, the education of the human being, has been forgotten. Here, he took the modern view on educating children in that they should be allowed to develop naturally and express themselves emotionally before they had to learn Greek and Latin off by heart.

Many important mothers subscribed to the new education system and many wealthy philanthropists donated money for the foundation of children's homes. Rousseau himself derived some benefit from these new institutions, as he persuaded his wife to place each of their five newborn children in such homes.

Poor children did not gain from the new educational ideas; for instance, in England they often had to work 15 hours a day in the factories or perform other highly dangerous work in the growing mining industry.

NEPTUNE IN THE 6TH HOUSE

In the 1700s many glass foundries and porcelain factories sprang up, just as typography, handicrafts, the art of tapestry, wood cutting and miniature painting expanded considerably.

Skilful architects and craftsmen responded to the growing demand for beauty in people's homes, where walls, furniture, cutlery and porcelain became perfect pieces of art. Paris was again leading the way in this development (Neptune in the 6th house and Venus conjunct Mercury in Capricorn in the 4th house).

Pharmacies emerged everywhere and medicine and chemistry were expanding rapidly (Neptune in Aries in the 6th house conjunct the DSC).

Antoine Lavoisier who is considered the father of modern chemistry was the managing director of the gunpowder - and saltpetre factory in Paris and turned the Arsenal into one of the most respected centres of science in Europe.

His Ascendant was in Libra and his Sun in Virgo, which is the Ascendant of Paris. Neptune, the planet of chemistry, was in the 9th house in Cancer trining Pluto in Scorpio and in a sextile to Saturn, which was conjunct the Sun in Virgo. Uranus, the esoteric ruler of Lavoisier's Libra Ascendant, was conjunct IC in Capricorn, which is the Sun sign of Paris. While Neptune was transiting Lavoisier's Sun sign and Ascendant between 1764-94 he created the foundation for the development of modern chemistry.

Supported by experiments done by English chemists he proved in 1783 that water was not an element, but consisted of hydrogen and oxygen.

The birth of modern chemistry has been dated to this year during which Neptune passed the Ascendant and progressed MC was in opposition to Neptune in the Hundred Years' chart.

When Neptune was conjunct Mars in 1789, Lavoisier published the famous *Treatise on Chemistry*. With this work he severed the last link between chemistry and its alchemical past and gave it a modern form.

THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

During the 1600s European international politics had been dominated by the France of Louis 14th with Austria and France as declared archenemies. It was also during this period that England founded the tradition of its international politics, which lasted until the 2nd World War. In order to maintain the balance of power, England always supported the second strongest power on the continent.

With Venus (heritage) ruler of 1st and 8th houses, square Mars (war) ruler of 2nd and 7th houses, the period was characterised by many wars of succession stemming from the hereditary right of the princes to particular areas of land. When an old princely house became extinct, conflicts often ensued concerning the right to the throne or to certain territories.

A reflection of these conflicts and of the continual competition between France

(Leo) and Great Britain (Taurus) can also be seen in the position of the ruler of the MC, the Moon, in the 8th house in Taurus square Pluto in the 10th house in Leo.

The War of the Spanish Succession

The transit of Pluto through Leo from 1694 to 1710 had a considerable influence on Leo countries like Russia and France; during this period Russia, under Peter the Great, began its transformation into a European superpower, while the sovereign position of France on the European continent was broken.

In 1701 the War of the Spanish Succession broke out in which Spain and France were allies against England, the Netherlands, Austria and most of the German states (MC in opposition to Sun/Jupiter). Spain has Sagittarius rising ruled by Jupiter and France has its Sun in Leo.

The battles of the following years showed that the French armies had lost their advantages regarding size as well as skills, while excellent commanders of the allied powers like the duke of Marlborough from England, whose Sun was in Gemini, and the Austrian commander prince Eugene of Savoy won many magnificent victories against the French.

Prince Eugene of Savoy, whose Sun was in Libra like the Ascendant of Austria, was an astute diplomat, statesman and Austria's best ever general.

Therefore the Venus countries England and Austria emerged from the war as conquerors and by the peace in Utrecht 1713 Austria won large possessions in Italy, while England acquired rights in the Spanish colonial trade and Prussia and Sardinia were declared sovereign states (MC opposition Venus).

In order to secure the support of Brandenburg in the forthcoming European clash, the German Emperor had given Elector Frederic Wilhelm 3 permission to become crowned as King of Prussia as early as 1701 (MC in opposition to Jupiter/Sun). On the 18th of January 1701 Frederic Wilhelm 3 was crowned as King Frederic 1 of Prussia. That implies that Prussia was under astrological influence from Capricorn, which has always been linked to Brandenburg in mundane astrology.

In the chart of Prussia from 1701 Saturn, the esoteric ruler of the Sun, was

conjunct Mars in Pisces, Neptune was in Aries and Pluto in Leo, which rules Berlin.

Therefore it was not a coincidence that Bismarck chose the 18th of January 1871 as the date for the proclamation of Wilhelm 1 as German emperor, after he had united Germany in the war against France. In comparison, the Weimar republic had the Moon and the West German federal republic the Ascendant in Capricorn.

During its first Pluto return Prussia was dissolved as a state by the allied forces in March 1947, when transit Pluto was conjunct natal Pluto in Leo.

The European Balance of Power

After the dominance of France had been broken, none of the European states had, for the rest of the 1700s, sufficient strength and resources to impose its will single-handedly.

As no country was able to withstand an attack from the allied superpowers, an ingenious system of alliances and counter alliances determined war and peace (Mars, ruler of the 7th house in Libra in the 1st house).

If an armed conflict developed it tended to turn into a global conflict, as many of the European superpowers had vast overseas possessions to defend. The alternative to peace was major war. The 1700s thus became the classical period of the European balance of power.

The Great Nordic War, which broke out in 1700, when Neptune was conjunct the Descendant and Uranus were on the MC, was primarily a clash between Sweden, Denmark-Norway, Poland and Russia.

It came to an end by the peace in Nystad in 1721, when the Ascendant was conjunct Mars and MC conjunct Pluto in the Hundred Years' chart of Russia. By this peace Sweden ceded all its Baltic provinces (Livonia, Estonia and Ingria) to Peter the Great and in that way Russia became a permanent European superpower. With this fatal conclusion of peace, which was a result of the mistaken war- and foreign policy of the Swedish king Karl 12th, Sweden's role as a superpower in Northern Europe had come to an end, for the time being.

The Economic Crisis in 1720

The expensive armies and costly wars had depleted the French economy; a Note-issuing bank founded by the Scott John Law, which took over the Government administration of debt in 1716, was seen as a possible solution to these problems.

Furthermore, John Law established the limited company *The Mississippi Company*, which had a monopoly on the utilisation of the vast colonies around that river in America.

When share prices continued to rise, the speculation craze grew accordingly, and this procured large sums of money, which John Law lent to the state thus enabling it to improve its credit. But the foundation under the French boom soon crumbled with the market suddenly collapsing, causing the bankruptcy of the Company and the Note-issuing Bank in the autumn of 1720 (ASC conjunct Mars square Venus, ruler of the 8th house and MC in opposition to Mercury quincunx Saturn).

John Law's economic success also facilitated the expansion of *The South Sea Company* in England which, like *The Mississippi Company*, took over more and more of the national debt. As in France, big share price increases led to speculation mania which, in turn, resulted in the bankruptcy of *The South Sea Company* in 1721.

Numerous of citizens went bankrupt and the government had to resign. John Law's Sun was in Taurus and his Ascendant in Leo linked him to Great Britain as well as France. His Saturn, Chiron, Uranus conjunction in Pisces in the 9th house indicates the painful economic karma with France, which has Pisces Rising. Saturn transmits Ray 3 and Uranus Ray 7, both linked to money, economy and reorganisation.

During this economic adventure progressed Ascendant was conjunct Mars, ruler of the 2nd house, in the chart of Europe, while progressed Venus was conjunct Saturn and Neptune in Taurus in the 8th house in the Hundred Years' chart of England.

Pluto in Libra

History abounds with examples of international, diplomatic or political crises or other big events occurring when one of the outer planets changes sign.

For instance when Pluto moved into Libra and conjoined Chiron in 1725, Europe was thrown into a political crisis, which was caused by the Duke of Bourbon-Conde, head of the French government. Without discussion he broke off the engagement between Louis 15th and the daughter of Phillip 5th of Spain. Instead the 15-year old Louis was married to a daughter of a Polish king, who had gone into exile in Lorraine.

The Spanish response to this offence was to sign a treaty of alliance with Austria on the 30th of April 1725, when Saturn was conjunct Venus. The Sun of Spain and Austria is in Capricorn linked to Saturn, and furthermore Austria has a Libra Ascendant of which Venus is the ruler.

On the 3rd of September, while Pluto and Venus were conjunct Chiron in Libra, France allied itself with Prussia and Great Britain and later with Sweden and Denmark-Norway. Via Ray 1 Pluto points to Great Britain and Germany, but also to France, governed by Pisces, while Venus is the ruler of Libra, which is the Ascendant of Scandinavia and Sun sign of London.

Thanks to diplomatic efforts from, among others, the new skilful Prime Minister of France, Cardinal Fleury, the conflict was prevented from turning into a major European war.

The whole question of power, crisis, diplomacy, marriage and new alliances combined with the number of cities and countries linked to Pluto, Venus and Libra (Poland, Scandinavia, London and Austria, Germany and France) is clearly reflected through this conflict.

The Polish War of Succession (1733-35) between Austria/Russia on one side and France /Spain on the other broke out in 1733, when progressed MC was conjunct Pluto in Leo and square Moon in Taurus. Russia and France have a Leo Sun and the Ascendant of Poland is in Taurus.

THE CHART OF SCANDINAVIA

It took six years for the Danish Queen Margaret 1 of Denmark to subdue Sweden and hereafter she was ruler of the whole of Scandinavia, with its three ancient

kingdoms, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The triple crown was hers, but she was not ambitious to wear it, and preferred to put it on the head of her nephew, Erik of Pomerania, though she retained the power in her hands until her death in 1412 (Mars conjunct ASC).

Representatives of the three kingdoms were summoned by her to a summer meeting at Calmar in 1397, where a treaty was drawn and signed that united the three kingdoms under one ruler July 13. This was the famous Calmar Union, which held Norway captive for more than four hundred years. The horoscope of the Calmar Union, that still works very well as a horoscope for Scandinavia, has its Sun in Cancer with Libra Rising as stated by Alice Bailey (DN 67).

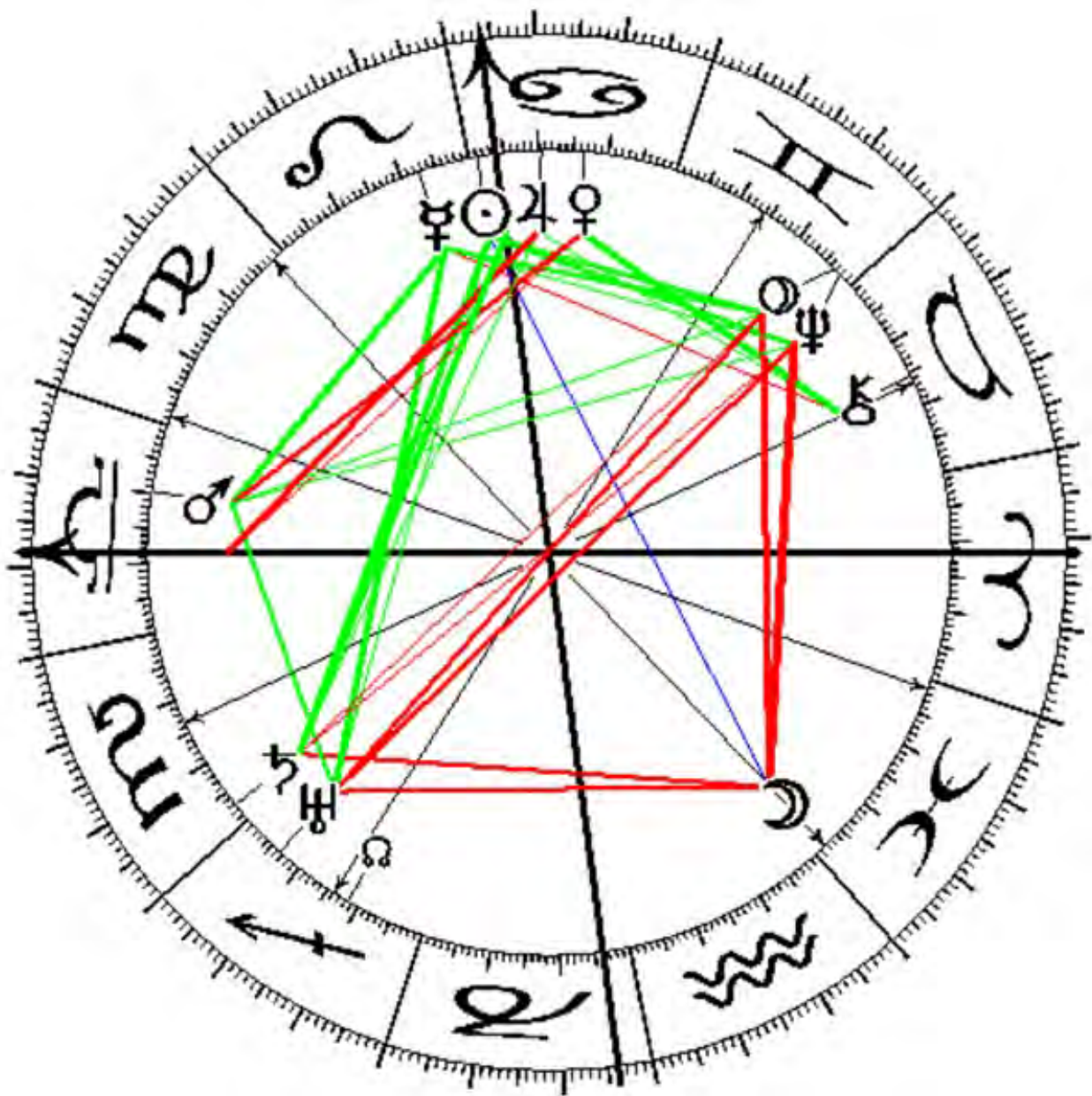
Often when the T-square between Pluto/Neptune, Uranus and the Moon has been activated riots, rebellion or wars has occurred in the history of Scandinavia.

From that time until the 20th century Norway had no separate history, though her people vigorously resisted any measures of oppression. In 1536 this ancient kingdom was declared to be a province of Denmark, being treated like a conquered land; yet there was not a man to protest against the humiliation (Uranus conjunct Sun/MC).

The loss of national standing had come on so gradually that the people, widely scattered over their mountain land and absorbed in their occupations, scarcely noticed though they were quick enough to resent any encroachment upon their personal liberty and rights.

There were outbreaks, indeed, from time to time, but these were soon put down and the Danish rule held good. This was not the case with Sweden, a more thickly settled and civilized land. The struggle of the Swedes for freedom continued for some seventy-five years and was finally accomplished in 1523 (MC opposition Pluto, Uranus conjunct Pluto/Neptune and Saturn/Jupiter conjunct Moon).

As for Norway, it was ceded by Denmark to Sweden in 1814, and the people of that mountain land regained their national rights, with a free constitution, though ruled by the Swedish king (Saturn conjunct IC Mars conjunct Mercury). The Calmar Union lasted until 1905, when it was peacefully broken and Norway gained a king of its own again (Jupiter conjunct Neptune/Pluto and Saturn conjunct Moon).



The Chart of Scandinavia

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The Austrian War of Succession

In spite of the peace, England directly or indirectly continued to block French attempts to conquer new overseas territories and to dominate continental politics. During the 1700s the English succeeded in driving the French out of Canada and India.

With Neptune close to MC, Uranus conjunct the Sun and Pluto in opposition to the Moon and squaring itself the Austrian War of Succession broke out in 1740 with France/Prussia on one side and Austria/England on the other. During this long “world war” smaller states allied themselves with the superpowers.

By the peace in Aachen in 1748 the Austrian Queen Maria Theresa (Sun in Taurus) was forced to accept the loss of the wealthy Silesia to Prussia, which emerged as a new European superpower after this war. France did not gain much by the peace and the aftermath of the war turned into a serious economic crisis. The peace treaty left many questions unanswered, the most important one being the British/French conflict in the colonies, where the peace was merely considered a cease-fire before the final clash. Again, we notice how “the year 48” - in this case 1748 - marks a significant moment in the development of Germany and France, while it coincides with the entry of progressed Sun into Pisces.

The Austrian Empress Maria Theresa (1740-80) whose Ascendant was in Cancer and Sun in Taurus according to the time of birth given by the Royal archives, was inspired by an enlightened absolute monarchy.

She revoked torture, eased the conditions of the peasants, centralised the civil service and turned all her hereditary kingdoms into one large free trade area via a customs union.

Her son Joseph 2 (Sun in Pisces and Pluto in Scorpio) accelerated the reform politics after the death of Maria Theresa in 1780, when Pluto had just entered Aquarius. But Joseph lacked his mother’s respect for religious traditions which explains why big sections of his reforms were annulled after his death in 1790.

The Prussian Seven Years War

Seeking revenge, Maria Theresa was however determined to make up for the loss of Silesia. Her astute prime minister, Count Kaunitz, an Aquarian with a grand trine in fire in his chart, reorganised finances and the army and created a military alliance with France against Prussia. This diplomatic campaign led to the Prussian Seven Years’ War, 1756-63, during which time Neptune was conjunct Pluto and square the Moon. Again, the Pluto/Moon square was strongly activated, which was the case during three of the biggest wars during the 1700s.

The King of Prussia, Frederic the Great, fought with England against a mighty coalition consisting of Russia, Austria and France. Frederic the Great had the Sun in Aquarius and Jupiter, its esoteric ruler, in Capricorn, the Sun sign of Prussia, while Venus, the esoteric ruler of the Gemini Ascendant, was in Sagittarius in the 7th house. Apart from being an excellent king, legislator, diplomat and commander, Frederic the Great was a skilful flutist and composer, writer, philosopher and historian. During his entire life he was torn between his aesthetic, sensitive and artistic side and the realistic and at times cynical political man of power he also was.

During the time that Frederic the Great and Prussia faced a final and inevitable defeat, the Russian Empress Elisabeth, who had been the archenemy of the King of Prussia, died. The new Tsar, an ardent follower of the war king, sent auxiliary troops and became his ally, which Frederic the Great later called: The Miracle of the House of Brandenburg.

The Peace on the 10th of February 1763 in Paris maintained the status quo of 1748, where Prussia was permitted to keep Silesia and in this way remains a superpower (ASC sextile Venus). The victory over France clearly strengthened England, but of course left France considerably weaker.

The American War of Independence

The American War of Independence began when a group of activists boarded three British ships loaded with tea in Boston Harbour on the 16th of December 1773 and threw the cargoes into the sea as a protest against the duty on tea imposed by Britain (Pluto conjunct the Sun in the Hundred Years' chart of Great Britain).

This event was regarded as a national heroic deed everywhere in America and the English responded by occupying Boston, closing the harbour and restricting the constitutional freedom of Massachusetts.

These infringements resulted in the meeting of representatives of all the colonies at the first continental congress on the 5th of September 1774. The colonists decided to stop the import of British goods, thus causing the outbreak of war between themselves and Great Britain. At that moment Uranus had just entered Gemini, the Sun sign of the U.S.A., and progressed MC was conjunct the Moon in the Hundred Years' chart of Great Britain.

In 1778, when Neptune entered Libra and Pluto Aquarius, which is the Ascendant of the U.S.A., the decisive turning point in the war took place, because France began supporting America and declared war on England. For this reason the Congress rejected a British peace proposal which complied with all the initial demands of the colonies: now only absolute independence would satisfy the Americans.

The War of Independence came to an end in 1783, when Great Britain accorded independence to its previous American colonies by the peace in Paris (Uranus conjunct MC and Neptune conjunct the ASC in the chart of the continent).

In 1778, when the Ascendant entered Sagittarius and progressed Sun Aries, Europe was on the verge of another prolonged major war because of The Bavarian War of Succession between Austria and Prussia, which was ended by French and Russian mediation in 1779 (Pluto conjunct Mercury).

RUSSIA AS EUROPEAN SUPERPOWER

There is a link between the ascendancy of Russia as a European superpower in the 18th century and the emerging physical manifestation of Ray 2 from 1575. This is transmitted by Ray 2 planets Sun and Jupiter, rulers of Leo and Aquarius, the ruling signs of Russia.

The development of Russia is equally intertwined with Ray 3 from 1425, transmitted by Saturn, and with Ray 7 from 1675, linked to Uranus, both ruling Aquarius.

In the 1600s Russia was a barbaric outpost, riddled with corruption and abuse of power. The farmers were ignorant and illiterate serfs without any freedom of choice and completely at the mercy of their masters.

During the 1700s the Russian bureaucracy still remained inefficient and corrupt and the commoners lacked appreciation of the philosophy of reform and enlightenment of the new age.

When Pluto transited Leo, the Sun sign of Russia, between 1694-1711, Peter the Great initiated the process of modernisation and transformation of Russian society towards the Western model. Throughout most of his reign he was involved in protracted wars against Turkey and Sweden which ended to Russia's

advantage.

Peter the Great had his sun in Gemini and Ascendant in Aries with its esoteric ruler, Mercury conjunct Pluto and IC in Cancer. That means that the deeper purpose of his life was to transform (Pluto) the foundations of the nation (IC/Cancer) by giving Russia new thought impulses (Mercury). Pluto refers to the Ray 1 soul of Peter the Great.

Uranus, hierarchical ruler over the Ascendant, was placed in Pisces in the 12th house, is one of the rulers in Aquarius - Ascendant in the soul chart of Russia - and transmitting its Ray 7 soul. The many water signs in his chart reflect his extreme emotional life and personality, love of yachting and navigation, but also - as said before - that his life vocation was related to the transformation and reorientation of the strongly nationalistic Russian collective consciousness (Mercury conjunct Pluto/IC in Cancer).

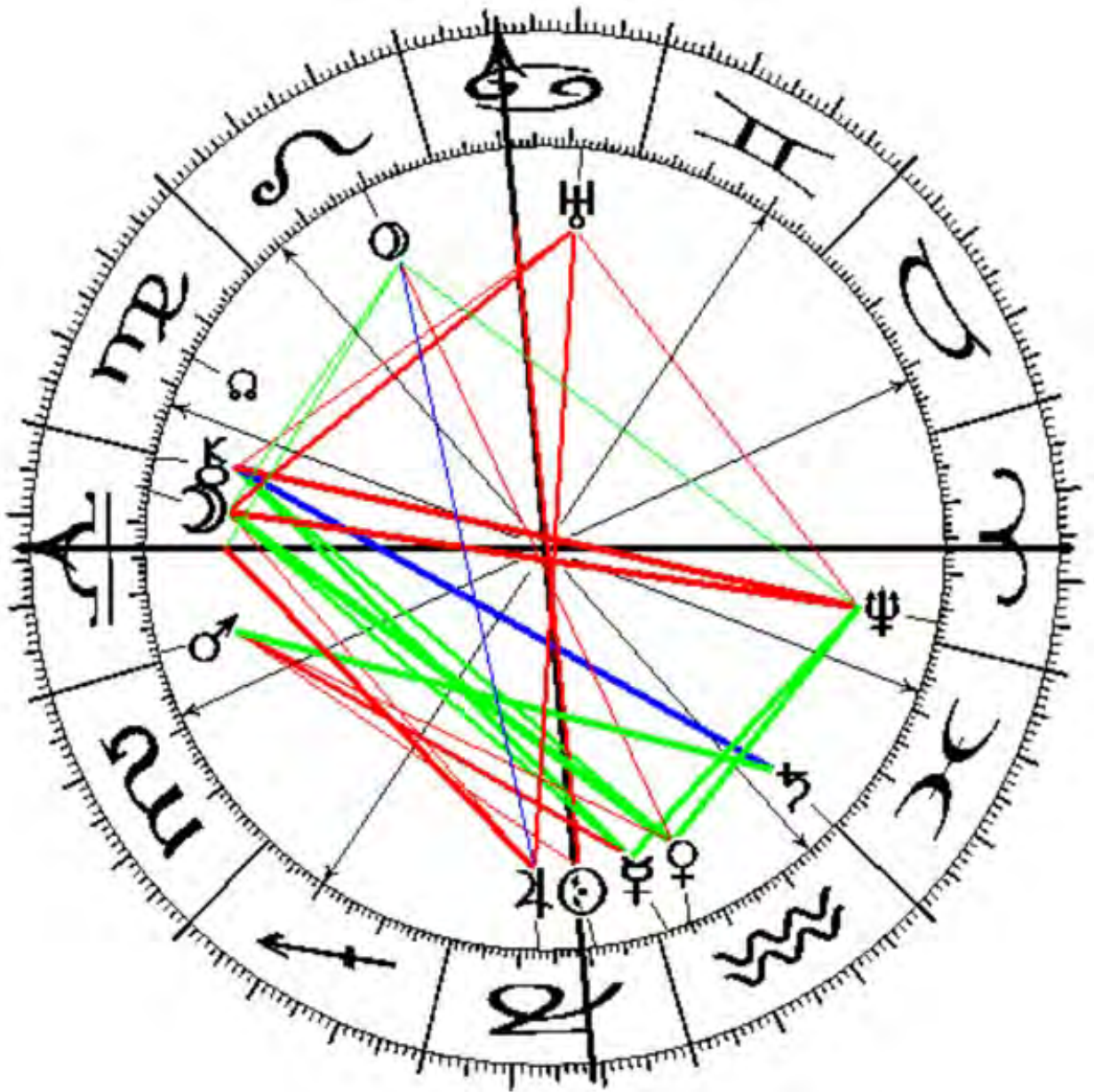
After the peace in Nystad 1721, by which Russia acquired all the Baltic provinces of Sweden, Tsar Peter had reached one of his greatest goals which was to give Russia a Western orientation and recreate it as Baltic power.

Another fundamental goal of the Russian rulers in the 18th and 19th centuries was to make Russia a Mediterranean power, which led to numerous wars with Turkey about access to the straits.

It also resulted in many conflicts with Austria, another country seeking expansion in the Balkans, and with Great Britain, which, as a naval power, did not want Russia to become a Mediterranean power.

In the Hundred Years' chart of Russia, Ray 1 planet Pluto is in the sign of Leo. This reflects the huge political changes, the many coups d'état and the will to power displayed by the different rulers with varying energy.

The soul ruler Uranus, which transmits the Ray 7 soul of Russia, was placed in Cancer in the 9th house, which manifested through the aspiration of the best rulers towards political renewal, reforms and international expansion in the 1700s.



Russian 1700 year Chart

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The planets Mars and Neptune transmitting the Ray 6 personality of Russia are in the 1st and the 6th house, respectively. The attempts of Peter the Great to develop Russia into a powerful industrial nation and to abolish some of the bad habits of the Russians, like alcoholism, were only partly successful (the ruler of the 6th house Neptune in Aries in the 6th house; Venus and Mercury in Aquarius in the 4th house). Moon square Uranus in opposition to Neptune revealed the aversion of the average Russian to the reform politics of Peter the Great and to

parts of those of Catharine the Great.

During the 18th century, three female tsars were in power for longer periods of time. One of them was Catharine the Great, who came to power in July 1762, when progressed MC was trining the Sun and Uranus was on the Descendant. During her reign, which lasted until 1796, Russia experienced impressive political results, including several successful wars against Turkey.

For most of her life Catharine felt a conflict between her Taurean Sun (the personality) and her Aquarian Ascendant (the purpose of the soul). The influence of Taurus made her very conservative in certain areas. She never questioned the foundation of the economy, which was mainly based on serfdom. Although she was sensual, vain and had numerous young lovers, she never lost her political savvy. She was industrious, conscientious and very dynamic thanks to her Sun/Mars conjunction in Taurus.

She accorded the Russian nobility certain rights, but maintained absolute power herself throughout her reign.

Because of her Ascendant in Aquarius, which she had in common with Russia, she was motivated to assist the farmers by introducing reforms and as a ruler, she endeavoured to act as humanely as possible.

She took an interest in the new ideas about politics, philosophy and forms of government and, like Frederic the Great of Prussia, she corresponded with Voltaire.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

The manifestation of Ray 5 from 1775 seems to have had impact on the Ray 5 soul of France and may be one of the explanations for the French Revolution, which together with the American War of Independence, is the most important political event in recent history.

The revolution broke out in 1789, when progressed MC, via a square aspect, triggered the big opposition between Uranus and the Jupiter/Sun conjunction. At the same time progressed Sun formed a similar square to Uranus and Jupiter, thus creating a grand cross in cardinal signs! This indicated a unique tension, because Jupiter and Uranus indirectly influenced the sign of Aquarius, that Pluto

was transiting during most of the revolution.

In 1789 Uranus entered Leo and possibly formed a conjunction with the Sun of France, which according to many calculations seems to be positioned 1 degree Leo.

During the same year Neptune passed Mars, which strengthened Ray 6 and explains the immense idealism and fanaticism with which many people reacted during that and the following years.

In France the wars and the court cost huge sums of money, and the burden of the taxes was arbitrary and unfair. To the commoners and the farmers the nobility appeared as a group which had maintained a string of social and economic advantages, but whose contributions to the state were not in keeping with these.

The country had suffered from failure of crops during the years preceding the revolution, which fuelled unrest among the poor in the country as well as in the cities.

After a number of unsuccessful attempts to improve the economy, the French King, Louis 16th summoned a general assembly of the estates of the realm to discuss the economic crisis in May 1789.

In the summer of 1789 representatives of the nobility, the clergy and the commonality (commoners and farmers) met; the latter introduced extensive political programmes, which reflected the philosophical ideas and political ideals of the time.

The hesitation of the king and the pressure from the commoners to gain influence turned the assembly of the estates of the realm into a National Assembly which worked out a new constitution for the country, transforming France into a constitutional monarchy in the process.

On the 27th of August 1789 the National Assembly issued the Proclamation of Human Rights, which established the inalienable right of the individual to freedom, personal safety and private property, as well as the right to rebel against suppression. The draft of the declaration was drawn up in Paris (Capricorn) by La Fayette, assisted by the American Ambassador Thomas Jefferson (Mercury conjunct Venus in Capricorn in the 4th house).

Alice Bailey writes about this event: “The combination of Piscean power in the Piscean Age, plus a potent Leo nature, enabled France at one time to express quite phenomenally its innate subjective tendency to save the world (for France is essentially on the Path of a world saviour); this was aided by the brilliant clear vision of the fifth and the third rays with their intellectual bias, plus the opportunity offered by Saturn, ruling Paris. This enabled France to stage The great French Revolution and strike one of the major blows for the release of humanity from bondage“.

“The recognition of the importance of the rights of humanity, AS A WHOLE, came to the world via France. It marked a climax and high point in the evolution of the nation. Since then Capricorn and Pluto have produced crystallisation and the death or obscuration temporarily of the then emerging soul aspect (speaking symbolically) and the note of France has not been a selfless one“ (DN 75).

Astrologically, it is significant that Saturn, transmitting the Ray 3 personality of France, transited Pisces in 1789, which, as the Ascendant of the nation, indicates the purpose of the soul and the principle of world salvation.

From 1789 to 1795 an increasing radicalisation took place in the country which was at the same time at war with the other European superpowers. This tightened the precautions against dissension of the frequently changing governments, causing the number of executions to rise.

On the 21st of January 1793 when Neptune had just entered the first decanate of Scorpio under the esoteric rulership of Mars, Louis 16th was executed on the guillotine as was later his queen, Marie Antoinette.

In that period Uranus was in conjunction with the Leo Ascendant and Pluto in conjunction with the Descendant in Aquarius in the horoscope of Paris.

The previous year the revolutionary France had been thrown into armed conflict with Prussia, Austria and Sardinia and in 1793 France declared war on Holland, Spain and Great Britain.

Robespierre, one of the powerful men of the revolution, had the Sun in Taurus. Pluto transited his Aquarian Ascendant in opposition to Uranus on his Descendant during the period where he, as the leader of France, created the infamous reign of terror, which was overthrown in 1794.

Subsequently, the wealthy middle classes seized power and secured support from General Napoleon whom, among other things, had proved himself highly efficient in controlling mass revolts.

By and large, both the rise and the successful Italian campaign of Napoleon coincided with the entry of Pluto into the sign of Pisces in 1797, which is the Ascendant of France.

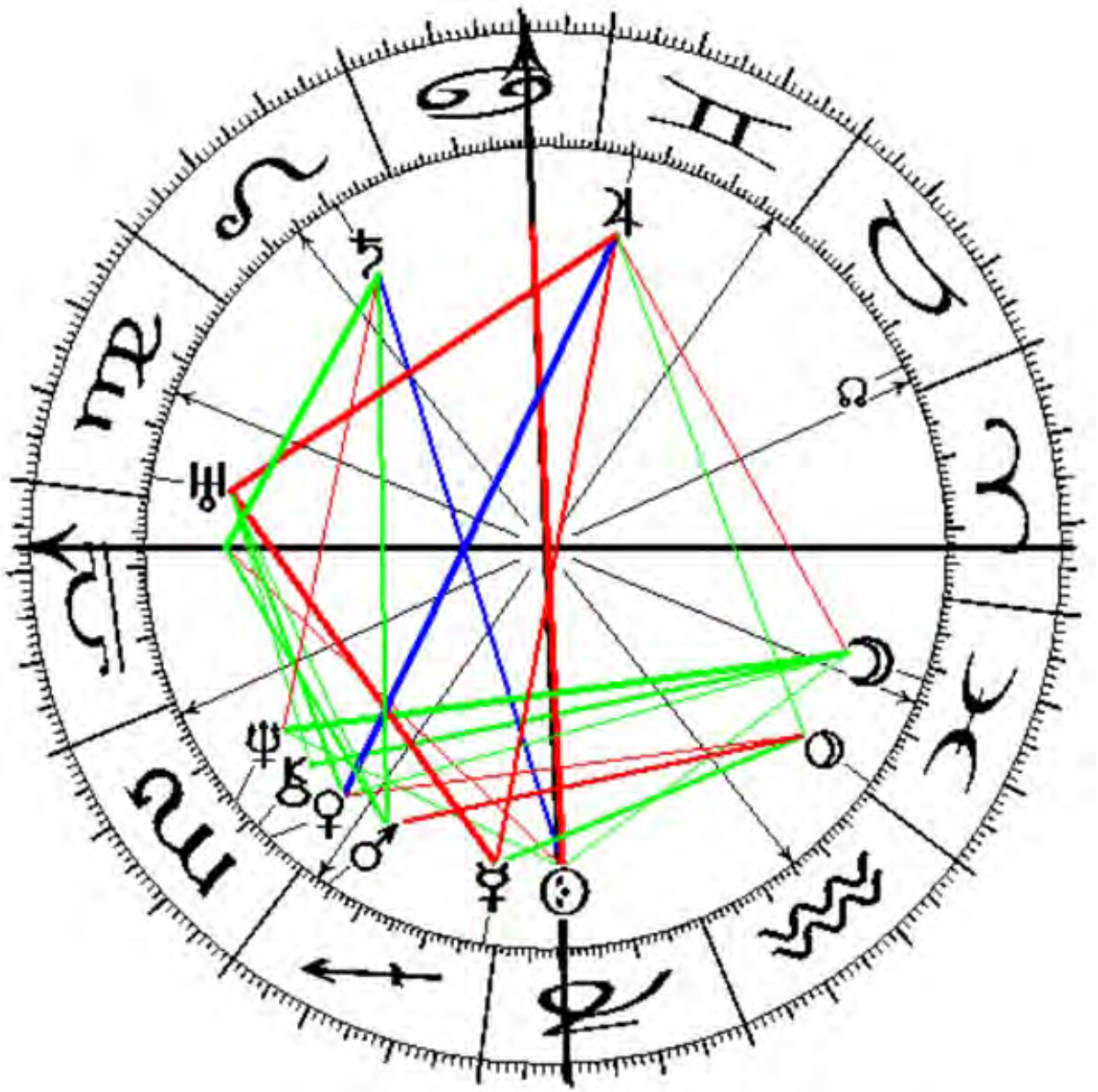
Napoleon seized power by a coup d'état on the 10th of November 1799 in Paris (Capricorn), thus becoming the dictator of the country (Saturn conjunct Pluto in Leo and Pluto conjunct Saturn in Aquarius).

Napoleon was a Ray 1 soul with a Ray 4 personality and had his sun in Capricorn, Sun sign of Paris. During the period 1797-1823 when Pluto was in Pisces, an unusually large number of political upheavals took place in France and Germany. A cycle came to an end and with this many old crystallised thoughtforms from the Piscean Age were destroyed. At the same time Napoleons troops circulated revolutionary ideas about freedom, equality and brotherhood in Europe, which after his fall in 1815 had changed irrevocably.

CHAPTER 4

THE CHART OF THE 1800S

One of the most important astronomical events in the 1800s was the discovery of the planet Neptune, because the symbolism and keywords of this planet are indicative of much of what happened during that century. It was discovered in 1846, during a time of potato plague in Europe, which, particularly in Ireland (Sun in Pisces) caused the death of millions of poor people. Furthermore, 1847 was a year of bad crops in the rest of Europe, which was one of the causes of the big revolutions in 1848, when Neptune entered the sign of Pisces ruled esoterically by Ray 1 planet Pluto. Some of the keywords of Neptune are dissolution, socialism and suffering and the planet is linked to the vegetable and animal kingdom via Ray 6.



The Chart of the 1800s

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Neptune also represents institutions, including hospitals, children's homes, monasteries and prisons, mysticism, religion, spiritism, romanticism, idealism, nationalism or national glamour, slavery, scandals, double standard of morality, navigation, gas, oil, impressionism and film.

The placement of both Pluto and the Moon in Pisces and the conjunction of Venus, Neptune and Chiron in Scorpio in the chart of the 19th century strongly

accentuate the water signs and the influence from Pisces and Neptune.

If we add the discovery of Neptune to the influence of Uranus, constituting the spiritual heritage of the 1700s, it becomes possible to understand many of the ideals and visions of the 1800s and see them as a continuation of those ideas which the leading philosophers of the previous century had been inspired to by Uranus.

At the beginning of the 19th century Europe was still predominantly an agricultural society, but during the 1800s agriculture was replaced by industry as main area of trade (Uranus in Virgo and Moon in the 6th house).

The explosion in population coupled with the migration from rural to urban areas caused the number of inhabitants in the big cities to multiply. At first industrialisation and urbanisation had catastrophic consequences for many people (Moon in Pisces in the 6th house), but in the long run the standard of living was improved and the foundation for the modern Welfare society was laid.

NATIONALISM AND ROMANTICISM

Astrology provides a clue to the nationalism, romanticism and passionate attitude to the past of the 1800s; Neptune is the esoteric ruler of Cancer, harbouring strong interests in nationalism and history, which can easily lead to idealisation of the past.

Among the middle classes and the intellectuals nationalism grew with the desire to see the state and the nation united.

Everybody who belonged to the same people and who had a common language, belief and past, constituted or ought to constitute a united nation. Royalty should not have the despotic power to keep a nation divided against the will of the people.

This did not necessarily imply that the borders of the people and those of the states were to be identical, as the struggle for the particular goals of a nation did not always result in respect for the demands of other nations.

Nationalism became a very powerful driving force in the development of the

1800s, inspiring several politicians to make the unification of the nation or national issues the focal point of the people; for some this was a convenient deviation from domestic political problems. National unifications were often created through wars with neighbouring countries (7th house ruler Mars in Sagittarius in the 3rd house).

Romanticism had a passion for the past, not least the Middle Ages, which were considered a mystical and heroic golden age; during the 1800s it became popular to collect folktales and translate sagas. People also looked for a philosophical justification for the existence and territorial demands of a country through its national history.

In architecture attempts were made to express national identity, which brought the Gothic style back into fashion. The Ray 6 energy of Neptune was clearly reflected in Gothic architecture, which was an expression of the Christian aspiration of the middle ages towards the highest and purest spiritual ideal.

Therefore, railway stations, hospitals and city halls ended up looking like a mixture of old cathedrals and robber barons' castles, with modern amenities (Saturn, ruler of the 4th house, in Leo in the 10th house and the Moon in Pisces).

The romantic worship of the beauty of the past can also be seen as a reaction against the pollution and social misery brought about by industrialisation (Neptune square Saturn).

With his demonic power, beauty, cleavage of mind and famous "Weltschmerz" the English poet Lord Byron was a typical exponent of the romantic poets.

His Ascendant was in Cancer, the Moon in Cancer in the 2nd house square Neptune, esoteric ruler of the Ascendant, placed in Libra in the 5th house.

This tension between the Moon, a non-sacred planet, and sacred Neptune reflected the fundamental cleavage between Byron's lower sensual nature and Ray 4 personality (The Moon) and the refined poetry and longing for the highest spiritual love of his Ray 6 soul (Neptune).

Byron's Sun was in Aquarius and its esoteric ruler, Jupiter, was in Gemini, which is the Ascendant of Great Britain.

Charles Dickens, who also had the Sun in Aquarius and Jupiter in Gemini, wrote

The Pickwick Club and *Oliver Twist* while Neptune transited Aquarius from 1834 to 1848. In the novel *Oliver Twist* Dickens expressed his indignation at the miserable conditions poor children and orphans of the past had to endure in English institutions.

LIBERALISM

Uranus and Jupiter also had an impact on the political and economic way of thinking that liberalism brought about by the English industrial revolution and which became a prominent philosophy during the entire period (Jupiter in Gemini in the 9th house and Mercury and Mars in Sagittarius).

The starting-point was Newton's mechanical-physical picture of the world: the economic world was a system of forces all working in different directions thereby maintaining harmony. Interference, which restricted the free play of these powers, would upset the equilibrium of the system. The motivation was the selfishness of the individual, which made him strive after personal gain and happiness, as far as the striving of others allowed (Mars in Sagittarius). By letting the system work out as freely as possible within the parameters of the law, the greatest possible happiness for the biggest numbers was ensured.

The most influential of the classical economists were the British Adam Smith (1723-90), T.R. Malthus (1766-1834), and David Ricardo (1772-1823), who via their studies made national economics an independent university subject.

Adam Smith, who published his famous *Wealth of Nations* in 1776 in which he outlined the theory of economic liberalism, had the Sun in Gemini and Venus, its esoteric ruler, in Taurus, Sun sign of Great Britain. While Smith was not against a certain intervention from the State for the benefit of the less fortunate, this was largely rejected by political liberalism.

David Ricardo, who worked out a theory on land rentals and carried out the first in-depth analysis of the division of labour, had the Sun in Aries and Mercury, its esoteric ruler, in Taurus.

Thomas Malthus, who founded his population theory in his most famous work *Essay on the Principles of Population* in 1798 had the Sun in Aquarius, Jupiter in Leo, the Ascendant sign of London and a grand trine in fire signs.

Like Alice Bailey, Malthus claimed that unless the birth-rate was restricted, the increase in population would always surpass the increase in foodstuff, which would result in a continual battle for survival and a working class with a minimum salary.

Political liberalism grew in tandem with economic liberalism; this was based on the introduction of democracy and free constitutions, which kept it in constant conflict with the absolute governments.

The nationals (Neptune) and the liberals (Uranus) found a meeting point in the demand for self-determination and political freedom of the people, which explains the emergence of a string of national-liberal parties during the century.

The germ of these ideas, syntheses and parties was possibly sown in the collective consciousness during the great Uranus/Neptune conjunction in Capricorn in 1820/21.

Liberalism and the horrors of the French Revolution alarmed the governments around Europe and made them join the reactionary, Russian inspired “Holy Alliance” after the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 (Uranus conjunct Mars, ruler of the 7th house).

In the European States the national-liberals agitated for democracy, the national state as well as freedom of speech, religion and the press (Jupiter in the 9th house square Uranus square Moon in opposition to Mercury trine Pluto).

At the same time the 19th century was marked by political suppression of these new ideals, and demonstrations, rebellions and threats of revolution met with violent resistance from the police and the army (Saturn in Leo square Neptune and Pluto square Mars).

Socialism

The revolution in France had not succeeded in creating the ideal, free society people had aspired towards. Only the middle classes had obtained a small slice of the political power, and typically only a few percent of the male population had the franchise. Therefore, some philosophers looked for quite different ways of realising the ideals of freedom, equality and brotherhood, which had been the big slogans of the French Revolution.

The French utopian socialists put forward models in which the state was abolished and where people lived in direct, self-sufficient close democracies.

However, the socialist ideas were given a new and far more extreme and effective form by Karl Marx, whose political philosophy was based on an analysis of history from an economic perspective.

Karl Marx had the Sun in Taurus and an Aquarian Ascendant, which is the opposite distribution of signs from that of Moscow, where he was worshipped like a god throughout the entire Soviet communist era.

The pattern of development was a class struggle between the owners of the means of production and the much larger working class who was the producer. It was the struggle between master and slave, feudal lord and tenant, and between factory owners and workers which was the fundamental theme in history. Through an immanent violent revolution the working class would seize power from the upper classes and then everybody would “perform according to ability and enjoy according to need”. By the take-over of all the means of production by the state the profit motive of capitalism would cease to exist and the very foundation of the class struggle would then disappear. Marx underestimated nationalism as he was of the opinion that the proletariat had no native country.

When Neptune was conjunct Pluto in the beginning of Pisces during the big revolutions in 1848-49, Karl Marx published his “Communist Manifesto”, in which he urged the working classes of the whole world to unite in order to overthrow the state.

Later opinions differed regarding Marxist theories; the so-called “revisionists” claimed that the extension of the franchise which was taking place in a number of Western European countries during the last half of the 19th century would enable the working class to seize power without revolution, because it constituted the majority.

The growth of industry, combined with the social misery this caused, initially created a need to establish efficient workers’ organisations which were able to improve the conditions of the workers, and one of the biggest successes of the Hierarchy was the creation of the modern Labour Movement during the 1800s.

When Neptune went into Aquarius in 1834 the Chartists movement emerged in England. They constituted the first organised labour movement with a social

revolutionary programme, which among other things demanded universal and secret franchise.

The weavers established the first co-operative society in Rochdale in England in 1844, when Uranus was in the 6th house, conjunct the Descendant.

After the defeat of France by Germany in 1870-71 the workers and citizens of Paris revolted and attempted to create a communist society - a so-called commune - via a revolt.

However, the recently formed French Republic crushed this Commune with bloody mass-executions in the spring of 1871 (Pluto opposition Neptune and Saturn conjunct Sun/IC in Capricorn). Paris has the Sun in Capricorn and France the Sun in Leo and Ascendant in Pisces.

In 1863 the first German Social Democratic Party was founded (Uranus conjunct Jupiter) and in 1864 representatives of a great variety of socialist groups established the First International, which was to co-ordinate the activities of the different branches (Neptune conjunct DSC).

Due to the beginning of the Ray 7 subray-cycle from 1860, and the Sun in Aries and the progressive Ascendant in Sagittarius from 1879, many trade organisations and workers' parties were founded towards the end of the century; several social laws were passed, some of which improved the position of women.

When Uranus was conjunct IC in 1906 and Neptune conjunct MC in the chart of the 20th century the English workers' party, Labour Party, was set up. This had the Sun in Aquarius, Jupiter in Taurus and a grand cross around 5-7 degrees in cardinal signs (Nicholas Champion: Book of World Horoscopes 461).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Around 1690 an agricultural revolution had started in England. It spread to the rest of Europe where the abolition of serfdom and the open field system, new technology and better opportunities for investment created a more efficient form of agriculture (North Node in Taurus in the 8th house and Uranus in Virgo).

This development gained momentum while Pluto and Neptune transited Taurus

and MC transited Virgo between 1851-89. For instance, the reaper-binder was invented, when Pluto and Uranus had just entered the sign of Taurus in 1851.

At first these new machines found their use on the vast flat prairies in America and Canada, which increased the yield and reduced the prices of grain. In Russia and Poland railways were built to facilitate the transport of grain to the export ports at the Black Sea and at the Baltic.

When Neptune entered Taurus and the 8th house in 1874/75, European agriculture entered a crisis caused by, among other things, the competition from cheap grain from Russia and the U.S.A.

In Northwestern Europe in particular, this resulted in a reorganisation of agriculture to horticulture, pig breeding and dairy farming with a view to export.

The milk yield of the cows increased, because of better feeding, more efficient combating of disease and improved breeds of cattle. With Uranus in Virgo from the 1880s, dairy farming was industrialised and the invention of refrigerator ships made export of animal products faster and more profitable than ever before.

The new chemical industry supplied crop sprays for combating plant diseases, which had been rampant for centuries (Neptune conjunct Venus in Scorpio in the 2nd house. Venus rules the vegetable kingdom and Neptune chemical industry, including poisonous substances).

MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

Thanks to improved diet and hygiene, development in medical science and general economic growth Europe experienced a bigger increase in population than other parts of the world during the 1900s (Moon in Pisces in the 6th house trine Venus and Uranus in Virgo).

Urban development and improvements within agriculture, industry and medicine made it possible to meet the needs of the growing population and several places even raised the standard of living.

The birth rate also rose, because people married at an earlier age and therefore had children earlier (Venus, ruler of the 8th house, conjunct Neptune in Scorpio

sextile Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, in the 12th house in Virgo trine Moon in Pisces in the 6th house).

The possibilities for work and higher salaries tempted many people to move to the cities from the country. Many Poles went to the mines in the North of France or to the Ruhr district in Germany to find work, and numerous skilled labourers left Scotland to work in England (Mars in Sagittarius in the 3th house).

The immigration to overseas continents, particularly the U.S.A., also had an impact on the increase of population and this emigration rose dramatically during the last half of the century. The biggest Irish emigration to the U.S.A. happened in 1845-46, when the catastrophic failure of the potato harvest, followed by epidemics, had taken the life of approximately 3 million Irish people (Jupiter, ruler of the 6th house (the Sun of Ireland in Pisces) in Gemini (U.S.A.) in the 9th house and Neptune, ruler of the 6th house, in Scorpio).

In Russia, Jews were persecuted so they had to flee or emigrate to Western Europe or to America (Saturn (the Jews) in Leo (Russia) square Neptune (victim)).

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Industry and agriculture would not have developed at such a rate had a similar revolution not taken place within overland - and seaborne transport (Jupiter in Gemini).

When the first English railway was opened in September 1825, progressed Ascendant formed a trine to Jupiter, ruler of the 3rd house, while Neptune was conjunct IC. Several types of steam-trains had already appeared at that time. However in 1829 George Stephenson in England succeeded in creating the type of machine which was to become the model for all subsequent locomotives (ASC sextile Mercury).

In England, new roads and canals were constructed early in the century and later railways and steamships appeared, all of which eased passenger traffic as well as the transport of raw materials and manufactured goods (Mars and Mercury in Sagittarius in the 3rd house and Neptune, ruler of the 6th house, in Scorpio in the 2nd house conjunct Venus).

New industrial zones sprang up along the railways and canals, because these made possible the export of goods to foreign countries from the fast growing English ports (Jupiter, ruler of the 3rd and the 6th house in Gemini in the 9th house).

In 1851, the year of the first World Exhibition in London (MC trine Mercury, Uranus conjunct Pluto in Taurus Sun sign of Great Britain) half of all the railways in the world and half of the ocean-going ships were English.

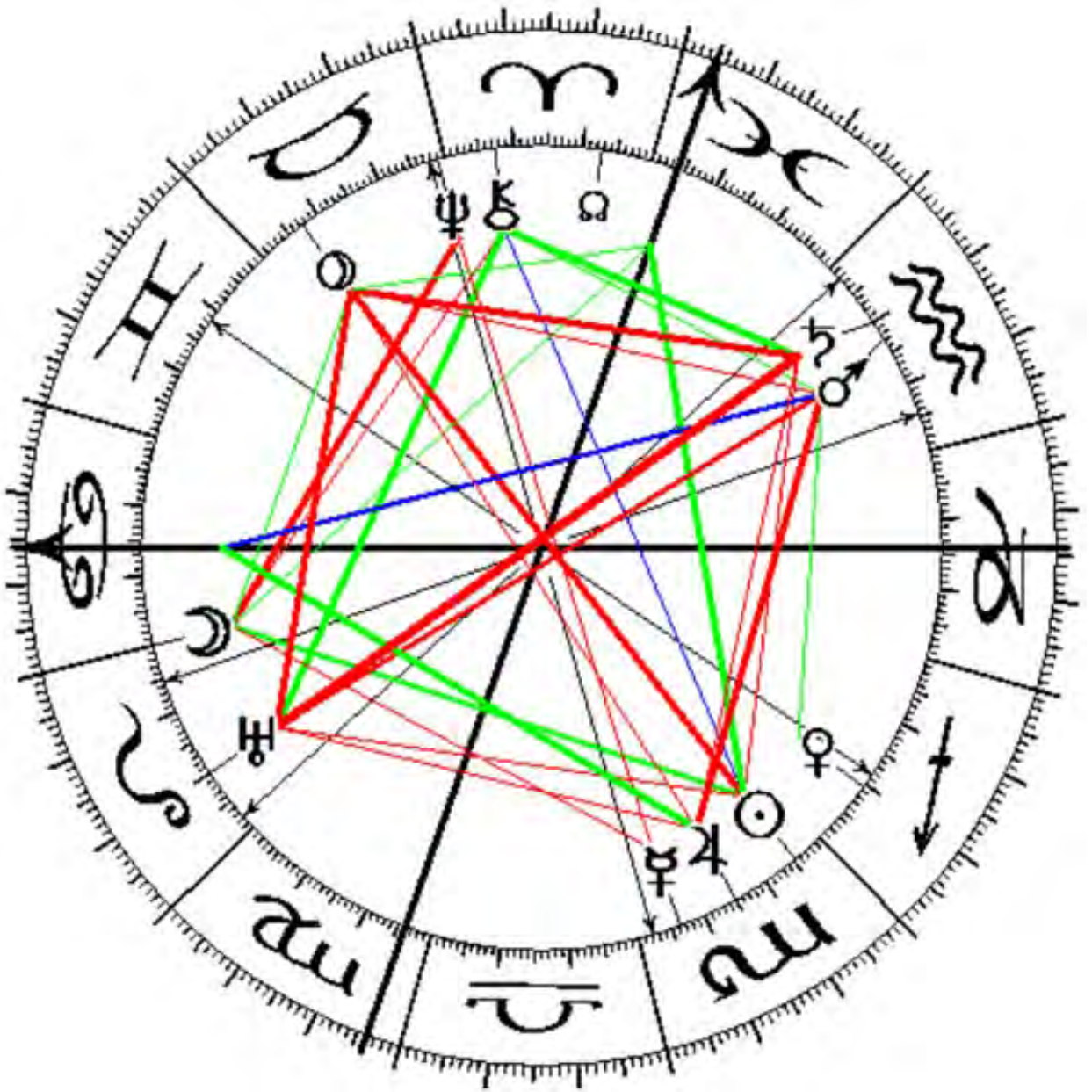
At the same time the development of the internal combustion engine progressed considerably. In 1860, when Uranus was in Gemini in the 9th house, the Frenchman Etienne Lenoir succeeded in making a vehicle driven with the help of an internal combustion engine.

After 1880, when Pluto slowly entered Gemini between 1882-85, several inventors continued working with the development of the internal combustion engine and during this time the refinement and mass-production of the bicycle also occurred.

With the Ascendant moving through Sagittarius and the 3rd house and Pluto and Neptune in Gemini in the 9th house, a revolution in education started in Europe towards the end of the 19th century: for the first time attempts were made to provide free and compulsory education for all children in most European countries. The new thoughts about school politics were a continuation of the educational ideas, which had already made their presence, felt during the Age of Enlightenment.

Within the area of spiritual science, modern psychic research came into existence. The Theosophical Society was inaugurated in 1875 in New York when progressed Sun was in opposition to Uranus and square Mercury. At the same time Neptune was entering the 8th house conjunct North Node in Taurus, which is a sign that rules the Group of World Servers.

Theosophy and the Theosophical Society gained substantial ground from 1885 to 1914, when Neptune and Pluto went through Gemini and the 9th house.



The Theosophical Society

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Under the influence of the same aspects an explosive growth within all areas of communication took place. The invention of the rotary press increased the circulation and sales of newspapers, while the development of the electrical train, the bicycle, the subway, the car, faster trains and steamships contributed to the shortening of distances.

THE POSITION OF WOMAN

A negative effect of Victorianism, named after Queen Victoria of Great Britain (double Gemini) was the idealisation of love: While men were given larger freedom to experiment, the sexuality of women was notably suppressed. Wealthy women who gave in to their feelings and broke out of their vegetative isolation could end up as poor workers, unemployed or prostitutes, and many died from infections while carrying out their despised trade (Venus conjunct Chiron and Neptune, ruler of the 6th house, in Scorpio).

The Sun of Sigmund Freud was placed in the 8th house of the Hundred Years' chart, while his Scorpio Ascendant was conjunct Neptune in Scorpio. He did a lot of research in the interpretation of dreams, hypnosis and female psychology and sexuality. All through his life Freud fought against the erotic double standard of morality of the 1800s.

Freud's famous work "Interpretation of Dreams" was published in 1899, when Neptune, the planet of therapy and dreams, was conjunct Jupiter in Gemini in the 9th house.

Working women were exploited in the factories where they were quickly worn down by the physically demanding work; or they worked as maids or seamstresses or were locked up in the poorhouse if they were unable to support themselves (Moon in Pisces in the 6th house).

Nevertheless, in the long run industrialisation contributed towards the emancipation of women because it provided them with employment opportunities as nurses, teachers, secretaries or telephone operators and in that way they were able to earn a salary, for the first time in history (Venus in the 2nd house trine Moon in the 6th house).

NAVIGATION AND ELECTRICITY

With Pluto, the Moon, Venus and Neptune in watersigns big changes occurred during this period within navigation and the shipbuilding industry.

Even after the steam engine had been put to use as motive power, sails remained popular for a long time. The unwieldy and energy-consuming paddle wheel was

gradually replaced by the propeller, which the Swede John Ericsson patented in 1836, when Uranus was conjunct natal Pluto in the sign of Pisces.

The use of iron in shipbuilding made a steady increase in tonnage possible. In 1876 when Saturn was conjunct natal Pluto, a four-stroke internal combustion engine was constructed, the principle of which is still used in millions of engines, with very few changes.

Gustav De Lavel in 1883 and Charles Parsons in 1884 produced the first successful steam turbines, when transit Uranus was conjunct natal Uranus in Virgo and the Ascendant was in conjunction with Mars in Sagittarius in the 3rd house.

Between 1894 and 1897 when Uranus was conjunct Neptune and Venus in Scorpio, Charles Parsons built the first successful turbine powered ship, and since then the turbine has been used in several of the biggest ships in the world.

People developed great skill in applying electricity in practical ways during the 1800s; this is particularly linked to Uranus in Virgo.

As an example, H.C. Ørsted, who was a Leo with Uranus in Gemini, discovered electromagnetism and Ampere his law on electricity in 1820, at the time of the conjunction between Uranus and Mercury in Sagittarius in the 3rd house.

The significance of electricity for telecommunication became evident shortly after Ørsted's discovery, with Ampere's idea about creating an electrical telegraph. Other important steps in the development of the international communication system of our time was Graham Bell's telephone from 1876 (Sun square Mercury opposing Uranus) and Marconi's and Poulsen's wireless telegraph from 1898 (Uranus in the 3rd house conjunct Mars).

In 1878, when MC was conjunct Uranus in the Hundred Years' chart of the U.S.A., Thomas Edison, inspired by the Masters, invented the electrical incandescent lamp, which signalled the beginning of the use of electric light, first in the cities and later in rural areas all over the world.

Thomas Edison's Sun was in Aquarius with its esoteric ruler Jupiter in Gemini, the Sun sign of America which has Aquarius Rising in its soul chart.

THE HOSPITAL SERVICE AND THE RED CROSS

The discovery of Neptune in 1846 seems to have influenced the further development of nursing and of the hospital service during the last half of the century.

With Pluto in Pisces and The Moon in the same sign in the 6th house, Uranus in Virgo in the 12th house and Neptune, ruler of the 6th house, in the 2nd, it is not surprising that the hospital service made a quantum leap during this period.

With progressed MC in Virgo the progressed Sun and Neptune in Pisces from 1849 to 1879 there was a stronger focus on Mercury, Jupiter, Pluto and Neptune, which are linked to Virgo and Pisces and represent healing, health, disease and hospitals.

Many hospitals were built in the 1700s, but conditions were often extremely poor in terms of care and hygiene. Pastor Theodor Fliedner founded the Nursing Sisters' Institution in Germany (Sun in Pisces) in 1836, when Uranus entered Pisces and conjoined natal Pluto.

This institution had considerable influence outside Germany, where religiously orientated nursing schools were established in several places like London and Lausanne. When Neptune was conjunct the descendant and Uranus conjunct Jupiter, ruler of the 6th house, a Nursing Sisters' Institution (the so-called "Diakonisse Stiftelse") was established in Copenhagen in 1863.

In 1854 the Crimean War broke out, with Russia on the one side and Germany, France and England on the other (MC opposition Pluto).

In the same year when transit Neptune was about to enter the 6th house in Pisces, the English nurse Florence Nightingale arrived in the Crimea, where she established the first nursing by females in war situations.

Florence Nightingale - who probably had Virgo Rising - had her Moon, its esoteric ruler, conjunct the Sun in Taurus (the Sun sign of England) in the 9th house, and Pluto in Pisces conjunct the Descendant in the 7th house.

Pluto, the esoteric ruler of Pisces, transited Taurus, Florence Nightingale's Sun sign, between 1851 and 1885, when her most important initiatives were taken.

Her unselfish work during the Crimean War contributed considerably to the development of modern hospitals, where she played a significant part in making women's work as nurses respectable. Later she organised nursing in the English hospitals and in 1860 she founded a nursing school in London, when progressed Mercury was in conjunction with Venus in Cancer in her 10th house in her birth chart.

In October 1863, when Neptune went retrograde over the Descendant and Uranus was conjunct Jupiter, Henri Dunant founded the Red Cross in Switzerland, which has the Sun in Aquarius, ruled by Jupiter and Uranus. Henri Dunant had the Sun in Taurus, the Moon in Pisces and a Mars/Neptune conjunction in Capricorn.

The main purpose of the organisation was to provide assistance in war situations, but later it also took on projects during peace times, including the education of nurses.

On the 22nd of August 1864 Neptune was on the Descendant; this coincided with the Geneva Convention which aimed at humanising warfare, particularly the treatment of the wounded and of prisoners of war.

MEDICAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH SERVICE

Progress within medical science made it possible to reduce incidents of diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough and typhoid, which until then had caused a high infant mortality rate (Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, in Virgo).

The Scottish doctor James Simpson was the first to introduce the use of chloroform to ease childbirth and during operations. His Sun was in Gemini conjunct Jupiter in the 6th house and his Ascendant in Sagittarius with its esoteric ruler, the Earth, conjunct Neptune in the 12th house.

When Neptune was conjunct Chiron in Aquarius in James Simpson's chart he applied - as the first person ever - chloroform as an anaesthetic on the 8th of November 1847.

The German Robert Koch proved that particular germs cause different diseases and he isolated the tubercle bacillus.

When Uranus was conjunct Chiron, ruler of the 12th house, the German physicist William Röntgen (Sun in Aries with Leo Rising) discovered x-rays in November 1895, which led to big advances within diagnosis and surgery.

Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium and radioactivity in Paris in 1898, when Uranus was conjunct Mars and Neptune conjunct Jupiter.

The health services also benefited from the advances taking place within research and medical science. Many worked to improve hygiene in the cities, where the construction of sanitary installations, sewers, water supplies and sewage discharge had a huge effect on public health (Neptune, ruler of the 6th house, conjunct Venus in Scorpio trine the Moon in Pisces in the 6th house).

By 1900 cholera, which between 1830 and 1850 had devastated Paris and London in particular, had been eradicated in the industrial cities.

During the last quarter of the century several new sports, including soccer or football, began making their presence felt in many European countries (Mars in Sagittarius and Saturn, ruler of the 5th house, in Leo).

It may have been the intention of the Hierarchy that modern national wars should be fought on the soccer fields, which is the expression of Mars in Sagittarius, on a higher level.

With eleven players in each team, the association with Aquarius, which is the 11th sign is obvious and as the number 11 is also related to initiation, soccer could symbolise the combination of creative self-expression and initiation into group consciousness, which is the goal held before us in the Age of Aquarius.

The English Football Association was founded the 15th of January 1863, when 5th house ruler Saturn was in conjunction with the Ascendant and MC formed a trine to the Sun, ruler over 11th house. In 1862 when plans for the manifestation of the Association and rules for the new game probably was developed, Saturn and Jupiter was in conjunction with 5th house ruler Uranus, that transmit Ray 7, strongly connected with organised sport.

In 1896, the first modern international Olympic Games were held in Athens, when Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, was conjunct Venus. At the same time Saturn, also 5th house ruler, was conjunct Neptune while Jupiter was in Leo in the 11th house.

THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

When Uranus was conjunct Mars, Napoleon was defeated on the 18th of June 1815 at Waterloo by the united Prussian troops led by General Von Blücher and English troops led by the English General Wellington.

This event was the decisive defeat of The French Revolution, and it initiated a completely new phase in European and international politics.

The victorious powers, Russia, Prussia, Austria and England met in Vienna as early as 1814 to establish a system designed to prevent a repetition of the chaos which The French Revolution and Napoleon had created in Europe.

The result of the negotiations at the Congress of Vienna was a new superpower structure and an agreement about frontiers, which was largely the work of Austrian Prime Minister Metternich who, like the Duke of Wellington, had a Uranus/Sun conjunction in Taurus.

With the purpose of maintaining the reactionary system of government which defeated revolutionary France, the superpowers also made an agreement in terms of which combined intervention was possible in the case of national revolution.

The Big European Revolutions

Between 1819 and 1849 when MC went through Leo and the Sun through Aquarius in the chart of the 19th century, three big revolutions broke out in Europe.

When transit Neptune and Uranus in 1819-20 passed Mercury 28 degrees in Sagittarius, the T-square between Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus was triggered and big revolutions broke out in South America and the Sagittarius countries Spain and Italy, but these were suppressed by the superpowers.

During the great Uranus/Neptune conjunction in Capricorn in 1821, the Greeks (Sun in Capricorn) rebelled against their Turkish masters, with the result that Greece was given independence at a conference in London in 1829 (Pluto conjunct DSC). Turkey has the Sun in Scorpio, ruled by Pluto.

In July 1830 another revolution broke out in Paris (Capricorn) where Charles

10th was ousted with Louis Phillip succeeding him on the French Throne (MC conjunct Saturn in Leo).

The events in Paris inspired several rebellions in Belgium, Poland, Italy (Ascendant in Leo) and to a limited degree Germany. On a number of occasions these rebellions threatened to act as catalysts for international conflicts.

While Belgium succeeded in obtaining independence from the Union with Holland thanks to English-French support, the Polish revolt was crushed by Russian troops and the Italian one by Austrian intervention.

The transit of Pluto through Aries between 1823 and 1851 had an impact on nations with an Aries Ascendant like Germany and Switzerland.

Influenced by revolutions in the neighbouring states, the political power of the aristocracy was diminished in Switzerland, where many of the cantons introduced democratic constitutions in 1830.

During the Sonderbund War from 1845 to 1847, seven cantons seceded from the federal state because of religious conflicts evoked by the Jesuits, in particular. During this period Pluto and Uranus were in Aries, the Ascendant sign of Switzerland, while Neptune was in Aquarius, its Sun sign.

Uranus and Pluto were still in Aries, when progressed Sun and Neptune went into Pisces to form a conjunction with natal Pluto in 1848; at this time big revolutions broke out in most European capitals.

These revolutions were a result of the failure of crops the previous year, as well as social protests from farmers and artisans who had been worst affected by the industrial revolution.

However, the national-liberals, represented by the well-off middle classes, showed the greatest skill in exploiting the political crisis; they succeeded several places in introducing liberal constitutions, which gave them the balance of power.

At the same time demands were made to establish national states in Germany, Italy, and Denmark and among the non-German subjects of Austria.

Belgium

With Mars in Sagittarius and Jupiter in Gemini in the Hundred Years' chart, Belgium (Ascendant in Gemini and Sun in Sagittarius) gained its freedom and experienced considerable growth as an industrial nation as well as a colonial power in the 1900s. As in England, natural resources of coal and iron were available: The textile town of Gent for example had a good geographical position between France and Germany.

Inspired by the July revolution in France in 1830, a spontaneous revolt broke out later that year in Brussels (Capricorn), where the citizens ousted the Dutch garrison (MC conjunct Saturn).

Holland responded by bombing Antwerp, which led to the proclamation of the independence of Belgium by a national assembly on the 18th of November. In the chart of the nation Holland has the Ascendant in Aquarius of which Saturn is one of the rulers.

Previously, a superpower congress had convened in London, during which Russia and Austria had wanted to intervene in order to re-establish the union; this had failed owing to the determined opposition of France and Great Britain.

On the 20th of December 1830, when the Sun was in Sagittarius, the London Congress recognised Belgium as a sovereign state, which became a constitutional monarchy the following year (Pluto conjunct DSC).

The independence of Belgium was another contributory factor to the development of the coal -, iron - and steel industry (Mars in Sagittarius in the 3rd house). With Brussels as a centre, a vast railway system was constructed which linked the country with France and Germany and with the ports from which England could be easily reached.

According to Alice Bailey, Brussels has the Sun in Capricorn and the Ascendant in Gemini, which may explain why the European Economic Community (E.E.C) and later the European Union (E.U.) chose the capital of Belgium as the centre of the organisation (DN 69).

Capricorn connects Brussels with Paris, Switzerland, Holland, Spain, Greece, Austria, Japan and Finland, while Gemini creates a link with the U.S.A., Great Britain, Poland, Belgium and with Norway, Sweden and Denmark, all of which

have the Sun in Gemini in their national charts from recent times.

During the 1800s the Belgian nation accumulated considerable wealth. This wealth was further increased by the acquisition of the Belgian Congo by Leopold the 2nd in 1885, when Saturn was conjunct Jupiter in the 9th house and Pluto had just entered the 9th house in Gemini, which is the Ascendant of Belgium.

In 1995, when Pluto entered Sagittarius and was conjunct Jupiter in the chart of the 20th century, the exposure of a paedophile case in Belgium became the catalyst for a prolonged political crisis. The crisis eventually challenged the efficiency of the police (Pluto) and the ethical standard of the judicial system (Sagittarius).

Pluto in Taurus 1851 - 85

In China, a violent and protracted farmers' rebellion broke out in 1850-51 when transit Pluto and Uranus had just entered Taurus, which is the Ascendant of China. The frightful rebellion lasted 16 years, left a river of blood in its trail and changed flourishing provinces to devastated, burnt-down deserts.

Moscow, with its Taurus Ascendant, also transformed during this period; the abolition of serfdom in 1861 caused the migration of many of the previous serfs to the capital, where they found employment in the fast expanding industry and trade sector.

When Moscow was the centre of a civil war in Russia during the early 1600s, Pluto was also in Taurus (see below).

Uranus, which was linked to Russia and Scandinavia via its rulership of Aquarius and Libra, transited Gemini and Taurus, the Sun sign and Ascendant of Poland respectively, during the early 1600s when Russia experienced "The Big Chaos".

During the period 1604 to 1613, Poland had intervened in the domestic politics of Russia when two different tsars were struggling for power, one supported by Poland and the other one by Sweden.

This karma seems to return to Poland, and also to Sweden and Russia, if we pay attention to the transit of Uranus through Gemini and Taurus during the

following centuries.

When Uranus was in Gemini, the Polish parliament elected August the Strong as king in 1696, that planned an alliance with Russia and Denmark-Norway against Sweden.

Poland was divided between Austria, Russia and Prussia in 1772, when Uranus was in Taurus, and it was completely destroyed by the same countries at the 3rd division in 1795, when Saturn transited Taurus. Saturn rules Capricorn, the Sun sign of Prussia and Austria, but also Aquarius, the Ascendant of Russia.

When Uranus transited Gemini and Pluto transited Taurus, a Polish rebellion against Russian dominion broke out in 1863. The revolt was quickly suppressed and severe retaliatory measures, executions, banishments and confiscations of property followed in its wake.

When Uranus again was in Taurus and Gemini from 1934 to 1949, Poland was attacked and occupied by Germany 1939 and in 1944 by the Soviet Union, which forced a communist regime on the country. Obviously, Ray 7 Uranus played a big role for Russia, and also for the Third Reich which had an Aquarian Sun.

When Uranus entered Taurus in 1600, England began establishing its global empire; this development continued while Pluto transited Taurus and Gemini, ruling Great Britain, between 1608 and 1670. Pluto transmit Ray 1, the personality ray of Great Britain.

From 1851 to 1914, when Pluto and Neptune transited Taurus and Gemini, Great Britain reached its height as a colonial power. Simultaneously it lost its position as the most powerful trading and industrial nation in the world to countries like Germany and America, where more up-to-date methods of production and marketing had been developed. When Pluto transited Leo during the 1950es and thus formed a square to the sign of Taurus, Great Britain accorded many of its former colonies independence.

Maybe the above mentioned planetary cycles are examples of what Alice Bailey had in mind when she wrote that a future science will appear concerning “ways in which to define those factors in the past which are the causes of events in the present” (DN 64).

THE UNICIFICATION OF ITALY

Three people must be mentioned in connection with the creation of modern Italy during the period 1858 to 1861: Mazzini, Cavour and Garibaldi.

Giuseppe Mazzini had the Sun in Cancer with Neptune, its esoteric ruler, conjunct Jupiter in Scorpio. Neptune thus linked him to the Ray 6 soul of Italy and the Moon with its Ray 4 personality.

Mazzini founded the revolutionary coalition “Young Italy” and gave form to the radical Italian ideas of freedom. He was forced to flee Italy to go into exile in London, from where he patiently followed the development of his country for many years. In a manifesto he proclaimed in 1831, he said that the new Italy must be founded on ideas of national unity, independence and freedom. The Austrians, who since the Congress of Vienna possessed vast areas of land in Italy, must be thrown out and a free democratic constitution introduced (Charles de Motte: *The Inner Side of History* 130).

Some of Mazzini’s many grand and noble qualities were his determination never to betray what he considered truth and justice and to completely sacrifice himself for these ideals, for Italy and for humanity. The English newspaper “The Times” characterised him as “... A genius and a man of strong character, one of those rare people worthy of being called a martyr”.

When, much later, the goal had been reached, it was said about him that “He alone was awake, while everybody else was asleep, he alone kept the sacred fire burning”.

It is therefore obvious that the influence of Ray 6 and of Neptune was the spiritual driving force which kept this great disciple going year after year during: “... the painful, eleven year long process during which a saint was born in the sombre atmosphere of a London boarding house”, as historian G. M. Trevelyan described it (*Grimbergs Verdenshistorie* vol. 14, 296-98).

Mazzini’s ideas resonated in many parts of the liberal world, particularly in England, but they also influenced the King of Sardinia, who later, with his Prime Minister Cavour, initiated the unification of Italy and the ousting of the Austrians.

Camillo Cavour was another important person in the drama, which led to the unification of Italy, and he must be regarded as one of the greatest political geniuses and Napoleon's disciples of the 1800s.

In his youth, he was interested in railways, maths and studies of political economics and as his political role model was Machiavelli, there is reason to assume that he was a Napoleon 3 personality with a Napoleon 1 soul. He was strong willed and courageous, astute and calculating but was also capable of flexibility in critical situations; when he considered it necessary to lie, he was clever enough to keep a record of his lies.

Nevertheless his intentions and motives were absolutely altruistic: They revolved around the Royal House of Sardinia and the welfare of Italy. Before his death in 1861, when he was 51 years old and during his Chiron return, he is reported to have said: "Let my name and reputation die as long as Italy becomes a free country" (Grimberg, vol. 14, 463).

As a Leo (the Ascendant of Italy) Cavour was fully aware of his abilities and knew, with supreme self-confidence that nobody else other than himself was able to perform the monumental work that constituted the unification of Italy with the very limited means at his disposal.

The third person who also played an important role in the unification of Italy was Giuseppe Garibaldi. He had a Leo Ascendant and the Sun in Cancer, and its esoteric ruler Neptune was placed in Sagittarius, the Sun sign of Italy.

As a Sardinian naval officer he had been sentenced to death because of his participation in Mazzini's association "Young Italy". Subsequently, he fled to South America, where he became a privateer. He returned home in order to participate in the freedom rebellion of 1848, and although he was a republican, joined the forces of the Sardinian king with the purpose of fighting for the unification of Italy.

The first step in the process of unification was the alliance Cavour and Sardinia formed with France against Austria, which possessed vast territories in Italy. In 1859 Cavour succeeded in provoking a war with Austria, which was won by France/Sardinia.

In spite of Cavour's protests France and Austria made a peace agreement in terms of which the Italian principalities were returned to the Habsburg princess.

Unexpectedly, a popular rebellion on Sicily under Garibaldi in 1860 spread rapidly to the whole of Southern Italy. Cavour's Sardinian troops later joined Garibaldi's legions and together they drove the Austrians out of Italy with the result that Italy was unified in 1860 (ASC conjunct Venus).

The Kingdom of Italy was not formally established until the 17th of March 1861, at midnight when the Sun was in Pisces and the Ascendant in Sagittarius, which is the Sun sign of Italy (World Horoscopes 211). One could thus conclude that the purpose (which in esoteric astrology can be found in the Ascendant) of the newly formed Italy was to work towards further integration of its personality.

THE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

The dream of German political unity was fuelled by the humiliations of that country during the Napoleonic Wars between 1800 and 1815, when Pluto was in Pisces. In 1806, when Neptune entered Sagittarius, Napoleon threw Prussia back, and on the 21st of December proclaimed the continental system from Berlin, his intention being to break England economically by closing off its trade with Europe.

In spite of the political conservatism prevalent after the Congress of Vienna, the dream of German unification remained, and the aspirations of unity were increasingly directed towards Prussia, even though it was fast becoming the reactionary stronghold of Europe.

When Neptune entered Aquarius in 1834, the German Customs Union was established under Prussian leadership and it gradually gained support from most German states, except Austria.

The industrialisation of Germany was severely hampered by the political division of the country, and before 1850 few cities and regions had been influenced by industrial development. In Hamburg and Bremen there were port industries, in Bohemia the production of iron developed and in Saxony small textile industries manufacturing cotton were created.

The Ruhr district became famous because of its resources of high quality coal which is where Krupp's iron, steel and weapon company was established. This business was founded on the 21st of November 1820 with the Sun in Scorpio, Pluto in the Sun sign of Germany, Pisces, and Mars in Aquarius, Sun sign of the

Third Reich. Few countries or weapon companies have produced more weapons and caused more death and destruction than Germany and Krupp.

Alfred Krupp, the most skilful of the founders, had the Sun in Taurus ruled by Ray 5 planet Venus and Ray 1 planet Vulcan; the latter is linked to rearmament, destruction and production of weapons.

When progressed Sun and Neptune moved into Pisces in 1848, the revolution kindled new hopes of a German unification, but these failed concurrently with the reactionary victory in 1849 when progressed Sun and transit Neptune conjunct Pluto in Pisces.

Lincoln and Bismarck

With Neptune in Aries from 1861-62, several Ray 6 countries began manifesting many of the ideals that had emerged during the beginning of the period, when Neptune was in Sagittarius and Aquarius.

In 1861, serfdom was abolished in Russia; the American Civil War broke out when Abraham Lincoln declared war on the Southern States over of the issue of slavery (Pluto square Saturn).

In the same year Turkey had a new progressive leader who worked for reforms and increasingly oriented the country towards Europe.

In 1861 William 1 of Prussia ascended the Throne and made Otto Von Bismarck his Prime Minister after a governmental crisis in 1862.

Alice Bailey calls Lincoln and Bismarck race avatars whose appearance is evoked by the genius and destination of the race. Such race avatars often appear at the birth of a nation.

Bismarck and Lincoln are examples of the most powerful avatars which humanity itself has produced: "Such a man was Abraham Lincoln, coming forth from the very soul of a people, and introducing and transmitting racial quality - a quality to be worked out later as the race unfolds. Coming forth correspondingly from the realm of cosmic evil and responsible for the focus of materialism upon the planet today was Bismarck. Both men came forth within the same one hundred years, thus demonstrating the balance in nature and the constant

interplay of the pairs of opposites” (TXH 298).

Abraham Lincoln had the Sun in Aquarius, which is the Ascendant of America; this enabled him, via his personality, to receive that inspiration from the soul of the nation, which led to the Civil War, and the abolition of slavery.

Bismarck’s Ascendant was in Leo, which is the Sun sign of Berlin, his Moon in Capricorn (the Sun sign of Prussia) and his Sun in Aries, which is the Ascendant of Germany. He was a Ray 1 soul, which is the personality Ray of Germany, and a Ray 4 personality, which is the soul Ray of the nation (Michael Robbins Tapestry of the Gods Vol. II 514).

Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, the Sun sign of Bismarck, was in the sign of Pisces conjunct Pluto in the 8th house.

This reflects the fact that it is highly developed and intuitive politicians who via their personality are able to grasp and manifest new aspects of the soul of the nation working through the Ascendant and the soul ray. The masses mirror the personality of the country and are thus to a larger degree influenced by the Sun sign and the personality ray (DN 66-68).

Through wars with neighbouring states, including Denmark in 1864 (Uranus conjunct Jupiter in Gemini (the Sun sign of Denmark), Austria 1866 and France in 1870/71 (MC opposition Moon and Pluto opposing Neptune) Bismarck succeeded in unifying Germany. This took place while Neptune transited Aries and the 7th house of the Hundred Years’ chart and at the same time transited Bismarck’s Sun sign and his 9th house. Pluto and Neptune rule Pisces, the dominant sign of France and Germany. All historians agree that Bismarck was continually led towards his goals by intuition, courage, new ways of thinking and a striking imagination.

When Uranus was conjunct MC in 1867, Bismarck founded the North German Confederation with Prussia as the leading state.

Many other significant governmental and national reorganisations took place in 1867, when Uranus was conjunct MC and progressed Sun conjunct the Moon.

In England a far-reaching and more democratic parliamentary reform was implemented, U.S.A. bought Alaska from Russia and the new federal state, Dominion of Canada, was created.

Canada and London are influenced by Libra, the esoteric ruler of which is Uranus, while U.S.A. and Russia both have Aquarius on the Ascendant, ruled exoterically by Uranus.

Emperor Franz Joseph 1 of Austria, who had a Libra Ascendant like Austria, divided his empire between Austria and Hungary so that only the emperor, the army, finances and international politics were shared. Franz Joseph's chart is particularly interesting because of his Libra Ascendant and Leo Sun, a combination which, according to Alice Bailey, probably is prominent in the lifetime of the reversal of the wheel, that is where the individual takes the first initiation and consciously embarks on the path of discipleship.

The conjunction of the Sun, Saturn and the Moon in Leo in the same house in the chart of the Austrian Emperor is another indication that, in all likelihood, he took an initiation during his difficult life: "In connection with the horoscope of the Leo subject and the theme of initiation, I would point out that when the Sun, the Moon (hiding a planet) and Saturn are all combined in a certain house in the horoscope you have what is called the "sign" of the man who is to take initiation" (EA 183 298). According to the Royal records Franz Joseph was born on the 18th of August 1830, at 9:15 AM Vienna.

The Congress in Berlin in 1878

When yet another conflict in the Balkans threatened to develop into a major European war, Bismarck summoned an international conference during the summer of 1878 in Berlin; this was a visible indication that Germany had succeeded France as the leading power in Europe (MC conjunct Uranus). When Bismarck claimed that the Balkans did not warrant "the bones of one single Pomeranian grenadier", he offered to act as "the honest broker" in the conflict. He also succeeded in midwifing the birth of an English-Russian compromise, which among other things, recognised Romania, Serbia and Montenegro as sovereign states.

The new national boundaries were arbitrary and served only to maintain the Balkans as the powder keg of Europe, which was one of the causes of the World War in 1914 and the war in former Yugoslavia from 1991 to 1995.

As Bismarck could not avoid Russia feeling let down, the good understanding established between the two countries in 1863, when Bismarck supported Russia

in the suppression of The Polish Revolt, was marred (Ascendant conjunct Chiron).

After a war between Bulgaria and Serbia in 1885, which also threatened to involve Russia, another superpower conference in 1886 prevented this conflict in the Balkans from escalating (Uranus conjunct ASC).

IMPERIALISM

From 1878, when the Ascendant moved into Sagittarius and the Sun into Aries, European expansion gained further momentum, but it was during the 80s and the 90s, when Pluto and Neptune had entered the 9th house that the great period of Imperialism dawned in earnest.

Thanks to its voyages of discovery and world trade, Europe had initiated the creation of a global awareness as early as the 1600s. This was a New World without frontiers, linked to the manifestation of Rays 3 and 2 from respectively 1425 and 1575. Imperialism led to increased contact between different peoples and civilisations, and gradually the English language began connecting the countries in the world. The British Empire can be seen as a forerunner for the world government of which the germ can be detected in the United Nations today.

France, Germany, Belgium and Italy acquired vast territories in Africa and Indochina, and between 1871 and 1900 the British Empire increased by approx. 60 million people and 4 million square miles.

When the Ascendant was conjunct Mars in Sagittarius in 1884, Germany finally adopted active colonial politics in Africa by acquiring a colony, which was named German South West Africa. In that same year, which also saw the publication of Nietzsche's theory of the superman, the League of the Three Emperors between Austria, Russia and Germany was extended another three years.

When Neptune and Pluto transited Gemini, the Sun sign of America, between 1883 and 1914, it developed into a superpower due to among other factors its industry, trade, navy and stronger influence in the Pacific. At the same time, the U.S.A. took on the overall responsibility for Latin America to prevent possible European intervention in that part of the world. The fact that the rulers of the

U.S.A. are Gemini and Aquarius and Washington D.C. is ruled by Cancer which, according to Alice Bailey, is sign "... of particular significance ..." in the chart of the Earth suggests an explanation for the vast influence America has achieved in the world today (EA 351).

In 1898 when Neptune was conjunct Jupiter, Saturn in Sagittarius and Uranus conjunct Mars in Sagittarius, the U.S.A. acquired the Philippine islands in the Spanish-American War; during the same year its film industry was initiated, later to become world-renowned.

In this connection, there is a significant coherence between the rays and signs ruling the countries in question: Spain has the Sun in Capricorn and the Ascendant in Sagittarius, Neptune and Mars transmit the Ray 6 personality of the U.S.A. and the Ray 6 soul of Spain, while Gemini rules the U.S.A.

When in 1898 Uranus was conjunct Mars in Sagittarius in the 3rd house "The War of the Worlds" by H. G. Wells was published. This is a science fiction novel describing an invasion from Mars, which threatens the continued existence of humanity on planet Earth. H. G. Wells' Ascendant was in Aquarius and his Mars was conjunct Uranus in the 5th house.

Mars in Sagittarius also refers to South Africa with its Ascendant in Aries and Sun in Sagittarius. The Boer War between South Africa and Great Britain broke out in 1899, when Neptune was still conjunct Jupiter and Uranus conjunct Mars.

In 1996, when Saturn was in Aries and Pluto in Sagittarius, South Africa formed a new constitution, through which Apartheid Rule was abolished by President Nelson Mandela, who perhaps have Sagittarius rising.

The Hierarchical idea of settling political conflicts with the help of international arbitration and courts expanded towards the end of the 1800s, when Neptune and Pluto were in the 9th house and the Ascendant in Sagittarius.

Following an idea from Russia, the first international peace conference was held in 1899 in The Hague, during which The International Court of Justice was founded. At the conference 26 states agreed to a peaceful settlement of international conflicts, to rules concerning land warfare (Uranus conjunct Mars) and to the application of the principles of the Geneva Convention in connection with naval warfare (Neptune conjunct Jupiter).

At the second peace conference in The Hague in 1907 representatives from 44 states met and adopted a string of improvements to the conventions already agreed upon at the first conference (Uranus conjunct Sun).

Through their rayological links Uranus and Neptune refer to Russia, but also to Holland which has the Sun in Cancer (of which Neptune is the esoteric ruler) and the Ascendant in Aquarius, ruled by Uranus and Jupiter.

It is thus from Neptune, Uranus and Jupiter that an understanding of the contribution of Holland as a world server comes about, via its ruling signs.

Previously Holland utilised these energies in developing the art of painting and in building its navy, its international trade and its colonial empire in present Indonesia.

In the 20th century Holland has often demonstrated its will to make progressive changes, including the “provo” movement in the 60s and the liberal legislation concerning drugs and prostitution.

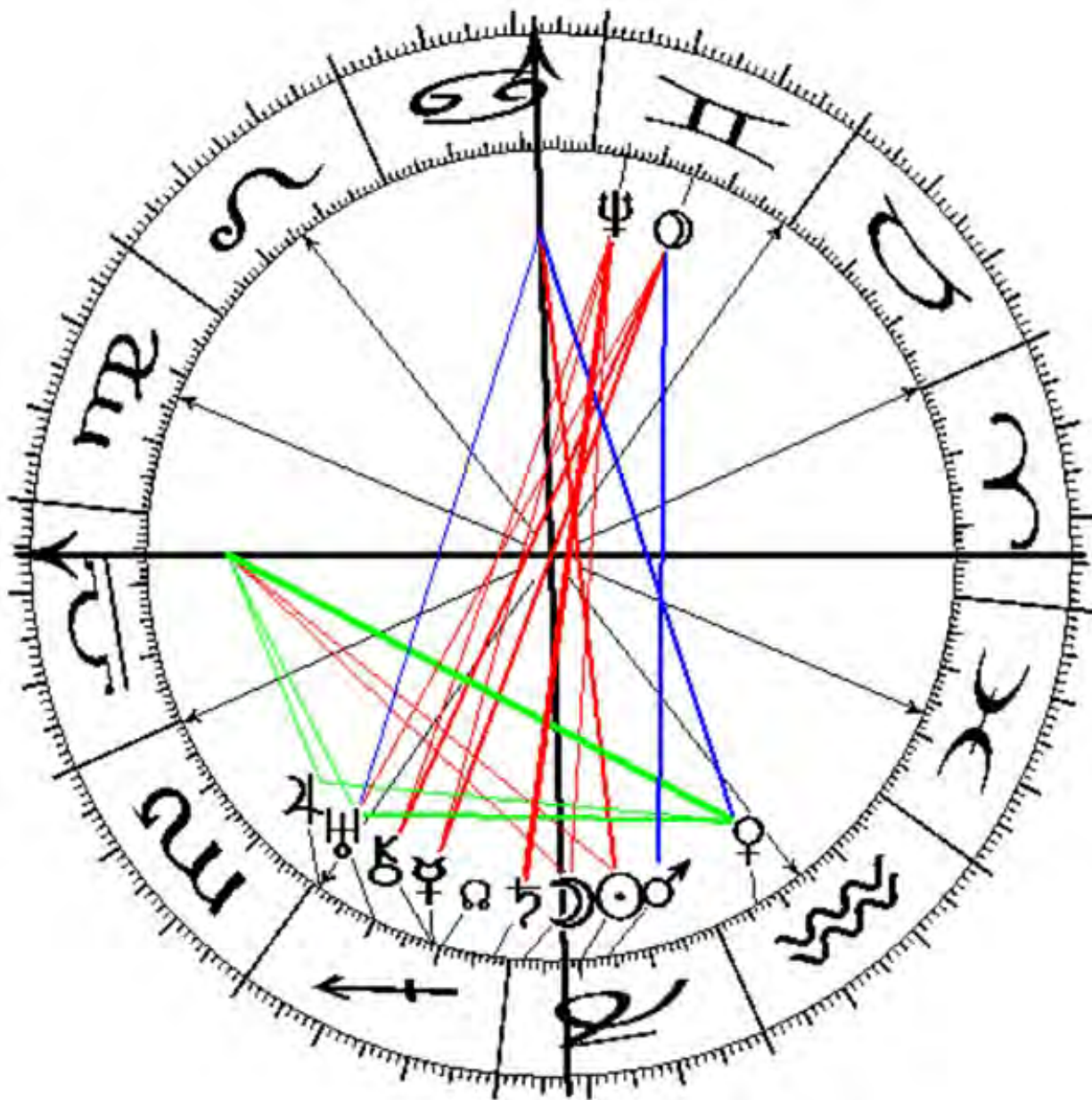
CHAPTER 5

THE CHART OF THE 1900S

THE CAUSES OF THE WORLD CRISIS

Alice Bailey suggests the following causes for the present world crisis:

1. A change occurring in the axis of the Earth since the time of Old Egypt, because the planetary Logos is in the process of taking the 4th Cosmic initiation, which will gradually transform the Earth from a non-sacred to a sacred planet. In its turn the crisis of initiation of the planetary Logos provides the Hierarchy and Humanity with an opportunity for taking an initiation.



The Chart of the 1900s

1st January 1900, 00:00 AM, Berlin, Zone 1E, 52N30, 13E24

2. The great revolution of the Sun in the Great Zodiac, a period of 250.000 years corresponding to the life-cycle of the Monad, was completed 2000 years ago. This implies that from the “monadic perspective” we are under the influence of Pisces another 3000 years, because a transition cycle of this nature lasts around 5000 years.

3. The Sun is leaving the sign of Pisces and entering that of Aquarius, thus

causing confusion of the powers in the Solar System, which again has a definite influence on our planet. The transition spans a period of approximately 500 years and probably began in 1617.

The majority of the people in the World responds to the powerful and at this point destructive energies from the Age of Pisces. The influence of Aquarius stabilises the emotional body and develop the reasoning power with the result that a vast number of intelligent people today have been influenced by new trends of thought.

4. For the first time Humanity reverses on the wheel and this crisis of orientation or initiation are related to the approach of Humanity to the Hierarchy, which is linked to the heart centre of the planetary Logos. The Hierarchy is also undergoing a crisis caused by the possibility created by Saturn to renew and strengthen the link to Shamballa, the head centre of the Planet, via an initiation.

5. A shift in the polarity of the Earth caused by the attraction from a vast cosmic centre which has a powerful influence on the orientation of the Earth; this gives rise to earthquakes and several volcanic eruptions which have been occurring during the last 200 years. The many natural catastrophes are also related to the awakening of the entity of the Earth; this has begun stirring and can be understood among other things as the elemental ruling the astral body of the Earth (TWM 409).

6. The old Atlantean conflict, which was behind the World War and The Cold War and which was caused by the mistakes, karma and sins of humanity, is another cause, although secondary when viewing the situation from a macrocosmic angle (EA 408-13).

7. The evolutionary development until 1975 has been influenced by a very potent triangle between Leo, Pisces and Capricorn, which in a peculiar way is linked to the evolution and destiny of mankind.

It began its activity in 1875, culminated in 1945 and has slowly declined until 1975, after which time its influence has gradually lessened (EA 537).

8. Certain negative energy outflows from the Moon are a contributory factor in evoking cruelty among children and is one of the causes of the sexual misery on our planet (EA 410 665).

9. An unusually potent interplay between the signs of Leo and of Aquarius has enabled dictators to emerge and seize power in a number of countries during this century (EA 285).

This explains why: ... “The situation today is almost fantastic in its difficulty and the extent of the involvement” (EA 414).

THE SOCIETY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

In the chart of the 1700s the Moon was in Taurus in the 8th house which, among other things, was linked to the agricultural crisis in Europe lasting until 1750. From the European point of view, this aspect can also be seen as the emerging agricultural revolution, industrialisation and mining in England (Taurus) which expanded into the rest of the world during the following century and in the process transformed the old agricultural society to an industrial society. This is reflected via the Moon in Pisces in the 6th house in the chart of the 1800s.

In the 20th century, industrial society became a society of communication and information, which the Moon and four other planets in the 3rd house reflect in the chart of the 1900s.

Never before in the history of humanity has development within science, transport, education, trade, international relations and communication been as explosive as in the 20th century.

In the chart of the 1900s the conjunction between Pluto and Neptune in the 9th house indicates the possibilities available to politicians and dictators to reach the masses with simple political messages or political propaganda via film, radio, advertising, internet and TV.

As Gemini is the Sun sign of the U.S.A. as well as the Ascendant of Great Britain and Brussels, and as Neptune and Pluto are linked with Pisces, the Sun sign of Germany, it is easy, in retrospect, to understand their huge impact on political thinking and development in the 20th century.

Already towards the end of the 1800s the transit of Neptune and Pluto through Gemini in the 9th house had shown the ease with which the media were able to

create national mass hysteria regarding international political issues. An example of this is the media storm surrounding General Gordon in England in 1885 (when Pluto had just entered Gemini and the 9th house) and General Boulanger in France who attempted to incite the masses to a war of revenge against Germany in 1887.

In 1898, when an American warship hit a Spanish mine near Havana on Cuba, a violent press reaction ensued, which was a contributory cause to the U.S.A. declaring war on Spain.

The first official film was shown in Paris (Capricorn) on the 28th December 1895, when Saturn was conjunct Neptune and Uranus was conjunct Venus in the chart of the 1800s.

Towards the First World War, film slowly developed into an art form, not least in the U.S.A., where Neptune, the planet of film transited Cancer, the Sun sign of the Chart of Independence, until 1914.

During the period 1914-29 when Neptune transited Leo, the art of film progressed, particularly in Germany, The Soviet Union and the U.S.A., where new erotic film divas like May West and Danish Asta Nielsen had their days of glory. Asta Nielsen had the Ascendant in Leo, which is the Sun sign of Berlin.

In Babelsberg in Berlin and in Russia (both Sun in Leo), film was also discovered as a highly effective means for political propaganda. In several Soviet Russian films from the 20s and 30s, propaganda itself became art and thus contributed in maintaining the sympathy of many Western intellectuals for the Russian Revolution.

When Neptune entered Virgo around 1929, sound film was invented, a fact the Nazis in Germany developed great skill in using. Their giant parades at party meetings in Nuremberg (the crown chakra of Germany) were filmed and broadcast as newsreels in all the cinemas of the country. Goebbels persistent film propaganda against the Jews radically influenced the attitude of the Germans to this ancient race.

The loudspeaker had made organising of mass meetings possible at an unprecedented level, and the German dictator Adolf Hitler was a master in exploiting this new technique. When the radio became popular during the 30s, Hitler was for the first time able to reach the entire German nation with his

speeches.

Hitler's Moon/Jupiter conjunction in Capricorn in his 3rd house was conjunct the Moon and Sun in the Hundred Years' chart in Capricorn in the 3rd and 4th house. This meant that he succeeded in expressing his feelings and political messages with great power and in such a simple way that they impacted on the thoughtforms of the masses.

In Hitler's natal chart, Ray 1 planet Pluto (which reflects his Ray 1 soul) was conjunct Neptune in Gemini in the 8th house. As Hitler's Neptune/Pluto conjunction was in the 9th house of the Hundred Years chart and all his Taurean planets in its 8th house, his enormous significance on the political arena in this century is obvious.

Churchill's radiobroadcasts to the English nation - and the illegal radio messages to the Resistance in occupied Europe - greatly affected the outcome of the 2nd World War. Churchill's Sun was conjunct Uranus, the planet of freedom, in Sagittarius in the 3rd house of the chart. The Earth, the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, which was Churchill's Sun sign, was placed in 9th house and in Gemini in his chart, which is the Ascendant of Great Britain and Sun sign of the U.S.A.

Neptune in the 9th house and Uranus in Sagittarius in the 3rd house have a lot to do with the development of television.

For instance, the first experiments with television began in 1927, when progressed Ascendant formed a semi-square to Uranus and a trine to Neptune.

After the 2nd World War television has become an even more influential medium than film, radio and newspapers, because it reaches most countries, cities and families in the world today. As a medium has the most potent effect when it is new and has reached a certain expansion, the 60s became the heyday of TV. The destiny of a modern politician is determined by his or her media performance. The person who gets along with the media is almost guaranteed a victory in the elections, which explains why election campaigns are run with commercials all over the world today.

John F. Kennedy's victory at the polls over Richard Nixon in 1960 was partly caused by the fact that he was more in his element on TV than his adversary and that his publicity drive was more expensive and skilful. John F. Kennedy had the

Sun in Gemini, Sun sign of the U.S.A., and Uranus, the esoteric ruler of his Libra Ascendant was in the 4th house in Aquarius, which is the Ascendant of America.

The Vietnam War in the 60s was the first actual media war, in which direct coverage from the operational areas had a huge effect on public opinion in the U.S.A.; eventually, the anti-war movement caused the withdrawal of the American troops from the war in 1973-74, when Pluto crossed the Ascendant.

The power of television can also be dangerous, as manipulation is easy for the now global TV-channels CNN, CBS and BBC. They can become victims of deceit themselves and in that way contribute to damaging the reputation, trade or export of a country (Neptune /Pluto in Gemini in the 9th house).

Seen from a positive angle, the power of the media and the global press can also have a liberating effect, because it is not possible to hide for long the offences of human rights by a dictatorship in today's world. Cell phones or iPhones taking video shoots smuggled out of Syria, Egypt, North Korea or China illustrate this and also how such reports are instrumental in shedding light on the misdeeds of these regimes.

Jupiter and Uranus in Sagittarius in the 3rd house can also be linked to private video recordings that are being used increasingly in political or legal contexts.

ORGANISED CRIME

In the 20th century, the forces of materialism have found particularly efficient and dangerous ways of exploiting the increasing influence of Ray 1 and 7.

Nazism, fascism, the development of communism, motor cycle gangs and internationally organised crime - which among other things works with the smuggling of drugs or of people - are examples of how Ray 1 and 7 can be used to create groups which are not aligned with Hierarchical plans.

During the 1900s organised crime has grown with a speed unprecedented in the history of mankind. The modern criminal is often an astute businessman who makes a living from laundering drug money or from cheating international organisations, like the European Community, out of amounts of millions (Neptune conjunct Pluto in Gemini in the 9th house).

When Pluto transited Cancer and passed the MC in 1920, U.S.A. introduced the Prohibition, which was a definite contributing factor to the development of organised crime, which has troubled the country ever since.

When Uranus was conjunct Neptune in Gemini in the 9th house in 1948, the biking club Hell's Angels was founded in California. This group consisted primarily of veterans from the 2nd World War, unable to adjust to post-war American society.

This and other motor cycle gangs have subsequently created a global network (Uranus in Sagittarius in the 3rd house) which is suspected of international drug dealing (Neptune/Pluto in Gemini in the 9th house).

THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The inflow of the energy of Will, linked to Ray 1 (The Shamballa power) which works potently via Saturn, Uranus and Pluto, has stimulated the development of human free will, but has also been the cause of numerous political crises and dictatorships in the 20th century.

Alice Bailey writes about the political development in recent times: "Passing as we are into the Aquarian Age in which the spirit of Aquarius will be exemplified in its universality and its sense of "general distribution", it is inevitable that a point of crisis should be reached.

The true Leo type must react in a new and unique manner to the proffered opportunity, and when I say type, I refer to those people whose Sun is in Leo or who have Leo rising. The reason for this is that Leo is the polar opposite of Aquarius, and the interplay of energies between these two is far more potent than at any previous time in racial history. This is a fact which you are not in a position to verify, but I make it as a statement of fact. It is because of this fact that you have the appearance of the dictators in different countries at this time, and it is because of this fact also that in this present cycle (the ante-chamber of the New Age) you have the pronounced attitude of these dictators - an attitude which is so often ignored but which has real racial value. It is the attitude which leads to a synthesis of the national life, aims and intentions. A typical instance of this attitude is that of Hitler. No matter what may be our personal opinion of him, there is no question that he has unified, produced fusion and blended together the various elements in the German race. This activity is Aquarian in

nature but in its lowest and most undesirable aspect. It is also of the nature of Leo, for the people who can produce these results have necessarily to be intensely self-aware. This is the major characteristic of the Leo person. What part Leo may play in the personal horoscope of Hitler I do not know, for I have not investigated it, but it plays a very prominent part in the horoscope of his soul” (EA 286).

Furthermore, the political development in the 20th century was strongly influenced by a very potent triangle between Leo, Pisces and Capricorn, which was active from 1875 to 1975 and culminated in 1945. Together with Gemini it was active during individualisation, and it was in activity with Sagittarius at the peak of the Atlantean conflict between the forces of Light and Darkness, when the Sun was in Scorpio and mankind went through the age of Scorpio.

The Hierarchical ruler of Leo is Uranus, which links it to the 11th house, Aquarius and Libra, the ruler of the 7th house in the natural chart.

Venus, the Hierarchical ruler of Capricorn, governs Taurus and the 2nd house, which is linked to economy and distribution of money and metals.

Venus is also the exoteric ruler of Libra and the 7th house, representing co-operation, relations and open conflicts as well as the creation of a point of equilibrium and balance on the mental plane.

Pluto, the esoteric ruler of Pisces, brings in Scorpio (trials and discipleship), but also the 8th house, the domain of sex, crises, death, separations and other people’s money, including banking systems and multinational companies.

Ray 7 also makes its presence felt in the 7th house and Pluto in the 1st house because of the resonance between the rays and the house numbers.

Thus it is Ray 1, 5 and 7, working through Pluto, Venus and Uranus, which herald the new era and exert a powerful influence on humanity because of its strongly increasing sensitivity. These rays were also behind the organisation which created the 2nd World war and they are very influential in the chart of the Third Reich, with the Sun in Aquarius (Uranus), the Ascendant in Taurus (Venus) and Pluto on the IC (EA 538 539).

Leo governs Berlin, London, Italy, France and Russia. Capricorn governs India, Austria, Spain, Finland, the Jewish people and Japan, while Pisces governs

Germany and France. Therefore these cities, countries and peoples were strongly influenced by this triangle, which was further activated between 1914 and 1957, when Neptune and Pluto passed through Leo.

Sagittarius governs human evolution and the Sun was in that sign when the first subjective approach to the Earth was made by the Hierarchy approx. 21 million years ago, when individualisation took place and the human kingdom emerged. The phase of animal man was complete, but the human being was unconscious of this significant event, as its brain was unable to register what took place.

The first CONSCIOUS alignment between brain and reasoning faculty, which enabled the human being to become self-conscious and to register his/her individuality by saying: "I am" was first initiated on the physical plane when the Sun was in Leo about 18 million years ago. As the completion of this process lasted about 5000 years the Sun was in Gemini when the final crisis of individualisation took place and the door to the animal kingdom was closed (EA 64 TWM 441). At present the Sun is in Pisces and advanced humanity began the process leading to the 1st initiation during the World War.

As Scorpio and Mercury rule the 4th creative Hierarchy, the human one, and as the Leo, Pisces and Capricorn triangle is particularly linked to the evolution of mankind, these aforementioned signs must play a significant role in the chart of humanity.

During the periods of transit by the outer planets through these signs, the biggest upheavals have occurred in the history of humanity:

The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars: Uranus in Leo and Saturn and Pluto in Pisces.

The European Revolutions 1848: Neptune in Pisces

The 1st and 2nd World Wars: Neptune and Pluto in Leo.

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989: Pluto in Scorpio with Neptune and Uranus in Capricorn.

PLUTO THROUGH THE 9TH HOUSE

As the energy of Pluto constitutes the keynote in the development of the 20th century, an exploration of its transit through the houses could reflect some of the most important political, economical, scientific and psychological changes and innovations in our century.

Towards the end of the 1800s and right up to 1914, Pluto's passing through Gemini and the 9th house coincided with the ongoing revolution within world trade, science and communication, as well as imperialism and the numerous political crises arising from it, all of which were a continual threat to the stability of the long period of peace from 1870 to 1914.

Neptune, which is linked to the Ray 6 personality of both Russia and Japan, was conjunct MC and in opposition to the Sun (Russia has a Leo Sun) during the Russian-Japanese War in 1904-05, where Russia was defeated. This defeat gave rise to the revolution in January 1905, when Uranus was conjunct the Moon and also the formation of the Russian Parliament, the Duma, in 1906 when Uranus was conjunct the IC.

As opposed to other Western countries, Russia did not change to the Gregorian calendar until 1924; in the Hundred Years' chart of Russia the Moon is conjunct Pluto and Neptune in Gemini in the 9th house, thus reflecting the extreme financial/political crises and hardships this nation has been exposed to during this century.

In 1905-06 when Neptune was situated on the MC and Uranus on the IC, the Germans suffered a severe diplomatic defeat during the first crisis in Morocco; the Indians (Capricorn) demanded autonomy; Norway became independent and the Irish revolutionary movement Sinn Fein was founded.

During the 1880s and 1890s, when Pluto and Neptune were in Gemini, Sigmund Freud's dream- and psychoanalysis was developed, while Pluto and Neptune transited his 8th house, where the Moon and Saturn were placed in his natal chart.

This offers a partial explanation to his interest in psychological problems; according to Freud these were more often than not linked to sexuality in childhood and the Oedipus complex, which again was related to the placement of his Neptune in the 4th house. Some theories suggest that Freud was sexually abused by his father as a child, while others claim that his mother had been his

mistress in a previous life.

His famous “Lectures on Introduction to Psychoanalysis” appeared in 1910, when Pluto was conjunct Neptune. “Totem and Taboo” was published in 1913 when Uranus, ruler of the sacral chakra and rituals, was conjunct Venus, ruler of the 8th house, in Aquarius.

Mars, the esoteric ruler of Freud’s Scorpio Ascendant was placed in the 11th house in Libra, which is the Ascendant of Austria.

When the Titanic sank in April 1912, progressed Moon was in applying conjunction and Pluto was in separating conjunction with Neptune in Gemini in the 9th house in opposition to Saturn, an event that may have been a forewarning of the world war, which broke out two years later.

THE 1ST WORLD WAR AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

During the period from the murder in Sarajevo on the 28th June to the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914, Pluto was in opposition to the Moon and Saturn conjunct Neptune and therefore opposing its natal position. Austria, which together with the German general staff carried a considerable part of the responsibility for the outbreak of the war, has its Sun in Capricorn, ruled by Saturn. Neptune rules Pisces, which is the dominant sign of Germany and France and is linked to the Ray 6 personality of Russia. Mars, ruler of the 7th house, was conjunct progressed Sun and both were in quincunx to Neptune also pointing towards Germany, France and Russia.

The Ten Years’ chart from 1 January midnight 1910 indicates violent tensions too: Here, Saturn was conjunct Mars in the 7th house in Aries, that was part of a grand cross in cardinal signs.

In the Ten Years’ chart from January 1 midnight 1940, which concerns the 2nd World War and the beginning of the Cold War, Saturn was also in Aries in the 7th house. Saturn signifies karma and trials, 7th house co-operation and open conflicts and Aries refers to Germany.

Alice Bailey writes that this World War marked a climax in human history and

that its subjective effect was far stronger than estimated so far: “Through the power of prolonged sound, carried forward as a great experiment on the battlefields all over the world during a period of four years (1914-18), and through the intense emotional strain of the entire planetary populace, the web of etheric mater (called “the veil of the temple”) which separates the physical and astral planes was rent or torn asunder, and the amazing process of unifying the two worlds of physical plane living and of astral plane experience was begun and is now slowly going on” (TXH 4).

The sub-ray cycle of Ray 7 from 1860 lasting between 150 and 200 years, combined with the unusually potent interaction between Leo and Aquarius in our time, can be regarded as one of the explanations to the enormous upheavals which have taken place during the 1900s in Russia, which has a Leo Sun, an Aquarian Ascendant, a Ray 7 soul and a Ray 6 personality.

As the Ascendant of Russia is in Aquarius as is the Sun sign of Moscow, the possibility exists that Moscow, via its Aquarian personality, can bring the soul impulses of Russia to concrete manifestation through its Ascendant, which is in the sign of Taurus (DN 69).

In Russia the Revolution broke out in 1917, when Saturn and Neptune (transmitting the Ray 6 personality of Russia) were transiting Leo, temporarily dissolving the personality.

During the same period Uranus, transmitting the Ray 7 soul of Russia, passed through Aquarius, the Ascendant of the country, and in the process provided new soul inspiration for the nation, which expressed itself in the form of communism.

During the revolution in the autumn of 1917, Uranus also passed Venus in Aquarius in the Hundred Years’ chart of Russia.

The dissolution of the personality was reflected in the sacrifice of the Tsar regime, the nobility and of the upper classes. This enabled the inflow of the new Ray 7 impulses from the Ascendant and from the soul. Among other things Ray 7 rules communism. Moscow, ruled by Aquarius, became the capital of Russia again and with that, the decisive centre of power in the newly formed Soviet Union.

The study of the cycles of Uranus and Neptune are particularly interesting to study in relation to the history of Russia.

For instance serfdom was reinforced in 1649, when Uranus and Neptune were conjunct with each other in Sagittarius. In 1905 when the two planets were moving into opposition a revolution broke out, and in 1991, when they were conjunct again, the Soviet Union dissolved.

The very negative consequences of the reinforcement of serfdom in 1649 on the development of Russia can thus be detected in the later history of the country, which is intimately linked to the cycles of Uranus and Neptune.

THE PEACE OF VERSAILLES AND THE INTERWAR PERIOD

Germany and Austria-Hungary lost the war and had to pay huge reparations to the allied forces and cede vast territories to several of their neighbouring states.

At the Peace of Versailles in 1919, when Pluto was conjunct MC, Europe lost three empires but gained seven new states. The Habsburg Empire was dissolved and apart from the seriously reduced Austria, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia came into existence. Furthermore, the League of Nations was created, inspired by the Hierarchy, with the purpose of securing world peace.

Pluto's transit through the 10th house from 1919 to 1948 coincides with the crisis of the democracies, which led to the creation of many new dictatorships in Europe during the interwar period and more communist states after the 2nd World War.

When Pluto transited Cancer, the Ascendant of Turkey, towards the end of the 1600s, the Turks were driven out of the West. When Pluto passed through Cancer again from 1914 to 1939, Ray 1 disciple Kemal Pasha, also called Atatürk, began transforming Turkey into a modern more western-oriented state, after the country became a republic in 1923.

Alice Bailey wrote about this: "I would point out that Atatürk, the Turkish dictator, within certain personality limitations of relatively negligible moment, made good use of first ray energy, and only the testimony of future historical records will indicate fully how wisely, sanely and disinterestedly he used this type of force for the attainment of first ray objectives" (DN 16).

In October 1922 Mussolini, who had the Sun in Leo like Rome, seized power in Italy (Pluto opposing the Sun and quincunx Uranus). This event coincided with the transit of Neptune, which can be said to reflect the Ray 6 soul of Italy, through Leo, the Ascendant of the nation. Under the same aspect Hitler attempted to seize power in Germany in an amateurish coup in Munich in 1923.

The democracies attempted to exclude the possibility of another world war in various ways. For instance, American foreign minister Frank B. Kellogg took the initiative towards a pact intended at making “war homeless in the world”. The pact was signed on the 27th August 1928 in Paris by 15 and later 54 nations altogether (Uranus conjunct DSC and MC opposing Venus).

When the progressed Ascendant entered Scorpio in the 2nd house in the Hundred Years’ chart of the U.S.A., the stock exchange in New York crashed from the 21st to the 28th of October 1929, when Jupiter was in conjunction with 2nd house ruler Pluto, Uranus was conjunct the Descendant, while Ray 3 planet Saturn, was in conjunction with itself. In the chart of Europe, progressed MC was in opposition to Venus, ruler of the 8th house.

Neptune had just entered Virgo (where it is in detriment) which in a short time gave rise to the mass unemployment and depression in the 30s thus providing the backdrop for Hitler’s seizure of power in Germany a few years later.

The discovery of Pluto in 1929 coincided with the crash in Wall Street that same year and the appearance of the many dictatorships in Europe. In the Ten Years’ chart from January 1 midnight 1920 for the period 1920-30, Pluto was typically in conjunction with the MC.

Alice Bailey writes about Pluto: “It governs however the death or cessation of old ideas and emotions, and its influence is therefore largely cerebral and in that you have the clue to its late discovery. Mankind is only on the verge of becoming mental. Its effects are felt first in the mental body. The names of the planets are not the result of arbitrary choice but the planets name themselves“ (TWM 438).

There is an interesting connection between the discovery of Pluto and the fact that humanity began “the reversal on the wheel” that starts the period of collective preparation for the first initiation, called “the crisis of the burning ground”. This took place during the world war 1914-45, because Pluto rules this

event together with Uranus, Neptune and Vulcan.

The Third Reich in Germany was formally established on the 30th of January 1933 at 11.15 AM in Berlin, when Pluto was squaring Uranus.

The Third Reich had a Taurus Ascendant and the Sun in Aquarius conjunct Saturn, Mercury and Vulcan in the 10th house. Vulcan is the esoteric ruler of Taurus. Among other things Vulcan represents isolation, persistence, destruction and rearmament. Through the link with Hitler's Sun sign Taurus and the Ascendant of the Third Reich, Hitler's personality became an easily accessible channel for the deeper intention of this empire, which was an attempt to reinitiate humanity into the light of matter.

The transit of Uranus through Taurus and with this Hitler's Sun sign, the Ascendant of the Third Reich and the 8th house of the 1900 Hundred Years' chart from 1935 to 1942 considerably strengthened the reorganisation and rearmament of Germany as well as the black magic which certain departments of the SS worked with. Neptune in Virgo (where it is in detriment) from 1929 to 1942 symbolised that compassion and clarity vanished in several places, while Uranus in fall in Taurus reflected the dominance of materialism and the exile of freedom. The great depression gave rise to unemployment and despair, hunger and disease in many parts of the world during the 30s, which was the real cause of the success of the dictators.

In Russia, Stalin initiated enforced collectivisation of agriculture in 1928, during which 10 million farmers died. The Moscow processes began during the 30s with the result that many innocent officers and party members were sentenced to work camps in Siberia. The earthsigns Taurus and Virgo are particularly linked to the mineral kingdom and agriculture.

Franco, who had his Sun in Sagittarius, which is the Ascendant of Spain, initiated his rebellion in Spain in 1937, while progressed Saturn passed the Moon and IC and transit Saturn was conjunct the Descendant in the Hundred Years' chart of Spain and Jupiter was in Capricorn. Saturn has a particular link with Spain as this country has the Sun in Capricorn.

THE 2nd WORLD WAR

During the entire 2nd World War progressed Saturn passed the Moon which is in

detriment approximately 2 degrees in Capricorn, the first decanate of which is ruled by Saturn esoterically.

This confirms Alice Bailey's thesis that the whole of humanity and the planetary Logos settled an ancient karma during these years, originating in the Atlantean period way back in time to the former incarnation of the planetary Logos, called the Moon chain.

In his last incarnation in the so called Moon chain, the planetary Logos far too long allowed the dark forces to dominate which corrupted the development on that chain, that was arrested in its evolution by the timely interference of the solar Logos (EA 665).

The Moon chain and Atlantis must have been strongly influenced by the Moon, because this period of time is governed by Ray 4, transmitted by the Moon, and via Ray 3 Saturn is particularly linked to the Ray 3 personality of the Planetary Logos and his karma.

When Germany attacked Poland on the 1st of September 1939, causing the outbreak of the 2nd World War, progressed Mars was in trine to Pluto while Pluto was forming a trine to Jupiter and a quincunx to the Moon. Jupiter was in conjunction with the Descendant, while progressed Moon was in conjunction with Neptune in the 9th house in Gemini, Sun sign of Poland and Ascendant of the British Empire.

As Germany has the Ascendant in Aries, ruled by Mars, and the Sun in Pisces, governed by Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto, the aforementioned aspects offer an explanation to the military triumphs of Germany at the beginning of the war.

In September 1939, when the German air force bombed Warsaw (Sun in Pisces, connected with Neptune), progressed Moon was conjunct Neptune in Gemini, the Sun sign of Poland, which is an aspect that says: the people (the Moon) suffers (Neptune) in Warsaw and Poland (Gemini), but also initiated sufferings for the population of the whole world.

At the same time the planet of karma, Saturn, was just entering Taurus, which is the Ascendant of Poland and the Sun sign of Great Britain. Incidentally, Great Britain began its aggressive constructing of its empire around 1600, when Uranus was in Taurus.

The Tibetan writes about Great Britain: “Hitherto it has been primarily Taurus and Leo as well as Libra which have coloured British attitudes, decisions and activities. There is an ironic fate which determines that this great nation, having in past centuries been one of the major aggressors of the world, should now bring to an end, with the aid of France (which has a very similar aggressive tendency), the period of aggression, and so be used to inaugurate an age of cooperation, of understanding and of mutually shared responsibility” (DN 85).

Furthermore, when Pluto entered Leo from 1939, the powerful, materialistic and separatist Ray 1 and Ray 5 from Leo and the destructive Ray 1 energy from Pluto reinforced each other, thus becoming a contributory factor to the war. In fact the Manhattan project began just when Pluto moved into Leo august 1939.

Leo countries like Italy, France and Russia were exposed to vast military confrontations, while cities ruled by Leo astrologically, like Berlin and London, were almost destroyed by violent air raids.

Uranus’ transit through Gemini and the 9th house from 1941 to 1949 bears witness to the fight for freedom of Gemini countries U.S.A. and Great Britain through huge air battles, the development of the atom bomb and the sophisticated communication technology, which contained the embryo of the later invention of the computer.

The Manhattan project began manifesting in august 1942 when progressed Moon was in Leo in closer and closer conjunction with transit Pluto sextile transit Uranus in Gemini in the hundred years chart of America.

As the Jewish people have the Ascendant in Virgo and subsequently Neptune as ruler of the Descendant, the transit of Neptune through Virgo (where it is in detriment) from 1929 to 1942 reflects the terrible persecutions the Jews had to endure during that period. From 1933 to 1945 Neptune passed through the 12th house which coincided with the horrendous suffering the Jews had to go through in the Nazi concentration camps, where many were gassed or died as emaciated slave workers.

When Saturn was in Taurus in the 8th house from 1940 to June 1942 many Jews from the newly or resent occupied countries like France, Holland and Poland, was send to concentration camps in Germany where they died.

When Denmark helped about 7000 Jews to escape to Sweden October 1943,

Saturn was in conjunction with Neptune in the 9th house in Gemini, Sun sign of Denmark.

Neptune was in Virgo from 1929 till 1942 while Uranus was in Taurus from 1935 to 1942, where Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn and Neptune all left the earth signs Taurus and Virgo and went into the air signs Gemini and Libra in 1942. This weakened the forces of opposition and materialism, because the earth signs seems to have helped them with pursuing their purposes with success in the period when most of the outer planets was in earth signs.

The tide turned for allied forces in the summer 1942 when the Americans won a huge victory over Japan at the sea battle at Midway when Saturn and Uranus went into Gemini, the Sun sign of America and the rising sign of Great Britain.

The Germans was beaten by the Russians at Stalingrad in the winter 1942 and the British general Montgomery won over the German general, Edwin Rommel (both Scorpions) after a big battle over 7 days at El Alamin November 1942, when Neptune went into Libra.

Ray 1 planet Pluto was in Leo, which transmit Ray 1 and Ray 5, from 1942 to 1946 in opposition to Ray 5 planet Venus placed in Ray 5 sign Aquarius, which transformed old values and stimulated the possibility of developing new technology (Ray 5) for destructive purposes (Ray 1).

Venus in Aquarius represents U.S.A. and Russia, both of which have the Ascendant in Aquarius, but also indirectly Great Britain, which is a typical Venus country.

During this period U.S.A. developed the atom bomb and Germany the V-2 rockets, which were directed at London towards the end of the war. London has the Sun in Libra.

These countries joined forces with the rest of the free world and the Hierarchy in the fight for freedom, humanism and right human relations, which resulted in the victory of the forces of Light. When Nazi Germany surrendered to the allied forces on the 8th of May 1945, Saturn was conjunct MC, which also led to liberation for the Jews (Saturn).

When the first atom bomb was tested in the Alamogordo desert in New Mexico 16th of July 1945, Uranus was in conjunction with Pluto in the 9th house in

Gemini, Sun sign of America.

Neptune was in conjunction with the Ascendant and Uranus was moving backwards or retrograde over Pluto in Gemini, when USA cast the first atom bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki august 1945.

Another cause of the termination of the war could possibly be found in the fact that the influence from Mars and Scorpio began waning during the 1900s and disappeared completely from the astral plane in 1945 (EA 216). Japan and Berlin have the Ascendant in Scorpio and Germany Aries Rising all units ruled by Mars.

The end of the 2nd World War led to the foundation of the United Nations on the 24th of October 1945, when Neptune and Venus were conjunct the Ascendant.

PLUTO THROUGH THE 11TH HOUSE

The Roswell UFO incident took place in the USA, when an airborne object crashed on a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico, on July 1947, when Uranus, the planet of UFO's was in conjunction with Neptune in Gemini in the 9th house. America has its Sun in Gemini and a Ray 6 personality ruled by Neptune.

Explanations of what actually took place are based on both official and unofficial communications. The most popular theory of what happened is that the object was a spacecraft containing extraterrestrial life or spacemen. Since the late 1970s, the Roswell incident has been the subject of much controversy, and conspiracy theories have arisen about the event.

When 5th house ruler, Uranus, passed Neptune in Gemini from 1947 to 1948, COBRA was formed in 1948 in Paris, where artists created a unifying doctrine of complete freedom of colour and form, as well as antipathy towards Surrealism and an interest in Marxism as well as modernism.

When Uranus conjunct Neptune India became independent and The Marshall Plan was introduced by George Marshall in the summer of 1947, through which America assisted Europe in finding its feet again after the war through huge economical subsidies.

When Uranus was still in conjunction with Neptune and Venus conjunct the

Descendant The Berlin Blocade from June 1948 to May 1949 took place, that was one of the first major international crises of the Cold War. During the multinational occupation of post-World War Germany, the Soviet Union blocked the Western Allies railway, road, and canal access to the sectors of Berlin Allied control. Their aim was to force the western powers to allow the Soviet zone to start supplying Berlin with food, fuel, and aid, thereby giving the Soviets practical control over the entire city.

The Jews proclaimed Israel an independent state in May 1948 when Jupiter was in conjunction with Saturn and the Korea war broke out in 1950, when Uranus was conjunct MC and at the same time forming a square to the Ascendant.

From 1947 to 1965, Uranus transited through the 10th and the 11th house and Pluto transited through the 11th house; during this period approximately 20 large new international organisations were established.

The following are among the most important: The West Union, OEEC and WHO (1948), NATO and COMECON (1949), SEATO (1954), The Warsaw Pact (1955), ECC (1958), OPEC (1960), UNICEF and Amnesty International (1965) and also many sub-organisations within the United Nations.

During the same period, the membership of the UN doubled, because many countries in Africa and Asia gained independence from the old colonial powers, and subsequently most of them were admitted to the U N.

At that time UN played its largest role in international politics, not least because of the powerful disciple, Swede Dag Hammarskjöld, who had a Leo Sun and perhaps Libra Rising, the Ascendant of Scandinavia.

THE CRISIS OF FRANCE

The transit of Pluto through one of the main signs of a country can produce two completely different results. During the period of integration of the national personality, Pluto often works with a powerful and synthetic energy. In other instances Pluto destroys the crystallised ego, perhaps because the nation is undergoing an initiation or needs new soul inspiration in order to complete its dharma.

For instance, Pluto was in Leo when Russia became a European oriented

superpower under Peter the Great, and it was in Aquarius when the expansion of Russia culminated under Catherine the Great and the U.S.A. became an independent nation.

Furthermore, Pluto was in Gemini, the Sun sign of America, when it developed into a significant naval power with considerable influence in the Pacific and South America from 1885 to 1914.

Another example is France, which experienced the integration of its personality during the Hundred Years' War with England at the end of which Pluto was in Leo (1453). At that time France was ruled by a strong royal power, which based its strength on a well-equipped army, financed by set taxes.

Alice Bailey writes about France: "FRANCE is a Pisces-Leo country, and is expressive egoically of the fifth Ray of Concrete Knowledge or Science and the personality Ray of Active Intelligence. The soul of France, subjectively ruled Europe for the most important and influential part of the Piscean Age now passing out; she coloured and dominated, by her Leo personality, a large part of the happenings in Europe during the Middle Ages and for centuries; she mediated the Piscean quality to the civilisation of the then known world and her definitely Leo personality - self-conscious, self-centred, brilliantly intelligent and individual - conditioned Europe. It is this Leo personality which is responsible for the intensely nationalistic spirit of the modern French and which negates in them the more Aquarian tendency to universal consciousness or to the expression of the advanced Piscean soul to save the world; FRANCE comes before the world."

"Esoterically, Pluto, one of the rulers of Pisces, must work, bringing in the death of the personality influence, fostered by Leo..." (DN 72-73).

When Pluto transited Leo between 1693 and 1711, France lost its position as a European superpower during the Spanish War of Succession.

When Pluto transited Leo again between 1939 and 1957, France went through another difficult period. This time it involved the defeat inflicted by Hitler's Germany in 1940, the Vichy government during the occupation, the state crisis in 1946, resulting in the creation of the 4th Republic and the dismantling of its vast colonial empire in North Africa and Indochina during the 50s.

When Uranus had just entered Leo and Saturn was in Pisces in 1789, the Great

French Revolution broke out, during which the 1st Republic was instated in France.

The 5th Republic was formed when Uranus transited Leo between 1956 and 1962; France lost Morocco and Tunisia in 1956 and had to accept the independence of Algeria in 1962.

What was lost externally was gained internally through a strong cultural period during which French cinema and existentialism, represented by Jean Paul Sartre and Albert Camus among others, received international attention and acclaim.

This gives a subtle hint regarding the future possibilities of France, according to Alice Bailey: “If the true Piscean element can be drawn forth and the selfishness and the self-protective interests of the French nation can be offset, France then stands free some day to lead the world spiritually as she has effectively in past history from the more political and cultural aspects, but this can only happen when the personality ray is subordinated to the soul ray and Leo can respond to the Aquarian influence in the coming new era when Aquarius is dominant” (DN 73). This could perhaps begin to manifest from 2012 to 2025, when Neptune, esoteric ruler in Leo, is moving thorough Pisces.

THE YOUTH REBELLION

The Sun transited Pisces and the 5th and 6th houses between 1949 and 1980. This period was dominated by the Cold War, fear of chaos and suffering caused by nuclear war, the heyday of the social democracies and of the liberals, cultural dissolution, drugs, youth revolt and an increasing interest in meditation, music, psychology and spiritual development.

The Youth Movement started as early as 1955-56 with the breakthrough of rock-and-roll music in the U.S.A., when the three outer planets changed signs as Uranus entered Leo, Neptune Scorpio and Pluto Virgo.

When Uranus in 1956 entered Leo, the Sun sign of Russia, the personality of that nation received a new impulse from its Ray 7 soul, represented by Uranus, where the Russian space exploration made its presence felt. At the 56th party congress the showdown with Stalin began and with that the political thaw, which the rebellion in Hungary and the Suez Crisis made the Soviet Union stop later that year.

The European Economic Community, or the Common Market, was ratified via the Treaty of Rome in March 1957, when Uranus was in Leo, which is the Sun sign of Rome and the Ascendant of Italy.

When the planet of music, Neptune, entered Scorpio in 1956, Mars, the ruler of the first decanate of that sign, became the exponent of the rebellion, verve, aggression and sexuality of rock music. Neptune in Scorpio can also explain the extreme, almost religious, love and devotion expressed in the romantic “ballads” of rock music.

The trend towards a new rebellious and eccentric self-expression of youth and musicians as well as the appearance of the electric guitar was also related to Uranus’ entry into Leo from 1955.

The electric guitar was invented by Les Paul in U.S.A. in 1941, when Uranus, Saturn and Jupiter - all rulers of Aquarius and his 11th house - was in conjunction with Venus in Taurus in his birth chart. Les Paul had Taurus Rising and his Sun in Gemini, the great sign of mass communication, in which Venus is esoteric ruler.

When progressed Mars entered Pisces in 1959, rock-and-roll culminated, maybe symbolised by the death of Buddy Holly and Richie Valens that year. At the same time the masculine ideal changed from the aggressive rock musician to the neat, straight young man represented by for instance by Fabian, Bobby Vee and Rick Nelson.

Later, in the 60s, the longhaired mystically inclined freedom-loving young male, who wanted to change society through revolution and love, came in fashion.

As Neptune moved through Scorpio and the 2nd house from 1956 to 1971, old materialistic values dissolved, not least in the 60s.

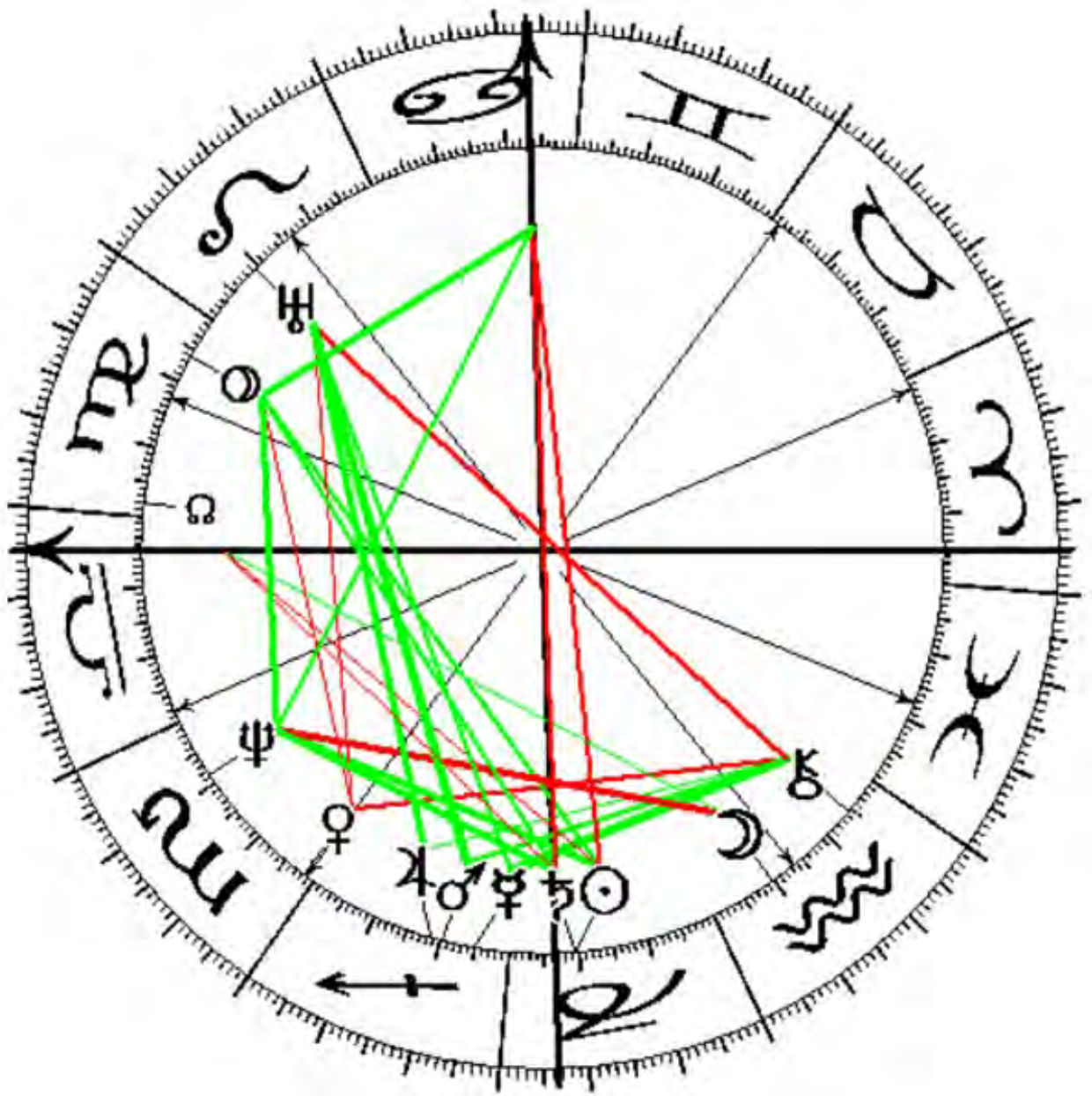
Neptune through Scorpio also explains the appearance of the social democratic welfare model in Scandinavia in the 60s. Here, the present model was introduced in which the state increased its income via bigger taxes and duties; large portions of these were used to support the weakest groups in society.

The new generation of the 60s began experimenting with sex and drugs and also new, more fluid, ways of housing and cohabitation. As esoteric ruler of Cancer, Neptune also rules the MC. People became idealistic, interested in health food,

love, music, psychology, ecology and pollution, mediation, yoga, tarot, astrology, Indian mysticism, LSD, inner and outer journeys and also in a more just distribution of communal or collective resources.

In the 'Ten Years' chart from 1960 Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, is in Leo in the 11th house, forming a trine to Jupiter in Sagittarius in the 3rd house. This is a reflection of the new group consciousness manifested by the beat groups and of the growing emancipation and political consciousness, which led to rebellions at universities and aversion to the established social system. Saturn was conjunct the Sun in the 4th house, highlighting the focus on the shortcomings of the nuclear family and the traditional leaders in the 60s. With radix Jupiter in Sagittarius in the 3rd house charter trips became hugely popular for tourists with Sagittarius countries like Spain and Italy as favourite holiday destinations.

When Uranus conjunct Pluto in Virgo in 11th house in the horoscope of the sixties the Cuban missile crisis took place in October 1962 at the same time The Beatles went in to the UK Singles Chart with *Love me Do*. The Woodstock festival took place in 1969 when Neptune was in conjunction with Venus about the same time the liberation of woman started.



The Chart of the Sixties

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The transit of Neptune through Scorpio had a somewhat astral and emotional impact on the Youth Movement, which in some instances weakened discrimination, making it an easier target for opposing forces. For instance rumour has it that CIA smuggled drugs into the Woodstock Festival in order to discredit the Youth Movement.

Neptune in Scorpio also affected psychology that got its rebels in Cooper and R.

D. Laing, who unsuccessfully attempted to break down the rigid structures of traditional medicinal psychiatry. When Neptune, ruler of the 8th house, transited IC in the chart of London in 1963, Cooper and Laing established centres and retreats in the city for the young mentally disordered. London was granted autonomy on the 8th of October 1191 at 1.13 AM (Rectified time).

When progressed Sun entered Sagittarius in 1963, Neptune was on the IC and Venus was conjunct Venus in Scorpio in the chart of London, the city became a centre of attraction of the world because of a sex-scandal; the so-called Christine Keeler affair caused the resignation of the Macmillan government.

During these years The Beatles and The Rolling Stones came to the fore in London, England and the rest of the world. John Lennon had the Sun in Libra with Uranus placed in the 1st house together with Jupiter and Saturn in Taurus, Sun sign of Great Britain. Paul McCartney has the Sun in Gemini, the Ascendant of the nation, and Mick Jagger has his Sun in Leo, the Ascendant of London.

The Ascendant of Carl Gustav Jung that was in Aquarius, the Sun sign of Switzerland. He became almost a cult figure or guru for many young seekers in the 60s and later, because of his spiritually orientated analytical psychology.

The concomitant conjunction of transit Pluto and transit Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, in Virgo in the 12th house, gave the Youth Movement a definite political orientation and created a new underground culture. During the larger part of the 60s these two planets were conjunct, but simultaneously squaring Pluto and Neptune in the 9th and all the planets in the 3rd house in the 1900 chart, which provides a partial explanation to the “generation gap” and the struggle of students for more freedom at universities and against the established political system.

In 1934 Alice Bailey wrote about the 60s: “A very interesting period will come about the year 1966 and persist to the end of the century. It is one for which the Great Ones are already making due preparation. It concerns a centennial effort of the Lodge and of the Personages taking part therein. Each century sees a centennial effort of the Lodge along a particular line of force made to forward the ends of evolution, and the effort for the twentieth century will be upon a larger scale than has been the case for a very long time, and will involve a number of Great Ones” (TCF 753).

In 1965/66 transit Pluto and Uranus were conjunct in Virgo in opposition to the Saturn/Chiron conjunction in Pisces.

People dropped out of society, turned towards the inner world or created an individual free life-style from which a completely new subculture emerged (Pluto and Uranus in the 12th house). Or alternative communes were organised whose critical attitude to society was expressed at large demonstrations against the Vietnam War and American imperialism. However, demonstrations against the violations of human rights in the Soviet Union or China seldom took place.

During the violent demonstrations of students and workers in Paris in May 1968, Uranus was in Virgo square Neptune in the 9th house. Paris has a Virgo Ascendant.

The ideals of the Youth Movement could be regarded as representing the voice of the newborn soul of humanity, searching for new values after the drastic crisis of initiation from 1914 to 1945.

In 1968 and 1969, when MC was in square to Pluto and progressed Ascendant was conjunct Jupiter in Sagittarius in The Hundred Years' chart of the U.S.A., dramatic events took place. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were murdered in 1968 and millions of people, including students, demonstrated against the Vietnam War all over the U.S.A.

In 1969, the Americans carried out the first landing on the Moon and in August that same year the Woodstock festival took place; this was a quasi-religious event which heralded great hope for the young generation, but which later turned out to be the culmination of the youth movement (ASC conjunct Jupiter).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALE ROLE

In the chart of the 1900s Mars is in the 4th house conjunct the Sun and quincunx Pluto; this is a reflection of violent national wars, but also the transformation of the classical male role, which began around 1960.

As Mars rules the five senses, which are the foundation for concrete science, it also governs the natural sciences; as the influence of Mars and Scorpio began waning from 1945, the resistance to occultism has waned, too. For this reason, development of the more refined psychic abilities is increasing at present, and

clairvoyance and clairaudience are becoming more and more common (EA 215 216).

Alice Bailey writes about Venus and its relationship to Mars: “Venusian forces of great potency are also playing upon our planet. In this connection I would suggest that astrologers would be well advised to pay more attention to the activity and the influence of Venus. Much emphasis has been laid upon Saturn and Mars in the charts now considered. In the future, equal emphasis will have to be paid to the planet Venus, which in the Aquarian age will supersede Mars as a basic influence“ (EP 721).

As Mars rules masculine identity and sexuality and Venus rules the feminine one, the above mentioned explanation is one of the likely causes of the power of the women’s movement, the increasing strength of women and the decreasing virility and power of men.

From 1959 to 1997, when progressed Mars passed through Pisces, the traditional male role dissolved in earnest. The demand of the women’s liberation movement for equality and for greater shared responsibilities with men within the family has undermined the old hereditary privileges of men.

The growing courage of women to express their sexual needs has contributed to exploding the old myth about the perpetually potent man; some theories suggest that this may be one of the causes of poorer quality of semen and lacking sexual desire experienced by many men.

When Mars passed through the 5th and the 6th house in Pisces, it became socially accepted that men were present at the birth of their children, took paternity leave in order to participate in child-minding and generally shared more of the domestic chores in the family.

From 1985 to 1997, when progressed Mars was in the last decanate of Pisces, esoterically ruled by Mars, men began reacting against their newly designated role as sensitive, soft and conscience-stricken beings. Men had then heard enough nonsense and Rambo, men’s magazines and therapeutic men’s groups emerged.

WOMAN’S LIBERATION

With the Moon in Sagittarius and Venus in Aquarius, the 20th century has been the period during which most changes have occurred regarding the traditional female role, compared with previous epochs in history.

In 1920, when progressed Sun entered Aquarius, women cut their hair and their long skirts and initiated a new phase in their liberation struggle. When the Sun conjoined Venus in 1927, knee-length loose fitting dresses became the fashion, and when progressed MC went into opposition with Venus the following year, the voting age for women was extended to 28 years in England.

Progressed Venus transited the last decanate of Aries, ruled by Mars, from 1960 to 1968. During that period an increasing number of women entered the labour market and thus the foundation for the later powerful Red Stocking movement was laid, the logo of which is a synthesis of Mars and Venus.

The 70s in particular were the golden age of the Red Stockings and the women's movement; this is obvious in the Ten Years' chart from January 1 1970 midnight, in which the Moon was conjunct Uranus in Libra in the 1st house and Venus was conjunct the Sun and square the Ascendant. The North Node was conjunct Mars in Pisces, another indication that men were out of their depth, regardless of whether they turned into "soft men" or not.

When progressive Venus, ruler of the 2nd and the 8th house, went through Taurus and the 8th house between 1969 and 1995, women began making careers for themselves in earnest. At first, this meant following in men's footsteps. But fortunately a new self-confidence is in the process of developing, as women have discovered the value of their particular virtues and qualities in traditional male jobs, which they have increasingly taken over. They have experienced the freedom and joy stemming from being able to manifest their own gifts and to earn their own money. The therapy wave during which art therapy became popular has had as a result that many people - not least women - found new inner resources or spiritual values.

The transit of Venus through the 8th house and Taurus has also created big changes in many other areas. For instance, pornography was legalised in Denmark just as Venus entered the 8th house in 1969, since then a transformation of collective values, shifting the emphasis on materialism towards a greater desire for a deeper quality of life, has taken place.

Progressed Venus in Gemini and the 9th house from 1995 to 2030 will provide women with new opportunities within international trade, communication, science, education, institution of higher education and politics. Venus in the 9th house can also imply that in future advertising and PR must be given a humorous, ethical and global appeal while staying closer to truth in order to work.

When Uranus and Pluto transited Libra during the 70s, the attitude that sex and orgasm was an absolute must in any marriage was widespread. It became socially acceptable to work with therapy, to dissolve partnerships or to experiment sexually, if sexual satisfaction was lacking. When Pluto entered Libra in 1971 The National League for Gays and Lesbians was founded in Denmark.

Alice Bailey writes about this question that, in our time, the Kundalini fire has a more pronounced tendency to rise to the throat chakra and work from there, which also contains an explanation to the ever growing number of singles: “This fire owing to its present activity, and the direction of that activity, is responsible for the reaction against physical marriage, and for the desire evinced by highly evolved men everywhere to evade the marriage relation, and confine themselves to creation upon the mental or astral planes. This is due to the present inclination of the Manipulatory devas of the lower generative organs to seek the throat centre, and to function there, utilising the strength of the kundalini fire to bring this about. All this is under the law of evolution, but in the interim between cause and justified effect much harm, evasion of the law, and consequent suffering can be seen”.

“Laxness in the marriage relation, due to this particular cause, is only seen amongst the highly evolved and amongst the independent thinkers of the race” (TCF 901).

PLUTO CONJUNCT THE ASCENDANT

The Pluto conjunction with the Ascendant in the middle of the 70s coincided with the release of the Shamballa force in 1975.

China had been admitted to the UN in 1971, when Pluto - transmitting the nations Ray 1 soul - had just entered Libra, the Sun sign of that country. At the time of the conjunction between Pluto and the Ascendant a diplomatic revolution

took place, when the U.S.A. established diplomatic links with China in 1973.

China had embraced communism in 1949 when Neptune was in Libra, but switched to a free market economy towards the end of the 70s, when Pluto was in Libra; this resulted in the huge economic growth of this country during the 80s and up till now.

A security and liaison conference in Helsinki was interrupted by the Yom Kippur war between Israel, Egypt and Syria in 1973 - a war won by Israel.

The organisation of oil producing countries (OPEC) which consisted largely of Arabic States, threatened to stop oil supplies to the predominantly pro-Israeli West with the result that the whole world suddenly was confronted with an oil crisis.

This war put an end to the European economic boom, which created widespread unemployment and intensified Arabic terrorism.

In the Ten Years' chart from 1970, Saturn was in Taurus in the 8th house in opposition to Jupiter in Scorpio in the 2nd house. This can be related to the growing perception that there were limits (Saturn) to growth (Jupiter). This collective problem was expressed in a famous book "*The Limits to Growth*" from 1972, about the computer modeling of unchecked economic and population growth with finite resource supplies.

Carrying a pistol in his back pocket, PLO leader Yasser Arafat spoke for the first time at the UN in 1974, when Pluto was placed on the Ascendant. Terrorism (Pluto) became visible (the Ascendant) in the largest peace organisation in the world, the UN (Libra). Other significant international events took place during that period. In 1974 the American President Nixon had to resign, East and West Germany recognised each other, Turkey invaded Cyprus and Pol Pot launched its terrible mass murder in Cambodia. Furthermore new dictatorships emerged in Chile and Argentina during those years.

In 1975, several important global agreements were entered into. For instance the European Security Conference in Helsinki was concluded with a pledge to increase the scientific, economic and cultural co-operation between states and to respect existing borders as well as human rights.

EEC signed a trade agreement, the so-called Lomé convention, with 46 countries

from the developing world; the South East Asiatic military alliance SEATO, which was established in 1954 by the U.S.A. against communism, was dissolved. Mozambique and Angola seceded from Portugal, and Franco died in 1975; Spain subsequently initiated a cautious liberalisation. In connection with the last event progressive Ascendant was conjunct Jupiter in Sagittarius in the Hundred Years' chart of Spain, which has a Sagittarian Ascendant.

New Liberalism

Progressed Sun in Aries and progressed Ascendant in Sagittarius in the 3rd house had an impact on the individualism, liberalism, new religion and fundamentalism which came to play a significant role in the development of the 80s. The position of both Neptune and Uranus in Sagittarius in the 3rd house during the 80s also influenced this development. For instance Uranus, ruler of the 5th house, was in Scorpio in the 2nd house in the chart for 1980, which was also valid for the whole decade. This reflects the young nouveau riche, the so-called yuppies, whose conservatism, materialistic values and urge to invest made a definite mark on the 80s.

When progressed Ascendant was conjunct Jupiter in the chart of Europe in 1979, Khomeini seized power in Iran, thus triggering off the 2nd oil crisis (Neptune conjunct Mercury and Chiron in Sagittarius). Margaret Thatcher became conservative Prime Minister during the same year, and Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union became the party in power in Germany. In Denmark Paul Schlütter, leader of the Conservative Party came into power in 1982 (Neptune conjunct Saturn).

When progressed Ascendant conjoined Uranus in the Hundred Years' chart of the U.S.A. in 1979, president of the U.S. Jimmy Carter made Egypt and Israel sign a peace agreement at Camp David.

A leak at a nuclear power station on Three Mile Island evoked a heated debate regarding nuclear power in America and the rest of the world that same year, which also saw the U.S.A. involved in a hostage drama. The Iranian fundamentalist government kept 52 Americans locked up in the American Embassy in Teheran and a rescue operation failed the following year.

This crisis was the main reason for the defeat of Jimmy Carter to ex-movie star Ronald Reagan in the presidential election in 1980, when the Republicans came

to power (MC square Saturn). During the 80s, when Uranus transited Sagittarius, Reagan fought hard for the implementation of his Star Wars nuclear missile deployment in space, as part of U.S. defence against Soviet Union attack.

The energy crisis, Aids, the “therapy-wave”, investment fever, bank scandals and the economic crisis from 1986 to 1995 coincided with Pluto’s transit through Scorpio and the 2nd house from 1984 to 1995. The passage of Venus through Taurus and the 8th house should also be considered in this context.

From about 1995, when Pluto (ruler of the 2nd house) entered Sagittarius, Uranus Aquarius and Venus Gemini and the 9th house, the West and not least Gemini countries Great Britain and America, experienced a huge economic boom during which many people acquired new cars.

When Uranus entered Scorpio in 1975, the punk movement emerged in London, and also the psychological approach to astrology, which later had its international breakthrough in the 80s, during the transit of Uranus through Sagittarius and the 3rd house.

The passage of Uranus and Neptune through the 3rd house caused an explosion in the field of communication technology, which led to the development of the CD and the cell phone as well as the popularity of satellite TV. Numerous video and computer shops opened and computerised astrology was developed, which enabled astrology to reach an ever-growing number of people.

Businesses began using astrology on a small scale in connection with planning and employment. The interest in theosophy, esoteric astrology and lectures on alternative topics was on the increase, too.

Neptune and Uranus in Sagittarius can also explain why peace movements, new-age culture and new visions regarding the expansion of the EU gained momentum in the 80s and 90s.

PLUTO AND NUCLEAR POWER

Some very interesting correlations between the development of nuclear physics and nuclear power and Pluto and Uranus can be found. In 1911 Rutherford, the brilliant English nuclear physicist, put forward his (later famous) nuclear theory, while Pluto was conjunct Neptune in Gemini in the 9th house and opposing

Saturn. Niels Bohr developed his nuclear model in 1913, when Saturn was conjunct Pluto and Uranus conjunct Venus, ruler of the 9th house, in Aquarius.

Rutherford performed the first splitting of the nucleus of an atom in 1919 (Pluto conjunct MC), who also proved the existence of proton in 1922 (Pluto in opposition to the Sun quincunx Uranus) while quantum mechanics appeared in 1925 (Pluto opposing Mars).

The first controlled nuclear chain reaction took place on the 2nd December 1942 at 15.25 at the University of Chicago, when Pluto was in opposition to Ray 5 planet Venus in Aquarius. Later this event proved to have negative ripple effects, as Pluto was squaring Venus in April 1986, when the nuclear power station exploded in Chernobyl in the old Soviet Union.

The first nuclear bomb exploded on the 16th July 1945 at Alamogordo in New Mexico, when Uranus was conjunct Pluto, and this aspect was still active when the Americans dropped the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 (Book of World Horoscopes 358 359).

In 1958, the first anti-nuclear conference was initiated in Geneva, while Pluto was squaring Jupiter. The conference was dissolved in 1962 because the Soviet Union and France (both with the Sun in Leo) resumed their nuclear tests while Pluto was squaring Uranus and forming a quincunx to the Sun. These dangerous aspects recurred during the rocket crisis in Cuba during the autumn of 1962, where the world was on the brink of a nuclear war.

In the light of these facts there is reason for concern regarding everything to do with computers, nuclear power and nuclear weapons in the years 2012-15 when Pluto is in conjunction with the Sun 10 degrees in Capricorn in the chart of the 2000s in square to Uranus.

PLUTO AND TERRORISM

International terrorism appeared in the middle of the 60s and 70s when Pluto and Uranus were conjunct in the 12th house and crossed the Ascendant. As an example, The Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) was founded in 1964, when Uranus and Pluto in the 12th house squared natal Pluto in the 9th house. During the 70s, Pluto and Uranus were in the 1st house in the air sign Libra. That period saw international terrorism dominated by aircraft - hijacking and by

deeply politicised left-wing groups like the Baader-Meinhof group and Rote Armee Fraktion in Germany, which chose their victims with extreme precision and always on the basis of clear political motives.

The end of the Cold War left an ideological vacuum that gave rise to a new type of terrorism characterised to a larger degree by religious or nationalistic fanaticism. At present we have seen examples of this in Algeria, on the Balkans, in Iran and in the Middle East, all of which is linked to Pluto in Scorpio and Sagittarius, but also to Uranus and Neptune in the 4th house.

Many terrorists have extremely blurred pictures of their enemies; they work across national borders, which enables them to carry the war into enemy territory.

The nature of terrorism since 1995 tends towards fewer acts of terror but more victims; the preferred targets of the terrorists are the businesspeople, completely innocent civilians or tourists who draw huge headlines throughout the world. At the same time the terrorists have gained access to weapons of increasing sophistication: Automatic rifles, poison gas or car bombs with a capacity to reduce entire blocks to rubble.

In 1995-96 when Pluto moved into the 3rd house and conjoined Jupiter, ruler of the 3rd house, the doomsday sect Aum Shinrikyo released poison gas into the subway in Tokyo, killing 12 people and causing the hospitalisation of 5000.

In the same year Egyptian fundamentalists began shooting foreign visitors in order to hurt the government and its lucrative tourism industry.

On the 19th April 1995 just as Uranus had entered Aquarius, the Ascendant of the U.S.A., a car bomb exploded in the centre of Oklahoma City. The bomb killed more than 40 people, of whom 17 were infants. This event served to throw light on several of the armed groups on the extreme right in the U.S.A., who feel that the Washington government is restricting their individual freedom to an unreasonable extent.

In December 1997, 68 tourists were killed near the Luxor temple in Egypt, which is linked to the sign of Taurus in mundane astrology (Uranus conjunct Venus, ruler of the 8th house, quincunx MC).

When Pluto was in conjunction with Uranus in Sagittarius, there was a

breakdown of the dot-com bubble on Wall Street in 2000.

When terrorist organisation Al-Qaeda destroyed the World Trade Centre in New York 9/11 2001, Jupiter was conjunct MC, Saturn conjunct Pluto in Gemini in the 9th house and Neptune conjunct Venus in Aquarius. America has the Sun in Gemini and Aquarius Rising in the soul chart of the nation.

THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

An astrological clue to the understanding of the enormous, sudden and joyful process, which led to the dissolution of the eastern block and the creation of the new global society, lies in the conjunction between progressed Jupiter and radix Uranus in Sagittarius during the 80s and 90s.

When the Berlin Wall fell in November 1989, Uranus was conjunct the Moon, and Neptune and Saturn conjunct the Sun: The hope that a new and more peaceful global society was about to be born was widespread.

The Sun refers to Leo, the Sun sign of Berlin, Saturn to Brandenburg, the Ascendant of the federal Republic and Neptune (dissolution) to socialism and Pisces, the Sun sign of Germany.

The result of the collapse of communism was that many previous communist leaders became nationalists that reacted against the globalisation process with xenophobia, glorification of the past and ethnic cleansing, which led to the civil war in the previous Yugoslavia lasting 4 years and starting at the time of the conjunction between transit Neptune and Uranus with radix Mars in Capricorn in the 4th house in 1991.

Serbia has the Sun in Cancer and the Ascendant in Scorpio, as opposed to Turkey which has a Scorpio Sun and a Cancer Ascendant, the esoteric rulers of which are Ray 6 planets Mars and Neptune. During the Gulf War in 1990-91, Neptune was conjunct Mars, thus pointing to the Ray 6 personality of the U.S.A. and war in which chemical weapons and oil interests also play a part, further emphasised by the square between progressed Mars and Neptune.

At the same time Uranus was conjunct IC and the Sun, which refers to Russia, UN and America. In the Hundred Years' chart of the U.S.A., progressed Ascendant was conjunct Chiron, the North Node and Mercury during the Gulf

War. The victory of the U.S.A. in the Gulf war became George Bush's biggest political triumph. He has the Sun in Gemini like the U.S.A.

Germany was united in October 1990, when Neptune was conjunct the Sun, and Uranus was placed on the IC in December 1990, when the Baltic States started a rebellion against the Soviet Union.

During the violent upheavals in Russia in 1991, Jupiter was in Leo and Saturn in Aquarius of which it is traditional ruler. In the Hundred Years' chart of Russia MC was squaring Mars and the Ascendant was opposing Pluto.

After the August coup in Moscow in 1991 (Uranus conjunct the Sun, Neptune conjunct Mars), the Soviet union was transformed into a democratic state with presidential rule and a free market economy; when the Soviet union was dissolved on the 25th December 1991, Uranus was conjunct Mars.

There is yet again reason to consider the exact correlation between the main rays, planets and signs of Russia, as the Sun rules Leo, the Sun sign of Russia, and Uranus rules Aquarius which transmits the Ray 7 soul of Russia. Furthermore Ray 6 planets Neptune and Mars, which transmit the personality ray of Russia, were particularly active in 1991. It is also worth noticing that Jupiter and Saturn were in the ruling signs of Russia at the same time.

As a result of the unexpected and huge political collapses 20 new states emerged. This was also reflected in the chart of the UN in which Neptune, Uranus and Saturn passed the MC of the global society and progressed Ascendant was conjunct Uranus between 1989 and 1991.

Since Neptune and Uranus entered the 4th house in 1989, we have experienced a distinct renewal of the nuclear family, which during the 60's had a bad name with many of those in the generation born with Uranus in Cancer after the 2nd World War. This position has also created further dissolution and idealisations, but also renewals of housing and domestic structures with the result that living on your own or communally has become common. Traditional family relations have been replaced by other types of community like those in the workplace and in associations or by international relations.

In addition, the dissolution of the traditional family unit and of regional communities has led to a sense of rootlessness, which according to recent social research is one of the causes of social problems like violence and crime.

The placement of Uranus and Neptune, rulers of the 5th and 6th houses, in the 4th house also indicates why many families have acquired a computer (Uranus) and DVD (Neptune) which are regular suppliers of children's games and entertainment for the whole family.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSIONS

In the light of the collected data and research it is now possible to conclusively answer the 5 questions mentioned in the introduction to this book:

The first question: *Does Hundred-Year-Charts work convincingly for the part of humanity that uses the chronology of the western world?* This question must be answered with a yes.

The second question: *Do the various national events reflected in the Hundred-Year-Charts have a meaningful correlation with Rays, planets and signs given by Alice A. Bailey?*

This question can also be answered in the affirmative as the following examples illustrate: The Ray 3 personality of France was integrated as a consequence of the manifestation of Ray 3 from 1425.

The West initiated its global dominion and Great Britain and the U.S.A., all three Ray 2 souls, emerged in connection with the manifestation of Ray 2 from 1575.

Ray 6 nations and organisations like Japan, Italy, Spain, the papacy and Christianity experienced a decline during the 1600s when the withdrawal of Ray 6 began.

Ray 1, 5 and 7 nations and large cities like Austria, France, Russia, London and later China and Germany began advancing in connection with the physical manifestation of Ray 7 from 1675.

From 1775, Ray 5 stimulated London and Austria, but also the Ray 5 soul of France, which led to The French Revolution in 1789.

The waxing incarnation of the subray of Ray 7 from 1860 created many new organisations and sports like football or soccer, which have contributed to the integration of humanity. This subray cycle also influenced the Ray 7 soul of Russia, leading to the manifestation of communism, which has played an

influential role in international politics during the 1900s.

In the Hundred Years' charts, the rays of the nations, which were transmitted by the outer planets, were often reflected clearly.

For instance the war between Spain and the U.S.A. was started in 1898, when Ray 6 planet Neptune, which is linked to the main rays of these two countries, was conjunct Jupiter, referring to the Sagittarian Ascendant of Spain, the Ray 2 soul of the U.S.A. and the Sun sign of Washington.

The Boer war between South Africa and England broke out in 1899, when Uranus was in Sagittarius conjunct Mars, referring to South Africa which has the Sun in Sagittarius and the Ascendant in Aries, ruled by Mars. London has the Sun in Libra, ruled esoterically by Uranus.

When considering the chart of the continent, the cycles of Uranus and Neptune correlate well with the history of Russia in recent times. For instance, Uranus was conjunct Mars when The Holy Alliance was created in 1815. That same planet was in applying conjunction with Jupiter in Gemini (the Sun sign of Poland) and in square to the Moon, when the Polish Rebellion broke out in January 1863.

Neptune was conjunct Jupiter and Uranus conjunct Mars when Russia initiated the first international Peace Conference in The Hague in 1899. Holland has the Sun in Cancer and as Russia its Ascendant in Aquarius, of which Neptune, Jupiter and Uranus are planetary rulers.

The coup in Moscow and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Yugoslav Civil war and the Gulf War broke out in 1991 when Uranus and Neptune were conjunct the Sun and Mars, respectively.

The third question: *Does the transits of the outer planets through the ruling signs of the nations correlate with their most important historical events?*

In all the examined cases there was at least one, and often more than one of the outer planets in the Sun sign or Ascendant of the nation during its biggest national upheavals and events. Furthermore these planets were often rayologically linked with the country in question.

As an example, Uranus entered Leo, the Sun sign of France, and Saturn, that

transmits the Ray 3 personality of the nation, was in Pisces, Ascendant of France, at the outbreak of The Revolution in 1789. Uranus also transmits Ray 3 qualities to our Earth (EA 138).

During the Sonderbund War from 1845 to 1847 in Switzerland, where seven cantons seceded from the federal state because of religious conflicts, Pluto and Uranus were in Aries, the Ascendant of Switzerland, while Neptune was in Aquarius, its Sun sign.

When Italy became fascist under Mussolini in 1922, Neptune, that is transmitting the Ray 6 soul ray of the nation, transited Leo, which is the Sun sign of Mussolini and Rome and the Ascendant of Italy.

Pluto transited Aquarius and Uranus transited Gemini, the Ascendant and Sun sign of the U.S.A. during the American War of Independence 1776-83. During the Civil War 1861-65 and during the 2nd World War, Uranus was again in Gemini; all three events connected with the nations fight for humanity and freedom.

In China, a violent and protracted farmers' rebellion broke out in 1850-51 that lasted 16 years, where millions of people died, when transit Pluto and Uranus had just entered Taurus, which is the nations Ascendant.

China embraced communism in 1949 when Neptune was in Libra, but switched to a free market economy towards the end of the 70s, when Pluto was in Libra, which resulted in the huge economic growth of this country during the 80s and up till now.

During the big revolution in 1917, Ray 6 planet Neptune, transmitting the Ray 6 personality of Russia, transited Leo, the Sun sign of the nation. At the same time Ray 7 planet Uranus, transmitting the Ray of its soul, transited the Aquarian Ascendant of Russia

The fourth question: *It is possible from a study of the planetary cycles to find the prehistoric astrological factors as causes for present happenings out of which we can render future events?*

The following examples serve as illustrations: the transits of Uranus, Pluto and Saturn through the main signs of Poland linked that country to Russia and Germany with ill-fated effects.

Uranus, which link Russia and Scandinavia via its rulership of Aquarius and Libra, transited Gemini and Taurus, the Sun sign and Ascendant of Poland respectively, during the early 1600s when Russia experienced “The Big Chaos”.

During the period 1604 to 1613, Poland had intervened in the domestic politics of Russia when two different tsars were struggling for power, one supported by Poland and the other one by Sweden.

This karma seems to return to Poland, and also to Sweden and Russia, if we pay attention to the transit of Uranus through Gemini and Taurus during the following centuries.

When Uranus was in Gemini, the Polish parliament elected August the Strong as king in 1696, which planned an alliance with Russia against Sweden.

Poland was divided between Austria, Russia and Prussia in 1772, when Uranus was in Taurus, and it was completely destroyed by the same countries at the 3rd division in 1795, when Saturn transited Gemini and Taurus. Saturn rules Capricorn, the Sun sign of Prussia and Austria, but also Aquarius, the Ascendant of Russia.

When Uranus transited Gemini and Pluto transited Taurus, a Polish rebellion against Russian dominion broke out in 1863.

When Uranus again was in Taurus and Gemini from 1934 to 1949, Poland was attacked and occupied by Germany, and in 1944 by the Soviet Union, which forced a communist regime on the country.

There was a meaningful correlation between the development, golden age and fall of the British Empire and the transit of Ray 1 planet Pluto through its ruling signs.

When Uranus entered Taurus in 1600, England began establishing its global empire; this development continued while Pluto transited Taurus and Gemini, ruling Great Britain, between 1608 and 1670. Pluto transmit Ray 1, the personality ray of Great Britain.

From 1851 to 1914, when Pluto and Neptune transited Taurus and Gemini, Great Britain reached its height as a colonial power.

When England and the U.S.A. were in conflict during the War of Independence between 1776 and 1783, and when they fought for the freedom of the whole world during and after the 2nd World War as allies, Uranus, planet of freedom, transited Gemini, which rules these two large nations.

Maybe the above mentioned planetary cycles are examples of what Alice Bailey had in mind when she wrote that a future science will appear concerning. “Past conditioning factors are basic and essential to the expression of the present and to what happens in the human family at any given moment, and from a proper understanding of the rules which should (but as yes do not) govern the processes of what is sometimes called the rectifying of a horoscope when the exact moment of birth is not known will come the future science of ascertaining those past facts which produce present occurrences” (DN 64).

The fifth question: *Is there meaningful coincidences between the Ascendant and the Sun sign of the great historical personalities and the zodiacal signs of the nation or city in which they served?*

“I would suggest to modern astrologers that they cast the horoscopes of the dominant world figures at this time, with the planets which I have given you as the esoteric rulers; all advanced people and those of major importance are on or nearing the path of discipleship and the influence of the esoteric planets is becoming, therefore, increasingly powerful. It might prove most illuminating and teach them much” (EA 286).

That there seems to be meaningful coincidences between the horoscopes of the great historical personalities and the governing zodiacal signs of the nation or city in which they work or worked the following examples shows: J. S. Bach, Wilhelm Röntgen, Franz Joseph 1, Bismarck, Roosevelt, Rembrandt, Rubens, Lincoln, Cavour, Garibaldi, the Duke of Marlborough, Prince Eugene, John F. Kennedy, George Bush senior, Mussolini, Florence Nightingale, Edison, the Duke of Wellington, Franco, Helmut Kohl, James Simpson and C.G. Jung. They all have or had the Sun or Ascendant in one of the signs, which rules the country or the people they served. Jesus had the Sun in Capricorn, which is also the Sun sign of the Jewish people.

This fact throws new light on Alice Bailey’s statement about the definite importance of the Sun sign and the esoteric rulers for advanced human beings: “The energy of the particular constellation or sign in which a man is born is

more deeply significant than has ever yet been suggested” (TWM 435).

PROGRESSED SUN MC AND ASCENDANT

Towards the end of each century, progressed Sun has entered Aries, MC Virgo and the Ascendant Sagittarius in the 3rd house, which coincides with a specific inspiration and new thought impulses given to Humanity by the Hierarchy the last 25 years of each century.

At the end of the 20th century an unusually potent Hierarchical stimulation has caused an accelerating globalisation to take place after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Likewise interest in ecology, democracy, ethics, quality of life, leisure and spiritual sciences has made rapid strides during the last 25 years.

In most Hundred Years’ charts progressed Sun enters Aquarius during the 18th and 19th year and progressed Sun Pisces during the 48th and 49th year.

That this has had a bearing on the historical development of not least the Pisces countries France and Germany is evident in the following outline:

The Thirty Years’ War broke out in 1618 in Germany and came to an end in 1648, when France became the strongest power in Europe and Germany was divided into 300 smaller units. Furthermore, the Fronde rebellion broke out in France in 1649 and this subsequently led to the implementation of absolute monarchy under Louis 14th.

Between 1719 and 1720 France and England experienced an economic crisis. France was left weakened at the conclusion of the Austrian War of Succession in 1748, from which Prussia emerged as a superpower and the grand cultural era of Germany began.

In 1819/20 a number of revolutions broke out in Southern Europe and Latin America, and in 1848 a revolution broke out in France, which spread to Germany and most European countries.

The First World War came to an end in 1918 when the Peace of Versailles ended the war formally and the People’s League was founded in 1919.

While the Sun was in Aquarius and the MC in Leo from 1918 to 1948

dictatorships were established in several places, among them Italy, Spain, Germany, Russia and Eastern Europe which were all Aquarian systems, on a lower level.

When the Sun entered Pisces from 1948/49, the blockade of Berlin led to the creation of East and West Germany, which became the catalyst for the Marshall Aid Plan and the Cold War.

The years 88-90, when progressed Sun is in square to natal Sun in hundred year's charts, were in many ways significant for several cities and states like London, Berlin, France, Brazil, Italy and Russia, which are governed by Leo ruled by the Sun.

During the 1680s Louis the 14th annexed certain West German provinces to France by making use of the legal rights stipulated in the so-called "reunion-politics", which led to another major European war, the War of the Palatine Succession, in 1688.

At "The Glorious Revolution" in 1688/89 the English parliament in London, ousted Jacob the 2nd and in this way democracy won a victory over absolute rule.

In 1688 the Great Elector Frederick William of Brandenburg/Prussia died in Berlin, capital of Brandenburg and was superseded by the Elector Frederic the 3rd.

A revolt by the Strelitzer guard secured power for the only 17-year old Tsar Peter in Russia in 1689.

The 1700s ended with The French Revolution in 1789, that subsequently led to the victory of democracy in most of the world.

In 1890 Brazil was declared a republic and the same year Wilhelm the 2nd dismissed Bismarck as German Chancellor.

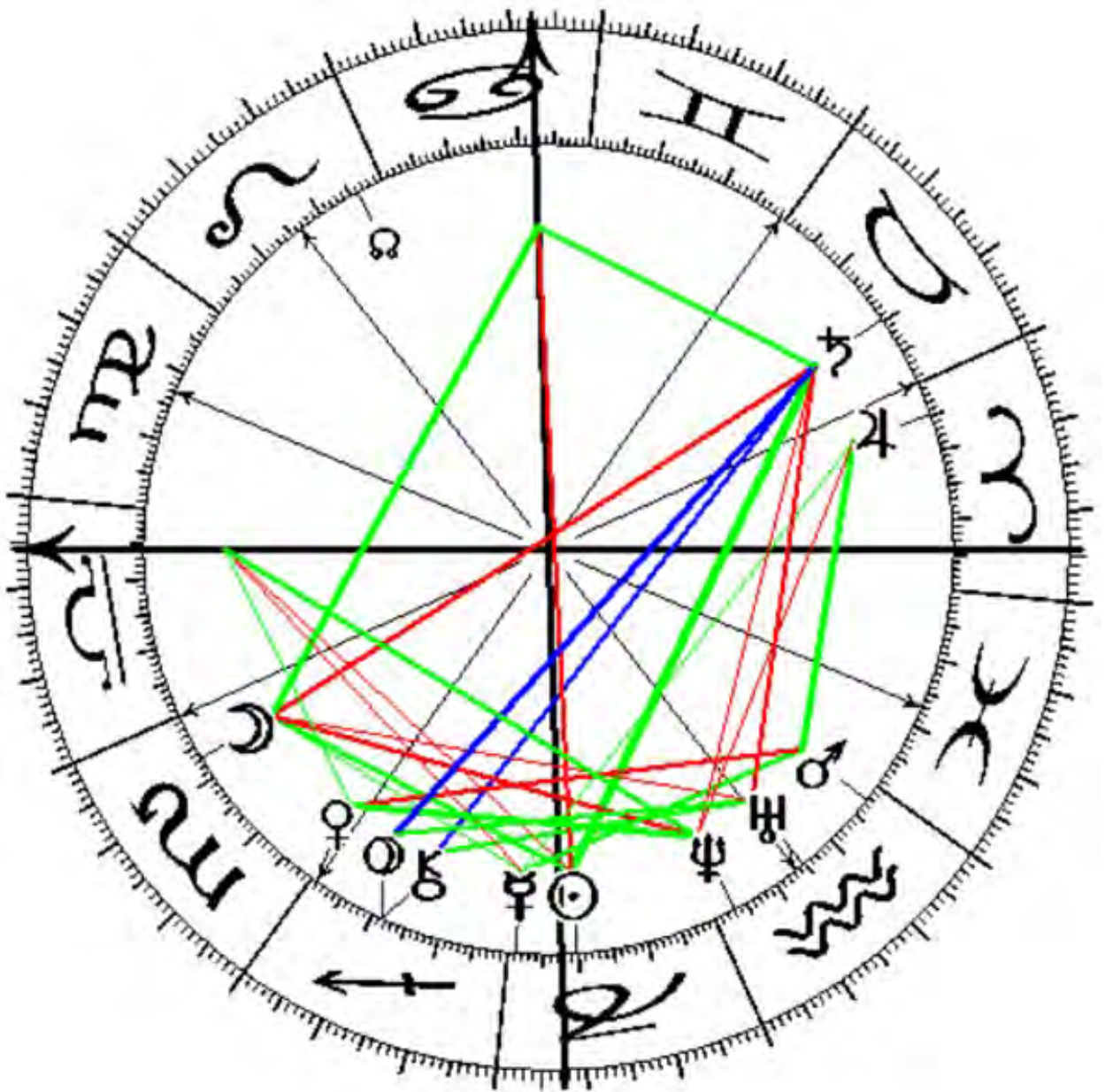
The Berlin Wall fell in November 1989.

CHAPTER 7

THE CHART OF THE 2000S

With Uranus, the esoteric ruler of the Ascendant, in Aquarius in the 5th house, the chart of the 21st century, which is also a chart for the first half of The age of Aquarius, indicates that the purpose is closely linked to the sign of Aquarius and to the Age of Aquarius which is emphasised as a very positive period in the history of humanity in all Alice Bailey's books.

In comparison the Thousand Year horoscope from year 0 had Uranus in the sign of Pisces in the 3rd decanate, which is ruled by Mars esoterically, representing idealism and devotion and governing Christianity. This means that the ideal of martyrdom and unselfish service for one's fellow men as a spiritual way of liberation was to be planted in the consciousness of humanity.



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In the chart of year 1000, Uranus was in Pisces again, but this time in the 1st decanate (Jupiter) and in the 5th house. This millennium has dealt with reorganising and integrating the world, based on the idea of community and love of one's neighbour within science, art, politics and religion. The Renaissance and the philosophers of the 1700s also related creative self-expression and individual freedom of the human being to the ideal of being useful to the whole, which is a principle of Uranus in the 5th house.

The horoscope for the new millennium reflects the most important world event from 2000 up to now, which the following examples will show:

As mentioned earlier USA has a Ray 2 soul transmitted by Jupiter, a Ray 6 personality transmitted by Neptune and Mars and the Sun in Gemini with Aquarius Rising.

When Uranus in spring 2003 was in conjunction with Mars in Aquarius, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* disaster occurred, killing all seven crew members just before the US invasion in Iraq begun.

When Neptune was in conjunction with Uranus, the great South Asian tsunami 26 December 2004, killed more than 230.000 people in fourteen countries.

The first inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States took place on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 when Jupiter was in conjunction with Neptune in Aquarius.

With the T-square between Saturn, Moon and Neptune in the 4th house in Aquarius, the bursting of the U.S. housing bubble, which peaked in 2006, started to damage the financial institutions globally. This resulted in the international financial crisis in the summer 2008, when progressed Venus was conjunct the Pluto/Chiron conjunction in Sagittarius quincunx Saturn in the 8th house in Taurus. At the same time Pluto was in conjunction with Mercury in the 3rd house in Capricorn, reflecting the automobile industry crisis of 2008-10 that badly affected the European, American and Asian automobile industry.

The Occupy Wall Street movement started its demonstrations in New York against Wall Street the 17th of September 2011, when Neptune was in conjunction with 2. house ruler Mars and Jupiter conjunct Saturn in the 8th house in Taurus, Sun sign of New York.

The Neptune/Mars conjunction in Aquarius also reflect the Arab Spring 2010-12, the NATO air attack over Libya and the growing unemployment of the youth that are threatening many nations today.

The many planets in fire signs in the chart of the 20th and the 21st centuries show that the focus of humanity is becoming mental, as Agni, the Lord of the mental plane, rules the fire element.

The fire devas have initiated a new epoch, which is why there is much today that is ruled by fire; these fire-lives are to be found in everything which burns and in the heat sustaining all life creation on Earth.

If the products governed by fire were removed, our civilisation would come to a stand still, as all transport, gas and electricity would cease and all factories would stop functioning.

The many planets in air signs - which represent intuition in esoteric astrology - can indicate that Indra, the Lord of the 4th plane, the buddhic plane or the plane of intuition, heralds the “age of air” characterised by increased lightness and etheric refinement in our time. An external symbol of this can be seen in the increased control of the air by humanity.

For this world cycle, Agni is the dominating influence, though Indra has a subtle control that is steadily growing stronger; the buddhic principle is manifesting and continues to merge with the mental plane, which is one of the reasons for the growing interest in modern intuitive spiritual science.

As the planetary Logos is focused in his mental body and strives towards the 4th cosmic initiation, the 4th initiation becomes possible for humanity as He is carrying us forward with Him as cells in His body.

A big part of present humanity is approaching the path of Probation leading to the 1st initiation, during which the human being is lifted from the mental 5th plane to the intuitive 4th plane. Here Agni, the Lord of Fire, will awaken the Kundalini-fire in the many who are ready. This process began in the 1900s and is going to continue during the coming thousand years; thus it must be correlated with the North Node in Leo and the Moon in Scorpio (TWM 389-91).

The integration of the physical, astral and mental body is the condition for taking the first initiation. This creates individuality, self-consciousness and the integration of the personality, which the North Node in Leo in the 10th house indicates as an important goal for humanity: “In Leo, the self-centred man becomes eventually the soul in life expression and focussed on the achievement of the spiritual goal of selflessness. In this sign, he undergoes preparation for the first initiation and takes it also in this sign, or under this sign when it is the rising sign, becoming “the Lion who seeks his prey “, that is the personality who becomes the captive of the soul “ (EA 143).

The Moon is in fall in Scorpio which implies that the personality (the Moon) is vanquished and defeated in this sign: “Desire is killed, for it is through expressed desire of some kind that personality demonstrates life, quality and appearance” (EA 225).

The transformation of desire to aspiration and of material values to inner spiritual powers will thus entail that a larger part of humanity will be able to take the 1st initiation during the next 1000 years; as a result, the energy will increasingly become focused in the centres above the diaphragm.

The first major proof that humanity has undergone the 1st initiation will be the appearance of a cycle of entirely new creative art (R & I 572). This may take place at the beginning of the new millennium and could be related to the transit of Pluto through the 5th house between 2023 and 2044.

The signs of Taurus, Scorpio, Leo, Sagittarius, Libra, Aries and Capricorn are related to the first initiation and there are planets in each of these signs in the Hundred Years’ chart.

Undergoing the first initiation will give many people access to their divine heritage, that is the abilities and talents developed by the soul through many incarnations. One of the effects of this will be that the voice of public opinion in future will increasingly become determined by God’s will and values which bring changes. Linked to this is the Moon (the people) veiling Vulcan, which is a Ray 1 planet representing the will-to-good (DN 18).

SATURN IN TAURUS IN THE 8TH HOUSE

As the planet of time, discipleship, opportunities and trials, the placement of Saturn in the chart indicates in which areas of life particular karmic challenges have to be addressed.

In the chart for year 2000, Saturn is in the same house and sign as in the chart for year 1000. This indicates that we have carried old, unresolved problems around sex, death, money and distribution of common resources with us into this century and millennium. These problems, which are also related to the Scorpio Moon in the 2nd house, will be resolved during the Age of Aquarius. The first four of these, mentioned below, will be resolved within the next 150 years.

1. The problem of territorial possessions (Neptune in the 4th house). The conflicts about Tibet, the Palestine and in Africa are examples of the very negative effect that arbitrary borders decided by the European superpower in the past has had on the present situation of these countries.

2. The problem of sex, which includes a truer understanding of the law of attraction. Aids is possibly a disease given by the Hierarchy with the purpose of limiting the explosive population growth and developing sex into a more genuine expression of love.

3. The problem of death. Within this century, there will be recognition that death does not exist in the way it is usually perceived today. This is linked to a scientific recognition of the existence of the soul within the realm of psychology. Besides, continuity of consciousness will be so widely developed that many of the highest types of human beings will function simultaneously in the astral and physical world (DN 34 TWM 301).

Some important steps have already been made towards developing a new science around death and the art of dying, such as the establishing of hospices and the pioneering work done by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross within the area of near-death experiences.

4. As Capricorn is the Sun sign of the Jews, the opposition between Saturn in Taurus and the Moon square Neptune reflects this conflict between other people's values and those of the Jewish people in this century. When taking these aspects into consideration, there is a risk that more crises and suffering have still to take place before this problem is solved. The opposition between the Moon and Saturn was activated by the transit of Neptune at the World Trade Centre Disaster in New York September 2001.

5. The problem of sharing the resources of the world in a just manner, which is one of the causes of the problem of hunger and starvation. It can be solved by recognising that the resources on the planet are adequate and belong to no one in particular. Part of the solution is the establishing of an economic League of Nations or an international organ of distribution, where all nations have their place (TXH 196 198).

6. The economic system. The release of atomic energy will completely alter the economic and political situation in the world and entail that national currencies

will largely be replaced by a universal monetary exchange (TXH 580). The introduction of the common European currency, the Euro, in 1998 is a step in this direction. The principle of barter, of which our monetary system is a caricature, will prevail (Venus and Pluto in Sagittarius in the 3rd house).

When the world is ready for sharing and for an overall financial adjustment, the “adjuster of finances” and the Ray 3 ashram will begin manifesting on the physical plane. At this point initiates of the fourth degree will competently institute those newer financial systems that will supersede the present disastrous methods (EXH 569 580).

This may happen when Uranus transits Taurus and the 8th house between 2018 and 2025, when Pluto transits Aquarius from 2024 to 2044 or when progressed Ascendant conjoins the Moon in 2045.

Socially aware and responsible private enterprises will continue to exist. The international organ of distribution will however regulate their production and consumption.

Public opinion (the Moon in the 2nd house) will become so influential that the ideals of ethics and human rights will be forced upon the business world (TXH 580 581).

JUPITER IN ARIES IN THE 7TH HOUSE

Mars in Aquarius and Venus in Sagittarius combined with Jupiter in the 7th house suggest that the motives leading to marriage will undergo profound changes during the next 1000 years, though the basic motive - that of love between two people - will remain unchanged or become more emphasised and selflessly expressed (ENA 139).

When the relation between the sexes is no longer purely physical, but is a union on the physical, emotional and mental level, the problem of sex will be solved through the establishing of the perfect marriage, as God intended it to be and which many people long for, but often have to forego.

This is related to the fact that often marriage is only a link between two physical bodies, sometimes a connection between two emotional bodies and seldom a marriage of two mental beings.

Now and then it is a union of the physical body of one partner, leaving that of the other uninvolved, while his/her emotional body is attracted and involved. Or the mental body may be involved together with the physical, while the emotional body is passive.

Very seldom does a co-ordinated, interacting union of all three parts of the personality exist for both partners. When this happens, a true marriage is working out which can create the necessary bodies through which highly advanced disciples and initiates can incarnate and serve humanity. The child reflects its parents: If these are purely physical and emotional, the child often becomes the same.

Many of the masters who are already incarnated in a physical body or who intend incarnating have taken on a life of the present to show how to live a normal life in a divine manner.

They will express the highest ideal of marriage by having families and raising children in order to demonstrate the principle that underlies the perpetuation of the race of men. “They will express ordered, temperate living in all things, and will demonstrate also the possibility of the existence of people on earth who have no wrong inclinations and no bad qualities in their natures“. “They may indeed be so normal that recognition of what they are may escape notice” (EH 699).

In future parenthood will not be regarded primarily as an automatic, social or economic function, which it still is in many parts of the world today. The youth will be prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood and the focus of antenatal preparations will shift increasingly from the physical to the mental and spiritual levels.

Via a consciously constructed thread of light, the light of the parents will merge with the embryonic light in the child during the phases preceding birth. Thus a contact can be established “in the light“ without creating mental control or dominance. The child will come into incarnation with its light body already embedded and functioning in the physical body. This is not so today, for the light body is inchoate and diffused and simply hovers over the child waiting for an opportunity to enter and irradiate the consciousness (Uranus in the 5th house) (ENA 31 139).

The present resistance to marriage which is particularly pronounced among more advanced people and which is one of the causes of the increasing number of singles, will result in fundamental changes to the marriage laws. In order to protect children and secure the continuity of the race, new laws will make it more difficult to contract casual or hasty marriages, although it will still be easy to divorce. Some form of guidance will be available to prevent young people from marrying prematurely (possibly through establishing marriage schools as has already been done on the Philippines today) (TCF 909).

The old parental roles and family values that have been fundamental for countless generations will continue undergoing vast changes.

In the future, the continually expanding knowledge about reincarnation and karma will dramatically change the attitudes of humanity to life, birth and death, sexuality and parenthood. New understanding of sexual rhythms, psychological insight and purposeful, controlled construction of the body will begin replacing present methods that are based on uncontrolled sexuality, resulting in unplanned procreation (Saturn, ruler of the 4th house, in the 8th house opposing the Moon, ruler of the 10th, in the 2nd house square Neptune in the 4th house).

The present huge global population is a result of an animal-like response to the sexual urge. Motivated by a need to provide food and better living conditions for the growing populations, has created economic problems and led to national aggressions and wars. Furthermore, the economic situation will necessitate the imposition of some form of birth control, because in the long term the resources of the planet are insufficient to feed fast growing populations, in the long term (Saturn, ruler of the 4th and 5th houses, in Taurus in the 8th house).

Lack of sexual control has also brought thousands of unwanted children into the world, whose birth is solely the result of accidental sexual relations and in no way indicates the planned intentions of parents. At the same time, millions of souls who were not intended to incarnate at this time have nevertheless been brought into the exoteric world.

This condition is one of the causes of present economic inequality and the problems of the modern world in providing food and acceptable standards of living to the steadily growing populations. In this context, AIDS can possibly be seen as a hard, but necessary educational factor.

The notion that quick procreation and large families may achieve state objectives and parent survival will change. In the future, quality and intelligence in one's offspring will be more important than the number of children; most developed countries, including China, have already learnt this lesson.

Polygamy, which is an insult to women and a form of legalised prostitution, will cease. The fact that it has the endorsement of tradition and centuries of practice is not a mitigating factor (ENA 134 135).

PLUTO AND VENUS IN SAGITTARIUS

One of the causes of the present conditions of stress and tension is that many people have become mentally active; this was not the case 500 years ago. Then, everything was simpler because the Lord of matter as part of the Plan largely controlled all forces.

Owing to the widespread education and information at present, the masses are either thinking independently or are mentally directed by powerful minds seeking to control world events (DN 36). This constitutes a problem for the Hierarchy as well as for the Lords of the Left Hand Way and will probably continue to do so in the coming centuries. Today child pornography and Nazi propaganda have a presence on the Internet alongside theosophy and advanced science (Pluto/Chiron conjunction and Venus in Sagittarius in the 3rd house).

Because of the development of the thinking capacity the UNITED WILL of humanity will have a decisive influence on world events.

In the field of education big changes will occur, for instance basic English will replace other languages, and more time for leisure and a soul culture will supersede our present methods of education.

The development of soul powers and higher consciousness will engross the attention of educators and students everywhere.

In the schools, modes of meditation, the intensification of vibration, the laws of the universe and the right use of colour and of sound will be taught. But all will be subordinated to the idea of service (TWM 334 428).

The development of inner light and the creation of continuity of consciousness,

which will make all, previously obtained knowledge accessible to each human being for example via the internet, will initiate the 'scientific brotherhood'. The embryo of this is to be found in the development of the computer and the Internet.

RESEARCH AND SCIENCE

As Venus rules the Ajna centre which latently contains "the eye of revelation" and Sagittarius represents the ability to see and research, the astrological factors will be present to facilitate a scientific discovery of the capacity of the human eye to direct energies and forces. This will be one of the first steps towards the rediscovery of the 3rd eye or Shiva's eye (TCF 1008).

The two Ray 1 planets, Pluto and Vulcan are linked to sound which has destructive as well as creative qualities (And God said: "Let there be light and there was light"). Sound has already affected the bodies of the human being and all life - forms everywhere. Because of sound pollution, certain vegetable- and animal species have disappeared or will disappear.

The scientists of the future will study the sound which every form in all kingdoms of nature give forth, thus enabling, through sound, changes to be brought about and new forms to be developed. The release of energy in the atom is linked to this new coming science of sound, which presumably will be developed last (TWM 335).

New research has already revealed the effect of sound, light and colours on animals and people. For instance, attempts have been made to create a better atmosphere in institutions by painting in light colours. People working in cowsheds have noticed that the cows yield more milk with classical music in the background.

Research into light and colour will inspire people to increasingly talk and think in terms of light. This will lead to the development of etheric vision through which the inner structure behind all outer forms will be seen and studied. The angels will assist in this process.

This will break down all barriers of race and the essential brotherhood of man will be established. Everybody will be able to see each other as light units of varying degrees of brightness; the relative capacities of old and young souls will

be recognised, thereby re-establishing on earth the rule of the enlightened (TWM 334).

Venus in Sagittarius reflects symbolically that the needed energies are available to develop the capacity of clairvoyant perception of the future during the next three centuries. As already mentioned this can happen in three ways:

1. Through the development of soul contact. If the meditating factor of the mind is duly trained, there will be a correct foreknowledge of individual destiny and of coming events.
2. Through the development of the science of astrology.
3. Through the recurrence of “soothsaying” and the training of old “sibyls” by the workers upon Ray 7 to speak under inspiration of the Hierarchy at the May and June Full Moon rituals. This will be within the time-span of the next 2000 years (DN 27 28).

Current philosophies (as we know them) will pass away as they have served their purpose that consisted in formulating theories about God and the divine. Instead cosmologists (who in word and deed are cosmologists i.e. in touch with the individual Christ) will take the place of the present philosophers (TWM 339).

An embryonic science of the soul will be developed at universities financed by public endowments; in this area France with its Ray 5 soul and Ray 3 personality has a unique potential to prove the existence of the soul (TWM 340 DN 72-76).

CHRISTIANITY AND THE CHURCH

In the new age, all of us must learn to let go of our thought-forms; may this apply to universities, natural science, theology and the Church, too, as the current point of view is that truth is their prerogative (Pluto in Sagittarius in the 3rd house).

According to Alice Bailey, it is not the sects and the many extreme fundamentalist religious movements, which will meet the long-term need of the many spiritual searchers in the Age of Aquarius. On the other hand, the Church will still have significance for the religion of the new age, provided it chooses to

reform. Master Jesus will again take hold of the Christian Church, and from the chair of the Pope in Rome he will attempt to spiritualise and reform Christianity (DN 59).

In the new age, the churches must show tolerance and no longer cling to reactionary dogmas and outdated theological doctrines. Educators must be trained; Bible knowledge must be spread; the sacraments must be mystically interpreted and the power of the Church to heal must be demonstrated. Several of the spiritual beings and masters who are heading the evolutionary processes on earth are working to break, not the form of Christianity, but the grip of the churches on the minds of the masses. This is so because the old thoughtforms are too restricted to meet the need of modern humanity to understand, but also to have a direct experience of spiritual reality (EXH 502-3 510-11).

Until now, the task of the churches has been to function as educational centres for the masses in fundamental spiritual truths - a task likely to remain. In the future the church will maintain its external form so that, through it, Christ will still be able to reach the many that are used to worship there.

In the new age, the old rituals will be revitalised and the mysteries reintroduced, partly with the help of the Church, provided that it chooses to renew itself. More and more people will take an interest in the initiations, while the question will continue attracting public attention.

“Before many centuries pass the old mysteries will be restored, and an inner body will exist in the Church - the Church of the period, of which the nucleus is already forming - wherein the first initiation will become exoteric, in this sense only, that the taking of the first initiation will, before so very long, be the most sacred ceremony of the Church” (I 9).

The first initiation to the soul is the birth of Christ consciousness in the heart and the conscious stepping on to the path of discipleship and service. And as the Christ is the Initiator at the first initiation, everybody who undergoes this ritual will be able to experience him directly and consciously. Thousands of faithful co-workers will take the first initiation in connection with the reappearance of the Christ, which may happen, in the 21st century. Many aspirants active within church organisations, or who in some other way feel a link with Christ and who love him, can be practically sure that they saw him, knew him or perhaps served him in Palestine 2000 years ago (TXH 513 514).

THE NEW RELIGION

The new world religion will be based on an increased approach between humanity and the spiritual masters, partly facilitated by the New Group of World Servers of disciples who, each within a particular field of expression, are engaged in anchoring the knowledge of the new age. Only those who are aspirants or on the path of discipleship will form the nucleus in the coming world religion.

The new religion will replace the present religions of the East and the West and create a synthesis between religion, science and politics (Venus and Pluto in Sagittarius).

This will not be a compromise or a mixture between earlier religions but will completely rest on the principles formulated by the esoteric teaching today.

It will emphasise the possibility of the particularly powerful link between humanity and the spiritual masters that can be established each month at the time of the full moon in each of the 12 astrological signs.

Furthermore, the essence of the new religion will be the establishing of right human relations all over the planet, the teaching about the development of human consciousness through reincarnation and karma and the dispelling of world glamour - the collective desires and illusions - which it is the task of humanity to transcend.

With Uranus and Neptune in Aquarius, the Ascendant of Russia, that country will link the East and the West and create the new magical religion, culture and education. A great spiritual religion will emerge, brought forward by a vital Russian exponent of true religion.

Spain, which has a Sagittarius Ascendant, will create a balance between the field of scientific magic and the magical work of the Church of the future. This still lies far ahead, but the Ray 6 soul and Ray 7 personality of Spain provide unique possibilities for this kind of synthesis (DN 61 62).

URANUS AND MARS IN AQUARIUS IN THE 5TH HOUSE

Above all, Uranus, Neptune and Mars in Aquarius refer to the New Group of World Servers and the Hierarchy, as this sign is linked to world service, group consciousness and the new age. The aspects suggest that the appearance of the Christ and the Hierarchy can take place on the physical plane during the 21st century.

In each of the five cities of London, New York, Tokyo, Geneva and Darjeeling, corresponding to the four centres along the spine and the Ajna centre in the body of the planetary Logos, a senior disciple will begin organising an ashram of a master as part of the preparation of the Externalisation of the Hierarchy, related to the reappearance of the Christ (TXH 675).

In connection with the release of the Shamballa force from 1975 when Pluto passed the Ascendant, representatives of the Ray 1, 2 and 5 ashrams in the New group of World Servers began working as the outpost of the Hierarchy and thus created the path for its exoteric manifestation.

The Ray 1 group represented by for example by Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela and Angela Merkel has since worked to create a new political synthesis.

The Ray 2 group has been involved in the manifestation of the knowledge of the new age within education, music, theosophy, astrology, healing and religion.

The Ray 5 group has developed computer and medical science; its purpose is to abolish unemployment, create more time available for higher studies and lead us into the benefits of the atomic age (TXH 577 579).

The development of group consciousness, knowledge of the activation through group work and meditation as well as recognition of sacrifice and service as a way to liberation will continue expanding (Neptune in Aquarius).

From 1995 to 2012 when Uranus and Neptune was in Aquarius, significant renewals and initiatives within the New group of World Servers was taken, which lead to further growth of the recognition of group interrelatedness and initiations.

Niels Brønsted and Søren Hauge both formed Theosophical Schools in Denmark in 1995 when Uranus went into Aquarius. Gordon Davidson and Corinne McLaughlin from the U.S.A. formed the World Service Intergroup in 1998, when Neptune went into Aquarius.

A group of mystics, distinguished by knowledge and by its work on the mental plane, is in the process of formation (written before 1949). This group is not confined to the strictly religious types, but men and women in every branch of human thought are found among its members (TWM 331).

The various idealistic groups may however run into problems in the future, because they often are a mixture of true Aquarian - and Piscean types who are sufficiently developed to respond to Aquarian ideas, but who have difficulties in applying these practically (Uranus and Neptune conjunct the South Node in Aquarius square Saturn).

At the very beginning of the 21st century, the Masonic movement will be reorganised by enlightened Masons and function as the training school for coming advanced occultists. The first initiation will hold a similar place in the Masonic rituals as it will in the Church, where those who are ready for this initiation will be publicly admitted to the Lodge by one of its members authorised to do so by the Hierophant (TWM 633 TXH 511 513 I 9).

Russia and the U.S.A. will become advocates for legislation for children, this legislation will be universal in its influence before 2035 AD, when progressed Sun is conjunct Uranus (EA 238). Both nations have the Ascendant in Aquarius, which among other things represents international humanitarian work, other people's children and which is linked to politics and legislation via Jupiter, its esoteric ruler.

In 2025 when Ray 4 slowly begins its period of manifestation the four outer planets change signs. Saturn and Neptune enter Aries together, which will considerably influence the countries with this sign on their Ascendant like Germany, South Africa, India and Switzerland.

Pluto enters Aquarius, which governs Russia, the U.S.A., Switzerland, Holland and Moscow, while Uranus enters Gemini, which is linked to Great Britain, London, the U.S.A., Belgium, Poland, New Zealand and Brussels.

That Pluto and Uranus will be in the main signs of the U.S.A. simultaneously, like they were during the American War of Independence between 1776 and 1783, creates vast possibilities which could be related to an initiation or the next step on the path of discipleship.

Ray 4, the Ray of harmony and beauty through conflict will from 2025 slowly

enter into manifestation. During the coming centuries, it might bring new creativity in the arts, psychology and architecture to the world and stimulate the Ray 4 soul of humanity and Ray 4 nations like Japan, Germany, Italy, Austria and Brazil. Furthermore it will facilitate the unification of the West with the East since the West has a Ray 4 personality, and the East a Ray 4 soul (DN 100).

THE CHART OF NEW YORK

Alice Bailey writes in the book *Destiny of the Nations* that New York - as America - has a Ray 2 soul of love and wisdom and a Ray 3 personality of intelligent activity, that Saturn and the Earth is transmitting.

The city also functions as the throat centre of America, which is connected with Ray 3. This is reflected in the horoscope by the many planets in Taurus, and the dominant Saturn and Earth, which both rules the throat and is connected with Ray 3.

According to Alice Bailey, New York is governed by Cancer which is confirmed by the present rectified chart, which has Cancer rising (DN 93). Neptune, which is esoteric ruler in Cancer, is transmitting Ray 6 of idealism and devotion of the Planetary Logos, which Solar Plexus centre is manifesting and unfolding in New York for the whole Western Hemisphere (DN 92 97).

New York is one of the five centres of the Planetary Logos and this is why the headquarters of the United Nations where chosen to be placed there, which happened in 1946, when Neptune was in conjunction with IC.

The combination of Ray 2 and Ray 6, which is the soul- and personality rays of America, was perhaps the reason why the author James Cooper wrote:” It is difficult to believe that the city belongs to a special state, it belongs to all U.S.A.” (Encyclopedia Britannica New York).

The horoscope of New York has been cast by Marc Penfield the 16th of May 1626, when the Dutch governor bought the island of Manhattan from the Indians for good worth 60 guilders. With a Ray 3 personality and six planets in earth signs the New Yorkers are down to earth people interested in power, money, trade and commerce (Marc Penfield: Horoscopes of the Western Hemisphere 167-68).

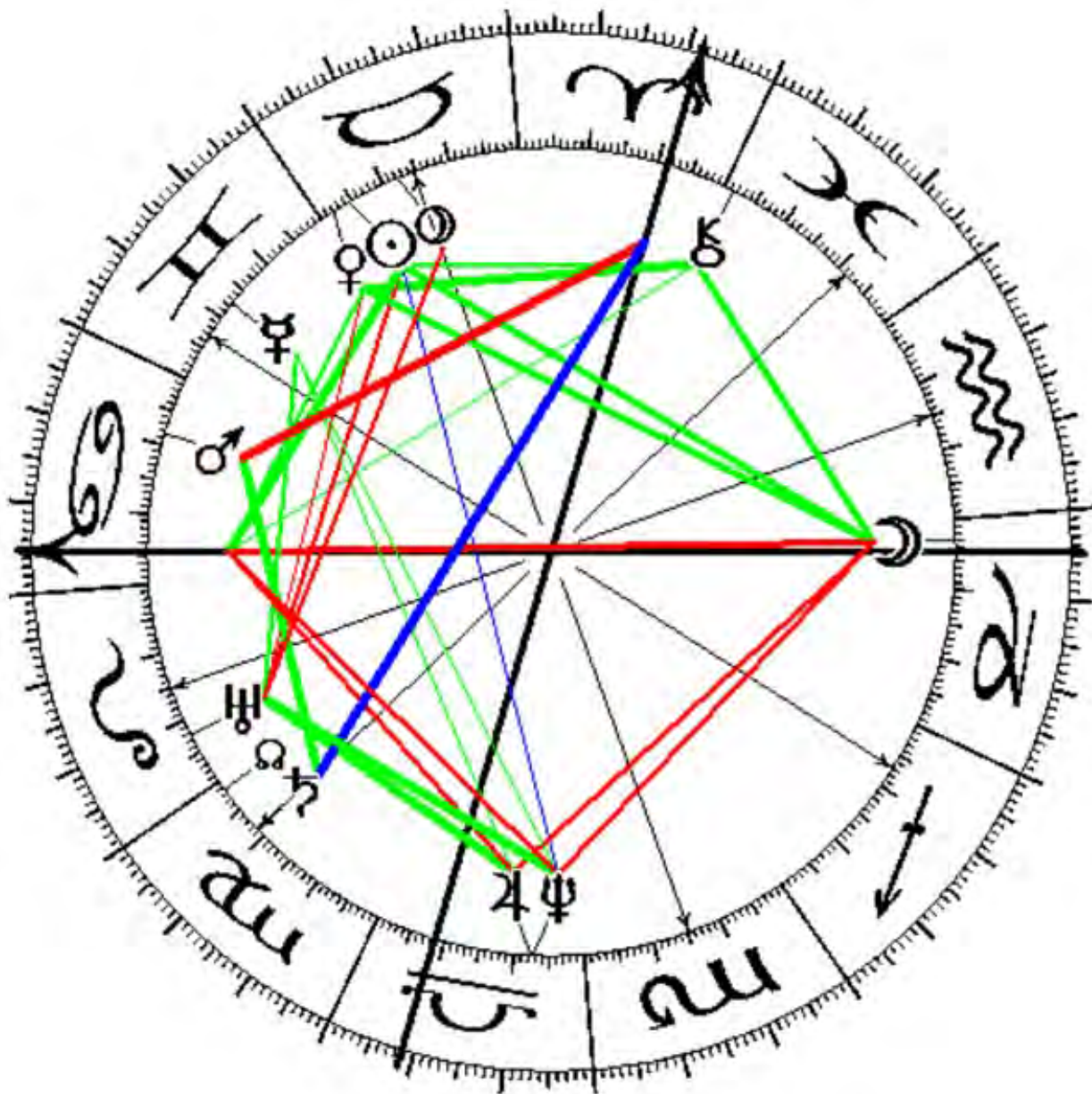
In Taurus we meet the strongest desires in all its forms, which through the influence of the opposite sign, Scorpio, shall be transformed to spiritual will.

That the rulers over 8th house, Saturn and Uranus, are placed in the second house, and that Venus, Pluto and the Sun is in Taurus shows that a considerable amount of the incomes of New York are earned from investments, banking, transnational stock trading that have created a lot of economical wealth and jobs for the American people, but also from time to time had led to valuable world wide economical crisis.

The Statue of Liberty, given as a gift to the United States from the people of France, was dedicated on October 28, 1886 when Uranus conjunct the IC. When Pluto was on the IC, the city neared bankruptcy but avoided that step with the aid of a \$2.3 billion federal loan in 1975.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, that has demonstrated in New York City against the social and economical divisions Wall Street bankers and investing companies has created, started the 17th of September 2011 in New York, when progressed Moon (the people) was in Pisces (pain, idealism) in the 8th house (collective economy, sharing and crisis). At the same time Neptune was in square to Venus (financial and social values) in the chart of New York.

The combination of Ray 2 and Ray 3 was perhaps one of the reasons why The Theosophical Society through Madame Blavatsky was formed in New York 1875, when progressed IC was in conjunction with Mercury in Gemini in the 11th house.



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The Sun of Madame Blavatsky was in conjunction with Uranus in Leo in the 2nd house in the chart, which gives good opportunities to manifest (2nd house) the teachings of the Age of Aquarius (Uranus in Leo) in New York.

Under the 2nd World War the Tibetan wrote that the opposite sign of the Sun sign reflects the influence of the monad in the horoscope. Because the Earth is placed 180 degrees opposite the Sun, it is always placed in the opposite sign of

the Sun sign. That means that the sign of the Earth reflects the monadic purpose or the influence of the monad in the chart.

In the horoscope of New York the Earth is placed in Scorpio in the 5th house, which is transmitting the Ray 3 personality of New York, which is one of the most important rays in connection with trade, finance, banking, and communication. With that constellation the Ray 3 personality of New York has been developed through finance and investment, within sport, theatre, music, entertainment, teaching and crisis.

It was after Ronald Reagan in the 80s freed the financial market and stock trading for the most official restrictions, rules or regulations the great boom on the financial markets begun not at least in New York after 1992, when the progressed Ascendant went into Leo, a sign where you often are willing to take big risks.

At the same time progressed retrograde Jupiter began its 16 years long conjunction with the Earth in Scorpio in the 5th house from 1991 to 2007. The combination of Ray 2 Jupiter and the Ray 3 Earth created a wave of hyperactive optimistic financial speculation, that must also be seen in connection with the fact that Pluto was in Sagittarius from 1995 to 2008.

That soul impulse has led to a temporary successful economic expansion for New York, America and the World, but also an almost religious faith on perpetual economic growth, where some finance traders felt they could walk on the water.

It have in periods created obsessions, where the investors was willing to take huge risks (5th house) in connection with stock trading, investment, sub prime loans and other kinds of financial speculation where some has become enormous rich while others has lost all of their fortunes or whole lifesavings (Scorpio).

Saturn in the 2nd house, that also transmit the Ray 3 personality of New York, shows that the personality of New York also have some shadow sides, that in the past has led to international crisis of finance.

Progressed Moon was in Pisces in the 8th house, Jupiter in conjunction with Pluto while Uranus was in conjunction with MC when the stock market on Wall Street broke down in 1929.

When the financial crisis 2007-8 started to affect Wall Street, the ruler over 8th house, Uranus, formed the very fateful Yod aspect pattern of 150 degrees to Neptune and Uranus.

At the same time Saturn went through the 2nd house in conjunction with radix Saturn, while Jupiter and progressed Moon went through Capricorn in conjunction with the Moon, which ruined many ordinary people.

At the World Trade Centre catastrophe 11 September 2001 9th house ruler Neptune formed a Yod aspect pattern of 150 degree to Mars and Saturn, that maybe reflected a karmic consequence of the activities of New York in connection with politic, trade, money and finance through the times. At the Same time Uranus (planes, terrorist groups) was in the 8th house of death in opposition to radix Uranus in Leo in the 2nd house.

GLOSSARY

Most of the following definitions are from the book: "Initiation, Human and Solar" by Alice Bailey page 215-225. They are not fully exhaustive but included so the reader may understand some of their meaning. For further reading, see the Theosophical Glossary by Madame Blavatsky.

ADEPT. A master who has taken the fifth initiation.

ATLANTIS. The continent that was submerged in Atlantic Ocean and was the home of the fourth root race, which is called the Atlanteans.

ANTAHKARANA. That thread, path og bridge that links the monad or spirit to the personality directly. The building of the antahkarana becomes possible when the creative lift of the aspirant shifts from the sacral centre into the throat. This happens around the first initiation.

ASHRAM. That group of disciples a master gathers on the inner or outer plane in order to manifest a specific part of the devine plan for the benefit of humanity.

ATMA. The three aspects of the monad or spirit also called the spiritual triad is atma, buddhi and manas. Atma is the spiritual will, buddhi the intuition and manas the higher mind of the monad. The lower correspondence in the personality is the mental, astral and physical body. The atmic plane is the third of the seven planes of our solar system.

BODHISATTVA. A name for the office in the department of Hierarchy which at present is held by Lord Maitreya, known in the west as Christ. The Bodhisattva is the head of all the religions of the world and is also called the World Teacher.

BUDDHI. Is the second highest principle of the monad connected with love, intuition or pure reason. The buddhic plane is the fourth of the seven planes of our solar system.

CAUSAL BODY. Is the centre of the consciousness of the soul and the highest part of the mental body of human beings and is often called manas. The causal body continues to exist life after life and contain all experiences, possibilities,

talents and abilities that have been developed in the former incarnations which is stored in the permanent atoms. The time of the creation of the causal body by the solar angel perhaps marks a birthtime after which the horoscope of the soul can be made. It is dissolved at the fourth initiation because it then becomes a hindrance for a further integration between spirit and matter or the monad and the personality.

CHOHAN. A master who has taken the sixth initiation.

EGOIC GROUPS. On the third subplane of the fifth plane, the mental, are found the causal bodies of the individual man and woman. These bodies, which are the expression of the soul (or the Ego as the soul is sometimes called), are gathered together into groups according to the rays of its members. We talk for example of a first or a second soul ray group.

DEVA. Parallel with the human evolution a deva evolution is taking place. A deva or angel is a celestial being, whether good, bad or indifferent. Devas are divided into many groups and are not only called angels and archangels but also lesser and greater builders. They mostly work on etheric, astral and mental planes and do normally not incarnate in physical bodies. Out of their own substance they build the form desired by the greater builders.

ELEMENTALS. The spirits or creatures involved in the four elements, earth, water, fire and air. They live permanent on etheric, astral or mental planes. Except a few of the higher kinds and their rulers, they are forces behind nature without the self-consciousness of human beings.

HIERARCHY. The creative Hierarchies are twelve groups of spiritual beings which help to build up our solar system. Within our earth-system there is a reflection of this Hierarchy which is called the occult Hierarchy and is formed of chohans, adepts and initiates working through their disciples in the world. The occult Hierarchy, also known as the great white brotherhood, was founded on our earth in the middle of the lemurian epoch, approximately eighteen million years ago.

This Hierarchy of brothers of light still exists, and their work goes steadily on. They control the destiny and is leading all evolutions on this planet to an ultimate perfection. They are in physical existence, either in dense physical bodies or in etheric bodies. Several of the masters in physical bodies dwell in the Himalaya mountains, but the greater number are scattered all over the world

where they work unrecognised and unknown (I 32 33).

INDIVIDUALISATION. That event happened about twenty-one million years ago when the fourth or human kingdom out of the third or animal kingdom came into being. By the assistance of the solar angels the egoic bodies was built in the mental bodies and man became for the first time a self-conscious, or a rational unit.

INITIATION. A gradual process of penetrating into higher and higher dimensions of the spiritual world. The path of initiation is the final stage of the path of evolution, and is divided into five stages, called the five initiations.

KUNDALINI. Kundalini or the serpent power is the power of life centred within the spine. At the third initiation the kundalini-force, by an act of will by the soul, is raised up and connected with the head centre which create continuity of consciousness.

LEMURIA. A term used by the theosophists to indicate a continent that preceded Atlantis and was the home of the third root race. It was in Lemuria, under the individualisation that man for the first time became self-conscious.

LOGOS. The highest deity manifested through a solar system (a solar logos) or a planet (a planetary logos).

MANAS. It is the mental faculty that distinguishes man from the mere animal. Manas is the individualising principle which enables man to know, feel and think. It can be divided into the lower concrete, the abstract and the higher intuitive mind. The mental plane is the fifth of the seven planes in our solar system.

MONAD. The one, the “Father in Heaven” and the will aspect. The threefold spirit on its own plane (satma, buddhi or manas). The monadic plane is the second of the seven planes in our solar system.

PERMANENT ATOM. They are the repositories of past experience, of gained quality, and of the particular note which the body of which it is the nucleus has achieved. Around them the mental, astral and etheric bodies are built before a new incarnation.

PLANES. Our solar system is divided into seven planes: 1. Divine plane; 2.

Monadic plane; 3. Spiritual plane; 4. Buddhic plane; 5. Mental plane; 6. Astral plane and 7. Physical plane.

PLANETARY LOGOS. Refer to the seven highest spirits that has passed through the human stage and is now manifesting through a planet in the same way that man manifest through his physical body. In Christian terminology they are known as the “Seven Spirits before the throne”.

The Planetary Logos of our earth scheme took physical incarnation, approximately eighteen million years ago, under the form of Sanat Kumara and has remained with us in etheric form ever since.

RAY. The one being is differentiated in seven streams of force, lights or energies called the seven rays. Each of them is the embodiment of a great cosmic entity. The first three rays are the rays of aspect:

Ray 1: The ray of will, purpose and power

Ray 2: The ray of love and wisdom

Ray 3: The ray of intelligent activity

The next four are subrays of the third ray of intelligent activity and are called the rays of attribute:

Ray 4: The ray of harmony through conflict

Ray 5: The ray of concrete knowledge

Ray 6: The ray of abstract idealism or devotion

Ray 7: The ray of ceremonial magic or law

ROOT RACE. One of the seven races of man which evolve upon a planet during a cycle of planetary existence called a world period. The third root race was the lemurian, the fourth the atlantean and the present fifth race is called the aryan, not to be confused with the German Nazi-concept of the same word.

SANAT KUMARA. Can be understood as the personality of our Planetary Logos in which we live, move and have our being for which reason on one can pass beyond the radius of His aura. His point of evolution is as far in advance of that of an adept as that adept is in advance of animal man.

Sanat Kumara, who is also called the Lord of the World, the One Initiator or the Ancient of Days, rules all the affairs of the world and lives at Shamballa.

SHAMBALLA. The central home of Sanat Kumara and Hierarchy is at Shamballa, a centre in the Gobi desert, called the “White Island”. It exist in etheric matter and will be one of the latest etheric sacred spots to be revealed (I 33).

SOLAR ANGEL. The solar angels or agnishvattavas are seven higher groups of beings, who has gone through the human evolution long time ago. Where man aspires to become a solar angel they aspire to become a planetary logos. Through the entire cycle of incarnation the soul of every human being is supported by a solar angel.

At the time of the individualisation they build in the egoic lotus or causal body in the mental body in man. It is through the sacrifice and presence of the solar angel that man for the first time becomes self-conscious and a thinking individuality which distinguishes him from animal man.

Their purpose is to be mediums of expressions for the monad and to unite the spiritual triad with the lower triad of the personality. That happens at the fourth initiation, where the causal body is dissolved and the solar angel returns to his own place.

WESAK. A festival that takes place in the Himalayas at the full moon of May. At this festival Christ, Buddha and all the members of the Hierarchy are present.

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Abbreviations

TXH
EA
DN
EP 1
EP 2
I
R & I
TWM
TCF
ENA
EH

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