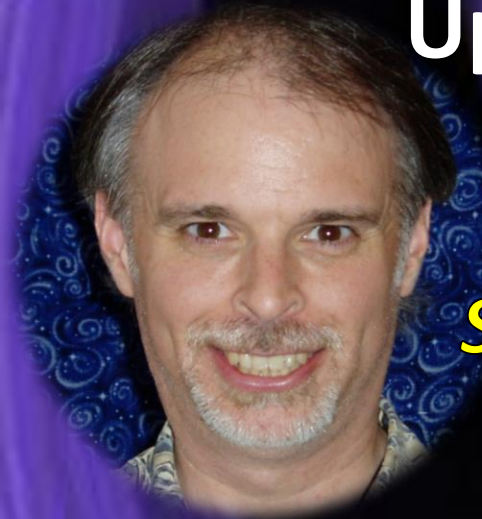


# NO EASY WAY THROUGH OUR ACCELERATING TIMES

A Shamanic Astrology Perspective of the  
Upcoming Exceptional Planetary Alignment

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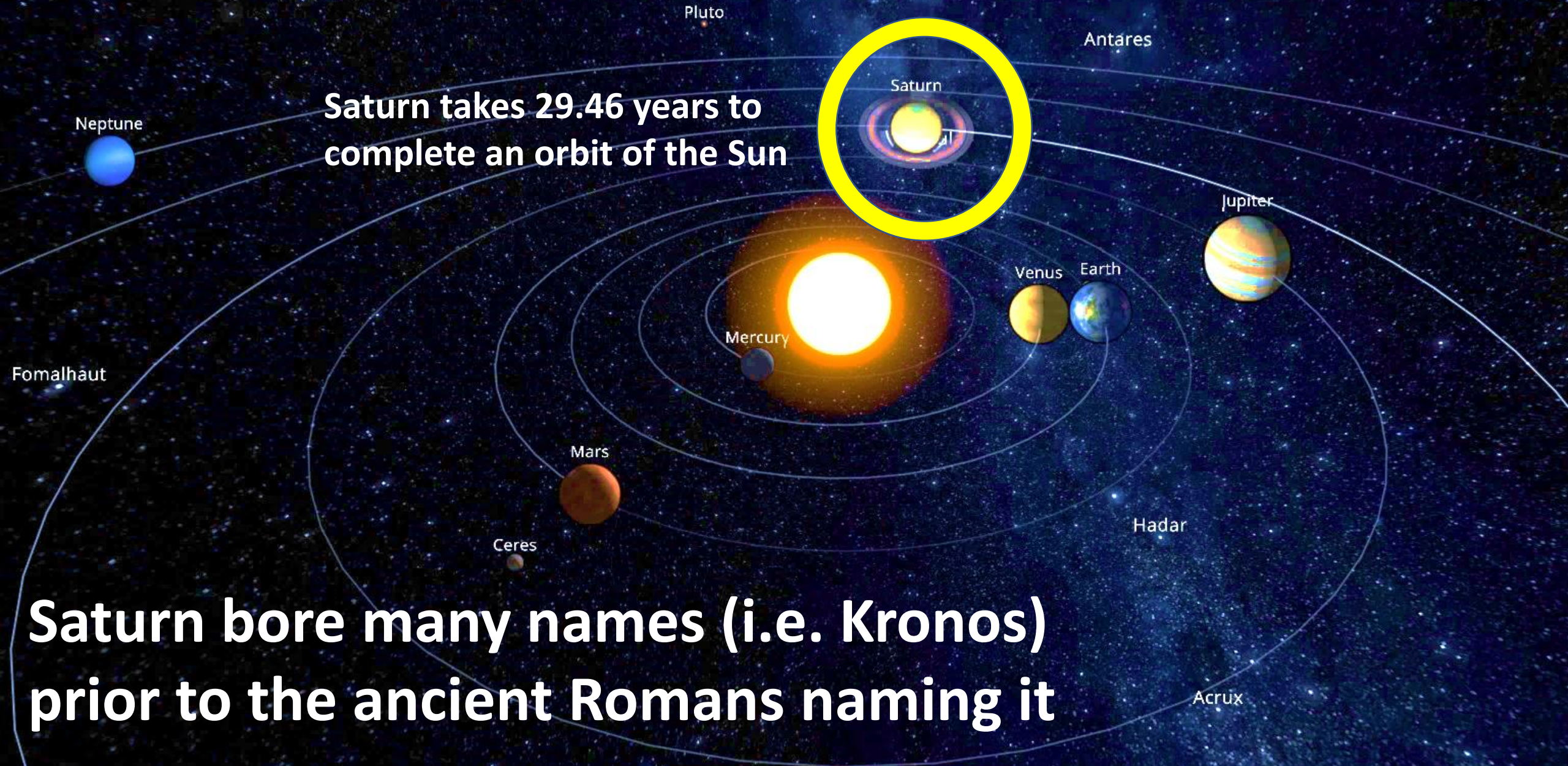
# What will be Covered?



- **Origins of the god Saturn and the Saturn Figures of Myths from Sumer to Africa to Rome to Mesoamerica and South America**
- **Saturn in Traditional Western Astrology and Shamanic Astrology**
- **Upcoming Saturn in Capricorn and a Look at past Saturn Transits in Capricorn, including the upcoming conjunctions with Pluto and Jupiter**
- **How these Alignments can be Utilized in your life**

# Saturn is the 6<sup>th</sup> Planet from the Sun

Saturn takes 29.46 years to complete an orbit of the Sun



Saturn bore many names (i.e. Kronos) prior to the ancient Romans naming it

# Origination of the Deity

The pre-cursors to Saturn go back many thousands of years before Hellenistic period, the rise of the Roman Empire and Christian religion

Some of the best clues of the nature pre-Greco Roman Saturn/Kronos come from places like Sumer and Babylon, Ancient Egypt and the pre-Incan cultures of South America.

Over the millennia, the nature and myths of Saturn have shifted and transformed into something malevolent, judgmental (including the wrathful aspects of the Christian God) and also representing the superego



The god Enki from ancient Sumer

# THE ANCIENT NAMES OF SATURN

- **Kronos / Cronus (Grecian)**
- **Enki / Ea (Sumerian)**
- **Ninib / Ninutra (relating to Mars too / Assyrian)**
- **Marduk (part of the myth & Mars / Babal)**
- **Viracocha / Kon Tiki / Taapac / Huaracocha (Mesoamerican)**
- **Ptah (Egyptian)**
- **The Yellow Emperor ( Chinese)**

# SATURN IN EXILE

- **In Roman/Greek myth, Saturn is castrated and exiled from rule by Jupiter/Zeus, Saturn/Kronos' son. The place Saturn is exiled to is called "Eridu" – for which the city of Eridu resides at the star Canopus, which relates to the great river, "Eridanus"**
- In very ancient times, the Saturn figure was the Lord of Time, Lord of the Measures, Lord of the Mill and Lord of the World Order
- **The action of being exiled denoted a new world age has emerged, with the timing of it around 4,500 years ago, which is about the timing of the emerging Patriarchy and Patrilineal Cultures began to show up**
- Saturn is , according to the book, *Hamlet's Mill*, "the fallen ruler of the Golden Age (Krita Yuga) is held to dwell nearest to the celestial South Pole, particularly in Canopus, which marks the steering oar of Argo. Canopus at the "confluence of rivers". Canopus first became visible in southern Mesopotamia around 4,500 years ago
- **While there were a few 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> magnitude stars which were closer, Canopus was the nearest 1<sup>st</sup> magnitude star which marked the celestial South Pole (at the same time as Vega marked the Celestial North Pole) about 13,000 years ago**

# ONE THING IN COMMON

All of the deities mentioned do have one thing in common:  
*they brought civilization to humanity*

- Agriculture
- Astronomy/Astrology
- Mathematics
- Architecture
- Laws / Rules / Boundaries
- Measurements
- Writing (in combination with Mercury figure)

In addition, in most cases, those Saturn-like figures walked the Earth with humanity during the so-called “Golden Age of Man”



# New Perspective on Saturn

Like Mars, when Saturn is interpreted by most astrologers (though it is lessening in this regard), it is looked at as malefic or simply bad. It is seen as the judge, jury and executioner in people's lives. **This can create fear and anxiety around a Saturn transit as if it is something to avoid.** In fact, during rise of Christianity and The Church, Saturn was made out to be evil and sometimes even as the Devil itself.

But this look is really a reflection of the times in which the definition of Saturn came about in the last 2000 years. For a much longer period of time, the deity **Saturn of many other names represented the antithesis of the current perspective of Saturn through Western Astrology.** What the majority of astrologers or more apparent, in cursory knowledge of astrology, it is the shadow of Saturn that it exclusively seen.

A more balanced approach is seen with Shamanic Astrology and other astrologers. **Like all planetary influences and signs, there is both a light and shadow to these energies, so it is with Saturn.**



# Shamanic Astrology

## Perspective on Saturn

### Hard/Dynamic Natal Aspect of Saturn

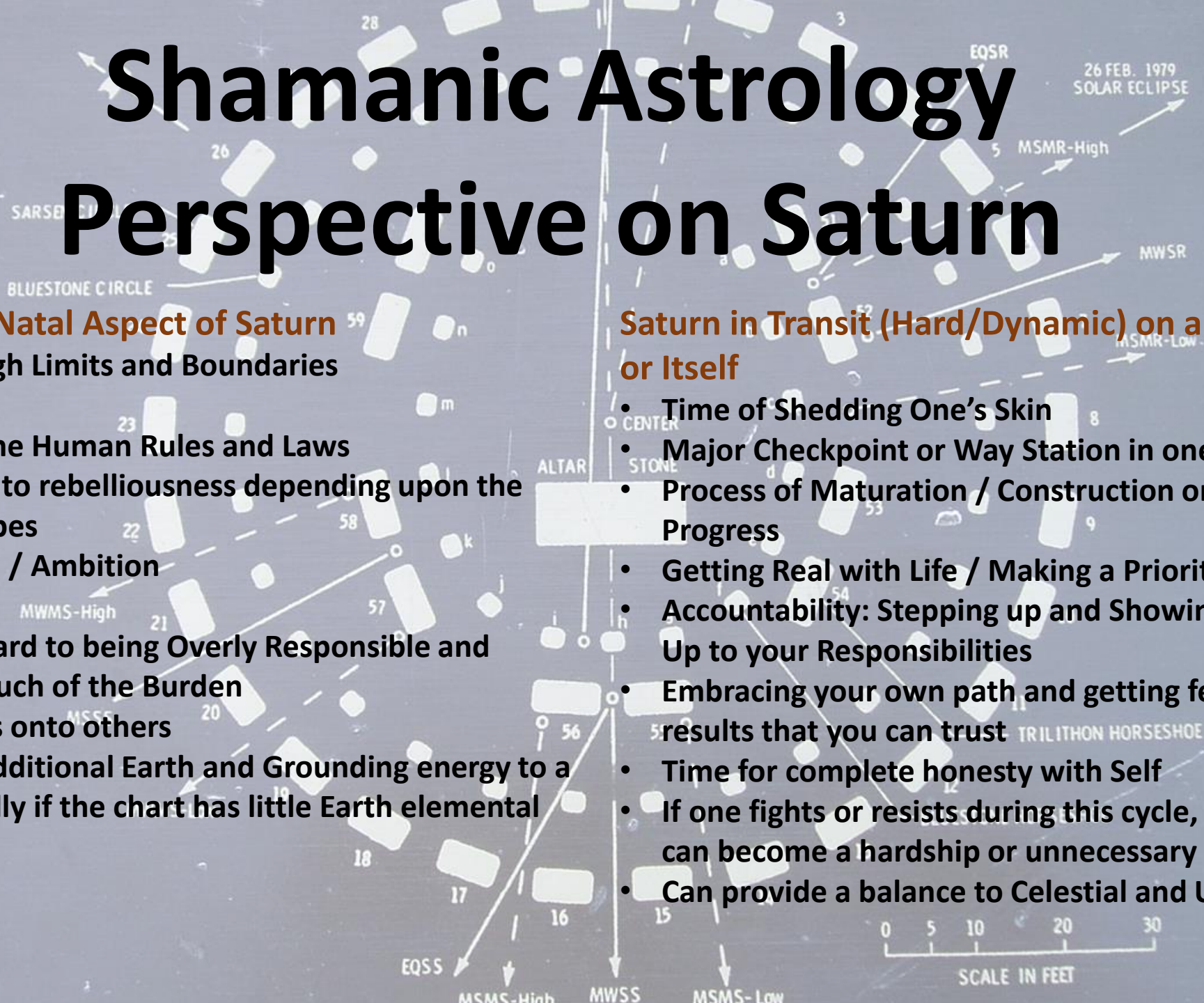
- Growth through Limits and Boundaries
- Maturation
- Following of the Human Rules and Laws

But can be prone to rebelliousness depending upon the personal archetypes

- Results-Driven / Ambition
- Critical of Self
- Tendency toward to being Overly Responsible and bearing too much of the Burden
- Imposing rules onto others
- Can provide additional Earth and Grounding energy to a chart (especially if the chart has little Earth elemental energy)

### Saturn in Transit (Hard/Dynamic) on a Personal Point or Itself

- Time of Shedding One's Skin
- Major Checkpoint or Way Station in one's Timeline
- Process of Maturation / Construction or Renovation in Progress
- Getting Real with Life / Making a Priority List
- Accountability: Stepping up and Showing up and Owning Up to your Responsibilities
- Embracing your own path and getting feedback from the results that you can trust
- Time for complete honesty with Self
- If one fights or resists during this cycle, the cycle/transit can become a hardship or unnecessary burden
- Can provide a balance to Celestial and Underworld Cycles



# December 19, 2017 Saturn at Winter Solstice Point

Pluto at 18°  
Capricorn



Moon at 16°  
Capricorn

Saturn at  
0° Capricorn



Sun at 28°  
Sagittarius

Venus at 23°  
Sagittarius

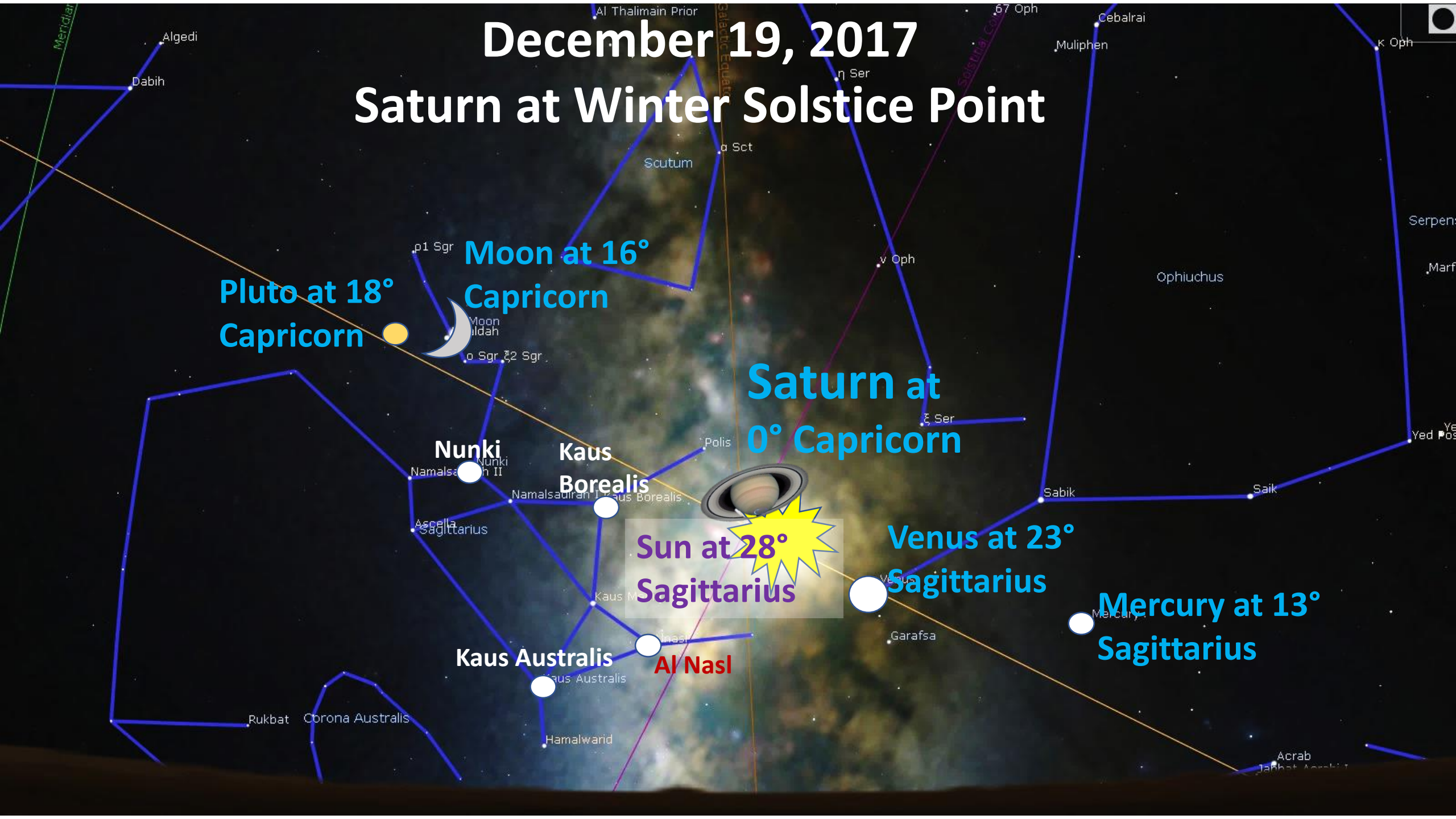
Mercury at 13°  
Sagittarius

Nunki

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Kaus Australis

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# **SATURN IN CAPRICORN**

**Saturn travels through Capricorn between Dec 19, 2017 and Dec 16, 2020 (minus 3 ½ months when Saturn is in Aquarius between Mar 21<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020)**

**The last time Saturn was in Capricorn was between 1988 – 1991**

**When Saturn enters a sign, it acts in two ways: 1, as a stabilizer and 2, as a pressure/stress point for our own reality**

**Saturn in Capricorn takes us into the original/evolving seed-point of what transpired the last time Saturn was in Capricorn**

# WHAT'S ON THE WAY? A LOOK AT 1988 – 1991

- Indictments of Oliver North and John Poindexter because of the Iran-Contra Affair (1988)
- Ending of the Iraq-Iran War (1988), but with some US involvement on the Iraqi Side (and secretly with the Iranians)
- The Soviet war with Afghanistan ends (1989)
- Eastern Bloc Revolutions and The Soviet Union begins to collapse (1989)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Formal Proposal for the World Wide Web is Presented (1989) and later the WWW is born (1990)
- Tiananmen Square Democratic protests in China (1989)
- The Persian Gulf War (1990-91)
- The World Health Organization removes homosexuality from its list of diseases (1990)

## **Saturn was in the Sign of Capricorn:**

1988: 5 ½ Months (Feb 13 – Jun 9, Nov 12 – Dec 31)

1989: 12 Months

1990: 12 Months

1991: 1 Month (Jan 1 – Feb 6)

# Saturn in Capricorn Over the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

**January 5, 1959 – January 3, 1962**

**March 15, 1929 – November 19, 1932**

(includes months retrograding into Sagittarius 1929 and ingress into Aquarius 1903)

**January 21, 1900 – January 19, 1903**

(includes months retrograding into Sagittarius in 1900)

## Notable Events

- US goes on Gold Standard (1900)
- President McKinley Assassinated (1901)
- Cuba becomes independent from US (1902)
- Wall Street Crash and Great Depression (1929+)
- Rise of Nazism and Nationalism (1929+)
- Cuba becomes Communist (1959)
- Seeds of Vietnam War (1959+)

# Saturn and Pluto 2018-21

In Historical context, these 2 planets in alignment, be it opposition, square or conjunction, it has provided the pathways for some of the most powerful currents in humanity

**Dec 2018 – Jan 2021: Saturn-Pluto Conjunction; ??????**

**2008-11: Saturn-Pluto Square; US Housing Market Crash; Economic Crisis; Beginning of Arab Spring Revolutions**

**2001: Saturn-Pluto Opposition** taking place during the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks

**1993: Saturn-Pluto Square; World Trade Center Bombing in NY; North Korea leaves Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty**

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**1973-1974: Saturn-Pluto Square;** Watergate Scandal ending with Nixon resignation; Vietnam War ends

**1946-49: Saturn-Pluto Conjunction;** Cold War between US and USSR Begins; McCarthyism Starts; Seeds of Current North Korea Government Founded

**1939-40: Saturn-Pluto Square;** WWII Begins; Beginning of Holocaust

**1931-32: Saturn-Pluto Opposition;** Rise of Nazism and Japanese expansion

**1914: Saturn-Pluto Conjunction;** Triggering of WWI

# Notable People Born with Saturn-Pluto Dynamic (Hard) Aspects

- Joseph McCarthy
- Herman Melville (author of Moby Dick)
- St Augustine (Augustine of Hippo), author of "City of God"
- Karl Marx (seeded Communism)
- John Calvin (originator of Calvinism)
- Franz Kafka (author)
- Donald Rumsfeld
- Ted Bundy
- Carrie Fisher
- Rodney King
- Annise Parker (Mayor of Houston, Authored Equal Rights Act)
- Oliver Stone
- Steven Spielberg
- Bruce Lee
- Mary Fisher (Activist, Author)
- John Hinkley Jr
- Lee Harvey Oswald
- Jim Jones (Jonestown Cult)
- Marshall Applewhite (Heaven's Gate Cult)
- Lynndie England (Abu Ghraib Tortures)
- Luc Jouret (Cult Leader involved in Mass-Suicide)



# Saturn, Pluto, Jupiter Conjunction 2020

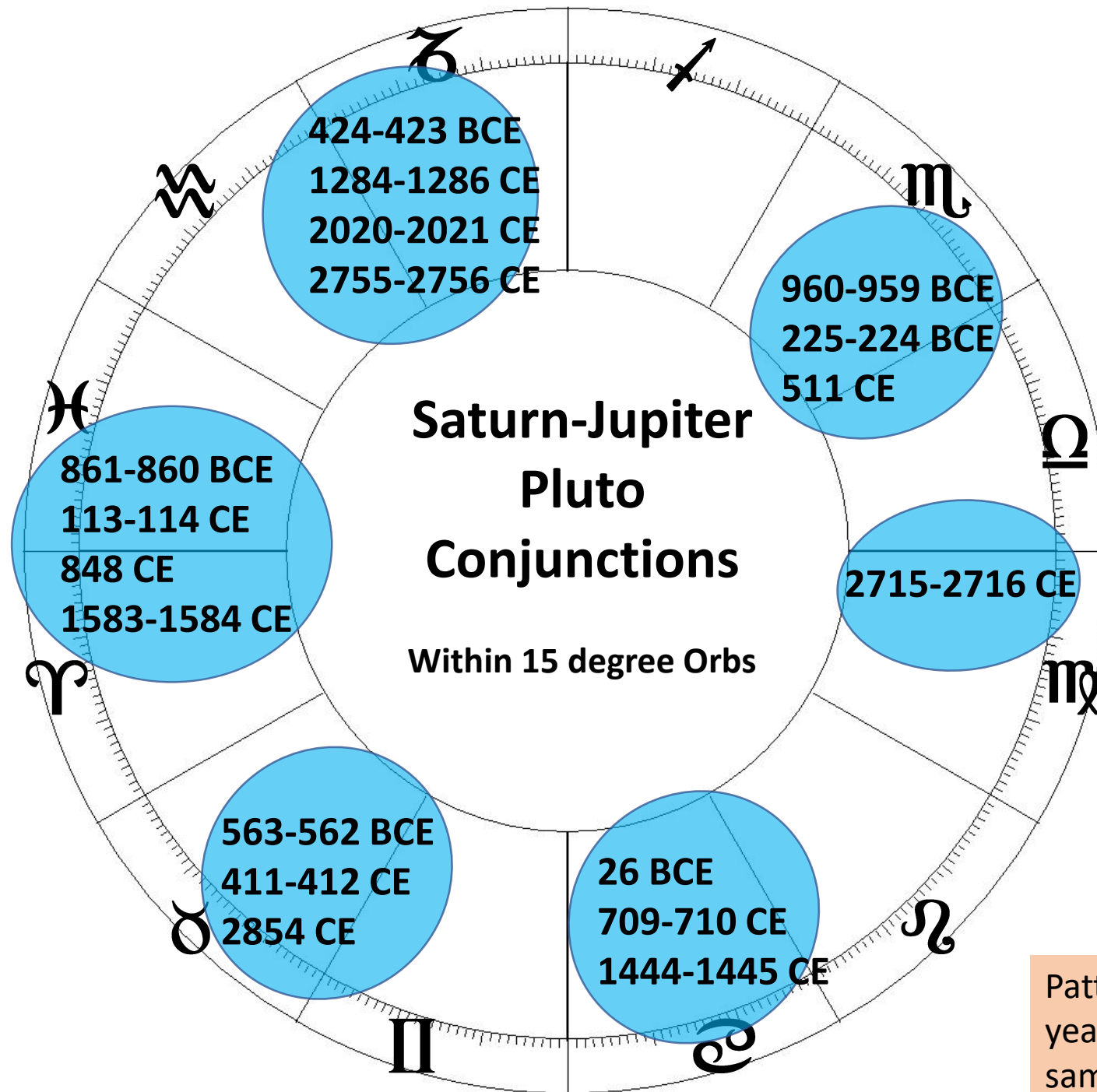
- Saturn, Jupiter and Pluto stay within 15° of each other throughout 2020 and early 2021
- The conjunction takes place mainly in Capricorn, but also in Aquarius
- All 3 Planets are within FOUR (4) degrees of each other between November 8-21, 2020, during the time of the US General Election
- The last time this kind of conjunction took place in Capricorn/Aquarius was in 1284-1286 and were within a 6 degree orb between November 1-17, 1285
- It will be 734 years after 2020 when another conjunction of this kind takes place in Capricorn

# 4000 Years of 3 Planets

1000 BCE

To

3000 CE



- 960-959 BCE
- 861-860 BCE
- 563-562 BCE
- 424-423 BCE
- 225-224 BCE
- 26 BCE
- 113-114 CE
- 411-412 CE
- 511 CE
- 709-710 CE
- 848 CE
- 1284-1286 CE
- 1444-1445 CE
- 1583-1584 CE
- 2020-2021 CE
- 2715-2716 CE
- 2755-2756 CE
- 2854 CE

Pattern is roughly 700-900 years between conjunctions in same signs

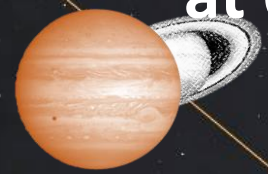
# December 21, 2020 – Early Evening Sky 45 Deg North Latitude

**Goatfish Constellation**

**Saturn-Jupiter  
at 0° 28' Aquarius**

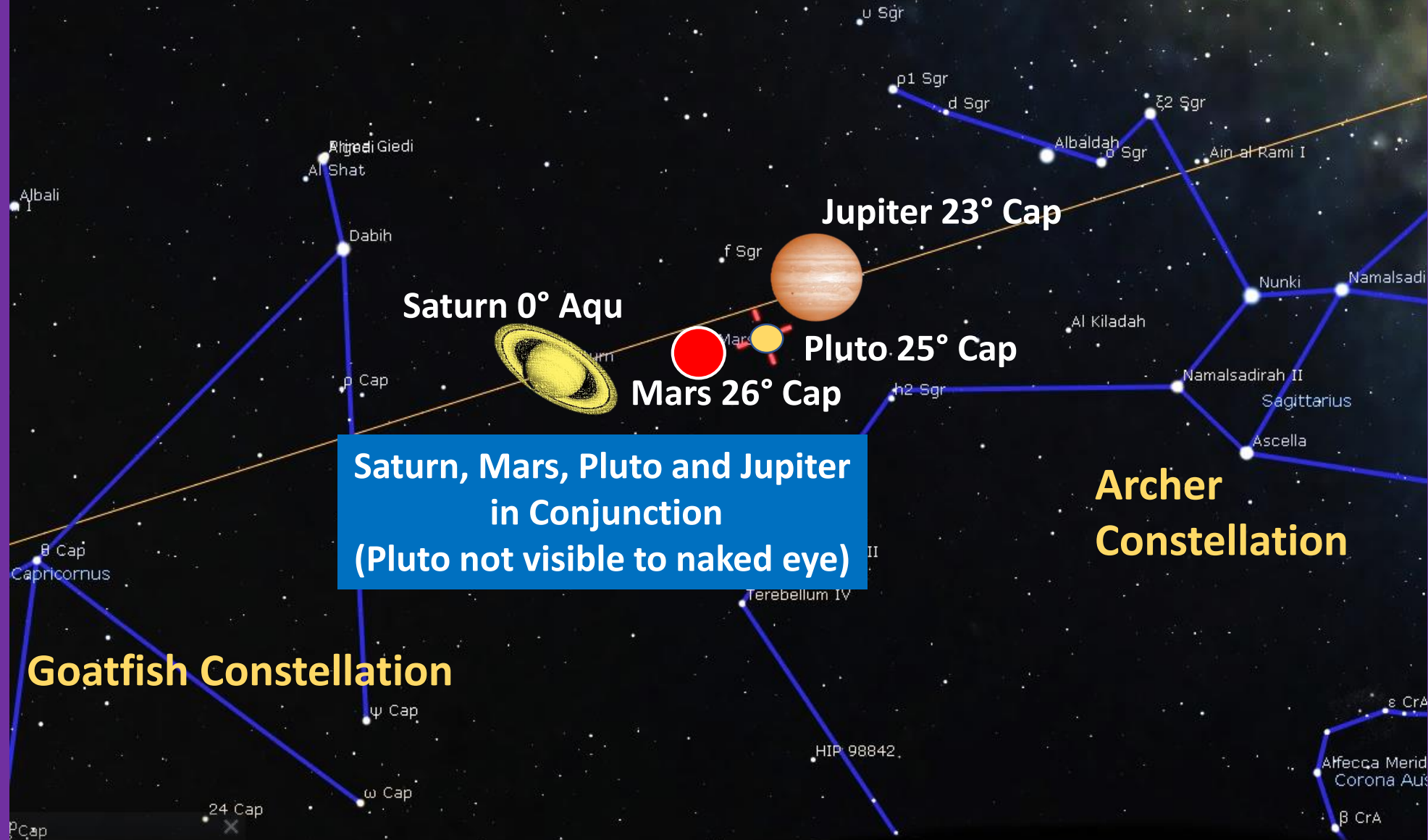
**Pluto at 24°  
Capricorn**

**Archer Constellation**



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Date	Time	Julian Day			
2020	- 12 - 21	16	:	54	: 17

# March 25, 2020 – Early Morning Sky 45 Deg North Latitude



# What Does it Mean with Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto together?

- The priority is first seeing Saturn and Pluto together, then adding Jupiter
- Saturn-Pluto typically brings up elements of contraction, including the separation of different nations/cultures, limiting growth, rigidly polarized conflict; shadows of conservatisms, policing and nightmare (or Apocalyptic) scenarios being seeded/envisioned
- This is an energy that has been known to bring about the collapse of long-standing structures and systems, including governments and movements

# What Does it Mean with Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto together?

- **Jupiter's arrival in the mix is to act as an expansion of the Saturn-Pluto conjunction and potentially triggering an enthusiasm for the qualities of Saturn-Pluto archetypal energy being expressed**
- **A basic intent is to face the limits and boundaries and the fear of powerlessness, losing control and surrender to our soul**

# What Else about the Triple Conjunction?

## State of Affairs

- Organic/Natural Laws (Pluto) mix with Human-Made Laws (Saturn), then expanded by Jupiter
- 2020 is likely to be a critical stage of human civilization and its relationship with the Earth and natural essence of being human
- While there could be a composting of what we know to be regular life, the seeds of something new to counteract perceived “negative” forces will likely gather steam or be born
- Pluto’s arrival in latter degrees of Capricorn makes 2020 a prelude to United States’ Pluto Return, which officially begins when it gets within 1 degree of the US natal Pluto on February 20, 2022 (through December 2, 2023) ***NOTE: Pluto actually arrives within 1 degree on March 25, 2021, depending on how one measures the cycle but since this is an extremely rare cycle, I am inclined to include the March 25, 2021 date in the return cycle***

# Notable Times with Saturn, Pluto and Jupiter in Conjunction

- **1981-1982 in Libra** – President Reagan is shot; a harder line is taken with Soviet Union; first signs of AIDS Epidemic
- **1881-1882 in Taurus (with Chiron/Neptune)** – President Garfield is Assassinated
- **1583-1584 in Pisces/Aries** – 1<sup>st</sup> English Colony in North America / Gregorian Calendar begins to be adopted in several nations
- **410-412 in Taurus/Gemini (with Neptune)** – Visigoths sack of Rome / City of God written by St Augustine
- **27-26 BC in Cancer/Leo** – Rome goes from Republic to Empire (Augustus Caesar)
- **1193-1190 BC in Sagittarius (Saturn/Pluto only)** – Sacking of Troy / Trojan War / Manestheus, King of Athens dies



# What Can We Do to *Prepare* for and *Participate* Authentically in These Times?

- Regardless of whether or not a person is in a Saturn/Jupiter or Pluto cycle, **everyone will be, in a sense, “at the effect of” this planetary alignment – There’s No Easy Way Out**
- Historically, Saturn and Pluto have been seen in a negative light. But **we can honor the transits of these planets by focusing on what needs to transform, compost and build anew in the future.**
- ***This is an alignment with long-term consequences.*** What is long-term in our own lives?
- Asking ourselves how can we align with our soul’s intent? And by letting go of what no longer works and embracing the this crises of the great age as an opportunity for building a future we want.
- **Everything about our civilization will have reached a crossroads point.** From powerlessness, we can surrender to our own power to choose the most harmonious direction available.
- Following the planets through the stars and opening up to symbols and archetypes from which these planets represent

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- Show Up for your Life
- Realize the Crossroads are not to Bind but to Free through Choice
- Surrender to your Soul's Growth through facing your deepest fears
- Have Faith in your own Decisions – Deciding for what you truly want can be the hardest of all to do
- Let go of any personal systems or structures that no longer serve you
- Don't Fight Your Path
- Be Absolutely Honest with yourself – Put it ALL on the Table

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