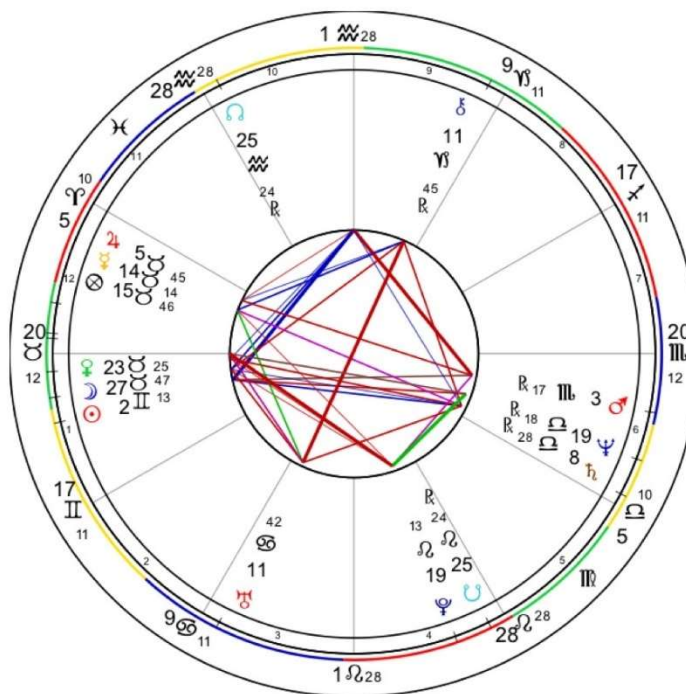


THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME (2021-2022)



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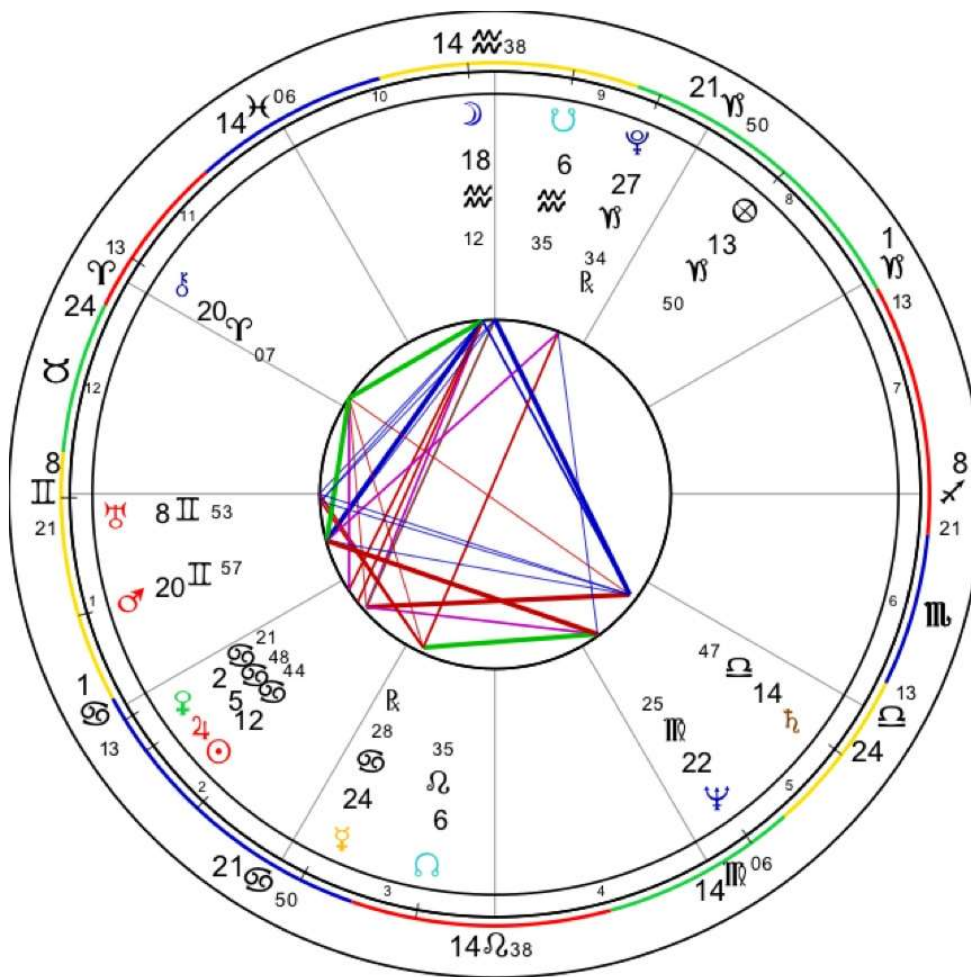


The Birth of a Nation

Nations, like people, have birthdays, and, consequently, they also have horoscopes. However, the challenge that is often present when setting up a horoscope for a country is trying to decide not only what exact time the country was born, but also sometimes even the day on which it was born. Some countries like England have seen several civilizations on its shores rise and fall, and its current horoscope is based upon the adoption of the Magna Carta. The birthdate of America is usually taken to be July 4th, 1776, but even for those astrologers who use that date it is still debatable as to exactly when on that day we became a new nation.

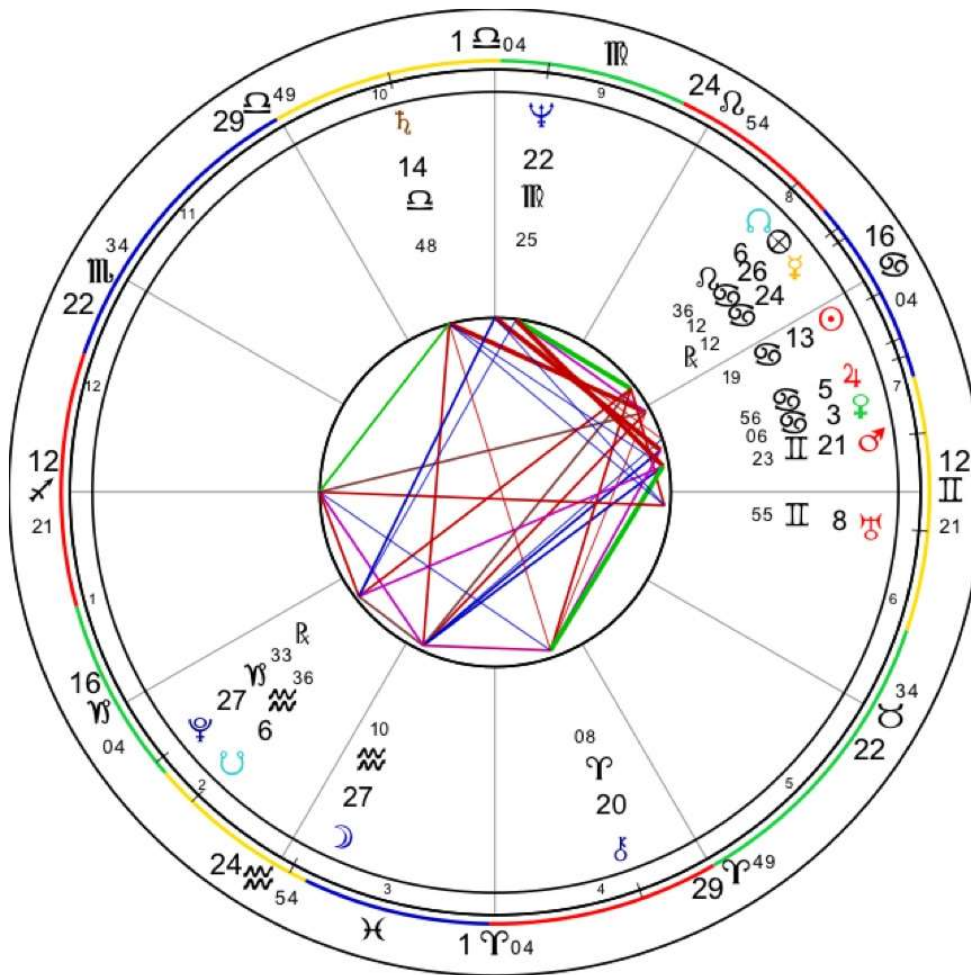
There are three main charts that many but not all astrologers use today when studying the cycles that will influence America's future. The first of these charts has Gemini rising, and it is the one that was in vogue when I began studying astrology over fifty years ago.

USA's Chart
July 4, 1776 2:17 AM LMT
Philadelphia, PA (39N57 75W10)



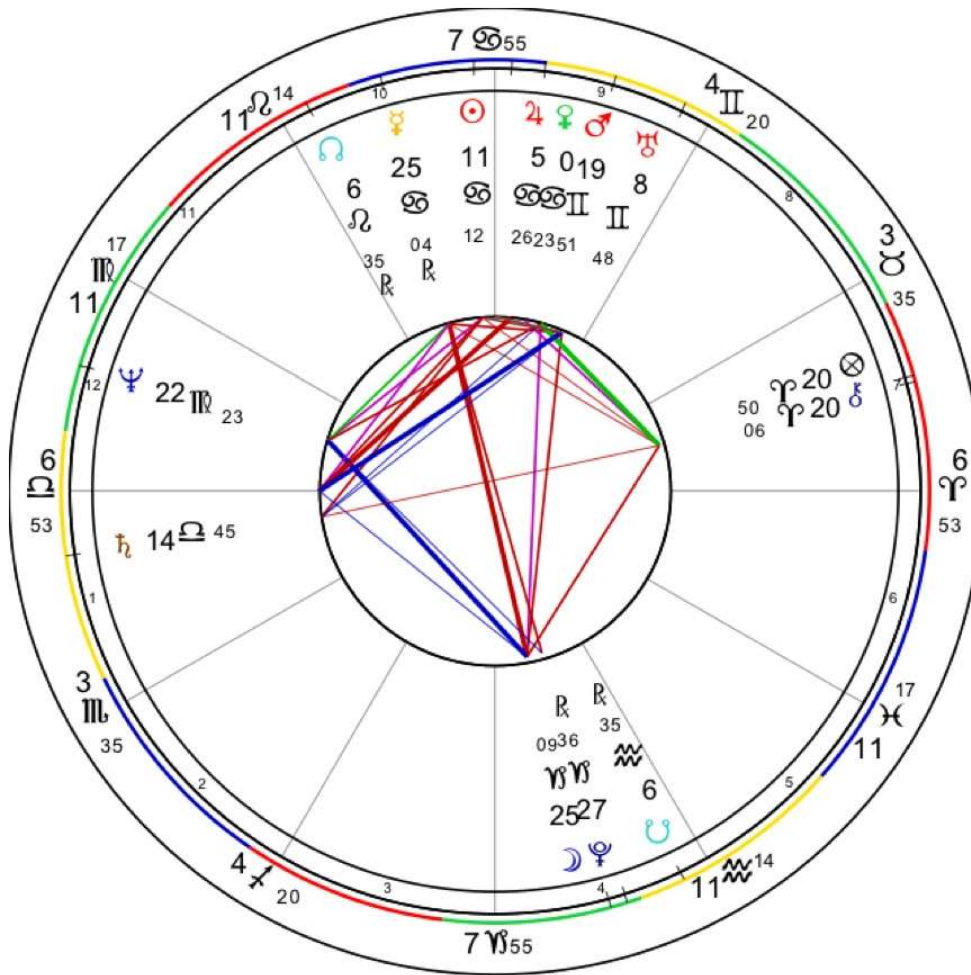
For me when I see Gemini on the cusp of the first house, I think of American ingenuity and of images of James Cagney singing “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy” while deftly tap dancing to the stirring music of George M. Cohen. However, one may balk at the notion that we became a nation at 2:17 am, an hour usually reserved for sleep. Thus, many astrologers these days prefer a July 4th chart for America that has Sagittarius rising instead of Gemini. The sign of Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter, and interpretations of Sagittarius include religion, learning, and expanding one’s horizons and scholarship in general, and when we think of the people who came to America in search of religious freedom or of the erudition and scholarship of our founding fathers, then this sign certainly seems to fit. However, since Gemini and Sagittarius are 180° apart, the Sagittarius rising chart for America is in many ways just the mirror image of the Gemini rising chart. Consequently, what can be found in one chart can often be found in the other.

USA's Chart
July 4, 1776 5:10 PM LMT
Philadelphia, PA (39N57 75W10)



The third chart that some astrologers use today for America's birth is one that takes place on July 2nd and has Libra rising. This chart is favored by financial astrologer Raymond Merriman, and he gives cogent arguments to back his claim that this is the chart for the real moment that we became a country.

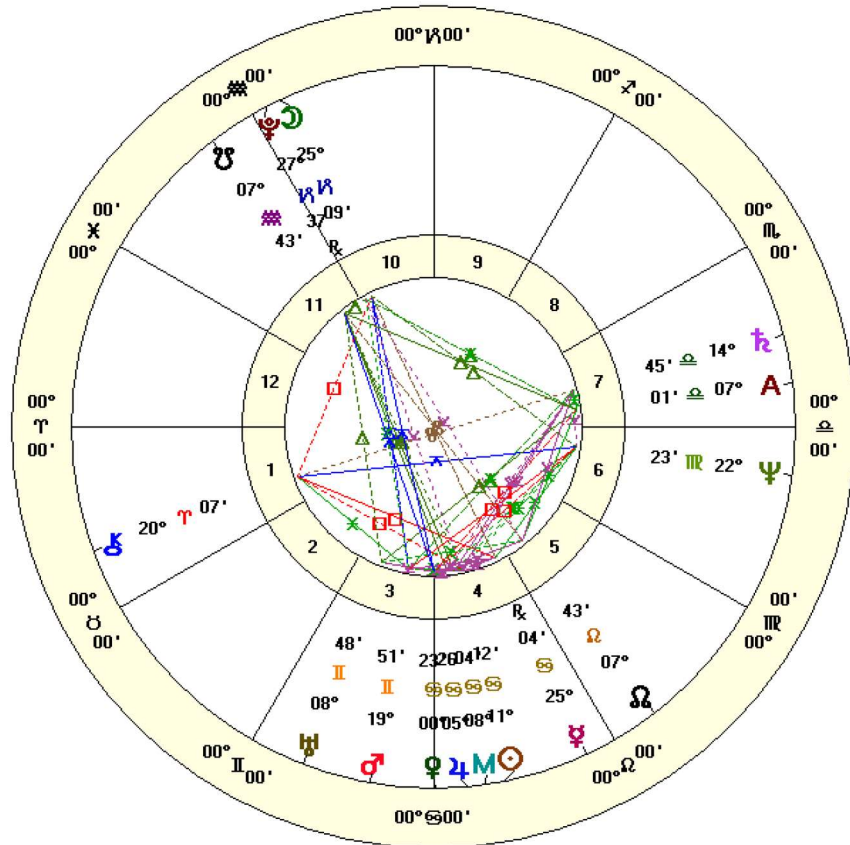
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Philadelphia, PA (39N57 75W10)



In what follows I will frequently use the July 2nd, Libra rising chart. I now prefer that chart because transits from Pluto to its Moon have coincided well with the worst moments of the coronavirus pandemic in this country. However, picking that chart over the others won't make much of a difference since most of the other planets did not change their positions much from July 2 to July 4. However, if I am talking about a transit to the rising sign, Midheaven, or Moon, then the interpretation may vary a bit from one chart to another since these astrological points of sensitivity will be in very different positions. Thus, by observing what is happening in the country at certain predicted times, we may arrive at a better understanding regarding which birth chart is the most useful. Additionally, since the

rising and culmination signs for mundane horoscopes are often a matter of debate, I often find it useful to look at Aries rising charts that begin with 0° Aries so that each sign has its most natural house association.

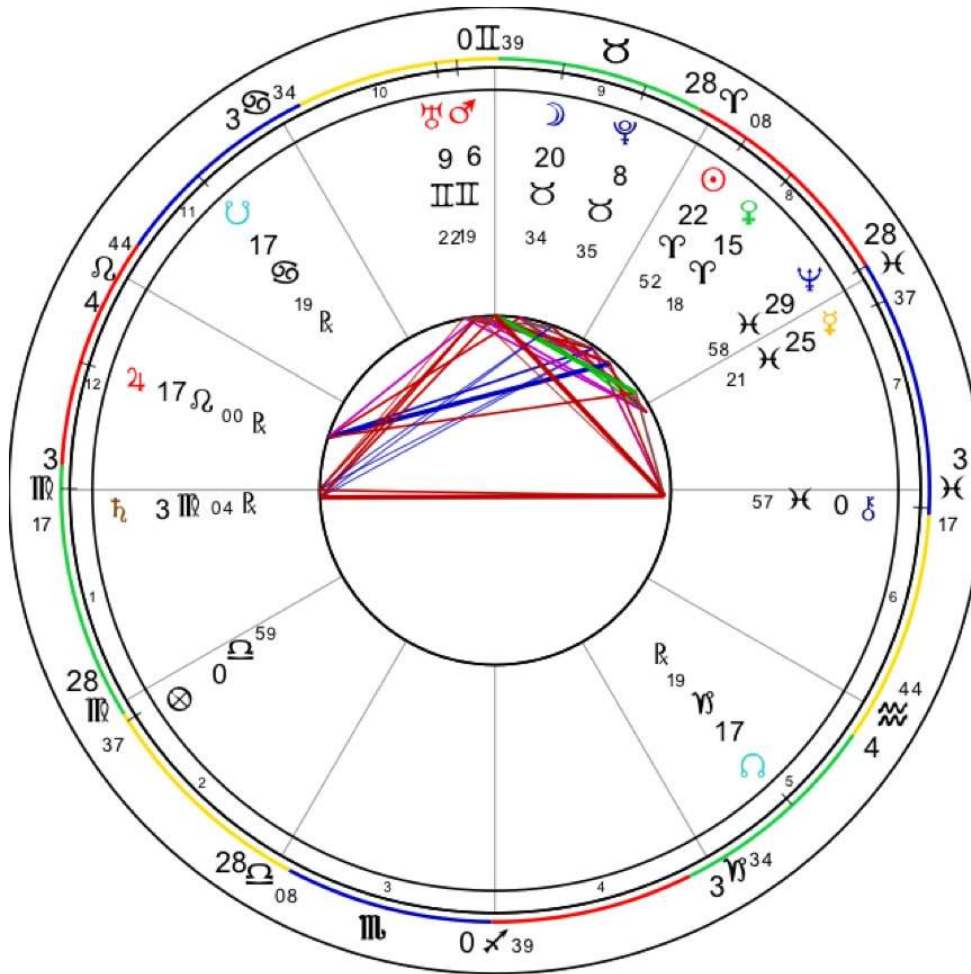
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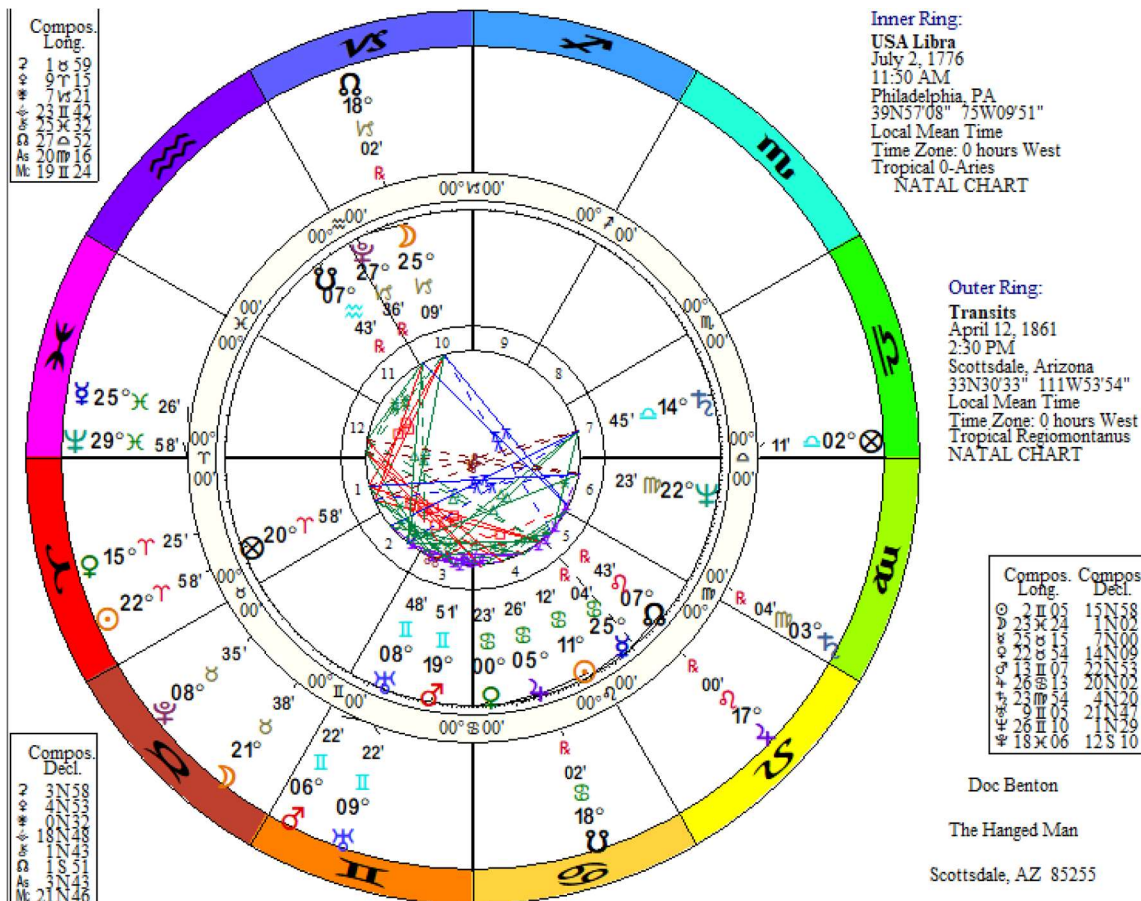
The American Civil War

Without a doubt, the most difficult period in America's history as a nation was the American Civil War that officially began on April 12, 1861, at 2:30 pm when the battle at Fort Sumter was lost. Below is a horoscope for that day.

Civil's Chart April 12, 1861 2:30 PM LMT Charleston, SC (32N47 79W56)

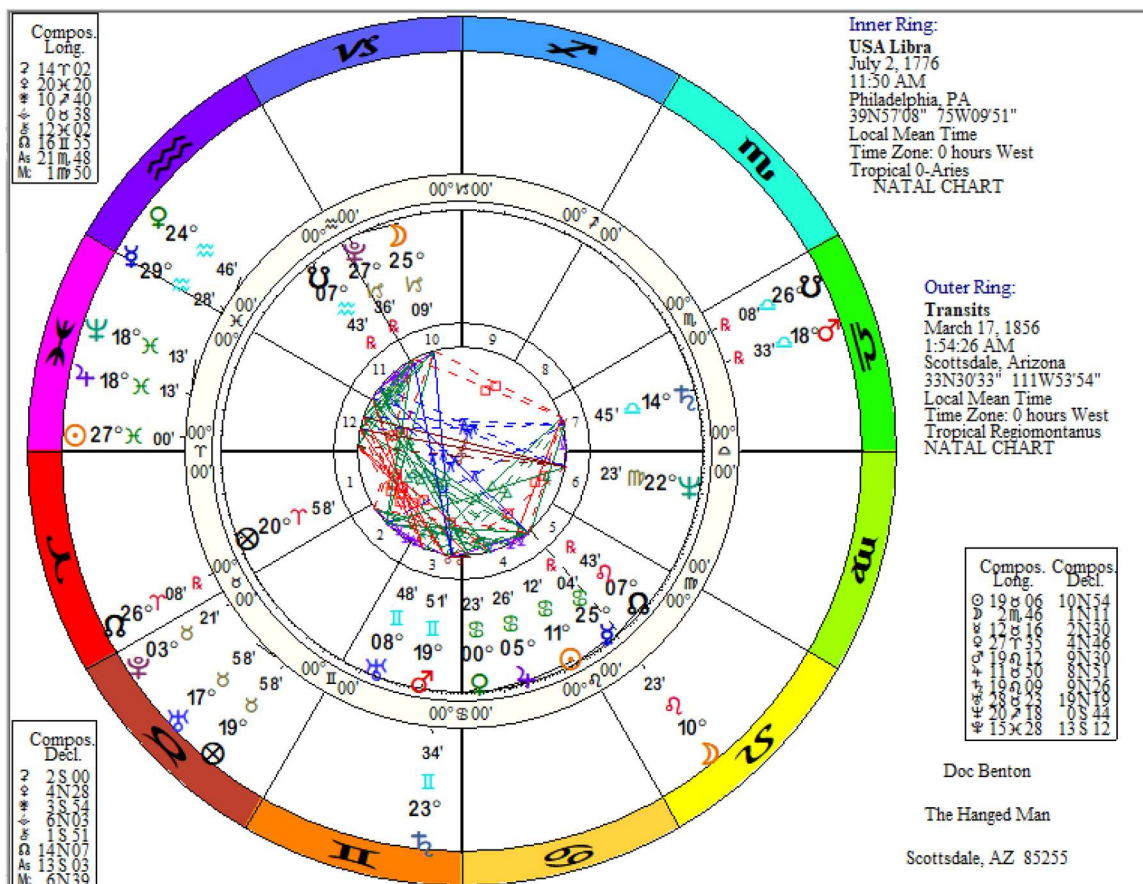


One of the things to notice in this chart is that Saturn is in opposition to Chiron, the wounded healer and the bridge between the personal planets (Sun through Saturn) and the transpersonal planets (Uranus through Pluto), and these planets are both square the conjunction of Uranus and Mars. Certainly, a volatile aspect that encourages transcendence though these planetary positions apply to the world at large on that day and not just the United States. Thus, for more insight into the latter we should next look at how these transits interact with the USA chart.



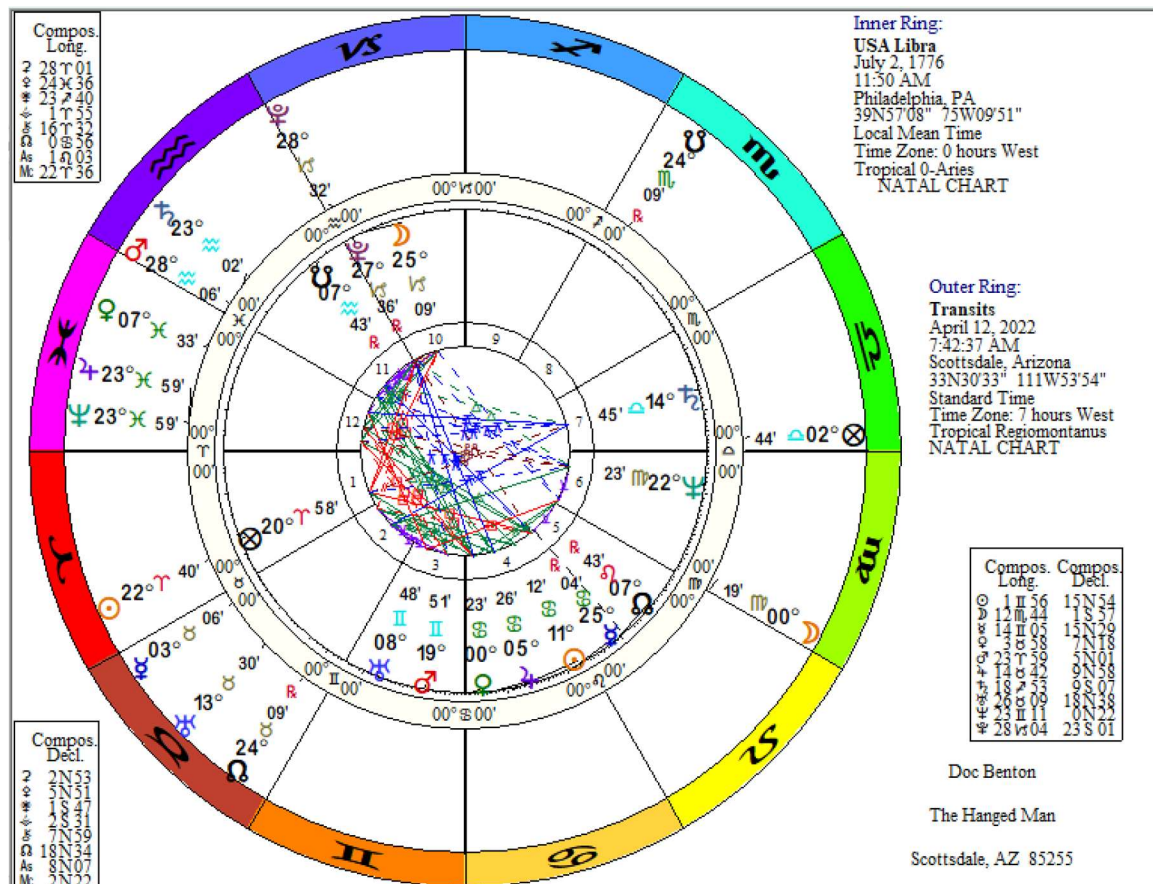
Here we see the telltale signs of revolution as transiting Mars is conjunct transiting Uranus and both are conjunct the natal Uranus in the USA chart, and this transit occurs in all three versions of the USA chart. However, in the Gemini rising version of the USA chart, transiting Uranus is also conjunct the cusp of the first house, and this certainly adds fuel to that fire that burned throughout that four year ordeal.

A few years prior to the Civil War there were some important transits involving Neptune and Mars, and we will look at those transits next and their impact on the USA chart. We'll look first at some transits in 1856 using a July 2nd, Aries chart for the USA, and we'll follow this with a chart that shows additional stresses in 1857.

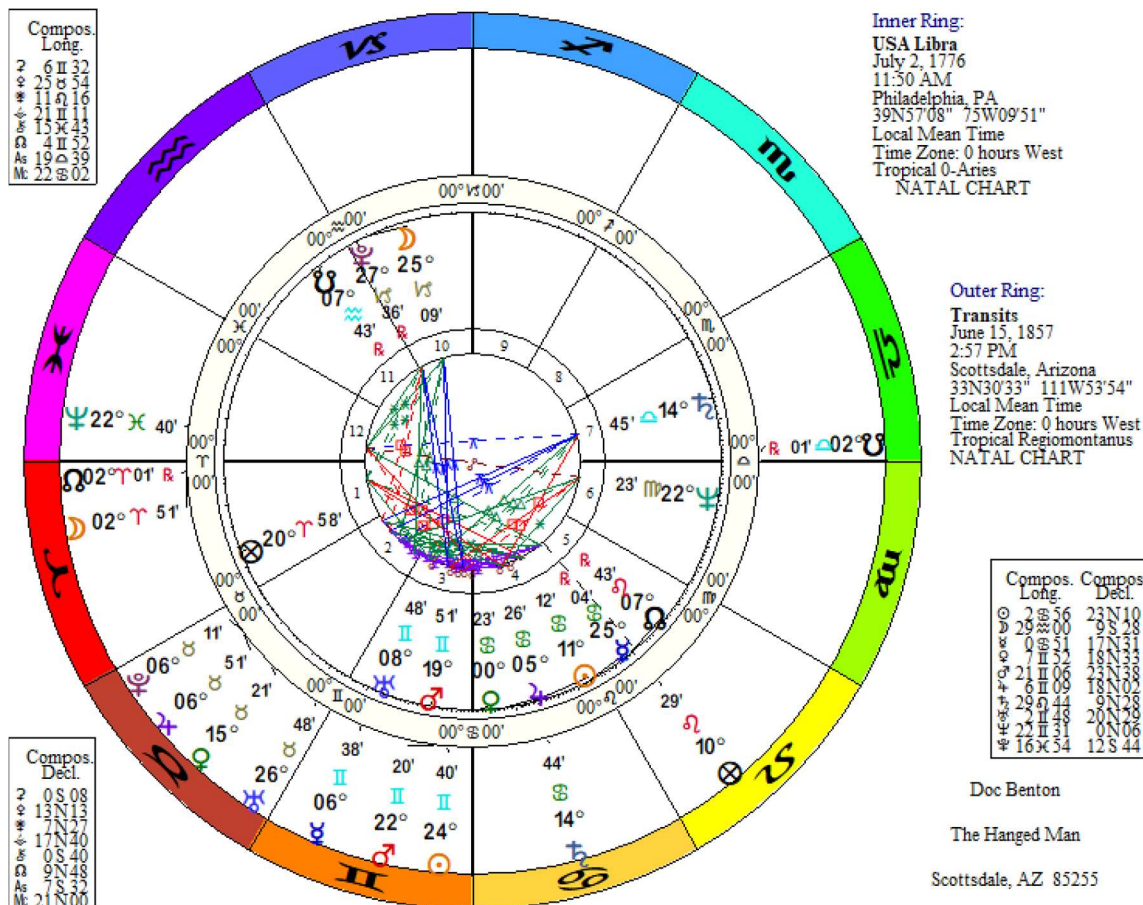


The outer wheel in the above chart shows that on March 17, 1856, there was an exact conjunction in Pisces between Jupiter and Neptune. The next such conjunction in Pisces occurs on April 12, 2022. By itself, this aspect is neither good nor bad. It just represents a huge influx of Pisces energy, and it should be noted that Jupiter and Neptune are often thought of these days as co-rulers of Pisces. Thus, in many ways they will be functioning at their best. The nature of Jupiter is to expand things while the nature of Neptune is to weaken or dissolve the boundaries between things, and the energy of Pisces is feeling-oriented and directed inward. Thus, an expansion of fantasy and states of consciousness that involve a dissolution of boundaries and feelings of oneness will predominate, and this can include both spiritual states induced by meditation as well as states brought on with the assistance of drugs. Historically, this year saw the births of Sigmund Freud (Neptune/Psychology) and L. Frank Baum (Neptune/Fantasy/The Wizard of Oz), and it also saw the extraction of cocaine from cocoa beans (Neptune/Drugs). In America, though, things more dire occurred due to transiting Neptune being in opposition to natal Neptune in Virgo while simultaneously squaring natal Mars in Cancer. Also in this case, we see natal Neptune in the sixth house in Virgo square natal Mars in Gemini in the third house. Since Neptune is in its detriment in Virgo, we don't expect to see its best features displayed here. Instead, it is more likely that intricately detailed arguments (Virgo) will be used to bolster some sort of fanaticism (Neptune). Additionally, the square from Mars can lead to outright violence, and with Mars in the third house in Gemini, clever arguments will likely be disseminated by such fanatics. Also, with natal Neptune in the sixth house, this suggests at its worst that deception and fanaticism will be something that requires constant political

adjustments by the country. Furthermore, when transiting Neptune is in opposition to natal Neptune and square natal Mars, this happens from the twelfth house in our chart above, the house of self-undoing and hidden enemies. Hence, America almost undid itself during the Civil War, and that war's astrological beginnings are found here. Among the significant events that happened in America in 1856 that are related to the later Civil War are the skirmishes between pro-slavery and anti-slavery groups in Kansas and Missouri that were so violent that history gives them the name "Bleeding Kansas." Unfortunately, a similar transit will occur in 2022 on April 12 as can be seen in the chart below.

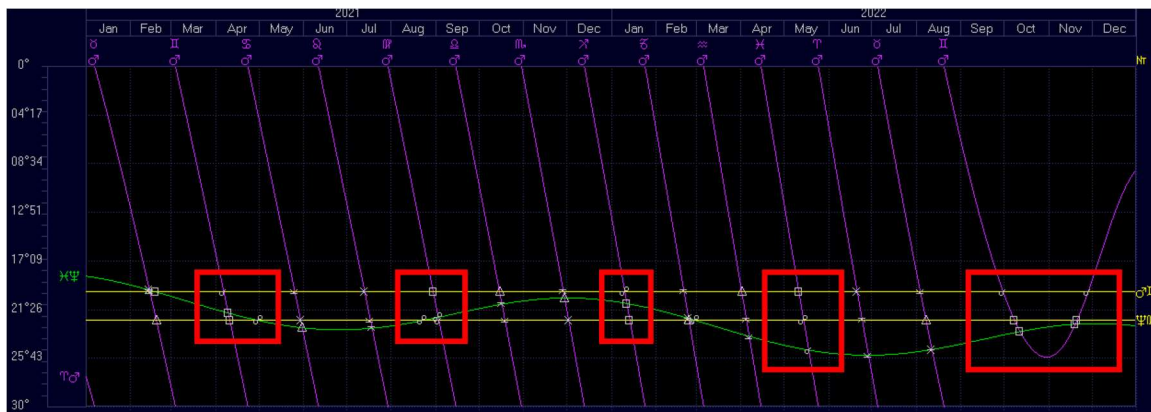


So what will happen? Will we enter into another "civil war?" It's possible, though it's hard to imagine at this time a series of states declaring their independence. However, I do expect more public protests and more violence, more battles carried out in the courts and more cries for states' rights, and a whole lot of ugliness right there out in the open. And as was the case in 1856, what happens next year may continue to guide events for several years to come. Now let's look at one more chart from the 1800s.

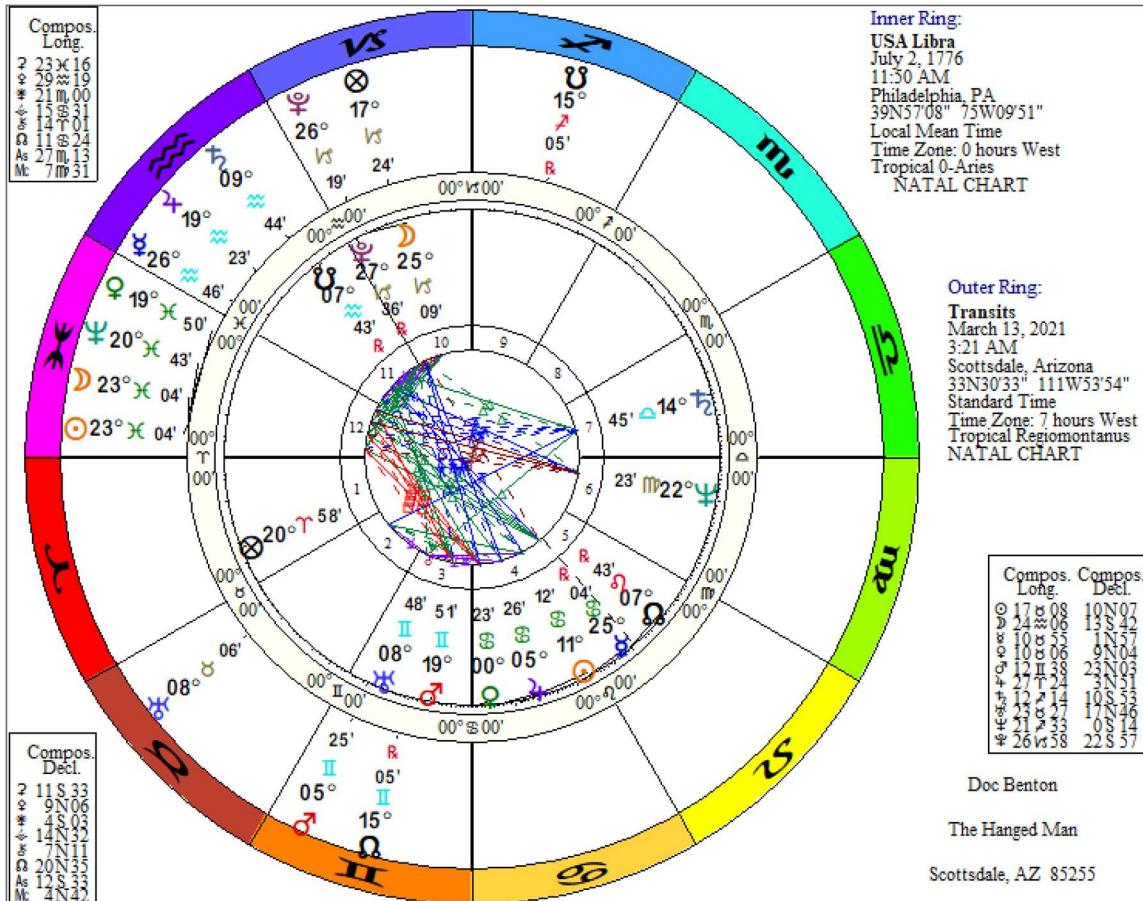


In this chart, about four years prior to the Civil War, we see transiting Neptune in opposition to natal Neptune and square natal Mars in the USA chart. Additionally, transiting Mars is exactly square both transiting Neptune and natal Neptune, and it is conjunct natal Mars. Under the best of circumstances this could denote the entire nation suddenly becoming enlightened, but a more likely interpretation is that there would be a period during which passions would be inflamed and lies and character assassination would rule the day. The Civil War was a terrible period in America's history, but the reason I mention it here is because these negative transits from Mars, Neptune, and Uranus are going to repeat themselves. And we can see the action ahead if we look at graphic ephemerides for 2021 and 2022. Critical periods are approximately April 2021, August 2021, January 2022, May 2022, September through November 2022. Also, the period in May 2022 is quite worrisome because both Jupiter and Mars will enter the more warlike sign of Aries in May, and likewise the period in fall of 2022 is troubling given its duration. Additionally, and adding fuel to the fire, transiting Mars will square natal Mars on May 11, oppose natal Neptune on May 14, conjunct transiting Neptune on May 17, enter the more warlike sign of Aries on May 24, 2022, and square natal Venus on May 25. Furthermore, transiting Jupiter entering Aries on May 10 and squaring natal Venus on May 12 may expand existing tensions.

Aspect	Date	Time	Event	Type	P1 Pos	P2 Pos	EXL
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When we look at the movement of Neptune in the above graphic ephemeris, we see that it is going to spend much of 2021-2022 alternating between squaring natal Mars in the USA chart and being in opposition to that chart's natal Neptune. And while the propensity for misinformation and violence has been there astrologically since the beginning of 2021, we might say that this aspect's official kickoff was on March 13, 2021, at 3:21 am MST. This is the time of the New Moon which was in opposition to natal Neptune in the USA chart, and similarly transiting Venus was making an exact square to natal Mars, resulting in things being quite contentious in America around this time. Meanwhile, transiting Saturn was squaring transiting Uranus, but at the same time it was making a trine to natal Uranus in the USA chart, thus ameliorating to some extent the severity of revolutionary discord in America. During the month of March in 2021 several events occurred that highlighted the divide in America including Governor Greg Abbot lifting the CDCs recommended mask mandate in Texas, the beginning of the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of African-American George Floyd, the family of George Floyd settling their lawsuit with the city of Minneapolis for \$27 million, African-American Marvin Scott dying in police custody in McKinney, Texas, eight people killed in a mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia, ten people killed in a mass shooting in Boulder, Colorado, a 13-year-old Latino boy, Adam Toledo, was shot and killed by an officer of Chicago Police Department, and Governor Greg Gianforte banned sanctuary cities in Montana. The times they are divided!



I'm now going to list some critical dates involving transiting Neptune's opposition to natal Neptune and square to natal Mars, but only after mentioning the following caveat. First, it's rather natural for people to focus on dates. We often explain history in terms of specific events that happen at specific times, but in many ways one can arrive at a better understanding by focusing on the broader picture of how things are flowing or trending over a period of time. For example, when I first wrote this on February 12, 2021, there were five planets in Aquarius (Sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn) while approximately 90° away we had Uranus and Mars in Taurus, and while the squares between planets were not exact, we were, nonetheless, in a period of tension between a push for an innovative future and angrier and more disruptive forces that favor preserving the past. Similarly, on March 13, 2021, we had Sun, Moon, Neptune, and Venus all in Pisces, and this created an underlying tension with natal Neptune in Virgo and natal Mars in Gemini in the USA chart even though the aspects were not always exact.

3/13/2021	New Moon at 23 degrees Pisces
3/14/2021	Transiting Venus square natal Mars
3/19/2021	Transiting Neptune square natal Mars
3/29/2021	Transiting Mercury square natal Mars
4/8/2021	Transiting Mars conjunct natal Mars
4/9/2021	Transiting Mars conjunct transiting Neptune
4/10/2021	Transiting Mars square natal Neptune
5/2/2021	Transiting Neptune opposition natal Neptune
8/10/2021	Transiting Venus opposition transiting Neptune
8/21/2021	Transiting Neptune opposition natal Neptune
8/25/2021	Transiting Mercury conjunct natal Neptune
9/14/2021	Transiting Sun opposition transiting Neptune
9/15/2021	Transiting Sun conjunct natal Neptune
10/16/2021	Transiting Neptune square natal Mars
10/27/2021	Transiting Venus square transiting Neptune
10/27/2021	Transiting Venus square natal Mars
10/30/2021	Transiting Mercury square transiting Neptune
10/31/2021	Transiting Mercury opposition natal Mars
11/19/2021	Transiting Mercury square natal Neptune
12/12/2021	Transiting Sun square transiting Neptune
12/12/2021	Transiting Sun opposition natal Mars
12/14/2021	Transiting Sun square natal Neptune
1/11/2022	Transiting Mars square transiting Neptune
1/12/2022	Transiting Mars opposition natal Mars
1/15/2022	Transiting Neptune square natal Mars
3/1/2022	Transiting Neptune opposition natal Neptune
3/11/2022	Transiting Sun square natal Mars
3/13/2022	Transiting Sun opposition natal Neptune
3/22/2022	Transiting Mercury square natal Mars
3/23/2022	Transiting Mercury opposition natal Neptune
3/23/2022	Transiting Mercury conjunct transiting Neptune

4/24/2022	Transiting Venus square natal Mars
4/25/2022	Transiting Venus opposition natal Neptune
5/12/2022	Transiting Mars square natal Mars
5/14/2022	Transiting Mars opposition natal Neptune
5/18/2022	Transiting Mars conjunct transiting Neptune
6/11/2022	Transiting Sun conjunct natal Mars
6/13/2022	Transiting Sun square natal Neptune
6/30/2022	Transiting Mercury conjunct natal Mars
7/1/2022	Transiting Mercury square natal Neptune
7/10/2022	Transiting Venus conjunct natal Mars
7/11/2022	Transiting Venus square natal Neptune
8/17/2022	Transiting Mercury square natal Mars
8/19/2022	Transiting Mercury conjunct natal Neptune
9/13/2022	Transiting Sun square natal Mars
9/15/2022	Transiting Sun conjunct natal Neptune
9/21/2022	Transiting Venus square natal Mars
9/24/2022	Transiting Venus conjunct natal Neptune
10/3/2022	Transiting Mars conjunct natal Mars
10/8/2022	Transiting Mars square natal Neptune
10/12/2022	Transiting Mars square transiting Neptune
11/19/2022	Transiting Mars square transiting Neptune
11/25/2022	Transiting Mars conjunct natal Mars
12/1/2022	Transiting Mercury opposition natal Mars
12/1/2022	Transiting Mercury square natal Neptune
12/1/2022	Transiting Mercury square transiting Neptune
12/2/2022	Transiting Venus opposition natal Mars
12/3/2022	Transiting Venus square natal Neptune
12/4/2022	Transiting Venus square transiting Neptune
12/12/2022	Transiting Sun opposition natal Mars
12/14/2022	Transiting Sun square natal Neptune
12/14/2022	Transiting Sun square transiting Neptune

From both the ephemerides and the tables above one can see that there will be a lot of activity throughout 2021 and 2022 related to negative aspects between transiting Mars and Neptune versus natal Mars and Neptune. This suggests that we may be dealing with the dangers of misinformation and inflamed passions for the next two years. Also, while the slower moving planets set the tone, it is aspects from faster moving planets that often act as triggers to specific events.

Approximately five years after these Mars and Neptune transits, in 2027 and 2028, the planet Uranus will once again be conjunct natal Uranus in the USA chart. These conjunctions will occur on 7/26/2027, 11/7/2027, and 5/11/2028, and below is a graphic ephemeris for those years.

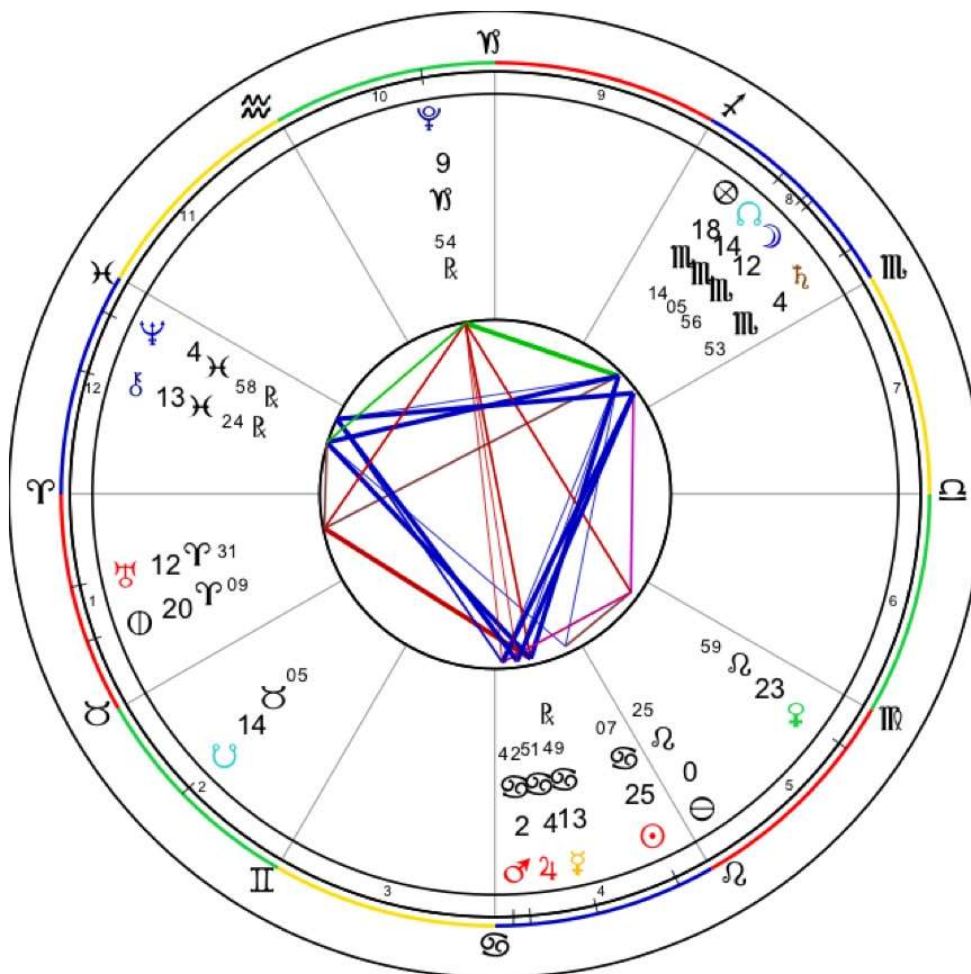


And so what does this all mean? Will America experience another Civil War? Maybe yes, maybe no. All we can say for certain is that the current levels of anger and misinformation in America are likely to continue for a while, and that we will feel the pressure to undergo some kind of revolutionary change later in this decade. We hope that 2027-2028 will be the start of a peaceful revolution that embodies creativity and innovation, possibly in response to climate pressures, but right now we are too far out from the event to be able to predict with any reliability the shape that it will take.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Marijuana Rights
(LGBTQM)

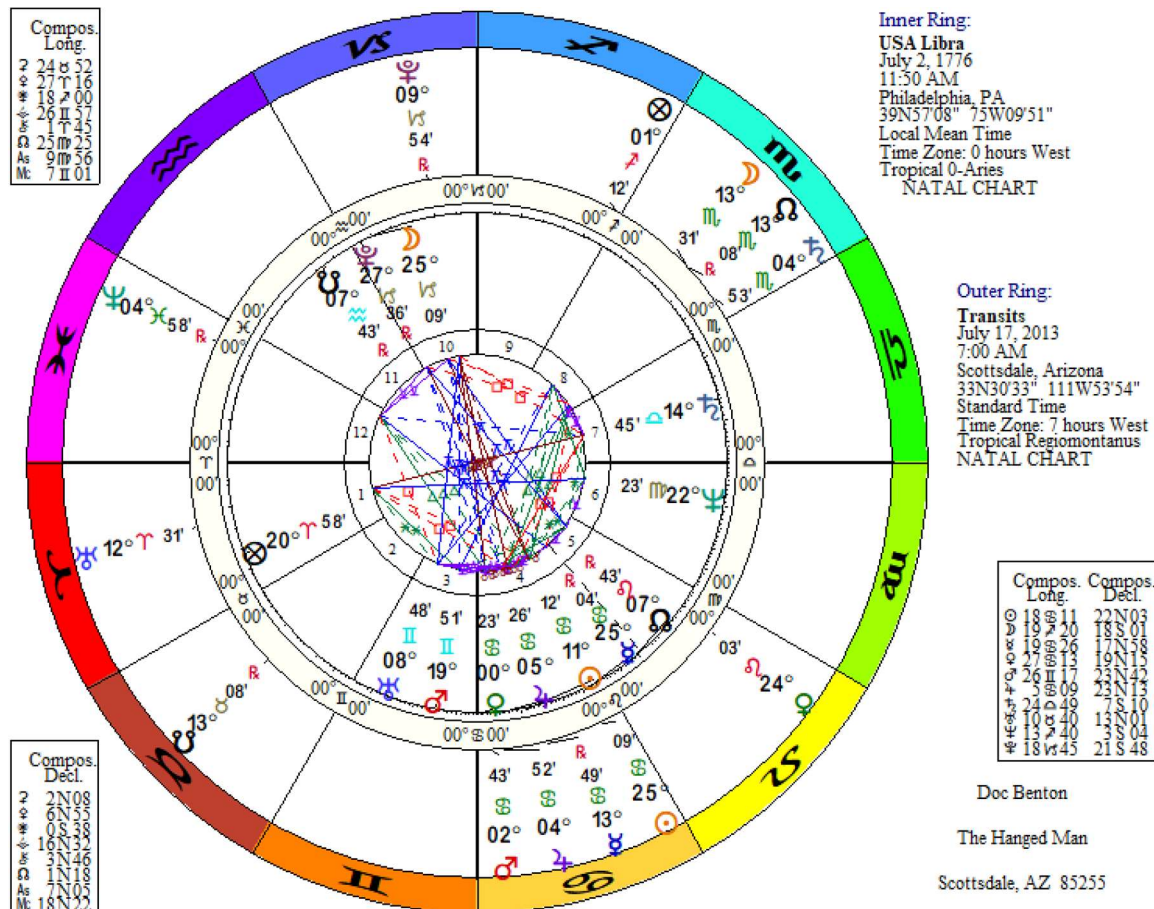
In 2013 something that does not happen very often took place. Namely, there was a grand trine between the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune, and there was a sextile from Pluto to Saturn and Neptune creating a kite configuration.

Trines' Chart
July 17, 2013 6:00 AM Sunrise Chart
Scottsdale, AZ (33N31 111W54)



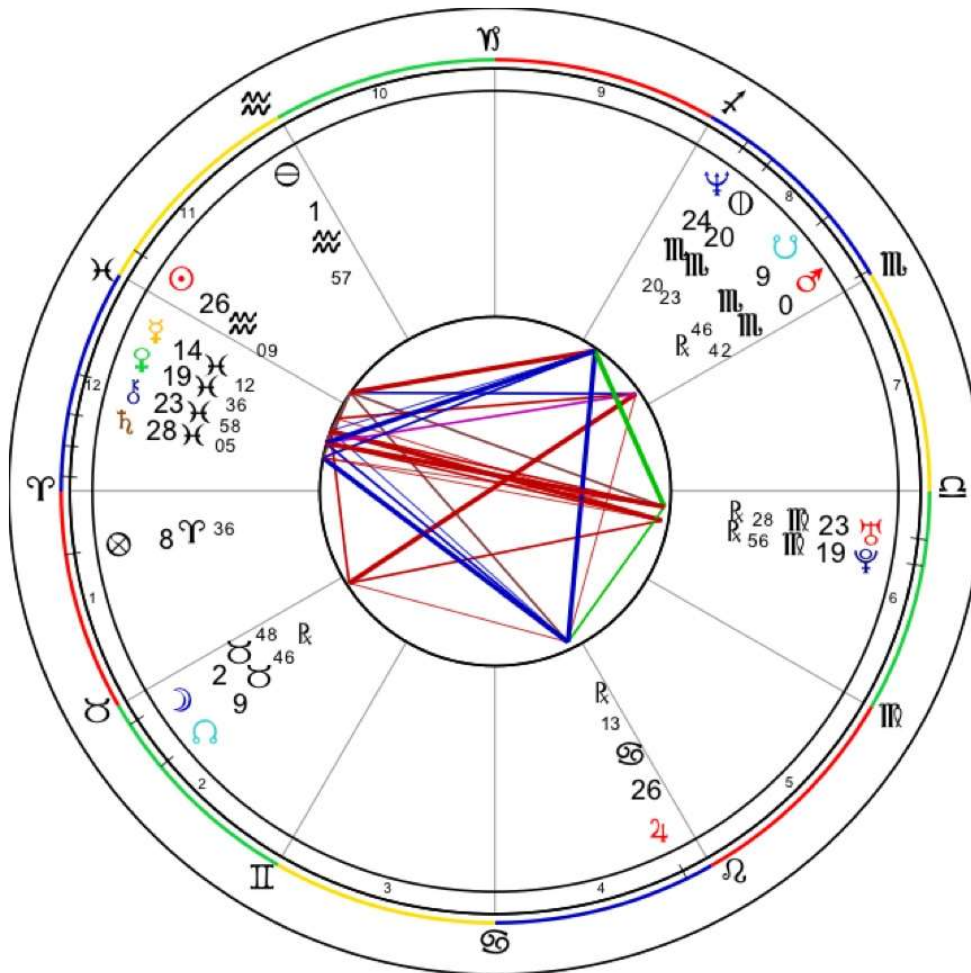
Jupiter rules growth and expansion, Saturn rules discipline and regulation, and Neptune rules anything with fuzzy boundaries including mystical states, drug and alcohol induced states, and lifestyles that challenge the boundaries of the time. As for Pluto, it rules death and transformation. With this background, I was curious to see what would develop in 2013 as the year progressed, and the two issues that seemed to stand out at the time were same-sex marriage and legalization of marijuana. President Obama had expressed his support for same-sex marriage in 2012, the Supreme Court ruled that parts of the Defense

of Marriage Act were unconstitutional in 1996, and in 2013, for the first time, Pew polls showed that a majority of US citizens favored legalization of both same-sex marriage and marijuana. Also, transiting Jupiter on that day was conjunct natal Jupiter in the USA chart, and that suggests that this trine would have a more pronounced impact on growth in the United States as can be seen in the transit chart below.



Interestingly, the last time this kind of grand trine occurred with Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune was in 1967, the year of the Summer of Love and the year in which hippies, marijuana, and psychedelic drugs became an important part of the American experience. Additionally, Jupiter and Neptune were both being sextiled by the Pluto/Uranus conjunction of that time.

1967's Chart
February 15, 1967 6:00 AM Sunrise Chart
Scottsdale, AZ (33N31 111W54)



The bottom line is that progress in the right to determine one's state of consciousness and the right to determine one's sexuality both coincided with this particular astrological configuration. And this brings us to the year 2021. In this year, transiting Jupiter enters Pisces on May 14, and in 2022, transiting Jupiter will be conjunct transiting Neptune on April 12. Leadership in the House and Senate are already working on plans for marijuana reform, and I suspect that between 2021 and April, 2022, that we will see significant progress made on the above issues. In particular, I hope that cannabis will be removed entirely from the federal drug schedule, that legalization for recreational use will be left up to the states, that medical use of cannabis will be legalized nationwide, and that providing banking services to cannabis businesses or driving with cannabis across the border from one legal state to another will no longer be prohibited. The fact that these issues have not yet been successfully dealt with at the federal level, however, is just another sign of the legislative paralysis that has lingered over Congress for far too long and which may continue in spite of what the stars want.

The Saturn/Uranus Square of 2021

Ask any astrologer and they will tell you that, for the world at large, the big astrological event of the year 2021 is the three times that transiting Saturn and transiting Uranus will square each other (February 17, June 14, and December 24), and this raises two questions for us. Namely, what does this mean for the world, and what in particular does this mean for America? We'll begin by talking first about its significance to the world at large.

All three squares take place with Saturn in Aquarius and Uranus in Taurus, so we need to consider both the meanings of the planets and the signs that they find themselves in. Saturn, of course, represents our drive to regulate and control ourselves, and though people often complain that Saturn periods only bring about frustrations and delays, the truth is that this drive to regulate ourselves is desperately needed as a counterbalance to our drive to grow and expand our horizons (Jupiter). We generally like Jupiter transits much more than Saturn transits, but, nonetheless, we should always remember that without control (Saturn), there is no freedom, and that may be why in the days before the planet Uranus was discovered, Saturn ruled both Capricorn and Aquarius. Capricorn is very obviously associated with the things that Saturn represents, but in the case of Aquarius, whose rulership today many ascribe to Uranus, it is worth bearing in mind that Uranus is associated with freedom and independence and that without the ability to control our actions, there is no real choice to our actions and, hence, no freedom to act independently. Thus, the better we can understand how there can be no freedom without both control and discipline, the better we can understand the relationship of Saturn to Uranus and Aquarius. The discipline that Saturn engenders while in Capricorn makes possible the freedom of Aquarius.

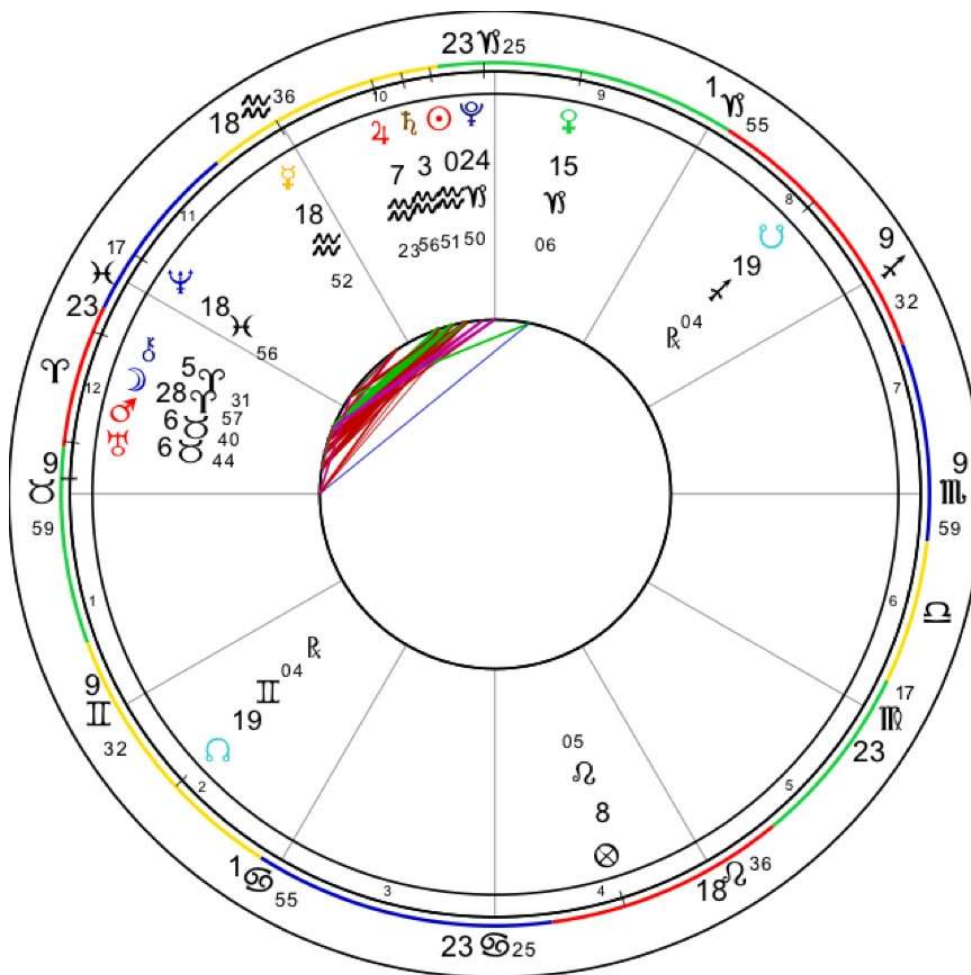
The planet Uranus is often called the planet of both genius and eccentricity. One might also call it the planet of manic-depressiveness or bipolar states because the reality is that creativity is often the result of the brain working at hyperspeed. Whether due to caffeine or internal stimulants, creativity often requires the brain to process information faster than usual and to make connections that it doesn't usually make. Looked at from another perspective, we could say that Uranus always tries to break up the existing pattern, and so it is also the planet or drive that rules revolutions. Additionally, we always say to expect the unexpected when Uranus is involved, and that dictum could easily be the anthem for 2021.

In many ways, neither Saturn nor Uranus can feel entirely comfortable with the signs that they are currently in. Saturn wants discipline and order, but its co-ruler of Aquarius, Uranus, often prefers spontaneity and surprise. Likewise, Taurus is a fixed earth sign that also prefers stability and slow change over sudden breaks, and so it is difficult for Uranus to express itself in the manner that it is most accustomed to. Additionally, the square relationship between Saturn and Uranus means that the two drives will have difficulties in coordinating their purposes with one another this year. However, the one sliver of hope is the fact that Uranus also rules Aquarius, the sign that Saturn is currently in, and this opens the door for some kind of constructive dialogue between them. However, before that happens, Saturn in Aquarius will do what it can to maintain balance and discipline while

Uranus in Taurus will periodically erupt with demands for immediate change. Revolution is in the air, and maybe also, scientific innovations. All around the world people will once again struggle with the tension between individual freedom and the need to sometimes sacrifice personal freedom for the good of the whole. That is what Saturn square Uranus means for the world in general, but let's see how it might affect the United States of America in particular.

First, we'll look at the inauguration chart for President Biden.

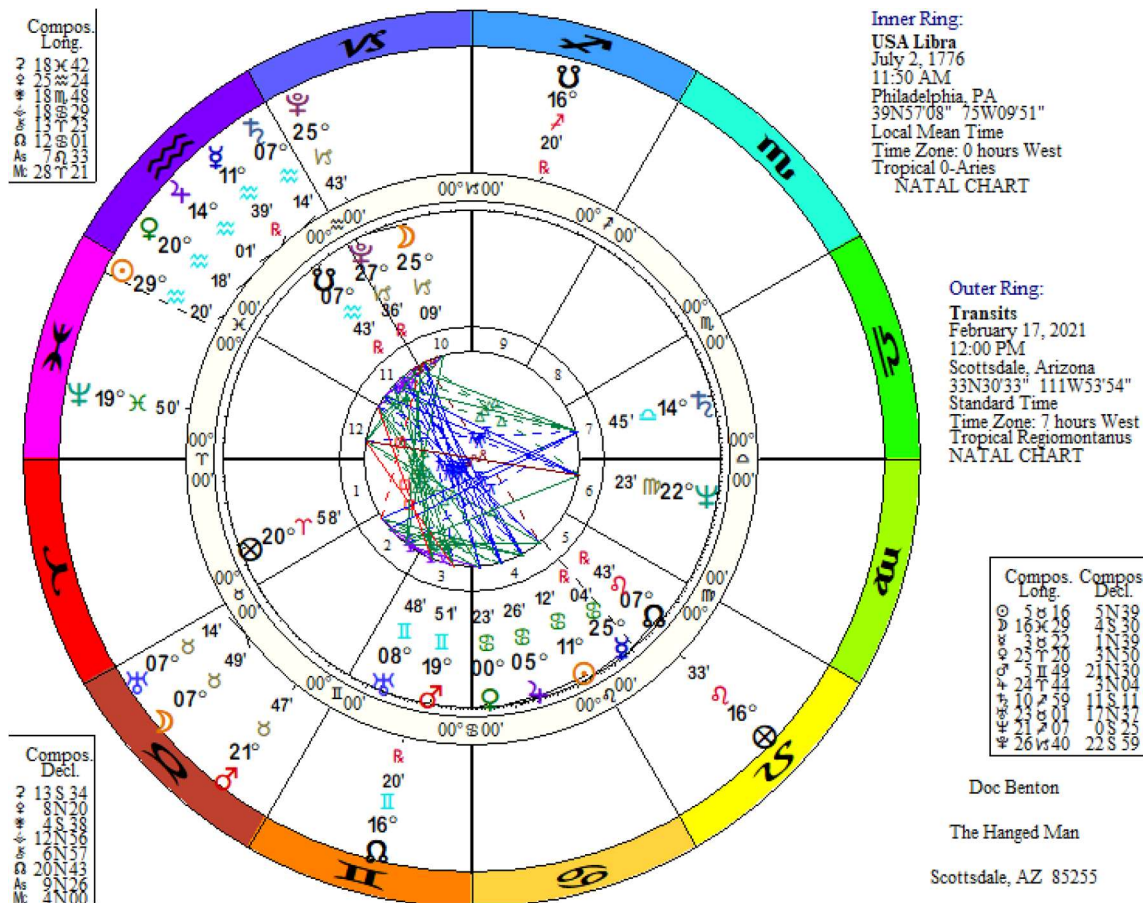
Biden's Chart
January 20, 2021 11:48 AM EST
US Capitol Building, DC (38N53 77W01)



In this chart we have Sun, Jupiter, and Saturn all conjunct in Aquarius in the tenth house. This suggests that words such as science, innovation, balance, brotherhood, freedom, human rights, and group work will all be themes of the Biden administration. However, Capricorn is on the cusp of the tenth house, and Pluto is conjunct the Midheaven. At its worst this would suggest an authoritarian dictator or despot. However, this aspect could

also represent a leader who not only can handle the reins of power, but is also committed to positive transformation. Given the nature and history of Joe Biden, I expect the latter. However, if this were Trump's inauguration, then I would expect the former. Also, the sextile from Neptune to Pluto suggests that Biden's plans will in their own way be very visionary. The one thorn in the Biden administration's side, though, is the tense relationship between the tenth house planets and those in the twelfth house. The twelfth house often represents things that are hidden from view, and Uranus conjunct Mars in Taurus in the twelfth house suggests that there are some people out there who are very angry and very unstable. Also, while the squares from the twelfth house planets with Sun, Jupiter, and Saturn in Aquarius are not exact, the tension is, nonetheless, very strong, and insurrection and hidden enemies are something the Biden administration will have to contend with during its first term. Additionally, the Moon in Aries in the twelfth house is square Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Pluto, and the Midheaven, and this likely represents a significant portion of the public who will not hesitate to use violence and covert means to challenge the authority of those in government. Sedition may be ongoing. On a positive note, Venus, the ruler of the first house, is in the ninth house and is trine the Ascendant. Consequently, since foreign policy is an area of expertise for Biden, I suspect that he will emphasize once again our relationships with our allies and that he will be very successful in repairing and revitalizing those relationships.

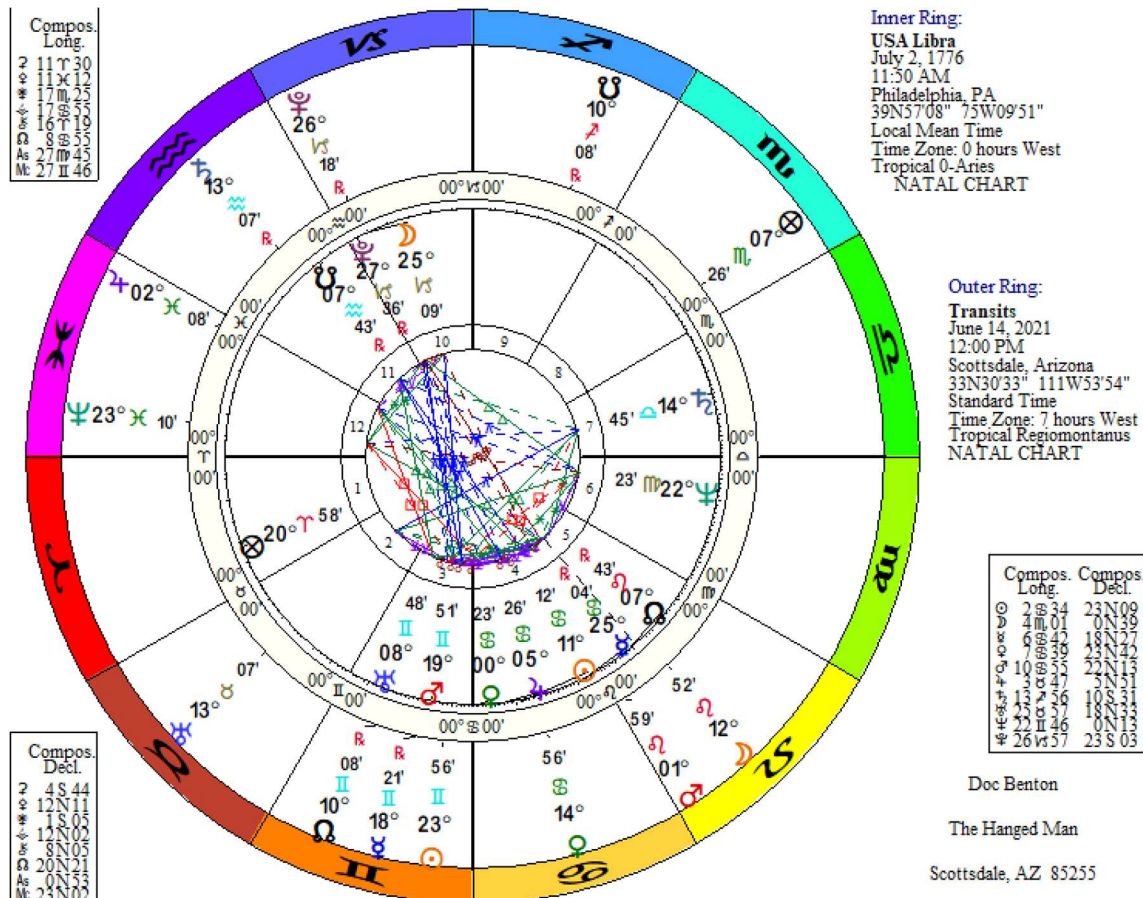
Now let's look at the first Saturn/Uranus square and how it will impact the horoscope for the United States.



On February 17, 2021, there are five planets in Aquarius (Sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn) and three planets in Taurus (Moon, Mars, and Uranus). Thus, while the square between transiting Saturn and transiting Uranus is exact, there is also an underlying tension due simply to the clash of signs. As mentioned before, Uranus in Taurus with Saturn square Uranus is a sign of revolution and rebellion, but who are the players this time around? On January 6 it was white supremacists versus the legislative branch of the government. Previously, we saw a clash between Trump supporters and opponents during the impeachment trial in the Senate, and the Saturn/Uranus squares of 2021 only exacerbate the existing tension. Regardless of the players involved, it is and remains a clash between opposing ideologies. The interesting thing this time around, though, is that transiting Moon is conjunct transiting Uranus and sextile the Venus, Jupiter, Sun conjunction in the USA chart. This suggests that whatever rebellious faction that pops up at this time may have broad public support. However, since Mars has moved on from its conjunction with Uranus, I believe there is less chance for violence. Additionally, in the Gemini rising chart we find transiting Uranus in the twelfth house, and this suggests hidden enemies or rebellion that comes from the shadows. However, if you are using one of the other charts for the USA, then different astrological houses will be involved. And finally, remember that the Saturn/Uranus square can play itself out not only between groups of people or political groups, but also as a clash of economic policies or even earthquakes of larger size or electrical problems (Uranus) with infrastructure (Saturn) such as happened in Texas right before the February 17 configuration. Finally, we also see transiting Pluto in

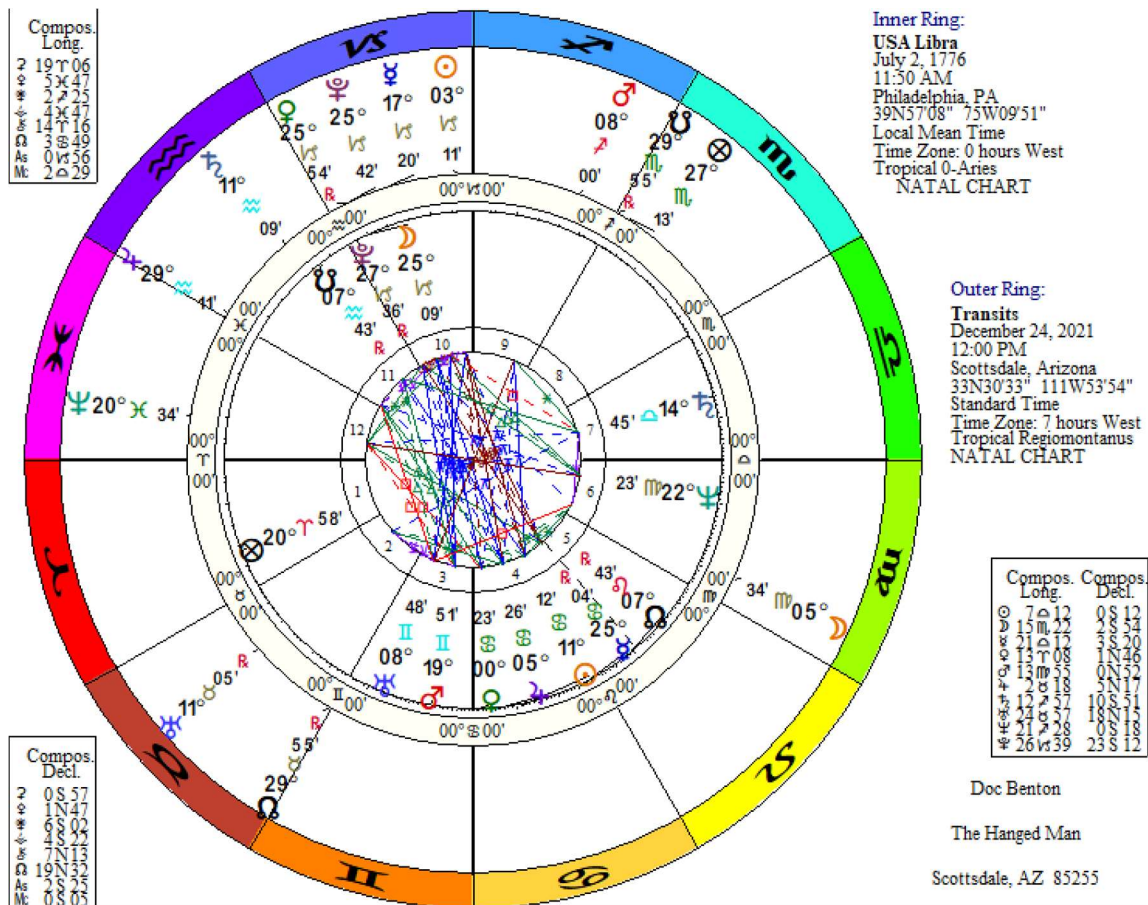
opposition to natal Mercury and approaching an exact conjunction with natal Pluto, but this latter aspect will deserve its own section later on.

And now let's look at the next exact square between Saturn and Uranus!



On June 14, 2021, transiting Saturn makes an exact square once again with transiting Uranus, and once again the signs of Aquarius and Taurus are involved. This suggests a continuation of the conflicts that we currently see in the political divide in America. As before in the Gemini rising chart, we see that transiting Uranus is in the twelfth house indicating hidden enemies and shadow groups, and we see transiting Saturn conjunct the Midheaven. This suggests conflict between the executive branch and more radical voices either on the right or the left. Also at this time, we see transiting Venus square natal Saturn, transiting Moon opposite natal Moon, and transiting Pluto in opposition to natal Mercury and conjunct natal Pluto. This latter aspect we'll talk about in a separate section but suffice it to say that this may not be the happiest of days.

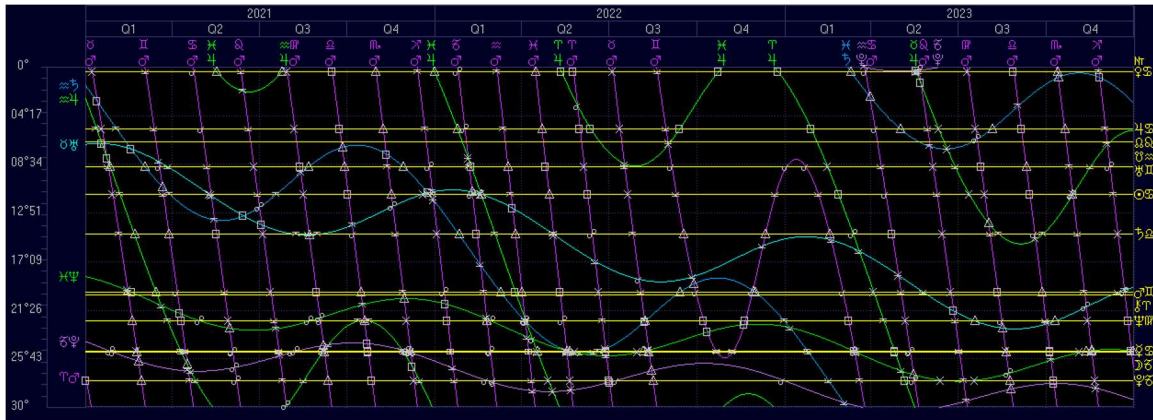
And now below is the chart for the final square between Saturn and Uranus that will occur on December 24, 2021.



Again we have transiting Saturn in Aquarius square transiting Uranus in Taurus. Consequently, many of the conflicts that were present at the beginning of 2021 have continued throughout the year in America. On December 24, 2021, however, we see multiple conflicts between transiting planets and planets in the birth chart of the United States. More specifically in addition to the Saturn/Uranus square, we have transiting Mars opposition Uranus; transiting Sun opposition natal Sun, Venus, and Jupiter; transiting Neptune square natal Mars; transiting Neptune opposition natal Neptune; transiting Jupiter sesquiquadrate natal Sun and Saturn; and transiting Venus and Pluto opposition natal Mercury and conjunct natal Pluto. Also, four of the transiting planets will be in Capricorn which signals a momentary return of tradition or authoritarian energy. It looks like it might be a volatile time that might even be punctuated by violent conflicts. It's a good time to buy toilet paper and stay indoors!

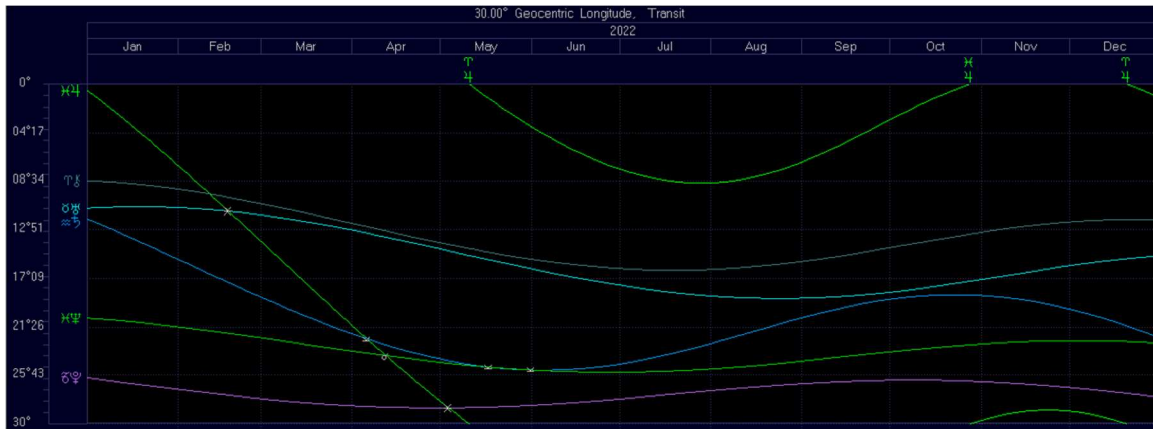
The Dread Pirate Pluto, 2021 – 2023

Much of the next three years in America will be influenced by the opposition of transiting Pluto to natal Mercury in the USA chart and the conjunction of transiting Pluto with natal Pluto in the same. At this point I expect the opposition from transiting Pluto to natal Mercury to play itself out mainly in terms of commerce, foreign trade, and voices of fear and rebellion. We might experience, for example, lingering economic problems from the pandemic. Additionally, natal Mercury might represent vocal opposition from a determined sector of society. However, though we may feel the effects of this opposition for a few years, it doesn't concern me nearly as much as the conjunction of transiting Pluto with natal Pluto, and this is because Pluto represents death and transformation. If Trump were still in office, then I have no doubt that it would foreshadow the death of America. However, with Biden in charge, there is a much greater chance for positive transformation to occur, and I am encouraged by Biden's slogan to "Build Back Better" and his emphasis on rebuilding our infrastructure. In the grander scheme of things, we will probably experience more of the effects of the opposition to Mercury in the year 2021, and we'll have to deal with the impact of transiting Pluto conjunct natal Pluto more in 2022. In 2023, the pressure of this conjunction will start to gradually fade. However, don't forget that at the same time we are dealing with Saturn square Uranus in 2021 and the square and oppositions involving Neptune and Mars in 2021 through 2023. As the graphic ephemeris shows us below, it will be an interesting time.



The Nitty Gritty of 2022 for the World

For much of the world I expect things to be much calmer than they were for 2020 through 2021 since, as indicated by the graphs below, the outer planets will experience mostly benign transits from Jupiter in the first half of the year.



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From the above we can also see some interesting points in time to keep an eye on. First, in February, Jupiter will make a semisextile to Chiron. This will be felt on a subconscious level by most people, but collectively it opens a door for those who want to walk through it into a world that transcends the individual ego. Some will heed the call and consciously shift their focus to something beyond their own individual needs and wants. All, however, will respond on some level in order to nudge the world slightly closer toward collective enlightenment.

Overlapping this event is a sextile from Jupiter in Pisces to Uranus in Taurus. This will likely be a month of emotional optimism (Jupiter in Pisces) and excitement (Uranus) for the world. There could also be news of breakthroughs and innovations (Uranus) of some sort, and it is possible that concerns about money and goods may ease a bit (Taurus). All in all, February looks like a good month for the world at large.

From March through mid-June of 2022, Uranus will be close to an exact semisextile with Chiron. This follows the Jupiter semisextile to Chiron in February, and as before the effect will be on a subconscious level for most people. Again, the door to transcendence is open for those who are ready to walk through it, but because of the inconjunct nature of the semisextile (i.e. Taurus and Aries share neither a common mode or element) neither the “stick” of a square nor the “carrot” of a trine will be there to encourage people. It is simply an opportunity that will be present for those who choose. However, for those who do so choose, much enlightenment waits to be found.

From the latter part of March to mid-April, Jupiter in Pisces will semisextile Saturn in Aquarius. Again, the semisextile opens a door but lets you decide whether or not to go through it. In this case, the hope and dreams spawned by Jupiter in Pisces can be made a reality (Saturn) through the creative work of the collective (Aquarius), and because it is Jupiter in Pisces, these hopes and dreams may be very progressive. This will be an interesting time to observe what trends governments and societies support.

For much of April, the conjunction between Jupiter and Neptune will be in effect. At the very end of December 2021 the planet Jupiter moves from Aquarius to Pisces, and this will likely create an expansion of feeling and a euphoria that will probably last until Jupiter enters Aries on May 11, 2022. This euphoria will reach its peak in April with the conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune in Pisces, and since these planets are co-rulers of Pisces, they are likely to put their best feet forward. Previous contacts involving Jupiter, Neptune, and Pisces have involved progress in LGBTQ rights and cannabis reform, and I hope both these trends continue. The keyword will be DISSOLVE, dissolve old boundaries and attitudes and accept the larger worldview that will be possible. Is it any wonder that the movie “The Matrix Resurrections” is being released right before Jupiter moves into Pisces? The red pill will be available again for those who seek the truth!

From mid-April through mid-June of 2022, Saturn in Aquarius will semisextile Neptune in Pisces. Coming on the heels of Jupiter’s sojourn through Pisces and conjunction with Neptune, this aspect will last substantially longer than Jupiter’s contact with Neptune, and it could help bring about through collective action (Aquarius) the concrete realization (Saturn) of the inspirations of the past few months. This aspect will be in effect a second time from late December 2022 through January 2023.

From late April through the first half of May in 2022, Jupiter in Pisces will sextile Pluto in Capricorn. On the plus side, this could expand (Jupiter) positive transformation (Pluto). However (and unfortunately!), this could also result in renewed fanatical support (Jupiter in Pisces) for fascism and authoritarian rulers (Pluto in Capricorn).

On May 11, 2022, Jupiter will move from Pisces into Aries, and this transition is worth keeping an eye on. Whereas there is a certain unrestricted optimism to Jupiter in Pisces, Jupiter in Aries will likely see an expansion of individuality and militant activity (Mars rules Aries) for either good or ill. I would probably prefer that Jupiter spend more time in Pisces.

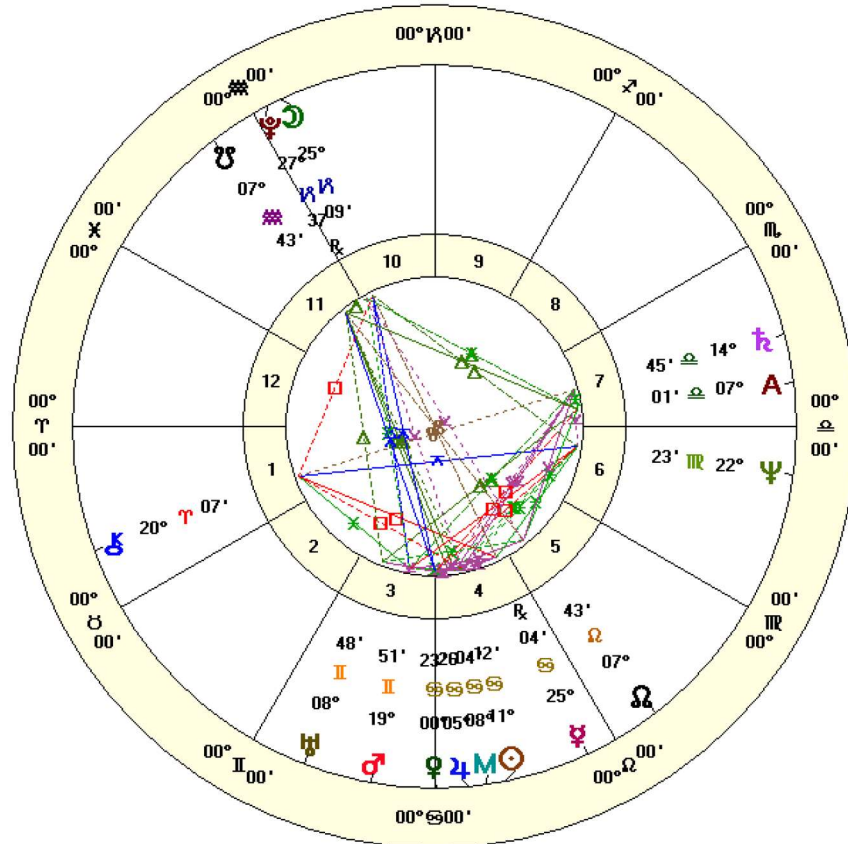
And finally, in September and October of 2022, Saturn will once again be close to a square with Uranus. Thus, there will be a final gasp of the conflict between individual want and freedom (Uranus in Taurus) and social responsibility (Saturn in Aquarius) that has often been on display throughout 2021. Since this comes right before the midterm elections in the United States, things could get ugly (or uglier!).

In September of 2022, all the outer planets from Jupiter through Chiron will be retrograde again along with Mercury. A similar mass retrograde occurred in September of 2021, and it was a time when the focus of many people was turned inward as we all complained about the “weather,” but were unable to immediately do anything productive in response. I expect September 2022 to be similar. In a nutshell, though, 2022 looks fairly positive for the world, but most of the optimism may be reserved for the first four months while Jupiter is in Pisces. For America, though, the year will likely be far from tranquil.

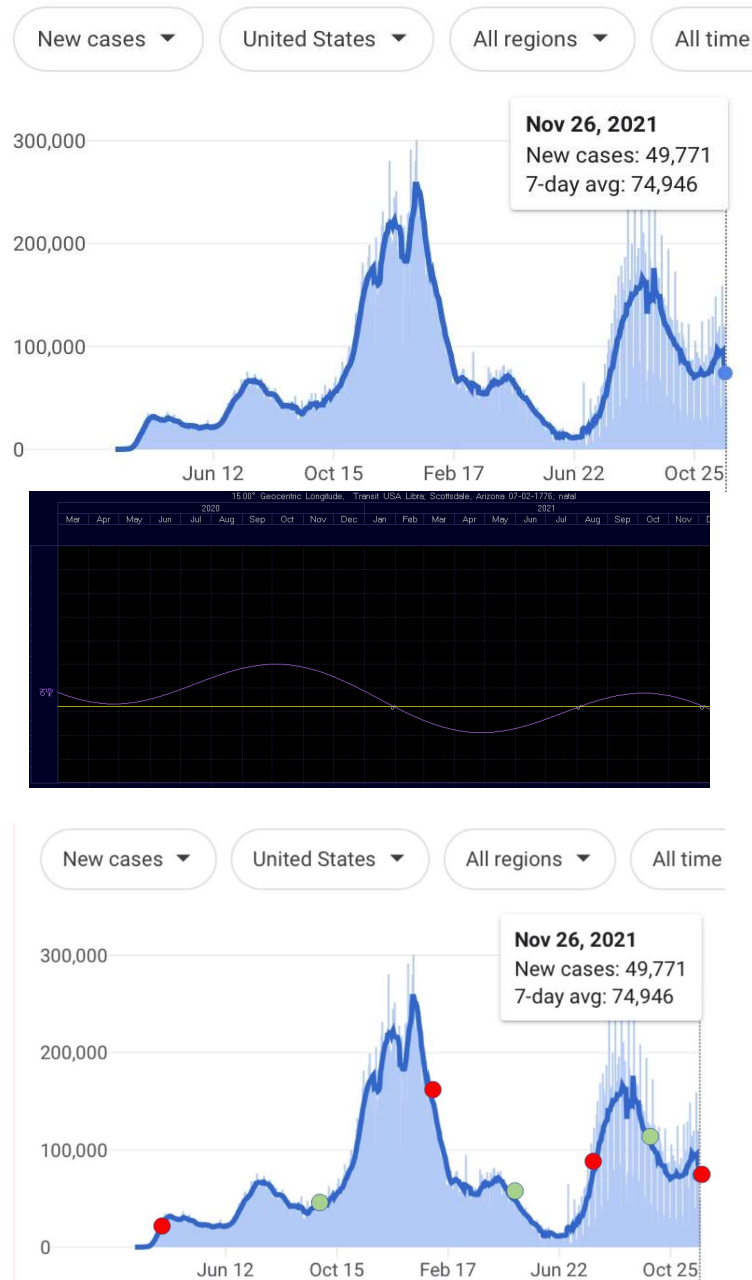
The Nitty Gritty of 2022 for America

Whereas the rest of the world will probably enjoy a return to optimism in 2022, America will probably not be so lucky. Also, while there are several charts that one may look at with regard to America's future, again the one I currently favor is the July 2, 1776 chart with 0° Aries rising.

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My preference for this one stems in part from the observation over the past couple of years that cases of the coronavirus in the USA seems to increase when transiting Pluto is near conjunction with the natal Capricorn Moon in this chart, and it seems to ease up when Pluto is its furthest from the Moon. Below are some charts with the last using red or green dots to show either conjunction or maximum separation between Pluto and the Moon at various points during the pandemic in America.

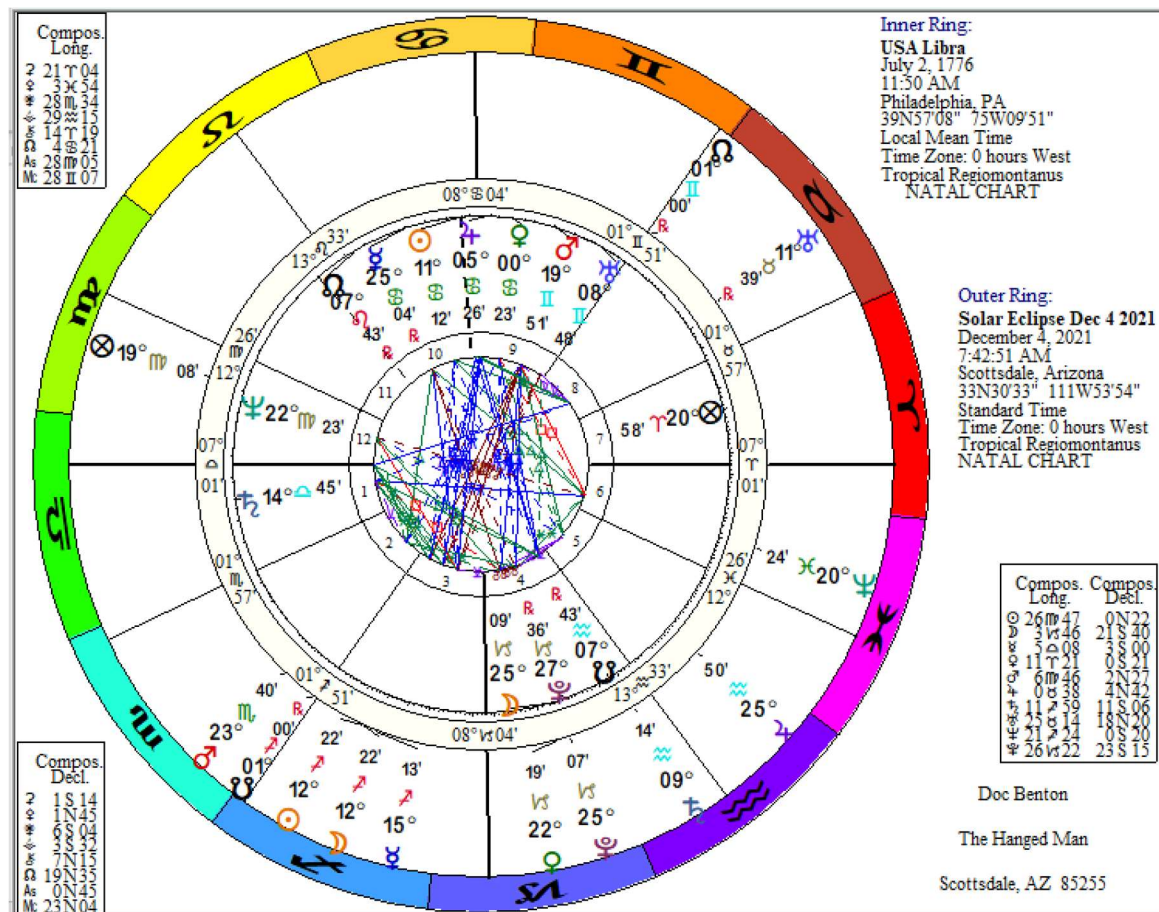


Now let's look at some charts that will help us understand how America will be affected by planetary transits in 2022.

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Just a quick glance suggests that there will be a lot going on in the USA in 2022, so let's begin to unpack what may be the most important influences of the year. First, I notice that the year begins with transiting Chiron in Aries sextiling natal Uranus in Gemini from January through mid-February. This is an inspiring aspect for both American science and ingenuity along with American astrology. American scientists and researchers of all kinds may likely abandon personal interests in pursuit of the more transpersonal (Chiron) greater good.

In January the conjunction between transiting Pluto and natal Moon will continue to fade, and the number of infections and deaths from Covid-19 may begin to fade along with it. However, a short return may be experienced from late September to early October during Pluto's retrograde phase. However, since this conjunction was also activated by the solar eclipse of December 2021, there is a possibility that the pandemic in America will continue further into 2022 beyond what the transits suggest.



Another influence we'll see in January 2022 are a fading opposition of transiting Pluto to natal Mercury and a fading square of transiting Neptune to Mars. The former may manifest as some residual disruption (Pluto) to the economy (Mercury) or as some ongoing opposition between leadership (Pluto in Capricorn) and the voice of the people and their fears and insecurities (Mercury in Cancer).

A stronger event at the beginning of 2022 and one lasting through March is transiting Uranus sextile natal Sun. We may (and hopefully will) see a resurgence of American ingenuity (natal Uranus in Gemini) or simply innovative solutions to a lot of fundamental problems. Also, on the day this aspect becomes exact (February 17), transiting Jupiter will exactly trine natal Sun. Together, these two transits should create a positive atmosphere of creativity and expansiveness at this time. There will also be the supporting aspects of transiting Jupiter trine natal Venus in early January and transiting Jupiter trine natal Jupiter and transiting Saturn trine natal Saturn on the 24th and 25th of January, respectively.

By far the most serious and most discussed astrological situation facing the United States in 2022 is the Pluto return, the return of transiting Pluto to its position in the birth chart. The conjunction of transiting Pluto with natal Pluto will occur three times next year, and it will be in affect mid-January through August and November through December. And why is this so serious? Because Pluto represents death and transformation! America is now at a crossroads. It must either renew and reinvent itself or become increasingly irrelevant and die. The fact that one infrastructure bill has been signed into law will help to move things in the right direction in this country. However, there is also much division in the country, currently, and that won't go away overnight. The future can be bright, but not before facing much peril.

In addition to the Pluto return in the USA chart, we'll also experience continued opposition to natal Neptune from transiting Neptune in February and March plus mid-October through December. Neptune dissolves the boundaries between things, and it has manifested as a blurring of the boundaries between fact and fiction in many areas in our country. Hence, there is every reason to expect this problem to continue into next year. Additionally, with transiting Neptune in Pisces and natal Neptune in Virgo, it is a contrast between progressive idealism and a more conservative approach that is smaller in scope but more focused. The danger, though, is that we slip into a civil war (natal Neptune square natal Mars) through slander and misinformation, and tensions may be particularly inflamed in late March when transiting Jupiter squares natal Mars. On the plus side, though, transiting Saturn will trine natal Mars in March, September, November, and December, and this favorable trine may manifest itself via renewed construction and infrastructure.

Another thing to keep an eye on is the movement of transiting Jupiter from May through the end of the year. In May of 2022, Jupiter will enter the sign of Aries and immediately square natal Venus at 0 degrees, 23 minutes, Cancer. This represents an abrupt shift from the idealism and feel-good fuzziness of Pisces to the independence, rebelliousness, and stark-awareness-of-boundaries that is characteristic of Aries, and the sudden square to natal Venus in Cancer only magnifies insecurities. We can't say for certain what will happen at this time, but in August transiting Jupiter will turn retrograde and square Venus two more times before the end of the year. Hence, whatever commences in the month of May will likely be "unfinished business" until the end of the year. However, on the positive side, in July and August transiting Jupiter will sextile natal Uranus which will magnify the country's creativity and innate ingenuity.

And finally, from April through September, we will have transiting Neptune sextile natal Moon and trine natal Mercury. Regardless of whatever else is occurring, this should create some good feelings in the mood of the country (Moon) and the economy (Mercury). Additionally, transiting Chiron will be in opposition to natal Saturn in late April through early June and September through October, and this suggests spiritual changes in America as we move from a strictly personal awareness to a more transpersonal perspective. However, while this transit and subsequent movement will definitely occur, the impact will likely still linger below the surface awareness of most Americans. Nonetheless, changes will happen whether we are aware of them or not, and they will be facilitated by a sextile between transiting Saturn and natal Chiron in March, September, and mid-November through mid-December.

To summarize, the most important transit by far for America next year is the transit of Pluto to its natal position. This Pluto return transit will be in effect for most of the year, and it in the worst scenarios it would be the death of America. At the very least, it will have to be the beginning of major changes and major rebuilding if we are to survive. To the degree that we are able to transform, we will also thrive. If we can just overcome gridlock and transform ourselves. Fortunately, we will receive some assistance from good aspects that will encourage creativity (Uranus), rebuilding (Saturn), and inspiration (Neptune). In particular, keep an eye on May both for things that inspire (trines and sextiles from Neptune) and issues that may remain unresolved (Jupiter square Venus) until the end of the year.