

THE JUPITER-URANUS CYCLE

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Planetary cycles are right at the heart of astrology, and different cycles are associated with different themes. In this article we will be discussing the Jupiter-Uranus cycle, as the planets are in exact opposition in December 2016, March 2017 and September 2017, therefore particularly relevant at the present time.

The cycles of the slower moving planets from Jupiter outwards are particularly significant as they help us to understand how humanity is developing through the unfolding global changes. As astrology students and practitioners, we are all familiar with studying planetary cycles in individual horoscopes, but it is extremely useful to look at these cycles in the wider context of 'mundane' astrology, which looks at the horoscopes of countries, leaders and large organisations.

The current Jupiter-Uranus cycle began on 8th June 2010, with an exact conjunction of these two planets at 0° 17' Aries. This degree of Aries strongly suggests new beginnings and opportunities. The conjunction was repeated on 19th September 2010 at 28°42' Pisces when both planets turned retrograde and then on 4th January 2011 at 27°02' Pisces when both planets went direct again. The whole cycle lasts about fourteen years and the present cycle will end on 21st April 2024, with the next conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus at 21°49' Taurus. The cycle will be affecting each of us individually and will also be reflected in outer-world events through the horoscopes of nations and their leaders.

The astrologer Dane Rudhyar divided the whole cycle into a 'waxing hemisphere' when any two planets are building upon what the conjunction meant, and the 'waning hemisphere' after the opposition when the two planets begin to form the next conjunction. This follows the same principle as the phases of the Moon, but with a new understanding that it also applies to pairs of planets in general.

As Jupiter moves faster than Uranus, it will move ahead of the latter forming aspects between them as the cycle progresses. Thus the meaning of the conjunction unfolds. After the conjunction, the next aspects that these two planets form, in order, will be: 1. Semisextile, 2. Semisquare, 3. Sextile, 4. Square, 5. Trine, 6. Sesquiquadrate, 7. Quincunx and 8. Opposition.

After the opposition, the cycle moves into the 'waning hemisphere', reversing the aspect order until Jupiter catches up with Uranus to form a new conjunction and begin a new cycle. The waxing and waning squares and the opposition phases of the cycle tend to bring events and changes that are connected with the previous conjunction. Bearing in mind that cycles do not operate in isolation, we need to consider all planetary cycles that are unfolding in the heavens at the same time.

The table below shows dates, times and locations of these aspects during the current cycle. Although Richard Tarnas [see references at end] considers 15° orbs in the context of major world changes associated with planetary cycles, this table has 10° orbs because with 15° orbs some aspects overlap.

Dates, times and positions of aspects through Jupiter Uranus cycle (for London, UK)

Aspect	Dates/ times when exact	Jupiter	Uranus	Dates within 10° orb
Conjunction	8 Jun 2010 11:27 am 19 Sep 2010 02:03 am 4 Jan 2011 12:53 am	00°17' Aries 28°42' Pisces 27°02' Pisces	00°17' Aries 28°42' Pisces 27°02' Pisces	31 Mar 2010 – 14 Mar 2011
Semi-square	8 May 2012 3:08 am	21°52' Taurus	06°52' Aries	1 March – 16 June 2012
Sextile	22 Jul 2012 5:03 am	08°30' Gemini	08°30' Aries	3 June 1 – November 2012
Square	21 Aug 2013 8:15 am 26 Feb 2014 7:28 am 20 Apr 2014 8:25 am	12°03' Cancer 10°33' 13°29'	12°03' Aries 10°33' 13°29'	7 Jul 2013 – 19 Oct 2013 12 Dec 2013 – 29 June 2014
Trine	25 Sep 2014 7:17 pm 3 Mar 2015 12.25 pm 22 Jun 2015 2:26 pm	14°59' Leo 14°35' 20°02'	14°59' Aries 14°35' 20°02'	14 Aug 2014 – 13 Aug 2015
Sesquiquadrate	3 Sep 2015 5:03 am	04°55' Virgo	19°55' Aries	8 July – 13 Oct 2015
Quincunx	5 Nov 2015 10.00 pm 6 Mar 2016 11:44 am 12 Aug 2016 10:01 am	17°32' Virgo 18°33' 24°25'	17°32' Aries 18°33' 24°25'	23 Sep 2015 – 25 Sep 2016
Opposition	26 Dec 2016 6.35 pm	20°33' Libra 22°11'	20°33' Aries	3 Nov 2016 – 6 May 2017

	3 Mar 2017 1.15 am 28 Sep 2017 5.25 am	27°22'	22°11' 27°22'	29 June 2017 – 5 Nov 2017
Quincunx	8 Nov 2018 6.20 am	29°56' Scorpio	29°56' Aries	29 Sept – 17 Dec 2018
Sesquiquadrate	7 Jun 2019 0:00 am	19°56' Sagittarius	04°56' Taurus	27 Nov 2018 – 25 Nov 2019
Trine	15 Dec 2019 7.01 pm	02°56' Capricorn	02°56' Taurus	5 Nov 2019 – 27 Jan 2020
Square	20 Jan 2021 10:49 pm	07°26' Aquarius	07°26' Taurus	7 Nov 2020 – 6 March 2021
Sextile	18 Feb 2022 0.10 am	11°13' Pisces	11°13' Taurus	3 Jan 2022 – 8 July 2022
Semi-square	24 Dec 2022 0:40 am	00°19' Aries	15°19' Taurus	15 Mar 2022 – 26 Feb 2023
Conjunction	21 Apr 2024 2:28 am	21°49' Taurus	21°49' Taurus	24 July 2023 – 20 Oct 2024

We are currently in the opposition phase of the cycle. The first opposition took place on 26th December 2016 when Jupiter was at 20°33' Libra, and Uranus was at 20°33' Aries (retrograde). The next opposition will take place on 3rd March 2017 when Jupiter will be at 22°11' Libra (retrograde) and Uranus will be at 22°11' Aries. The final opposition will take place on 28th September 2017, when Jupiter will be at 27°22' Libra and Uranus will be at 27°22' Aries (retrograde).

As previously described, in order to understand how this current opposition phase might be unfolding, we have to understand the meaning of the conjunction that began the current cycle. To start with let us look at some of the key words for Jupiter and Uranus.

JUPITER – expansion, wisdom, religion, aspiration, higher mind, philosophy, optimism, freedom, spiritual law, expansion of consciousness, sport, publication, higher education, the judiciary and long distance travel.

URANUS – truth, will, rebellious, new-age, revolutionary, astrology, the 'lightning flash', awakener, independence, sudden change, inspiration, unique, unconventional, shocking, unpredictable.

It is said by mundane astrologers that the Jupiter-Uranus cycle is associated with the following

1. Major breakthroughs in science and technology
2. Major developments in space travel
3. Major political changes and upheavals
4. Major developments in the field of aviation
5. Associations with uprisings and revolutions
6. Inventions which have enhanced the way we work and live
7. Esoteric knowledge and astrology
8. Social change and awareness
9. Economic changes such as inflation and 'bubbles'
10. Revolutionary happenings in the established church
11. Planetary events such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions

The first conjunction of these two planets took place in Aries, a cardinal fire sign. The fire element gives warmth, inspiration, enthusiasm and self-expression. The cardinal quality gives energy, action, enterprise and initiative.

At the time of the oppositions, Jupiter is in Libra, the cardinal air sign. The air element gives an emphasis on brotherhood, communication and thinking. This combination can help give the optimism necessary to find new ways to look at political and social problems, getting along with other people and in general showing there is a need for balance between self and others.

Jupiter and Uranus are able to work particularly well together, in that Jupiter is the planet of the higher mind and wisdom, and Uranus the planet which enables access to flashes of brilliance from the higher mind. Jupiter expands, wanting to know more, while Uranus is uninhibited in 'thinking the unthinkable'. Together they are well able to break new ground and greatly broaden horizons.

Richard Tarnas describes the Jupiter-Uranus archetype as 'the successful rebel'. He describes many ways that this can manifest, and in fact there have been countless successful 'changes of thinking' associated with this pair. He describes it as '*the successful fruition and cultural elevation in a sudden unexpected manner of the impulse for creative breakthrough and radical change*'. He further adds that the Jupiter-Uranus cycle coincides with '*sudden, often brilliantly successful and later widely celebrated upwellings of a collective impulse for social and political emancipation, innovation and rebellion*'.

Some examples of historic events at the times of past conjunctions and oppositions of Jupiter and Uranus are:

Scientific Breakthroughs

- Discovery of heliocentric solar system by Galileo and Kepler (at the same time but separately) 1609
- Charles Darwin announced his Theory of Evolution July 1858

- Invention of electric lightbulbs 1879
- Quantum theory proposed beginning 1900
- Einstein announced his General Theory of Relativity Nov 1919
- First TV transmission 1927
- First personal computer demonstrated Dec 1968

Aeronautical Inventions

- First hot air balloon with human passenger Oct 15 1783
- Wright brothers' experiments Oct 1900
- First space flight by Yuri Gagarin 1961-2
- The Moon landing 20 July 1969
and apparently personal jet packs are to go on sale in 2017!

Rebellions

- The Mutiny on the Bounty 28th April 1789
- The beginning of the American Revolution
- The beginning of the French Revolution 1789
- The General Strike 1926
- Student Revolts 1968-9

Freedoms

- The new American Government, now free of British rule, ratified its constitution and established its Bill of Rights 1788-9
- The storming of the Bastille followed by the collapse of the *Ancien Regime* 1789
- All slaves in the British Empire freed 1 Aug 1838
- New Zealand granted women the vote 1893
- The fall of the Berlin Wall, end of the Cold War and collapse of Communism June 1989 –July 1990
- Release of Nelson Mandela and end of apartheid 11 Feb 1990

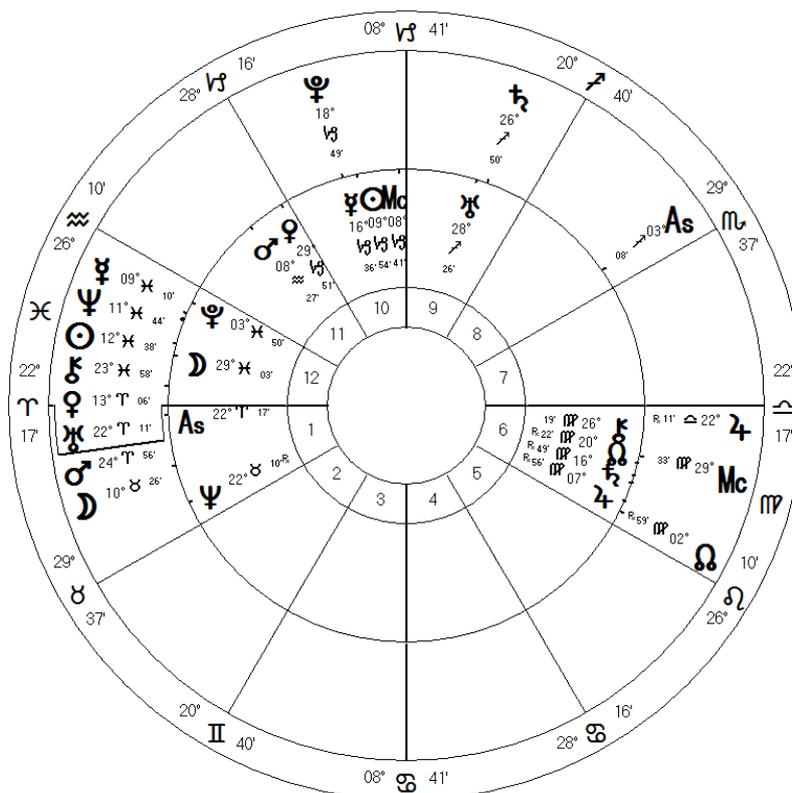
The current Jupiter-Uranus cycle has particular relevance for Britain, as the conjunction was at 0° Aries and the Moon in the 1066 British horoscope is at 29° Pisces. The conjunction was, incidentally, also opposite Uranus in the 1801 United Kingdom horoscope.

The British people (the people of a nation are symbolized by the Moon in a national chart), normally placid, became restive. A general election was held, with the Conservatives promising a referendum on EU membership. To the surprise (Uranus) of everyone, the Conservatives won with an overall majority. The seed of the present cycle was thus sown.

As an aside, it is interesting to note that there was also a Jupiter-Uranus conjunction at the beginning of Aries in 1926. The people of Britain became rebellious at that time too, resulting in the General Strike.

In June 2016, there was an even greater shock when, with transiting Uranus now on the 1066 Ascendant, there was a referendum which resulted in a majority vote to leave the EU.

The situation is particularly 'electrifying' on 3 March 2017, when the Jupiter-Uranus opposition is exact at 22° Libra and 22° Aries. This is the exact degree on the horizon of the 1066 British chart. The negotiations for Britain to leave the EU are due to begin in March, so will be greatly influenced by this.



Biwheel of the 3 March 2017 opposition around the UK 1066 chart

With Uranus in Aries, there are many individual opinions, so this is a very assertive alignment, with a great many voices seeking to be heard. However, with Jupiter in Libra, we also have the diplomat – and the legal side of things. As it is on the 1066 descendant, other nations may be anxious to be treated with fairness and justice also. Jupiter in Libra can be the 'stillness in the storm', seeking brotherhood and justice for all. With Libra, there is a need for a 'breather', to calm down, get centred at the point of balance within and without. 'Let's stop arguing for a moment, take a deep breath and look for the way forward'. Jupiter in Libra also has a feeling of 'I can't do this alone'. It needs people to work together, in a spirit of brotherhood, for the genuine

good of all. Tarnas describes Jupiter-Uranus times as opportunities for people working together to achieve great things.

Uranus in Aries, at its best, can be a source of brilliant ideas. There could be original, 'New Age' and unexpected solutions. It all depends on the influence of spirit. Are we going to argue, or are we going to be open to 'genius', to new and wonderful initiatives? With Uranus on the 1066 ascendant at this time, we will stride forward with these new ideas. For other nations looking on, it will be a case of 'expect the unexpected'.

At its best, Uranus in Aries is the 'will to will the Will of God'. However, much depends on our openness to spiritual influences. While depending on this openness, the Jupiter-Uranus opposition is a time of great potential for good. It is surely a time for especially focused prayer and sending out the Light, that God's Will may be done with brotherhood, wisdom and inspiration lighting the way. The image of St Michael, the guide and protector of Britain is particularly pertinent here. It is said that he holds in one hand the Scales (Libra), which symbolize the law of equilibrium, balance and Divine Justice. In the other hand he holds the flaming Sword of Truth (Uranus).

Naturally, Jupiter and Uranus do not act alone. In 2016-17, Pluto is still within orbs of a square to Uranus, and this adds another dimension to the astrology of the time.

Key words are:

PLUTO – power, underworld, wealth, inheritance, transformative, transmutation, exposure, secrets, break-down, creator, destroyer, repair, inexorable change, evolution, DNA, inevitable.

Uranus-Pluto cycles are associated with:

- Relentless change and disruption
- Pervading worldwide influence
- Profound and transforming changes in society
- Riots, revolution, war

Uranus and Pluto are associated with different types of change. For Pluto it is a slow relentless change that can be transformative. Pluto also causes change by acting to bring things that are hidden or secret into the light. Uranus can denote revolutionary and creative change, while Pluto, currently in Capricorn, is more about changing 'The Establishment' and tradition, where their very resistance to change (e.g. holding on to ways of doing things that are really no longer relevant) can itself lead to change and breakdown of the status quo, followed by development of a new 'Establishment'.

There is a history of the Uranus-Pluto cycle being associated with major global changes through a cycle of destruction and renewal. For example, a square in the previous Uranus-Pluto cycle occurred between 1927 and 1935 (exact five times between 1932 and 1934). This period covered the Great Depression and the beginnings of global political movements and dictatorships that led to the Second World War (WWII). This square, with Pluto in Cancer, led to profound changes in the traditional family role of women during and following WWII. The founding of the United Nations in 1945 also occurred as a result of WWII. Such events that have no aspect between Uranus and Pluto can nevertheless be traced back to initiators that were part of the cycle.

The recent Uranus-Pluto square began in 2009 and was exact seven times on: 24 June 2012, 19 September 2012, 20 May 2013, 1 November 2013, 21 April 2014, 15 December 2014 and 16 March 2015. It has strong links with the Jupiter-Uranus cycle:

- Pluto was square the Jupiter-Uranus conjunction in 2010 (4°15' orb)
- On 21 April 2014, there was a grand cross including Jupiter (almost exact) and Mars (0°43' orb) when squares of the Uranus-Pluto and Jupiter-Uranus cycles coincided.
- The Jupiter-Uranus opposition forms a T square with Pluto with orbs of 3°47' on 26 December 2016; 3° 21' on 3 March 2017; and 10°31' on 28 September 2017. Thereafter the square stays around 10° orb until the end of April 2018.

The current Uranus-Pluto cycle began with their conjunction in Virgo between 1963 and 1969, and was close to exact in June-July 1966. This conjunction coincided with the Vietnam War, the emergence of the 'Flower Power' movement, sexual liberation ("make love not war") and feminism. The 1967 musical, Hair, whose opening song had the line "This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius", brought the concept of the new Aquarian age into popular culture. The end of the Mayan calendar on 21 December 2012 provided another possible date for the beginning of the New Age, and Uranus was square Pluto with an orb of 4°18'. This suggests that both the current Uranus-Pluto cycle and the linked Jupiter-Uranus cycle may be involved in beginning the changes in the consciousness of humanity expected of the New Age.

The strong link between the two cycles also suggests that the Jupiter-Uranus opposition could be interpreted from the perspective of Jupiter influencing the Uranus-Pluto square. Jupiter can increase the intensity of the effects of other aspects with which it is associated. The current Uranus-Pluto square is a cardinal square giving it the particular energy of bringing in the new. Uranus, as the higher ruler of Aquarius, is associated with the New Age. Pluto is the higher ruler of Scorpio, for which the eagle symbolizes the higher attributes, compared with the more worldly scorpion. In White Eagle's teaching, the eagle is also a symbol of St John who is a major teacher for the New Age. Jupiter denotes the higher mind so that its influence on Uranus-Pluto could be interpreted as raising consciousness.

In the current Jupiter-Uranus cycle, Pluto is largely in Capricorn. Pluto is associated with death and rebirth and while in Capricorn this can be expected to involve the destroying and rebuilding structures and institutions of all kinds to be more suitable for the New Age.

The Jupiter-Uranus cycle is much shorter (around fourteen years) compared with the Uranus-Pluto cycle (that alternates between approximately 111 and 142 years due to Pluto's eccentric orbit) and so forms a 'wheel within a wheel'. Jupiter-Uranus provides sudden instances of genius and/or revolution that together build into the major long-term changes of Uranus-Pluto. Jupiter-Uranus could be viewed as providing the way out from the challenges of Pluto being in Capricorn and of the current Uranus-Pluto square, and the way into the New Age. The square will separate during the opposition of the Jupiter-Uranus cycle and, at the very end of that cycle, Pluto will have newly entered Aquarius, though not yet quite permanently.

Picking up the earlier theme of the UK 'Brexit' referendum to leave the EU, transiting Pluto provides links between UK involvement in the EU and the Jupiter-Uranus cycle. The national charts for 1066 and 1801, the formation of the EEC (which later became the EU) in 1958 and the UK joining the EU in 1973 all have the Sun in Capricorn between 9°54' and 10°23'. This links with Pluto's position during the Jupiter-Uranus semi-square (09°22' on 8 May 2012); square (09°12' on 21 August 2013 to 13°34' on 26 February 2014); trine (10°59' on 25 September 2014); and opposition (16°45' on 26 December 2016). Although some of these are far from exact, Robert Hand suggests that transits (especially those involving the outer planets) do not need to be exact and can be triggered by the involvement of a faster moving planet (often Sun, Moon or Mercury). Experience has shown that the effects of a Pluto transit are felt well before and after exactitude.

It is interesting that the result of the Brexit referendum (links with 1066, 1958 and 1973 charts) has caused renewed calls for a further Scotland independence referendum (link with the 1801 chart). Further, the Brexit result appears to have been an inspiration for the Donald Trump presidential victory in the USA. All three campaigns were strongly anti-establishment (Uranus). They are likely to result in demise, reform and/or evolution of political and financial institutions (Pluto) over the remainder of the current Jupiter-Uranus cycle whilst Pluto remains in Capricorn. This article suggests that it will leave the world better fitted for the New Age of Aquarius. And we must always remember that we do not want to give power to negativity. In the words of White Eagle 'No doom! No dark thoughts!'

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