

~ **December 21, 2009** ~  
**Winter Solstice**  
~thru~  
~ **February 1, 2009** ~  
**Cross Quarter / Candlemas**

\*Winter\* Solstice ~~ Winter Solstice initiates the Solar year and welcomes the Return of the Light. Things appear dormant on the surface, however, much life is developing beneath the surface ~ in preparation for Spring. Still a time of relative darkness and limited mobility, you are most supported for working behind the scenes, communing with other realms, honoring darkness and silence and receiving information, nourishment and replenishment with a clear intention of strengthening for soon-to-come action and forward movement. Next Season is a little more 'mental' but this Sacred Season is about what you *\*feel\** on the deepest levels and creating space to move from that Center within ... out in to the world to be a useful and dynamic participant in Life. This is the time of year to set your intentions for what you want to create, within your own Being and out in the world through good works. It's time to strategize about the future, while building on what is solid and worthy. It's time to take the past year's 'fruits of your labor' and put them to good use. It's time to get serious and practical about what you want and create a plan for success.

**Marriage of Earth & Sky . . .**

**We are the "Spirit Children" of this Sacred Union!**

**Birthing Dreams:** (Excerpt from Molly Hall of Astrology.About.com)

*"The longest night is a fruitful time for setting intentions,  
to be birthed with the newborn Sun. What you conceive now  
can grow with the Sun, and gain momentum in Spring.  
You might start a tradition of setting Winter Solstice intentions,  
and in one year, see how many have come into being.*

*Put them in a special tin or box that has meaning for you.*

*The dark before the dawn, just like New Moons,  
can be a powerful moment of magic, drawing in  
what you'd like to see happen in the new year."*

During this Sacred Season, the Sun makes the journey through ALL Capricorn and the first half of Aquarius. After Sag helps you anchor a new Truth/Story for the new year, Capricorn time comes along to anchor that Truth in the 3-D. This energy brings the Annual Reality Check: Do your inner and outer lives *\*match\**? What's working? What's not? about your current reality. Capricorn is all about your inner authority to run your own life and will test your capacity to do so through various means. If you are being responsible for your own imprint on the planet, owning that your energy, thoughts, words and deeds are creating your reality (internal & external) and being honest with your Self, then you should be ready, willing and able to release the aspects of your structure and foundation which are worn out and require an infusion of new energy ... consider this your annual "upgrade". What will you build in 2010? What will you anchor? And how will your life become more structurally sound, richer and more meaningful?

2009 is officially over, 2010 has official begun ~ Winter Solstice is the \*INITIATION\*. If you cleared and released last year, then you are ready to begin building this new year. Because 2010 initiates with Mars (12/20) and Mercury (12/26) backwards, with Saturn closely following (1/13), you may feel a little limited or restricted. Release that! That is not the point of this energy. The point is that you are in completely new territory and you must take your time and process (Mercury Retro) the information presenting itself, you must review past actions (Mars Retro) to determine what will work here and now, and you must complete whatever you've started before you can expand on your plans (Saturn Retro). These three indicate that 2010 must be navigated with careful, practical thought, in connection with measured, heart-centered action so you can complete your individual healing (Saturn in Virgo) in preparation for creating solid relationships and community going forward mid-year (Saturn in Libra).

**~ POWER ~ BALANCE/COMPROMISE ~ OPTIONS/ADVANTAGES ~  
~ OPPORTUNITY TO GROW ~ BLESSINGS ~  
... are all available for us!**

**~ POWER ~  
(Conjunct/Conjunction)**

The final connection (of 3) between Jupiter (Truth/Story) and Neptune (Vision/Unity Consciousness) happens on Winter Solstice, amplifying the power of renewal. The first one was in May, then July and now finally, in Dec. Reflecting on the previous contacts will give you an idea of how to proceed. There is always a \*catalyst\* (the first contact) then a \*review\* (pull back to go forward) and finally, fortified with healing and new information, \*forward\* movement. For those who have been consciously working on their healing processes for the last 10-12 years, the Healing Trinity is really solidifying all that work and rewarding all that dedication by fusing the fragments of your Soul, strengthening you for the next leg of your journey. For those who've avoided or suppressed their own true nature, ignored open or festering wounds (for whatever reason), the Healing Trinity has activated a process you can and should co-create with or it will be decidedly more lengthy and painful. Either way, while these three celestial bodies (Jupiter, Neptune, Chiron) separate (slowly), you still have access to unprecedented healing for another year or two and now is the best time to set your intentions.

12/21 ~ Jupiter/Neptune ~ Aquarius ~ ALL Air

The Sun has its annual cycle through the zodiac, however, Pluto is only in a sign for 10-20 years at a time and takes 248+ years to cycle through the zodiac. Pluto is the Purifier and the Sun represents your core essential Self. Every year they get together and clear out more of the deep, karmic debris within each individual, as well as the collective. Reflect on how your belief system was deeply altered and/or integrated over the years of 1995-2008 as Pluto moved through Sagittarius. Now that you're clear on what you believe to be "true", the shift of Pluto in to Capricorn initiates a new 16-year process of healing and purification. Those with Capricorn as their Sun Sign will get the biggest infusion over this cycle, but certainly everyone's Cancer/Capricorn Planets and Houses will be stimulated to transform and move to a new level of expression. Collectively, it is time to be responsible (Capricorn) for Self (Sun), own your innate power (Pluto) and direct it with more conscious awareness. With this combination, you can completely transcend your old Identity and step clean and fully in to a new one.

This energy extends to your thinking (Mercury) and your values (Venus), which are also being transformed as your Identity shifts. This is the year you will feel the urge to develop a whole new system for living that reflects your love for the planet, self-respect and concern for all \*LIFE\*. Because we are still talking Capricorn (responsibility) an Earth Sign, the energy is pushing you to make some physical, tangible moves. It's modality is Cardinal, which is the Initiator ~ it gets you moving, gets projects started and generally keeps things flowing. It's time to walk your talk on one or more levels.

Keep in mind too that as you shift internally this dramatically, and since Pluto represents the \*deepest\* and most permanent transformation, it will affect those primary relationships and interactions near and dear to you (home, work, family, friends, relationships, partnerships and collaborations).

Sun/Mercury/Venus/Pluto ~ Capricorn ~ ALL Earth

12/24 ~ Sun/Pluto

12/28 ~ Venus/Pluto

1/4 ~ Mercury/Sun

1/5 ~ Mercury/Venus

1/11 ~ Venus/Sun

**~ BALANCE & COMPROMISE ~**  
**(Oppose/Opposition)**

As the Season progresses, and Sun/Venus move in to Aquarius, the energy will lighten up (from heavy Earth to lighter Air energy). You may want to infuse the renewed structure with your own unique \*flava\* ... which is developing behind the scenes with the on-going Mars Retrograde in Leo exactly opposite Sun (identity/core self) and Venus (values/priorities) in fiery, passionate, playful, fun-loving Leo. You may not be able to act on it just yet, but the Retrograde is extremely useful for reconnecting with your \*Heart\* and ultimately the innate \*Courage\* to love and BE your Authentic Self. This is a prime and potent opportunity to fully integrate your heart's desire with your unique gifts and talents, your ability to be passionate about community affairs and activate your inner flame of creativity. It's time to work from heart-center and co-create alternative solutions to how you're living. This balancing and integration will help you anchor your new priorities and balance your Masculine/Feminine dynamic within, as well as how you apply them to forward your goals and dreams. Watch the extremes to be too aggressive versus too passive. It's time to own who you are, what you want and develop a new system for going forward in this new space and time.

Venus/Sun in Aquarius / Mars Retro in Leo ~ Air/Fire

1/27 ~ Venus/Mars Retro

1/29 ~ Sun/Mars Retro

**~ OPTIONS & ADVANTAGES ~**  
**(Sextile)**

As the Sun (identity) and Venus (values/priorities) move through the last degrees of Sagittarius, engaging the power of the Galactic Center, and proceeding to activate the Healing Trinity in Aquarius, the fiery Truth creates an opportunity for the community or broader purpose to further expand. The lessons of Truth and Detachment will help you activate your imagination to create opportunities out of your current reality, no matter the appearances. Then as Sun/Venus immediately move in to Capricorn, assuming responsibility for Self and how you affect your world, they will connect with Uranus, the planet of true freedom. So it is safe to say that if you can accept responsibility, direct your power with care and consciousness, then freedom is yours by your own definition. How juicy!

Venus in Sagittarius / Jupiter/Neptune in Aquarius ~ Fire/Air

12/20 ~ Venus/Jupiter

12/21 ~ Venus/Neptune

Sun/Venus in Capricorn / Uranus in Pisces ~ Earth/Water

1/13 ~ Sun/Venus ~ Uranus

**~ OPPORTUNITY TO GROW ~**  
**(Square)**

As the Sun and Venus move through Capricorn, they are going to square off with Saturn in Libra who is already squaring off with Pluto. So again, because squares push us out of our comfort zones and in to new territory, you may as well co-create on whatever level you can at this time. As you begin to recognize more ways that your inner and outer lives do not match, this energy will give you the strength, courage and stamina to make the necessary, if major, corrections. With the added energy of the Cancer/Capricorn Eclipses, change is inevitable, so go with it and consciously address that which you deeply desire to change about your Self, your relationships and your environment. Use the frictional energy these aspects bring to break free of old paradigms which no longer reflect the real YOU. Whatever you do, DON'T GIVE IN & DON'T GIVE UP!! Navigating this time and processing these activations consciously will be duly rewarded. If you know, love and respect your Self, then you will want to cultivate strong relationships that reciprocate that love and respect. It won't be easy, but it will get done, so you may as well participate on whatever levels you are able. This whole year will reveal how well you maintain integrity and cultivate community, then a strong individual and a solid team of support will carry you through the next few years of truly radical new beginnings. This year is pivotal!! Don't waste even a second on looking backwards or petty distractions.

Sun/Venus in Capricorn / Saturn in Libra ~ Earth/Air  
12/25 ~ Sun/Saturn  
12/29 ~ Venus/Saturn

Anytime planets change sign or change direction, they slow down and gather strength, while beaming intense energy down to Mother Earth. Saturn has been in Virgo for the last 2+ years, restructuring your systems and healing your foundations in many ways, essentially preparing you for this shift in to Libra when you will be called to work with your family, friends and communities in new and different ways. On one hand, Saturn in Libra is going to reveal weaknesses in the structures of your primary relationships, so any that are falling apart already are likely to break down altogether. This is not a bad thing. This is a good thing because it will force all parties involved to \*define their terms\* with more clarity, allowing for deeper commitment. (This is a perfect time to renegotiate contracts of all kinds, starting with your Soul Contract.) Pluto in Saturn's sign suggests that \*responsibility\* rules the day no matter how you slice it. It is time to be responsible for what you build in your life and in the world. Pluto, ruler of death, rebirth and transformation, never destroys anything you truly need, desire or deserve. It's whole purpose is to strip you of the non-essential so you can connect with what IS \*Essential\*. This combo is very serious, but can also be seriously productive if channeled properly.

This is an ongoing activation to consciously work with for tangible results. Use this initiation stage to set your intentions about who you are and how you'd like to contribute to society in a meaningful way. Both of these planets will push you hard to develop their strengths and master their lessons, resistance is futile. It is much better to take stock of your relationships, of the work you do in the world, of balance and responsibility in your own life and see where/how improvements can be made. And then, most importantly, begin implementing whatever you can. You may not be able to do 'everything' but surely you can do 'something' ~ just start where you are, with what you've got. Conscious co-creation with this combo is the only way to lessen any stress or pain associated with the changes that are truly inevitable, so you may as well participate on whatever level you can at this time. Also, keep in mind that due to the path each planet takes, we will experience the peak of intensity during their exact contacts, but the vibe is on-going for the entire 3-years Saturn is in Libra, as Pluto continues its journey through Capricorn.

Saturn/Pluto ~ Libra/Capricorn ~ Air/Earth  
11/15 ~ Saturn in Libra / Pluto in Capricorn (1 of 3)

NOTE:

1st (of 3) ~ Nov 15, 2009 ~ Saturn & Pluto Direct  
2nd (of 3) ~ Jan 31, 2010 ~ Saturn Retrograde/Pluto Direct  
3rd (of 3) ~ Aug 21, 2010 ~ Pluto Retrograde/Saturn Direct

~ **BLESSINGS** ~  
(Trine)

As the Sun and Venus move through Aquarius, they will form a very easy aspect to Saturn in Libra, both being Air Signs. This will assist in helping you to periodically detach from the intensity of all the major shifts. It is important that you look within first, there you will need to assess how attached you are to any people, places or circumstances. If you can honor the Aquarian lesson of detachment and the Libran lesson of justice, then this blessing can be applied to creating win/win situations, both personally and professionally. It can also serve to help you make new friends, possibly with people you would not usually consider.

Sun/Venus in Aquarius ~ Saturn in Libra ~ ALL Air  
1/22 ~ Venus/Saturn  
1/24 ~ Sun/Saturn

**ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS**

2010 is about your Truth (Jupiter) ~ your purpose (Saturn) ~ and true transformation (Pluto). If you're still dealing with cleaning, clearing and releasing the past, don't feel 'late' to the party - you are right on time. But truly, 2010 is pretty much it ~ after this you may not only not recognize the world you're living in, but you won't recognize your own Being because you are a completely new person here and now than ever before. Bask in that ~ strengthen that Being ~ practice till you get a rhythm ~ you're closer than ever!

QUESTIONS TO CONTEMPLATE: As you head in to the New Year, here are some things to seriously contemplate which will help you solidify the basic structure of the year. You will fill in the details as life unfolds ...

What did you RELEASE over the last 3mos  
(since Fall Equinox / September 2009)?  
What did you COMPLETE over the last 6mos  
(since Summer Solstice / June 2009)?  
What did you CREATE over the last 9mos  
(since Spring Equinox / March 2009)?  
What did you INITIATE over the last 1yr  
(since Winter Solstice / December 2008)?  
... NOW ...  
What do you want to CREATE/BIRTH  
by Spring Equinox / March 2010?  
What do you want to COMPLETE  
by Summer Solstice / June 2010?  
What do you want to RELEASE  
by Fall Equinox / September 2010?  
What do you want to be ready to INITIATE  
by Winter Solstice / December 2010?