

## 2006 Winter Solstice: December 21, 2006

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North of the Equator, the enveloping peace of the Winter Solstice comes to Earth when calm minds encourage Gaia to return to balance and to hibernate under the snow. In spite of the alarming condition of the solid world so far during the Galactic Underworld (1999-2011), the harmony in our hearts, minds, and souls is the key to releasing the great powers of the 2006 Winter Solstice. As we've seen with the New Moon yesterday, radical change is actually happening in the world, and the elements that are holding it back are under significant scrutiny now. Yesterday's New Moon had six planets in Sagittarius poised to move into Capricorn one by one, and so I noted "the formative powers of Capricorn are going to be the tool for the spiritual quantum-leap potential of so much Sagittarian force". That is how we must understand the 2006 Winter Solstice chart.

During these days, the clarity and focus of each person on Earth has a great impact on the universe while Pluto transits the center of the Milky Way Galaxy and opens Earth like an exotic flower. No wonder the astronomers are trying to remove Pluto as the most transformative power of the Zodiac! Since each one of our thoughts is recorded in the spiritual world (especially in the 6th dimension), the seeds in the deep underworld can germinate when they are watered by our tears and fertilized by our thoughts. This birthing potential is the most potent when the new solar light comes, which is why the Winter Solstice was the key festival more than 5000 years ago. The megalithic people knew that all species are encouraged to germinate when the light increases, and for humans, the seeds for our gardens are sown in our minds. The Winter Solstice is wonderful because it is the time when your mind can be a knife slicing through the dimensions so that inner vision reveals the secrets lying in other worlds. Enough complex archetypes! Let's get practical!

Hopefully, you brought forth new things and ideas for your Spring Equinox intentions? Can you remember what they were? Those potential creations that were significant choices deepened during the summer, became more clear in your world as you balanced them during the fall, and now it is time to integrate these things with the shifting planetary field - what seems to be ordinary reality "out there". Yet, what you have been creating seems so out of whack with the outer field, right? And this is confusing. There is a reason for this discontinuity, and planets moving into Capricorn are going to create practicalities that will shift ordinary reality more than you can imagine right now. Because there were so many major grand squares, T-squares, and squares during late 2005 and most of 2006, *traumatic inner emotional fields have been manifesting in the outer field to an extreme degree*. This analysis needs to be very political and global because unprocessed inner anger and judgment are the cause of the violence in the world. *Inner peace will not be ours without first facing our shadows.*

This is why the Galactic Underworld is so intense; the thirteen Days of the Galactic Underworld are designed to reveal all our past shadows, and Pluto (the rejected archetype) is the conductor of the symphony.

Based on Carl Johan Calleman's research in *The Mayan Calendar*, a great example of how this shadow play works for Americans was shown by the US invading a sovereign nation-Iraq-during Day Three of the Galactic Underworld-Dec. 15, 2002 to December 10, 2003. Listen very carefully: This happened during Day Three because the US was possessed by its darkest shadow - the unprocessed Civil War that happened during Day Three of the Planetary Underworld -1834-1854. Americans butchered each other and never healed their wounds from their own civil war, so now the action they took during Day Three has become a heart-breaking civil war in Iraq. This building chaos is dangerously threatening the whole world since the Bushites want America to be the global empire, so we have to focus on it. Adding to the intensity of this time-coded historical stew, the corresponding Day Three of the National Underworld was 1538-1144 BC, when monotheism developed. Thus the neo-cons actually do believe they must save the world from "the Axis of Evil", which for them is an exploding angry shadow. Therefore, many of us need to study the unhealed residues of the Civil War, such as racism, do-goodism, and economic dominance. Meanwhile, during Day Five, all the people in the world need to transform their inner judgments coming from three thousand years of monotheism, such as we saw with Judeo-Christianity's suppression of all other religions. We have a lot of homework this winter, and we've got to do it to have any free energy for ourselves when the Spring Equinox comes.

As I've repeated many times, the Bushite neo-con desire to control the world caused them to intentionally utilize the great structural powers of the May 2000 Trigon (Jupiter conjunct Saturn every 20 years) and they became the leaders of the world's political agenda during the Galactic Underworld. During Night Four-November 29, 2005, to November 24, 2006 - the full extent of the American megalomania became apparent to the world through events that occurred during the recent Jupiter/Saturn squares - Dec. 17, 2005, and June 23 and October 25, 2006. I would say that these squares revealed that the US is crafting a total Middle East oil grab, since Jupiter is money and resources and Saturn is structural dominance. I noticed that Bush more frequently used the phrase "protecting the American way of life" (ie, gobble up the remaining resources) during these Jupiter/Saturn squares; he thinks he is a good guy gassing your car and heating your McMansion! So, our job as individuals is to transform the American way of life - and this is actually happening. Many states and cities are passing their own stricter environmental rules, and individuals are changing their habits. Do not be too frustrated; we can't do it all over night, but our ways of life are changing! If you doubt this, go out and try to get a fair price for your gas guzzler or your oversized house. If your car and house are reasonable, notice how valuable they are becoming.

Meanwhile, resistance against the neo-con hegemony is building, and the November elections right after the October 25, 2006, Jupiter/Saturn square showed that the majority of people oppose Bushite dominance; the House and Senate were voted into Democratic control even though there was a lot of Republican voter manipulation. This gave many Americans - and the world - new hope for a return to balance in the US, but these hopes may be dampened in the Senate by the suspicious brain illness of Senator Tim Johnson. (Tie votes in the Senate would belong to Dick Cheney if a Republican is appointed to Johnson's seat if he cannot recover.) Meanwhile, the disastrous mess that the Bushites have caused in Iraq and throughout the Middle East is a fait accompli of Biblical proportions. It is very symbolic that the nine great electrical lines that feed Baghdad have almost all been severed and the lights are going out. The world collective field is in great pain as we go into the new winter light; people feed it to promote their own gods until they just have to let go. This need to let go of beliefs and judgments is the reason your personal inner peace and contemplation are so needed now.

If the tide had not turned after the final Jupiter-square-Saturn in late October, the United States would probably be bombing Iran right now, but now they do not dare to do it. A new alignment of Middle Eastern countries is formulating with Iran and Syria as leaders, as well as Jordan and Egypt. Why is this crazy show unfolding? Well, the neo-cons believed the world was coming to an end in 2006 because that is what Michael Drosnan said the Bible predicts (see *The Bible Code II*), but as usual with hack prophets, we're all still here and now this mess needs to be cleaned up. The neo-cons also thought the way to get more power for the US was to destabilize the Middle East (the oil grab), which they have accomplished: Each month 100,000 people are pouring out of Iraq and flowing into the other Middle Eastern countries, mostly Iran and Syria. Well, guess what? Because of this massive destabilization, out of sheer necessity, people in the Middle East are pulling together and seeking their own ways for solving the problems. The hideous death and carnage are merely the evening news in the US, yet for those living in the Middle East, events in Iraq, Lebanon, and Gaza are the frightening scepter of chaos. Yet, deep within, they will resist being transformed into another Saudi Arabia.

According to Carl Johan Calleman, now that we have experienced Breakthrough and the entrance into Day Five, the advanced unifying synthesis must come from the East because the de facto leader of the West - the US - is morally and soon-to-be financially bankrupt. European countries have learned that distance from America is the safest policy, and unless deep change comes from within the US very quickly, it will be abandoned by a world hoping that removal of support will cut down US aggression. The situation in the world is so dire that we would all be fools not to name real truths and adopt radical change within ourselves. So, the big question is, what does the analysis of Day Five offer us as a pathway for making radical shifts within ourselves that could shift the outer world? What is Pluto on the Galactic Center showing us?

As the Sun moves into Capricorn, Pluto in Sagittarius conjuncts the Winter Solstice Sun; this aspect inspires us to manifest powers from the Galactic Center during this whole winter season. As a result, the real spiritual potential of humanity is being supported. Pluto conjuncts the Galactic Center exactly on December 29, 2006, and on July 17 and October 28, 2007; thus, we are immersed in hard-core galactic awakening over the next ten months. For those who follow the research of Carl Calleman and myself, by the way, the awakening of galactic consciousness is a thirteen-step process of the Galactic Underworld-January 5, 1999, through October 28, 2011. Day Five (the eighth step of the process) is when the *advanced unifying synthesis* of the galactic awakening emerges, which began November 24, 2006. So, what is galactic consciousness? And what is "the advanced unifying synthesis"?

This is the subject matter of my May 2007 book, *The Mayan Code: Time Acceleration and Awakening the World Mind*, and I can summarize some possibilities. First of all, awakening the galactic mind means we are each becoming *galactocentric*, a form of awareness that I believe we once possessed but lost. The Mayan Calendar seems to track the healing of this rift, and Pluto on the Galactic Center means 2006 through 2008 are the major years of great change in our mentality. For me, understanding this issue involved writing a whole book, yet here I can say that Earth was quarantined from the universe (and therefore the Galaxy) for very good reasons. For complex reasons, during our evolution humans became violent and fearful; we are a danger to all life in the universe until we adopt peace. Now, with Pluto transiting the Galactic Center during the Galactic Underworld, the quarantine is being lifted, which is forcing each one of us to take responsibility for our unprocessed anger, which manifests as violence and/or greed. During Day Five when Pluto transits the Galactic Center, one-by-one we will choose life over death, kindness over greed, healing over repression, and compassion over power. The majority of humans will soon fully realize that war is caused by organized religions, and that the killing is not worth it. A huge wave of human compassion will stanch the blood, so that war ceases to exist. Of course, this great wave may manifest as great earth changes and elemental chaos. Remember, the 1918 flu pandemic made it impossible to continue WWI. I am not saying that world peace will come in 2007; actually by the Mayan Calendar I think it is not possible before August 2008. But, I am saying that people will see that war must end as the advanced unifying synthesis of 2007; each one of us must emit peace in our hearts.

Back to the Sun moving into Capricorn and Pluto on the Galactic Center. Subtle interplay between the energies of the Galactic Center and the potency of the new winter light in Capricorn suggests how the advanced unifying synthesis will emerge. Therefore this Winter Solstice chart is of great importance. Then, after Pluto conjuncts the Galactic Center three times over the next ten months (see dates above), Pluto will be in 0 degrees Capricorn on the Winter Solstice Sun in December 2008! That is, *when the Winter Solstice Sun goes into Capricorn in 2008, it will be exactly on Pluto.*

Therefore, the activation of the galactic mind during 2007 (advanced unifying synthesis) will manifest at the practical level (Capricorn) in 3D nuts and bolts during 2008. Whatever needs to change on this planet to eliminate war so that we can lift Earth's quarantine is going to happen during only two years time! If not, Earth remains quarantined, and we all lose our chance (the possibility tracked by the Maya) to attain universal consciousness on Earth during the Universal Underworld of 2011, when evolution once again accelerates by twenty times. To put it more simply, only people who are peaceful will be able to handle the acceleration of time-20 X 20-in 2011. That is why you must work so hard yourself to find inner peace in an outer field designed to keep you from exactly that; and astrology does offer guidance.

The 2006 Winter Solstice offers each one of us a personal plan for how to accomplish inner peace, which will spread its glow from our hearts around the world. Let's look at the potential. As we've seen, the subtle interplay between the Winter Solstice (WS) Sun and Pluto defines the agenda - to create peace in the world and re-enter the universe. To see how we might do that, we look to Saturn, our best guide for structure and form, especially when the Sun is in Capricorn. Saturn trining Pluto and the Sun is telling us that taking on the deepest levels of transformation and clearing is the only way; lucky for Earth, Pluto always transforms reality. You either change with Pluto or you die, period. Saturn also trines Mercury, meaning we will each have the knowledge we need, and we will have the will to use it because Saturn is in Leo. By the way, Saturn turned retrograde a few weeks ago on December 5, so this knowledge, depth, and development of will is an *inner process* until April 19, 2009, when Saturn turns direct. Therefore, the inner work that is naturally intense during the winter season is very much aided by our best friend Saturn. Okay, fine, so how? Our master of energy, Mars in Sagittarius, is still conjunct Jupiter in Sagittarius, and so the way to accomplish making peace within is through aggressive spiritual mastery, activating kundalini, and expanding ourselves spiritually in all ways. How can you do that? It is time to study the past and current spiritual masters, to adopt the principles they have taught for millennia, and to walk right away from the bombs, blood, and anger. Just do it!

Of course, these wonderful ideas aren't going to come to much unless we feel the urgency of the alchemy that is coming in now. As always, *feelings* are the key, and we are living with an outrageous dichotomy between the feelings of the people on the planet and the lack of feelings on the part of political and religious "leaders". Let's be truthful, the "leaders" don't give a hog's ass about what you and I think right now, and they will try to dishearten the people by expanding war. On the day of the New Moon yesterday, Bush was talking about increasing the military and the new Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, was in Iraq for his photo ops. Yet, our collective feelings are more powerful than politicians who use astrology to manipulate the public mood. Venus and the Moon are conjunct in Capricorn, and this conjunction is a sacred force to Muslims.

The great goddess, the inner feminine within us all, shines brightly in the lucid moonlight lighting their minds. In Capricorn, Venus/Moon knows the hardest truths and has the greatest perseverance. In the long run, truth, balance with the Earth, fertility, and love are stronger than male aggression. Watch out when the feminine understands exactly what is going on, for she can see into your soul. For those of you who don't know it yet, Christ (called Issa by Muslims) is a sacred teacher for Islamic spiritualists, especially Sufis. Christians seem to think they own this great teacher, but their lies about his real life show they do not. What's amazing to me these days is that the mutual awareness of sharing this same guide could instantly end the wars!

Looking for how great shifts can happen, we look to Uranus and Neptune. Uranus in Pisces seeks spiritual transformation at all costs now, and Uranus exactly squares Mars in Sagittarius. This aspects tells us the shift is going to be revolutionary, it is going to be full of surprises for everyone, and that a radical and unpredictable level of spiritual focus will carry through the whole winter season. The sky is saying "Change is coming and nobody can stop it". The neo-cons think Jesus is going to come out of the clouds over the temple in Jerusalem, yet the Goddess sees he just needs to walk out the back door of the Vatican! With Neptune in Aquarius, we seek spiritual guidance from other worlds to transform our reality, which may be why there are no contemporary American religious leaders speaking out these days. Neptune is sextiling Mercury in Sagittarius, which offers spiritual clarity. Neptune also is quincunx the lunar South Node in Virgo, which asks for past-life spiritual knowledge. Mercury is squaring the lunar nodes at the same time, so mental clarity can access past-life information to better understand our times. Because of Carl Calleman's discoveries, many thousands of researchers are observing how resonant trends from the Planetary and National underworlds are being processed during each phase of the Galactic Underworld. I believe that the *religious* expression of the advanced unifying synthesis will be clarification of the real truth about Christ's life; this great master may come forth as the peacemaker between the East and the West. Mercury squaring the nodes with Neptune quincunx the South Node suggests that secret information - and new thought about Christ - will emerge during the winter, now that Dan Brown (The DaVinci Code) has done such an effective job getting it started. Last, Chiron in Aquarius sextiles Jupiter in Sagittarius, allowing personal expansion when we face inner wounds and blocks.

Overall, this Winter Solstice is very subtle and potent, and to understand how this energy might play out in Washington, DC, we add house positions to our analysis. The Winter Solstice Sun is in the fifth house (5), suggesting that events in the Capitol will be an amusing game of checkers. There is a lot of energy in this possibility because the Sun is joined with Pluto (deep analysis and deathly games), Mercury (mental wizardry), Mars (war and force), and Jupiter (expansion). Therefore, the Bushites are going to be obsessed with one clever move after another, and they will be playing little attention to the people, represented by Venus/Moon in Capricorn in 6.

Because the clear light of intuition and feminine receptivity is in 6, it could win any game and out castle any foe this winter, but this victory will not be visible until Saturn goes direct in April. Individuals who are sleuthing the real truth and figuring out the global elite game will facilitate the inner feminine's ability to win the game; and they will reveal spiritual surprises with Uranus in 8 squaring Mars in 5. Ominously for the Bushites, Uranus in Pisces is in 8 as it sextiles Venus/Moon and squares Mars in Sagittarius in 5. This suggests they will be enjoying their games so much that they will greatly overplay their hands. The Mars/Uranus square four minutes before the Solstice reveals the Bushites have gone way too far with war, and they know it but they have to be right. This square certainly suggests they may be stupid enough to attack Iran, or anybody else who annoys them. Whatever they do, the Bushites will be determined and disciplined (which for them means following the same old plans) since Saturn in Leo is in 1 and trine to Pluto in Sagittarius.

Meanwhile, other songs are being heard. Taurus is intercepted in 10 and Scorpio in 4, so the Bushites' lack of grounding in the real world will grow and grow; they will blindly ignore the strong signals to stop and assess the intensifying dark side. The North Node in Pisces close to Uranus suggests unexpected changes and revelations of dark energy, especially when Uranus is conjunct the North Node beginning just after the Spring Equinox. There will be confusions and abandonment by allies with Neptune in Aquarius in 7, yet also the possibility of learning from the allies exists with Chiron in Aquarius in 7 sextiling Jupiter in Sagittarius. This is an odd Winter Solstice because there is so much energy in Sagittarius while the Capricorn energy moves in.

Whatever happens, I think we will all be amazed by how much truth we garner this winter, even though it does not look like an easy one at all. Whether our "leaders" can make that critical leap from seeing painful truths and changing their course remains to be seen; meanwhile, each one of us can change ourselves from within. Basically it is our job to pull the plug on the empire any way we can energetically. With Uranus exactly squaring Mars right during the Winter Solstice, it looks like the violence will only stop when people just can't stand it anymore. Also, the Mars/Uranus square strongly hints of big resistance right within the military. Watch for such trends during the day of the Solstice for indications of how things might go for the whole winter. Observe the feelings in your own heart that are demanding peace in your world, and strengthen them. For those of you who are Americans, read about your own Civil War, since nobody but can process this terrible time except Americans. Solstice blessings to all!