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Attunement to Higher Truths and Healing

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Amid the controlling, disruptive, and potent influences of Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto, enchanting **Neptune's** archetypal qualities are often undervalued, and even misunderstood. Especially as it traverses Pisces, 2011 to 2026, Neptune is bit like the sensitive, dreamy, "out there" sibling within the Outer Planet family, disappearing into the background space while the louder, intimidating siblings battle for attention. If there is any mention of Neptune-Pisces at all in 2021 astrological articles and forecasts, it is most likely at the end. Likewise, Jupiter gets attention for its Aquarian work this year, with little-to-no mention of its ingress to Pisces.

This year through next, **Jupiter** moves in to support Neptune's selfless cause as it forges its own Piscean path from May 2021 through December 2022 (with a retrograde to Aquarius and an ingress to Aries in between) and will amplify Neptune's quiet and sometimes illusive call for divine attunement.

At this critical time of recovery from all the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world, and at this pivotal moment of healing for the United States as a nation, Jupiter sees to it that the healing gifts of sensitive Pisces will lead us to a higher place.

Steering a Course of Compassion

Jupiter joins Neptune—both in their domicile, in Pisces—in the cause of assuring we humans have set our course for compassion and unitive consciousness, helping to right the ship, in a sense, away from the confusion and delusional chaos of recent times. **Neptune, in its more evolved expressions**, is the planet we associate with spiritual transcendence, unity, and bliss. It corresponds to the part of us that knows without need of proof that we are part of something much larger and timeless. Neptune attunes us to our higher source, our imagination, our divine inspiration. Neptune is the dream-weaver, guiding us to a higher vision.

As the co-ruler of Pisces, Neptune shares qualities with its sign. **Pisces** is the sign of spiritual yearning and can correspond to a sense of otherworldliness. It is the sign of infinite love, surrender, and atonement. Neptune in Pisces brings a worldwide atmosphere of fluid reality and heightened imagination.

When Neptune is in Pisces, it can be an ideal time for creative pursuits for deeper spiritual practices to be cultivated. The shadow side of Neptune-Pisces' boundarilessness can manifest in confusion, delusion, and mass hysteria, as in rampant conspiracy theories, messiah identification,

and the attack on the U.S. Capitol. This is especially so when other planetary and Lunar Node alignments are creating aggressive energies. We saw this scenario last summer and fall when Mars-Aries squared Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto in Capricorn, and, on January 6, when the Mars-Uranus conjunction in Taurus squared Jupiter-Saturn-Pluto on January 6, while the transiting nodal axis squared Neptune-Pisces for the month leading up to the event.

In Pisces, **Jupiter** is now able to weave a softer course of compassion, free from the squares to Mars-Aries of 2020. Jupiter shows us where we have the *potential* for greater abundance. Archetypes and archetypal principles are represented by the wise teacher, the seeker, higher mind, meaning-making, and belief in a higher power. Hope. Faith. Trust. Ideology. Justice. In Pisces, Jupiter is in its original domicile. It is at home in a place where the process of meaning-making is met with the psychological need for unitive consciousness.

When We Lack Meaningful Spiritual Connection

The difference between whether people experience planetary transits through Pisces in a positive vs. a potentially harmful way, seems to do with whether they are

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attuned to their spiritual essence or not. Many people, over the last few decades, have shifted away from the organized religion or faith of their parents, while many are being raised in households with no sense of religious affiliation at all. Those who have not developed a healthy spiritual practice of another kind may find themselves conjuring up a sense of connection to things that cause a false sense of sanctity, and to things that are harmful. A lack of true spiritual attunement can create disillusionment, victimization, descent into substance abuse, identification with savior personalities, and other Piscean shadow behaviors.

As with Neptune, Pisces' qualities are often misunderstood. I work with many people who are disconnected from this aspect of their psyches. In the introductory astrology classes I teach and in private readings, as we uncover the planetary placements and qualities of their charts, my students and new clients sometimes react initially with a defensive dismissal of their Pisces placements, with a "meh" sort of embarrassment just for having a Pisces signature to begin with. From commercial horoscopes and hearsay, their superficial understanding of Pisces has them believing this watery quality makes them weak, vulnerable, and flaky. I am always happy to introduce people to the notion of feeling *great* about their gifts of Pisces — their natural intuition, imagination, and oneness with the natural world.

Oneness

I am a Sun-Pisces native with transiting Neptune poised in conjunction at 22° Pisces to my natal Jupiter, right now as I compose this article. In my highest imagination, I see Jupiter's transit through Pisces as one that presents opportunity for all the world to revel in oneness with Higher Source, in union with The Cosmos, as human beings born of the universe and of this earth. We, and all living things, share far more DNA than we do not. Jupiter-Pisces encourages us to believe in and surrender to all that is, where we can flow in an abiding trust in the intelligence of the universe and find purpose in our compassion toward one another.

We continue to see this compassion in the incredible efforts across the globe to treat COVID patients and to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. Certainly, there have been economic and political factors driving the charge.

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Yet we also should consider the millions of healthcare workers around the world devoting themselves week after week, month after month, to the care of others, often in overcrowded and substandard surroundings. In addition, consider millions of volunteers, across the planet, offering their assistance at vaccination clinics.

Jupiter-Pisces as Unifying Teacher

Across the globe, whether or not we are consciously aware of the synchronicities between human experience and celestial movement, it's hard to deny the sense that, somehow, **higher universal forces are at play** during this past year when we've shared the experience of being locked down and knocked down by the Coronavirus. Jupiter-Pisces reminds us that there are deeper messages or lessons we're being asked—sometimes forced—to heed, such as our need to repair national healthcare systems in dire need of improvement, or the fact that we *can* actually make headway in clearing the air and water on this planet if we significantly reduce our travel worldwide. These essential realizations are critical to our survival. *What is our Piscean vulnerability teaching us? To what might we need to surrender?*

As we revel in the experience of freely visiting, hugging, and holding loved ones we haven't seen in over a year, or venturing out to dine without concern about spreading a deadly virus, we who practice astrology are fortunate to understand an ancient cosmological framework that helps us make greater meaning of this difficult time in history. We understand our obligation to do more than simply de-mask and return to our lives and lifestyles. The Cosmos shows us there are greater lessons to be learned

from the COVID story. Jupiter-Pisces gives us, and everyone, great capacity for hope.

Jupiter in Pisces, Retrograde

Jupiter spends about one year in each astrological sign and goes retrograde about every 13 months. Its ingresses into and retrograde departure from Pisces could have Jupiter navigating potentially difficult currents.

JUPITER'S TRAVERSE THROUGH PISCES

Pisces Ingress	May 13, 2021
Retrograde	June 20
Reenters Aquarius	July 29
Goes Direct	October 18
Reenters Pisces	December 30
Enters Aries	May 11, 2022
Retrograde	July 28
Reenters Pisces	October 29
Goes Direct	November 23
Reenters Aries	December 21

Retrogrades are a time for the "re's" — retreat, reflect, reassess, rethink, re-tune — to experience planetary influences in a more inward and soulful way. Jupiter-Pisces retrograde invites us to attune to the higher wisdom of the collective unconscious. Jupiter-Pisces retrograde will be a productive time for dream journaling, and transcendent practices such as Holotropic Breathwork (the work of Stanislov Grof) and regression hypnosis—activities that allow us to transition in consciousness, where we move from everyday waking consciousness and cross into the deeper soul-mind, to awaken to the messages of our unconscious, higher wisdom.

Might Jupiter-Pisces retrograde also bring an emergence of delusional psychological behaviors? Conspiracy theories at their height? Likely so. Faith and spirituality are great things, unless Jupiter's potential for abundance leads people to over-functioning and overextension. In that case, we may witness manic levels of self-righteous behavior and dogmatism.

The Previous Jupiter-Pisces Transit vs. the Current One

The last time Jupiter made its way through Piscean waters, from mid-January through May 2010, it was forming a con-

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junction with Uranus, in opposition to Saturn. Disastrous events were followed by great acts of compassion and duty:

Haiti's devastating earthquake was met with aid from around the world.

In reaction to the BP oil-spill in the Gulf of Mexico, hearts bled across the globe and thousands of volunteers arrived to try to mitigate the devastation to marine life.

This time around, Jupiter's planetary interaction with other outer planets is relatively benign, which in part may explain why most astrological forecasts that I've seen for 2021 make no mention of Jupiter-Pisces.

Lots of Amazing Sextiles in Early 2022

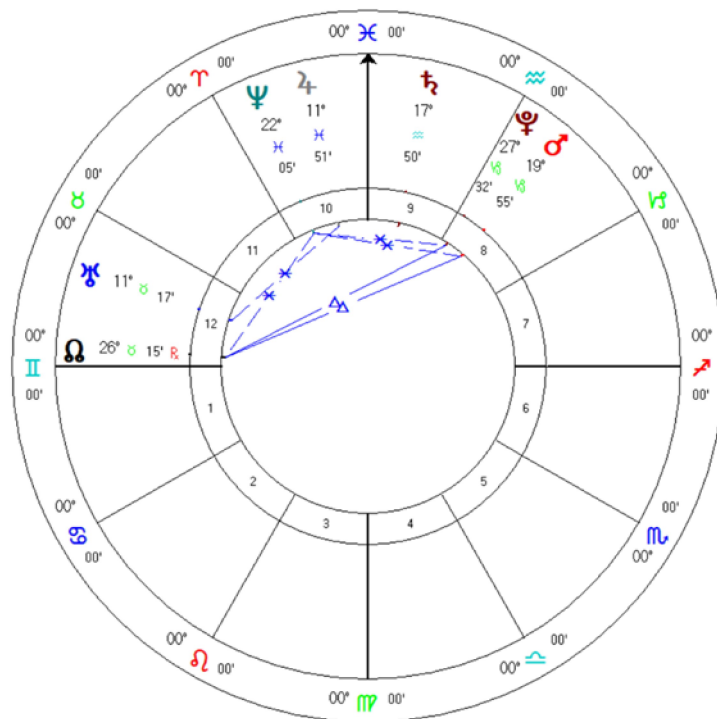
In 2022, in the weeks leading up to the **February 20 USA Pluto return**, we will see Jupiter-Pisces forming a sextile with Uranus-Taurus. Then, these planets position in exact sextile a few days before Pluto's exact return at 27°, 32' Capricorn. From about January 22 to February 20, Mars-Capricorn will form a sextile with Jupiter-Pisces as well (and Mars will conjunct Pluto in an 8° orb at the point of Pluto's return). At this time, too, Neptune will be in sextile with Pluto as well as the Lunar North Node in Taurus.

At the point of exactitude of the USA Pluto return, as the country is immersed in the depths of its shadow, these accompanying water-earth sextiles introduce a **notable concurrence of yin energy**, serving as active agents of Plutonian rebirth. Yin, in Chinese philosophy, describes the passive principle of the universe. But passive is not the same as inactive. Earth and water are receptive, inward, yin energies. Pluto seeks wholeness on the inside. An abundance of passive energy combined with repressed Plutonian power at its strongest has the potential to become very destructive. The energies could implode in highly detrimental ways and detonate the worst of human behavior.

Alternatively, if we actively engage in the inner work that the earth-water sextiles invite us to do, we can realize Pluto's healing and transformational power. How it goes depends on whether or not United States citizens are able to plumb the depths of the nation's shadow side with conscious intention. It also depends on whether we make the most of the amazing sextiles The Cosmos offers us at that time.

Sextile opportunities come together when we take them, purposefully. From sextiles, a new capacity, or output, emerges. In their highest manifestation, Jupiter-Pisces sextile Uranus-Taurus energize

USA Pluto Return
Event Chart
Feb 20 2022, Sun
11:59 am EST +5:00
Philadelphia, PA
39°N 57°08"W G 075°W 09°51"
Geocentric
Tropical
Whole Signs
True Node
Parallax Moon



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creative, emancipatory, truth-and-values-centered experiences. Jupiter-Pisces in its more evolved sextile expression with Mars-Capricorn correlates to concepts such as compassionate, restorative justice; law-making based in principled ideology; and truthful governmental leadership. Neptune sextile Pluto could give spirituality a more powerful presence at this critical time. Neptune sextile the North Node may help us each understand ourselves less as lone individuals and more as an integral part of a much greater whole.

Healing Energy at Work

Sextiles are not necessarily positive in nature, of course. Whether this early 2022 concurrence of yin energies manifests in positive output or activates the darker sides

of these planetary influences, either way we will be almost certain to see Jupiter-Pisces' purposeful expansion of our collective awareness at this time. As the chart affirms, the energies are too strong not to be mirrored by significant shifts in human psychological experience.

Collective grief is the primary way in which Jupiter-Pisces will promote healing.

Ecological Intelligence is the brilliant and beautiful 2005 nonfiction book by Jungian Analyst and medical psychiatrist Ian McCallum that interweaves eco-poetry, mythological references, and global environmental data. A theme of the book is that *grieving is the prerequisite of all healing*.¹ What occurred to me, as I recently read passages of this absolutely amazing book, is that Jupiter-Pisces opens wide the opportunity for United States citizens to *unite in grief* as a prerequisite to healing and transformation that the USA's Pluto Return empowers. The country can't possibly heal, if it doesn't first acknowledge its profound grief.

By and large, people fear the grieving process. It hurts. It's painful. It's grief. We go to great lengths not to feel it. This avoidance and denial brings to mind the head-in-the-sand initial stage of **Plutonian transformation**. *Don't make me go there. I won't do it. It can't be true.*

Along with the United States' true and mighty stories of strength and honor, the mighty and *horrid* truths of its history must

be acknowledged by all citizens if the country is to heal and rebirth itself. These horrid truths include the country's establishment on lands acquired through the slaughter of millions of indigenous peoples, an agricultural economy built on the backs and lives of hundreds of thousands of slaves, the persistent systemic racism that infects every part of the infrastructure that holds the country together, a governmental structure revered the world over, yet one that controllingly indoctrinates its own people into behaviors and beliefs that undermine their very freedoms.

Just as healing cannot take place without grieving, grieving cannot take place without compassion. Whether it is compassion for other people, or compassion for Self, mourning demonstrates our ability to relate on a deep level. As the last sign of the tropical zodiac, Pisces holds within it the essence and experience of all eleven preceding signs. **Jupiter-Pisces graciously presents us with an opportunity to express compassion for all people, and to grieve in unison, world-wide, around the unveiling of dark truths that have remained shadowed in the collective for hundreds of years.**

C. G. Jung says, "No new life can arise, say the alchemists, without the death of the old. They liken the art to the work of the sower, who buries the grain in the earth: it dies only to waken to new life."² Mourning, Jungian Analyst and medical psychiatrist Edward Edinger writes, is caused by the loss of something (or someone) that was carrying an important projected value.

"In order to withdraw projections and assimilate their content into one's own personality it is necessary to experience the loss of the projections as a prelude to rediscovering the content or value within. Therefore, mourners are fortunate because they are involved in a growth process. They will be comforted when the lost projected value has been recovered within the psyche."³

Balancing Grief and Gratitude

Earlier this year, my husband and I bought a painting from an artist in our home state of Maine. She had worked on the painting, intermittently, throughout 2020. She told me a friend had asked her how she was doing, generally speaking, through the trials of 2020, and she responded by saying she felt like she was continually balancing grief and gratitude. At hearing her own words, she finally understood the painting and was inspired to finish it.

The painting is titled "Balancing Grief and Gratitude" and hangs on my dining room wall as a lasting reminder for myself and my family of all that we have endured in these long months of pandemic-related struggle, continue to endure with so much political polarization, and will continue to face through the racial reckoning that has found momentum. I'm grateful for all that is being unveiled.

Embracing Pisces in the Age of Aquarius

In our transition from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius, and with the help

of Jupiter and Neptune in Pisces this year and next, I hope everyone with an interest in astrology will consider Pisces less as a representative of the *age of yesteryear* and more as an integral and essential part of the exciting awakening we sense and see all around us.

Let's embrace the higher octave of this time period when the transcendent expressions of Jupiter and Neptune can be evoked in intuitive and forgiving Pisces. The best of Pisces brings unity. A true awakening and transformative process requires our embrace of Pisces' archetypal principles of oneness, infinite love, atonement, and surrender. When we engage the transcendent wisdom of Jupiter-Pisces, we *become* the agents of change we are all called to be in the Age of Awakening.

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"Actually, we're just getting started."



"Balancing Grief and Gratitude" By Maine artist, Joy Vaughan