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Uranus and Democracy

I always wondered how Uranus, who was rather an archaic tyrant in mythology, could be related to democracy. In a nutshell, it is because Uranus as the leader of the herd or tribe has no army or other institutions to protect him, he needs the support of many, better a clear majority, to stay relatively safe as the leader. This is actually also the key to understanding quite a few things about the crazy times we have been living in in the past 2.5 centuries since the discovery of Uranus in 1781, right between the American and French Revolutions.

Details

In a herd there is often a leading male that gets to fertilize practically all females. Other males try to replace the leader again and again, and eventually one will succeed, once the current leader gets older. The takeover of Cronos/Saturn by castrating Uranus with sort of a “moon crescent” reflects this in mythology. It is also often considered the transition from hunters and gatherers to agriculture, the replacement of often ad hoc moving elsewhere, following the food, to a more regular structure of the year, with given times for seed and harvest.

This is obviously progress in many respects, but with respect to democracy rather not. Imagine you are a fellah (farmer) in ancient Egypt and unhappy with how the pharaoh is running the country. But the pharaoh is out of reach, living in his palace far away and guarded by walls and guards. Now imagine the situation in a tribe that is constantly moving. Probably everybody is lying close together at night, maybe already around a fireplace. The leader is much less protected that way; better have many supporters around so that he would be warned, making the risk for others to attack him in his sleep too big.

That way, both a crude form of democracy and constant danger are imminent. Also, the leader can (and often has to) change path for the whole tribe much more quickly and unexpectedly than a king in well-organized society. A leader who is good at this is important. This makes things also easier for new inventions to be applied, however *only* if they can immediately be applied, i.e. if they are ripe and ready for *mainstream*, are useful for where the tribe is going.

If all of this now reminds you of the USA, where there was the first modern revolution, only 5 years before the conscious discovery of Uranus, then I can only agree. Take Trump, and some of his encouraged supporters entering the Capitol in January 2021. Or his style of making decisions, hire and fire, seemingly unpredictable. And always on the lookout for new solutions to the problems at hand. All of this is not “bad” in principle, just “Uranian”, with all advantages

and disadvantages that come with it. The USA overall are much like this, including both major political parties, etc.

The god Uranus is also the whole sky/heaven; in mythology he was created by Gaia, the earth. Now, astronomically in the sky there have been more and more discoveries after Uranus. This is mirrored in astrology. Most newly discovered planets and similar objects have aquarian themes, as one would expect for a gradually emerging Age of Aquarius. And each of them was once bringing a seemingly radical change, that was supposed to make everything better.

Uranus was emphasis on consciousness and light (Enlightenment), the steam engine, and more, including, for example, undecorated sans serif fonts. Aquarius has to do with water by its name, and Neptune/Poseidon is the god of the sea, who brought in some way the unconscious back, the unknown world below, and the fluid oil, and all the machinery that used it. Then came Pluto, actually as it turned out since then, not a planet, more the temporary spark of the leader of the herd, with the promise to bring more depth, related to Februs, the god who rules February, which contains 2/3 of Aquarius, and Februs was also an underworld god like Pluto/Hades, which then also leads to themes of sexual domination, at least of the leader of the herd over the females, and exclusion of the other males. But then came new objects, like Chiron, Eris, Sedna, Chariklo, etc., and the overall picture is shifting again, to other aquarian themes like equality between sexes and (new word) genders, and tolerance between all.

Let me stop with examples here and just say that a million things in history since then quite obviously and stunningly reflect in this picture.

In astrology there are not only new objects, but also many new methods, to the degree that in a way all of them are a bit losing their power. My hope is that a lot of the boundlessness of change today, that sort of explosion of new things, will somehow settle in the coming years, maybe by 2044, since Aquarius is an air sign, so reason should rule, and it is a fixed sign, so change would be constant in a way, not really radical most of the time.

I write 2044, because if you divide the great year of precession into 12 equal sections (in analogy to what happened when tropical astrology with 12 equally sized star signs was introduced about 2000 years ago) and start with Alrisha at the spring point, the star that connects mother and son Pisces like an umbilical cord ("birth"), the Age of Aquarius would start roughly in 2044.

Let me summarize: Uranus brings democracy and progress and unexpected change because the leader constantly has to keep his tribe/herd at bay, he needs support by a majority, or at least a strong minority plus some undecideds.

This explosion of new things happened and is happening since a few hundred years, both above in the sky and down on earth, probably back to the beginning of the last decanate of the Age of Pisces around the 13th century, but really exploding since around the discovery of Uranus.