

Uranus – The Great Awakener

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One of the major astrological events of 2010 is the movement of mighty Uranus from Pisces to Aries marking the beginning of a whole new 84 year cycle of change and growth.

Each sign of the zodiac has a ruling planet that embodies a similar type of energy to the zodiac sign. Uranus, the modern ruler of Aquarius is our closest 'transpersonal' planet and is invisible to the naked eye. Western astrologers associate Uranus with intuition, originality, revolution, democracy, human rights, the universal mind, higher consciousness and unexpected events. The brilliant insight of Uranus destroys old beliefs, sometimes overnight. The discovery of Uranus in 1781 created a tremendous stir, blasting apart the notion that Saturn was the outermost planet in our universe and providing a golden opportunity for telescope-wielding scientists to attack the philosophical foundations of astrology.

The discovery of Uranus was mirrored by the Industrial Revolution and the American and French Revolutions. The French in particular attempted to create an entirely different society with a new legal system, new calendar, new religion and new weights and measures. The Industrial Revolution changed the face of the entire world and continues to do so with the breakdown of the family, community and agricultural society, the establishment of factories, mass production, transport, trade and international travel. Many people found it difficult to cope, just as today many are struggling with the impact and consequences of the Technological Revolution.

Those with a well-aspected Uranus often have natural mental brilliance, original ideas and the ability to channel information from the collective psyche. Uranus has an electrical vibration and some people with Uranus strong in the birth chart have an electrically charged aura or work with electricity. Uranus is considered to be the higher octave of Mercury. If Mercury is connected with the reasoning mind, Uranus is the universal mind, the inspiration behind original ideas, new technologies and scientific breakthroughs. Those who have difficulty with Uranian energy can be unimaginative or inflexible. Those with too much Uranian energy lead lives that are erratic, explosive and unpredictable, expressing their wilful desire for freedom.

As Uranus takes 84 years to orbit the sun and spends 7 years in each zodiac sign, whole groups of people share the same Uranus placement. Uranus in Pisces (2003-2010) brought us revolutionary changes in the arts, music, healing, spirituality, charitable activities, care of the sick or disadvantaged and an opening to higher levels of consciousness. Uranus in Aries ushers in a period of excitement, instability, adventure and exploration coupled with a change in our attitudes towards birth, violence, war, sex and physical activity. Aries is a self-centred energy, so we could be forced to balance personal freedom with the survival of the planet and in the process form a new definition of 'individual rights'. The house where Uranus falls in your birth chart shows the area of life where you can change the status quo and display natural brilliance.