

# Special Alert: Horoscope U.S.A.

A planetary configuration not seen since 1776 is coming our way, heralding chaos, revolution, and rebirth. MICHAEL LUTIN guides you through the coming storm

All alone and more paranoid by the day, President George Bush is getting it from all sides. He can't trust anybody—not even his mother. His detractors blame him for the state of the world. Some say the end is near. Most of us just want the dollar to go up, and America to go back to the good old days. Uh-uh. Astrologers can explain Bush's predicament by saying that he's a Cancer, and that in coming years Cancers will be challenged to change their whole worldview. So will America—for nations, like people, have horoscopes.

America, which was born on July 4, 1776, is a Cancer nation. Cancer is the sign of fertility, and America sees herself as the world's nurturing mother. But because of the hostile presence of Mars and Uranus in our solar 12th house, we're the kind of nurturer that can bomb the hell out of a country one day and send sandwiches and coffee the next. That makes the rest of the world love us and hate us. Security and home are primal drives of this sign, sometimes to the point of xenophobia. When the early settlers arrived, they took one look around and said to the Indians, "What a gorgeous place you've got here! Get out!" If anyone tells you the essence of the American Dream is liberty and freedom, don't kid yourself. It's property, taxes, and mortgage rates.

But are we ruthless imperialists doomed to be brought down by our degenerate culture? That is the question Pluto's transit through the sign of Capricorn over the next 19 years will answer. It will challenge us as never before, but it will also reveal the secret of how we need to change.

Though we're a Cancer nation, the sign of Capricorn has always been strong in our horoscope, and it's going to get a lot stronger. We were born with Pluto in Capricorn, and now Pluto is coming back to the same place. The power of Pluto is so profound that it doesn't matter if you call it a planet or not—it's a killer. But, oddly, it's also a healer. When you come out of a Pluto transit, you are changed forever. But during the process you don't realize what's going on. This is about to happen to the U.S. as we all deal with an opposition of Pluto in the sign of Capricorn to our Cancer sun.

The last time Pluto passed over the position it holds now and will hold for the next 20 years, it was the 1760s. Mother England, once the great protector, was beginning to be the great drag. She wanted payback for all the protection she'd provided. The colonists, exhibiting the traits of a budding Cancer nation, came to resent their mother's hold on them. And so, the United States of America was born.

Something similar is happening again now. This time, however, it's the American government that is putting the squeeze on the people. While lots of us will probably be nervous wrecks during the two turbulent decades ahead, many old hippies will joyfully embrace the revolution they quit their jobs for 40 years ago.

Our "dialogue" with radical Islam has just begun. When Pluto goes direct

in September of 2007, ushering in a period dominated by the sign of Capricorn, religious radicalism will reach a crescendo. Meanwhile, Capricorn always indicates power and big business, and what is America about if not that? Corporate control of government will increase. But it was Pluto's presence in Capricorn that sparked the fight for freedom 230 years ago—as it will again.

Pluto in Capricorn will demand conformity, born out of fear that different is dangerous. The threat of attack will be acute, and the government will be so terrified that it won't really matter who gets in in 2008—conservative or liberal. The new ideologies will bleed across party lines. Fortunately, something else will be going on at the same time. While Pluto is in Capricorn, Uranus will be leaving the sign of Pisces—at the end of the zodiac—and sometime between 2009 and 2011 the dam is going to break. People will figure, "Aw, the hell with it. The end is coming anyway, so give me a double martini." To the apocalypse crowd, it will seem like the wrath of God, because lots of people are going to be turning up the music and

dancing, even hurrying the crash, much as they did during the 1920s—the last time Uranus reached the end of the dial.

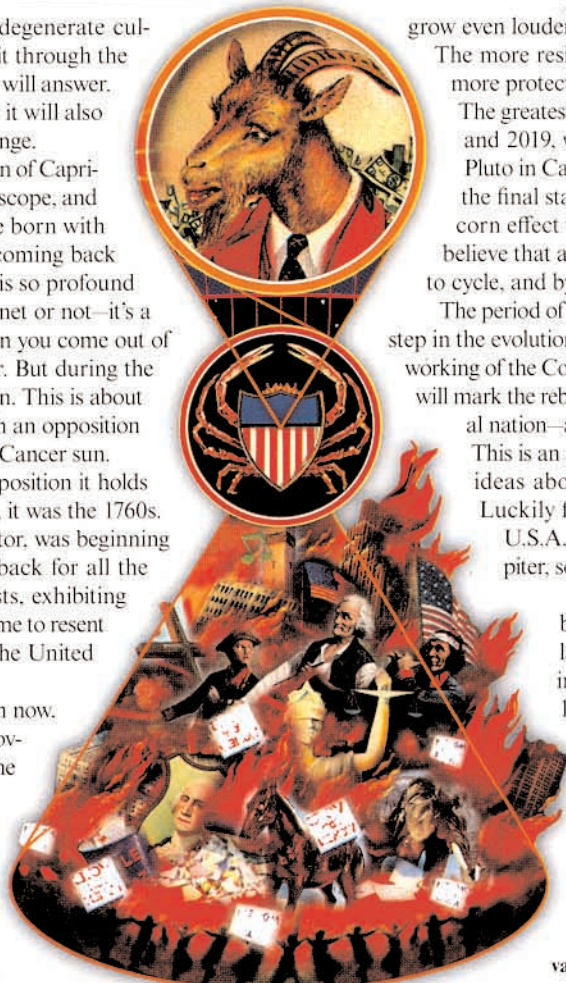
Once Uranus hits Aries, however, people will rebel. The voice of Islam will

grow even louder. It's going to be the 1960s, in spades. The more resistance to government protection, the more protection the government will try to impose. The greatest time of upheaval will be between 2015 and 2019, when the square of Uranus in Aries to Pluto in Capricorn peaks. Then, from 2023 to '25, the final stages of the Pluto return and the Capricorn effect will reach a climax. Some astrologers believe that an empire lasts no longer than one Pluto cycle, and by 2025 ours will be played out.

The period of turmoil that lies before us is a necessary step in the evolution of this country that will result in a reworking of the Constitution in the last half of the 2020s. It will mark the rebirth of the United States as a more global nation—a member of the world, if not its leader. This is an affront to our Cancer nation's cherished ideas about wealth, security, and supremacy. Luckily for us, however, the horoscope of the U.S.A. is strongly influenced by Venus and Jupiter, so we'll never go totally broke or hungry.

America is a fabulous place to live, but we've gotten fat and we've gotten lazy. So don't blame anyone in Washington for this crisis. A country gets the leaders it deserves, and when we're ready to rise from the ruins of empire, we will find the leaders to help us do so. It will happen, but not in 2008. We have to go through the Pluto transit first.

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