

Capricorn New Moon: December 27, 2008
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The New Moon in Capricorn begins the most formative lunar cycle of the year. The Sun goes into 0 degrees Capricorn at the Solstice every year and then the Capricorn lunation follows, which releases the potential of the Winter Solstice chart. The New Moon in Capricorn occurs sometime within twenty-nine days of the Winter Solstice, and this year the Capricorn New Moon occurs only a few days after the Solstice; this intensifies the force of the Solstice, the return of the light. Pluto was close to the Sun during the Solstice and exactly conjunct the day after, and this New Moon with six placements in Capricorn is a really potent lunar seed. You have probably been feeling like your soul and body have been compressed and purified since the Solstice and up till now. Well, you are right.

Capricorn challenges us to mature, to intentionally choose the most meaningful road in life. If you have planets in Capricorn, they encourage you to mature throughout your whole life, and the house that contains Capricorn describes your most important lessons in life. During this time of the year, we may ask ourselves: What really is the most important for our personal lives and our planet? Nobody is going to get off the hook on these issues this month and season with Mars conjuncts Pluto in Capricorn right on the Solstice degree. This conjunction challenges us to completely create a new vision of our cultural and economic conditions that are the natural result of five thousand years of war and male domination. The structures of the Planetary and National Underworlds are disintegrating before our very eyes. [See *The Mayan Code: Time Acceleration and Awakening the World Mind*.] We are simplifying our lives, which can transmute the murderous alpha-male culture, as we are coming to the end of the Mayan Calendar. As Mars conjuncts Pluto and releases the potent Solstice during this lunation, true soul searching will arise in the hearts of the people.

The Winter Solstice and Capricorn New Moon charts are exceedingly subtle and loaded with meaning; they were not easy to analyze. You may want to reread the Solstice interpretation again before considering the Capricorn New Moon. During the Solstice, there were two great manifestation forces-Sun/Pluto/Mercury/Jupiter in Capricorn and the North Node/Venus/Chiron/Neptune in Aquarius-and aspects from the Moon in 24 Libra activated these forces. During the New Moon, the Moon has moved to the Sun in Capricorn. Without this playful Libran lunar tickling, these great Capricorn and Aquarian forces roar and grumble like frustrated Titans in the sky. Regarding the consumer collapse in the US, I see these Titans in empty box buildings, shattered display windows, and odd pieces of clothing left on the floor by employees who spent their last hours on the job preparing inventory for liquidation. I see a great Titan, Barack Obama, being handed a bankrupt country after the people's money was doled out to the big banks. What Titans do you see looming in the winter sky?

Remember that house positions for New Moon charts vary according to your location, so if you want them, you have to cast a chart for where you live. Thus, I leave house interpretation out of these readings except for an occasional glance at the chart cast for Washington, DC. In the Washington, DC, chart for this New Moon, notice that Mars/Pluto sextile the MC, Mercury/Jupiter square the MC, and Venus/Neptune trine the MC, which suggest a lot of action. Once the house positions are removed, the only aspects left besides conjunctions are aspects to Saturn-Uranus opposite Saturn, Venus/Neptune quincunx Saturn, and Mercury/Jupiter trine Saturn. Simply put, now that the Moon has joined the Sun in Capricorn, *the great energy locked up in these late 2008 Capricorn and Aquarius forces is further intensified by Saturn*. This lunation is a kick-butt chart that can activate each one of us, but only if we are extremely thoughtful and contemplative. Possibly, it is good that people dumped out of the system have time to think a lot for the first time in their lives. As a species, we are not just cogs in the National and Planetary Underworld systems; we are a time-coded species scheduled to become enlightened during the Universal Underworld during AD 2011.

The grand square during the December 12 Full Moon fully exposed the agendas of the people in power in the US. At this point after watching Paulson and Bernanke hand out public money like Santa throwing Ronald Reagan's old jelly beans to crowds, most Americans know that they are in the middle of a managed collapse of their personal resources. If anyone still doubts this, the great Ponzi pyramid created by Bernie Madoff collapsed, and everybody could see he'd been scamming major financiers and charities. The Governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich got caught trying to sell Barack Obama's seat in the US Senate to the highest bidder. Some say, how can I do anything when I don't know what is going on? Well, first of all, you do know what is going on, especially if you are informed about the cycles of the Mayan Calendar as discovered by Carl Johan Calleman. [See *The Mayan Calendar: Transformation of Consciousness*.] For those of you who understand the Calleman/Clow time acceleration model, can you imagine how you'd be feeling this December if you didn't know that we are experiencing the crash of the National and Planetary systems? I am saying this because we must empathize with the vast majority of people, the ones who don't have any idea why this is happening.

This Capricorn New Moon offers you the chance to figure out what your next series of actions needs to be in light of the obvious stress through AD 2011. This chart evidences great potential for individual comprehension, since the outer reality is unusually disconnected from each person. I will read this subtle and tricky chart looking for ideas of how we can utilize our masculine and feminine powers to craft a new holism in our lives: The masculine and feminine forces grab our attention because Saturn opposite Uranus is stirring up old structures and transmuting them into their spiritual essence; Mars conjunct Pluto stirs up the depths of our inner male psyches; and Venus conjunct Neptune in Aquarius exactly quincunx Saturn stirs up the most revolutionary essence of our inner feminine psyches. Mars/Pluto in Capricorn wants to comprehend the real meaning of maleness since the dawn of evolution; Venus/Neptune in Aquarius transforms feminine power as she challenges father/Saturn by the tense aspect-quincunx-to free her from bondage. What can you do with these revelations? Well, the judicial, papal, and media battles over gay rights are not the point, since each one of us possesses and expresses both the feminine and masculine spectrum.

This New Moon chart may forecast a great battle over "gay rights" this month. As a teacher, I would suggest that you explore the depths of your own male/female polarity.

The New Moon in 6 Capricorn is conjunct Pluto combust Mars. Pluto in Capricorn has arrived to break down the control of wealth and power by the Elite to make space for new structures to be created for all the people, animals, and plants. As we know, this process is already in gear, but we haven't seen anything yet. Mars combust Pluto in the Winter Solstice degree says the structures of war are what must go, and significant steps in this direction can be expected during this lunation. Remember that war usually ends because the players are financially and spiritually bankrupt, not because peaceniks have their way. War is the negative realm of the masculine-domination and control-when what is needed is the protection of women, children, and culture. Mercury (awareness) is close to Jupiter (expansion of fortune) in Capricorn, and Jupiter is also conjunct the 1776 USA Pluto. That is, the US is going to experience a wakeup call on using war for power and domination because the people are finally getting the point. Also, Saturn in 22 Virgo is conjunct Neptune in the 1776 chart. Mars in Gemini squares Neptune in the 1776 chart, and this tight square has been thoroughly examined by many great astrologers over many years; it is the source of American fantasy ridden tendencies to get involved in foreign wars and eventually lose. So, now Americans will be getting a dose of realism by Saturn transiting the USA Neptune square Mars while Saturn opposes Uranus in Pisces.

How could such changes come about? Let's start with the Aquarius stellium for guidance. Venus and Neptune are conjunct in 22 degrees 18 minutes Aquarius exactly during this New Moon, and "22" is a great mastery number that arrives when multidimensional forces are running the show; *feminine spirituality is going to transform reality this month*. This indicates a wave of disgust with killing, military waste, and children used as fodder by old men and cynical women. If you doubt this, Chiron is right there guarding this healing force. Venus/Neptune in 22 degrees is exactly quincunx Saturn in 22 Virgo (ruled by Chiron), which, of course, opposes Uranus in Pisces. Interpretation: The healing force of Chiron is with the spiritual force of the feminine (Venus/Neptune) pushing the recalcitrant controlling father (Saturn) to change radically (Uranus) into a more idealistic pattern in life. Saturn's ability to change is enhanced when it is in Virgo, and Mercury/Jupiter in Capricorn trine Saturn in Virgo, so that our comprehension of these new levels is strong.

If you think I am way out there with such definite ideas, remember that we are right in the middle of a radical evolutionary leap of our species. When the first fish dared to climb onto the shore and become an amphibian, he/she didn't know that wondrous legs for running would eventually evolve. When the first hominid stood up probably just for a better view, he/she didn't know that freed up hands would create tools. When we chose computers and put our brains into boxes that connect everybody on the planet, we didn't know that this would show us how to dematerialize. So, use the great power of Mars/Pluto in Capricorn to object to your resources being thrown away in warfare. Use the potency of Venus/Neptune to discover how to birth whether you are in a male or female body. And, allow the reality-shredding forces of Saturn opposite Neptune to sweep away the old and make space for the new. Do not forget that the lunar North Node is in Aquarius, which will help you release attachments and ego. *It is easier to surrender when the Titans in the sky demand change at all costs.*