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A Final Look Back (and Foward):

The Metaphysical Reason Behind the Terrorist Attack

GREAT CYCLES, PROPHECIES, & HOROSCOPES

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Well, we're certainly living in "interesting times" (Chinese curse!).

For many, the terrible events of 9/11 and following brought forth as much worry as grief, and economic hardship as well. Nor did it help that fear and negativity exuded from the media because of the attack, infesting some of our thoughts. Well, sorrow is certainly an appropriate reaction to the tragedy...but fear is unnecessary! *Let's take back our reality!* Let's try to view things in as broad a perspective as possible, then, and in so doing get a handle on our uncertainties.

To do that, we'll have to step back from terrorism, war, politics, news, emotions, and our everyday viewpoint to see a very Big Picture, a more cosmic perspective. We'll explore the great cycles of existence and the Age of Aquarius, the journey of the soul and its development, America's mission against this backdrop, "End Times" prophecies, and a variety of related concepts, not forgetting to address what we can all do now to facilitate the evolution of consciousness and our own global well-being.

The Divine Plan

The greatest or highest perspective we have gives insight into what's called The Divine Plan. In "The Great Invocation¹," we are told that "the Plan of Love and Light" is designed to move the universe ever towards the banishment of evil, that the universe is a place where the Will-to-Good is ever at work, and that a purpose exists to restore this Plan to humankind. In many of the world's religions, humans are to be guided towards a heaven of goodness (Paradise). And in much of the ancient spiritual texts, from Alchemy to Theosophy, the guidance shows that we are meant to transcend the baseness of our dual nature and rise into a blessed era of grace.

The universe has a purpose, and is not random in design (Einstein: "God does not play dice with the universe."). It is a "learning and teaching machine," the purpose of which is "to raise consciousness to higher and higher levels, thereby enabling it to know itself" (physicist Itzak Bentov).

This process can be seen in the evolution from the mineral kingdom to the animal, from the animal to the human, and within the latter, from cement-headedness to wise and compassionate behavior. It has taken millennia to evolve sentient beings (us), and it will take perhaps millennia more until all of us evolve to our best expression. However, the overall design is quite obvious in nature.







The universe's journey has been shown as cyclic. Life in <u>all</u> its forms passes through cycles of existence, called Rounds.² Each new cycle is one step closer to the life form's goal of total harmony and reunion with its divine source. Once the goal is achieved, the dance is begun all over again! There are many phrases for such: the "Days & Nights of Brahma" (Big Bang vs. Implosion), the "Cosmic Egg" (flowing forth into physicality & returning to spirit), Yin and Yang (ascendancies of female versus male principles), the Equinoctial Cycle of Yugas (cosmic epochs), and the Precession of the Equinoxes (astrological ages).

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Ancient Wisdom teaches that the main law of the universe is the law of karma, which can be rephrased as "what goes around, comes around" on the Wheel of Existence, all the while everything remains in perfect balance. Karma describes the cyclic nature of existence and its lessons.

So against this backdrop, let's put the Attack on America into perspective.

The Journey & The Cosmic Egg

[Cosmic Egg diagram]









Spirit / Fountainhead / Limitless Light / Implicate Order

Earth / Explicate Order / Bottom of Wheel

The Cosmic Egg is one term for this journey. It is an ovoid path of travel on which the Monad moves counterclockwise and downward from the point of emanation into the lowest possible point of material existence, then back upward to the fountainhead. It symbolizes the down-flow of spiritual energy into matter, the merging of both at the low point, and the upward return of this now-self-aware amalgam towards reunion with its lofty source. Not only is this a description of man's evolution, it's also a description of the way the entire universe works, whether a planet or a being. It's a description of the <u>meaning</u> of life.

"Man" in this sense can be identified as the Monad of Kabalistic teachings — in other words, the first spark of separate consciousness that's thrown off from the fountainhead of life-energy, the spark which, in order to evolve, must fuse with some sort of material vehicle to experience other than spiritual existence.







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"Man," according to ancient wisdom, is any self-conscious individuality which takes an evolutionary journey from pure spirit down into the various levels of material form, experiences the blindness inherent in material entrapment³, but ultimately returns to spiritual or transcendent form via a process of gathering and retaining hard-learned wisdom — a process that needs the help, as we said, of previously-evolved (i.e., higher) entities. Thus, man need not resemble his present appearance; consciousness encased in a gaseous bubble may be more "man" than a hominid without selfawareness.

In the Age of Aquarius we're going to take the next step on our journey back to the All by developing the groupmind, or group polarization. As dolphins trapped in a fisherman's net already do, the individual will sacrifice himself for the preservation of the species — group consciousness. Man hasn't yet accomplished this virtue, but it's where we're headed.4

The Precession of the Equinoxes



[Great Ages Wheel]





For this Great Cycle, envision a circle equally divided into 12 sections — the 12 signs of the Zodiac, with the 0° Aries point on the horizon being marked as the year 0 AD, and with each cusp in clockwise sequence being marked off in 2,000-year segments, the cusps below the horizon each subtracted by this amount as well. This gives an overlap point directly overhead of 6000 AD/18,000 BC.

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Here we have an astrological concept in which (unlike the natural zodiac which moves in a counterclockwise rotation) the precessions move in clockwise rotation and represent the length of time it takes for the 0° Aries point to make a complete cycle and to return to its original position relative to the earth. One complete rotation is called a Great Year or a Platonic Year, and this takes almost 26,000 years to complete. Each segment, then, is called a Great Month or an Age, and requires a little over 2,000 years to complete. References to our entering The Age of Aquarius come from this concept of cycles.

THE GREAT MONTHS

Man's earliest historical records begin about 10,000 BC, at the beginning of the Age of Leo. Several indications, such as evidence of a rise in the world's water table, and the spread of the cultivation of corn, point to this period as being that of the final sinking of Atlantis and the erasure of evidence of its civilization. In astrological symbolism, Leo is ruled by the Sun, and presides over art and creativity. From this period come sun worship, and the earliest cave drawings.

2,000 years later, man entered the Age of Cancer, which is ruled by the Moon and has to do with motherhood and fertility; thus, we find moon-worship, fertility figures, and the beginning of farming. 2,000 years later, around 6000 BC, we entered the Age of Gemini, which rules communications, so we see the development of writing, language-arts and record keeping.

Records from the Great Pyramid itself indicate that it may have been built around 4000 BC, which would put it at the beginning of the Age of Taurus. Taurus is a fixed sign and likes permanency; thus, the monumental structures of Egypt, built to last. Other Taurean indications would be the bull-worship of Crete and, through the symbolism of the Scorpio polarity, the Egyptian care of the dead (i.e., mummies).

In 2000 BC began the Age of Aries, ruled by Mars, God of War, and symbolized by the ram or sheep. This corresponds to the ascendancy of the Hebrew tradition, with its ram's horn, its concept of one God and its culture of shepherds; the thinkers of Greece and warriors of Rome also fit this era.

Although Christ was not born exactly in 0 AD, we can see by this diagram that He manifested on the planet not merely at the beginning of a new Age — the Age of Pisces — but also at the beginning of a new cycle of the 0° Aries point, i.e., the beginning of a new Great Year. The Christ was the example to man of the principle of compassionate love — a great leap forward in man's evolution. In keeping with the symbolism of Pisces, this Age saw the fish imagery of Christianity, and through the Virgo polarity, that of the Virgin Mary.



By this reckoning, because a few degrees on such a vast scale are equivalent to centuries, we entered the cusp of the Age of Aquarius around the late 1700s, just about the time the planet Uranus, ruler of Aquarius was discovered (in 1781). So right now, at the beginning of the 21st Century, we have just entered a new Great Month, a new Age on the cosmic scale. Aquarius rules electronics, inventions, brotherhood, science and groups.

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The Age of Aquarius — The Next "Great Month"

We can better understand the true meaning of man's entrance into The Age of Aquarius by noting its representation by an upsurge of interest in astrology, science, and concerns of the environment and of brotherhood. It is bringing reform, revolution, space-exploration and new inventions. It is emphasizing individuality, and most important, is speeding up the evolution of consciousness. The Great Seal of the United States contains the following Latin inscription: "Novus Ordo Seclorum", which means the New Order of the Ages. The guru, Meher Baba, has said that in the new age, man's destiny is "to raise from reason to intuition." Aquarius rules intuition. In-/tuition means inner teaching, inner knowledge, being guided from within, being guided by your higher mind. And "raising up from reason" means transcending or surmounting the intellect. In the 2,000-year span of this New Age, we will eventually not need government or gurus or any external authority to check, suppress, repress or regulate us. We will learn to reorient our values and judge everything against our inner knowledge.

The Yugas



[Yugas Wheel]

The Cycle of the Precessions is not the same as the Equinoctial Cycle of Yugas, an Eastern concept that describes the







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A complete cycle of Yugas takes 24,000 years so that its advancement is not synchronous with the Precessions previously discussed. Beginning with the highest point, i.e., pure spirit, in the Satya Yuga, man is represented by the metal gold, which symbolizes his complete reunion and harmony with the divine principle. During the last Round, the Satya Yuga began around 11,500 BC, at which time the sinking of Atlantis occurred. So the Atlanteans did represent a very high development — not, mind you, the <u>ultimate</u> expression of man's potential because we must go through all 7 Rounds of form-manifestation, and the Atlanteans were only in part of the 4th Round. This Yuga lasted 4,800 years.

The next Yuga, the Treta, represents man's gradual descent once again, and is symbolized by the metal silver. Towards the end of this Yuga, some believe the Great Pyramid was begun, indicating to us that its builders were highly evolved beings, probably aware that their knowledge would be lost in the coming darkening.

Around 3100 BC began the Dwapara Yuga, appropriately called the bronze age, and from 700 BC to 1700 AD was the Kali Yuga, or iron age, the period representing the basest development of matter, and encompassing the time from the Roman gladiators to the beginning of the Age of Reason. It was about one-third of the way through this Yuga that the Christ incarnated, during man's darkest era when we needed Him most.

Our information regarding the divisions of these ages derives from Yogananda Paramahansa's guru, Sri Yukteswar, who taught an ancient oral tradition passed down from Atlantis or communicated mediumistically from the higher planes. There is some discrepancy between this and other traditions in the marking of the end of the Kali Yuga, some sources stating that we have not yet left it. However, according to this source, we moved out of the Kali Yuga, appropriately enough, when the planet Uranus was discovered in 1781, right around the period of the French and American revolutions. So you see that we are now in the Dwapara Yuga again, the bronze age. We have begun an age of atomic discovery, knowledge of electricity and the beginning of the annihilation of space-limitations.

Noting that the better periods of evolution happily have longer time-spans, you can see that we will enter the next Treta Yuga on an ascending arc in 4100 AD, and this will mark a period of telepathic communication and the surmounting of the limitations of time! No separation of past, present and future! And finally, in 7700 AD, man will enter the final Yuga of this period of this Round, the Golden Satya Yuga, in which physical death shall be surpassed!







The main point to be made about these two different and equally valid cosmic cycles of existence is that they overlap only at certain key dates — around 12,000 BC, for instance, when a new Age and a new Yuga were entered simultaneously and the Atlantean cataclysm took place — and again, in 4000-4001 A.D., when prophecies predict a "Millennium" (Golden Age).

As for the present era, there remains some room for doubt as to the contiguity of the overlap dates for entrance into the new Yuga (1700 AD) and for entrance into the new Age (2000 AD). However, it is because of the cosmic simultaneity of these dates that prophetic traditions have dwelt upon their significance as the "End Times" period.

Exiting the Dark Ages of the Great Wheel of Soul Evolution

So all of these cycles must be seen as part of a larger Plan, a divine plan to raise the vibration of the species in order to contact and be knowledgeable of and realize life on a higher plane...to pull human experience closer to a Golden Age. So you can see that the path of evolution isn't linear, it's a circle — actually a series of circles, like a spiral, winding upwards. And we have once more swung around on the wheel, turned the corner, come out of "the pits"! Modern man is a new species; he has never before existed on this planet, nor have the conditions under which he must live.

Yes, we are on the threshold of a new age, an age that will bring a change in consciousness for the entire species. But the problem you and I face is that this period of transition, this birth or development of a new sub-species, will be marked by trials and testing and some suffering. Channeled insights have told that such suffering is always the precursor to a worldwide yearning forpeace, and that such yearning eventually ushers in a golden age, having as its hidden purpose the awakening that leads to compassion.

Now that we've put things into a very large perspective, we can examine more immediate concepts.

Predictions & Prophecies — Is This The "End Times"?

In the mid-80s, I researched as much of the prophetic literature as possible concerning the various prognostications about the so-called End Times, even going so far as to interview a noted seismologist at Columbia University's Lamont-Dougherty Laboratories regarding cataclysmic earthquake scenarios. Then I presented the findings as two parts — first, when things seemed bleakest and most frightening (because of their predominantly doomsday quality), and then years later, when much of the prophecy proved erroneous. The research included Nostradamus, the Bible, Edgar Cayce, Joyce Dixon, the Great Pyramid, the Mayan calendar, the Hopi Indian tradition, a self-styled "messenger" named Benjamin Creme, several other credible individual or group psychics, and a variety of scientists, authors, and modern philosophers. Added to this, I included astrological forecasts based upon the outer planets' transits. Many of these prophecies targeted specific dates, and thus proved enlightening when those events *failed to materialize*.





Whether it be Osama Bin Laden or another figure, the prophecies and predictions forecasted an "Anti-Christ" who, according to sources from the Bible, Nostradamus and Jeanne Dixon, would "grow up in Egypt," be "harsh and grim, and a master of stratagem, have great power, work havoc upon a holy people," with a mind "ever active and he shall succeed in his crafty plans, and conjure up great plans," and be "a King of Terror who shall descend from the skies" and be "broken but not by human hands." These dire forecasts sound true up to a point…but they fall apart on dates and other details. (For example, the descent "from the skies" was predicted for July 1999.) Other forecasts predicted cataclysmic and economic miseries before there is a "return of the Messiah."

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A general summary of these prophecies required that there be a final battle between forces of good and evil (Armageddon), or at least a tug of war between the light and the dark of human nature; that there be a time of suffering (the "Tribulation"), sometimes foreseen as the fall of civilization and a new caveman era caused by cataclysmic earthquakes and/or nuclear destruction, or sometimes simply as a time of economic misery; that there be a divine intercession to shorten the suffering, or even a reward for the souls who chose well (the Second Coming of the Messiah, the "Rapture" [instant release of the soul into Spirit/ Heaven], or the appearance of a special cosmic event such as the Hopi Blue Star, or the stopping of the Sun); and finally, that there be a long-lasting golden age of peace and harmony throughout the Earth. A variety of dates were given, such as the 1980s to 2000 for the cataclysmic earth changes (e.g., earthquakes, a pole shift, and/or a new ice age), 1999 to 2039 for the Second Coming, and 2005 to 2989 (or even 4000 A.D.) for the golden age to manifest.

There was, however, unanimity that something grander was on the verge of occurring to the human race, and that whatever the crisis that must be overcome, a beautiful new day was dawning.

Having spent all this energy studying these scenarios for commonality as well as discrepancy, I became convinced that, although many predicted events were unlikely, nevertheless some type of hurdle would be presented to the race more or less at the start of the new "millennium" (so-called, to differentiate it from the grander meaning of that word), and that by overcoming its challenge we would become the new Man who would usher in the new age.

That a new age was dawning was irrefutable, seen against the cosmic cycles. That the wheel was turning, and that humanity was heading upward again was also irrefutable. But I often wondered how the Plan would work, in view of the many people who seemed so caught up in negativity, hate, materialism, bigotry, and young-soul self-indulgence. Despite the world wars, genocides and other horrors of the 20th century (Cayce's "hell on earth"), the predicted enlightenment still seemed quite hopeless since as a nation and as a society we appeared so lost and so far from illumination.

What could present an enormous enough impact to get through to average people? To bridge the huge gap with rapidity, to make everyone into brothers, to leap across all the divisiveness and low consciousness of our present world? What could cause a worldwide movement that would mandate an elevation in consciousness and a lasting repugnance towards man's inhumanity to man?

In short, what type of occurrence could truly end a karmic cycle, and bring us out of the dark ages?





The Attack on America As Karmic Catalyst?

Much has been written about the astrological backdrop of this event. The three outermost planets — Pluto, Neptune and Uranus — were in fire and air signs, as was Saturn. The terrible attack was comprised of these two elements in that both airplanes and fire were primary to it. Pluto at 12° Sagittarius was positioned harmoniously midpoint in its travels between a waning sextile to Neptune at 6° Aquarius and a waxing one to Uranus at 21 degrees in its ruling sign of Aquarius. Saturn (structures) too, at 14° Gemini, was positioned closely opposite Pluto but soon to form an excellent trine to Neptune. Other than the Pluto-Saturn opposition, these formations bode well.

PLUTO

Pluto rules terrorism, but also the transformation of a polarized, materialistic society. Pluto in Sagittarius references foreigners, other cultures and religion, but also a new spiritual value system. In the Tarot, the Tower card denotes an upset to crystallized notions of reality that precedes the mind's true liberation, while the Devil card reveals evil to be a mask of God and an enslaving, though not compulsory, illusion for man. The stunning metaphysical symbolism of the fall of the Twin Towers can't be missed!

It would certainly seem like the stage is set for an end-times denouement. Begun as disaster, and perhaps needing years to complete, these last gasps of negativity (hatred and ignorance) and Yang energy (patriarchy) being played out by young souls who haven't yet developed compassion, are very likely part of the "tribulations" before a blossoming golden age.

America's Role in Ushering in the New Age

"When the iron bird flies in the sky, the dharma will move to the land of the red man." * Ancient Buddhist prophesy

What is the idea of America, and what role does America play in the Divine Plan?

As the prophesy indicates, when airplane travel became possible, the "way, truth & light" (dharma) awakened in America. (In the 1930s, Yogananda Paramahansa brought yoga to America, and other traditions of Eastern philosophy soon followed.) Now, America is not just a nation; it's a great experiment — humanity governing itself, and pursuing self-realization. The pluralism of all races living as a unity, chasing happiness, honoring spirit. "E pluribus, unum." Out of many, one. It's no accident that forces such as wars, famine, and dreams of a better life have brought people from all over the globe to one land. "In God we trust." The new order of the ages. The new age.

Look at a dollar bill if you don't believe me! Look especially at the Great Seal of the United States (a land founded by Rosicrucian Freemason founding fathers such as Benjamin Franklin, and the shadowy mystical figure of the adept [also called the Great Initiate], the Count de St. Germain). The Great Seal has the most fascinating occult symbols on it, all now being rediscovered because we've finally entered the new age it prophesies. Read the explanation of every





occult detail, in a book such as <u>The Great Seal of the United States</u>; <u>Its History, Symbolism and Message for the New Age</u>, by Paul Foster Case⁵, from the symbolism of pyramid and eagle in the first place, and from the code of the number 13 to the Third Eye on the pyramid's capstone, and then from the number of rows on the pyramid (13) to the number of arrows in each claw of the eagle (13), and much more. "Annuit Coeptis," meaning "God has favored our undertaking," describes the metaphysical task to which the U.S. government was dedicated from its inception. Most Americans have no idea of the powerful elements they carry around in their everyday currency, and throw down daily on casino tables or check-out grocery lines!

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Because of what its destined role truly is, America must prevail in order to lead the world into a future golden age. For all its present materialism, for all its juvenile societal ills, and for all its clumsy attempts at politics, America is the arena for the unfolding of the Divine Plan now, during these special times, as the overlapping changeover from out of the Kali <u>Yuga</u> and into the <u>Age</u> of Aquarius occurs.

Some Astrology

WHAT HOROSCOPE TO USE FOR THE U.S.?

[U.S. Horoscope as per Dane Rudhyar]









Because the World Trade Center attack was so shockingly surprising (Uranus) and transformative (Pluto), I believe that the horoscope of the United States *must* reflect both energies in dramatic fashion. In <u>The Circle Book of Charts</u>⁶, Dane Rudhyar's version of the U.S. chart is cast as "around 5 p.m." (which, one must admit, is a MUCH likelier time than the 2 a.m. used for the Gemini ASC wheel!). July 4, 1776 at 5:15 p.m. gives a 14° Sagittarius ASC (with transiting Pluto conjunct) and a 27° Aquarius Moon (with transiting Uranus approaching a station thereto), which would make plenty of sense regarding the World Trade Center attack. It also gives Mars conjunct DSC from H7 (open enemies), which sure sounds right about us being attacked by enemies (as with Pearl Harbor, too). *At least, it's as plausible as anything else that's been said*. And it gives transiting Neptune (deception), ruler of intercepted H3 (transportation, messages, communication), conjunct South Node (ancient, or karmic, matters) in Aquarius (technology), from H9 (foreigners, air travel).







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ANALYSIS

The aspects in the U.S. chart on the day of the event were surprisingly good. Jupiter was on our nation's Sun, providing some protection, perhaps mitigating the death count, and most importantly, heralding the participation of spirit in it. Not so far-fetched would be the assumption that its occurrence somehow activated the path back towards light, for us and for the planet. In fact, the channeling I had put on my website on 9/1 — received by trance-channeling on 8/31/01 — warned of a test through fire (!), but also explained what we had to face and how we could approach it:

"In the time of dismay, such as is upon the world today, there is ample opportunity for those who seek it to make great strides in their awakening.

"Today is the time to put your feelers out, to become ever more aware of the troubles besetting others as well as those that you too carry, and thus to become ever more compassionate of the hidden purpose behind humanity's struggles.

"For humanity is a global entity, an expression of the divine in physical form, a way for God to explore the farthest reaches that physical matter can spread out and aspire to its greatness. And in order to accomplish this task, there must be abrasion and fire!

"Fire is another name for that which tempers and forges the soul into its most beautiful flavor, its most lighted and sparkling beauty. Fire tests, while earth grounds. The path between being "real" and becoming spiritual is a path through fire. And make no mistake; you are all walking it now!

"We have much to offer the seeker as he or she travels along the way. Do not allow your mind and its frivolity to alter your course, for the mind has the purpose of creating dilemma (imagine life without the human mind * it would be simply instinctive and non-threatened, non-reactive!). Furthermore, the role of the emotions is also to destabilize, for the by-product of their task is disturbing de-centeredness. You must neither be swayed by foolish thoughts, nor by unstable feelings. Then you will walk your path with solidity as you pass through your tests.

"There is a lot to learn from the animals, who bear up to their fate with aplomb, and simply integrate all that befalls them into their total experience of being-ness, whereas humans dramatize their plights and make mountains out of the







simplest travail.

"You are above the animal kingdom but not separate from it. Look to the creatures of the physical plane as a kind of role model, and take what comes as part of your lessons, part of your destiny. Reveal each thought as it occurs during each experience, and see if it impedes or promotes a solution to what you are facing. Watch each emotion as well, and learn its power to heal or hinder.

"You are the master of your fate inasmuch as you control the elements given you during your journey here on earth. And so shall you see all dismay and all plight as your meat and potatoes of growth. Build with these your spiritual muscle, and all shall go well no matter the outcome. You shall begin to know yourself as creator, and ultimately as part of us.

"Thank you."

Received from The Brotherhood Of Light Workers

Other beneficial aspects between the charts of the terror attack and the U.S. are: TA (Terror Attack) Saturn exactly trine US Saturn, TA Fortuna exactly conjunct US Mercury, TA Node conjunct US Venus, TA Uranus exactly trine US Mars, TA Neptune trine US Uranus, and TA Moon trine US Moon. In this light, there were certainly a lot of positive patterns in view of such a terrible event.

[U.S. Horoscope as per Dane Rudhyar Tri-Wheel









w. Secondary Progression & Terror Attack]

And note the upcoming excellent progressed Sun aspects in the U.S. chart: a conjunction to the Moon in late January 2002 (a new cycle begins), and a semi-sextile to Pluto in late May 2002 (the chance for a beneficial transformation). Could it be that the purpose behind the event — *much* further behind than Bin Laden and his minions! — was in service of the Divine Plan to raise us up, with the U.S. being the prime instrument for doing so? Could it be that the event is what will propel us into the real new age, new consciousness, a turning upwards of the wheel? And that Jupiter's signature was so strong because, after a period of "tribulation," we have nowhere else to go than towards growth, upwards, into God's law, into the Divine Plan?



THE TERROR ATTACK HOROSCOPE

[First Terror Attack at 8:507 a.m.]



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Whereas this horoscope is not obvious as an attack, some things stand out: while I've never seen anybody base a calculation on such, the time is almost exactly midway between the Pluto station on 8/23 and the Saturn station on 9/27 (= 35 days divided by 2 = 17 days, added to 8/23 = 9/9). Significantly, the Moon was in Gemini (air sign, twins, twin towers), and there is significance between the 9th house prominence (foreigners, religion, long distance travel) and the 12th house prominence (secrets, sorrow), including the Sun in H12 in a t-square to the Saturn-Pluto opposition, and Mercury, ruler of H9, in H12 on an air ASC. Also, Mars is conjunct the South Node in another





But what may be even more interesting is that the event chart has a Grand Air Trine (Mercury-Saturn-Uranus), ensuring not only its success as a mission, but also its instantaneous global transmission as news! There would be no question but that the entire world would learn of it in moments.

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SOME OTHER SIGNIFICANT HOROSCOPES

[Greater NYC chart — BiWheel w. Secondary Progressions]



The chart for Greater New York City (1/1/1898, noon) also has a Saturn-Pluto opposition, with Pluto at 13 Gemini, tying in famously with the same hard mutable axis of the Terror Attack chart, thus providing the arena for the attack's



unfoldment.

[Afghanistan's chart — BiWheel w. Secondary Progressions]



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Meanwhile, Afghanistan (7/17/73, noon chart⁸) promulgated the terrorism and was drained of its strength as Neptune (deception, delusion) transited its Jupiter/Moon conjunction (grandiose emotions) at 8° Aquarius, but will also grow as a nation by next summer when Jupiter crosses its Sun/Mercury conjunction in late Cancer, and in 2003 when it receives a Saturn return. Coupled with an afflicted Node in Capricorn, this nation's journey is a struggle towards economic viability; sooner or later, it must confront its future in terms of capitalism.

[Geo. W. Bush's chart — BiWheel w. Secondary Progressions]







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And President George W. Bush is benefiting from Jupiter crossing his Sun, allowing him to grow into a new image and a new role (or mission, as he defines it), but he (and many of these horoscopes) will suffer, perhaps mostly in economic terms, when Saturn transits Cancer in 2003-'04, triggering Bush's natal Sun-Moon square (difficulty and unpopularity). In fact, this transit may be the worst of our nation's "tribulations" since it will be echoed in the U.S. chart by triggering our natal Sun-Saturn square. But that's the subject for a very different article!

So, whether Osama Bin Laden is the "Anti-Christ" and lives on for many a year, waging terrorism before being "broken," or whether the details of the drama — anti-hero bringing hardships or destruction, followed by a spiritual awakening leading to an era of peace and harmony — are exact as prophesied, the Terror Attack is indisputably serving as a catalyst for change.



No exploration of this nature would be complete without touching upon ethics, morality, and other delicate subjects that could be vexing to the spiritual seeker, and play an important role in the large perspective of the attack on America. Let's look at topics such as true brotherhood, patriotism, soul ages, dealing with evil, and the role of emotions.

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Unity & Brotherhood in the Age of Aquarius

The images we saw were very moving. People helping people, regardless of surface differences. Covered as they were in gray soot, everyone looked alike. Some said they looked like ghosts; I thought, like Greek statues. Also, we saw humankind uniting across the globe, overcoming some huge political differences to do so. People were responding to their humanity, instead of to their ideologies. Hearts shattered but opening. An excellent start for real oneness.

THE FLAG & PATRIOTISM VS. ONE-WORLD

Then we saw spontaneous patriotism. Now, anything that brings people together as a family, where they can identify and feel the surge of spiritual union, is great. I've put out my flag along with everyone else. (Remember, America represents an ideal for the entire human race, and the American flag represents allegiance to that concept.)

However, it would be even more advanced for people to learn to identify with the whole race. This, from the larger perspective, would represent "graduation from kindergarten" in our evolutionary path. We're a very long way from that, but at least things are moving forward again, especially since we could hardly have gotten more polarized than we were!

SOUL AGES

As a nation, and as a race, today's world is comprised primarily of younger, less evolved souls who typically identify themselves on an Us-Them basis. This type of definition is, in fact, the basis of nationalism. Nationalism is a unifying force (perhaps more so than religion) that is more evolved than tribalism, but far less than global oneness. Rules, values and ethics are then based upon such nationalism instead of upon global humanism, and so contradictions in ideals and behaviors often result. (John Lennon's song "Imagine" addresses just such issues.) The entire world (even "us allies") needs to evolve towards more wisdom, or there'll always be such contradictions and inconsistencies.

According to the spiritual entity "Michael"⁹, the ages (evolution) of the soul are as follows: infant, baby, young, mature, old, transcendent & and infinite, each of the first five with its own "motto." The motto of the young soul is "Do it my way!" Characteristics include resisting learning its lessons easily, and if religiously inclined, a tendency to







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There are some who seek to blame these acts of terror upon the protagonists' "deep wounding anger" at America. But seen through the lens of soul evolution, the terrorists do not require such justification. There will always be fanatical young souls such as these who don't want the new world that is being foist upon their traditions, and they will hate and try to "do it my way" to the rest of us. The young soul who remains in this place can't find joy but instead keeps creating his or her own pain. Rather than sympathize with such a misguided, immature philosophy that breeds this kind of action, I'd rather feel compassion for the unevolved youth of their souls that will bring back upon them the suffering that they are trying to perpetrate on others. Isn't that what Jesus meant by saying, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do"?

DEALING WITH "EVILDOERS"

There has been a lot of confusion, especially in the spiritual community, about what are the right steps to take in response to the terrorism. Those who love peace, and yearn for a world without war or violence, are full of inner conflict about the actions that our government and other nations have chosen. So we can address this by turning to spiritual insights.

Actually, there are no truly evil people, for all souls feel righteous in their choices *based upon their level of consciousness*. However, others who are being harmed, endangered or having their freedom abrogated by another have the right to protect themselves and their loved ones. Obviously, sending love and light will not be effective in dealing with a fanatical and murderous young-soul mindset, nor can the terrorists' warped beliefs be swiftly changed by our current abilities. After all, we can't wave magic wands to rapidly raise their understanding! The soul who is destructive to humanity must either be removed or isolated (at least, at our general stage of development), and would actually benefit from reincarnating a few more times, i.e., gaining wisdom. The issue is question of Right Action...and Right Attitude.

To avoid another world war, and to build on the unity of humanity that's been stirred by this tragedy, we might want to think of terrorist cells as a cancer in the body of the race. If you had cancer in the cells of your body, would you seek to remove it, or would you just forgive it, and seek to "make peace" with it? Modern medicine now attacks cancer by specifically targeting the diseased cells with chemo, radiation, or laser surgery so that, instead of damaging the healthy cells, only those that are diseased are destroyed. Whatever approach the mighty alliance of nations chooses, I believe that the best would be the precise elimination of the threat without any collateral damage to the healthy body of humankind.

We MUST act, but act with great clarity and specificity, or else we will gradually be destroyed by others' murderous intent. But we must act with wisdom. It's not vengeance or emotion-laden behavior that's called for now, but the







detachment required for a consciously smart and effective response. Though the Judeo-Christian bible commands us not to kill, in the Bhagavad Gita (sacred Hindu text), Krishna counsels the warrior Arjuna to do what he's got to do (go into battle) because life and death are an illusion anyhow and because that is his karmic path. At a certain stage of soul evolution, the battlefront is a valid karmic experience that will hold deep teachings as its purpose.

As long as anger and fear are removed from the action, how can we NOT act now to surgically remove the cancer of terrorists? But removing emotion from the equation is no easy task!

The Role of Emotion in Creating the New World

Emotions are the most powerful aspect of being human, and are our double-edged sword. How emotions are used, and controlled, is what demonstrates our level of adulthood. America, being a water sign (Cancerian) nation, must confront emotionality, and so must all of humankind.

We are dual creatures, part spirit, part matter. We react to life through our emotions. Emotions serve to dramatize the otherwise neutral experience of being alive. Emotions make experience feel real, and remove it from the mental plane. Without visceral reactions, we would never become actively engaged in our mental constructs. We would float through our lives, never to experience pain (or joy), simply to spend the hours continually constructing "reality." We need our emotions in order to evolve.

"Do not think that emotions are unimportant. The beasts of the world, although they have instinctual feelings, have no similar experience to the love/hate felt by humans, and they feel neither great rage (as you know it) nor deep compassion. They react to circumstances, and quickly forget these ties. In fact, when it is seen that an animal begins to feel an emotional connection to another, there is the evidence that its being is beginning to step upon the path of evolution, upwards into a new form.

"So, by definition, the human form is where emotion is felt. The human form is where you begin to become a conscious, and consciously responding, thing. A person is matter responding to itself and to its reflection in others, and realizing its experience of responding even as it is occurring.

"To be human is to feel, and to know and understand that one is feeling. To be human is to respond to the waves of life. And it can be no other way, for that is the essential stage on the path upwards from form into spirit.

"Grieve your disconnections, and grieve your heartfelt pain, but do not grieve that you must go through such experiences. Rejoice that you were given, as are ALL people, the chance to bond with others, the chance to love or hate others, the chance to interact and be acted upon by others. For this is your gift. This is how you will become known to yourself as a soul, and ultimately as a part of the universal spirit."

- Received from The Brotherhood of Light Workers on 6/1/01





However, the range of human emotions is broad, encompassing the positive and the negative. Emotions can be chosen, especially as we evolve into greater and greater self-awareness. That we now have free will to choose between the higher or lower expression is shown by the following message received after the September 11th attack:

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Question: What can be shown about the larger perspective on the World Trade Center event, and what we can do now?

"There is upon the planet a great wave of cause and effect, and it will increase in strength, momentum, desirability, and purpose. The cause has been implemented as a powerful shock to the system of human beings so that their attention is gotten in the most dramatic, immediate, personal and provocative way possible, while there is at the same time the effect that can be called resistance, and this will be seen in the immediate period to come. For, there is not at this time clarity of meaning behind the events. It shall be seen soon enough as that which provokes growth, awareness and coming to grips with humanity's two sides or dualistic nature.

"The provocation will impel people to grapple with their needs, to weigh powerful yearnings against intense emotions. And resistance will be seen within each individual as well as within bodies of society, such as groups within nations, and nations themselves. The outcome is designed so that humanity will see itself and its nature as fully divine and completely flawed. Humanity exists with one foot in each camp. Humanity is the bridge between these realms of divine or spiritual perfection and the clay of human emotional despair and confusion.

"The both images must be clearly displayed before one's inner eye - and by this we mean everyone's individual mindset <u>*</u> so that each individual will be forced to make their own choice between these divided selves, choosing whom they shall be, with what they shall identify their selfhood, and in so doing, the choice will begin to shape the new world. It has already been seen by many that this imaging of dualism is taking place, and that the world can proceed along one path or another, but no longer can proceed along a path muddled by a mixture of both dualities encompassing human nature.

"This event and the future of it shall be seen as the turning point for humanity, affecting the days and years to come. Choice of response, behavior, and identification will be the primary meaning taking place within the hearts of all. From there, actions will follow in accordance with this self-imposed definition.

"We would encourage you therefore to offer to friends and others your understanding that the primary activity to be engaged in now is the clear understanding of the choice you face, and to see such choice as is before you as clearly as can be shown. Within every human's breast, we repeat, lies the potential of the divine <u>*</u> which is to say, the spiritual nature, seeing the self as an aspect of God and as a being of light and love <u>*</u> versus the equal potential bred of negative emotion that sees itself as propelled by dark emotion into damaging behavior and activity befitting the animal kingdom.



"We say again, there is not one human being who does not experience both of these alternatives within their heart, not a one! And therefore every ONE must choose their path. In days to come, this will be more obvious, as will ramifications of such choice become more apparent.

"You may rest in the knowledge that once you have chosen your way, you have set in motion forces that will carry you forward and conjoin others who have done so, and swell the ranks until such energy sweeps the planet, sweeps and clears and cleanses as it goes. Thus, your main work is to see in each human both sides, embrace both natures in each heart as the dilemma of the human predicament, and offer each heart your path and your choice, fully recognizant that free choice must be maintained.

"We cannot offer the comfort of the inevitable, for that remains to be seen as how humanity falls into its decisions, but we can offer the clarity that as many see the choice clearly, more and more will embrace the lighted path of spirit rather than the dimmer path of destruction. And in that, we and the cadence of heaven rejoice.

"We send blessings to you, and withdraw."

* Received from The Brotherhood of Light Workers on 9/15/01

Clearly, we are being told to choose only our highest emotions at a time like this, not our lowest, and so that we don't hurt anyone. From now on, we must begin to deconstruct our negative thoughtforms and replace them with brighter creations. This is our test. Since we could hardly get more polarized than we'd been, the "turning point" of which the B.o.L.W. speaks can only be in a better direction! What better description could there be of Pluto (deep transformation) transiting Sagittarius (beliefs and values)?

The spiritual side of people is awakened by tragedy. However, we need to understand that everyone holds their own truth, and that attempts to foist one's beliefs upon another is a reflection, not of wisdom, but of youth-of-soul. Beliefs systems that require martyrdom of the self or harm to others in order to mandate one system over another, or destroy another contrary system, are unevolved belief systems. The "motto" of the older soul is not "Do it my way!" The old soul motto is "You do what you want, and I'll do what I want."

Until a more mature approach is gained, strident extremist belief systems will continue to adhere to "solutions" such as terrorism. Therefore, a better approach in eliminating the threat of terrorism is the raising of consciousness.

Finally, some last thoughts about America, humanity's choices, and a vision for a new world.

America's "Mission"? — Looking at the Nodes







The U.S. chart's nodal axis is Aquarius (South) and Leo (North). To me, this is the same as the Statue of Liberty (humanitarianism) versus Hollywood (show biz)!

Astrologers know that, as you mature in each incarnation, you must cease exclusively "doing your South Node" (because it's your past, your attainment) and begin "doing your North Node" (because it's your growth, your path). Otherwise, you will stagnate...or worse!

The U.S. is only 200+ years old, a young place. As a nation, it has been doing its Aquarian South Node all this time, welcoming the refuges of persecution, wars, and famine among others ("Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses...the wretched refuse...the homeless, tempest-tost...") — a noble ideal, and the truly meritorious action of a rich land. But now our borders are leaking with illegal entrants, our social services are burdened by legal but needy immigrants, and our homeland security has been challenged by exploitive foes. At the risk of seeming hard-hearted or politically incorrect, I believe that America must now concentrate upon doing its Leo North Node instead of its Aquarian South Node.

Leo (talent, creativity, theatricality) is epitomized by Hollywood. Wherever one travels, one finds American pop culture. The influence of the American media should not be underestimated. (Note the conjunction of the Vertex and Part of Fortune both conjunct the Leo Node.) It's possible that the Iron Curtain was more effectively breached by denim jeans, Coca Cola, movies, and rock music than by the CIA!

The world wants what America embodies (in its ideal, if not yet in its realization) — freedom to pursue self-realization within a prosperous, self-governed democratic system. Instead of trying to rescue the entire world within its own boundaries, America can use its North Node to promote the very construct of what it strives for, so that the rest of the world can choose a similar expression. The media is the most powerful way to illustrate our values, and to teach a positive path. It can, for instance, show tolerance and right values. It can show true spirituality by illustrating how individual meditation and prayer can change the self and then the outer reality. And it can also offer living examples and put a human face on the process.

THE ROLE OF EMAIL & THE INTERNET

Yet another way our media (Leo) can lead the way and influence the creation of a new world is through its polarity, the highly Aquarian technology of email. Email excels at allowing thoughts to be shared worldwide at lightning speed, altering mindsets, allowing free-flowing impassioned dialogue, liberating an individual's consciousness, and ultimately igniting the spirit of democracy. Email represents the birth of *a global human megabrain*, and is vital in the unification of the entire race of man. It is neither accident nor mystification that the attack on America occurred when Uranus was transiting its ruling sign of Aquarius (brotherhood, technology) and Neptune (spirituality, visionary idealism) was there as well. In the days and weeks following the attack, I received many stirring emails full of heartfelt questioning, proud emotions, and searching. In our pain, loss, grief and sadness we are seeking a vision, a target to see ahead and aim for. By 2003, Uranus will enter Pisces while Neptune will remain in Aquarius, allowing an entire generation to be born with a mutual reception between the forces of technology and compassion. The global







exchange of ideas, I believe, will eventually produce a widely-held vision for a new spirit, and a new world will rise from these flames.

Astrology and channeling can help. Each sign can produce part of the vision.

EACH SIGN'S PARTICIPATION IN A NEW WORLD VISION

Instead of simply *reacting*, begin to co-create your own (and your world's) reality by utilizing the highest expression of your Sun sign combined with your North Node to build that which you choose to experience. Here are some suggestions:

Aries: a new vision of the Self as an idealistic, gutsy, energetic and pioneering leader, using your head for positive ideas;

Taurus: a new vision of a comfortable and secure life — appreciating the real value of material possessions, fostering loyalty and kindness, patience and perseverance, using your voice and senses for gradual but fruitful results;

Gemini: a new vision of ways to communicate and network with friends and colleagues with wit and variety, using versatility, hands, writing and logic to sell or devise trends, or broadcast clever ideas;

Cancer: a new vision of nurturing your family and close ties, by understanding different moods, offering emotional security, and protecting their feelings, using your stomach as a barometer of sensitivity;

Leo: a new vision of using talents, courage, confidence and ego-drive to reach greatness by shaping optimistic, honest and dignified entertainment, basing your creativity on an open heart and noble purpose;

Virgo: a new vision of perfectly serving, and caring for your own and others' basic needs, quietly rescuing and practically helping through gentle health-related efforts, diet purification, or organization of paperwork, using steady nerves and analysis of details;

Libra: a new vision of a loving and harmonious way of bonding and relating to each other, using diplomacy and sweetness through social engagements, fair and balanced interactions in judging matters, and fashionable ways to beautify the surroundings;

Scorpio: a new vision of transmuted lower appetites and passionately-felt drives, using quietly concentrated magnetism, resourcefulness, others' money, and intense power to regenerate the life of yourself and the world;

Sagittarius: a new vision of an adventurous and philosophical search for truth, through your reading or travels, then teaching what you perceive through friendly, extroverted and optimistically humanitarian humor, promoting it through candid and independent sales techniques, taking a lucky gamble that others (even those of different cultures) will respond to your idealistic and cheerful counsel;







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Aquarius: a new vision of directing scientific discovery to aid the development of global brotherhood and individualistic freedom, using brilliant, intuitive, and inventive thinking, unique and humanitarian politics, and progressive intellectual conversation while circulating in social settings;

Pisces: a new vision of god and the oneness of spirit and matter, using introspection, compassion, dreams, psychic sensitivity, and retreat, then expressing this fantastically elevated belief through imaginative and mystical music, art, acting, poetry, or the act of saving others' souls.

For those who can grasp the implications of the new paradigm inherent in combining the mechanics of quantum physics with ancient wisdom teachings, there is comfort in the understanding that, as we continuously choose our experiences in the constant co-creation of our reality, the universe has a natural equilibrium that keeps it in perfect karmic balance. Souls continually choose their reality, and for every dark choice, there is the chance for an equal and opposite act of love. Thus, we can allay our fears by realizing that we can use our magnetic power to attract and construct a new world of goodness and beauty.

"We are not victims. We are volunteers. Trust and Keep Flying!" emailed as a "Native American message"

The Great Invocation

From the point of Light within the Mind of God let light stream forth into the minds of men.

Let light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God let love stream forth into the hearts of men.

May The Annointed One return to Earth.

From the center where the Will of God is known let purpose guide the little wills of men —

The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the center which we call the race of men let the Plan of Love and Light work out





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And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

2 Present-day humanity is at the midpoint of the 5th period out of 7, of the 4th Round out of 7, and is the 5th and 6th sub-races of the 5th Root Race. Modern man has a tremendous legacy of materialism from the Fourth Race. The 4th Race was the low point of the cycle. Of any 7 stages, 4th is always the bottom, the turning point, the lowest form to which life can sink before turning back upwards.

3 Atlantis, stretching its civilization over hundreds of thousands of years, was mankind's turning point. It covered the journey downward from great spiritual consciousness and advanced technology into the degeneracy of sorcery, misuse of power, and ego graspings that preceded its cataclysmic destruction. Man was simply gaining experience and learning to evolve out of the stage of densest material form, like Adam and Eve tasting knowledge. But we, their descendants, must pay a heavy price. As a race, we're still so much Matter that we're disproportionately not Spirit. And this disharmony is seen in all of our present institutions, and on a global basis in what we're doing to the environment, and in many cases in a schism of mind, body and spirit within our physical bodies.

4 As a race this is the first time we've reached the turnaround point, the upswing back into spirit, so that there is a tremendous opportunity for all the reincarnated Atlantean souls to make amends and redo past errors. We have partaken of the element of earth for several Rounds, and are on the threshold of evolving a new sub-race on the planet, one that will have greater ability to harmonize with Nature, and have learned the hard -won wisdom of placing intellect in the service of principles higher than mere materialism. This new sub-race, it's said, will incorporate in its essence the new element Ether, which, according to Mme. Blavatsky, will make our very molecules more permeable
— bringing to mind science fiction concepts such as dematerialization and hyperspace. This actual corporeal change will mean that man will become clairvoyant, will sense auras, will see the etheric body, and to heal the planet by healing its etheric aura. Ultimately, in the far future, this path will carry mankind beyond the hurdle of physical death, like the blue globes on the televised version of Bradbury's "Martian Chronicles", or like the final life form in the movie "2001". Fifth Round Humanity has been on the planet for the past thousand years, says Blavatsky.

5 Builders of the Adytum, 1935. 6 American Federation of Astrologers, 1982.

7 Although there are conflicting reports as to the exact time, I used 8:50 AM as first reported, but also heard everything from 8:43 to 8:48. No matter what, certain things remain true.

8 <u>Accurate World Horoscopes</u>, Doris Chase Doane 9 <u>Messages From Michael</u>, Chelsea Quinn Yarbo, Playboy Press, 1979

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