

2020 Saturn Pluto Cycle : The Revolution Within

Part One : Firdaria

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*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;"*

Ecclesiastes, King James Version (KJV) 3 : V. 1-3

For the first time in living memory, Saturn will meet Pluto in the sign of Capricorn. The exact conjunction will be achieved on 12th January 2020, but you would be right in thinking that the combined energy is already upon us, as Saturn has been creeping ever closer to Pluto over the past few months. The last synodic cycle which began in Libra thirty eight years ago in 1982 is coming to a close as we ready ourselves for a new cycle.

Even with Saturn in rulership in Capricorn, by all accounts the prognosis for the cycle is gloomy, especially given that neither planet is a bearer of good news, so the combination is not feeling especially cheerful. Saturn signifies boundaries, restrictions, control, accountability and commitment to duty, whilst Pluto is believed to represent power, control, transformation, upheaval or chaos.

'Control' is something which both planets understand, but their interpretation is different.

Saturn's control is generally seen as external to the individual.

*"By his sign and house position Saturn denotes those areas of life in which the individual is likely to feel thwarted in his self-expression, where he is most likely to be frustrated or meet with difficulties."*¹

In contrast, Pluto's control comes from terrors held in check from within the psyche, often portraying itself outwardly as obsession, perceived betrayal, paralysing fear, paranoia, or an all-consuming hunger for power.

Given the planets' predisposition, a double whammy of control seems inevitable, and it would be easy to predict such dire circumstances as a global recession, or the collapse of a major power, or an escalation in hostilities between countries keen to flex their nuclear-ready muscle power. If not born from political motives, instead we face an unprecedented increase in environmental disasters brought on by global warming, universal panic over the world's dwindling natural resources, the accelerated destruction of nature, and a spiralling extinction rate of plant and animal species around the world. Unfortunately, all or any of the possibilities are believable manifestations of a Saturn Pluto conjunction occurring in the cardinal sign of earth.

Those astrologers whose expertise lies in global affairs, world economics and political upheavals are better equipped to delve into Saturn Pluto's effect on topics which fall under the umbrella of mundane astrology. But that's not me. I prefer small stuff, the intricacies of natal charts, personal details and the mysterious unfoldment of one person's journey over their lifetime. I am interested in how the conjunction will change you and me, one by one, tiny chess piece by tiny chess piece.

There has to be a way in which we see the conjunction affecting each of us individually, and not purely through random transits to natal charts. Saturn meets Pluto at 22 degrees Capricorn so those charts with planets and points at similar degrees will definitely experience its impact, but those without planets or angles in late degrees of cardinal signs may miss the moment.

What links us together astrologically so that we feel the impact of Saturn Pluto in our lives?

If I was asked to name the single most important ingredient of astrology I would have to answer, *"The Four Qualities"*. Together, the qualities describe the natural world and its capacity for creation, growth, maturation and disintegration. Separately, they bring about change through the increase of one over another. The Four Qualities are two pairs of contraries, hot and cold, wet and dry. Through the active contrariety – hot or cold – all matter changes. The constant release of energy creates heat, and the removal of energy returns everything to its own natural state of coolness (or 'less heat'). The sun is our natural energy source and through the hotter months, and the daylight, it creates more warmth than when the earth is tilted away from the sun, or during the night-time hours. The passive contrariety pair is dry and wet. Dryness occurs in the absence of moisture and when enough moisture is added, matter becomes wet.

Think I'm straying from the point? Saturn's natural qualities are the combination of cold and dry. Everything returns to these two qualities when energy (hot) and moisture (wet) are no longer added. The passage of time or inactivity returns matter to a Saturn-like state of cold and dry. As humans, we constantly feel the need to remove ourselves from a Saturn-like state of coldness by using energy, light, warmth, optimism, motivation or cheerfulness to warm our bodies and souls. We strive to avoid 'dry' states of emotion such as depression, isolation, loneliness, and even dementia, by trying to stay connected with our lives and interactive with each other (wetness).

Simply put, the quality of wetness requires that things join together as much as possible, often by actively trying to find the common link. With enough wetness we can hold together thousands of grains of sand to produce an amazing sand sculpture. On an emotional level wetness is sociability, commonality, compassion and human interaction. When we meet for the first time we search for comfort, safety and acceptance through similarities; we are searching for wetness and when we find

it, we bond. Wetness says 'We all have birthdays.' Wetness in astrology says 'We all receive a new solar return on our birthday.' In the current circumstances wetness says 'We all have Solar Returns in 2019 and 2020 which reflect the combination of Saturn with Pluto'.

The ancients called the yearly chart a 'solar revolution', because the Sun revolved back to its exact natal position at roughly the same time each year, thereby creating a new but temporary chart for the native. The two charts, natal and solar return, were examined together to predict the possibilities for the coming year. Regardless of age, everyone with an identical Sun's degree and minute will share the same planetary combination in their solar revolution (wetness).

The ephemeris recorded Saturn in Capricorn returning to direct motion in September 2018 and since then Saturn has been steadily advancing towards the slower moving Pluto. At the beginning of this year (2019), the gap between the two planets had narrowed to nine degrees. On 1st March 2019 Saturn was within five degrees of Pluto and since the Vernal Equinox in late March, Saturn has closed the gap even more. Adding to the intrigue of this conjunction is the fact that in 2019 the Moon's South Node has been moving through similar degrees in Capricorn.

This means that during a twelve month period, ***Saturn, Pluto, and the Moon's Nodes have been, and will continue to be, present and active in each and every individual's solar return in 2019,*** regardless of the Sun's returning degree, the individual's natal chart, their current age, or their location on the globe. By the time the conjunction occurs in 2020 the Nodes will no longer be involved as they will have fallen too low in the degrees of Capricorn, but Jupiter will soon take their place and the combination will change once more.

Recently I led a discussion on the 1982 Saturn Pluto cycle and the dates of its major aspects over the past thirty eight years. The audience generously shared their experiences and it seemed there was a consensus that *even before the hit* people had felt their choices at that time had narrowed, or that their life had become almost unbearable, resulting in a sense of foreboding or a heaviness of spirit, and that the actual hit had released much of their indecision or set them on a new path. I wondered if the previous year's solar returns had carried some of this weight by witnessing the approach of the upcoming planetary combination. And not just witnessed, but acted as an advance guard to prepare for the major force of Saturn Pluto's attack.

Now we are linked together, what separates us from one another in the Saturn Pluto experience?

If we accept that the 2019 and 2020 solar returns are the conduit for the Saturn Pluto conjunction, the next step involves the various factors which change the expression and experiences of the cycle and tailor them to the individual's life. These same factors fall under the category of the 'dry' quality.

Dryness breaks and divides, concentrates on what is different and unique, rather than what is the same in all of us. Dryness adds categories such as differences in the three factors which create a natal chart – namely birth date, birth time and birth location. Together these three factors alter the planets' signs, their house positions, and their combinations or aspects to one another.

For instance, on the 22nd July the following people celebrated their birthdays; actors Danny Glover, Willem Dafoe, David Spade, the Brazilian rapper Mr Gangster, and Prince George, the future king of England. However, the dry quality separates their experiences as they were born at different times in different locations, in different years; Danny Glover (1946), Willem Dafoe (1955), David Spade (1964), Mr Gangster (1995), and Prince George (2013). The first two differences slightly alter the Sun's degree and this will vary their solar returns, as will the location of where they will spend the following year. For interest's sake, I have used David Spade's natal chart (1964) as my example in Part Three: Solar Returns to demonstrate the techniques used in the three parts of this article on the 2020 Saturn Pluto cycle.

THE NATAL EXPERIENCE: THE CHART

What is Saturn and Pluto's story in your chart?

Newton's third law of motion states: If an object A exerts a force on object B, then object B must exert a force of equal magnitude and opposite direction back on object A.

This law represents a certain symmetry in nature: forces always occur in pairs, and one body (i.e. Saturn) cannot exert a force on another (Pluto) without experiencing a force itself. As the slower-moving planet, Pluto will receive the force of Saturn, but Newton's Law tells us that it will push back too. For this reason, it is important to examine our own history with both of these planets, regardless of the fact that Saturn is the planet initiating the force.

Pluto's aspectual relationship with the other planets will colour how we perceive Pluto's influence on our lives. However, unlike the original seven planets, Pluto does not have ownership over a sign and will not rule a house, so Pluto's movement through a house by transit may be the only other indication of a different area of life being subjected to the transit. The traditional rulerships cannot be shared out between the new 'un-visible' planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. In my head the modern practice of sharing rulerships with the old planets is nothing short of sacrilege. It can be likened to wantonly shattering a priceless antique mirror only to replace it with a shiny Christmas bauble, purely because looking into it gives one a different image of oneself, albeit inferior to the

one provided by the original masterpiece. The system of rulerships dictated by the Thema Mundi chart is perfect in every way and there is wisdom in the saying, 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it'.

Saturn's condition and house placement in the chart will give an indication as to the individual's acquaintance with the planet and all it signifies in their life. The two consecutive houses which are ruled by Saturn, namely the houses of Capricorn and Aquarius, will show Saturn's outcomes and the direction in which the cycle will ultimately change our present and future. Our natural instinct towards subjectifying any encounter we have with Saturn will likely bias our expectations of the year ahead. Earlier experiences which led to positive growth are likely to see the conjunction as one peppered with opportunities to move into new territory whilst hard lessons learnt under Saturn's yoke can make us tremble with the anticipation of hardship and heartache. The truth is, it is probably somewhere in between, and the sliding scale of challenges will be determined when all the pieces of Firdaria, Profecion and Solar Return take their place in life's unique puzzle.

THE AGE EXPERIENCE: FIRDARIA

Which Firdaria Period is featured during the Saturn Pluto conjunction?

Firdaria counts the years of a person's life through the lens of the seven original planets, beginning with the Sun or the Moon as the major lord of the first decade, depending on whether the birth occurs during the day (Sun) or night (Moon). The Firdaria Table on the following page lists the seven major time periods in their order for diurnal births (left column) and nocturnal births (right column).

During the major period each planet steps forward as the initial caretaker of its own longer Firdaria period, but then shares its years with other planets, so that each has the potential to influence the individual's life under the supervision of the original lord. For the purpose of keeping this article to a minimum, I will decline from engaging in a lengthy discussion on Firdaria, except to say that in my opinion, it is the cornerstone of predictive astrology, and to ignore its importance is a grave mistake.

If the Firdaria Table is new to you, I would recommend that you go directly to the seven Tables at the end of the article and find the one which reflects your current age. This will give you the opportunity to look at the difference between the lords of day and night for your age, and to familiarize yourself with the Chaldean Order which determines the patterning behind Firdaria. If you do in fact find that Saturn is an active participant in your latest Firdaria for 2019 and 2020, then you might like to come back to the relevant extract and apply the text to your present circumstances.

Saturn as long-term Firdaria lord

	Diurnal Firdaria Ruler of Years	Age Span		Nocturnal Firdaria Ruler of Years	Age Span
1	☉ 10	Birth—10 yrs old	1	♃ 9	Birth—9 yrs old
2	♀ 8	10—18 yrs old	2	♅ 11	9—20 yrs old
3	♄ 13	18—31 yrs old	3	♃ 12	20—32 yrs old
4	♃ 9	31—40 yrs old	4	♂ 7	32—39 yrs old
5	♅ 11	40—51 yrs old	5	☉ 10	39—49 yrs old
6	♃ 12	51—63 yrs old	6	♀ 8	49—57 yrs old
7	♂ 7	63—70 yrs old	7	♄ 13	57—70 yrs old
	♁ 3	70—73 yrs old		♁ 3	70—73 yrs old
	♁ 2	73—75 yrs old		♁ 2	73—75 yrs old

FIFTH Major Time Period For Diurnal Births

♅ 11 year—MAJOR Period
1 yr 6 months – MINOR Period

1	♅/♅	40.0 – 41.6
2	♅/♃	41.6 – 43.1
3	♅/♂	43.1 – 44.7
4	♅/☉	44.7 – 46.3
5	♅/♀	46.3 – 47.9
6	♅/♄	47.9 – 49.4
7	♅/♃	49.4 – 51.0

Saturn's influence on a solar return which features the Saturn Pluto conjunction will be conditional depending on whether it plays a role as either the Major long-term Firdaria Lord, or whether it is the current short-term sub-Firdaria Lord for one of the other planets.

In a diurnal birth Saturn will rule as the fifth major time period lord for eleven years from the age of forty years until the birthday when the native turns fifty one years of age.

During these eleven years Saturn will keep the first eighteen months for itself and then hand over to Jupiter, the next in line in the Chaldean Order by slowest to fastest planet, i.e. Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon.

In this order the planets will oversee life on Saturn's behalf, each for the same period of eighteen months. If your birth time is within the daylight hours and you are currently between the ages of 40 and 51 years of age, you will definitely be on Saturn's radar.

Depending on where you fit within this decade, the secondary lord of Saturn's Firdaria will need to be given extra attention when you are looking at your current solar return. This sub-lord will cover its own range of significations (i.e. Jupiter's ambition and good fortune, Mars' aggression and drive, Moon's emotional and physical stresses, etc) but they are still honour-bound to put themselves at Saturn's disposal.

If the sub-lord features heavily in the solar return or indeed aspects the Saturn Pluto in the return, then this planet is the vehicle by which you experience the changes in your life. If the sub-lord is also the Protected Lord of the solar return (see Part Two: Protections), the chance of ignoring its influence is near impossible.

A nocturnal birth will see Saturn's Firdaria much sooner in life as Saturn is the second major time lord for those individuals born during the night-time hours. This occurs from the age of nine years and lasts again for eleven years, finishing with the age of twenty. Saturn's nocturnal Firdaria is unlikely to play an obvious part in the Saturn Pluto conjunction as the young age means Saturn is often projected onto elders and the conjunction will be felt more by those in control, rather than by the teenager who is passing through the Saturn Firdaria. Having said this, the impact of the second Firdaria on the young nocturnal should not be underestimated, as puberty is a time when emotions run high, and drama and rebellion often colour Saturn's eleven years.

Saturn as short-term Firdaria lord – Third to Seventh Major Time Periods

The following examples are extracts from the full tables of the seven periods when each of the planets is the major time period lord (see Tables at the end of the article). The extracts explore the times during adulthood when Saturn takes its place for the smaller periods when it is conscripted into the service of other planets in this predictive technique. The nature of Saturn is such that sometimes it serves the native well, and sometimes it does not, especially if there is a noticeable incompatibility with its major lord. For instance, when Saturn becomes the short-term lord the different combinations of a major period lord planet with Saturn are particularly trying times as Saturn resents the direction of planets with whom it has a hostile relationship, such as the two luminaries – Saturn is in detriment in their signs – and it is prone to be injurious to Jupiter, as it is the owner of Jupiter's fall sign².

I have also omitted extracts from the first two major time periods, that is, from birth to twenty years of age which cover infancy, childhood and puberty for the sake of expediency as a child does not carry their Saturn on their own and are more likely to project its meaning towards a suitable adult. Father or a figure in control, usually male, may indeed be experiencing the Saturn Pluto conjunction at the time of the child's short-term Saturn Firdaria rule, but it would be more pertinent to examine the adult's chart, rather than focusing on the side effects to their ward's life.

In each of the extracts, Saturn will be the short-term Firdaria lord at different times of life according to whether the natal chart itself is diurnal (day birth) or nocturnal (night birth). It will also change in order and this is determined by which planet is in control of the longer period and starts the round of sub-lords. For instance, in the third major time period a diurnal chart will see Saturn in the third short-term period when Mercury is its major lord, whilst a nocturnal chart will experience Saturn as the final minor lord during Jupiter's Firdaria. Saturn is a diurnal planet, preferring the heat and warmth of the day, and shows its better side in diurnal charts and the diurnal Firdaria.

The term 'minor' is somewhat misleading as it refers to length of time, rather than the level of importance. The secondary lord is anything but minor, as it is this planet which will be the conduit for the primary lord and feed information back to the directing planet. The minor lord is crucial in providing its own unique interpretation of the facts and events which will leave an indelible impression on the individual and bring about the development and changes which are expected by the first lord. The planets' sect preferences greatly affect the outcomes of Firdaria periods and this is taken into account in the following interpretations.

The dot points are quotes chosen from Vettius Valens' comments on the 'distributions' from the major lord to the minor lord.³ The dot points form the basis for a modern interpretation of the combinations which are discussed in more detail in *A Tiny Universe's Companion*.⁴

Firdaria: THIRD Major Time Period

One of Seven Minor	DIURNAL CHARTS	♄ 13 year MAJOR Period	One of Seven Minor	NOCTURNAL CHARTS	♅ 12 year MAJOR Period
3rd	♄ / ♅	21.7 – 23.6 1 yr 10 months	7th	♅ / ♄	30.3 – 32.0 1 yr 8 months

THIRD PERIOD - Mercury 's third sub-lord is Saturn in a diurnal chart (age 21.7 – 23.6 yrs):

- ❖ *A year full of trouble*
- ❖ *Insults , losses and (poor) judgments on account of writings or loans*
- ❖ *A state of physical weakness*
- ❖ *Going to trial over drugs, misdemeanors, such as slander or (financial) disputes, or more serious crimes*
- ❖ *If Mercury and Saturn are in opposition or square in the chart, and aspected by Mars, they will contrive something dangerous all by themselves; and they (the native) will live their life precariously*
- ❖ *However, if natal Mercury aspects Saturn by sextile or trine, they bring on reputation with expenditures (costs) and postponement, and they will meet with moderate reversals in regard to accusations*

It should be mentioned that some possibilities mentioned above will brighten if Mercury is diurnal in the natal chart as both planets are in the correct sect, i.e. diurnal planets in a diurnal chart are better behaved, create more opportunities, and are less harmed by damage to the native's reputation (Saturn) or their financial situation (diurnal Mercury). Mercury is diurnal if its degrees are lower in the zodiacal order than the Sun and therefore Mercury will rise ahead of the Sun on the day.

THIRD PERIOD - Jupiter's seventh sub-lord is Saturn in a nocturnal chart (age 30.3 – 32 yrs):

- ❖ *Moves and expeditions*
- ❖ *The disobedience of family (Jupiter rules children)*
- ❖ *Changes in social and physical placement and changes in personal and business affairs*
- ❖ *Unstable partnerships and the enmity of friends*
- ❖ *Being unsuccessful at finishing projects due to postponements*
- ❖ *The making of petitions and encountering disturbances*

The accidental dignity known as planetary sect will come into play in Saturn's sub-period as both Jupiter and Saturn prefer diurnal charts when the Sun is above the horizon.⁵ This is not going to be the case for a nocturnal chart, when the Sun is below the horizon. For this reason, it is imperative for the astrologer to be aware of the second rule of sect – Saturn and Jupiter prefer to travel in the *same hemisphere* as the Sun – as this will improve the situations of these two diurnal planets, or hopefully, at least one, so that the harsher lessons of the Firdaria are mitigated by some sect dignity. Saturn will be the final sub-lord for Jupiter's Firdaria before the next major lord, Mars, steps in to take governance over the native's life. With some luck and good fortune from Jupiter, Saturn's mischief is minimal during its twenty month period, and the nocturnal Mars can step in at age thirty two to take advantage of any rifts or damage, or finish the projects which may have stalled under Saturn's cumbersome tutelage.

Firdaria: FOURTH Major Time Period

One of Seven Minor	DIURNAL CHARTS	☾ 9 year MAJOR Period	One of Seven Minor	NOCTURNAL CHARTS	♂ 7 year MAJOR Period
2nd	☾ / ♄	32.3 – 33.6 1 yr 3 months	6th	♂ / ♄	37.0 – 38.0 1 yr

FOURTH PERIOD - Moon's second sub-lord is Saturn in a diurnal chart (age 32.3 – 33.6 yrs):

- ❖ *A year as diverse as it is suspenseful*
- ❖ *Danger or illness of mother*
- ❖ *Enmities and unsettlement*
- ❖ *The 'cooling down' of activities (both planets are from the cold quality)*
- ❖ *Dangers and pain to reproductive organs and the 'private places' or the sense organs*

The major longer-term Firdaria lord is the opposing luminary to the Sun and the natural lord of the nocturnal chart, so it is to be expected that even though Saturn is in sect here (a diurnal planet in a diurnal chart), the main lord, the Moon, is still unhappy. Improved conditions for the Moon would have the flow-on effect of improving and lightening Saturn's escapades if natively the Moon is travelling in the *opposite hemisphere* to the Sun. However, these two planets are natural enemies and whilst the secondary blessings of sect dignity may provide a long-term benefit to the Moon, Saturn's fifteen months are still rocky, even when it is in sect.

FOURTH PERIOD - Mars' sixth sub-lord is Saturn in a nocturnal chart (age 37 – 38 yrs):

- ❖ *A year that is the worst and given to disturbance*
- ❖ *Encountering lawsuits and insults, losses and rejections*
- ❖ *Difficulty with elders or superiors*
- ❖ *The native sees dangers for themselves and their own destruction (shades of Mars Saturn paranoia here)*
- ❖ *Possible hurtful and stressful travel abroad (Saturn rules sea voyages and unfamiliar dangerous places)*
- ❖ *Insurrection of enemies and earlier matters where the native is treated wretchedly*

Mars' intrinsic qualities of hot and dry are cooled and tempered in the presence of a nocturnal chart where its aggression is cooled to ingenuity and its defences are directed towards positive outcomes and successful ventures. However, when Saturn must use its own energies for Mars' benefit, things don't always go smoothly. Diurnal Saturn feels threatened by the darkness of night, and instead of relaxing and allowing things to flow smoothly for Mars, instead out-of-sect Saturn becomes too

inflexible, overly controlling, and downright menacing to those whom it feels has offended it, even when the offence occurred earlier under another sub-lord's influence. Saturn is floundering in the dark and unfortunately, even Mars in sect is unable to placate an irritated Saturn. Check the natal chart to see if Saturn is located below the horizon with the Sun as this will warm Saturn and modify its negative behaviours or calm some of its paranoia.

Firdaria: FIFTH Major Time Period

One of Seven Minor	DIURNAL CHARTS	♄ 11 year MAJOR Period	One of Seven Minor	NOCTURNAL CHARTS	♅ 10 year MAJOR Period
1st	♄/♄	40.0 – 41.6 1 yr 6 months	5th	♅/♄	44.7 – 46.1 1 yr 5 months

FIFTH PERIOD - Saturn distributes to itself in the first of its sub-periods in a diurnal chart (age 40 – 41.6 yrs):

- ❖ *Signifies vexations and inactivity*
- ❖ *Enmities and disgraces from superiors or elders*
- ❖ *The native will be subjected to hindrances in all his applications*
- ❖ *Or else, if he should do something, it will be an unsteady venture*
- ❖ *If Saturn aspects Mercury and Mars in the natal chart, the native will suffer vexatious prosecution on account of writings*
- ❖ *There will be judgments (against him), treachery, and subversion or chicanery concerned with old affairs*
- ❖ *Whatever the native perseveres with it has the wrath of god*
- ❖ *He will become gentler and effective at things by means of slowness*

It is hard to see how Saturn's Firdaria gets off to a good start when the greater malefic is both the major and the minor lord at this time. In fairness, there should be some relaxation of Saturn's hard lessons here given that Saturn is warmed and refined by the Sun's light in a daytime chart. Daytime gives Saturn the ability to plan for the future and to set down foundations so that the time ahead is one of reward for its fellow lovers of light, the Sun and Jupiter. Saturn's tenure of eleven years is a changing parade of woes and troubles, relieved only by the period when Jupiter is its sub-lord in the eighteen months following Saturn's sub-period. The only redeeming factor seems to come from Valens' last point – that the native will learn the virtues of patience and tenacity from Saturn's period.

FIFTH PERIOD - Sun's fifth sub-lord is Saturn in a nocturnal chart (age 44.7 – 46.1 yrs):

- ❖ *Saturn produces a grievous year which is signified by inaction and hindrances*
- ❖ *Enmities or controversies from superiors or elders*
- ❖ *Signifies diseases, irregularities in life and frightful changes*
- ❖ *Danger or illness for father or father like figures*
- ❖ *When in poor condition or placement Saturn produces accusations and constraints*

Neither Sun nor Saturn is comfortable in a nocturnal chart, and although they share a preference for a daytime chart, they are not natural friends. Their respective signs of Leo and Aquarius oppose one another across the Thema Mundi chart, and their innate distrust of one another becomes obvious in Valens' interpretation of their enforced bonding through Firdaria. The Sun may own its hemisphere in the second rule of sect and therefore never really be lacking in sect dignity⁶, but in order for Saturn to produce something better, it will need to travel with the Sun below the horizon. In the case of this Sun/Saturn nocturnal Firdaria, the Sun would much rather have its eye on Saturn than have it blindly crashing about in the opposite hemisphere, thereby risking or destroying the native's honour, reputation, ambitions and the worldly success – all Sun's concerns given that it is already struggling to achieve its goals in the night-time chart.

Firdaria: SIXTH Major Time Period

One of Seven Minor	DIURNAL CHARTS	♄ 12 year MAJOR Period	One of Seven Minor	NOCTURNAL CHARTS	♀ 8 year MAJOR Period
7th	♄/♅	61.3 – 63.0 1 yr 8 months	4th	♀/♅	52.4 – 53.6 1 yr 1 months

SIXTH PERIOD - Jupiter's seventh sub-lord is Saturn in a diurnal chart (age 61.3 – 63.0 yrs):

- ❖ *Moves and expeditions*
- ❖ *The disobedience of family (Jupiter rules children)*
- ❖ *Changes in social and physical placement and changes in personal and business affairs*
- ❖ *Unstable partnerships and the enmity of friends*
- ❖ *Being unsuccessful at finishing projects due to postponements*
- ❖ *The making of petitions and encountering disturbances*

Regardless of whether the chart is diurnal or nocturnal, the order of sub-lords remains the same. For this reason, Saturn is the final sub-lord for Jupiter in both the diurnal chart and the nocturnal chart

(see Jupiter as the nocturnal Third Time Lord). However, for a diurnal birth one would expect better results in the events that diurnal Jupiter directs, and diurnal Saturn obeys Jupiter's directions. It would be hoped that any postponements, or familial or social disharmony, or success in petitions, or legal wrangles, will be ironed out easily by a more tolerant, obedient and flexible diurnal Saturn, under the guidance of a greater benefic in good sect dignity.

SIXTH PERIOD - Venus' fourth sub-lord is Saturn in a nocturnal chart (age 52.4 – 53.6 yrs):

- ❖ *Saturn indicates a time suspenseful and harmful*
- ❖ *This time brings on separations, fights, outrages ,and exposures*
- ❖ *Injustices because of the mother or women*
- ❖ *Enmities of relatives or dishonours*
- ❖ *Disputes in relation to older persons or partners*
- ❖ *Saturn surrounds the native with censures and shameful ailments*
- ❖ *Unstable friendships and intimacies*
- ❖ *The native incurs judgments in relation to women and they undergo confrontations*
- ❖ *Difficulties in the native's circumstances and affairs*
- ❖ *They also encounter weakness and trouble with the private parts or sense organs*
- ❖ *With natal aspects to Mars and Mercury, Saturn creates threats, attacks and poisons and occasional ailments*

Venus is in its element in a nocturnal chart, and indeed, its only other troublesome sub-period lord is Mars, but even then, the two planets share the benefit of being in correct sect, and whatever disturbances Mars initiates, should be smoothed over by a charming and socially competent Venus. Saturn on the other hand, is lost in a nocturnal chart and all the charm in the world will not help the native, especially if Saturn is also removed from the light and warmth of the Sun's hemisphere beneath the horizon. Saturn, out of sect by both classifications, is likely to exaggerate its cold dry qualities by being critical, prickly, or defensive and searching for any reason to break bonds, cool relationships, start fights, and upset its gentle host in Venus.

Firdaria: SEVENTH Major Time Period

One of Seven Minor	DIURNAL CHARTS	♂ 7 year MAJOR Period	One of Seven Minor	NOCTURNAL CHARTS	♀ 13 year MAJOR Period
6th	♂/♄	68.0 – 69.0 1 yr	3rd	♀/♄	60.7 – 62.6 1 yr 10 months

SEVENTH PERIOD - Mars' sixth sub-lord is Saturn in a diurnal chart (age 68 – 69 yrs):

- ❖ *A year that is the worst and given to disturbance*
- ❖ *Encountering lawsuits and insults, losses and rejections*
- ❖ *Difficulty of elders or superiors*
- ❖ *The native sees dangers for themselves and their own destruction (shades of Mars Saturn paranoia here)*
- ❖ *Possible hurtful and stressful travel abroad (Saturn rules sea voyages and unfamiliar dangerous places)*
- ❖ *Insurrection of enemies and earlier matters where the native is treated wretchedly*

Mars' intrinsic qualities of hot and dry are *definitely not* cooled and tempered in the presence of a diurnal chart. Now we have possible aggression, an over-zealous competitive streak, and the fear of someone from a younger generation who is faster, smarter, and hungrier for the prize than themselves. In the earlier fourth Time Period for nocturnals when Mars was major lord, Saturn represented blockages and frustrations by elders or superiors. Now, in the diurnal chart, Saturn represents the native *taking the role of elder or superior*, and they are the ones responsible for the blockages and frustrations. Being on the other side of the fence and feeling more in control may better suit diurnal Saturn, but the paranoia is still strong, and the fear of being overthrown by a younger version of oneself, is little comfort unless there are other prizes which suit a more mature Mars which is comfortable in an older skin.

SEVENTH PERIOD - Mercury 's third sub-lord is Saturn in a nocturnal chart (age 60.7 – 62.6 yrs):

- ❖ *A year full of trouble*
- ❖ *Insults , losses and (poor) judgments on account of writings or loans*
- ❖ *A state of physical weakness*
- ❖ *Going to trial over drugs, misdemeanors, such as slander or (financial) disputes, or more serious crimes*
- ❖ *If Mercury and Saturn are in opposition or square in the chart, and aspected by Mars, they will contrive something dangerous all by themselves; and they (the native) will live their life precariously*
- ❖ *However, if natal Mercury aspects Saturn by sextile or trine, they bring on reputation with expenditures (costs) and postponement, and they will meet with moderate reversals in regard to accusations*

Even if Mercury is nocturnal in the natal chart, that is, travelling behind the Sun, Saturn is still likely to be difficult by being placing in the wrong position for its sect dignity. Placement in the same hemisphere as the Sun and below the horizon, will relieve its colder tendencies but there are still threats and worries over maintaining one's good reputation or keeping a firm hold on the finances.

Mercury has a strong mercantile instinct but not if it is poorly placed in the natal chart. Avoiding risky financial schemes or resisting the temptation to chase wild dreams is a good idea as Saturn out of sect is harsh in its punishment, especially in the later years of life when recouping lost savings becomes an even harder task for the native.

The Firdaria is just the beginning of our journey into the Saturn Pluto experience of 2020.

If you are keen to explore deeper into the cycles that move inexorably around us, and through us, please check back to the AstroMundi website for Parts Two and Three when we continue our story on The 2020 Saturn Pluto cycle: The Revolution Within.

We have front row seats to this incredibly powerful and exciting phenomenon so, in the words of Bette Davis' character, Margo Channing, in the movie *All About Eve*;

*"Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night."*⁷

To be continued.....

Part Two : Profections

*"A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;"*

Ecclesiastes, King James Version (KJV) 3 : V. 4-5

Part Three : Solar Returns

*"A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."*

Ecclesiastes, King James Version (KJV) 3: V. 6-8

Firdaria: FIRST Major Time Period
For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	☉ 10 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 5 months MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	☾ 9 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 3 months MINOR Period
1	☉/☉	BIRTH – 1.4		☾/☾	BIRTH – 1.3
2	☉/♀	1.4 – 2.9		☾/♄	1.3 – 2.6
3	☉/♅	2.9 – 4.3		☾/♃	2.6 – 3.9
4	☉/☾	4.3 – 5.7		☾/♂	3.9 – 5.1
5	☉/♄	5.7 – 7.1		☾/☉	5.1 – 6.4
6	☉/♃	7.1 – 8.6		☾/♀	6.4 – 7.7
7	☉/♂	8.6 – 10.0		☾/♅	7.7 – 9.0

Firdaria: SECOND Major Time Period
For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	♀ 8 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 1 month MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	♄ 11 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 6 months MINOR Period
1	♀/♀	10.0 – 11.1		♄/♄	9.0 – 10.6
2	♀/♅	11.1 – 12.3		♄/♃	10.6 – 12.1
3	♀/☾	12.3 – 13.4		♄/♂	12.1 – 13.7
4	♀/♄	13.4 – 14.6		♄/☉	13.7 – 15.3
5	♀/♃	14.6 – 15.7		♄/♀	15.3 – 16.9
6	♀/♂	15.7 – 16.9		♄/♅	16.9 – 18.4
7	♀/☉	16.9 – 18.0		♄/☾	18.4 – 20.0

Firdaria: THIRD Major Time Period

For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	♀ 13 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 10 months MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	♂ 12 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 8 months MINOR Period
1	♀ / ♀	18.0 – 19.9		♂ / ♂	20.0 – 21.7
2	♀ / ☽	19.9 – 21.7		♂ / ♂	21.7 – 23.4
3	♀ / ♀	21.7 – 23.6		♂ / ☽	23.4 – 25.1
4	♀ / ♂	23.6 – 25.4		♂ / ♀	25.1 – 26.9
5	♀ / ♂	25.4 – 27.3		♂ / ♀	26.9 – 28.6
6	♀ / ☽	27.3 – 29.1		♂ / ☽	28.6 – 30.3
7	♀ / ♀	29.1 – 31.0		♂ / ♀	30.3 – 32.0

Firdaria: FOURTH Major Time Period

For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	☽ 9 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 3 months MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	♂ 7 year MAJOR Period * 1 year MINOR Period
1	☽ / ☽	31.0 – 32.3		♂ / ♂	32.0 – 33.0
2	☽ / ♀	32.3 – 33.6		♂ / ☽	33.0 – 34.0
3	☽ / ♂	33.6 – 34.9		♂ / ♀	34.0 – 35.0
4	☽ / ♂	34.9 – 36.1		♂ / ♀	35.0 – 36.0
5	☽ / ☽	36.1 – 37.4		♂ / ☽	36.0 – 37.0
6	☽ / ♀	37.4 – 38.7		♂ / ♀	37.0 – 38.0
7	☽ / ♀	38.7 – 40.0		♂ / ♂	38.0 – 39.0

Firdaria: FIFTH Major Time Period

For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	♄ 11 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 6 months MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	☉ 10 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 5 months MINOR Period
1	♄/♄	40.0 – 41.6		☉/☉	39.0 – 40.4
2	♄/♅	41.6 – 43.1		☉/♀	40.4 – 41.9
3	♄/♂	43.1 – 44.7		☉/♁	41.9 – 43.3
4	♄/☉	44.7 – 46.3		☉/♃	43.3 – 44.7
5	♄/♀	46.3 – 47.9		☉/♄	44.7 – 46.1
6	♄/♁	47.9 – 49.4		☉/♅	46.1 – 47.6
7	♄/♃	49.4 – 51.0		☉/♂	47.6 – 49.0

Firdaria: SIXTH Major Time Period

For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	♅ 12 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 8 months MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	♀ 8 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 1 month MINOR Period
1	♅/♅	51.0 – 52.7		♀/♀	49.0 – 50.1
2	♅/♂	52.7 – 54.4		♀/♁	50.1 – 51.3
3	♅/☉	54.4 – 56.1		♀/♃	51.3 – 52.4
4	♅/♀	56.1 – 57.9		♀/♄	52.4 – 53.6
5	♅/♁	57.9 – 59.6		♀/♅	53.6 – 54.7
6	♅/♃	59.6 – 61.3		♀/♂	54.7 – 55.9
7	♅/♄	61.3 – 63.0		♀/☉	55.9 – 57.0

Firdaria: SEVENTH Major Time Period
For Diurnal and Nocturnal Births

	DIURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Daytime Births</i>	♂ 7 year MAJOR Period * 1 year MINOR Period		NOCTURNAL CHARTS Time Lords for <i>Night-time Births</i>	♀ 13 year MAJOR Period * 1 yr 10 months MINOR Period
1	♂ / ♂	63.0 – 64.0		♀ / ♀	57.0 – 58.9
2	♂ / ☉	64.0 – 65.0		♀ / ☽	58.9 – 60.7
3	♂ / ♀	65.0 – 66.0		♀ / ♄	60.7 – 62.6
4	♂ / ♀	66.0 – 67.0		♀ / ♀	62.6 – 64.4
5	♂ / ☽	67.0 – 68.0		♀ / ♂	64.4 – 66.3
6	♂ / ♄	68.0 – 69.0		♀ / ☉	66.3 – 68.1
7	♂ / ♀	69.0 – 70.0		♀ / ♀	68.1 – 70.0

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