

Global Hotspot: Aquarius New Moon of January 24, 2020



Dateline Thursday January 23, 2020: The New Moon at 5 degrees of Aquarius on Friday January 24, 2020 is a powerhouse for many reasons. One of the biggest reasons is that this New Moon always coincides with the Chinese New Year and mainland China, as well as many nations right now in Asia and increasingly around the globe, are having to

confront the potential for a new “coronavirus” outbreak/epidemic that originated in the teeming metropolis of Wuhan, China (approximate population 11 million+) toward the end of 2019.

You should thoroughly look through a variety of social media sources to determine the greater reality and truth of what is actually happening on the threat to global health because when one of these disasters usually happens, the originating nation almost always plays down the problems rather than ring alarm bells quickly.

As of today (January 23), the Chinese government has put some kind of quarantine around Wuhan and two other nearby cities while the WHO (World Health



Organization) has declined to call this a “global public health emergency.” However, there are all kinds of contradicting reports as to the number of deaths, people being treated, how full hospitals are and whether large numbers of fearful people are being turned away for treatment because

hospitals and medical centers cannot handle the massive numbers of individuals seeking help.

Does the horoscope for this New Moon calculated in Washington, DC reveal great concern for Americans? Definitely ... as the sixth house (traditionally associated with health or sickness) contains Pallas Athena, the fate-destiny oriented Mean South Node of the Moon, plus Jupiter, Pluto and Saturn, with the largest asteroid Ceres setting and just about to dip into that area of the chart. Already one American, in the state of Washington, is being treated after he became hospitalized with pneumonia after visiting Wuhan about a week ago. Authorities in Japan, Thailand, North and South Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan and Australia are reporting cases.



Adding to this New Moon’s dynamism and worries are a separating and yet very close 150-degree aspect from Mars in Sagittarius to Vesta in Taurus (happening about 9 hours *before* the New Moon) and an applying square from Mercury in Aquarius to Vesta (happening a little over 7 hours *after* the New Moon). Think of these two alignments as a kind of vice, putting pressure on the solar-lunar forces communing

in the group-team-community associated eleventh sign of the zodiac. Mars has much to do in medical astrology with the circulation of the blood and all kinds of inflammation and fevers, Vesta connects foremost with safety-security measures, and Mercury (Hermes in ancient Egyptian and Greek mythology) has always been affiliated with medicine itself as a profession and one of its primary symbols has been the **Caduceus**. Ironically or synchronistically, researchers are pointing to how

this new illness may have originated with snakes (as well as bats) and the main way the Caduceus is portrayed is with a short staff entwined by two serpents and surmounted by wings. (Esoterically, there is much more to the Caduceus.)



Another big matter that Americans and much of the world is tuning into right now is the trial of President Trump in the U.S. Senate with Chief Justice John Roberts of the Supreme Court presiding. In Mundane Astrology, trials and courts are connected to the ninth house and this is where Chiron (*déjà vu* experiences, The Twilight Zone, the wounded healer archetype, Shaman-Mentor themes) is located at this New Moon and which is being closely squared by Pallas Athena (problem-solving, strategic thinking, knowledge-wisdom).

This close Chiron-Pallas Athena square aspect (exact today January 23) does relate strongly with John Roberts, which I will elaborate on in the future. It also has much to do with the new coronavirus and how to combat it. However, note that John Roberts is born on January 27, 1955 and therefore as he is presiding over the trial of President Trump, he is also experiencing his 65th birthday and therefore will have a Solar Return that will include Venus square Mars and Venus conjunct Neptune as transiting components. Since he is actually attending Supreme Court usually each work day, the demands and pressures on him now are enormous. (The John Roberts birth chart – time unknown – is located on our website in the **Mark Lerner Radio AstroScope** section with Part 9 of my podcast series on the theme of *The USA Secondary Progressed Sun conjunct Secondary Progressed Pallas Athena*.)





Most importantly for the American public and the world-at-large the presence of John Roberts seen daily on television cameras reveals the significance of our three branches of government (legislative, executive and judicial). Furthermore, it reminds everyone that in addition to President Trump and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has a crucial Leadership Role in how our country operates on the

highest levels. John Roberts may not control the outcome of this trial, but just his presence in the U.S. Senate, where there has been so much political fighting in recent years, creates a temporary unification of all three branches of our government — providing, at the very least, an amazing opportunity for the education of masses of Americans who will be voting for the next president of the United States in less than 10 months.

It is noteworthy that Ceres at 28 degrees of Capricorn is making its first exact union with America's Pluto in our national birth chart from July 4, 1776 since March 2015 (nearly 5 years ago) and 28 degrees of Cancer rising is where Vesta was retrograde and directly below at the Inauguration of President Trump on January 20, 2017. Vesta at 14+ degrees of Taurus — receiving both the oblique, 150-degree link from Mars and the frictional, 90-degree link from Mercury — is on the Rising Degree in that same Inauguration chart. By the time of the next Full Moon — on Saturday February 8 at 20 degrees of Aquarius and Leo — Juno in Libra will be exactly stationary and beginning to move retrograde, and Juno is currently in a cycle to return three times to its placement in the U.S. birth chart this year (something I discussed in my podcast #32 entitled *Lev Parnas, Rachel Maddox and Juno*, see **Mark Lerner Radio AstroScope** on our website).



In terms of the rising, setting, above and below lines of celestial impact around the globe, the entire Middle East is still reverberating with the recent tensions set off at the start of 2020 since safety-security energizing Vesta and shock-producing Uranus in Taurus are setting in this part of the world while the Sun, Moon and Mercury are below. In North America, cities such as Grand Rapids, MI, Charlotte, NC, Columbus, OH and Charleston, WV receive the profound vibrations of Saturn and Pluto setting in Capricorn. The citizens of Buenos Aires should expect the unexpected around this New Moon time-period since unpredictable, lightning-like Uranus is above. Other world cities having to deal with the one-two punch of Saturn and Pluto together are Hiroshima (Saturn-Pluto rising), Port Elizabeth and Helsinki (Saturn-Pluto below).

When you look at the USA and World Cities List connected to this New Moon, what helps to put certain population areas into the favorable categories are Venus overhead (Denver and Regina), the Sun and Moon setting (Boston, Montpelier and Montreal), Jupiter setting (New Orleans) and Jupiter rising (Hong Kong).

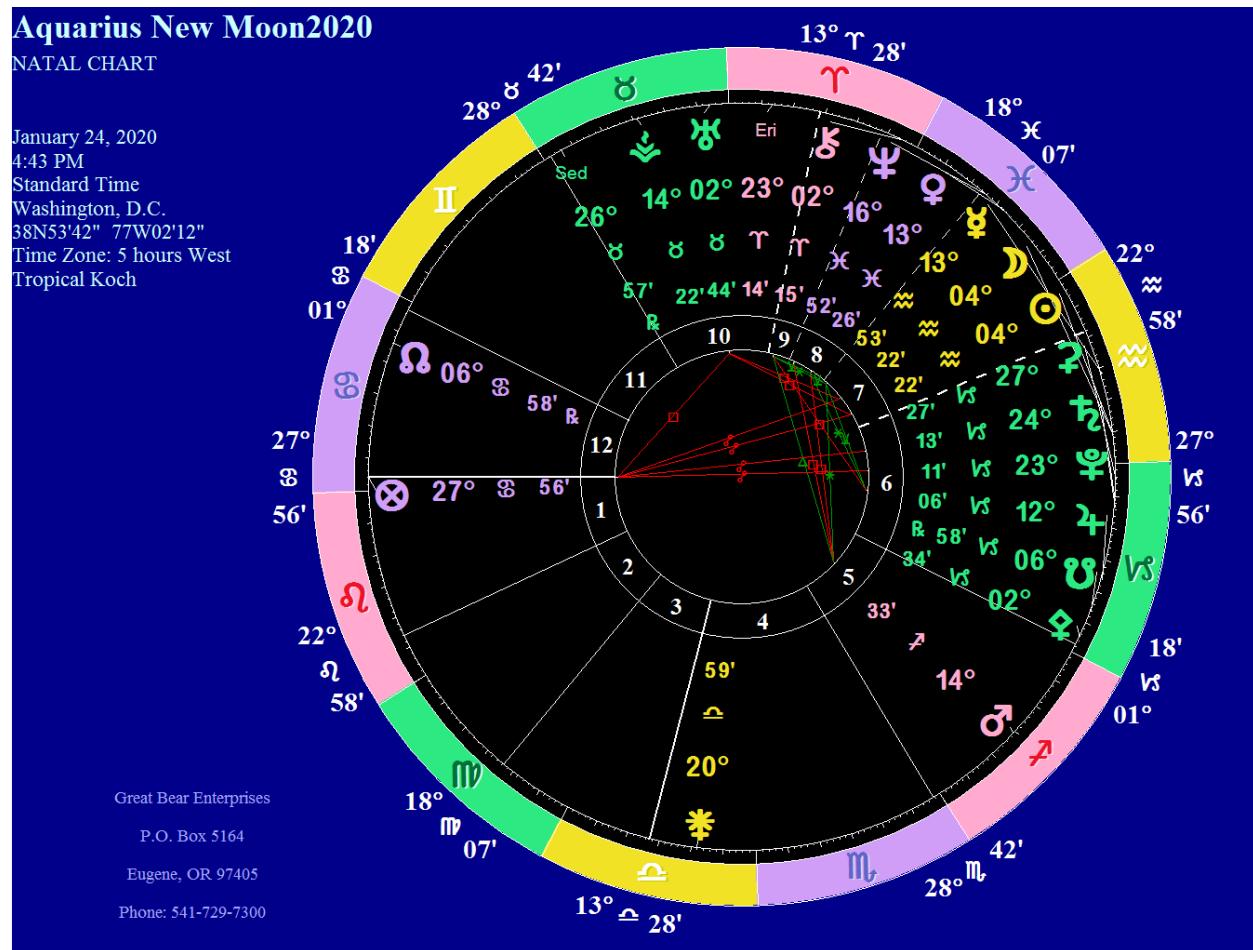


Important Note: Because Pallas Athena in Capricorn is rising in Beijing at this New Moon and this crucial asteroid has a lot to do with protecting the human immune system from illness and disease, I am considering the capital of China as a favorable city since this massive country of over 1 billion people needs knowledgeable and wise officials, in a large number of governmental departments, to take care that the coronavirus outbreak doesn't mutate quickly into an impossible-to-handle pandemic. **The previous New Moon in Capricorn chart (December 26) and the previous Full Moon in Capricorn and Cancer chart (January 10) show the health crisis of the Wuhan outbreak. More on this subject will appear in a future feature on our website.**

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NATAL CHART

January 24, 2020
4:43 PM
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