The current Jupiter transit, now at [around] 20 Libra, makes the first of three oppositions to Uranus in Aries. This is the ‘Full Moon’ phase of a cycle that initially began on 8 June 2010, when the pair was conjunct at zero degrees Aries, followed by two subsequent conjunctions until January 2011. Among notable events at the time, the controversial organisation WikiLeaks emerged more prominently into the public consciousness and released a series of classified documents. Some of these documents were leaked by US soldier Bradley Manning, and revealed damaging, behind-the-scenes information about the US war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

WikiLeaks became a symbol of rebellion against government corruption, so graphically capturing the influence of Jupiter and Uranus, as we will discuss in this article.

The conjunction also coincided with the ignition of the Arab Spring, a sweeping cultural and political revolution that resulted in the toppling of authoritarian regimes and leaders in North African and Middle Eastern countries. Albeit incredibly vigorous and far-reaching, the quest for emancipation and progress by this movement was not necessarily met with great success, as the new regimes proved fragile and fragmented; and the burning flames of Syria still refuse to abate to this day.

What can we expect from the Jupiter-Uranus cycle? We can look back in time and analyse the effects of previous occurrences, and see how it manifested in the lives of prominent figures born during it. But most importantly, it would be valuable to understand what its evolutionary purpose and core intentions are—its impact on the evolution of our consciousness. With an evolutionary perspective, we can understand not only how but why things would unfold a certain way.

Jupiter-Uranus conjunctions occur every 14 years, and are subsequently followed by a first square, an opposition, and a last square. As mentioned earlier, we are now at the opposition phase, which will include three meetings:

- December 27, 2016 @ 20 Libra – Aries (Uranus standing Direct)
- March 3, 2017 @ 22 Libra – Aries (Jupiter Retrograde)
- September 28, 2017 @ 27 Libra – Aries (Uranus Retrograde)

Interestingly, Saturn transiting in the late degrees of Sagittarius will also interact with the pair during this phase; a noteworthy aspect given that Jupiter is the disposer of Saturn’s current sign.

Jupiter has a 12-year cycle, whereas Uranus has an 84-year cycle, which is 7 x 12 years.

Jupiter and Uranus archetypes and associations

Jupiter, its ruling sign Sagittarius (and traditionally Pisces) and the 9th house form an archetype. Let us understand the role of this archetype in our consciousness.
Sagittarius follows Libra and Scorpio in the third quadrant of the zodiac, a quadrant associated with the need for personal growth and questioning of the status quo. I like to label the third quadrant the ‘More quadrant’, where a constant sense of lack prompts people to step outside themselves and reach deep and wide for better answers and conditions for their lives.

There is a constant need for expansion and redefinition of self through this quadrant. Following psychological introspection, and often deep emotional tremors through the previous sign of Scorpio (where loss and grief are no strangers to the process of transformation), Sagittarius continues this yearning for growth by shifting from a psychological (emotional) approach to a spiritual one. We aspire to give meaning to our lives through Sagittarius, and the triggering of this spiritual quest results from the emotional intensity experienced in Scorpio.

There is a need to gain a spiritual perspective from our psychological wounds. This way we can at least know why we suffer, and realise that, despite difficulties, there is a positive reason behind it all and something greater to look forward to.

Interestingly, Jupiter (ruling Sagittarius) is the largest planet in the solar system, following modern Scorpio ruler Pluto, now the smallest ‘planet’ (among bodies ruling signs). We can but think of a compensating reaction here.

Our quest for meaning is both physical and spiritual. The saying that “There must be more to life than this” inspires us through our Jupiter channels to uncover greater potential in our lives, and this search is deeply personal. Sagittarius is a fire sign known to be essentially subjective and self-directing, and the answers and rationales we find in this process are still within the realm of speculation and faith. Jupiter represents our faith in potential, whether spiritual or material, and faith is a powerful fuel.

One of the great rewards of faith is its antidotal effect on fear—through Jupiter and the Sagittarius archetype, we relinquish inhibitions and do not settle for compromises anymore. There is a promise of meaning and freedom that ignites a very deep and primal yearning. It is almost bestial, and it certainly requires animal grunt to gallop into the excitement of uncharted territory.

Sagittarius is represented by the merging of the horse and the human force, and in the myth of Jupiter we find an eagle soaring. Interestingly, this is an association also captured in the heavens, as the constellation of Aquila (Jupiter’s eagle) rises together with the constellation of Sagittarius.

**Jupiter – Sagittarius key concepts**

- Aspiration for More
- Greater Promise
- The Abstract
- Potential
- Intuition
- Physical and Spiritual Journeys
- Personal Meaning

**Uranus is the modern ruler of Aquarius and the 11th house.**

There are no fire signs in the fourth quadrant of the zodiac because this is where we transcend the self, neutralise individuality and egocentric control, and become more conscious of the larger forces and cycles of life. We may label this quadrant the ‘not about me’ quadrant, where the impersonal overrides intimate wants.

Our strength is in union in this developmental phase, and Truth is no longer a matter of personal preferences—we don’t know it or own it, we align with it. As individuality and separation dissolve, we see that there are common denominators that everyone shares—what is true for me is also true for everyone else.

Uranus and the Aquarius archetype represent our higher self, where we tap into our highest creative and conscious potential; and by means of higher awareness, we aim to elevate standards of living for everyone and ourselves. The higher we manage to get, the lesser the density, the faster the speed, the vaster the view. To reach this vantage point requires that we transcend our primal urges—that primitive self that is so concerned with its immediate survival needs that it often loses sight of the big picture. With Uranus and Aquarius, we are inspired to develop not only a more sophisticated version of ourselves, but a more enlightened civilization where limitations, dysfunctions, and suffering are resolved by the means of a holistic and global vision. Solutions are available for every ill, but only if we are not distracted by urges for immediate gratification.

Our genius and creativity exalt us to God-like capacities through the Uranus and Aquarius archetype. We develop the faculty to transcend our limitations as mortals, move beyond the average, and attain a greater dimension that bridges matter to spirit. The advantages of this finer expression of the self and
more enlightened understanding are obvious. However, this does not come without risk, because the aspiration to reach higher can come at the expense of our instinctive or ‘lower’ nature—the function of our lower chakras; our animal selves.

Denying the beast within in order to try to rise above matter as fast as possible has its setbacks. For example, while elevating standards for ourselves, we may develop a sense of elitism and lose touch with our fellow human beings. A common saying about Uranus and Aquarius is that the love of humanity does not necessarily equate to the love of humans. Even more problematic to the internal rupture with our lower selves is the risk of mental and nervous fragmentation.

The erudite and sophisticated human we wish to become cannot be denied its primal nature. Instead, we must integrate it in order to find authentic ascension—no part must be left behind.

Uranus – Aquarius Key Concepts


Jupiter-Uranus as a unit

Both Jupiter’s and Uranus’s influences share the aspiration for greater understanding, higher knowledge, exploration, and the transcendence of boundaries. They both reflect a motivation to find solutions outside current understanding to try to end suffering and overcome limitations.

Jupiter’s and Uranus’s influences differ, however, in their qualities and approach. Whereas Jupiter is subjective, passionate, wild, and even crude, Uranus is detached, impersonal, more objective, and refined.

Where Jupiter develops intuition, faith, and belief, aiming for positive results, Uranus is scientific and logical, and refrains from projecting personal biases on results.

Where Jupiter expands, Uranus elevates.

Jupiter and Uranus combined represent an incredible force to expand and accelerate mental creativity and vision. Perhaps it is one of the most fertile combinations for research and development, advancing both individuals and civilization as a whole toward emancipation, betterment, abundance, and higher standards.

But for a positive expression, there is an evolutionary need to resolve the tension that they create between religion and science, between the reliance on a large spiritual force versus perceiving the mind as the ultimate and most superior engine of creation. The evolutionary work is also about uniting the animal with the human within.

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Positive expression of this combination:

Expansion of Mental Creativity
Accessing New Dimensions of Knowledge and Existence
Solutions to Create Better Standards of Living
Liberation and Progress – Creating New Paradigms
Fusion of Science and Spirituality, including Interest and Practice of Astrology
Social and Cultural Development – Community Projects, Treaties.
Multi-Culturalism and Social Diversity

**Negative expression of this combination:**

Clash Between Primitive and Advanced, Feral and Urbane
Aspiration for Progress Overrides Nature
Rhythm Breakdowns, Loss of Sync, Accidents, Natural Disasters, particularly associated with Wind
Eugenics, Superiority of Race Complex, Mind over Nature
Utopian Euphoria and Whimsical Theories, often Leading to Destructive Cult Movements

**Recent Jupiter-Uranus Cycles**

Conjunction **May 8, 1941 @ 25 Taurus**

- First phase of mass killing under Nazi Aktion T4 (involuntary euthanasia) operations – eliminating undesirables in a quest to create a superior race.
- Creation of Z3 – first fully automated computer (Berlin).

Conjunction **October 7, 1954 @ 27 Cancer**

- 348 die in Hurricane Hazel (US and Canada).
- First transistor radio (Texas Instruments, Inc).
- Britain, France, USSR agree to end occupation of Germany.
- First transcontinental round-trip solo flight – sunrise to sunset.
- Argentina Parliament accepts separation of Church and State.
- 19 destructive twisters devastate Kansas and Oklahoma cities.

Conjunction **December 11, 1968 @ 3 Libra**

- Apollo 8 – First manned Moon voyage.
- Apollo 8 crew reads Book of Genesis.
- Apollo 11 lands on the Moon.

Conjunction **February 8, 1983 @ 8 Sagittarius**

- First Flight of the Concorde supersonic plane.
- Stonewall Riots for gay rights.
- Woodstock Music Festival.
- Charles Manson’s murders.

Conjunction **February 16, 1997 @ 5 Aquarius**

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 7000 for the first time.
- Announcement of successful cloning of Dolly the Sheep.
- US President Bill Clinton bans Federal funding for research on human cloning.
- Star Alliance Airline merger formed between Air Canada, Lufthanza, SAS, and several other airlines.

Conjunction **June 8, 2010 @ 0 Aries**

- First 24-hour solar-powered plane flight completed.
- WikiLeaks releases 90,000 confidential reports about the US involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- The Arab Spring begins.
Public Figures Born under the Jupiter/Uranus Cycle

Albert Einstein – March 14, 1879 @ 11:30am in Ulm, Germany (Jupiter/Uranus [out of sign] opposition in Aquarius-Virgo)

Bob Dylan – May 24, 1941 @ 9:05pm in Duluth, Minnesota (Jupiter/Uranus conjunct in Taurus)

Ra Uru Hu – April 9, 1948 @ 6:56am in Montreal, Canada (Jupiter/Uranus opposition in Sagittarius-Gemini)

Steve Jobs – February 24, 1955 @ 7:15pm in San Francisco, CA (Jupiter/Uranus conjunct in Cancer)

Edward Snowden – June 21, 1983 @ 4:42am in Elisabeth City, North Carolina (Jupiter/Uranus conjunct in Sagittarius)

Chart Analysis: Adriana Marais [see chart]

Born August 15, 1983 @ 5pm in King William’s Town, South Africa

Adriana Marais is one of 100 final contestants in Round 3 for a no-return manned mission to Mars on the Mars One project. The Mission was launched in 2012 by Bas Lansdorp, a Dutch entrepreneur, who has proposed to establish the first permanent colony of humans on planet Mars. The feasibility of this controversial mission was questioned by several scientists and engineers.

(Date and Time Source: Adriana Marais in person, collected by South African Astrologer Heidi van Deventer.)

Marais was born under a Jupiter-Uranus conjunction in Sagittarius in her 10th house. Uranus is also the ruler of her Ascendant in Aquarius, and Jupiter rules her South Node in Sagittarius in the 11th house.

The various possible outcomes of this uncertain project in no way militate against Adriana’s incredible inspiration and courage to join this extraordinary journey. Her calling to venture into completely uncharted territory and take the risk of possibly never coming back is surely captured in her natal Jupiter-Uranus conjunction in Sagittarius.

Interestingly, this year’s activation of the cycle, with Jupiter opposing Uranus in Libra-Aries, will undoubtedly foster important development with this project. Because the opposition lands on her natal Saturn-Pluto in the 9th house, we can expect both setbacks and breakthroughs. Natal Saturn-Pluto hints at leadership problems and trust issues associated with the management of this project. By late 2017, Jupiter will also square her natal Mars, a configuration describing either a rift or a breakthrough, particularly as Jupiter eventually transits the MC, and then returns to her natal Jupiter in 2019 for a developmental climax—perhaps both a rift and a breakthrough will occur. We send Adriana infinite blessings with this endeavour and her role in advancing the stakes for humanity.

The Jupiter-Uranus opposition in Libra-Aries, 2016 to 2017

Jupiter is in Libra from September 2016 to October 2017. This transit reflects a need both to unify a diversity of beliefs and step outside ourselves to understand other people’s lifestyles, beliefs, and points of view. It opens doors to different approaches and invites debate and discussion, which can lead to radical changes of perspective as we take in opposite perspectives to beliefs we cherish.

To be optimistic, Jupiter in Libra may be an antidote to the racism and fear of foreigners that the transit of Saturn in Sagittarius has exacerbated. Notwithstanding this, as Jupiter in Libra opens doors, it can also engender a backlash and a sense of intimidation resulting from having all borders opening too quickly. In a typical cardinal mode, we go two steps forward and one step back, optimistically reaching out to others, but not without a risk of losing ourselves and subsequently feeling the need to retreat.

The transit of Uranus in Aries has been with us longer, since the initial conjunction to Jupiter in 2010. And as many astrologers are well aware, it has also squared Pluto in Capricorn this entire period of time. We have witnessed numerous social movements for emancipation associated with this transit, such as the Arab Spring, the Occupy movement, and the gay marriage liberation. It has been instrumental in inspiring us to change our mode of action (Aries) and elevate our approach to conflict.

The meeting of the two planets will likely intensify the collective need for social justice, and prompt more protests and culturally-charged confrontations and debates.
Isn’t it synchronistic and tragic that as the two planets proceed to oppose each other, an incident similar to that which triggered the Arab Spring occurs once again, this time in Morocco. Mouhcine Fikri, a 31-year-old fish seller, was crushed to death inside a garbage truck while trying to retrieve wares allegedly confiscated by police. His gruesome death sparked protests across the country against abuse of power. Back in 2010, when Jupiter and Uranus were conjunct, it was a street merchant named Mohamed Bouazizi, from neighbouring Tunisia, who self-immolated to protest humiliating treatment and the confiscation of his goods—an event that ignited civil unrest and the removal of regimes across North Africa and the Middle East.

At time of writing, the Standing Rock protest movement (in North Dakota, USA) to stop the construction of an oil pipeline across sacred Native American land — including their water supply and an ancient burial ground — also captures the essence of this opposition. This speaks about the rift not only between industry and nature, but also between different ethnic groups—the white developers and the Native American landowners.

We should expect more activism and social movements on different fronts, particularly around gender issues, given that this occurs in the signs of Aries and Libra. The recent US election has indeed highlighted the battle of genders, with Hillary Clinton standing as the first female presidential candidate in American history contrasted by Donald Trump’s apparent misogynistic character and degrading attitudes towards women. In the wake of Trump’s victory, we can expect strong protest movements against human rights infringement: Jupiter-Uranus reflects a low tolerance threshold for social injustice.

We can also expect scientific breakthroughs and new inventions during this time, as well as natural events or accidents related to wind, lightning, or anything occurring in the skies.

It will be interesting to see if additional themes that were initiated during the 2010 conjunction surface again and climax during this coming season. Perhaps we will witness further important developments, or a rite of passage, for WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange—this opposition eventually squares his Mercury at 23 Cancer (born July 3, 1971 @ 2:05pm in Townsville, Australia).

**Personal Implications**

In our personal charts, the houses where the Jupiter-Uranus opposition meets, from December 2016 to October 2017, will be subject to important developments and a strong aspiration for an upgrade. These will be areas where the calling to develop new perspectives, create new paradigms and free ourselves from obsolete dynamics intensifies. Tremendous restlessness will prompt the need for greater meaning and fulfilment.

Since the opposition occurs on the relationship axis of Aries and Libra, we can expect new meaningful meetings and friendships, or more accurately, a revamping of our social and romantic life. As we change our outlook, this will be a time to assess who in our circles resonates with our new perspectives, and overall, who helps us move forward in life, thereby inducing less tolerance for those who hold us back, and for relationships that make us feel stuck.

Perhaps this cycle will also support the development of astrology, with new ideas and projects emerging in our community. Astrology’s achievement has already been to unite religion and science by being their shared nemesis. Additionally, the cycle may raise interesting debates about astrology in popular culture. Let us only hope that our critics use this transit effectively by coming up with more original ideas than the tired ‘13th sign’ controversy.

Anne Whitaker will further explore Jupiter-Uranus in our March-April issue.