

# Pluto Out-of-Bounds 2025-2035

## *Part Two (of Two)*

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*In Part One of this two-part Commentary, I explained what Planetary Out-of-Bounds is in our solar system and how astrologers use these periods as a technique for predicting developments in human civilization. I also discussed Pluto Out-of-Bounds specifically, along with astrologer Rosie Finn's theory concerning differences in tone between what occurs during Pluto OOB North versus Pluto OOB South.*

*Now, in Part Two, I'll discuss the implications of this historical phenomenon coming to an end, and then offer my overall assessment of the validity and importance of the Out-of-Bounds technique within civilizational (i.e., mundane) astrology*

### **The Last Pluto Out-of-Bounds Period**

The second factor that makes the current astrological discussions more compelling is that fact that, after thousands of years where Pluto Out-of-Bounds was a sporadic but by no means rare occurrence, the Pluto OOB South period we entered in September 2025 that will last a little more than a decade, through 2035, turns out to be the very last time that Pluto will be Out-of-Bounds for literally thousands of years into the future.

It seems that the eccentric tilt of Pluto's elliptical orbit is shifting quite rapidly. From 2036 on, Pluto's orbit will always stay within "normal" declination. Thus, no more Pluto Out-of-Bounds — neither North nor South.

Symbolically, that might mean that Pluto is actually joining the solar system "family" and coming under dominion of the Sun rather than the Milky Way's Galactic Center. One could make the case that this might be good news for humanity, since we have been gob smacked by coming into possession of too much transformative power while we are still so immature. Basically, over Pluto's first century in human awareness, we have too often used our newly amplified power destructively and violently, with arguably tragic consequences — not just for those harmed, but also for the moral and spiritual content of our species. We could use a couple centuries to help us grow out of our disturbed adolescence.

On the other hand, perhaps Pluto's no longer going Out-of-Bounds and thus joining the Solar System's "family" doesn't imply that Pluto will moderate at all. Maybe Pluto is setting up a palace coup in which Solar consciousness is overturned in favor of some unimaginable Brave New World. I simply don't know.

That aside, what's my general take on all this Pluto Out-of-Bounds stuff? Well, my main reaction is to feel that it sure would be nice if developments over this next decade could turn humanity even slightly toward a kinder, gentler, more thoughtful and considerate civilization.

My understanding of Pluto Out-of-Bounds, however, does not suggest any simple Pluto OOB North **BAD**, Pluto OOB South **GOOD**. With regard to correspondences with historical events, the differences between the North and South Pluto OOB periods seem to be mainly in the eventual outcomes of what happens during each phase, but even then, determining what's eventually "good" or "positive" for humanity is neither simple nor straightforward. Pluto may be benign on occasion, but it is never gentle. For better or worse, Pluto provokes total transformation, demands unconditional surrender, and takes no prisoners.

#### *Correlating Simultaneous Events to Establish Similarity of Meaning*

Astrology is not the only symbolic system that seeks to find mundane events occurring in human civilization that correspond in time with simultaneous heavenly alignments in the solar system. Many disciplines look for shared meanings in simultaneous occurrence. The presumption is that any two manifestations that occur simultaneously have a better-than-average chance of sharing similar meanings, whether or not that connection is immediately obvious. That idea seems to be very attractive to most human beings.

The problem is that our presumption may be incorrect. What if the simultaneity of different events is not a meaningful connection at all, but instead merely simple coincidence, and thus effectively random?

Even more confusing, what if simultaneous expression of seemingly unrelated events is *sometimes* meaningful, but *other times* not? This might lead to a kind of bell curve, where certain correspondences in time were strikingly connected in meaning, while other correspondences were only partially similar, and still others were completely random and totally separate in their meanings and implications. While I'm not in love with that idea about how real life is put together, I think there's a good chance that it might accurately reflect how reality actually works.

My overall belief is that we humans don't (and probably can't) know which answer about simultaneity and similar meaning is correct: *always*, *never*, or *sometimes*. My inclination is to go with *sometimes*. Had I believed that *never* was the right answer, I wouldn't have spent 50 years earning my modest livelihood as a working astrologer.

Viewed from a different perspective, I'm a big fan of the 1991 book **Generations**, by William Strauss and Neil Howe, and Howe's 1997 follow-up book, **The Fourth Turning**. I regard the authors' scheme of generational American history in both books as brilliant in insight and noteworthy in accuracy. First off, the basic theory of natural Generational Succession in the two books strongly parallels astrological cycle theory very closely, and I like that.

I'm also impressed by the comprehensive awareness of developments, trends, and events in American history from which the authors construct meaningful correspondences in time. Sometimes the events they include in their generational patterns are obvious; other times, almost uncannily fitting.

On the other hand, critics of both books assert that the correspondences are cherry-picked and don't amount to anything close to a convincing case. I think such reactions will always be so when linking meaning to simultaneity, whether with generations or astrology. Some people will react favorably, others will have doubts, and still others will scoff in complete rejection. And so it goes.

Attempting to understand the meanings and impacts of the outer planets by noting corresponding real-life developments and events in history that occur during the heightened influence of an outer planet (by sign ingresses, mundane transits, out-of-bounds periods, or other technical emphases) carries other potential complications.

First off, correspondence with historical events is not the only way or even the predominant way that meaning is assigned to planetary drives. Many other factors are potent in determining the significance of any planet. In fact, correspondence with real-life events is actually pretty far down the list of all the many factors that define planetary meaning.

Beyond that, various questions arise about methodology. Is it reasonable and/or valid to cite corresponding events in human history that occurred *before* humanity was aware of an outer planet's existence? Maybe, but the case can be made that expressions of outer planet symbolism might change quite notably after the planet is discovered.

The logic here is that before discovery, an outer planet's motivations, urges, and functions are "buried in the psyche" as part of the collective unconscious, and are therefore less relevant as factors in human life. In addition, even apparent correspondences with events occurring during the early decades after an outer planet's discovery are likely to be more disruptive and less than mature.

Basically, our species is still adolescent and immature, and the true meanings of the outer planets may require more refined consciousness and spiritual maturity than we embody currently. And that could take centuries. Nonetheless, it's understandable that astrologers such as Rosie Finn, myself, and others who write

about the astrology of collective humanity (through “mundane” or what I like to call “civilizational” astrology), look for telling correspondences in human history to flesh out our thoughts and opinions.

### **Assessing Planetary OOB Declination as a Predictive Technique**

During the first two decades of this 21st century, I wrote 100 commentaries and articles about the amazingly rare and powerful seven-pass Uranus square Pluto mundane transit that was effective from 2007 through 2020. During that 13-year period, America came to many significant crossroads, but (in my opinion) time after time we chose the wrong road. Even when we chose the better path, we dropped the ball soon after. I became profoundly disappointed in our country and what I saw as diminishing chances for humanity’s positive future. I grew more convinced than ever that Collapse of the American Empire was necessary. Over the past ten years, I also became much more concerned that what would trigger Collapse of the American Empire might come not from a combination of acts of God or natural disasters, but instead from bad decisions and foolish policies from our own leaders.

And now that has happened. By attacking Iran, the U.S. has embarked upon what many very smart people regard as the single most stupid and idiotic policy decision in America’s entire 250-year history. The only Americans who think this war is a good idea that we can win are hard-core neocons, Trump sycophants, or Fox News sheeple who are hypnotized by right-wing government propaganda. The awful truth is painfully clear: No matter what happens from this point on, the consequences for America will be devastating.

So, my negativity has been nearly bottomless. But that was before my deep dive investigating Pluto Out-of-Bounds. To be frank, I’m not close to 100% certainty that Pluto Out-of-Bounds is a significant predictive technique in astrology, nor am I yet convinced that Rosie Finn is correct about the relative eventual beneficence of Pluto Out-of-Bounds South. Maybe so, maybe not.

I am, however, somewhat encouraged to discover a predictive technique in civilizational astrology whose at least partial optimism about humanity’s situation provides at least some counterweight to the overwhelmingly bad news of most current headlines. The upshot is that I’m slightly less pessimistic than I have been.

Saying that I’m less pessimistic is not even close to feeling optimistic, but I’m happy to consider the possibility that humanity might still have another shot at getting our heads screwed on a little straighter before our entire species shuffles off this mortal coil. Meanwhile, be forewarned. Things are likely to get a lot worse before they get better. That’s how Collapse works. Things have to fall apart before we can fix them.

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