**Historical Ephemeris Timelines: Light/Dark Ages - Later**

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## Astro-historical timeline 6:

**Later Age of Light and Dark**

Waning Neptune-Pluto hemicycle 657-905 CE

### Key:
- * = a period of change or a general trend
- ? = an uncertain date

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<td>+ ROME: Pope Vitalian (657-672)</td>
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<td>CHINA: max extent of Chinese influence in C Asia (incl Afghanistan, Kashmir, Oxus, Turkestan)</td>
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<td>+ C AMERICA: abrupt end of Teotihuacan civilisation (Mexico, city burned by attackers)</td>
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<td>+ * ISLAM: Umayyad building &amp; art develops (661-750), major theological developments, gov't organisation</td>
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<td>ROME: last visit to Rome by a Byzantine emperor, Constans II Pogonatus (641-668)</td>
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<td>+ E ASIA: Japanese withdrawal from Korea (ending 1st Japanese overseas expansion)</td>
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<td>BRITAIN: Synod of Whitby: Catholic Saxon Church aligns to Rome, Celtic Church dies</td>
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<td>BRITAIN: emigration of Celtic Christians from Ireland &amp; Wales to Iceland and North America</td>
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<td>BRITAIN: Theodore of Tarsus, Archbp of Canterbury, organises RC Church, uniting rival kgdms</td>
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<td>IBERIA: codification of Visigoth law in Spain</td>
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<td>CHINA: Buddhist monk I-Tsung travels to India and Malaya</td>
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<td>+ INNOVN: 'Greek Fire', explosive missiles, developed in Byzantium, to be used against Arabs</td>
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<td>+ FRANCE: civil war and anarchy break out in Frankish kingdom, (673-687)</td>
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<td>BYZANTIUM: Arabs besiege Constantinople (674-78), Byzantines survive (first major Arab failure)</td>
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<td>E EUROPE: Khazars overcome Bulgars in S Russia, expanding the Khazar Khanate (later wealthy)</td>
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**Notations:***
- NE = Northern Ecliptic
- OPPN = Opposition
- PL = Planetary Node
- Sc Ta = Solar Transit
- Ta = Terminator
- Ge = Geocentric
- Pi = Parallax
- Sg = Sideral
- Sqr = Square
- Ar = Aquatorial
- Cn = Celestial
- AR = Argentic
- Sa = Saturnine
- UR = Uralitic
- Aq = Aquatic
- CP = Celestial Parallels
E EUROPE: Bulgars surge into Balkans; recognised rulers over Slavs by Byzantium in 681

IBERIA: Visigothic king, Wamba, becomes a monk

BYZANTIUM: 6th Council of Constantinople condemns Monothelites & repudiates Roman primacy

ISLAM: Sunni Caliph Yazid I defeats Shi'ite Husayn at Kerbela (escalation of long Sunni-Shi'ite rivalry)

SE ASIA: beginning of maritime expansion of Srivijaya (Sumatra, Hindu-Buddhist)

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BRITAIN: Battle of Nechtansmere, Picts prevent Northumbrians from gaining control of Scotland

ITALY: Ravenna 'Cosmography' (the first geographical gazetteer) published

BRITAIN: Sussex, last pagan kingdom in Saxon England, converted

FRANCE: Pepin the Younger (679-714) reunites & dominates Frankish state after Battle of Tuyeres

ROME: Pope Sergius I (687-701)

ISLAM: Al-Mahdi, Ummayyad Caliph (687-705), Damascus (subduesopp'n Kharjites & Shi'ites)

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Po Hai kingdom in Manchuria (set up on Chinese model by Korean rulers) (709-934)

ISLAM: Arab invasion of Samarkand, Bokhara & Turkestan under Walid I (709-934)

BRITAIN: war between Saxons of England and Britons (Celts) of Cornwall (709)

JAPAN: NARA PERIOD STARTS (710-84) (independent Jap culture grows, Shinto & Buddhism hybridise)

ISLAM: ARAB INVASION OF SPAIN & control of Straits of Gibraltar; end of Visigothic kgdm (711)

BYZANTIUM: Bulgars at the gates of Byzantium (forcing tribute) (711)

ISLAM: Arabs conquer Sind (Pakistan) as far as Indus river (712)

ITALY: zenith of Lombard kingdom (568-774) in North Italy (712)

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ISLAM: Arab Samarkand, Seville & Cordoba, developing into major peripheral Islamic centers (713)

CHINA: Ming Huang, emperor (713-756); MING RENAISSANCE in arts & learning, education, technology (713)

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+738 CHINA: Emp. Ming Huang ests schools in every district of Chinese empire
+ W AFRICA: Arabs begin to raid NW Africa for slaves (beginning of long slave trade in NW Africa)
+739

+740 * MIDEAST: creative period St John of Damascus (700-50) (liturgy & reform of musical notation)
+ RUSSIA: Khazars convert to Judaism (to avoid Byzantine & Islamic pressures)
+ MIDEAST: Byzantines beat Arabs at Mt of Akroinon (turning Arab energy to N Africa)
+ N AFRICA: Berber rebellion against Arab rule in Algeria
+741 ISLAM: revolts by Kharjites in Iraq & N Africa; Shiites in Iraq (against Sunni Umayyads)
+ JAPAN: creation of govt monasteries in every province; bldg of Great Buddha at Nara (by 752)
+742 FRANCE: birth of Charlemagne (742-814)
+ MIDEAST: earthquakes in Syria & Palestine destroy many cities, thousands killed
+743 INDIA: Gurjara-Pratihara dynasty (743-1036) unites N India (staving off Islam until 1100s)
+ C ASIA: Turkic tribes leave Siberia, to be replaced by Uighurs
+ CHINA: zenith of Chinese lyrical poetry: Wang Wei, Li Po, Po Chu-I, Han Yu (48,900 poems)
+ JAPAN: monk Gyogi (670-749) propagates Shinto & Buddhism as two aspects of same faith
+745 BYZANTIUM: Constantinus V Copronymus (741-77) defeats the Arabs (renews Iconoclastic Dispute)
+ ASIA: beginning of Uighur empire in Siberia (745-840) (tolerable to China)
+746 BYZANTIUM: plague ruins Constantinople (spreading to Greece & Sicily, introd by Arabs)
+747 CHINA: peak of Chinese landscape painting: Wu Tao-hsuan, Li Ssu-hsuan, Wang Wei
+748 MED/N: Arab fleet destroyed during attack on Cyprus: failure of the Islamic advance
+749 ASIA: Padmasambhava begins introduction of Tantric Buddhism into Tibet & Bhutan
+750 * EUROPE: Gregorian music arises in W Europe; pipe organs spread west from Byzantium
+ EURASIA: CULTURAL ZENITH in INDIA, JAPAN, CHINA, RUSSIA, CORDOBA
+ ISLAM: ABBASID BAGHDAD CALIPHATE founded by Abu al Abbas; Umayyad caliphate ends
+ CHINA: porcelain developed, China; * INDIA: 'Kamandaki', Hindu manual on govt and law
+ ITALY: Lombards take Ravena, end Byz power in Italy (re: schism betwn Rome & Byzantium)
+ EUROPE: Merovingian dynasty ends in France; difficulties in Byzantine succession
+751 ASIA: Bt of Talas River (Turkestan) sets boundary between China & Islamic world
+ W EUROPE: CAROLINGIAN PERIOD (751-814) – Pepin the Short, king of the Franks (750-68)
+ EURASIA: paper-making & silk-weaving spread to Arabs & Europe (1150), via Chinese prisoners
+752 * ASIA: zenith of Korean arts & sculpture
+ JAPAN: dedication of Great Buddha at Nara, peak of Buddhist fervour
+ ROME: Pope Stephen II (752-7) steers Roman Church away from Byzantium to links with Franks
+753 * INDIA: spread of Tantric Buddhism & Hindu magical teachings (favouring goddess invocation)
+ INDIA: est of Rashtakuta kagdm (753-973) in Deccan, by Dantidurga (overthrows Chalukyas)
+754 * C ASIA: cultural links in Tibet switch from China to India
+ ISLAM: Al-Mansur the Victorious, Abbasid Caliph (775-775, Abbasid power passes to Persians)
+755 CHINA: An Lu-Shan's rebellion (755-763) in China; slow decline of T'ang civilisation (to 907)
+ ASIA: uprisings against China by Uighurs, Thais, Tangut, Mongol & Khitan peoples
+ ISLAM: growth of Sufi mystical movement (Anatolia, Syria)
+756 IBERIA: Emir Abd al Rahman ests independent UMAYYAD CALIPHATE of CORDOBA (755-1031)
+ CHINA: Arabs aid China to crush rebellion (on resignation of Ming Huang, T'ang Emperor)
+ ROME: foundation of the Papal State (donation of Frankish Pepin the Short)
+757 JAPAN: art collection of Emperor Shomu presented to Todai-ju Temple (3000 objects)
+758 CHINA: establishment of Muslim trading quarter in Kanfu (Canton)
+ BRITAIN: supremacy of Mercia under Offa II (757-96)
+759 FRANCE: Franks (Pepin the Short) eject Arabs from Southern France
+760 MIDEAST: foundation of Turkish Empire by Tartar Turcic tribe in Armenia
+ BRITAIN: zenith of Celtic book copying & illustration
+ INNOVN: Arabs adopt Indian numerals, decimal notation, and develop algebra & trigonometry
+761 C ASIA: withdrawal of Chinese influence from C Asia, making way for Tibetan & Uighur growth
+762 ISLAM: Baghdad founded as capital of Abbasid Caliphate (previous capital was Damascus)
+763 C ASIA: Uighur nomads convert to Manichaeism (after the Kagan meets Persian refugees in China)
+ CHINA: Tibetan expansion into Tunhuang, Kansu, Tarim Basin, Nepal & Ladakh, to 840
+764 JAPAN: rise to power of monk Dokyo, under Empress Shotoku (764-70)
+765 FRANCE: Carolingian Royal Court established Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen) by Pepin the Short
+766 S INDIA: Rashtrakuta Krishnaraja I builds Ellora & Elephanta temples (classical Shaiva style)
W EUROPE: accession of CHARLEMAGNE, Carolingian emperor (768-814) to Frankish throne
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+ 773 ITALY: Charlemagne conquers Northern Italy (beginning long saga of rivalry of HRE vs Papacy)
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+ 775 ASIA: Tibet invades Himalayan nations and makes treaty with China
+ 776
+ 776 E EUROPE: downfall of Bulgaria to Byzantine Greeks (revival in 790s)
+ 777
+ 777 BRITAIN: Kent & Wessex subdued; Offa, King of England (779-96) (Mercian dominance 779-821)
+ 778
+ 778 W EUROPE: Charlemagne subdues the Saxons on mainland Europe
+ 779
+ 779 * CHINA: provincial capitals grow in strength; migrations to Yangtze valley; boom in trade
+ 780
+ 780 E ASIA: collapse of Silla, political decline in Korea (780-935, with increasing imitation of China)
+ 781
+ 781 JAPAN: Emperor Kammu (781-806) (subdues Ainu peoples, moves capital to Kyoto, modernisation)
+ 782
+ 782 BYZANTIUM: last Arab attempt to overcome Byzantium fails
+ 783
+ 783 W EUROPE: Alcuin of York (735-804) organises higher education: CAROLINGIAN RENAISSANCE
+ 784
+ 784 BRITAIN: building of Offa's Dyke (earthwork dividing Saxon England from Celtic Wales)
+ 785
+ 785 CHINA: first known use of magnetic compass, in China
+ 786
+ 786 ISLAM: building of Mosque of Cordoba, Spain (a peak of Muslim architecture)
+ 787
+ 787 W EUROPE: VIKING (mainly Danish) RAIDS on EUROPEAN COASTS BEGIN
+ 788 NW AFRICA: Idrisid dynasty of Fez (788-930) creates independent Islamic Morocco
+ 789
+ 789 ISLAM: Buddhism adopted as the state religion of Tibet
+ 790 IBERIA: CORDOBA CALIPHATE under Harun-al-Rashid (patron of learning) in Cordoba
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+ 791 E EUROPE: Avar state in Hungary beaten by Charlemagne's attacks 791-796
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+ 792 * ATLANTIC: settlement of Faeroes, Iceland and eventually America by Irish monks
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+ 793 NW EUROPE: VIKING THREAT TO EUROPE BEGINS – Danes destroy Lindisfarne monastery
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+ 794 JAPAN: HEIAN PERIOD (794-1185), Kyoto (dominated by Fujiwara clan 967-1068)
+ 795
+ 795 MIDDEAST: revolts in Egypt
+ 796 NW EUROPE: Viking landings and settlements start (mainly Norwegian), dominance by 802
+ 797 FRANCE: Alcuin, Carolingian educator, founds a university at Tours
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+ 801 * C ASIA: conquest of Tarim, Dzungaria, Himalaya & W China by Tibetans, to 860
+ 802
+ 802 E EUROPE: Avar state in Hungary beaten by Charlemagne's attacks 791-796
+ 803
+ 803 * ATLANTIC: settlement of Faeroes, Iceland and eventually America by Irish monks
+ 804
+ 804 * BYZANTIUM: decline and instability until 820
+ 805
+ 805 * C ASIA: Buddhism adopted as the state religion of Tibet
+ 806 NW EUROPE: VIKING THREAT TO EUROPE BEGINS – Danes destroy Lindisfarne monastery
+ 807
+ 807 * N AMERICA: DAWN OF MISSISSIPPIAN CULTURE (towns and riverine horticulture, 800-1450)
+ 808
+ 808 JAPAN: HEIAN PERIOD (794-1185), Kyoto (dominated by Fujiwara clan 967-1068)
+ 809
+ 809 influence, growth of Buddhism & Fujiwara court, cent gov't reform, gradual devolution
+ 810 ISLAM: opening of a state paper mill in Baghdad
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+797 ISLAM: Harun-al-Rashid sends embassies to Charlemagne & T’ang emperor

+798 ISLAM: Oriental & Hellenistic thinking meet, at Baghdad, Mecca, Damascus, Samarkand & Egypt

+799 C ASIA: Khazars invade Armenia

Neptune opposition Pluto square Uranus 660-65
Sudden end of Teotihuacan, Mexico; Hindu Srivijaya empire, SE Asia; expansion of Tibet; Umayyad Caliphate, Damascus; Arab invasion of Maghreb (N Africa); decline of Celtic church (Synod of Whitby); Silla period, Korea; Bulgars migrate to lower Danube from Ukraine; reduction of Byzantium (Arab pressure); revision of Quran (Othman); Turks disperse into Russia & India

Uranus conjunct Pluto 693
Zenith of Umayyad Caliphate - Arab empire from Turkestan to Morocco; zenith of Khazar Khanate, Kazakhstan; golden age in T’ang China; zenith of Bulgars, SE Europe; Byzantine instability; decline of Mochica culture, Peru; Dome of the Rock completed, Jerusalem; persecution of Jews in Spain; Lindisfarne Gospels, Beowulf; decline of Teotihuacan & Monte Alban, Mexico

Neptune opposition Neptune 706-09
Collapse of Teotihuacan; Arab invasion of Spain & Sindh (Pakistan); Bulgars then Arabs besiege Constantinople (Byzantine low-point); renaissance in Ming China; Nara classical period, Japan; rise of Sican culture, Peru; expansion of Huari, Bolivia; wars between Saxons & Cornish

Uranus square Pluto 722-23
Rivalry between Celtic & Roman Christians in NW Europe; Charles Martel starts Frankish expansion, blocks Arab invasion in France; zenith of Mayan civilisation, Yucatan; Buddhist Pala kgdm, Bengal; fall of Gupta dynasty; India influences China (thru Buddhist pilgrims)

Uranus square Neptune 751-54
Islam meets China at Bt of Talas River, Turkestan; Frankish Carolingian dynasty (Frankish growth); slow decline of T’ang dynasty, China; first Turkic sultanate, Armenia; Umayyad Caliphate in Cordoba, Spain; Buddhist zenith, Japan (Great Buddha at Nara); Abbasid Caliphate, Baghdad; cultural zeniths in Japan, India, Russia, Cordoba, China; Rashtrakuta kgdm, Deccan, India

Uranus opposition Pluto 774-76
Charlemagne, Carolingian emperor, conquests; Byzantine revival (fall of Bulgars); Tibetan & Uighur expansion, C Asia; social change in Ming China; Saxon England united (king Offa); collapse of Silla, decline in Korea; Dharmapala, king of Pala & Maghada, Bengal (king for a century)
Uranus conjunct Neptune 794

Serious Viking raids in NW Europe; Heian Buddhist period, Japan; urban Mississippi culture, American midwest; rise of Angkor (Cambodia) & Borobudur (Java); Maori migration to New Zealand; Huari decline, Peru; regionalisation of China, trade boom

+800 * PACIFIC OCEAN: first Polynesian settlers reach Easter Island and New Zealand (850)
+ * SE ASIA: Khmer in Angkor rise to regional prominence; high civilisation in Java (Borobudur)
+ * AFRICA: state of Luba (Zaire) at zenith of development (source of later C African cultures)
+ * S AMERICA: decline of HUARI CULTURE (Peru)
+ * ISLAM: ZENITH OF ABBASID CALIPHATE OF BAGHDAD under Harun al Rashid
+ * BYZANTINUM: crucifixion artwork shows Christ’s suffering & vulnerability for first time
+ EUROPE: CHARLEMGANE crowned Holy Roman Emperor in Rome: HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE begins
+ EUROPE: final separation between East & West empires and Churches; Carolingian links with Arabs

+801 N AFRICA: Aghlabid dynasty of Kairouan (801-909) establishes independent Libya
+802 W EUROPE: Germanic tribal laws codified by Charlemagne
+ SE ASIA: Angkorean (Khmer) Buddhist kingdom established by Jayavarman II
+803 E EUROPE: Bulgarians throw off Tartar (Turkic) dominance
+ EUROPE: independence of Venice (to become wealthy trading city) recognised by Byzantium
+804 EUROPE: expansion of Carolingian empire into E Germany
+ INDIA: Rashtrakuta Govinda II (794-813) expands Rashtrakuta empire across C India
+805 ASIA: beginning of major Nestorian missionary expansion to Turkestan, Mongolia & China
+ C AMERICA: beginning of decline in southern Mayan building, science & trade (Guatemala)
+806 * SE ASIA: building of Buddhist temple complex at Borobudur, Java
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+807 * BRITAIN: Egbert of Wessex (802-39) dominant king in England (Wessex resists of Vikings)
+808 E EUROPE: Krum (808-14) reorganises Bulgaria & overturns Byz repression
+809 * E AFRICA: Kilwa Kisiwani and other trading towns founded along E African coast
+810 E EUROPE: Bulgarians conquer Sofia and defeat Byzantium (Byzantium weak)
+ PERSIA: Persian mathematician al-Khwarizmi devises algebra
+811
+812 EUROPE: Mikael I, Byz Emperor, concedes title of Basileus (emperor) on Charlemagne (812-20)
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+813 MIDEAST: astronomy school established in Baghdad; short Abbasid civil war – Baghdad sacked
+ ISLAM: Mamun, Baghdad Caliph (813-33) brings Augustan age of Arabian arts, learning & science
+814 W EUROPE: death of Charlemagne (successor Louis the Pious, 814-40, Carolingian decline starts)
+815 BRITAIN: Egbert of Wessex defeats Britons in Cornwall (Wessex expansion in SW England)
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+816 C ASIA: Magian leader Babek harrasses Abbasid empire from Azerbaijan (Zoroastran revivalism)
+817 W EUROPE: Carolingian empire divided by Louis the Pious
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+ 820 ISLAM: Abbasid Caliphate reorganised; Taherite dynasty est’d at Khorasan 820 UR -ssq PL Cp Pi
+ BYZANTIUM: Phrygian dynasty (820-67) reclaims Byzantine power (renews Byzantine flowering)
+ 821 BRITAIN: end of Mercian supremacy in England (Wessex on rise) 821 UR +sxt NE Cp Sc
+ + 822 IDEAS: est of House of Knowledge in Baghdad (translations from Greece, Syria, Persia, India) 822 UR +sxt NE Cp Sc
+ + 823 * IDEAS: Samkara of Malabar (c788-850) (reinterprets Vedanta & Brahminism, founds schools) 823 UR +sxt NE Cp Sc
+ + 824 GERMANY: Louis the Pious offers personal protection of king to Jews in Germany 824 Sa OPPN NE Ge Sg
+ + 825 ITALY: rise of N Italian cities (eg Pavia, Venice) as centres of culture & literature 825 UR -ssx PL Aq Pi
+ + 826 N EUROPE: Ansgar the missionary preaches in Scandinavia (Scania & Svealand)
+ + 827 MED’N: Saracen occupation of Sicily (marking rise of widespread pirate raids on Med’n coasts)
+ + 828 BRITAIN: Egbert of Wessex, High King of Saxon Heptarchy (828-39) (on defeat of Mercia (824-5))
+ + 829 829 Sa OPPN UR Le Aq
+ + 830 C EUROPE: Moravian nation (830-906) formed by Prince Moymir of Moravia (830-46) 830 NE -SQR PL Sg Pi
+ + 831 C AMERICA: Mayan classic period ends – central Maya states decline, Long Count calendar abandoned
+ + 832 BYZANTIUM: Iconoclastic Dispute: persecution of icon worshippers in Byzantium 832 NE -SQR PL Sg Pi
+ + 833
+ + 834 MIDEAST: revolt of the Jats (Gypsies) in Iraq (against Abbasid rule)
+ + 835 * INDIA: Rajasthani Pratihara kingdom (835-970) rules N India
+ + 836 BRITAIN: Danes sack London and raid much of E England; 837 Saxons (Heptarchy) fight back
+ + INDIA: struggle for control of Deccan, between Rashtrakutas & Pratiharas 836 UR CONJ PL Pi Pi
+ + 837 ISLAM: Abbasid capital moves to Samarra (brings gradual loss of control by Abbasids) 837 HALLEY’S COMET
+ + 838 MED’N: Arabs sack Marseilles and S Italy, defeat Byzantium in Asia Minor (threatening Europe)
+ + * IRELAND: est of first towns in Ireland by Vikings; immigration of Gallic refugees 838 NE Cp
+ + E ASIA: end of Japanese period of imitation of China (last embassy to T’ang) 838 UR Ar
+ + 839 C ASIA: collapse of central control of the kingdom of Tibet 839 UR +SQR NE Ar Cp 839 UR Ar
+ 840 E EUROPE: Confederation of Slavic tribes under Moravian Moinmir (to resist German land pressures)
+ + C ASIA: Turkic Kirghiz (Siberians) overthrow Uighur empire (many Uighur migrate to Tarim Basin) 840 UR +SQR NE Ar Cp
+ + 841 NW EUROPE: Vikings plunder Rouen & Paris; monarchy est’d in Norway; N Germany attacked 841 Sa CONJ NE Cp Cp
+ + CHINA: Wu Tsung, Taoist emperor, persecutes Manichaeans, Buddhists, Nestorians in China 841 Sa CONJP NE Cp Cp
+ + W EUROPE: foundation of Dublin by Vikings (as main base for operations in Ireland & Britain) 841 Sa CONJP NE Cp Cp
+ + 842 ASIA: Tibetan empire disintegrates
+ + BYZANTIUM: use & worship of icons re-established; Mikael III the Drunkard, Byz Emp (842-67)
+ + 843 W EUROPE: partition of Carolingian empire, into Italy, France, Germany (Treaty of Verdun) 842 PL Ar
+ + CHINA: Manichaeism destroyed in China after persecutions of Persian & Asian Manichaeans 843 PL Ar
+ + 844 BRITAIN: Kenneth MacAlpin, K of Scots & Picts (844-60) (1st king of united Scotland) 844 PL Ar
+ + 845 CHINA: general decline (persecution of Buddhists; currency inflation & imperial bankruptcy)
+ + 846 ITALY: Arabs pillage Rome, sack the Vatican, destroy Venetian fleet 846 PL Ar
+ + MID EAST: Viking (Varangian) traders reach Baghdad 846 UR +ssx PL Ta Ar
+ + 847 * ISLAM: beginning of decline of Abbasid empire (gradual disintegration into local dynasties) 847 UR +ssx PL Ta Ar
+ + 848 * INNOVN: earliest use of gunpowder, in China (roots of new warfare) 848 Sa CONJP NE Ar
+ + 850 C AMERICA: collapse of Classic Maya civilisation in Mexico 850 NE on NE SNODE
+ + * S AMERICA: decline of Huari civilisation in Peru 851 UR +ssq PL Ta Ar
INDIA: Buddhism becomes defunct in India (overridden by Hindu & Jain religions)
+ ISLAM: Arabs perfect the astrolabe (an astronomical observational device)
+ RUSSIA: Rurik the Viking, ruler of Kiev (850-79) (Viking trade expansion to Black Sea & Med'n)
+ INDIA: foundation of Chola state (Madras area, later to be influential across Asia)
+ C AMERICA: foundation of Chichen Itza, N Yucatan (to become leading Maya/Toltec city)
+ ROME: 'Papa Caput totius Orbis', proclamation of Papal supremacy on earth
+ INNOVN: publication of the first printed book, in China
+ ITALY: Louis II, king of Italy & Holy Roman Emperor (855-76)
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+ 852 NE Aq
+ RUSSIA: Novgorod founded by Rurik the Viking (the first Russian state)
+ 862 NE Aq
EURASIA: widespread famine in many lands (weather conditions)

JAPAN: Fujiwara Mototsune (first of many civil dictators, ‘kampaku’)

FRANCE: Louis III of N France defeats Vikings

W EUROPE: Charles III the Bald, Carolingian emperor (876-87) (Frankish kgdm reunited 884)

RUSSIA: Kiev becomes the chief town of Russian confederacy

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INDIA: major earthquakes kill approx 180,000

MIDEAST: communistic Carmathian rebels overrun Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Mecca (891-906)

E EUROPE: expelled from Ukraine by Vikings & Khazars, Magyars move to Hungary

INDIA: growth of pilgrimage to holy places as a religious devotional practice

PACIFIC OCEAN: Polynesian settlement of Aotearoa (New Zealand) increases

BYZANTIUM: Constantinople attacked by Russian Vikings (commercial treaties est’d 907)

C AMERICA: RISE OF NORTHERN MAYA – Chichen Itza becomes dominant centre of the Mayans

EUROPE: parts of Italy & Germany raided & devastated by Magyars from Hungary

* AMERICAS: TOLTEC PERIOD in Mexico (900-1325), capital Tula

* AMERICAS: Second Pueblo Indian period in SW N America (advanced towns & architecture)

* EUROPE: Magyar, Viking & Arab threats coalesce European awareness & identity

* JAPAN: compilation of Kokinshu, a poetry anthology (Japanese scholarship loses Chinese infl)
Uranus square Pluto 804-05
Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor - Carolingian empire from France to E Germany; zenith of Rashtrakuta kgdm, C India; decline of the Mayan city-states; final separation of Orthodox & Catholic churches; Abbasid cultural ascendancy in Caliphate of Baghdad; Buddhist temples at Borobudur, Java; Arabic trading ports along African east coast.

Neptune square Pluto 830-33
Iconoclastic dispute, Byzantium; Gypsy revolt, Persia; Rise of north Italian cities; Arab incursions in France, Italy & Byzantium; Viking raids, NW Europe, Viking dominance of Ireland; Tibetan empire and Mayan and Huari cultures collapse; rise of Kievan Russia; chaos, persecution & imperial bankruptcy, China; Slavic confederation, Moravia; Japan breaks links with China; Pratihara kgdm, Rajasthan, NW India; Abbasid Caliphate slow decline; partition of Carolingian empire into France, Italy & Germany.

Uranus conjunct Pluto 836-38
Byzantine revival; Viking terror and settlement, Russia, Britain & Ireland; rise of Bokhara as a centre of Islamic thought; creation of Cyrillic (Slavic) alphabet; growth of Khmer Cambodia; Bulgars & Serbs convert to Christianity; Fujiwara period, Japan; Alfred the Great, England, resists Viking settlement.

Uranus square Pluto 863-65
Alfred the Great - England divided between Saxons & Danes; Viking colonisation of Iceland; Fujiwara dictatorship in Japan; Arabs take Sicily; famine across Eurasia (weather); Nepali independence from Tibet; schism between Catholic & Orthodox Christians; separation of Germany & France.
Uranus opposition Pluto 887-89
Magyars expelled from Russia by Khazars, settling in Hungary; Viking threat blocked in Britain & France; England strong under Alfred the Great; Japanese cultural renaissance; Carmathian rebellion, Syria & Arabia; Tamil Chola dynasty, S India; Sankaracharya, philosopher, reforms Vedic Hinduism

Neptune conjunct Pluto 905
Rise of European identity and nation-states (under threat from Magyars, Vikings & Arabs); unstable Epoch of Five Dynasties in China; zenith of Umayyad culture in Cordoba, Spain; Magyars destroy Moravia; rise of Fatimids in Tunisia; Vikings granted Normandy (later to become Normans); rise of Northern Maya (Chichen Itza); Maori settlement of New Zealand increases; Toltec period, Mexico; peak of Viking culture

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