## The Numerology Factor - 2025 and Universal Year 9

Since 2025 is a Universal 9-Year, symbolic of ending, completions and graduations, it constitutes a preparatory period in light of the following Universal 1-Year that 2026 will be, and which also indicates the beginning of a new 9 year cycle. The year number count that is used to determine the Universal Year is quite in sync with the Astrological rhythms and planetary cycles. In its own way, any 9-Year in the overall cycle can be described as the 'beginning of the end', especially in its early stages. In this regard, it is quite apt that Pluto finally entered Aquarius for its uninterrupted 20-year push in November, 2024, a Universal 8-Year and in an 11/2 month, equating to 19/1.

So, 2025 from the larger, societal and collective perspective can be understood as the launch pad for 2026, so to speak, with all the preparatory processes that go into it. These processes can prove messy and chaotic, like a major new project in its early stages as with cutting and clearing and gathering of supplies, carefully studying plans and blueprints and progressively new workers showing up soon to become familiar faces, like them or not. More personally, 9-Years can be metaphorically likened to laying the garden to rest in autumn, complete with the planting of bulbs and other perennials, and perhaps also with plans to do some inner work, as with renovations and making new and bigger plans for the coming spring.

A strong synchronicity of 2025 as largely serving to provide a foundational year for 2026 is the fact that while Saturn, Uranus and Neptune will enter new signs in late March, May and early July, respectively, they each will also retrograde back into the previous signs, where they are currently and 2026 will begin with them all in the signs they are in currently. This could feel like a line of loaded catapults ready to be released but waiting for the command, in this case, the celestial command. It will take until May 2026 before they are all back in the signs they briefly enter in 2025. It is true that their initial entry will have some definite activation, so get ready for those. (These will be more fully highlighted in the Weekly Horoscopes.) Yet the bigger story is when they enter the sign for the duration of the cycle when this interrupting back and forth over the sign cusp process due to the planets turning retrograde is cleared.

So, while every year is significant, 2025 is destined to be especially so. With all the far planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune in Pluto in already or entering new signs by mid-year, the initial shifts, the activating, cutting and clearing... stages will be clearly evident. The challenge will largely be to roll with it, without blind conformity but rather with visionary, co-creative authenticity. This is where these insights and guidance will prove helpful. The processes

associated with the destined, initial activations and changes will continue through 2026 especially.

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