

## ASTROLOGY

### **Planetary Event Calendar for May, 2022 by Joe DiSabatino, M.Ed**

**A few more observations about the current Jupiter/Neptune conjunction, which will be in effect all year, but was at its peak of strength in April.** Jupiter and Neptune come together once every 11 years in different signs of the zodiac, but it's been 167 years (1855) since they joined hands in Pisces. Jupiter was the traditional ruler of Pisces until Neptune was discovered and was assigned rulership over Pisces. So these two planets are now considered the co-rulers of Pisces, which makes the conjunction in their home sign the most powerful of all their conjunctions.

**Does history repeat itself?** If it does, history's repetitions often coincide with repeating astrological alignments. 1855 is a significant date in light of Russia's current invasion of Ukraine because the Crimean War (Crimea is the peninsula in south of Ukraine) took place from 1853-1856, at the exact time of the last Jupiter/Neptune conjunction in Pisces. That war didn't go well for Russia either: it lost. According to Wikipedia:

**“The Crimean War was a military conflict fought from October 1853 to February 1856 in which Russia lost to an alliance of France, the Ottoman Empire, the United Kingdom and Piedmont-Sardinia.** The immediate cause of the war involved the rights of Christian minorities in Palestine, which was part of the Ottoman Empire. The French promoted the rights of Roman Catholics, and Russia promoted those of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Longer-term causes involved the decline of the Ottoman Empire, the expansion of the Russian Empire in the preceding Russo-Turkish Wars, and the British and French preference to preserve the Ottoman Empire to maintain the balance of power in the Concert of Europe. **It has widely been noted that the causes, in one case involving an argument over a key, had never revealed a ‘greater confusion of purpose’, but led to a war that stood out for its ‘notoriously incompetent international butchery’.**”

**Sound familiar? March (as the Jupiter/Neptune conjunction neared exact) and April 2022 have been a period of humiliating military disasters for Russia while committing alleged war crimes.** Interesting to note, the Crimean War also produced **Florence Nightingale**, and her spirit is alive in the Ukraine today as individuals and large-scale humanitarian relief efforts operate in extremely dangerous conditions to create corridors to safety for thousands of trapped civilians and treat the wounded.

“The nightingale has long been invoked in Ukrainian culture as ‘a creator of sweet sounds, a builder of homes, and a harbinger of spring. In Ukrainian the word for nightingale, соловейко – soloveiko, is a term of personal endearment.’ The nightingale is an icon of Ukraine.”  
(birdlife.org)

**May is a busy month astrologically. Jupiter leaves Pisces and enters Aries on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the same day Mercury turns retrograde (until June 3). Venus and Mars also move into Aries in May. Aries is the sign of war.**

**There's a total Lunar eclipse on May 15-16<sup>th</sup>, which will be visible in Myrtle Beach from 9:30 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> until 2 am on the 16<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.** Eclipses are also Moon Wobble periods of instability for the world. Their effect can be felt at least a month prior to their occurrence.

### **Key Dates in May:**

**May 1-7: Sun and Uranus come together in Taurus.** Uranus brings sudden and unexpected events. Taurus is an earth sign: with the lunar eclipse in Taurus on the 15<sup>th</sup>, there could be a powerful earthquake somewhere in the world this week. Something shocking could take place in the Ukraine.

**May 3: Venus enters sign of Aries.** Women become more assertive, compromises become less likely. Not good for peace settlements while Venus is in Aries all month.

**May 10: Mercury turns retrograde in Gemini and then backs up into Taurus. It turns direct on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Taurus.** Not a good period to make major purchases, sign long-term contracts, or to start a new relationship. Mercury is only retrograde for three weeks, so be patient. Best to review your plans during this time.

**May 10-Jupiter enters Aries.** Jupiter expands. Expansion of the war?

**May 12-16: Sun in Taurus clashes with Saturn in Aquarius. This peaks right at the Lunar Eclipse when Saturn also clashes with the Full Moon in Scorpio. So there's a Moon Wobble made even worse by Saturn clashing with the Sun and Moon. Very difficult days!! Don't start any major new projects until a week after the eclipse.**

**May 14-21: Mars conjuncts Neptune in Pisces.** Good for art and music. Also means deception, trickery, sneak attacks. Not good for (legal) business.

**May 16-22: Sun in Taurus makes a harmonious connection to Pluto.** This is an excellent business aspect. The 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> are best days for this alignment since they are almost a week past the difficult lunar eclipse.

**May 22-25: Sun in Gemini makes a positive link to Jupiter in Aries.** This signifies positive opportunities arriving at your doorstep. They probably comes via the Internet. Job interview?

**May 25-29: Venus in Aries clashes with Pluto in Capricorn.** Jealousy and possessiveness cause tension in relationships. Bad days for important financial moves (not good for investing, purchasing stocks, etc).

**May 24: Mars enter Aries, its home sign.** The table is set in Aries: Venus, Mars and Jupiter are there. The war in Ukraine could enter a new and more violent phase.

**May 29: Venus enters Taurus.** Relationship settle down. There's a more hope for peace in the air, although Mars in Aries works against it.

**May 30: New Moon takes place in Myrtle Beach at 4:28 pm at 9 degrees of Gemini.** Where in your personal life and business can you make improvements/create variety with written and verbal communications, networking, marketing, advertising, web site design, etc?

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