

ASTROLOGY: Planetary Event Calendar for August, 2022 by Joe DiSabatino

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Last month I wrote about the difficult consequences of the current Saturn/Uranus square aligning with the Lunar Nodes all year. But there's positive, game-changing events happening too, mainly from the North Node joining Uranus in Taurus in January, and they are exactly conjunct in late July and all of August.

Uranus rules space exploration and air travel. The James Webb telescope was launched three weeks (Christmas eve) before the North Node joined Uranus in Taurus and the two are now conjunct at 18 Taurus, just as the first, amazing deep space images from the James Webb were made public. James Webb will forever alter our understanding of the universe and its origins.

But there's more. During the last few days of July and the first week of August, Mars joins Uranus and the North Node at 18 Taurus. The last time this triple conjunction (Mars/Uranus/North Node) was exact in the earth sign of Taurus was over 2,300 years ago, in 324 BC. This was the time of Alexander the Great's conquest of the Persian Empire, Afghanistan, and northern India. Alexander's conquests laid the foundation for the Hellenistic era.

Uranus and Mars act swiftly and decisively. Big changes are in the air economically, socially, scientifically! From "Well Being" online magazine: "The Sabian Symbol for this degree (18 Taurus) is 'A newly formed continent', a fitting expression of Taurus's earth substrate and the longevity birthed from fixed sign influence. Throw in Uranus' power of novelty, the volatile trigger of Mars, and the North Node's sense of destiny, and this triple conjunction of 2022 strongly indicates that we're in a new era of Alexandrian proportions — most definitely not in Kansas anymore. The upheaval triggered by 2020's epic mutation conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius will be cemented for decades and centuries to come."

War in Ukraine: Chiron in Aries turned retrograde on July 24th. When the war started in February, Chiron was opposing Putin's natal Sun at 13 Libra. That's usually an indication of career setbacks. When Chiron moved past that opposition, the war started to go somewhat better for Russia. My guess is that as Chiron moves back in opposition to Putin's Sun (from end of July until early February '23), there will be reversals for Russia on the battlefield as Ukraine regains lost territory with the help of advanced Western weaponry.

Finally during the first three weeks of August, there's a Moon Wobble in effect as the Sun in Leo squares the Lunar Nodes in Taurus/Scorpio. Moon Wobble are periods of instability in the world, and there's often natural and man-made disasters or violent events. This Moon Wobble is especially strong because the Sun is also forming stressful aspects to Uranus/Mars in

Taurus and Saturn in Aquarius. Its energy peaks August 6-16th. **Also the Sun squares Mars all month, an aspect of war, frustration and anger.** So be mindful of your own anger/frustration/impulsiveness during this period, and try not to over-react to others' expressions of the same.

Key Dates in August:

August 1-5: This is the week the Mars/Uranus/North Node conjunction is exact at 18 Taurus (see above). The Sun in Leo also makes a very favorable connection with Jupiter in Aries. A good week for doing something that requires boldness, daring and a positive vision. At the same time, Mercury, in aspect to Neptune and Pluto, will require adjustments to how you think about your plans and how you communicate them. You'll probably need more clarity and research to make your ideas more convincing.

August 6-16: Sun in Leo makes stressful aspects to the Nodes, Uranus, Mars and Saturn. From the 6th-12th, Venus in Cancer makes a favorable link to Neptune in Pisces and a stressful contact with Pluto in Capricorn. Mars in Taurus clashes with Saturn in Aquarius. This is the time when the Moon Wobble energy is at its most intense. Not a good period to move, make major purchases, financial investments and other long-term commitments if you can avoid it. In other words, sit tight and wait. Meditate. On the positive side, Mercury in Virgo makes a positive link to Uranus in Taurus from the 14th-19th, so helpful, practical insights may come as you consider the big picture.

August 16-19: Venus entered Leo on the 11th and now makes a flowing aspect with Jupiter in Aries. Mercury in Virgo does the same with Pluto in Capricorn while continuing its good link to Uranus, all in earth signs, and Mercury also opposes Neptune in Pisces (Mercury in a powerful "Kite" formation with the three outer planets: excellent for networking, writing, marketing, sales, etc). And Mars in Taurus harmonizes with Pluto. So a good period for business, social life, love.

August 24: Uranus turns retrograde. The five outer planets--Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto--are all retrograde from August 24 until October 8th, when Pluto turns direct,. This is an intense six week period when, on a personal and global level, goals, plans, interventions and values are re-considered in the light of current events.

August 27th: New Moon at 4 degrees Virgo takes place at 4:17 am in Myrtle Beach. This month there's an emphasis on practical financial matters and facing relationship issues. Venus opposes Saturn in the New Moon chart. Cutting back on unnecessary expenditures may be necessary due to the rising cost of living. Virgo makes sacrifices for the good of the community. Good time for gardening, caring for pets, volunteer work.

August 24-31: Sun in Virgo squares Mars in Gemini while Venus in Leo opposes Saturn in Aquarius. A tense week. Relationship conflicts come to the surface. Not a good week for major purchases or financial investments.