

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

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The first half of December will present challenges due to the inner planets clashing with Neptune, the planet of illusions. Confusion and uncertainty will be in the air. This clears during the second half of the month when the inner planets make positive links to Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto creating an energy field for more clarity and forward progress.

Saturn's sits in the background all month, the inner planets not making any links to the ringed planet that specializes in creating blockages. This fact combined with Jupiter sitting at 0 degrees Aries from the 21st is a good omen for catching the head winds and sailing forward with plans and projects.

The only caveat is Mars in Gemini still moving retrograde until January 12th. Mercury turns retrograde on December 29th until January 18th. New plans and projects visualized from mid-month are more likely to succeed if implemented after January 18th.

The chart for the Winter Solstice on December 21st when the Sun enters Capricorn has the Sun in square aspect to Jupiter at 0 Aries. Squares are usually difficult but all Jupiter aspects tend to be positive. So this Sun/Jupiter aspect suggests that during the next three months Jupiter's connection to truth, justice and high ethical and moral values will prevail in the world despite opposing forces.

Key Dates in December:

- 1. Dec. 1-7: The Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Neptune are all in Mutable signs (Gemini, Sagittarius and Pisces).** Mutable signs are flexible, adaptable, open-minded, always interested in learning. The downside of mutable energy includes scattered energies, hesitancy about making commitments, changing plans others were counting on, or changing one's mind at the last minute.
- 2. Dec 1-7: Neptune turns direct at 22 Pisces. The days when an outer planet is turning retrograde or direct heightens its influence.** Generally, when Neptune is moving forward we can more easily make our dreams and visions a reality. But during the first two weeks of December, Neptune's propensity to confuse, deceive or undermine the best laid plans is strong.
- 3. Dec. 1-6: Venus in Sagittarius opposes retrograde Mars in Gemini and both clash with a strong stationary Neptune in Pisces, creating what is called a 'transiting T-square' in the sky.** Differences in personal relationships are discussed but it's hard to find clarity and a resolution. Not good days to start a new relationship or for making major purchases or financial investments.

4. **Dec. 6-16: Now the Sun in Sagittarius and retrograde Mars in Gemini oppose each other and both clash with Neptune to create another transiting T-square, similar to above.** You may feel lots of energy and enthusiasm for moving forward with career or educational plans, but Neptune adds uncertainty about exactly which direction to go. If possible, wait until after the 16th to make any career or educational commitments.
5. **Dec.16-24: First Mercury, then Venus (both now in Capricorn), make a flowing contact with Uranus in Taurus. This happens while the Sun links to Jupiter which re-enters the sign of Aries on the 21st.** These are excellent days for career, personal relationship moves/decisions, and finances, and also gaining sudden, new insights related to all three. 0 Aries is the most powerful degree of the zodiac; Jupiter brings good luck and success. Jupiter is at 0 degrees Aries from the 21st until end of the month. Try to take advantage of it if you can-- Jupiter won't be at 0 Aries again for 12 years.
6. **Dec 23: New Moon in Capricorn takes place at 5:16 am in Myrtle Beach.** The Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Pluto are all in Capricorn at the New Moon, so there's a big emphasis on this sign in the world for the coming month. Capricorn urges us to take responsibility for our actions, become more self-determining, to step into our personal authority and expertise, to face and solve problems, and set practical goals.
7. **Dec. 25: the Moon is in Aquarius on Christmas day.** Santa has some unexpected surprises in store for people. Unusual gifts, particularly tech-y gifts, are under the tree this year.
8. **Dec. 29: Mercury turns retrograde in Capricorn until January 18th.**
9. **Dec. 25-Jan. 2: First Venus, then retrograde Mercury, conjunct Pluto in Capricorn.** Pluto adds emotional depth and passion to whatever planet it touches, as well as helping us discover hidden facts or identify important personal or social trends that lie beneath the surface. Mercury, the planet of ideas and communication, and Venus the planet that rules love and money, will be supercharged by Pluto's energy during the final week of the year.

Next month I'll give a brief overview of 2023.

Meanwhile, HAPPY NEW YEAR!