

ASTROLOGY: Planetary Event Calendar for January 2023, by Joe DiSabatino

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2022 went by so fast! Here's the astrological outlook for 2023 which overall is less tense for the world (compared to 2021 and 2022) since the outer five planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto) stay in a more harmonious relationship to each other, particularly from early March when Saturn enters Pisces for 2.5 years. Major developments in 2023:

- 1) **Saturn in Aquarius clashing with Uranus in Taurus, in effect all of 2021 and 2022, ends in early March 2023 when Saturn enters Pisces.** Saturn/Uranus clashes usually ratchet up the willingness to go to war or to make threats of war (Ukraine, Taiwan), economic difficulties (global inflation, downturns, higher interest rates), and a battle between conservative (Saturn) and progressive (Uranus) forces in society. With the end of this clash, social tensions/violence in the world hopefully will diminish. Instead, in 2023, Saturn will be forming cooperative links with the other four outer planets (Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto), which will ease tensions in the world.
- 2) **In Pisces, Saturn (the planet of practical realities, the scientific method, and firm boundaries) will hold accountable the distortions, intentional lies, gullibility, false beliefs, and all other shadow sides of the last sign of the zodiac.** Pisces rules the pharmaceutical industry, the oceans, rivers and wetlands, the film and music industry, and all the arts. Saturn in Pisces will force society to acknowledge and solve problems in all these areas. Personally, Saturn in Pisces, can help us deeper our spiritual understanding and practices, or, for some, can intensify a sense of despair/hopelessness at the state of the world or their personal situation.
- 3) **None of the five outer planets clash with each other during 2023 which enhances cooperation rather than conflict.** And from mid-May, the Big Five are in earth signs (Jupiter and Uranus in Taurus, Pluto in Capricorn) and water signs (Saturn and Neptune in Pisces). The earth and water signs are feminine, receptive, stable, calm.
- 4) **Jupiter is in Aries until May 17th, the warrior sign.** Jupiter amplifies energies, so when it enters Taurus on that date, aggressive energies in the world will start to calm down (#3 above).
- 5) **Pluto briefly leaves Capricorn (where it's been since 2008) and enters the last air sign of Aquarius from March 24, 2023 to June 12th.** Then Pluto retrogrades back to Capricorn on June 12th until the end of November 2024, when it re-enters Aquarius (where it will be until March, 2043). So in 2023, the world gets a preview of Pluto's twenty year transit though Aquarius. Pluto transiting through any sign brings about the most profound, long-lasting transformations in the world, related to that archetype. Are we finally on the cusp of the Age of Aquarius?

- 6) **In March, Jupiter in Aries conjuncts Chiron.** This happens about once every 12 years and is a positive event. There's a possibility of a legal breakthroughs in areas of the world where resolutions had seemed impossible. A peace agreement in Ukraine?
- 7) **Venus is retrograde in Leo from July 23, 2023 to September 4.** Venus retrograde periods are times for reviewing relationship, artistic, and financial issues. In Leo, our need for love, recognition, and creative self-expression come up for deeper inspection. Not a good period to start a new relationship, make major purchases or financial investments.
- 8) **There are two Solar and two Lunar eclipses in 2023.** The Solar eclipses take place on April 19th (total eclipse) and October 14th (partial); the Lunar eclipses on May 5th and October 28th. The Solar eclipse on April 19th is particularly auspicious because it is a total eclipse with Jupiter in late Aries near the New Moon at 29 Aries (Solar eclipses happen at the New Moon, Lunar eclipses at the Full Moon). Eclipses signify endings and new beginnings. One door closes, another one opens. Jupiter brings peace, justice, positive openings, success, blessings. In India, Ganesh is Jupiter. Those born April 17 to April 24, and October 19 to October 27 will be most impacted by the Solar eclipse on April 19.

So it looks like 2023 will be a more stable and peaceful year than the previous two years.

The two-year Saturn/Uranus clash finally ends in March which should reduce tensions and lower levels of conflict in the world as Saturn enters a period of harmonizing with the other four outer planets.

Key Dates in January:

- 1) **Jan. 1-9th: The Sun and retrograde Mercury in Capricorn make a positive link to Uranus, while Venus makes a flowing link to Jupiter.** Expect the unexpected. Uranus always surprises, and this time it should make you smile. Perhaps some unexpected positive financial or relationship news, or something in the mail brings the surprise.
- 2) **Jan. 12th: Mars turns direct at 8 degrees Gemini.** Delays and back logs start to clear up, particularly those related to agreements, contracts, shipments, travel, communications of all kinds.
- 3) **Jan 18: Mercury turns direct.** With Mars and now Mercury direct, the green light in the sky is flashing--plans and projects can proceed with less resistance and fewer obstacles.
- 4) **Jan. 16-21: Sun in Capricorn conjuncts Pluto, while Venus conjuncts Saturn.** Excellent aspects to start a business, or new project (but Venus/Saturn is not great for starting a new relationship). Microsoft, AT&T, and Boeing all have a Sun/Pluto enhancement in their start-up chart. Microsoft has both Sun/Pluto and Venus/Saturn enhanced.

- 5) **Jan. 21: New Moon in Aquarius takes place at 4:54 pm in Myrtle Beach.** The Sun and Moon in Aquarius make a flowing aspect to Jupiter. So a good month for heading into new territory with confidence, such as taking a risk career-wise or in any area of your life.
- 6) **Jan. 24-31st: Sun in Aquarius squares the Lunar Nodes in Taurus/Scorpio, and also clashes with Uranus This is a Moon Wobble period.** It signifies world-wide instability which is amplified by the Uranian influence.. Major natural or man-made disasters often happen during a Moon Wobble. Best to avoid making long-term commitments or start a major new endeavor in any area of your life during the last week of January. During this Moon Wobble, the Sun is also making a favorable link to Jupiter, so there's also protection from the worst-possible outcomes.