

ASTROLOGY: Planetary Event Calendar for October, 2020

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Here are the key astrological events in October when the Sun, Moon and planets are forming significant aspects:

October promises to be another challenging month. Fiery Mars in Aries remains retrograde all month, forming challenging aspects to the Sun, Jupiter and Pluto. These aspects represent conflict/disagreements, violence, anger, fires (Western USA). Mars in retrograde motion means issues/policies/recent decisions need to be re-evaluated in the light of current events.

In October, the transiting Sun (in Libra until October 23rd, then enters Scorpio) also forms stressful aspects to Jupiter, Pluto, Saturn and Uranus in that order. The most difficult period will be October 13th-20th when the transiting Sun gets locked into a T-square with Mars, Pluto and Saturn. You may be dealing with frustrations/conflicts with authority figures/your boss during these two weeks. Avoid making impulsive decisions while the T-square is in effect.

The Sun and Mars are masculine planets and they are in tense situations most of the month. **On the other hand, feminine Venus will be in gentle Virgo Oct. 3-28th, making positive aspects to Jupiter, Pluto and Saturn (all in Capricorn), and Uranus in Taurus.** Women will be featured as healers, agents of cooperation and peace, selfless service.

Mercury turns retrograde on October 14th in Scorpio (secrets revealed) until November 3rd (Election Day—more about that in next month's report).

From the 11th -31st, Mercury, Mars, Uranus and Neptune are all retrograde, indicating a highly volatile, unsettled and confusing period.

Best days of the month:

October 8th-13th. The Sun aspects Jupiter, while Venus makes flowing aspects to Uranus and Jupiter (in the 3 earth signs of Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn). Venus symbolizes love, money, and whatever gives us comfort, pleasure, delight. Good days for entertainment, or making a purchase that brings beauty into your life. But do so before Mercury turns retrograde.

Most Challenging Days of Month:

October 13-20 when the Sun is in a T-square with Mars, Pluto and Saturn. You want to move forward but feel stuck like car tires in mud or sand.

Other noteworthy days:

- 1. Oct 4—Pluto turns direct.** Pluto had been retrograde since April 25th. Pluto direct brings into the world profound personal and social changes that were brewing beneath the surface the past six months.
- 2. Oct 16th: the New Moon in Libra takes place at 3:31 pm in Myrtle Beach.** Align your New Moon wishes with the desire for peace, harmonious relationships, fairness, justice, and beauty in your life and in the world.
- 3. Oct 28-31st—also difficult days.** Retrograde Mercury squares Saturn and the Sun in Scorpio opposes Uranus. These aspects are a build up to Election Day and will still be in effect on Nov. 3rd. Controversy, to say the least.

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