

ASTROLOGY

Planetary Event Calendar for October, 2021 by Joe DiSabatino, M.Ed.

SOLAR RETURNS

In astrology, your birthday is not always on the day you were born. Called a “Solar Return,” your astrological birthday can occur the day before, on, or the day after your birthday. A Solar Return occurs at the exact time and day when the transiting Sun returns to the same degree and minute where it was when you were born. For instance, if your natal Sun was at 12 degrees and 24 minutes of Leo when you were born, then every year when the Sun returns to that same degree and minute of Leo, you will have your astrological birthday/Solar Return. The Sun’s annual return to this point happens at a different day and time each year, within a three day range.

The degree of the zodiac where your natal Sun is located is a highly sensitive and significant point. Your natal Sun symbolizes your creative potential, your inner light, your vitality and zest for life. Once a year, your inner solar battery gets an infusion of energy from the Sun when it touches this point, as a new chapter in your life’s journey unfolds. That’s why you usually feel a boost of vitality around your birthday.

In astrology a “Solar Return chart” cast for the day and time each year when the Sun returns to its natal degree (and set for the place where you are currently living, not your birth place), will give information about the coming year, from birthday to birthday. Particular emphasis is placed on the house the Solar Return Sun is located and the aspects it makes with other planets. For example, the Solar Return Sun placed in the 1st House of Identity indicates a time of creative focus on self-development. A year when the Sun falls in your 7th House of Partnerships will be a year when you focus on others -- particularly a business or personal relationship.

Except for the last four days of the month, October is another good month, like September, for moving forward without any major astrological obstacles blocking your progress. Pluto, Saturn, Mercury and Jupiter all turn direct (in that order) during the month.

Key Days in October:

1. **October 6th: New Moon occurs in Myrtle Beach at 13 degrees Libra at 7:05 am.** Set your intention to improve your willingness to listen to significant others and friends as a way of harmonizing relationships. Do something that adds beauty and peace to your life.
2. **Oct. 7th: Venus enters the sign of Sagittarius until Nov, 5th.** This is a good month for travel and new learning that takes us out of our familiar territory. Venus is in harmonious relationship with Mars and Jupiter all month by sign which helps relationships go more smoothly.
3. **Oct. 12-23rdth: the Sun and Mars come together in Libra and both form a flowing relationship with Jupiter and clash with Pluto.** Sun/Mars/Pluto is a tense dynamic configuration that suggests emotionally-charged power struggles, but Jupiter’s benign presence in the mix acts as a mediator, helping to peacefully resolve conflicts. Mercury turns direct on the 18th, so issues that seem stuck until then move towards resolution, with Jupiter’s

blessings, after the 18th. Sun, Mercury and Mars in balanced Libra also help with cooperative conflict resolution.

4. **Oct 12-17th: Taken by itself, the Sun/Jupiter 120 degree flowing aspect is a very positive time for any endeavor.** This happens twice a year every year (in different signs as Jupiter moves through the signs, spending one year in each), and the Sun/Jupiter conjunction happens once a year. This adds up to about twelve days every year when Jupiter blesses our decisions and actions made on those days. Usually these are the best days to start a business or to walk down the aisle. This month, the Sun in Libra harmonizes with Jupiter in Aquarius, both air signs.
5. **Oct 18th: Mercury turns direct at 10 Libra.**
6. **Oct. 27-31st: On the other hand there are about twelve days every year you want to avoid doing either of the above.** Those occur when the Sun clashes with Saturn. Saturn blocks and frustrates our forward-looking plans, usually for a good reason that we only discover later. During the final week of October, the Sun in Scorpio clashes with Saturn in Aquarius. This is a time for facing reality and solving problems before moving ahead with plans.

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