

## **ASTROLOGY: Planetary Event Calendar for October, 2022 by Joe DiSabatino**

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**Last month I promised to write about a relatively rare event happening in October related to the cycle of Venus/Sun conjunctions known as the Venus Star Points.** As the Babylonians and ancient Mayans knew, at any period in history, Venus/Sun conjunctions occur every 584 days in 5 different signs of the zodiac, and these points form a beautiful 5-pointed star, if mapped in the sky, over an 8-year period.

**The Venus/Sun conjunctions occur in each of the five signs for an average of 100 years before moving to the sign that precedes it.** The five emphasized signs do not all change at the same time: periodically, after about 100 years, one arm of the 5-pointed star will shift to the preceding sign while the other four remain in same sign until it's their turn to shift.

**The five signs activated by the recurring 584-day Venus/Sun conjunctions in our current historical period are: Leo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Aries and Gemini.** On an unconscious level, these five signs influence the values, or what is considered most important/desireable, for all humanity. If you think about the meaning of these signs, you can understand what the unconscious archetypal drivers are in the modern world.

**So, with that brief Venus Star Point summary in mind, here's what you need to know: a rare 100-year Venus/Sun conjunction event takes place in October. The Venus/Sun conjunctions that have been happening in Scorpio (at one of the 5 Venus Star arms) since November, 1926 will occur at 29 degrees Libra on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.** The last time the sign of Libra became active on one of the 5 Venus Star arms was in October, 1779, and those Venus/Sun conjunctions in Libra remained active until September 1879. The last time any of the 5 arms of the Venus Star shifted signs was in August, 1987 when the Sun/Venus conjunctions in Virgo moved into Leo where they are now.

**Why is the shift to Libra from Scorpio significant?** Since 1929 until the present, when another arm of the star shifted from Taurus to Aries, TWO of the 5 arms of the Venus Star have been taking place in Mars-ruled signs: Scorpio and Aries. Mars is the god of war. Libra is ruled by Venus (along with Taurus), the goddess of peace and beauty.

**Unfortunately, the Venus/Sun conjunction on October 22 at this Venus Star arm moves back to Scorpio one last time in October, 2026 before returning to Libra in October, 2030 where it will remain for about 100 years.**

**Looking ahead, the Venus/Sun conjunctions in the other Mars-ruled sign of Aries which has been active since 1929, shifts to gentle Pisces in March, 2041.** In astrology, the planet Venus is exalted in the sign of Pisces.

**Looking even further ahead, the Sun/Venus conjunctions happening in Gemini since 1964 will shift to the other Venus-ruled sign of Taurus in 2076 where the conjunctions will stay for approximately 100 years.**

**So, by 2076, THREE of the five arms of the Venus Star will be in Venus-ruled or Venus-exalted signs: Libra, Taurus and Pisces.** Libra wants peace and international cooperation, Taurus wants global economic and environmental stability which only world peace and cooperation can bring, Pisces wants love, compassion, and the experience of spiritual oneness among all peoples of the world. These are the dominant values that all people in the world will want to manifest, and this will happen gradually from 2031-2076, and will last for a long time afterwards.

**So the outlook for the world over the next fifty years and beyond is bright and hopeful.** But it really won't be until 2031, when the Venus/Sun conjunctions in Libra get established, that world peace and international cooperation will start to prevail. The world will get a taste of this new dynamic from October 2022 until Oct 2026, but then there's one more Venus/Sun conjunction in Scorpio in 2026. So it looks like the next 9-10 years will be contentious as Venus and Mars values clash for control.

\*For more information about the 5-pointed Venus Star patterns, I recommend the book: *Venus Star Rising: A New Cosmology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Arielle Guttman (2010). You don't need to be an astrologer to understand this excellent book.

### **Key Dates in October:**

- 1. Oct 1-2: Venus in Libra opposes Jupiter in Aries. Good days for entertainment/parties, beautifying your environment.** For women, good days for purchasing the new dress/shoes/handbag you've wanted or going for a new hair style. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is a better day because Mercury will be direct.
- 2. Oct 2: Mercury turns direct just before sunrise while making a harmonious link to Pluto until the 11<sup>th</sup>.** Green light for implementing new plans, especially ones that are bold and reflect thinking big.
- 3. Oct 1-12<sup>th</sup>: Saturn square Uranus transit is exact again.** Events in the world relating to the war in Ukraine, our national and the global economy reach a crisis or turning point. Also there's a greater possibility of natural disasters.
- 4. Oct 7-12<sup>th</sup>: Pluto is stationary, turning direct.** Stations of Pluto, when it's about to turn retrograde or direct, are usually critical periods. Combined with the Saturn/Uranus square being exact at same time (#3 above), the first half of October could bring a significant turning point in the Ukraine war, for instance.
- 5. Oct 9-24<sup>th</sup>: During these ten days, there's a lot of activity in the sky!** The Sun and Venus in Libra harmonize with Saturn in Aquarius and Mars in Gemini, and, at the same time, Sun and Venus are in challenging aspect to Pluto in Capricorn. Mercury first

opposes Jupiter, then makes a harmonious link to Saturn. Also, Mars in Gemini makes a challenging square aspect to Neptune in Pisces from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month.

What to make of all this? Well, the inner planets (Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars), representing our day-to-day life in the world, are all making strong links to the outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto. Only Uranus is out of the picture). The outer planets add dynamism and power to the inner planets. Even though the inner planets are making some challenging aspects, they are balanced out by very positive ones. So this mid-month period is actually a good time for forward planning and taking positive actions in all areas of life. There may be some challenges and bumps in the road, but don't get discouraged.

6. **Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: this is the big day!** The Sun and Venus are conjunct at 29 degrees of Libra at exactly 5:18 pm EDT. In the chart for the event, both the Sun and Venus make a strong applying link to benevolent Jupiter at 0 degrees Aries which heightens the theme of peace and justice in the world. Again, the last time there was a Venus/Sun conjunction in Libra was in September, 1879. Why not celebrate this event? Do something Libran: pray for peace in the world by yourself or with others, or do something that adds beauty to the world.
7. **Oct 25: New Moon takes place at 6:49 am EDT at 2 degrees Scorpio.** In this New Moon chart, both the Sun and Moon are conjunct Venus, also at 2 Scorpio, and all three link to benevolent Jupiter in Aries. Planets at two degrees of any sign are well-situated: the #2 is one of the main success degrees in the zodiac. So this New Moon talks about success with love (passionate) and money.
8. **Oct 26-29: Mercury in Libra clashes with Pluto in Capricorn.** Verbal battles, clash of ideas/intellectual power struggles, contract disputes. Not good days to purchase a car or sign a long-term contract.
9. **Oct 30: Mars turns retrograde at 25 degrees of Gemini and remains retrograde until January 12<sup>th</sup>. (Mars turns retrograde every two years for 2.5 months).** Mars provides the energy to execute our plans and to make change happen. It's a progressive, forward energy. Mars retrograde periods are times for reviewing our existing and planned new projects, it is not a good time to start new major endeavors such a new business. New businesses that go belly-up after a couple of years often were started during a Mars retrograde. Also, legal actions initiated during a Mars retrograde usually don't turn out well for the initiating party. Mars rules wars, battles, whether physical or legal. Mars in Gemini especially relates to contracts, copyrights, and documents of all kinds. Also verbal messages: possible lawsuits regarding slander by the media.