

January 2023 Astrological Outlook

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

If you are like me, you are relieved to close the door on 2022 and open the door to 2023. January is always an interesting month of change since Janus, the Roman God who rules January has one face looking backward and the other looking forward. January is the month we shift into a new year of opportunity. This is particularly true in 2023, as we have a new symbol (the water rabbit) beginning at the New Moon in Aquarius (**1/22/23**) which also begins the celebration of the Chinese New Year, and we advance to the number 7 in numerology, and **major planetary changes as Saturn moves into Pisces on 3/7/23 and Pluto finally moves into Aquarius on 3/23/23.**

January begins somewhat slowly since two personal planets, Mars and Mercury, remain retrograde. **Mars moves forward on 1/12/23**, releasing the agitation, aggression and frustration which has lingered since he stopped and went retrograde on 10/30/22. Mars has been in Gemini since 8/21/22 and will not leave that sign until 3/26/23. I don't know about you, but Mars in Gemini, the sign of the brain and our mental processes, has wreaked havoc on everyone I know, including myself, and we all should have more sanity and energy when he starts the process of moving forward next week on **1/12/23**. Mercury, the trickster, remains retrograde in Capricorn until 1/18/23, reaching the position he left on 12/12/22 on 2/7/23. By then we will all have straightened out our thinking and made firm plans for moving forward. On **1/22/23**, just after the New Moon in Aquarius which begins the Chinese New Year, Uranus, the planet of sudden creative change moves forward, and we are able to enjoy unrestrained movement for 3 months. **This is the only time in 2023 we have a continuous 3-month period of positive change energy. Please take advantage of this period which also contains the change in signs from Aquarius to Pisces for the planet of maturity and reality, Saturn.** For the first time in 30 years Saturn returns to Pisces for a 2 ½ year visit on **3/7/23**. On **3/23/23** Pluto enters Aquarius for the first time in 242 years. Together, Saturn and Pluto creative revolutionary change opportunities beginning this year.

On New Year's Eve Venus, the planet of love and attachment, joined with Pluto in Capricorn, opening the door for all of us to have a relational review and possible revision of our relationships. It is time to look backward and make peace with our past, our old wounds and disappointments with others. This release will allow us to heal on a deeper level

MAJOR PLANETARY PATTERNS IN JANUARY:

FULL MOON IN CANCER ON JANUARY 6:

On **1/6** the Moon enters its home sign of Cancer enhancing our feeling function and creating awareness of what we need to be nourished. An easy flow of emotion may occur with ease as the planet Mercury joins the Sun in Capricorn bringing light to our awareness. It is time to release the past and face our unfinished business with others, replacing our pain with radical acceptance, replacing struggle with ease. With the Moon at home in Cancer, your intuition may be strong so ask for guidance and trust your feelings.

SUN EMBRACES MERCURY IN CAPRICORN ON JANUARY 7:

We all will have greater clarity about the assignments we need to complete during this first Mercury retrograde period of 2023 as the light of the Sun illuminates our understanding of our unfinished business. There may be thoughts that help with understanding yourself and others, as well awareness of what you want to say to others when Mercury is back in balance in February. This is an important crossroad in awareness, especially important following the Full Moon in Cancer.

MARS GOES DIRECT IN GEMINI ON JANUARY 12:

Expect a surge of energy, optimism, and relief after months of frustration. On 10/30/22, Mars walked off his job and left us all confused, angry, and frustrated, as well as tired! On **3/16** Mars will leave mental Gemini and we can begin a successful return to pursuing our goals with success and celebrating our progress.

MERCURY GOES DIRECT IN CAPRICORN ON JANUARY 18:

With Mercury moving forward again we will increase our momentum for growth, change and success. We will be clearer and more successful in our communication with others, experience more self-satisfaction and optimism. This Mercury retrograde period began with a Venus/Pluto conjunction taking us down into the depth in ourselves, and ends with the Sun joining Pluto, bringing greater light and deeper understanding of life.

NEW MOON IN AQUARIUS (FIRST NEW MOON IN 2023) ON JANUARY 21:

The first New Moon of the year occurs in Aquarius, the sign of change and opportunity and brings us an official beginning of the New Year. We will gain increased momentum and it is time for setting of intentions for success in 2023. Since 2023 is a 7 year in numerology, it is a year to clean things up after 2022, a 6 year of struggle. It is also the year of the water rabbit in Chinese astrology, which ends on 2/8/24. The water rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, prosperity, and good fortune. It promotes stronger bonds with loved ones, friends, family and colleagues, a very social year. As the year of the Yang Tiger comes to an end, an abrupt change begins. This will be a Yin year of desire for more relaxation, fluidity, balance, inner work, and greater intuitive capability. The water rabbit brings a wave of calm as we develop greater confidence and strength.

URANUS, THE PLANET OF UNLIMITED CHANGE, GOES DIRECT ON JANUARY 22:

Uranus brings flashes of genius to our lives and opens the door to 3 months of unlimited opportunity. Uranus spends 7 years in each sign and has been living in the Taurus world of money, values, attachment, and all earthy pleasures since May 16/2018. None of us have been untouched by the changes in our values, financial lives, and our relationships with those we care for. Uranus leaves Taurus and enters Gemini on July 8, 2025, so we are almost finished with the disruption in the world of finances and what we value.

As you can see, 2023 brings all of us an opportunity for radical growth. We are all turning the page, closing the door to the past and preparing to leap toward the realization of our goals and dreams. Years ago, I gave an annual lecture entitled "Charting your progress with astrology". I suggest that you make an appointment to update your astrological chart as soon as you have time. ***We are all moving forward whether we know it or not. My hope is that we can move forward with optimism, confidence and understand our astrological GPS!***

WISHING YOU JOY, SUCCESS, WISDOM, AND OPTIMISM IN 2023!

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