

2020 HIGHLIGHTS & OVERVIEW

Continuing and expanding long-term trends (from slow planets through certain signs)

Big changes in systems, governments, rules, economics, power structure due to Pluto in Capricorn 2008 - 2024, strengthened by Saturn in Capricorn (sign ruler) 12/19/17 - 12/16/20. Biggest push is when Jupiter joins them in 2020 (beginning 12/2/19) and the trio is square Eris (see below) and then shoved by Mars or other planets.

Uranus in Taurus: shake-up in money system, climate change, general volatility, especially when exacerbated by New Moons (10/27/19, 1/24, 4/22) & Full Moons (8/3, 10/31)

Neptune in Pisces (in its sign of rulership) 2012 - 2025: refugees, strong storms, rising seas

Major Sign Changes

Saturn into Aquarius 3/21/20, back into Capricorn 7/1 - 12/17, then in Aquarius until 2023 - what's seen as "normal" changes, we don't know what to expect or how to plan; amplified by Jupiter into Aquarius 12/19/20 - 5/13/21 (returning 7/28 - 12/28/21).

North / South Nodes go from Cancer / Capricorn to Gemini / Sagittarius on 6/4 and so sign pairs of eclipses shift likewise. After 2020, there are none in Cancer / Capricorn for 7 years.

Most important Aspects

The trio of key planets in Capricorn take turns square Eris (planet of chaos & discord) in Aries:

Pluto square Eris 2020's toughest connection: 1/26, 6/14, 12/10 (twice in 2021) - death of law & order?, disruption in economies, power struggle-women rise up to take their equal place

Saturn conjunct Pluto once 1/12 Saturn square Eris just once 1/16

Jupiter square Eris 3/26, 6/26, 11/17 Jupiter conjunct Pluto 4/4, 6/30, 11/12

Jupiter conjunct Saturn once 12/21/20 at the winter solstice

Mars interacts with the square to Eris from the Capricorn trio many times! Joins the trio near spring equinox 3/20 - 3/31, then spends a long time in Aries (the sign it rules): 6/27 - 1/6/21. It's retrograde there 9/9 - 11/13, entering backtrack range 7/25 and not exiting it until 1/2/21. Joins Eris and reinforces Eris's squares from the Capricorn trio, most notably as it boosts Pluto-Eris square 8/13 - 8/17 (at 8/18 New Moon) and 10/4 - 10/9.

Uranus semisquare Neptune 5 times 2017 to 2019, ended 5/1/19 but still "in orb" in 2020 - activated by 1/24 New Moon, Mars at 4/7 Full Moon is at degree of 1/24 New Moon

Chiron quintile Pluto (7 times 2018 - 2021) in 2020: 4/22 and 11/25; final time 3/23/21; since Saturn and Jupiter are near Pluto, they also are quintile Chiron, each three times; quick planets form Quintile Triangles with them: Sun 11/2-3; Mercury 11/19 and Venus 11/30

Jupiter sextile Neptune A nice one! 2/20, 7/27, 10/12 - increased sympathy, manifest dreams

Six Eclipses in 2020! Eclipses occur roughly 6 months apart, most frequently in pairs, sometimes there's a trio, as in summer 2020. The way the lunar cycles align with the calendar, there's the second of a pair in January that begins in December 2019 and a pair in Nov. - Dec. 2020. Eclipses raise the stakes and intensify events following their occurrence.

Mercury, the Sun and Ceres are in Capricorn along with the trio for the 1/10 Lunar Eclipse!
6/5 Lunar Eclipse in T-square with Neptune, Solar Eclipse 9+ hours after Summer Solstice!
Lunar Eclipse at USA birthday: 7/4 (most of USA) 7/5 (East Coast) - Holy Uncle-Sam-mamoly!
Lunar Eclipse 11/30 in semisquare/square-and-a-half with Eris. 12/14 Solar Eclipse is mildest.

Seasons Toughest Seasonal Chart - Autumn / Easiest Seasonal Chart - Winter 2020

Planets “Out of Bounds” (off normal playing field, beyond the Sun’s “up & down” range)

Mercury 12/23/19 - 1/11/20, 5/16 - 6/9 & 12/12/20 - 1/3/21; Mars 2/15 - 2/26

Venus 4/2 - 6/1, peaking 5/4 at 27°49 N, an extremely high perch!

Times with No Retrograde Planets 2020 is rare in this regard. No planets backslide 1/11 - 2/15 and 3/10 - 4/24. Only one is 2/16 - 3/9 and 4/25 - 5/10; one or none for 4 months!

Day Ratings Not So Great There are no planets rated **5** (easiest) in my 1 - 5 day ratings. Fourteen are rated **4**: 2 in January, May, August and December, and 1 each in February, March, April, June, and September and November. There are no **4s** in July or October. Most New and Full Moons are **1s** or **2s**, often the **P** powerful version. The only ones rated **3** or better are New Moons on 5/22, 6/21 (an Eclipse), 8/18 (a **4**, the best of the New Moons) and 12/14 (another **4** and an Eclipse). The Full Moons rated **3** or **4** are both **3s**, on 5/7 and 10/11.

Retrogrades Mercury is Retrograde the normal three times. This year, as in 2018, both Venus and Mars are Retrograde. As Venus ends its retrograde, Mercury begins its, with both backwards 6/19 - 6/25. When Mars is retrograde 9/9 - 11/13, Mercury is too 10/13 - 11/3.

Moon Grooves Fall 2019 to spring 2020: New Moons at 4-5° & Full Moons at 19-20° Next groove Fall 2020 to spring 2021: New Moons at 23° & Full Moons at 8-9° (Uranus in range)

So many planets in January in Capricorn means it will be REALLY COLD! Late January, Venus conjunct Neptune means very wet! (Blizzard?)

SIGN BY SIGN (Some of these factors are mentioned on the prior page.)

Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn) are hit by Capricorn trio-Eris square.

Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius) are affected by Uranus. Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces) are impacted by Neptune and the Eclipses moving into Gemini/Sag.

ARIES Ruler Mars in Aries first joins Capricorn trio in spring then long Retrograde in Aries summer on, joining Eris 3 times in square to Cap trio; also “out of bounds” (see p.1 & above)

TAURUS Uranus in Taurus has lots of interactions with New & Full Moons; Venus is Rx

GEMINI New Moon in Gemini 5/22 NICE with Mercury in Quintile Triangle with Chiron-Pluto quintile; Eclipses shifting into Gemini (11/30 is first); always pay attention to Mercury Rx

CANCER Last year for Eclipses in Cancer - 3 of them! Mercury Rx in Cancer 6/28 - 7/12

LEO 2020’s best New Moon is in Leo 8/18 but Full Moon during Leo 8/3 is T-square Uranus

VIRGO 17-21° range gets opposition from Neptune; always pay attention to Mercury Rx!

LIBRA Venus is Rx; marriage asteroid Juno visits Libra 11/3/19 - 9/20/20.

SCORPIO Ruler Pluto is having a really rough year! Part of a Mercury Rx is in Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS Ruler Jupiter in the thick of things as part of the Capricorn “three amigos,” nice sextile with Neptune (also applied to Pisces below).

CAPRICORN Ruler Saturn’s last hurrah in its home sign until 2059! It’s a doozy!

AQUARIUS See ruler Uranus on p. 1. Tough Full Moon 8/3 (see Leo above).

PISCES Ruler Neptune in Pisces 12-13 years, more than half over; semisquare Uranus (part of change-over from Age of Pisces to Age of Aquarius) over but still active. Full Moon 3/9 Sun conjunct Neptune. Lunar Eclipse 6/5 T-square with Neptune. Mercury Rx partly in Pisces.

Free resources on AstrologyBooth.com: month tables of day ratings; Best & Worst Days list

More is explained about 2020’s happenings in my blogs, newsletters & on LOOKING UP.