

# *The Starfire Messenger*



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### **What Good is Saturn Conjunct Pluto in Capricorn?**

The pressure of circumstance is great in October of 2020. All around we hear voices crying out in disastrous pain, filled to the brim with hopeless depression, suffering, and misery. Governments issue dire predictions; the people are expected to listen and unquestioningly accept their edicts. Terrified, the people turn on one another and squabble ruefully over policies and concepts they themselves would never have even dreamt up, much less implemented. Science turns on everyone, promising vaccines designed to invade the genetic sanctity of the human body, armed killer robots and stealthy drones programmed for and capable of irresistible

aggression, and endless methods of surveillance far beyond the reach of the average person to control. Can there be meaning and contentment, nay, even joy, bliss, or ecstasy while Saturn, Pluto, and Capricorn dominate and the day is ruled by powerful forces which have not the least care for the human form? The answer is yes, but not if one's attention is riveted solely to the grim narrative churned out minute by minute from conventional sources.

Here's what they're telling us: There'll be no annual celebrations of any kind, no Halloween, no Thanksgiving, no Christmas, no Hanukkah, no Kwanzaa, until they say so, because the world is ending as we have known it. They are in control now, they say, and we may neither travel nor plan family gatherings. Anyone who contemplates such deviations from the new normal should be first gently corrected in the same slightly patronizing way one would manage a toddler or baby animal, but after that, such deviants are to be scolded roundly, shunned, and branded as unpatriotic psychopaths. Deviants, in fact.

That's a good word to bear in mind now. Only a few short years ago, this word deviant was applied to persons who preferred same-sex relationships. Their preferences were even formally codified as a mental illness in the medical references of the late twentieth century. That same readiness to banish the freethinker to the category of insanity is now applied to any who have the audacity to question the statistical analysis of the covid situation, challenge the necessity of lockdowns, or ponder the efficacy of mask-wearing. Did not the world internalize any social wisdom in its experience of learning to accept diversity in sexual orientations? It does not seem so, for those who feature themselves as the determiners and definers of normality are again ready to summarily exclude and socially execute anyone who thinks independently, this time about covid, forced house detention, or mandatory medical intervention.

So where is happiness to be found with all this as background? Actually, happiness is to be found hiding in plain sight. It consists in

refusing to let the covid-pushers with their blatant control agenda determine our reality. And here is the interesting thing: before there was covid, the challenge for maintaining positivity and a sense of meaning in life was exactly the same as it is now. Before covid, the television air waves and government narrative were chock full of terrifying, destabilizing, cataclysmic pronouncements. The litany of death, destruction, mayhem, lack, and dire predictions tumbled out unabated to assault the minds of viewers. Anything the major media could drum up to generate anxiety and abject hopelessness was relentlessly paraded before the watching public. Yes, it was just as bad back when. The only difference is that now, the same set of misery-producing words and images are repeated around the world in lockstep, without even a shred of unique national slant to flavor the poisonous slop force-fed to unsuspecting viewers.

The solution back then and the solution now are the same: take back our power. What power, we say. This power: the power to think, dream, picture, visualize, and create life as we wish it to be, that's what power. Every person is born with this ability and every person has this power even now. As is said in the New Thought movement, the only way to stop an unwanted manifestation is to stop giving so much power to the unwanted manifestation, which means to stop thinking it has absolute power. Giving the unwanted manifestation so much power happens when any person unquestioningly believes authority figures, even those who ostensibly represent science. Giving the unwanted manifestation undivided attention casts a person smack into the position of the victim. Is this really what we want to experience? Probably not. We actually do not want to be trampled into complicity and forced to conform with jackboots on our throats.

So what to do with the ponderous energies of Saturn and Pluto clustered together in Capricorn as they are now? The obvious answer is to locate the positives of these astrological archetypes and go like mad at manifesting the better side of it all. Sure, Capricorn the Goat can be a wretched Scrooge-like miser, an inveterate lust-centered reprobate, and an

ice-cold Nazi of a power freak, aided and abetted by the stern Saturn and relentless Pluto. That's the negative face of it all, evident everywhere just now. No argument on that. But that's not all there is to Capricorn, or Saturn, or Pluto.

Capricorn is an earth sign, drawing our attention to our connection with the physical world. It rules the mineral kingdom, from which the roots of the vegetable kingdom emerge to create nourishment, oxygen, and beauty for animals and man. Saturn is connected to soil and food also, having first appeared as a Greek and Roman god of agriculture and the time cycles which govern it. Thus, Saturn is the God of Time and Wisdom, the sacred Elder who understands long-term time cycles, who holds the tribal tradition, and who can be counted on to tell the stories of persistence and continuity which hold society together. Pluto is the God of Death, Hades in his underground kingdom managing the souls of the dead as they pass through past-life reviews, process memory, and prepare for resurrection. Capricorn, Saturn, and Pluto thus also contain a rejuvenative face which has its roots deep in nature, in the wisdom of time, in ancient tradition, and in the hidden knowledges which lead into the realm of magical abilities.

Many ancient traditions survive today and contain the necessary spiritual power to sustain Humanity through this attack on hope and positivity. The important thing is to find the one or ones that speak to you personally and make that the center of your daily mental diet. In this way, Saturn and Pluto conjunct in Capricorn in late 2020 can become a source of unshakeable spiritual power, a strength sufficient to turn back the bleak vision currently promoted by governments and corporations around the world. The work to counteract this must take place on subtle levels. Start first with the mind. Stop letting televised and internet broadcasted sources of terror hypnotize you into a dulled, beaten-down trance. Then work on raising positive energy through anything that brings you joy, and do it like your life depended upon it, for guess what? It does. As the energy

of life and vitality starts to flow again through your body, emotions, mind, and spirit, your dreams will be rekindled. So yes, you should get your hopes and dreams out of deep storage where they've been since last March, dust them off, and rekindle them. Picture and visualize where you really want to go in life. Believe on that. Get some good techniques for manifesting your desires from whatever tradition or teacher speaks to your soul. Use the powers of highly disciplined and structured Saturn, Pluto, and Capricorn to build your will, strengthen your determination, and press toward your objectives.

By contrast, giving up on your dreams, forgetting the life design you had in mind in the first place before all this covid mind-control started, and capitulating to the images of isolation, devastation, and entrapment foisted on the public today is the sure way to hand the dark face of Capricorn a crushing victory. Let's just say a big, resounding NO to that and instead, walk our own paths illumined by inner intuitive direction.

### **Daily Analysis and Prediction for October 5 – 11, 2020**

Aside from the fact that the Moon wanes all week and thus decelerates the tension, discomfort, and intellectual intensity of last week, much is set to transpire. Mercury opposes Uranus and brings dramatic new information to light, Mars squares Pluto and potently activates a pressing need for total transformation, the Sun squares Jupiter and enlarges all issues, and Venus trines Uranus, bringing interesting material solutions into focus. The big actor for the week is transiting Mars at 23 degrees Aries square transiting Pluto at 23 degrees Capricorn. Occurring on Friday October 9, the Mars-Pluto square symbolizes a continuing stream of extreme energies emerging from the deep psyche of both the collective and the individual, forcing confrontation with real issues and demanding a total revamping or re-organization of methods and beliefs. Particularly up for review is the fear of death and the use of that fear to manipulate public opinion. A better way

to handle this influence is to embrace the principle of psychic continuity, perhaps through showing reverence for the ancient gods and goddesses symbolic of the death experience. Study and meditation on, for example, the Greek goddess Hekate could turn this energy around from a painful trepidation to a deepening of knowledge and insight.

**Monday October 5** opens with the waning Moon in earthen Taurus, setting a grounded, relaxed ambience in which we can pursue one thing at a time and follow a leisurely pace. Nice energies flow from 00 hours through 2 pm CDT as the unhurried Taurus Moon sextiles Neptune and trines both Pluto and Saturn. We should cultivate the steadiness of Taurus Mercury is set to oppose Uranus, thus bringing into our mental horizons and daily experiences the departures from the usual symbolized by Uranus. We work on staying steady even though totally new concepts knock on the doors of our comfy hobbit homes. What knocks might be a far-out opportunity. The Moon enters highly responsive Gemini at 11:03 pm CDT, emphasizing thought and perception for the next couple of days.

**Tuesday October 6** brings the Mercury-Uranus opposition closer; we consequently have the premonition something exciting is soon to occur. Still, it's good to take it one thing at a time and not get all flibbertygibbeted, though the temptation to do just that will be palpable. Mechanical devices seem to have minds of their own just now, so we should be ready for that. Quirks in scheduling and the normal flow of events begin to show up.

**Wednesday October 7** brings the exact opposition of Mercury and Uranus, with Mercury at 10 Scorpio and Uranus at 10 Taurus, thus intensifying the effect of the unusual as it intersects with the usual. Discoveries abound. Higher psychic senses pick up thoughts from near and far. Needed information breaks through into mind. Great ideas suddenly flash forth.

**Thursday October 8** sees the Moon enter emotional and intuitive Cancer at 10:45 am CDT, but more than anything, we feel the Mars-Pluto square as it approaches maximum power at exactitude on Friday. Thus, a certain

urgency to make sweeping changes and transformations in our inner and outer worlds dominates the scene. We are ready to re-make, re-do, re-design, re-invent. At the same time, animosity runs rampant in the world. To fight or not to fight; that is the question. Judicious picking of battles is needed.

**Friday October 9** brings the exact square of Mars at 23 Aries and Pluto at 23 Capricorn. Individual drive (Mars) clashes with societal controls (Capricorn) in fiery displays of determination. Uproar reigns in many locations. The Earth itself mirrors and expresses the tension.

**Saturday October 10** brings a smidge of relief in the form of the Venus-Uranus trine in earthy signs Virgo and Taurus. With this influence, we get into harmony with the tangible world and find we have exceptional powers to beautify and improve the environment, as well as enhanced powers to bring people together over wholesome food and gratifying nature themes. If we knocked ourselves out yesterday redesigning the interior homescape, then today we find it good and attractive. At the same time, we feel the approaching Sun-Jupiter square, which makes all things bigger than they were when originally conceptualized. Large projects beckon. Sweeping programs are announced also in the news, but so what? We are busy. The Moon enters brassy Leo at 7:24 pm CDT.

**Sunday October 11** sees the outspoken, attention-getting, head-turning Leo Moon make bold moves when it squares Uranus and Mercury from noon through 4 pm CDT, setting up conditions for courageous declamations and forceful proclamations. The Sun is precisely square Jupiter from 19 Libra to 19 Capricorn, expanding everything to gargantuan proportions. Big things happen; crowds gather; sweeping generalizations abound. But it is not all bad. Our spirits are lifted aloft like hot air balloons and soar about for a time in open sky. Hope and positivity shake up the grim atmosphere projected by the fear-mongers and begin to fragment the monolithic mind-hold which has been imposed on the world population.