

# *The Starfire Messenger*



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### **Saturn, Uranus, and Defining Moments**

On February 17, 2021, the planets Saturn and Uranus arrive at an exact square, with Saturn at 7 degrees of Aquarius and Uranus at 7 degrees of Taurus. Combining the antipathetical natures of controlling Saturn and liberating Uranus, this astrological combination is generating palpable effects even now in the final week of January, manifesting as a disruption of previous patterns, with concomitant instability, uncertainty, and upheaval. The potent Saturn-Uranus square will continue to generate major changes in government, society, commerce, organizations, relationships, and personal psychology throughout the entire month of February, with particular strength in the week centered on February 17.

So much is in question at this time. Adjusting to conditions of structural change is always taxing on the human frame. Such is surely the case at this time. Non-mainstream news sources worldwide report serious psychological disturbances resulting from restricted access to the outdoors, cancellation of all group events, and prohibitions against many forms of caring or intimate conduct. The simple truth is that humans are natural and social beings, but these aspects of life are severely inhibited at this time. Surely this is a manifestation of constricting Saturn operating in the field of gregarious Aquarius.

In its worst face, Saturn is legendary for its pessimism, fears, expectation of worst case scenarios, and denial of basic human needs. At the moment, the hindering effect of Saturn operating in Aquarius is all too evident. Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, schools, and entertainment venues - the great social organs of many cultures - now remain shuttered in many locations. School children are refused the right to cavort with their playmates in some circumstances; in others, parents are urged to avoid hugging and cuddling their little ones. Young people are not allowed to party freely, as is natural to their time in life. The elderly are sequestered away from loved ones and refused the right to touch family members.

People can't live well, be sane, and thrive like this, obviously. Something has got to give. The people of the world will stand for this only so long.

A tremendous amount of tension is written into the Saturn-Uranus square. It only comes around twice every 45 year-long Saturn-Uranus cycle, staying in place for about a year once it does form. This time, the square will form three times throughout 2021, extending the influence of this arrangement over the entirety of the year. The points of greatest intensity will be the months during which the square is exact. These are February, June, and December of 2021.

In late January 2021, this influence is just now making a strong and undeniable appearance. Many structures of life and society previously thought to be fixtures are now in great peril. The basic assurance of individual rights is certainly one of those fixtures now in peril. This is a huge problem for most of the world's people, who are daily growing more restive under the agitating energies of the Saturn-Uranus square. Saturn symbolizes the rules and regulations of society; Uranus symbolizes the condition of inherent spiritual freedom. These two principles are tugging and pulling at one another in the human psyche. When the aspect becomes exact in mid-February 2021, the disgruntlement with imposed restrictions is likely to break through the normal restraints and make itself evident. The month of February 2021 will be a defining moment in this regard, creating a step in the story of humanity which will be decisive.

Defining moments such as this take place in the life of the individual as well. Over the course of the Saturn-Uranus square in 2021, many instances of defining moments are sure to occur, as the terrific pressure of two conflicting inclinations forces individuals to find their authentic centers and make consequent choices. Defining moments of this type are sure to be evident and numerous in February 2021, now just around the corner. In fact, we are feeling this even now in late January 2021. The tension and pressure within the human psyche are great now, impelling each and all to examine self and decide upon what constitutes meaning.

As more and more liberties and freedoms are removed by the day, the question becomes *What is important to me and how can I pursue it now?* Now more than ever, each person has a need to connect with what is real and true for self. For many, a helpful exercise to get at a deep inner level of authenticity and answer that question is to simply go outside and touch the Earth. Even better, a person might lie down on a grassy slope on a decent weather day, feel the Earth underneath, and gaze into trees or sky above, doing so for a nice long time. Even if we must do this in the back yard or some other quotidian, non-exotic location due to restrictions on travel, it is

better done than not. In this way, we can begin to create our own defining moments, built out of a refusal to let the terror and negativity purveyed by mainstream media define our existences for us.

We still have a relationship with the Earth, which is part of the solar system, and the solar system is still part of the Milky Way Galaxy. These are the constants in a sea of storm. Magic, which is the electromagnetic force of existence itself, still emanates from the Earth, the Moon, and the stars. That has not changed. It's still there to be experienced and expressed. The natural magic of the cosmos is not under the control of those who think they can command time and space through technology. Yes, they have abilities, but so do we. Let our defining moments take note.

### **Daily Analysis and Prediction for the Week of February 1 – 7, 2021**

The Moon wanes all week, making it the right time to work banishings for those elements of life no longer desired. Spellwork for the removal of the covid threat would be nice now, wouldn't it? In fact, it would be a good idea to figure out some way to channel energies into something positive for this week, as we are stirred up, annoyed, and potentially agitated on account of the fact that the Sun squares Mars and Venus adds power to the forming Saturn-Uranus square, conjuncting Saturn in Aquarius and squaring Uranus in Taurus. These energies can be used to good effect for making radical changes in personal life. Change of habit? No problem. Venus square Uranus will aid that along. But do beware: we all need basic stability during these days. Find it where you can – be it in gardening indoor potted plants, collecting local rocks for study, observing birds of the season from indoors, or what have you.

**Monday February 1** is a day full of invitations to get upset. The Sun is square Mars, stoking impatience, rush, hurry, and over-reactions. The Moon enters Libra, sign of debate and interlocution, at 5:25 am CST, setting up the day for spirited dialogue, to say the least. Venus enters intellectual

Aquarius at 8:05 am CST, drawing attention to the idea zone. We find like minds, especially 2 pm – midnight CST while the Libra Moon trines Saturn and then Jupiter in affiliative Aquarius.

**Tuesday February 2** is Imbolc and Ground Hog Day, setting the stage for ritual observances. The Moon remains in Libra, making for relational connections. Chat is good around midnight CST while the Moon trines newly retrograde Mercury in Aquarius. We find unexpected friendships.

**Wednesday February 3** Sees the Moon enter Scorpio at 8:15 am CST. That changes the mood, now doesn't it? Here we were all up in the air of Aquarius doing our sociological polling and feeling pretty good about it, but no, Scorpio says look deeper into the well of the unknown and account for deep resentments and such. That's particularly the case noon – 9 pm CST while the Moon squares Venus and Saturn, and then opposes Uranus. Moods are dramatic and intense. Spirits move about and have need to speak across the barriers of the worlds. Hekate beckons.

The mood does not settle all the way through noon CST on **Thursday February 4**, for the Scorpio Moon goes on to oppose Mars and square the Sun. We get our peacefulness in order around 5 pm CST while the Moon trines Neptune, but then it's back to conundrums as the Moon squares newly retrograde Mercury. We are puzzled and must make many notes to ourselves for topics to research sooner or later.

**Friday February 5** brings the Moon into Sagittarius at 11:16 am CST, shifting the mood to a breezier intellectual inquiry than what we saw under the seething Scorpio Moon. Onward, then. Here comes Venus to interact with the brewing Saturn-Uranus square. Weather is an issue, some of it wintry in the northern hemisphere. Social structures are wildly shifting and changing today. The fiery mutable sign of Sagittarius fuels sudden emotional changes. Relationships end or are otherwise broken off as cold Saturn shuts off the Venus goodies. This can't be helped. A new alignment is emerging, true for individuals and for groups, such as political parties and elected bodies. Much is brought to a halt.

**Saturday February 6** sees the social upheaval continue as Venus squares Uranus. More severances manifest. The composition of group memberships changes like lightning. The truth comes out in a blast. We are in a hurry to change things around in life, love, and world affairs.

The Moon enters sober Capricorn on **Sunday February 7** at 2:52 pm CST, slowing down the emotional and social intensity of the last couple of days, and making it clear what the consequences of drastically altered alliances will be. We get ready to make practical plans in our personal lives, trying to get serious about all the new material which has come to light just this past week. It's a new set of talk partners, a different mental outlook, and a changed set of procedures now. This trend accelerates through the month of February, generating dramatically re-designed personal and social landscapes.



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