



Planets in Motion 2022

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Chiron, Saturn, Pluto, Uranus,
Neptune, Eris and others - ages 1-84

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This book covers about 24 transits for those ages 1 through 84. It covers **all of the Key Life Transits** as defined by Barbara Hand Clow, and many, many others.

This PDF is a sample of a few of them.

Saturn opposition

— born approximately 2006

Saturn opposing its natal position, lasting a year or so, is the transition of a person from child to young adult. This transit happens to everyone around age 14, give or take a bit. It is in a sense the end of adolescence, which is a social construct of the modern era. In earlier times, there was no adolescent crisis; young people were expected to work. They had focus and purpose and were compelled to grow up fast.

Saturn opposition can be a withdrawn time in the lives of some teenagers, though others can suddenly find their confidence and come out of their shell. This transit is happening to young people who have Saturn in Leo. This placement is a classic one for being mature beyond one's years, and at the same time, sacrificing elements of youth as a result. Saturn in Leo is also proud and firmly individualistic.

Opposed by Saturn in Aquarius, they may encounter the fact of how many other people are involved in their lives and in their affairs. There may be a theme of learning to serve, or to share.

Encouraging maturity is essential during any Saturn transit, but so too is honoring what it means to be young, flexible and take a creative approach to life — especially in one's early teens. Parents can be a positive influence on both. One of the effects of the digital environment is to make people become set in their ways, which is not usually a helpful attribute for young people to possess.

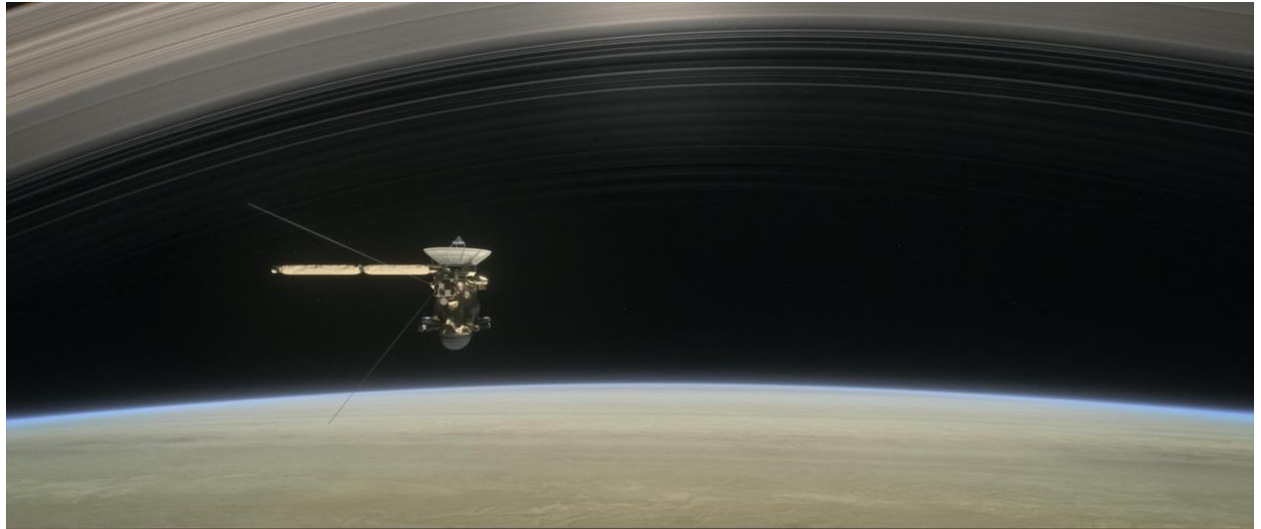
In any event, at this time there is almost always a push to distinguish oneself from one's parents, and parents would be wise to respond appropriately and give their teenagers a little space to be and breathe.

Offer your support; do not stalk them on social media or follow them around with a drone you got at Walmart. Recognize that this is a time of increasing sexual awareness and, just like you wanted your parents to leave you alone, they want you to back off and let them experiment. Be grateful if they are doing so.

Saturn transits of any shade are almost always important times for vocational developments. This is a time when teens are naturally thinking about what they want to do with their lives, or preferably, experimenting with it directly. Encourage whatever interests they demonstrate at this time.

Many parents make the mistake of thinking something that their kid is into is "not going to make a good job," such as playing the bass guitar or taking care of dogs. However, these are the kinds of things that successful vocations are built of. Interest in

technology counts; try to guide it from passive to active (for example from gaming to designing a game, or building hardware). It is not about the interest per se as much as it is in having one that counts the most.



Historical Note: Grand Cross and Total Solar Eclipse of Aug, 11, 1999, Featuring the Cassini Space Probe

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, a **total solar eclipse in Leo** was one of the events that marked the turning of the millennium. Part of a rare grand cross aspect in the fixed signs, included in the pattern was Saturn in Taurus, Mars in Scorpio and Uranus in Aquarius. The North Node was in Leo and the South Node in Aquarius.

Jupiter in Taurus was close by, ahead of the **Jupiter-Saturn conjunction** of May 28, 2000.

The eclipse occurred within hours of the exact opposition of Mars and Saturn. The pattern also included a close T-square between Jupiter in Taurus, Mercury in Leo and Neptune in Aquarius.

You might ask what would happen on such a day. The answer is that the **Cassini Space Probe** flew past the Earth as part of what is called a "slingshot" maneuver to propel it on its way to Jupiter, where flight controllers would perform another slingshot and propel it to its destination, Saturn. A slingshot maneuver is when a spacecraft is skimmed over the gravity field of another planet, allowing it to pick up some of the larger body's momentum and increase its velocity without the use of additional fuel.

The problem: the craft was loaded with 72 pounds of weapons-grade **plutonium-238**, part of a radioisotope thermal generator (RTG) that would power the craft for the duration of its 13-year mission on Saturn. Essentially

a nuclear battery, NASA claimed that solar panels would not be enough to power the spacecraft and all of its instruments and experiments.

It was scheduled to fly over the Earth at a distance of just 450 miles, traveling at 42,300 miles per hour. If the craft re-entered the Earth's atmosphere, the plutonium would burn up and eventually contaminate the globe. To go with this was a prediction by French astrologer and physician Michele de Nostredame (Nostradamus, 1503-1566):

*The year one thousand nine ninety-nine seven month
From the sky shall come a great King of terror...*

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Uranus in the Grand Cross Pattern

— born 1999

In mid-1999 there was a grand cross pattern consisting of Mars, Saturn, Uranus and a total eclipse of the Sun (see article above). Sometimes called a grand square, it's the alignment of four planets all at approximately right angles. This unusual alignment took place in the mid-fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius). Now Uranus is passing through this pattern, creating a diversity of transiting aspects. These include transiting Uranus square natal Uranus, as well as transiting Uranus conjunct natal Saturn.

This is a loud, bold wakeup call, an invitation to have something relevant and exciting to live for. It is an invitation to go beyond the influences of your family, against which you have always rebelled; but now you must be a rebel with a cause, with a clue, and with a vision (thankfully bestowed or shown in potential by your Sagittarius planets).

This compound transit involves both Saturn and Uranus, so there is the part about bringing together innovation, inventiveness and rebellion (Uranus factors), with discipline, focus, structure and accountability (Saturn) — the story of the world, when it works. Just about everything worthwhile that happens utilizes this combination of factors, and we know how rarely that comes to pass.

Uranus moving through this pattern is an invitation to call yourself to attention and get busy. Events at this time will help provoke you out of your known and established life patterns, as well as tuning into what you find exciting and motivating. Young people at this time can be set in their ways due to digital influences, and that same factor can influence them to have a narrow worldview. Open up and see the possibilities. Dare to take some of the adventures you're being invited to experience.

This is not the time for same-old, same-old, or hanging around and wondering what to do. Rise up above the hapless Millennial slumber and shake yourself into consciousness. Pursue what interests you until something truly interesting takes hold and grabs you and your life path. If you want to "have an impact," that is the place to start. You must be fully engaged in what you do, to do it well.

Neptune square Neptune

— born approximately 1981

Read a comprehensive [article about Neptune here](#).

The theme of this transit is learning how to be honest with yourself. This is a classic midlife transit that many people struggle with. The reason is that our culture is based in mendacity and not in truth. Lying is convenient. Denial is convenient.

Those having this transit now are born with Neptune in late Sagittarius, one of its most idealistic and — seemingly — spiritual placements. Spirituality is a fantastic ruse for self-deception, and now is the time when this must end and a more deeply rooted personal connection to God, spirit or source takes its place.

Certainly the potential is there. Neptune in Sagittarius could have an easy and natural connection to what is beyond this world. Yet this could also be a fantasy; it could be delusional; and even if the perceptions coming through are 'true' in some objective sense, next comes the exercise of using them well.

Neptune is about liminality: that is, the hazy zone where "conscious" meets "unconscious." It is also about water; this transit is a bath. Is it warm, or is it cold? This is an important midlife transit, with the theme of becoming honest with oneself. That means coming out of denial, which does not necessarily occur as a conscious choice.

Rather, the crisis that this transit provokes demands that one confront the reality of their existence. I have seen many people reckon with the lies they have believed, have been told, have told, and have told themselves: this is what comes up for reckoning at the time of the Neptune square. What one does with the opportunity is another story.

Chiron conjunct the Saturn-Eris Conjunction

— born approximately 1967-1968

This is a transit that happens to very few people, all of them born in a narrow time range in the late 1960s. However, many people experience Chiron conjunct Saturn or vice versa. This is an important combination because of Chiron's connection to Saturn: all centaurs are orbit-crossers, and Chiron orbits inside of Saturn's path for a while during each 50-year cycle.

Saturn conjunct Eris was a peak '60s-era aspect that lasted between summer 1967 and spring 1968. The triple conjunction of Mars, Saturn and Eris on March 2, 1968 presaged the loss of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy in the coming weeks and months. This aspect represents the turning point when the peace and love '60s (symbolized by *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*) morphed into **Revolution 9.**)

In this aspect, Saturn seems to be keeping a lid on the aggression, grief and violence of Eris. It is also holding down the progress that Eris represents, which is about independence.

Chiron is now here half a century later to let off some of that pressure. Remember that this is not merely personal or private material involved when an aspect is so closely related to collective events. We are talking about society's karma, a topic in which few have interest in understanding. However, if you are having this transit now, that means it's time to go deeper into what is in truth collective property and not merely your own.

Historical Note: Uranus Conjunct Pluto in Virgo

In 1965 and 1966, Uranus formed a conjunction to Pluto in Virgo. While the exact conjunction lasted just nine months, the effects spread out for many years. Birth charts as early as 1962 and as late as 1968 have the full effects of this conjunction, which induced nothing less than a revolution in all of the arts and sciences, music, literature, aviation, education, computing technology, philosophy, social movements, and more.

In many ways, we carry the mark of this era into every facet of our daily lives, in ways that are both obvious and subtle. However, under the full strength of the aspect, its era was characterized by playwright and theatrical director Andre Gregory as "the last burst of the human being before he was extinguished" and replaced by "all these robots walking around, feeling nothing, thinking nothing."

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Pluto opposite Uranus and square Neptune — born approximately 1954-1957

There are a diversity of transits happening to charts in this range. At the moment Neptune is particularly strong, though there are a few others I will mention. Aspects involving multiple outer planets, with Neptune among them, almost always carry the theme of true versus false spirituality; of coming out of denial; and more than anything else, of engaging your creativity.

Between 1954 and 1956, Uranus and Neptune were in a long square aspect (90 degrees apart), from Cancer to Libra. In early 1954, Chiron in Capricorn entered the aspect pattern for a while. For the first three years of my career, I made a living reading Uranian opposition and Chiron square Chiron charts for this sub-generation — hundreds of them. People born in the 1950s are more interested in astrology than any other generation I've encountered. They have plenty of aspects to inspire that interest.

This was an extraordinarily powerful historical setup in its day, both socially and personally, representing the peak of the Civil Rights era (normally thought of as happening in the 1960s, the actual civil rights movement was first peaking in the mid-1950s). The world changed, seemingly irrevocably and to the dismay of many. It was a time of surrendering old values in a very short time. The painful Jim Crow era of segregation was coming to an end, or society was at least trying. Many of these gains are being reversed today as we enter a new phase of segregation.

Brown v. Board of Education was decided on May 17, 1954. Rosa Parks' famous ride at the front of the bus was on Dec. 1, 1955. This was also the era of the development of

the hydrogen bomb, which was first tested in 1952 and which has a square pattern between Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Mars (and very loosely, Chiron). This was a massive, critical time in world history and its natives are often born with a special sense of destiny.

For you personally, this setup describes your spiritual quest and your search for the solid ground of accurate beliefs and a realistic worldview. It is about your values potentially clashing with those of the immediately prior generation. You 'get it' and quite possibly they do not.

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