

What Do ASC Astrologers Predict for 2011?

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Ever since times of ancient Greece, astrology has been used to successfully predict the future of both nobles and nations. Some countries such as the United States have luckier horoscopes than others. Why? The United States, born 2:13 AM, July 4, 1776 when the last delegate signed the Declaration of Independence, has the three benefic planets, Sun, Venus and Jupiter, in the second house of wealth. When the planet, Pluto, made an unfavorably transit to the U.S. Venus from the Fall of 2008 to December 2010, the country went into a recession. By the summer 2010, a cardinal cross involving Pluto, Saturn, Uranus and Jupiter added to the economic woe.

Now that the cardinal cross is over, what is in store for the country in 2011? One thing is for certain, change is on the horizon. Three outer planets--Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune will be going into new signs. Jupiter (planet of good fortune) will be in the sign of Aries from January 23 to June 5 2011. While Jupiter is in Aries, look for new technology on the horizon. During the second half of 2011, Jupiter will be in Taurus in a constructive aspect to Pluto. Since Pluto rules mass consciousness, this positive aspect could bring some relief for the masses with new public service projects.. Relief may be temporary as the next major planetary change begins on March 12 when Uranus (planet of technology) enters Aries for a seven year stay. The last time Uranus was in the sign of Aries (April 1927-- March 1935) a bout of inflation was followed by the stock market crash in October 1929. Eventually, Neptune will usher in a more humanitarian spirit when it enters its own sign of Pisces on April 5 where it will remain until 2024. Meanwhile, Saturn in Libra and Pluto in Capricorn will keep the nation grounded. While Saturn is in the sign of Libra through Oct 2012, civil liberties are likely to be curtailed. About the same time, Pluto forces the masses to deal realistically with issues similar to those our nation faced in 1931-1935-- the last time the planet made a square to Uranus in Aries. With a repeat of those cycles in the Fall of 2011 through 2012, the current recession may take some time to resolve. With so many planetary changes, what does other Astrological Society of Connecticut Astrologers foresee in 2011? In particular, what do ASC astrologers--Alphee Lavoie, Janet Booth, Agneta Bornstein, Dian Bustillo predict for the year ahead?

Financial astrologer, Alphee Lavoie, predictions for 2011

The director of AIR in West Hartford is cautious: *" We are now in a position where the economy is getting better day by day and in the middle of October of 2011 will be halfway between the dire state that it has been in and a normal economy. The general forecast by the time the end of August of 2012 rolls around will be normal or stable. " He foresees the Saturn return in the United States which occurs every 29 years as unfavorable: "This aspect usually happens three times within a year or more. The first occurrence was on December 3, 2010 and it will happen again on March 22, 2011 and*

August 28, 2011. These will be important dates for President Obama when he has to address the issues of taxes, interest rates, monies and the national debt. "

According to Lavoie , look for a rocky start to 2011: "The upcoming eclipse on January 4, 2011 will be at 13° 38 minutes of the sign of Capricorn. It's almost in an exact opposition to the United States Sun at 13° 19 minutes of the sign of Cancer. This opposition will fall in the houses of the US chart that rule banks, bank loans, interest rates and, of course, taxes and the national debt. The eclipses are also affecting the departments of the chart that relate to wealth and the prosperity of the people with their collective earning and buying power. This solar eclipse will intensify and impact these areas during the first half of the year 2011 . This opposition will also produce great tension in the 10th house in which Saturn sits and rules our president and all those in power. Around spring 2011 it is possible that these issues will reach a peak involving taxes, money and the national debt . The last time eclipses occurred in this very same position was in 1992 when 120 banks collapsed. "

How will this affect the stock market?

"The stock market will go through more crises beginning mid February to approximately mid May. Once we've passed that marker of mid May it seems that things will pick up in the summer of 2011"

West Hartford , astrologer, Janet Booth also believes we are in for " a long, slow process of healing."

Janet Booth's Predictions for 2011:

A new decade begins and the zeitgeist shifts gears. New energies surge as three major planets change signs - one of them twice! - taking us into fresh territory in 2011. Expect a lot of experimentation and risk-taking, perhaps bordering on recklessness at times. An abrasive and possibly selfish edge (or is it merely the struggle for survival?) is counterbalanced by an uptick in empathy and selfless generosity.

From late January through early June, we'll rush at a whirlwind pace as Jupiter flies through Aries. Much progress can be made but some of it will need adjustment once we slow down in the second half of the year. With Jupiter in Taurus, we'll take the trine to have a good look at what has developed. One of the most precarious moments of the year comes from an extremely rare and volatile combination at the end of April. A triple team-up in hasty Aries aligns the sign's ruling planet, pugilistic Mars, with exaggerating Jupiter and the newly discovered planet, Eris, said to represent chaos. Any tragedy then, whether a natural disaster or an armed conflict, has some immediate relief from another very infrequent and much nicer blend nine days later when Venus and Mercury (representing balanced thinking and fair talk) join Eris.

An increased interest in spirituality and non-incarnate life as well as a growing reliance on intuition or ESP begins building from April through July and ensues again in earnest

early in 2012 for over a decade. Neptune will be swimming in the waters of Pisces, the sign it rules. The nature of religious worship is slated to alter direction and exciting improvements in healing and medical practices are on deck.

The trend of extremes in weather continues with hotter summers, colder winters and seeming reversals of what used to be "normal" (like the recent snow in the South). Some areas will experience extraordinary deluges while others suffer drought conditions. Air quality becomes a bone of contention between nations, as does water quality and quantity.

In economics and politics, the gap between the rich and powerful versus everyone else appears to be an ongoing saga. The realization of the futility of such an imbalanced and hypocritical system, as eluded to above, will take some time before it leads to any solutions.

Another ASC astrologer, Dian Bustillo, author of *The Non-Astrologer's Daily Power Planner* generally agrees 2011 will be "demanding because healing is often uncomfortable."

Dian Bustillo predictions for 2011

Her forecast: the four solar eclipses in 2011 hold four promises of opportunity. But, our opportunities will pair with severe challenges. Moving forward will require us to break old bonds, sever relationships, encounter frustrations, and take on more than is comfortable. Humankind is still becoming accustomed to Pluto's residence in the sign of Capricorn. It will take time to understand that life is becoming unglued and we must accept changes both in our personal affairs and in the world around us. Expect the unexpected in the financial realm. Just as 25 years ago we probably didn't foresee the financial depression that is sweeping the world, we may be shocked at the fiscal picture this time next year. There are no free lunches so don't give in to delusions such as windfall fixes to private money issues or global economics. This is a time to bite the bullet and transform your life and your world. Two thousand eleven will be a demanding year because healing is uncomfortable and often painful, but necessary if we want to bring light, warmth and restoration to ourselves and our planet."

Seems like nearly everyone faced some kind of uphill battle in 2010. The year had arguably the nastiest planetary configuration in a decade. Some people dread 2012 but it doesn't look as tough as the year just ending. You survived this far so pat yourself on the back and if you're unscathed, count your blessings! Fortunately, a couple key pieces of the ugly astrological puzzle of 2010 move out of the pattern and all the planets involved exit a degree-range of far-reaching impact, breaking the sinister spell. Still, we'll be paying a long time for decisions made the past couple of years.

Finally, ASC astrologer, Agneta Bornstein, author of *The Moon's Nodes: A Churning Process of the Soul* looks at key eclipses for 2011:

Agneta Bornstein, predictions for 2011

The Eclipse Season starting in the fall of 2009 in the signs of Capricorn (government) and Cancer (home) will show its last two displays of eclipses on January 4th and July 1st, 2011. The January 4th Solar Eclipse; 13° 38 degrees Capricorn will magnify the attention of who is control who in Congress and also is part a cycle of a depression” and not a “Great Recession”; the Saturn, Pluto and Uranus T-square has shown us that! Many individuals have taken action with simplified living, allowing their children to move back home and care for those in needs is a new phenomenon sweeping our Cancer country. The Solar Eclipse on July 1st, 2011 will have the people of the home soil wonder what else can go wrong. Nature will speak loud and the people of the “land of the free” will cry. The dollar value will be more unstable during the first six months of 2011.

Fresh energy of stagnated anger, frustration and desire for liberation grows during March and April of 2011 as the Cardinal signs: Capricorn, Aries and Libra continue to show its force by entering a new era. Or a New Age! Through Neptune moving in to its own sign of Pisces on April 5, 2011 together WITH Chiron; the ultimate Healer - contentment arises within those that live an alternative lifestyle.

The year 2010 ended in a powerful event with a Winter Solstice and Total Full Moon Eclipse observed and integrated throughout the world. This Eclipse promises all Gemini people, Sagittarius, Pisces, Virgo's to have a magnified 2011 as this event start a Journey throughout the following strings of an Eclipse season – June 1st, June 15th, November 25th and December 10th. By all means – if you know your Moon sign, Ascendant or anything of importance in your natal chart – you are in the Zone of the Eclipses. Have a massage, meditate or freak out a bit... nothing wrong to let go these days!

It would seem from the predictions made by ASC astrologers, most Americans need to be resourceful in 2011. They will roll up their sleeves to plant victory gardens, barter with their neighbors, and pitch in to help those in need. Hopefully with increased spiritual awareness, a stronger work ethic, and technology for cheaper alternative energy on the horizon, Americans will begin to experience prosperity in 2013.

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