

What Do the Stars Predict for Connecticut in 2010?

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Astrology is the oldest science known to man, as it predates both astronomy and psychology. From Nostradamus to Evangeline Adams, astrologers have been uncannily accurate in their prophecies. While Nostradamus focused on world event predicting the French Revolution, Miss Adams dispensed financial advice to J.P. Morgan.

Connecticut too has its share of star-gazers, so I asked professional members of the Astrological Society of Connecticut, Janet Booth, Agneta Borstein and Alphee Lavoie about the future of our “state of steady habits.” While these astrologers have diverse backgrounds, the ASC members generally concurred we are in for tough times.

To begin with, Janet Booth, recording secretary of the ASC, a practicing astrologer for thirty years and author of Janet’s Plan-Its, predicts: “Flu outbreak will be widespread over the winter, peaking in February. A dry and windy summer will leave reservoirs critically low.” She agreed with fellow astrologers “the economic outlook is not rosy. Continued belt-tightening will be required both on an individual level and collectively in the state budget and programs. Fears lead to penny-pinching. “On a brighter note, Booth feels “the technology sector can brighten the picture: imagination and new inventions should lead to job creation. Income from tourism and the gaming industry will start to pick up again in late May.” When it came to Governor Rell, her prophecy was particularly accurate: “Governor Rell, up for re-election in 2010, will face a serious challenger.” Apparently, Governor Rell felt the same way. On November 9, the governor announced that she does not plan to seek reelection this fall.

Booth also took a look at the financial arena. As for the stock market, it is likely there will be “some key turns in April and again in December.” Re-regulating the marketplace is a likely topic early in the year, following the January 15 solar eclipse close to the degree in the USA birthday chart of the planet most connected to financial matters. Booth predicts “big strides will be made in building new sources of energy and expanding the grid to deliver it.”

Agneta Borstein, ASC’s treasurer and author of The Moon’s Nodes: A Churning Process of the Soul, examined Connecticut’s horoscope based on the birth data Jan. 9 1788, (Noon) in Washington. When the astrologer zeroed in on Connecticut’s Sun in Capricorn and Moon in Aquarius, she predicted that Connecticut is in for some “bewildering messages from both Republican and Democrats.” According to this astrologer of thirty years, 2010 will be a year when Connecticut citizens will have to balance their checkbooks. “April can be the hardest hit month for future hopes in the economy to a state that hasn’t experienced challenging times as much as other states. Communication between parties and misunderstandings will continue during the summer—especially July--and continue throughout the fall. Mercury, the planet that is willing to hear messages from one side of the spectrum to the other, is busy, but who actually is in charge of the checkbook? Careful please--especially in August and September. Every entry will count and will not go unnoticed.”

Finally, financial advisor, Alphee Lavoie, a Certified Astrologer (NCGR Level IV) with 46 years of experience, made some very specific predictions. The Director of the Astrological Institute of Research believes that Connecticut will fare better than the rest of the nation. "In the first part of 2010, our state will push more energy and campaigns into creating jobs as well as place a stronger focus on education. During the summer of 2010, Connecticut seems to have some very positive aspects to adapt and adjust to these hard times. In my estimation, it seems that as a state we will fare much better than the rest of the Union as we come through this period of time."

Incidentally, Lavoie feels the economy will be "more normal by 2012." In two years, the cycle should be normal and heading upward, and we should actually see it above in the summer of 2012. After that, there appears to be a move from normal to high, reaching a top in 2017. As we move into February and March 2010, the economy may seem to look pretty good but it may be a false read. We do need to brace ourselves at the end of May as the economy seems to falter. In 2010, the United States can endure its worst period during the summer months of July, August and September, when there is tremendous stress in the sky as we view the world economy through the U.S. natal chart. The eclipse of July 11, 2010 will accent the Sun of the United States chart, which dovetails with the areas of finance, spending, banking, loans, interest rates and the national debt. These areas of crisis will have a worldwide repercussion. The death rate can also reach a high point as the last week of July and the first week of August can show an escalation of war in the Middle East. There will be an enormous amount of global tension. Afghanistan and North Korea can play integral roles in this tension. As the stress point begins on July 11, the negative affect will domino throughout the world and be felt through the end of September. The bottom of the economy will occur during that period, which will in turn influence the stock market. The drop begins mid-August and lasts through almost the end of October. "

As for Connecticut stocks, Alphee Lavoie predicts some winners. "Interestingly enough, during that time period some of the Connecticut stocks will actually do better. They include United Technology, TRC companies, Inc., Lydall Inc. and Praxair Inc. However, CIGNA, Northeast Utilities, Priceline.com, Inc. and General Dynamic Corporations will be among those stocks that will have a harder time during this period."

Elizabeth Robinson, who has been an astrologer for 17 years, agrees with her fellow astrologers. She too feels the state is in a "bit of a 'dark' time for the state, limited resources." Robinson forecasts "Connecticut resources will tighten up and there will be a need for the government to take 'the bull by the horns' to make sure that its citizenry is taken care of--managing okay. Good communication will be vital. Keywords for Connecticut: eliminate waste, restructure where it's needed, tighten up and take care of the needs of its people. Keep communication open for new (unexpected) ideas, as well.

Just as Robinson sees a difficult period, another ASC member, John Marchesella, forecasts "more civil disobedience and possible war on the horizon. The next phase of planetary cycles on the horizon for 2010 is Saturn's square to Pluto. History clearly shows this combination of planets in their stressful relationship brings violence in the

world, i.e., both tragedies of the World Trade Center, the escalation of the war in Viet Nam, the start of the World War I as well as the escalation of World War II. However, history also shows us the stressful relationship of Saturn and Pluto brings the opposite of violence, which is not harmony, but rather, non-violence, or better known as civil disobedience. A glance back at the planetary cycles when Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Nelson Mandela had their greatest achievements, lets us know the significance of Saturn's productive concentration of Pluto's force as an alternative to the violence of war." Marchesella, who has been practicing astrology for 33 years, concluded: "2010 will see the continuing rise of the Everyman in acts of civil disobedience that are productive, effective and influential on world trends."

Hopefully, every man and woman will rise to the occasion. When the Hartford Courant asked for my take on the economy, I made these predictions: "As for the state of Connecticut, we may experience serious economic obstacles in early 2010. However, our state, which is known for its steady habits, will begin to bounce back by the fall of 2010. With slow, steady growth, Connecticut should see prosperity by 2013.

When queried about the rest of the nation, I replied: "Sadly, the United States is in for a rough ride in 2010. As the planet Saturn enters Libra in 2010, more of our civil liberties will be curtailed, along with tighter security. February will be an important month to watch for changes in the market as Uranus in Pisces will be in a difficult square aspect to Saturn, causing concern. The price of oil could rise slightly due to limited supply or international tensions. Whether we like it or not, 2010 will be a year of sacrifice for the many Americans who prefer peace to material comforts, so turn down the thermostats and piggy-back errands as the price of oil is going up. Money may also be in short supply--especially during the first nine months of the year. Watch the fall for some signs of recovery as the stock market may gain in confidence due to bargain-basement prices. The other hopeful sign is Jupiter will be in Pisces through much of 2010. Under this planetary combination, charitable and medical organizations should expand. The medical community may have break-throughs in both a cure for diabetes and major advances in curing cancer. We will continue to lead the world in medical knowledge. 2010 is also a year when patriotism is strong as Americans pull together to help each other."

One can't help but wonder if these problems could have been avoided. The answer can be found in our twelfth house of the United States horoscope. This house, which signifies the karma of the nation, is ruled by Taurus. As I explained in Soul Cycles, "With earthy Taurus placed on a cusp, it is our destiny to feed the world, literally with our abundance. Our food and medical aid to others is legendary and the source of much good karma. However, materialism could be our downfall. As we enter the Age of Aquarius, 2010, the Aquarian principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness must be maintained, even at the expense of material comforts!"

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