

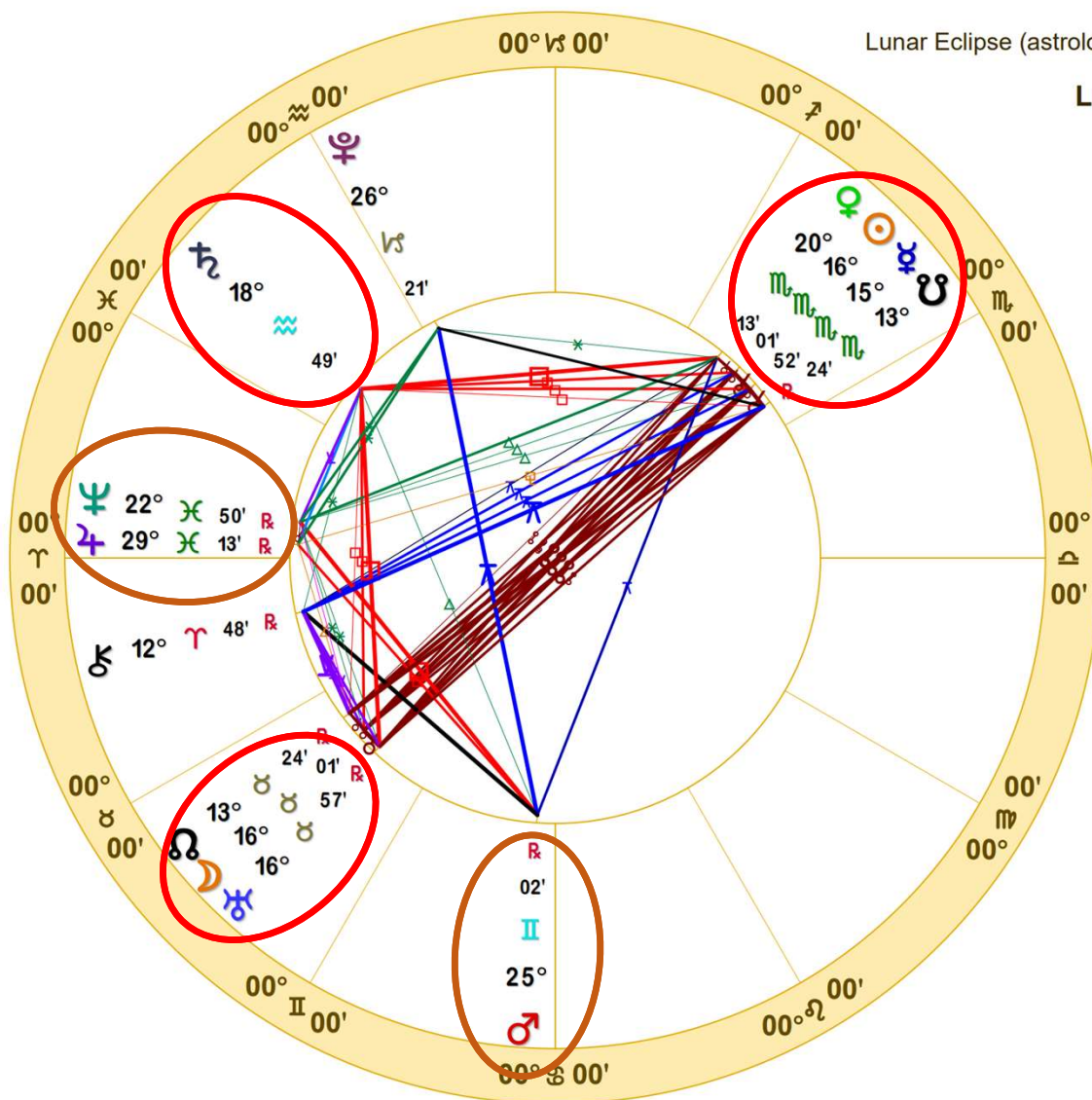
**THE YEAR
2023
IN
ASTROLOGY**

*BY
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THE WORLD

There's a lot that might be going on in 2023, but I'll just cover several highlights because if I went over absolutely everything, then we would literally be here all year. So let's begin!





Lunar Eclipse Nov 8 2022

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Additionally, we will still have to contend with the impact of November's Lunar Eclipse. This includes issues of death (Scorpio), unexpected economic/survival issues (Uranus conjunct Moon in Taurus), ideologies that can increase aggression (Mars in Gemini square Jupiter/Neptune in Pisces), and conflicts between individual liberty and group control (Moon/Uranus in Taurus square Saturn in Aquarius).

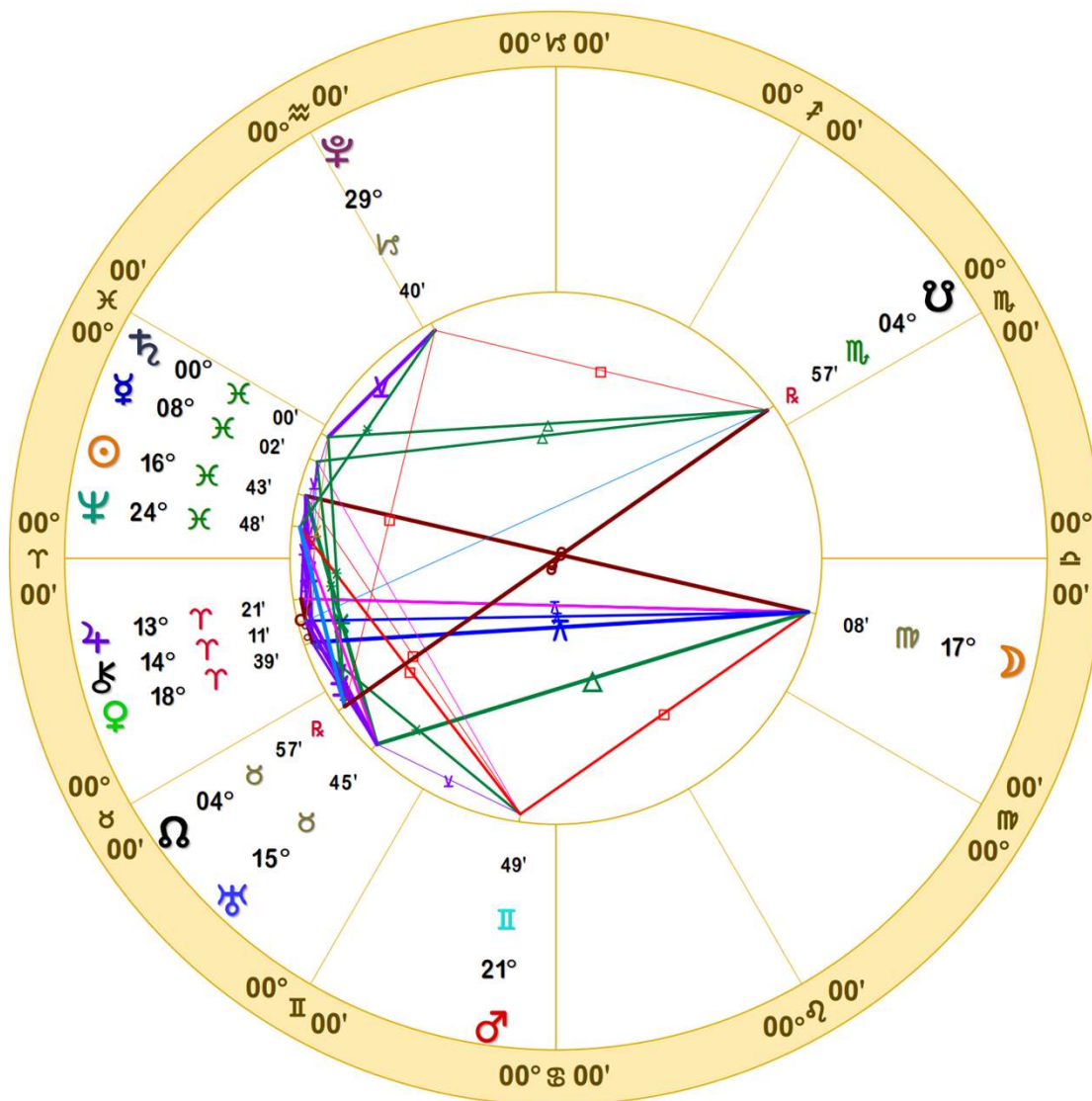
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There will also be some important sign changes in 2023. **Saturn** will move into Pisces, **Pluto** will briefly move into Aquarius, **Jupiter** will move into Taurus, **Mars** will finally move into Cancer, and the **North Node** will move into Aries.

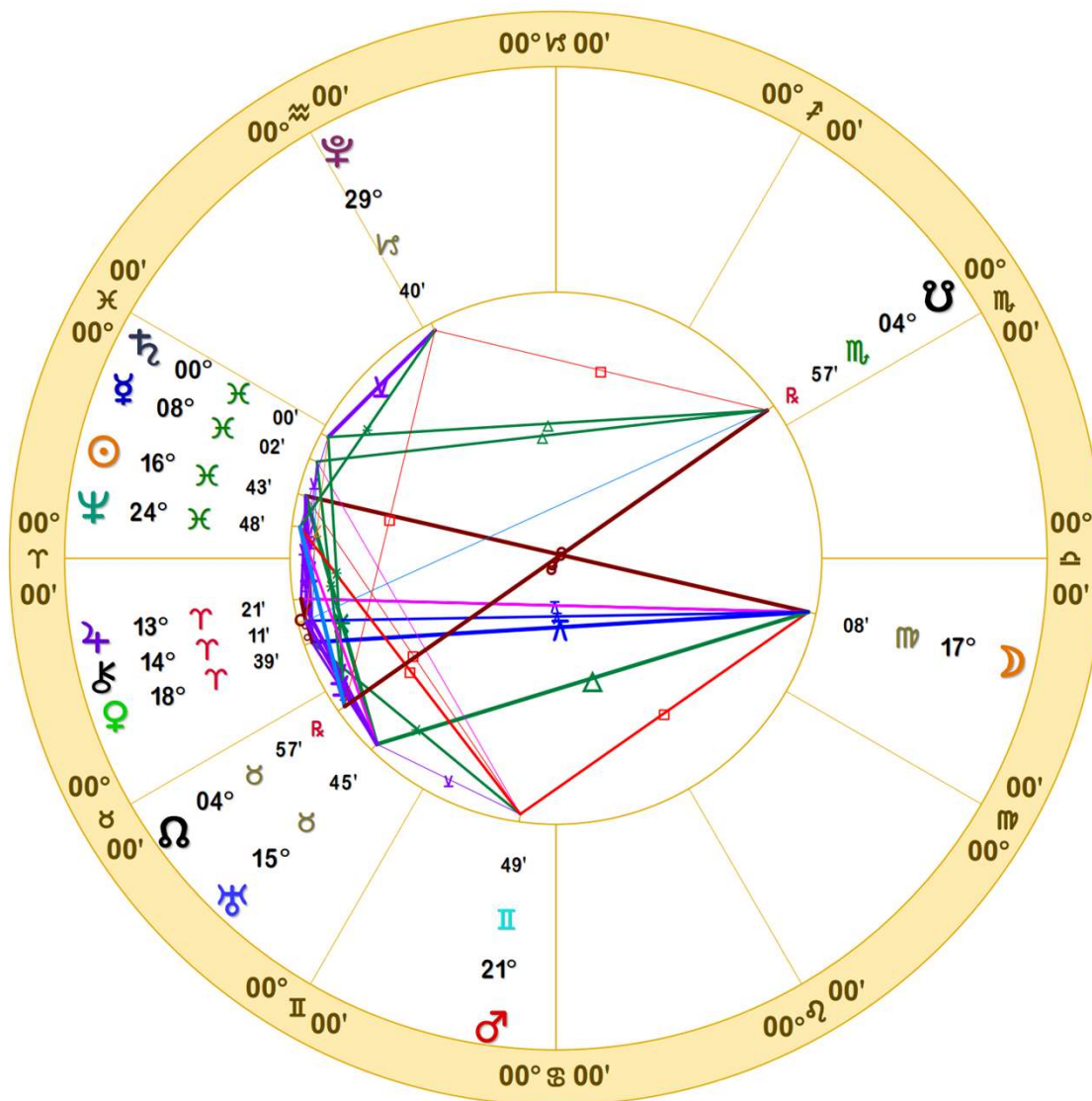


Saturn enters Pisces

With Saturn in Pisces, dreams can become reality. Some the things that have happened in the past in years when Saturn went into Pisces are:

- Social Security is enacted (1935)
- The Beatles and the British Invasion in music (1964)
- The World Wide Web provides an elegant interface for the Internet (1994)

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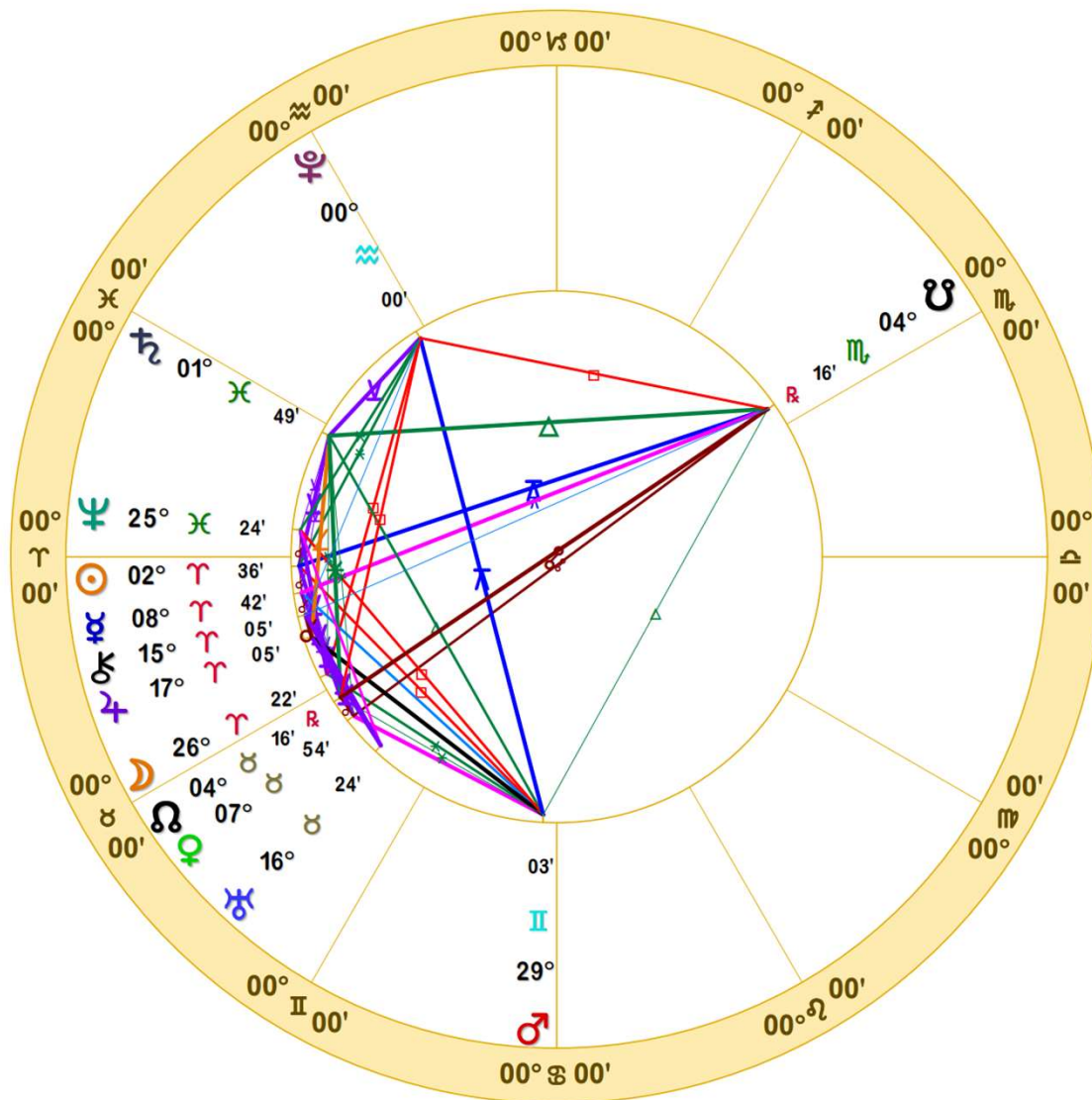


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Also, for the past couple of years we have labored under the influence of Saturn in Aquarius square Uranus in Taurus. This has often manifested as protests by individuals who have felt that groups controlling them have taken away too much of their freedom. However, when Saturn moves into Pisces, then Saturn and Uranus will be at least sextile by sign, and a more constructive period will then begin.

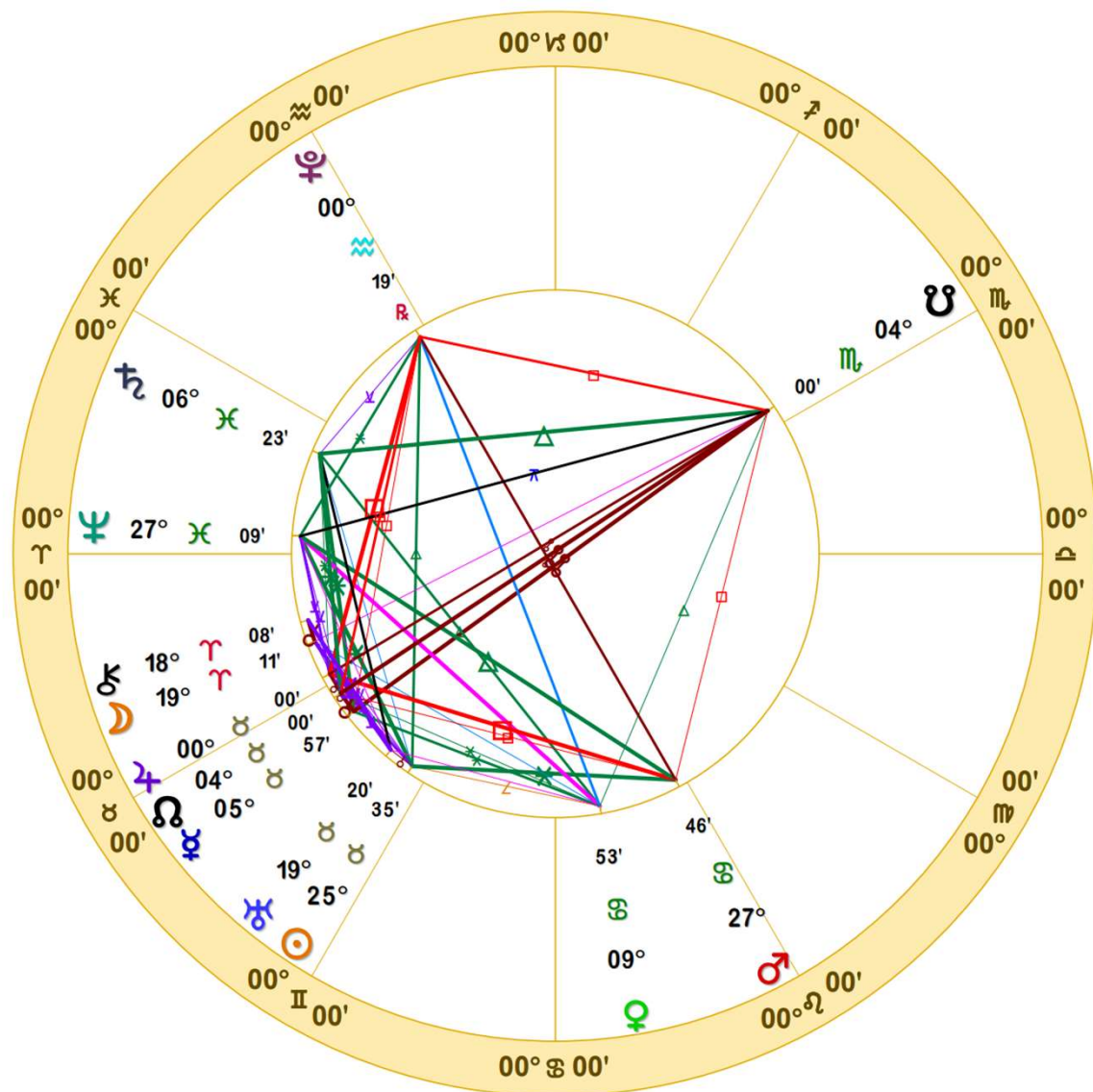
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Pluto enters Aquarius (March 23 – June 11)

Pluto last entered Aquarius in 1778 – 1779. This was the time of the American Revolution which showed that power can reside with a group (the colonies) instead of a single individual (the king).

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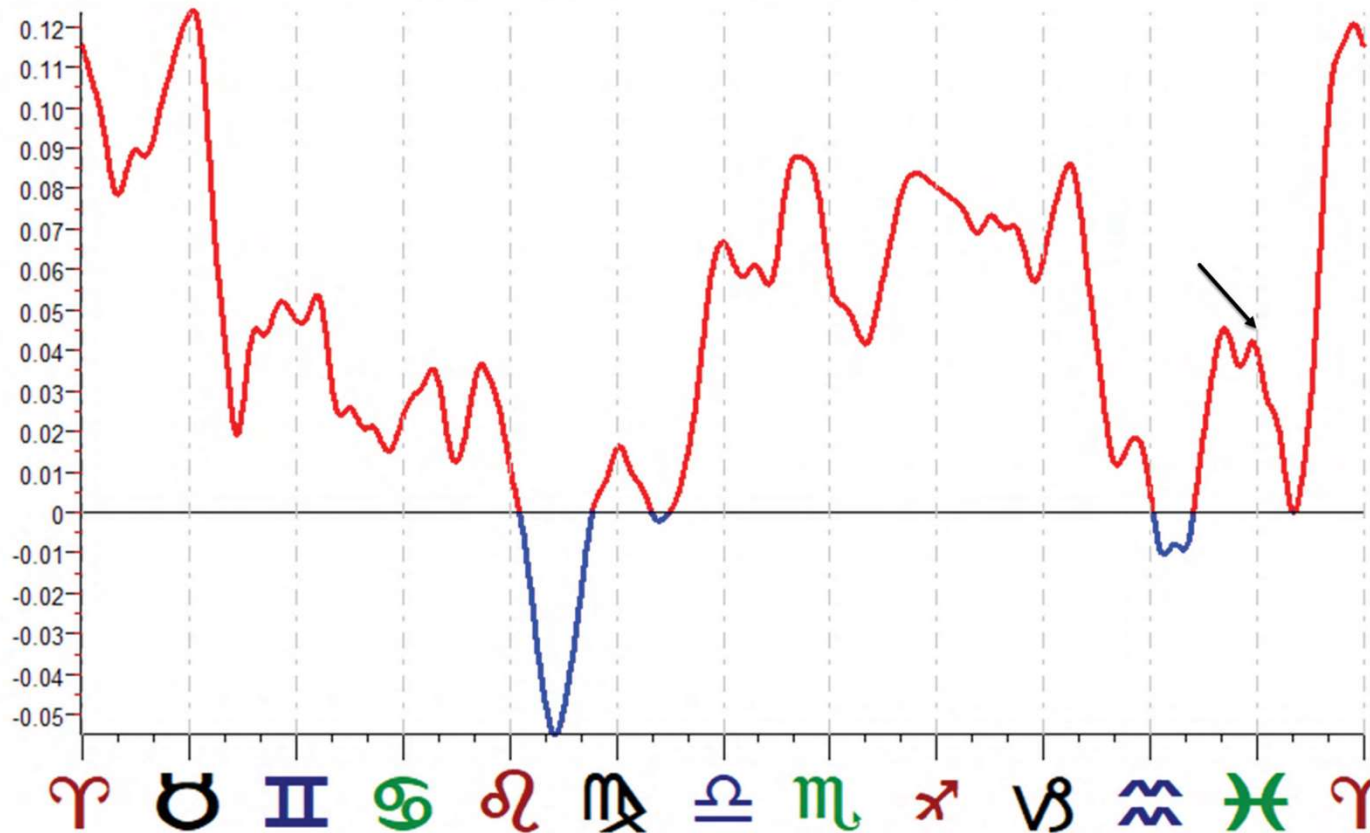
Jupiter enters Taurus

Jupiter will be in Taurus from May 16, 2023, through May 25, 2024. In theory this should result in an expansion of the desire of people for more goods and things that make them feel comfortable. Historically, the market seems to crest around the time Jupiter enters Taurus, and this is followed by a sharper fall and then sustained growth before it enters Gemini.

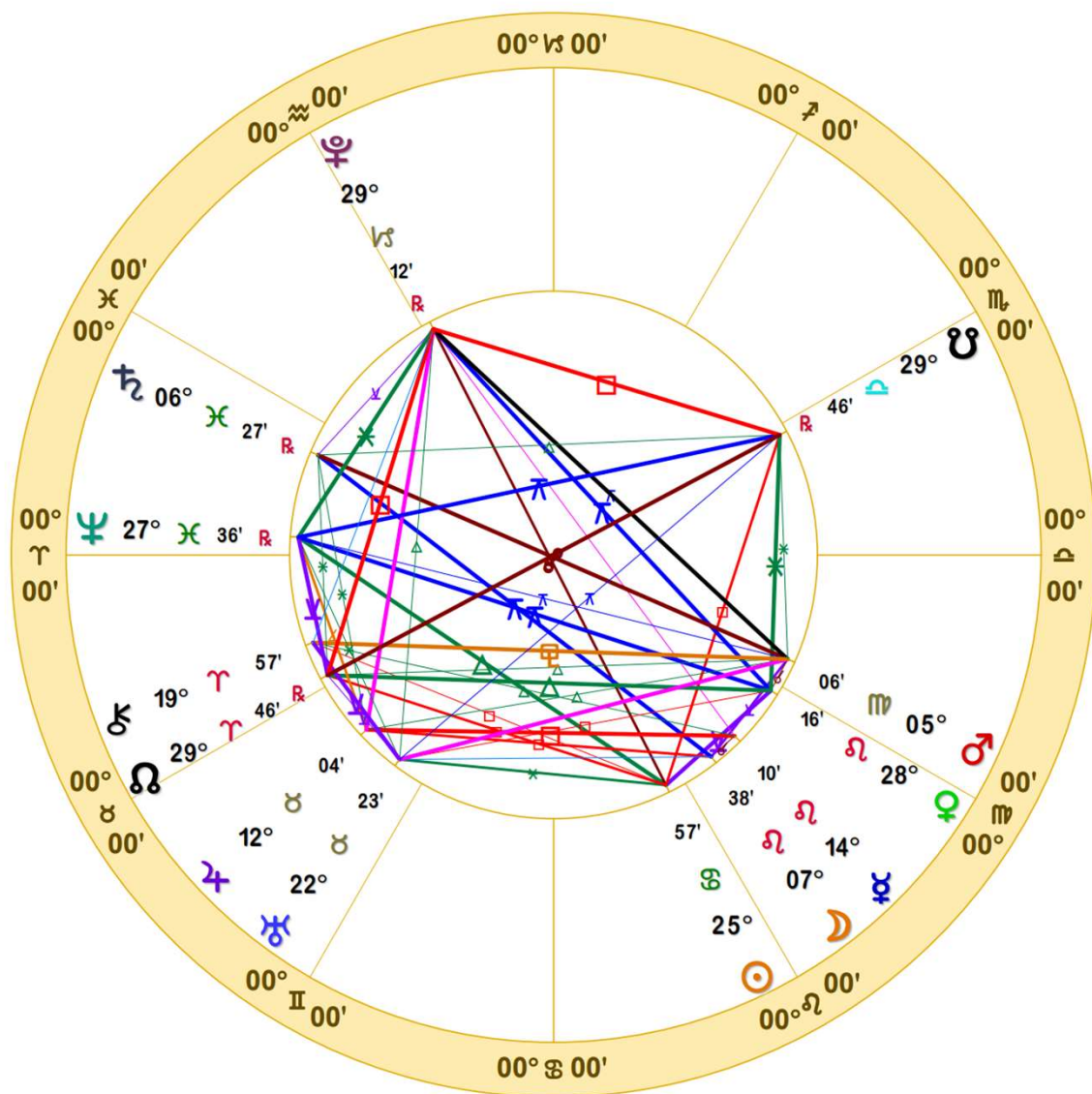
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Jupiter position Geo[all] (19.59 cycles, period=11.86 y)



Additionally, the market tends to be at a low when Jupiter is in Leo. The next Leo transit of Jupiter will be from June 19, 2026, through July 25, 2027. Quite a bummer for those of us who are retired and dependent on the market for much of our income



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North Node in Aries

The North Node enters Aries on July 18, 2023, and resides in Aries until January 11, 2025. I imagine that we will see more emphasis on the rights of the individual during this period and a yearning to transcend when the Node conjoins Chiron on February 19, 2024.

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Overall, the aspects in 2023 may not be as severe as what we've seen in the recent past. We'll start by discussing Jupiter square Pluto, Jupiter sextile Saturn, and Jupiter conjunct Chiron.

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Jupiter will square Pluto in Capricorn in the latter part of May, and this can indicate a challenge to authoritarian power. The last time Jupiter squared Pluto in Capricorn was on August 4, 2017. Jupiter was in Libra, creating an increase in the urge for people to come together to oppose the tyranny that Pluto in Capricorn can engender, and on August 5 the UN Security Council imposed new sanctions on North Korea while a week later there was a significant clash between white nationalists and those who oppose them at the ‘Unite the Right’ rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. This time, however, Jupiter will be in Aries, and so we may see a clash between those who believe in authoritarian power, and those who want independence and control over their own being.

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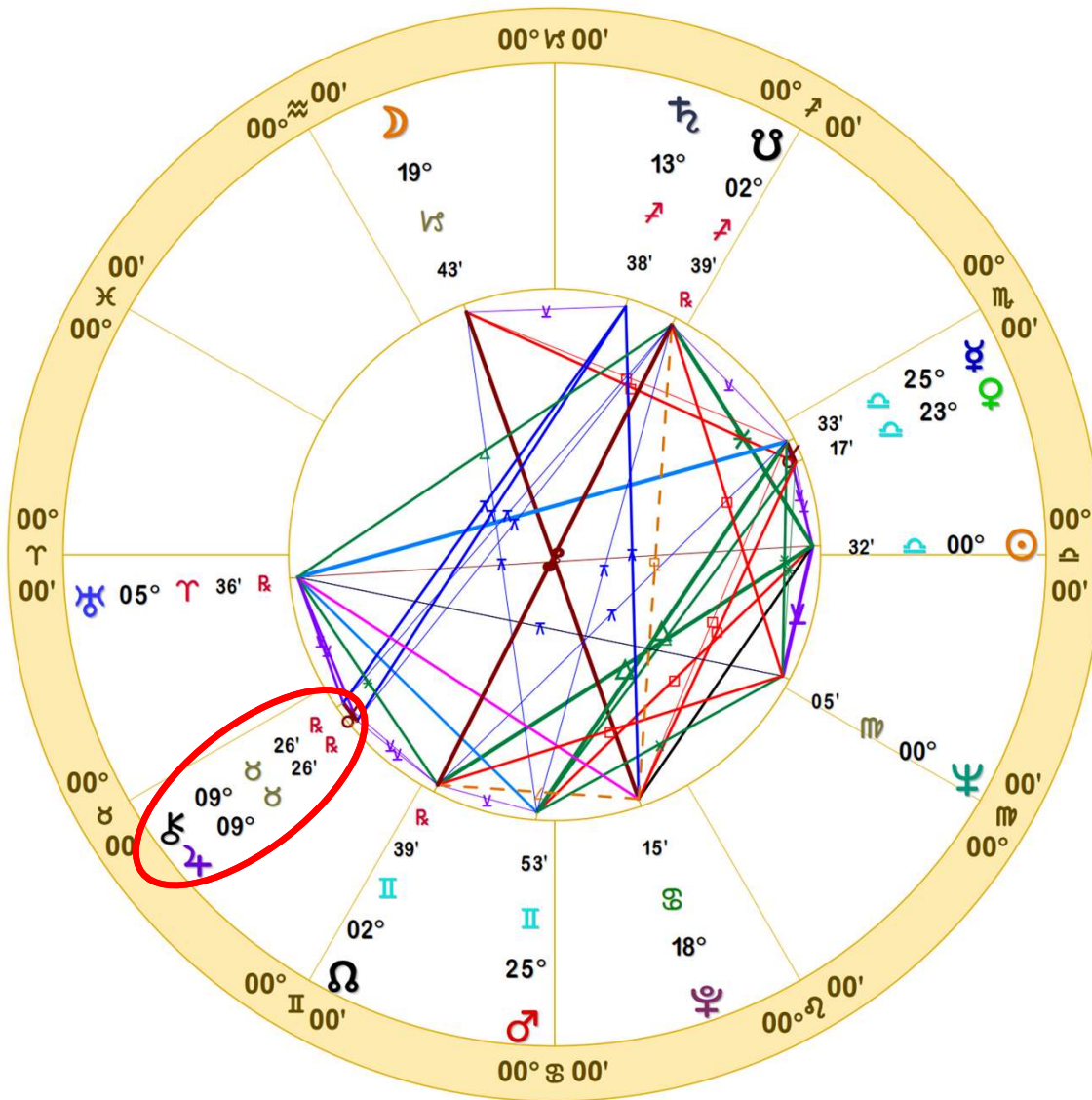
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In the second half of June there will be a waxing sextile between Jupiter and Saturn, and this bodes well for the world, albeit for just a couple of weeks. Jupiter and Saturn were conjunct in Aquarius at the end of 2020, and this conjunction signaled the beginning of a new age of globalization and group creativity. The waxing sextile indicates a further coordination between these two drives and one that will balance growth with beneficial regulation. The last time these two planets made a waxing sextile with one another was in August 2004 during the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, and this is appropriate since the original games were held every four years at the sanctuary of Zeus (Jupiter) in ancient Greece. Furthermore, the Olympics are a perfect symbol of the coordination between growth and discipline. This time with Saturn in Pisces and Jupiter in Taurus, we may see some very concrete growth that manifests inner visions just so long as this aspect is not overridden by other tensions. Similarly, Saturn semisextile Pluto in March 2023 signals the next stage in their synodic cycle. Hopefully, this will also be the end of the destructive phase.

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Jupiter will be conjunct Chiron in Aries throughout most of March. Chiron can cause wounding, healing, or transcendence, and Jupiter expands things while Aries is a sign that seeks independence of self. On the downside, there may be more wounding through war, but on the positive side there will likely also be some who find a deep spirituality or transcendence within their own being rather than exterior religions. We may or may not immediately see the consequences of this conjunction but keep an eye out for things related to the keywords above. Let's look now at what Jupiter/Chiron conjunctions have done in the past.

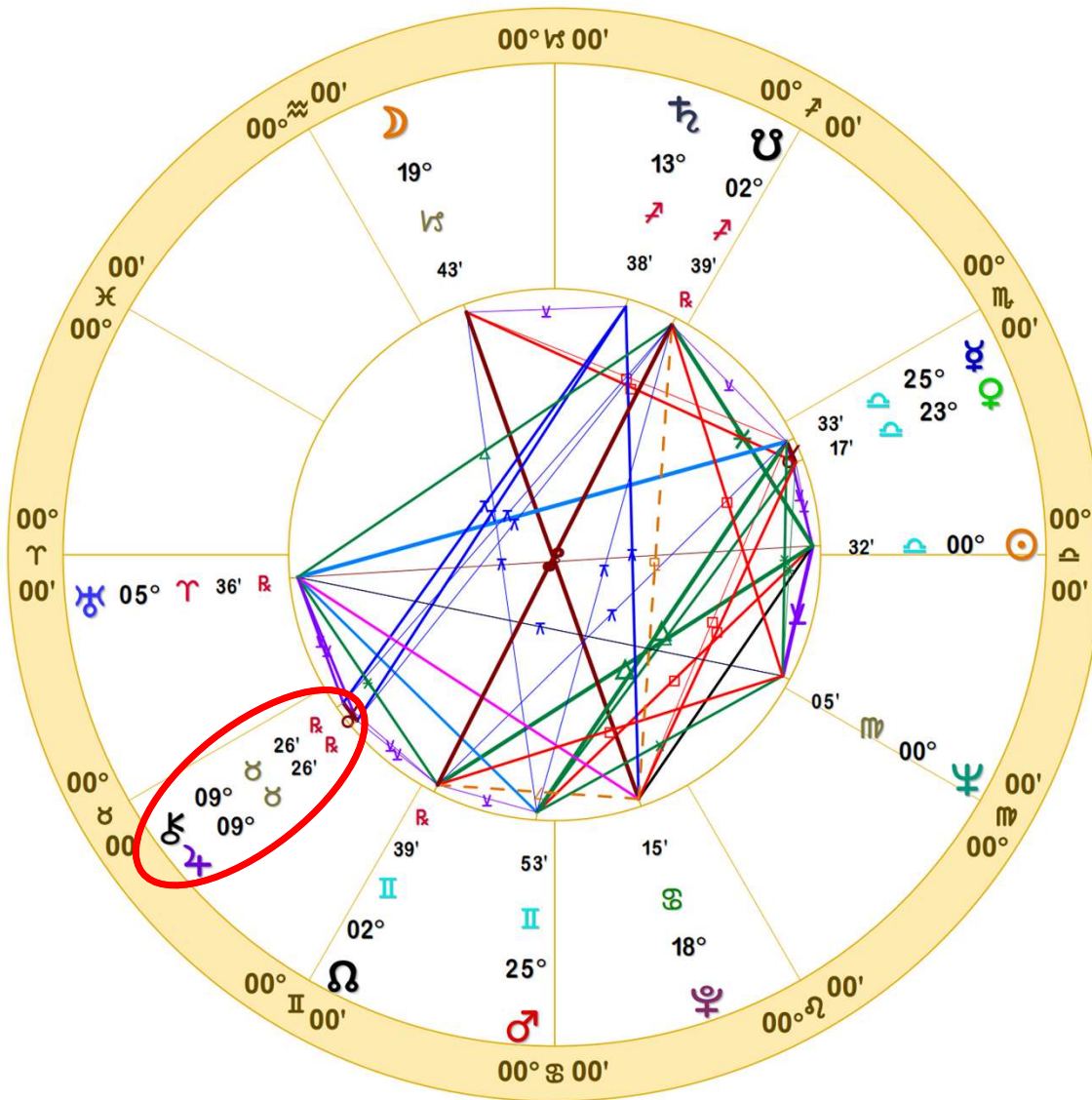


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There were three exact conjunctions of Jupiter and Chiron in 1928-1929 in Taurus. They happened on August 17 of 1928, September 23 of 1928, and February 24 of 1929. Being in Taurus, the impact could be on either money or things we enjoy, entertainment. Of course, in October of 1929 the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began during the period of a conjunction of Chiron with the North Node, but what futuristic idea happened in 1928-1929 that has been entertaining and that has endured to this day?

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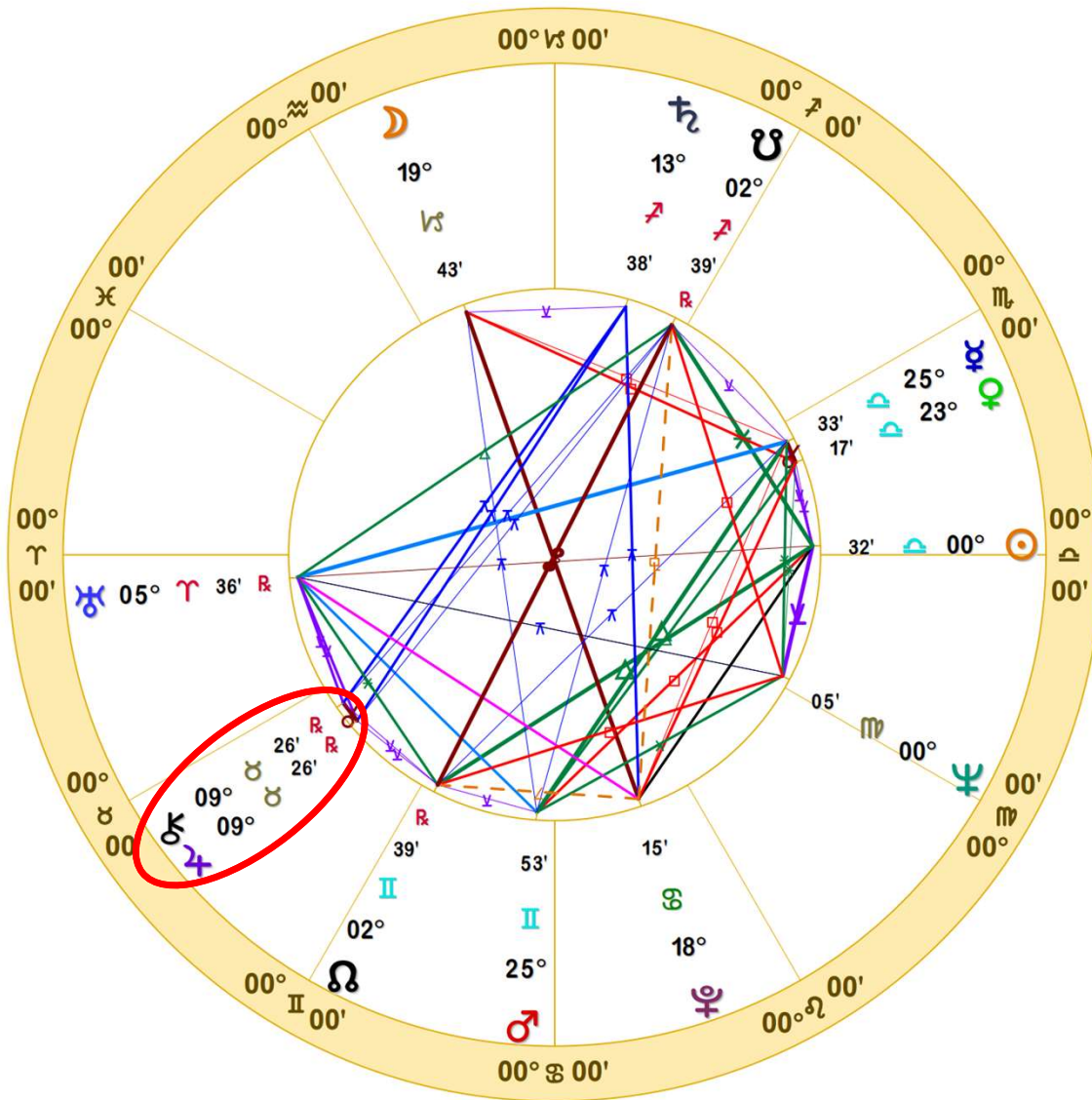


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Television! In February 1928, Scottish inventor John Logie Baird broadcast a transatlantic television signal from London to Hartsdale, NY. In May 1928, the first regular schedule of television programming began in Schenectady, NY. In July 1928, John Logie Baird demonstrated the world's first color TV transmission.

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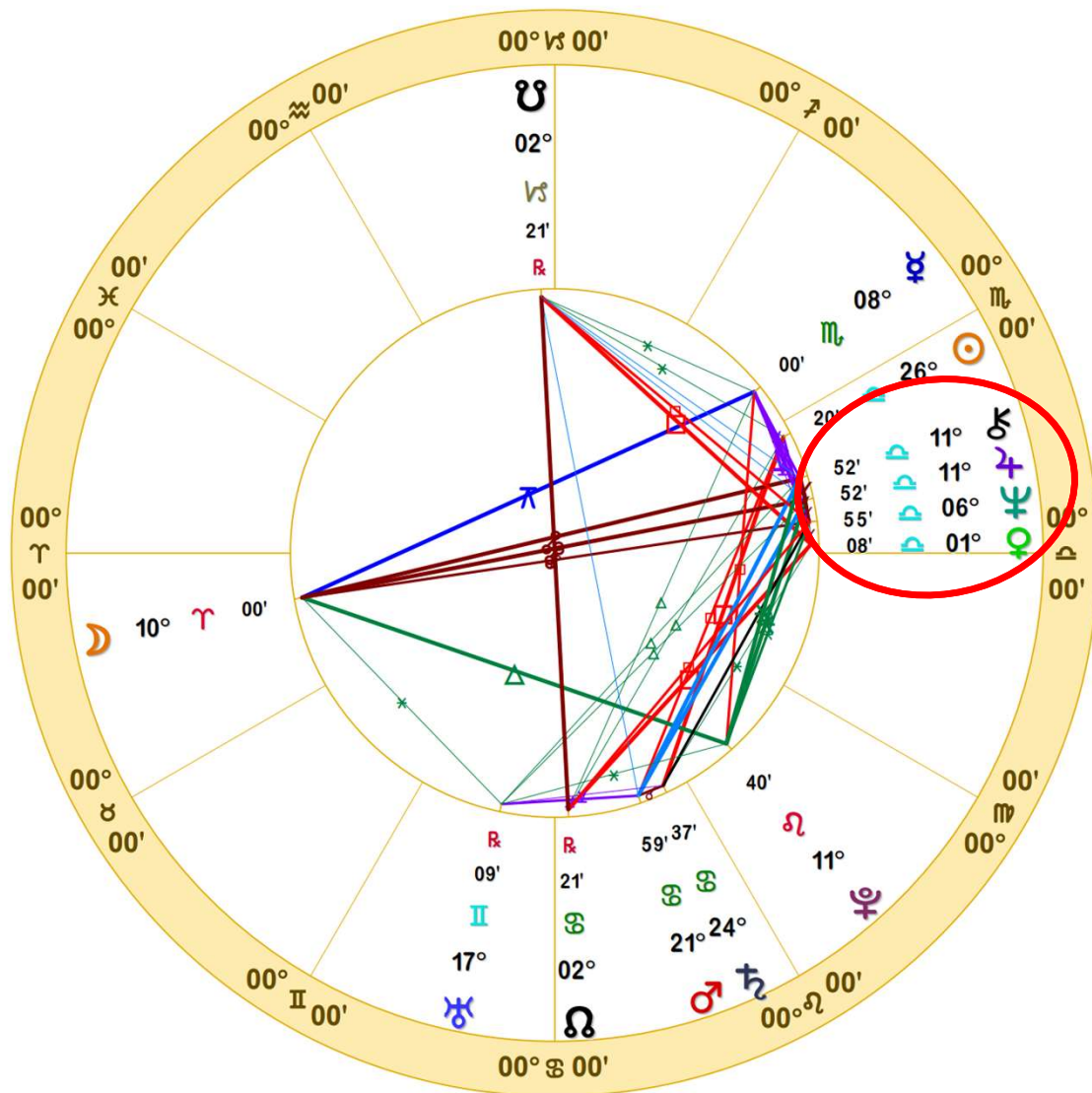


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Also, in September 1928, Philo Farnsworth exhibited the world's first working all-electronic television system, employing electronic scanning in both the pickup and display devices. And in August of 1929, John Logie Baird's experimental 30-line television system is transmitted for the first time by the BBC, and the first patent for color TV is awarded in November.

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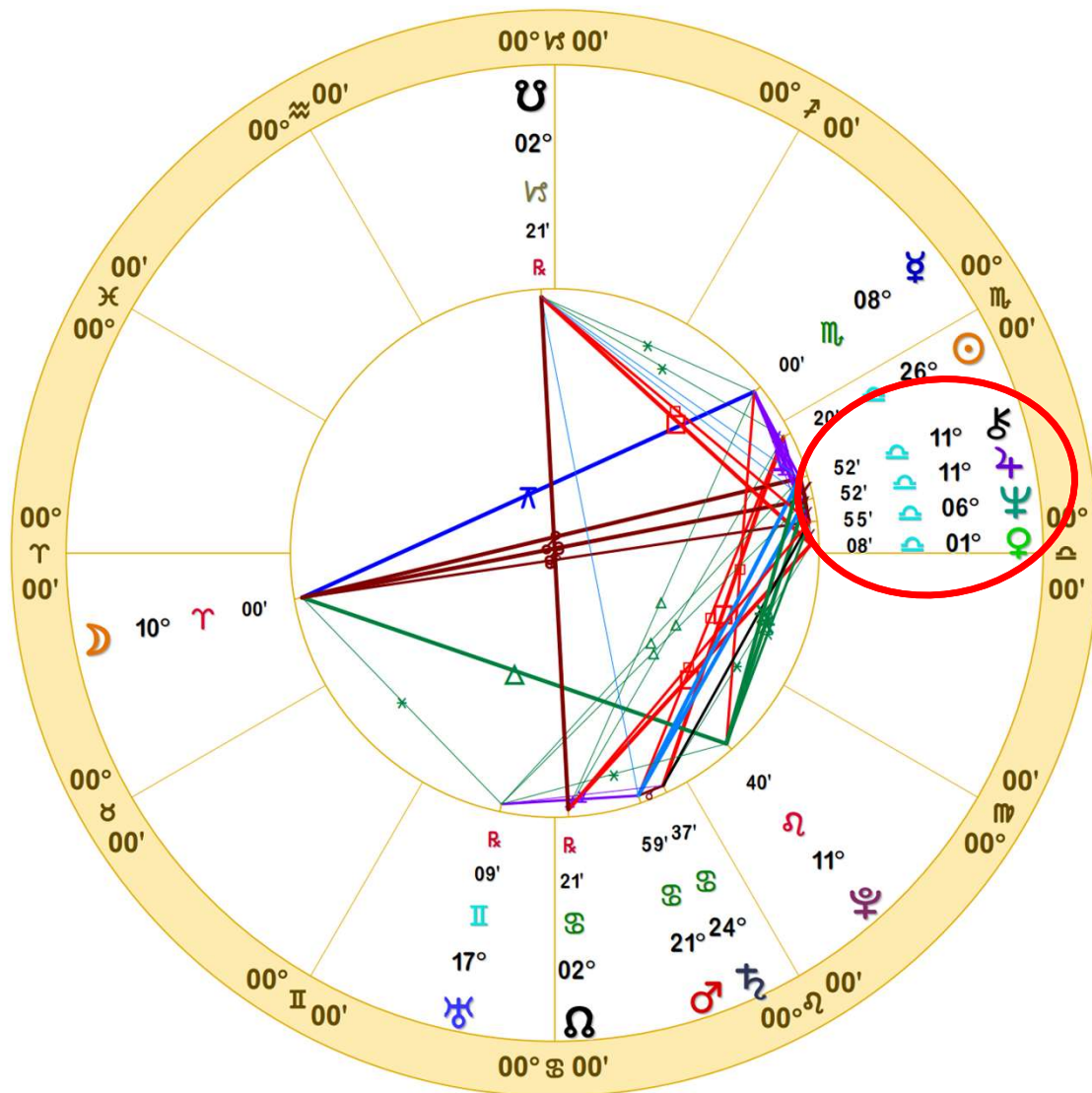


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Jupiter and Chiron were conjunct one time in October of 1945 in Libra. Since the conjunction is in Libra, relationships might have been involved. Also, both Neptune and Venus can be drawn into this conjunction, and that can add elements of peace and spirituality, but also, perhaps, some naivete regarding what might happen. What do you think happened in October of that year?

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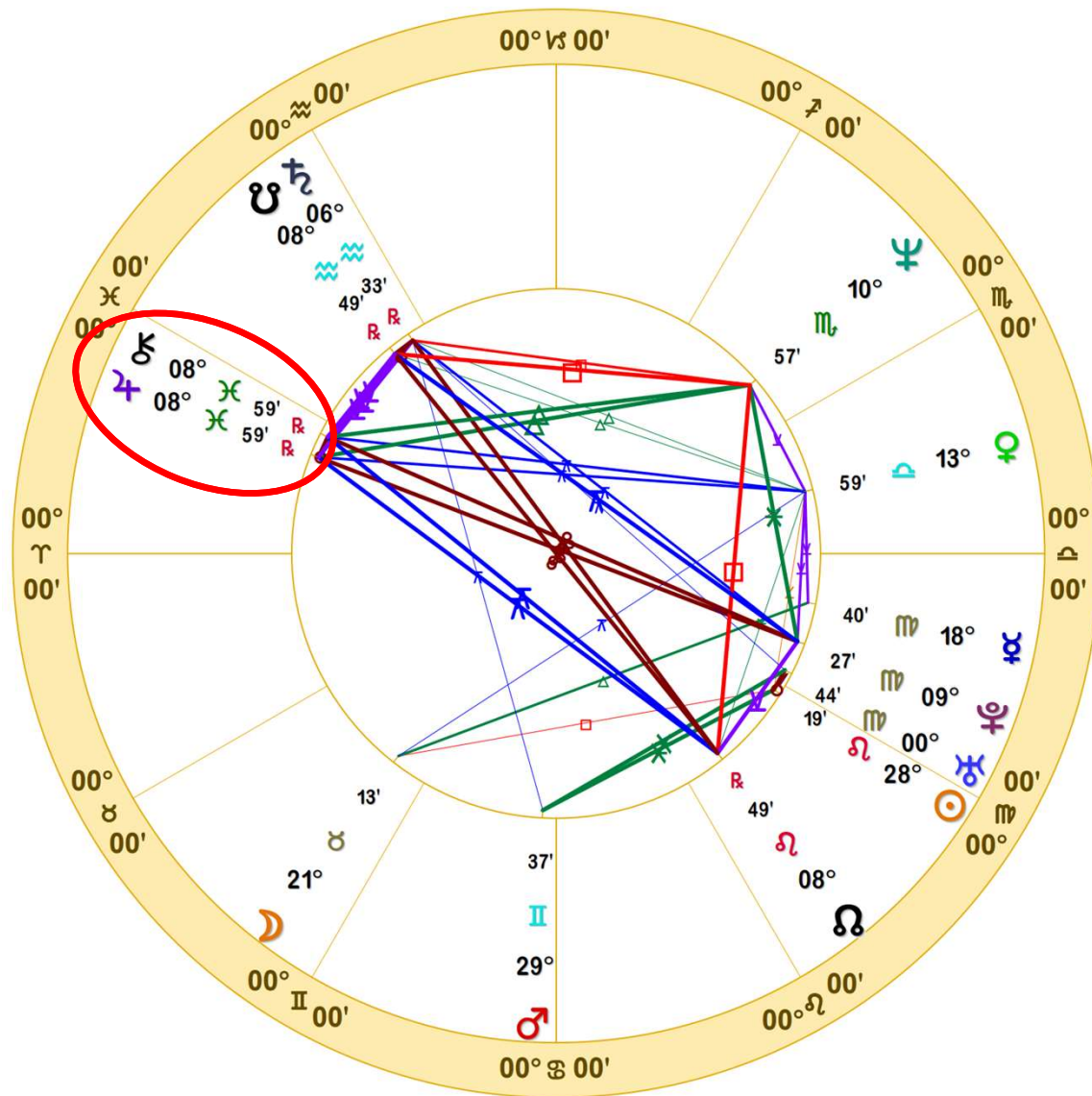


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On October 24, 1945, the **United Nations** was founded and became operational. And while some may see its aspirations for peace and cooperation as simplistic and while many have criticized it, it has, nonetheless, done much good over the years in uniting people and helping to keep lines of communication open in order to help resolve international crises.

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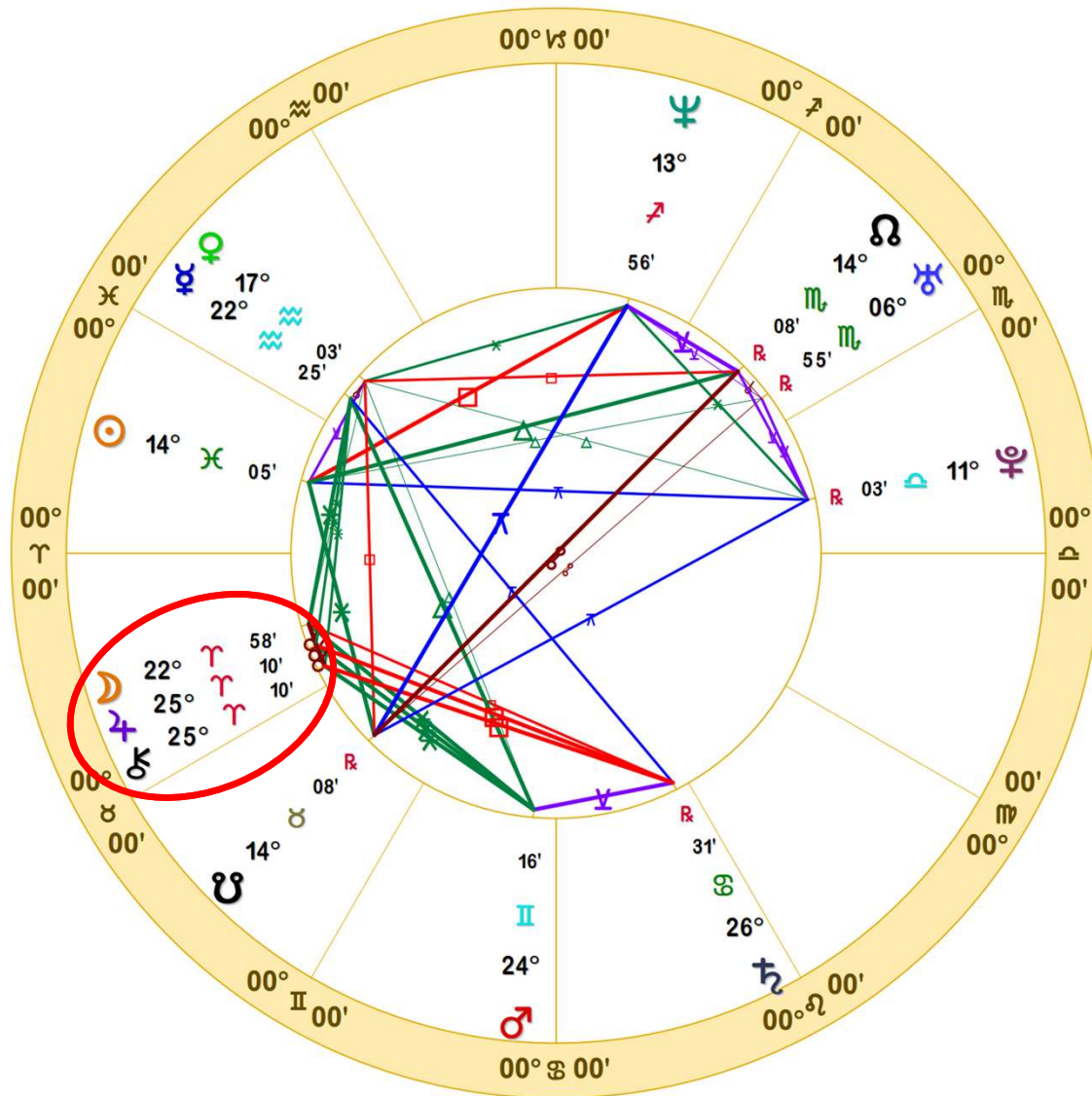


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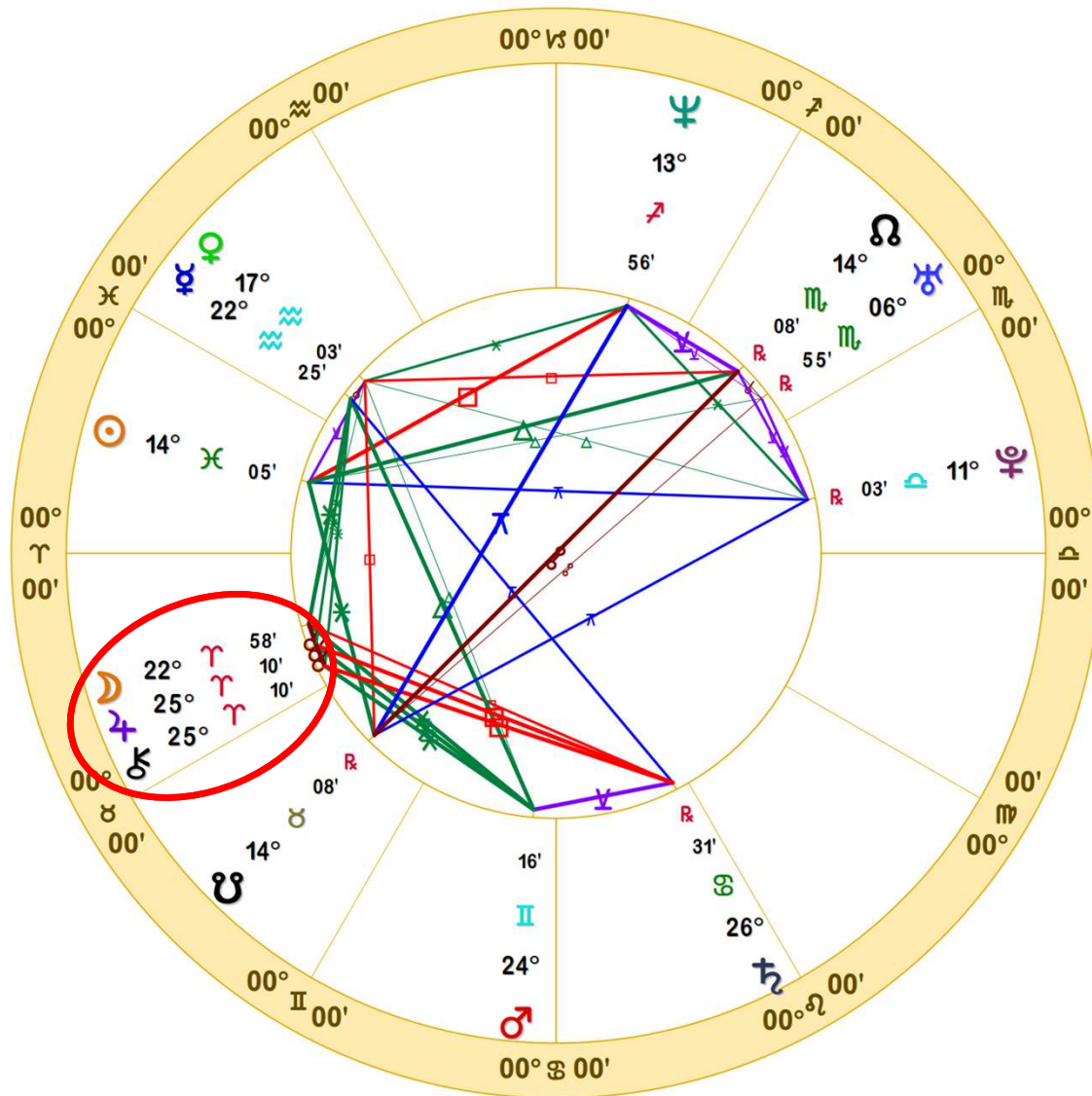
Jupiter and Chiron were conjunct three times in Pisces in 1962 – in May, in August, and in December. Since the conjunction is in Pisces, we would expect a very refined energy that could find expression either through meditation or the arts. Can you guess what happened that year?

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In March 1976 there was a conjunction of Jupiter and Chiron in Aries, and this one is especially significant since the 2023 conjunction will also be in Aries. In terms of religion or transcendent spirituality, one might expect some sort of philosophy to emerge that embodies a “spiritual warrior.” What do you think happened?

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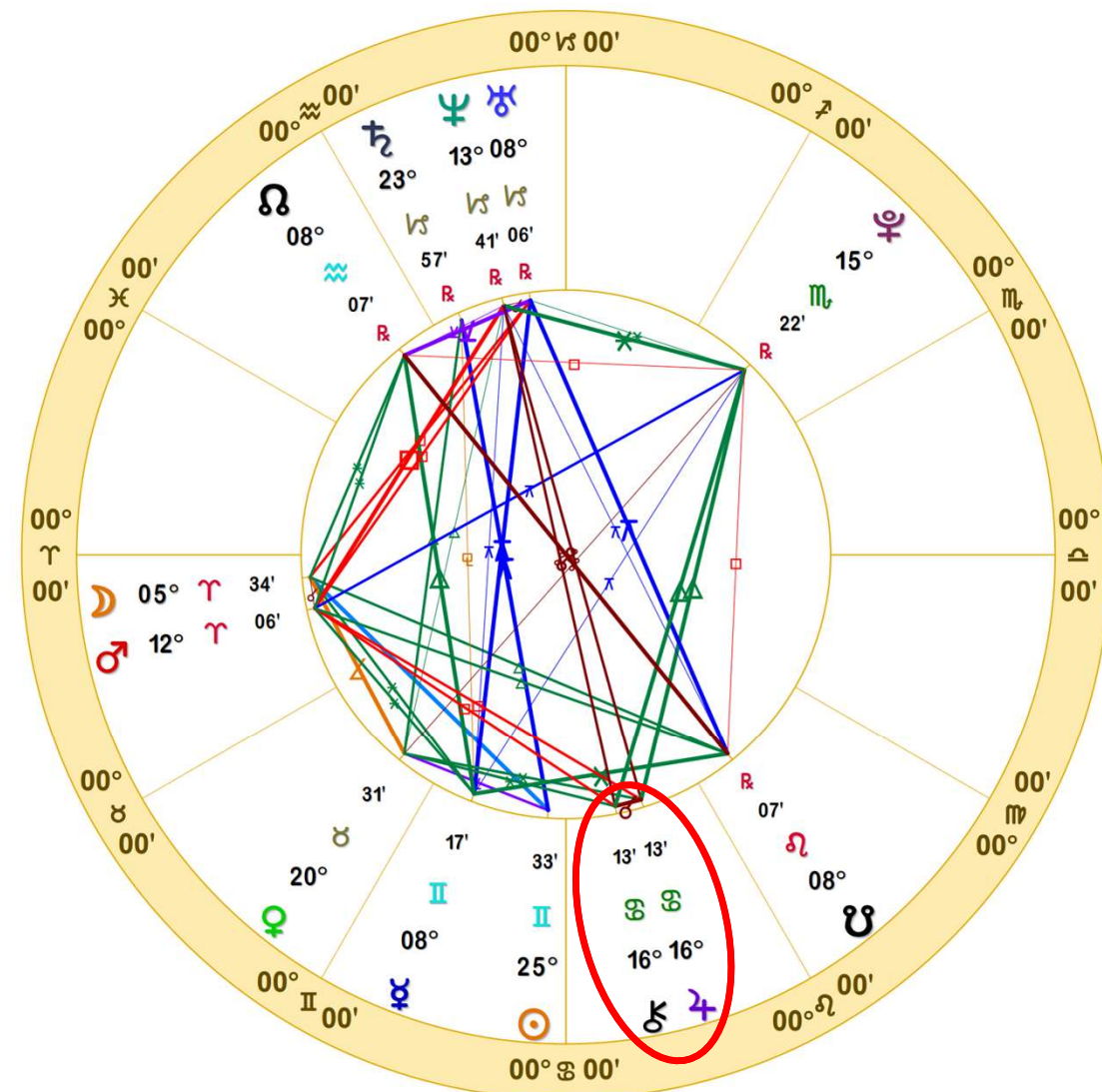
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Later in March 1976, filming began on a little movie that was to be called “**Star Wars.**” The new transcendent concept that emerged was that of the “Force” that connected everything in the universe, and the Jedi were the spiritual warriors that fought for the light side of the Force. Also, it was very individualistic. Not everyone could access the Force.

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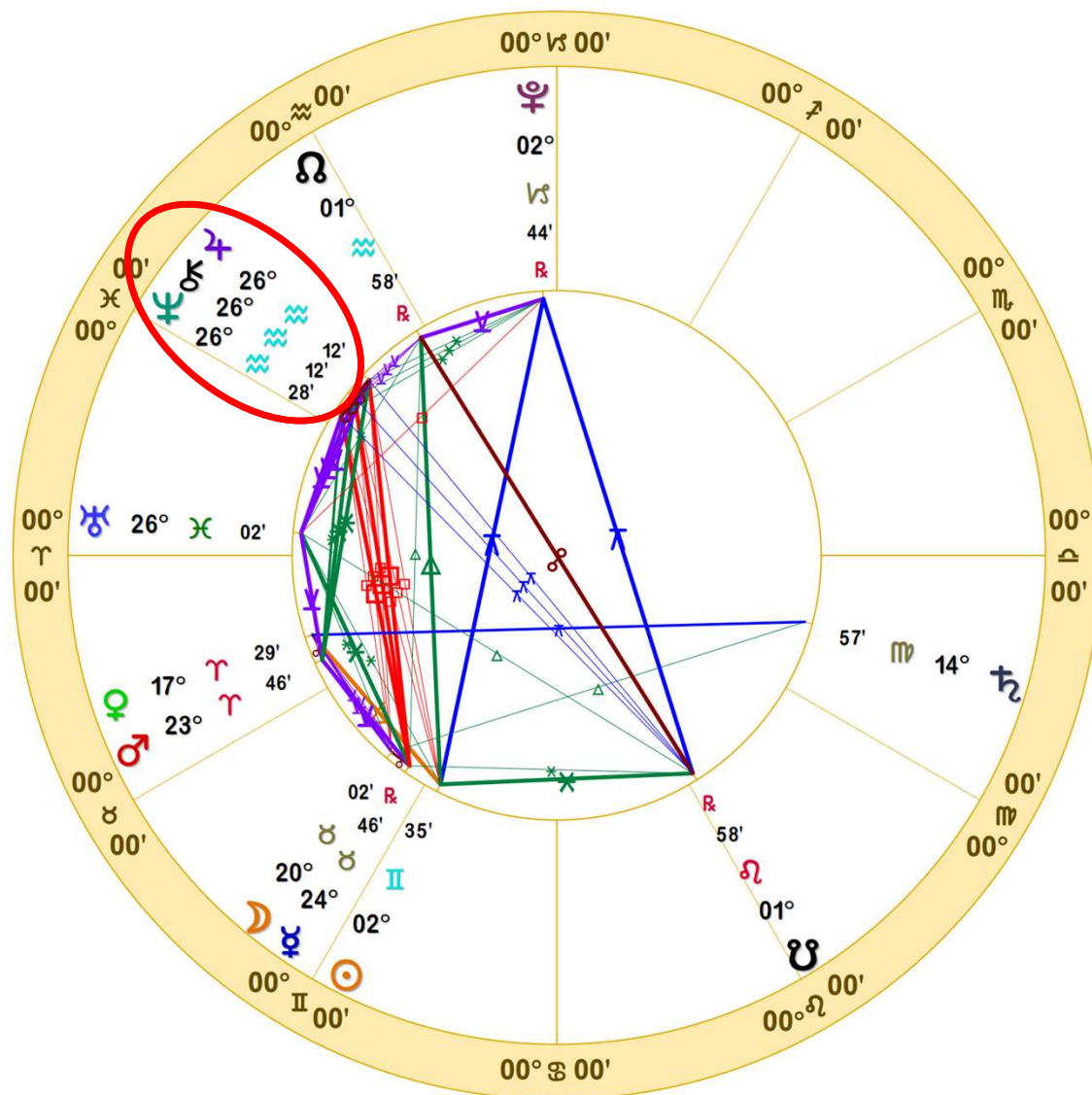


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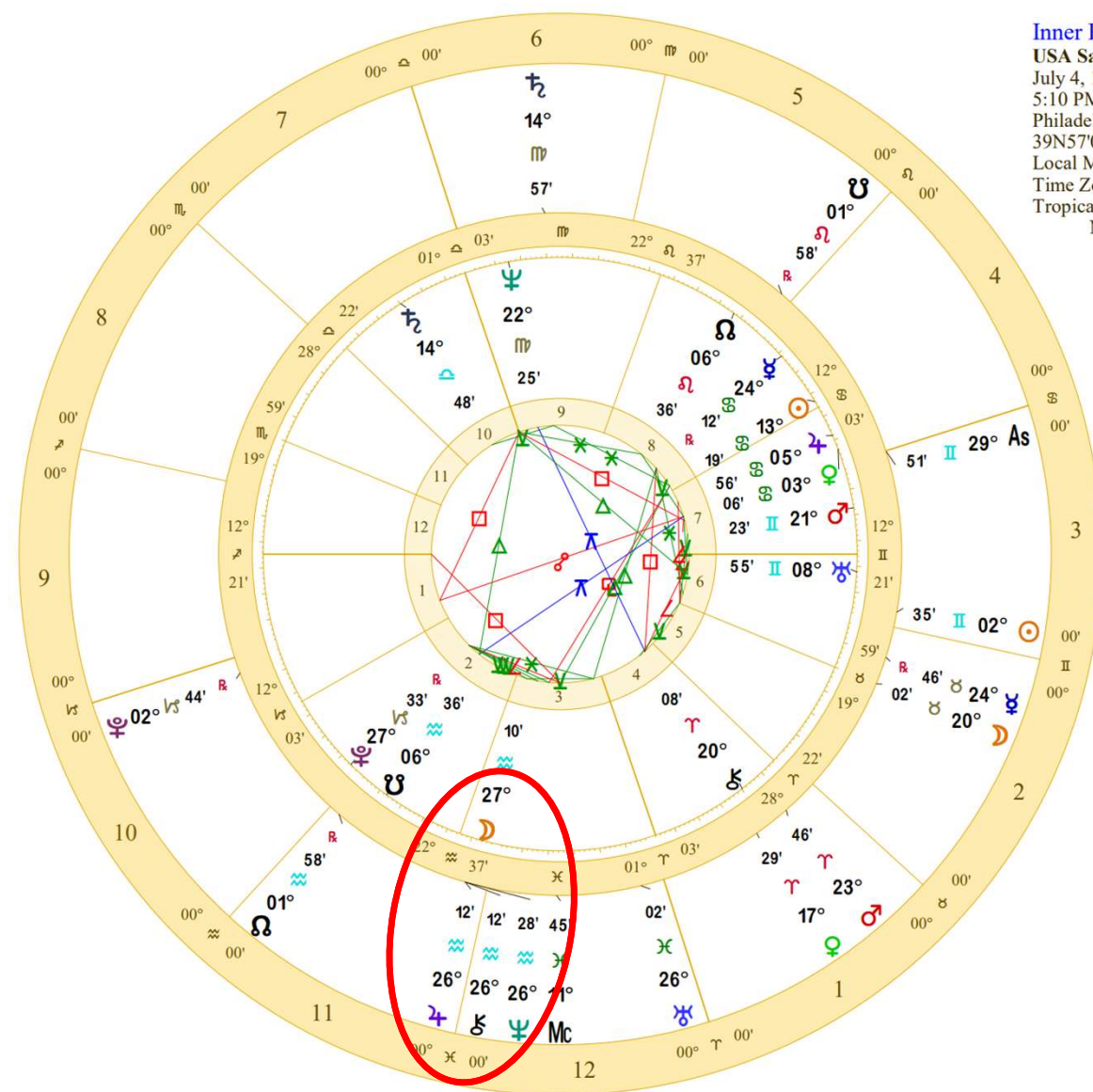
The next time Jupiter and Chiron came into conjunction was in June 1990 in Cancer. Because of the sign placement, one might expect something transcendent to occur that also involves the home and family. Can you guess what happened?

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Next in 2009 there was a very special triple conjunction of Jupiter, Chiron, and Neptune that occurred three times that year in Aquarius in May, July, and December. Because of Aquarius (11th sign), one would expect something of a humanitarian nature that would help maintain the social environment (10th house). What happened that year?

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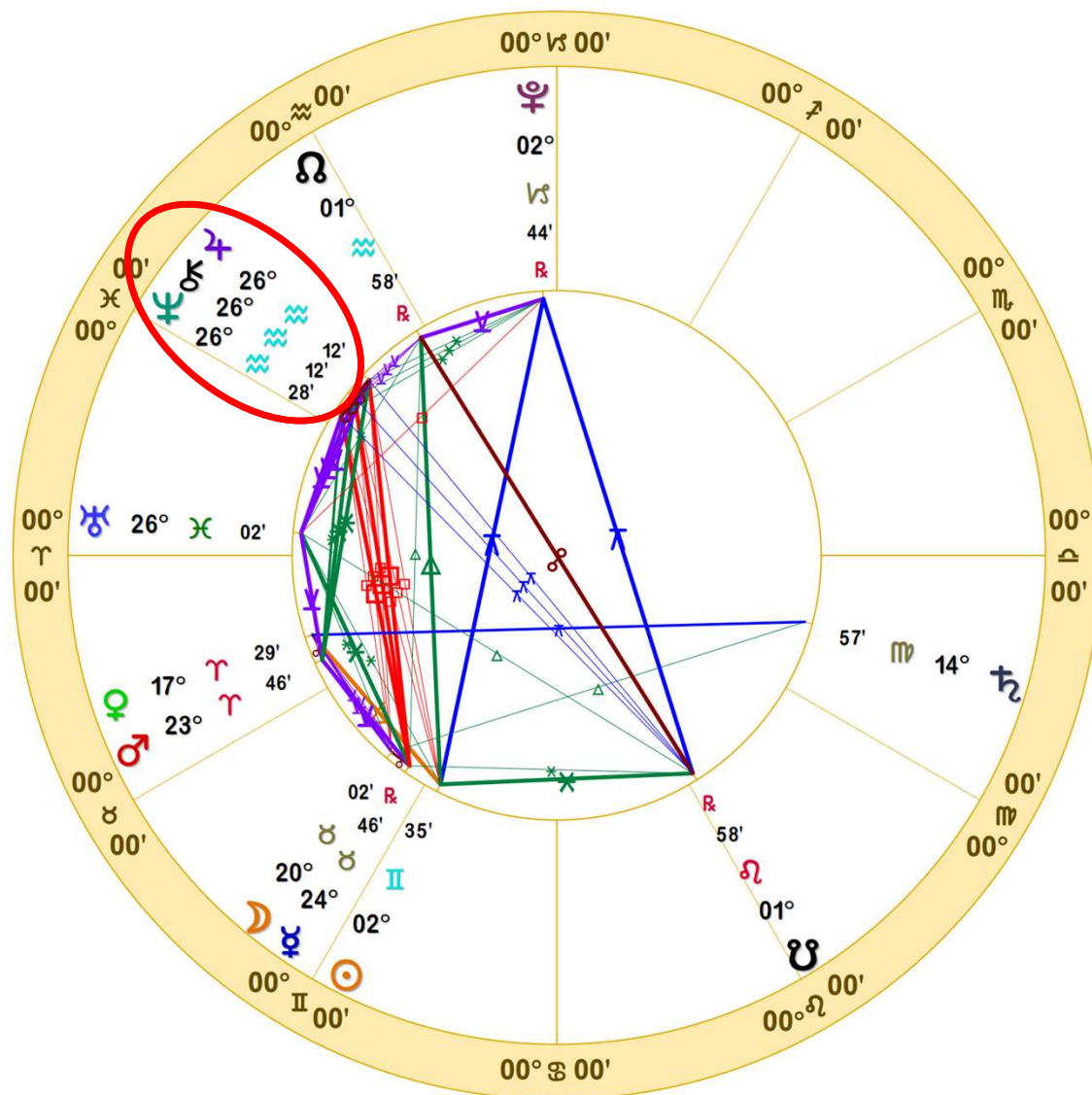
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In July 2009, following the May conjunction, Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House introduced Obama's **Affordable Care Act**, and in December the Senate passed its version of the bill. In March 2010, it became law and transformed health care in America. During this year, many of us realized the higher spiritual nature of Obama's ideals, and notice, too, that the conjunction in May was conjunct the Moon in the Sibly chart for America.

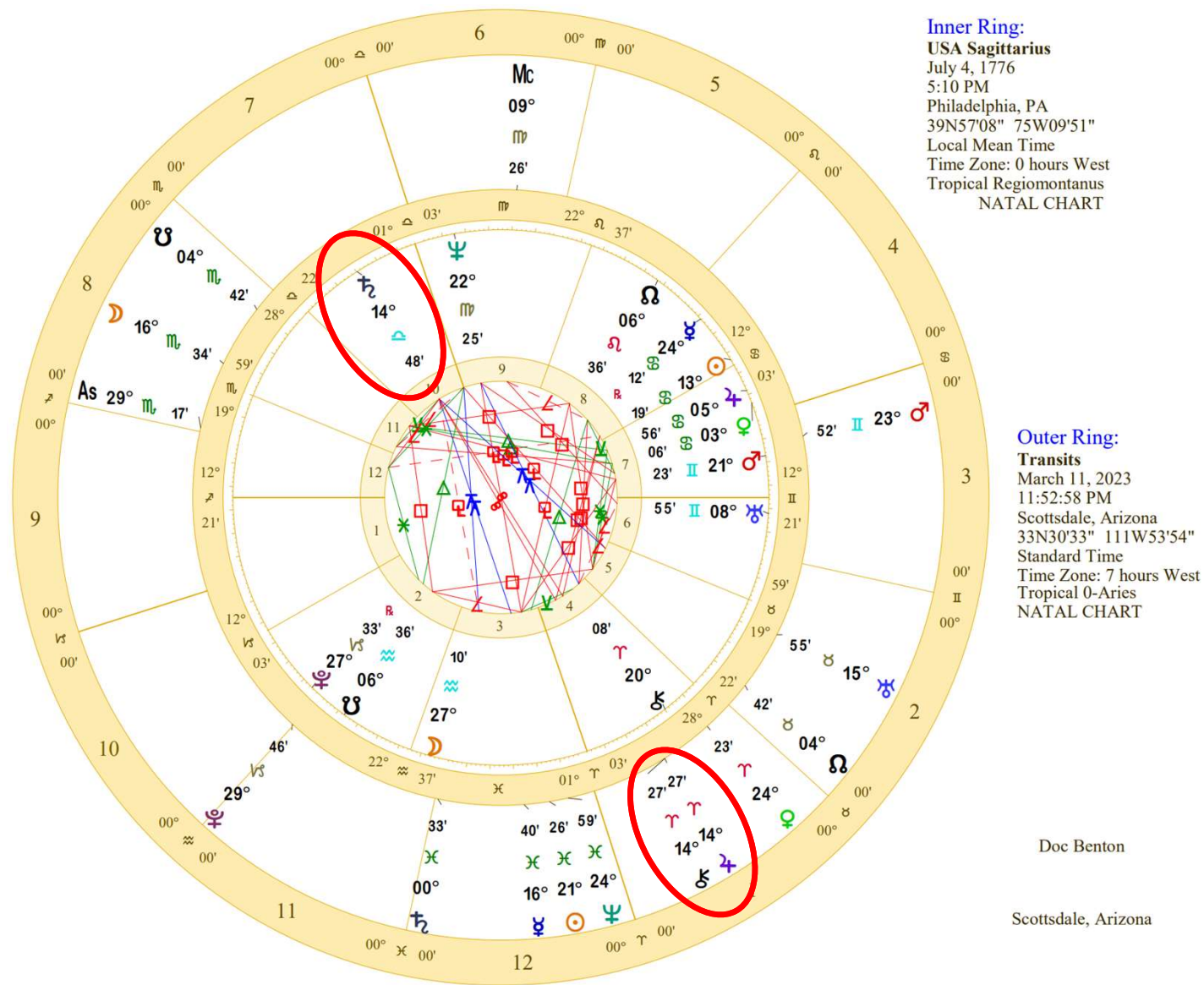


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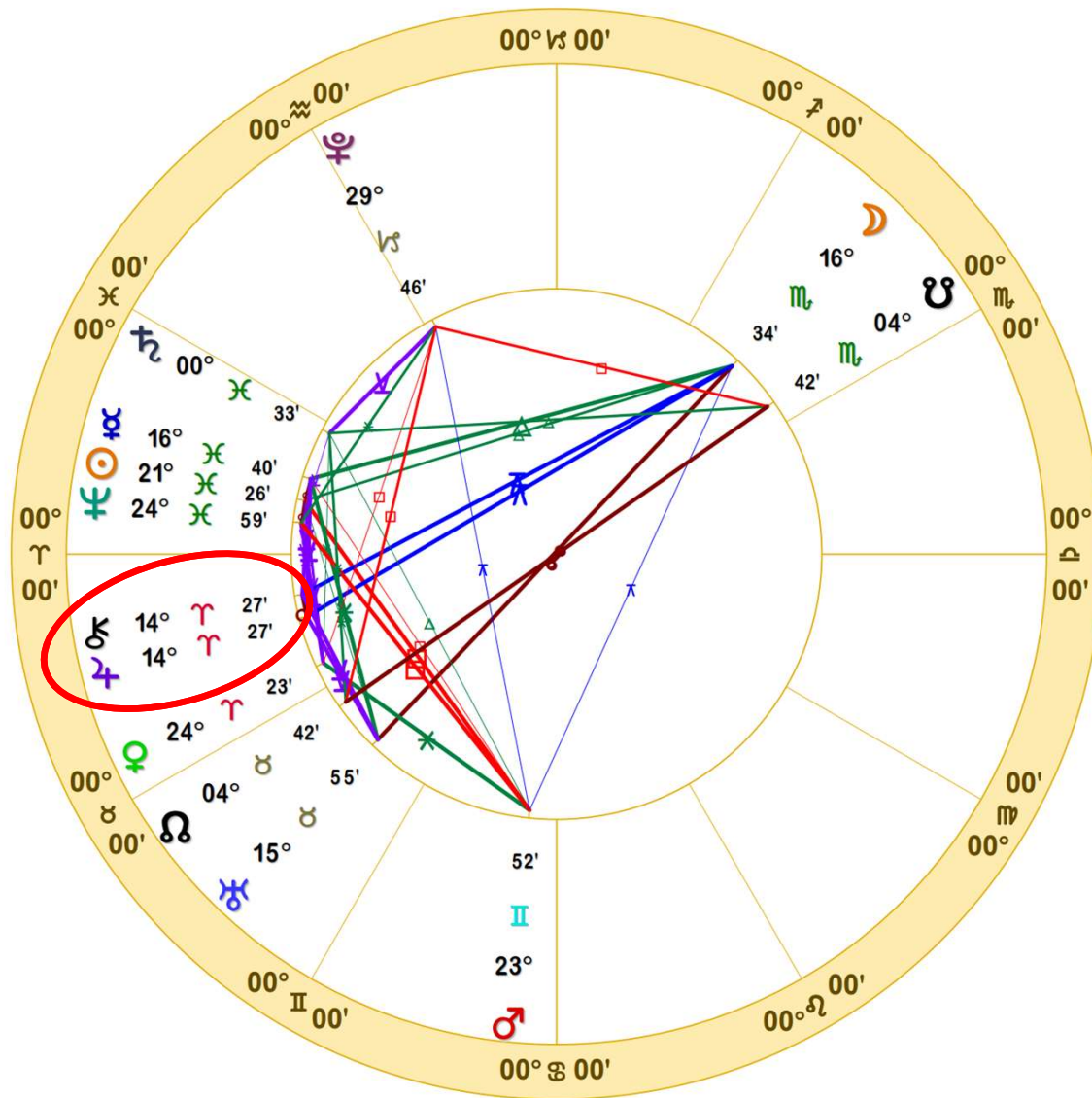
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While the Affordable Care Act ,which brought compassion and healing to the masses, was Chiron's gift to America, I would say that it was **Obama**, himself ,and his emphasis on hope and change through dialogue and democratic channels that Chiron gave to the rest of the world. And in recognition of this preview of the "Age of Aquarius," Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009.

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In March 2023, Jupiter and Chiron will once again be conjunct in Aries, and as in 1976, we expect some sort of individual, transcendent spirituality to emerge. Based on past experience, it will change our world, but it may also be a few years, as was the case for Star Wars and Harry Potter, before we realize it. Additionally, America will be deeply affected since the conjunction is in direct opposition to Saturn to the degree in July 2 – July 4 charts.



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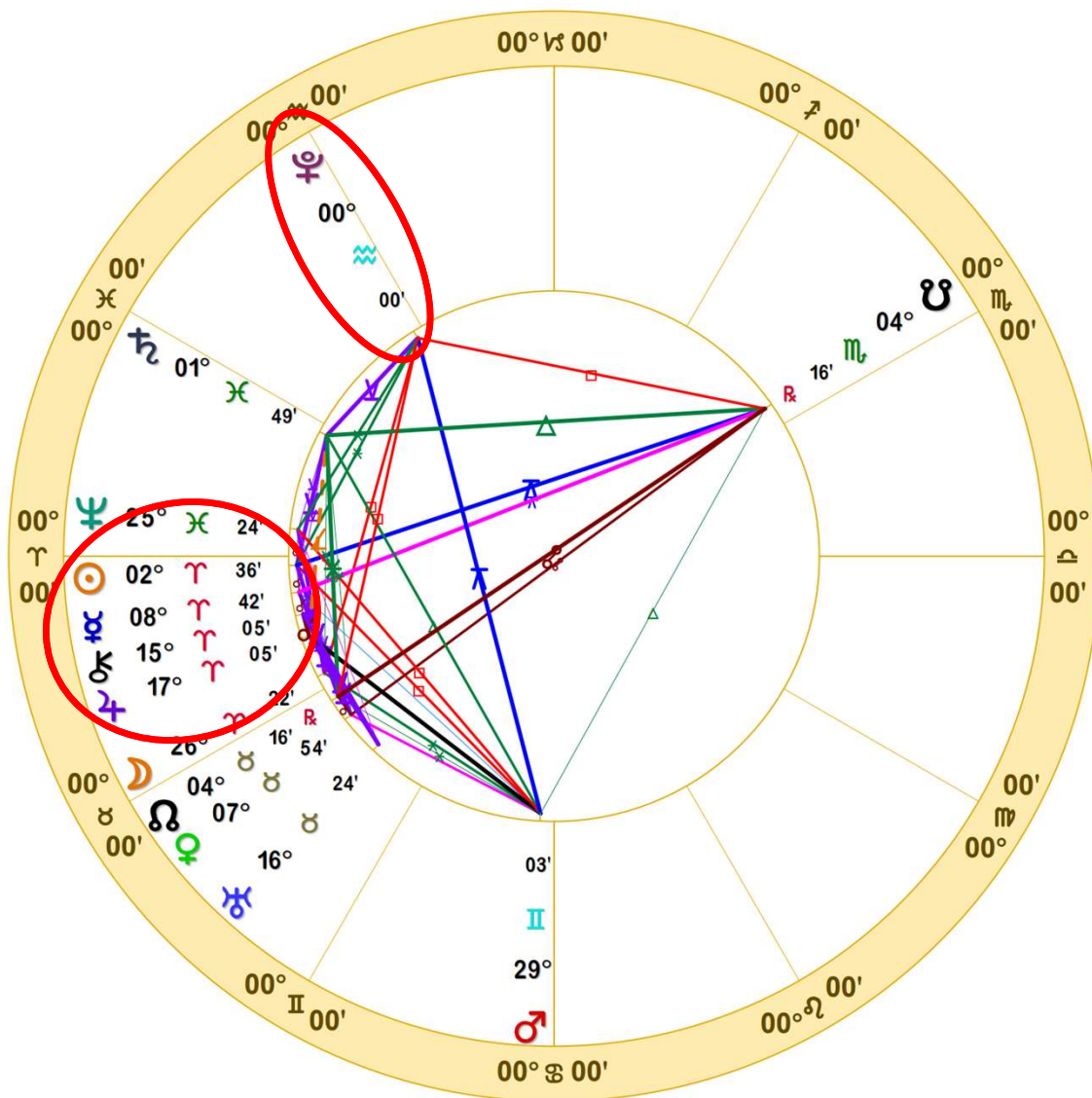
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As for exactly what will happen, we will just have to wait and see, and remember that it may take several years before we even become aware of whatever event occurs in that month. Nonetheless, something transcendent will occur that will likely involve **individual spirituality** or dignity.

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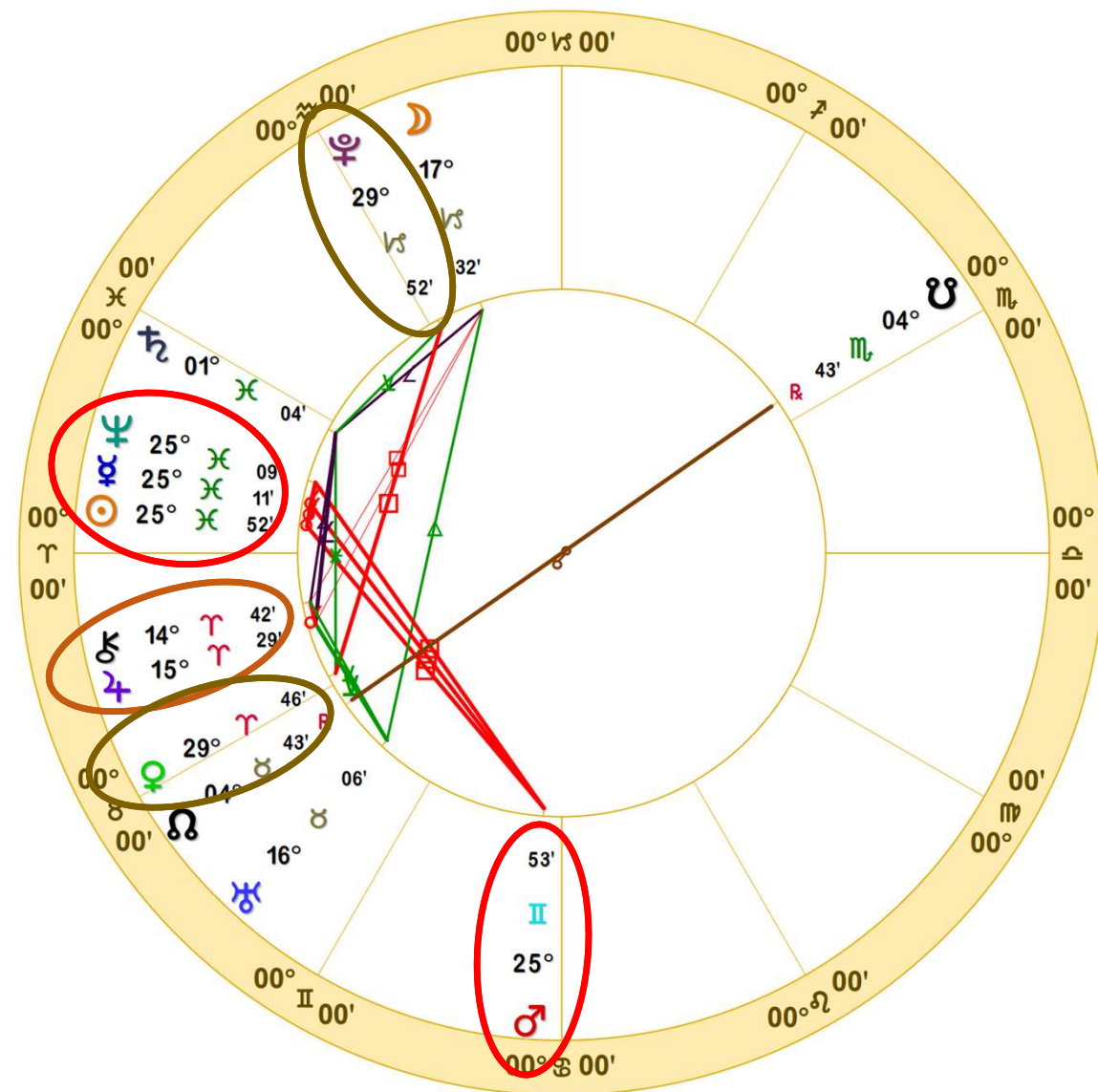


It may resonate well with the Star Wars mythos that began to take shape when this conjunction last occurred in 1976 in Aries, and it will also likely include Aquarian themes since Pluto will soon after make its long awaited first dip into Aquarius. But we shall see, and until then I leave you with this thought ...

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WITH YOU!**





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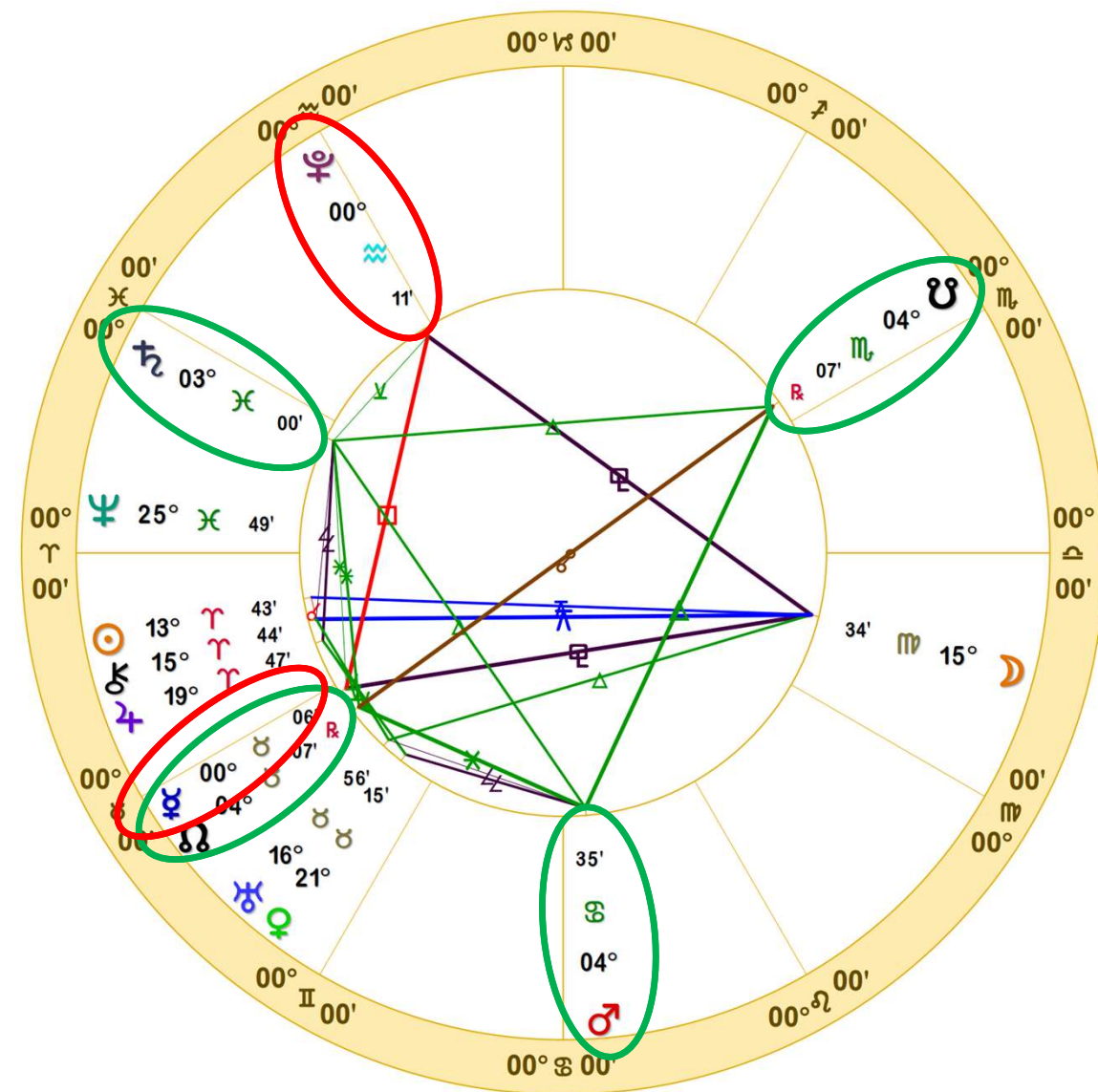
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A few dates in 2023 stand out. For instance, throughout most of March, Mars will be squaring planets in Pisces. The most intense day may be March 16 when the squares of Mars to the Sun, Mercury, and Neptune, and of Venus to Pluto are exact to the degree. Thus, there could be increased aggression during this month, and Jupiter conjunct Chiron could manifest first as wounding.

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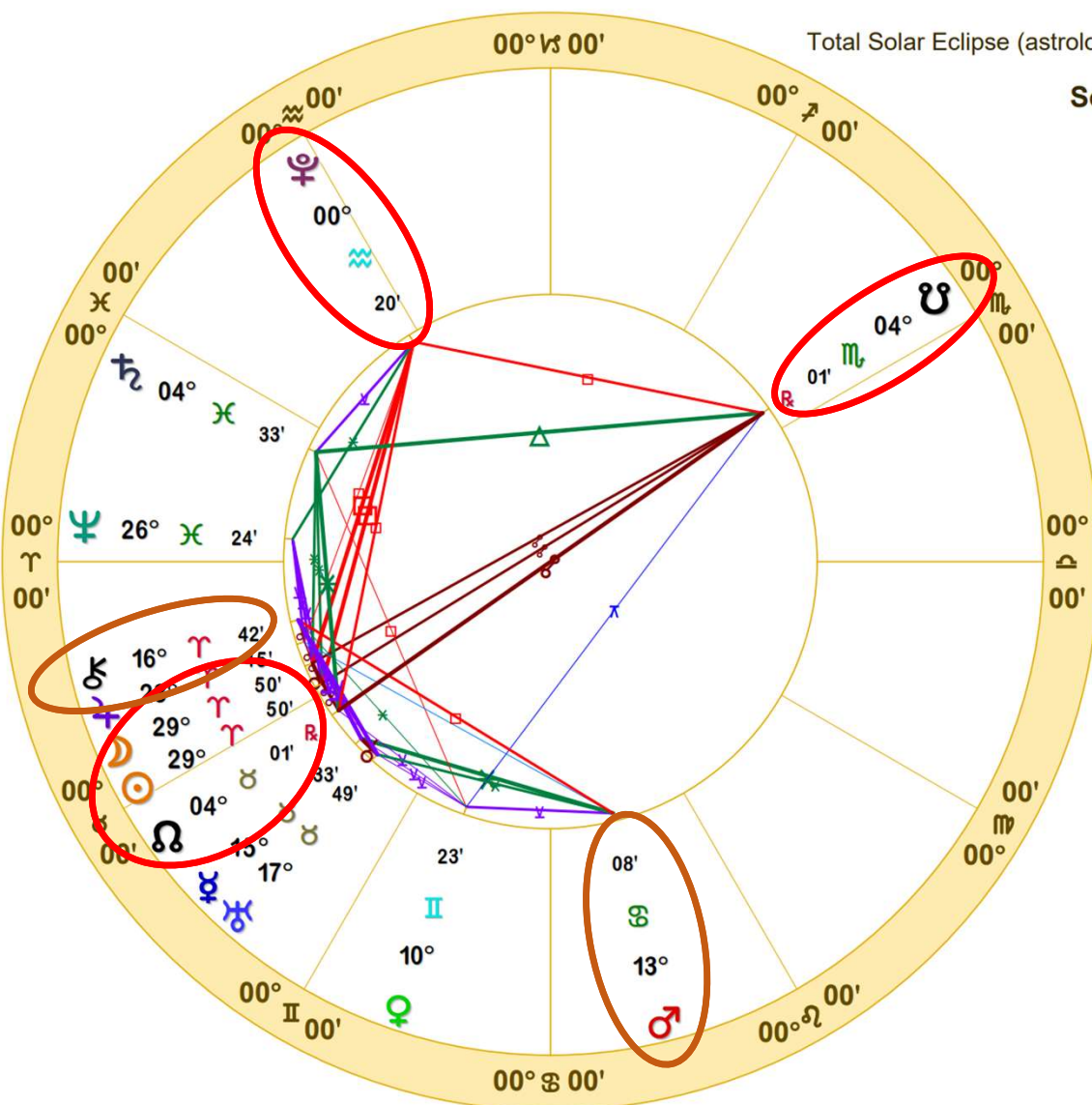
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Things look better, though, from March 28 through April 6 when Mars, Mercury, Saturn, and the Lunar Nodes create a kite formation that can reduce tensions. Also, in spite of the square from Mercury to Pluto, things may be different by this time since Pluto has recently entered Aquarius.

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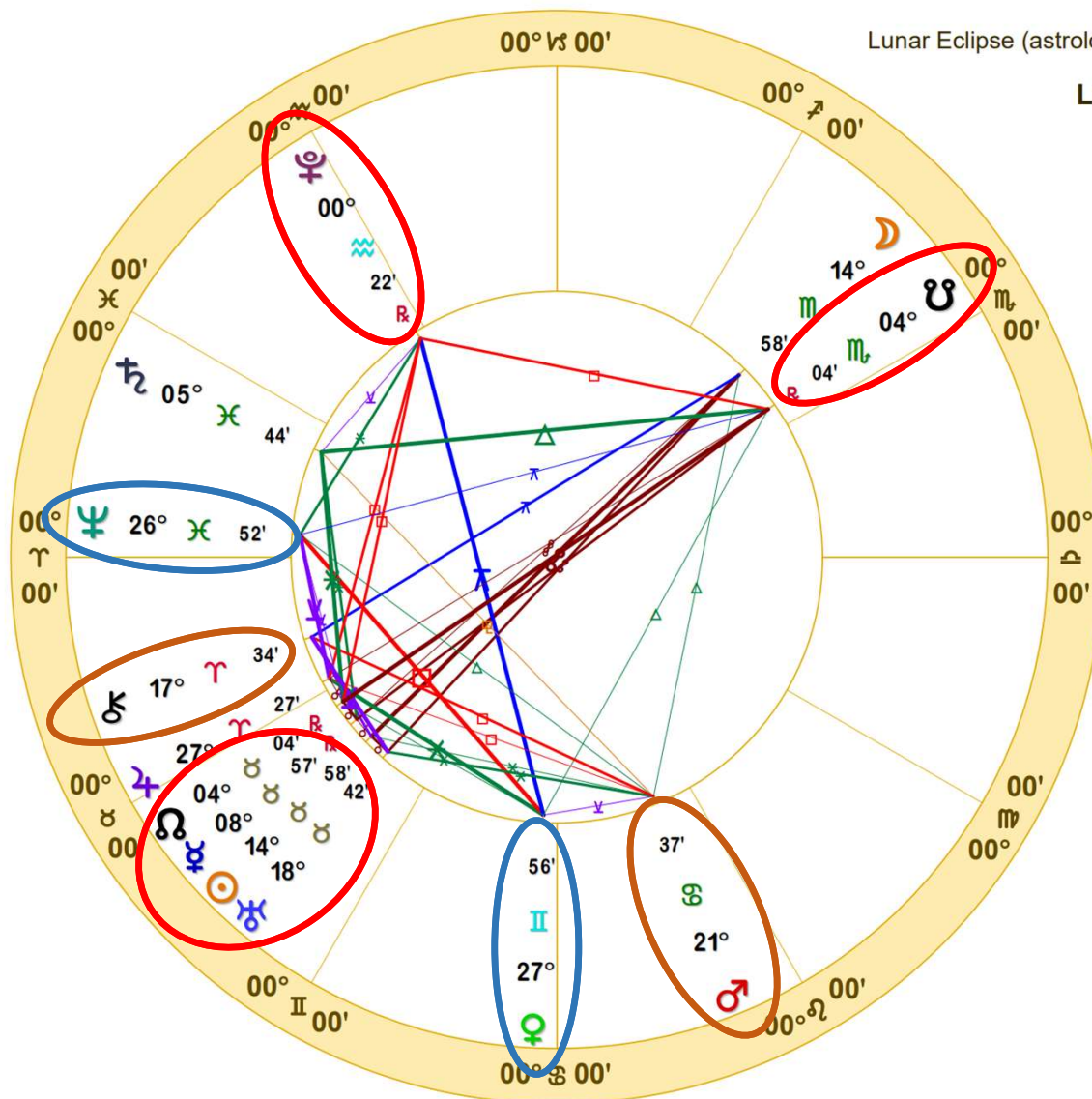
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The Solar Eclipse on April 19 is noteworthy because Pluto will be making a strong square to the Sun, Moon, and Lunar Nodes. Pluto always represents transformation, but this time around Pluto will have recently entered the sign of Aquarius. Thus, we may see the beginning of some positive transformation at this point. Also, Mars square Chiron can stimulate either wounding, healing or transformation.

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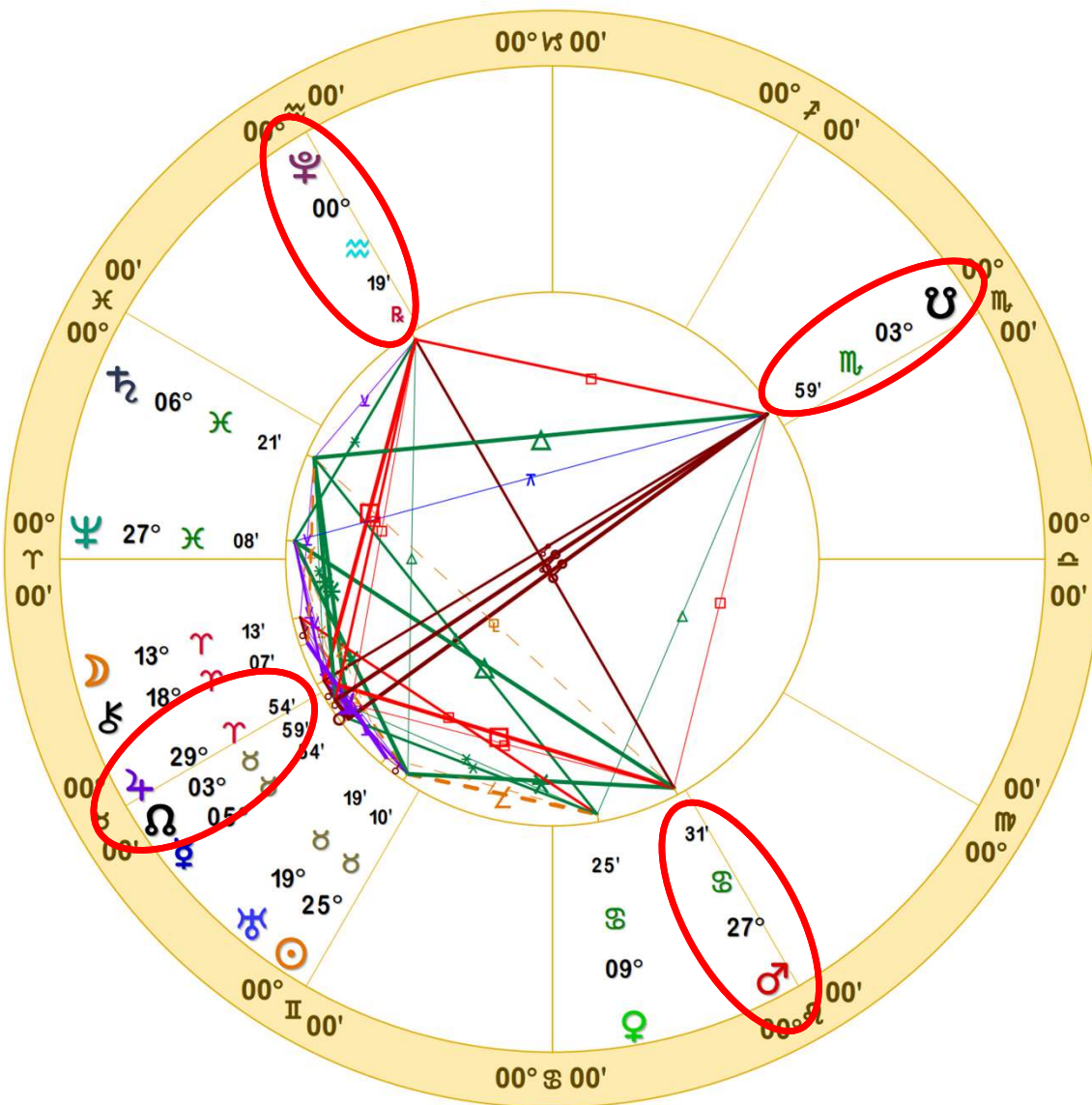
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The May 5 Lunar Eclipse repeats some of the same tensions of the previous Solar Eclipse but adds additional ones through Venus square Neptune and Uranus conjunct Sun. Keep an eye out for any sudden, unexpected changes which can be either positive or negative.

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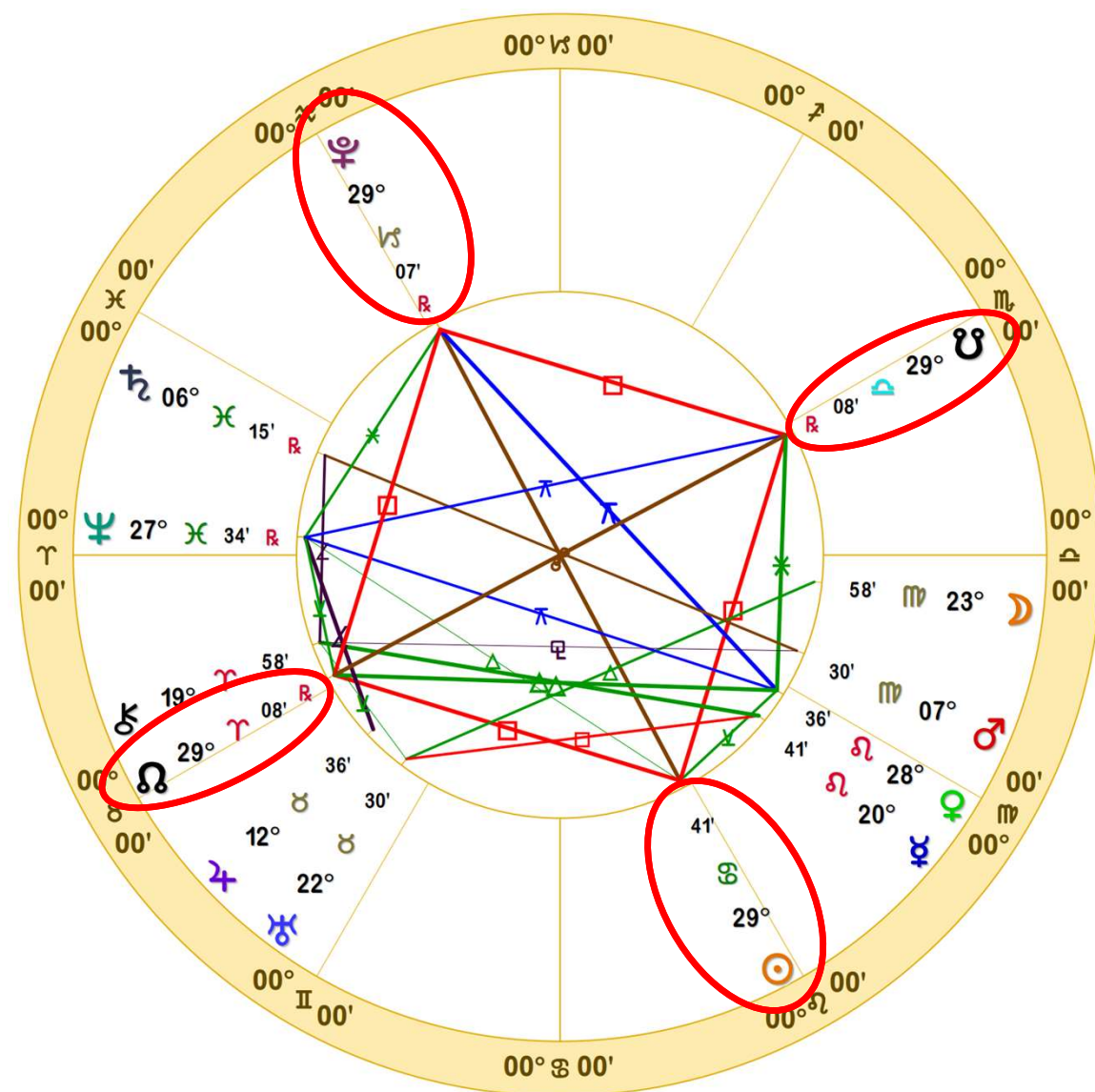
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Also, tensions will soon increase again due to a Grand Cross involving Mars, Jupiter, Pluto, and the Lunar Nodes that will last from about May 15 through roughly the end of the month.

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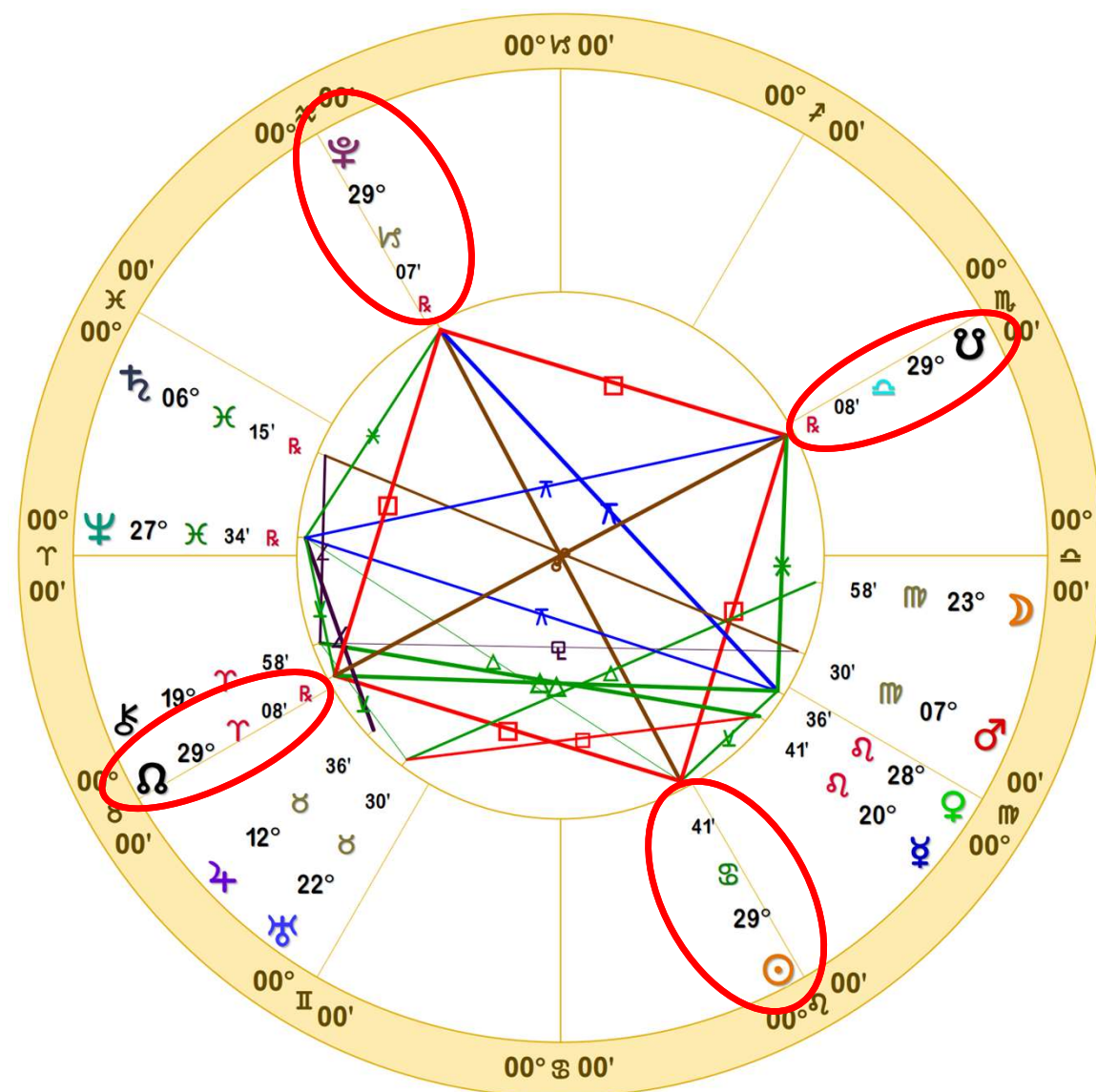
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By June 16, Pluto will be back in authoritarian Capricorn and will begin to form a T-Square with the Lunar Nodes. On July 9, Mercury will turn this into a Grand Cross that will become a very strong Solar Grand Cross on **July 22**. This will return to a Pluto/Lunar Nodes T-Square from July 24 through October 10 that will be joined by Mars on October 4. All orbs are 3 degrees.

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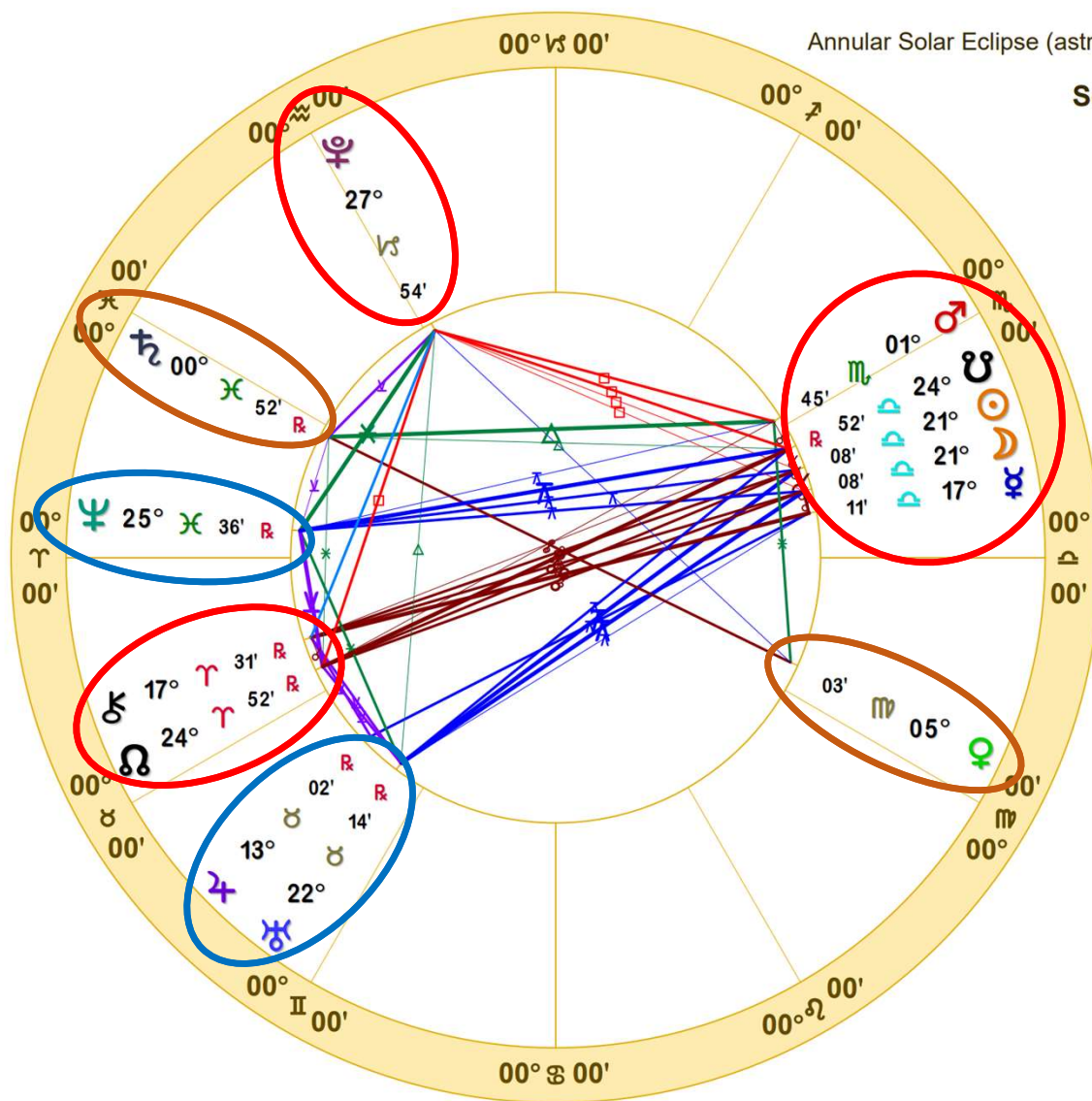
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This period from June 16 through October 10 may be the last gasp of authoritarian leaders like Putin. Tensions will wax and wane throughout this period, but on January 20, 2024, Pluto will move back into Aquarius. From September 2 through November 18 of 2024, it will move back into Capricorn again, but afterwards it will remain in Aquarius until March 8, 2043.

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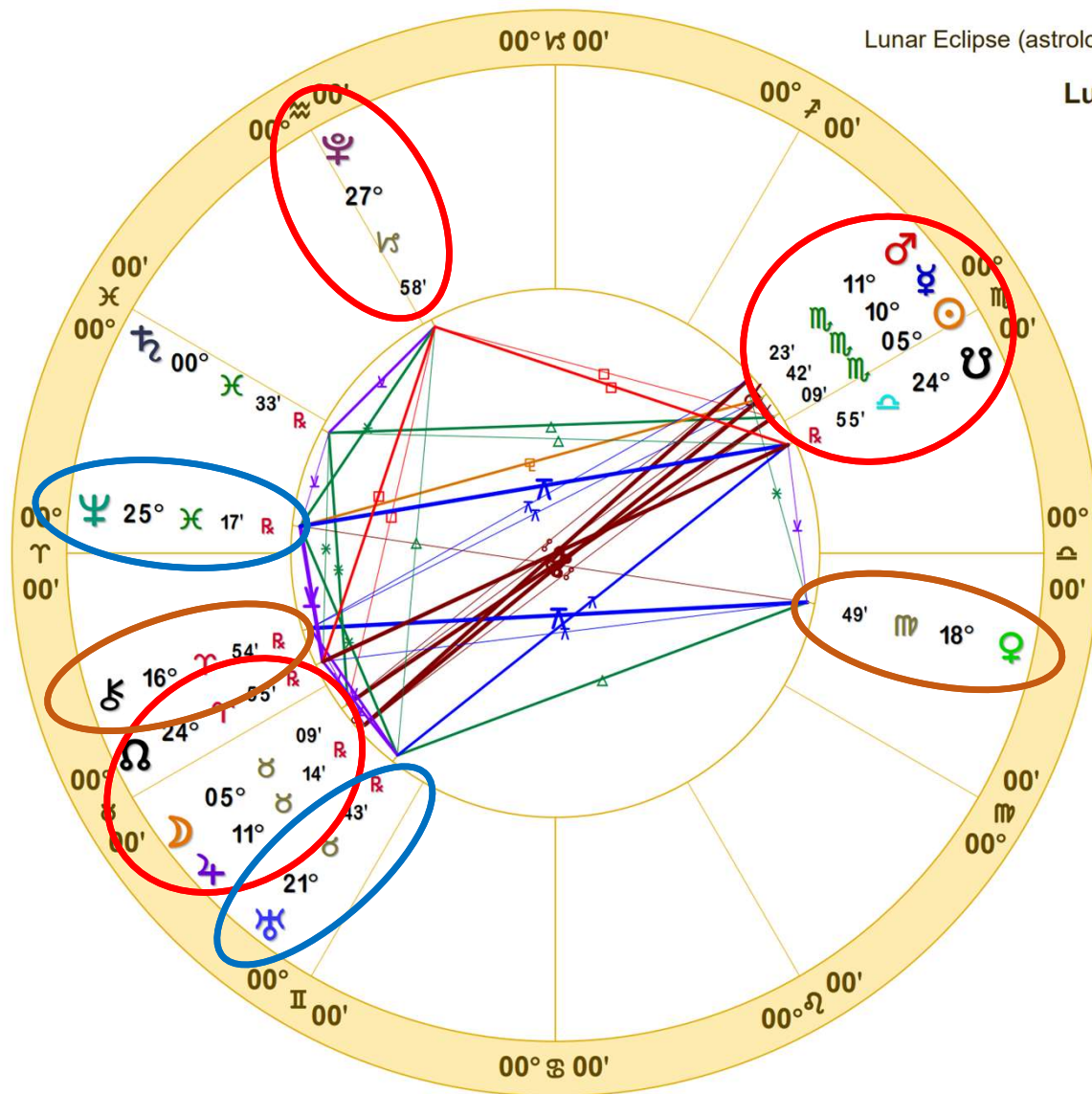


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The October 14 Solar Eclipse may be the most ominous Eclipse so far in 2023 because even though the previous ones also involved a square from Pluto, by the time of this Solar Eclipse Pluto will have retrograded back into Capricorn where its action is more authoritarian. Furthermore, Chiron in opposition to Sun/Moon/Mercury can cause some wounding, and the quincunxes from Neptune and Uranus to the Eclipse planets will stir the pot. Adjustments will be made at this time!

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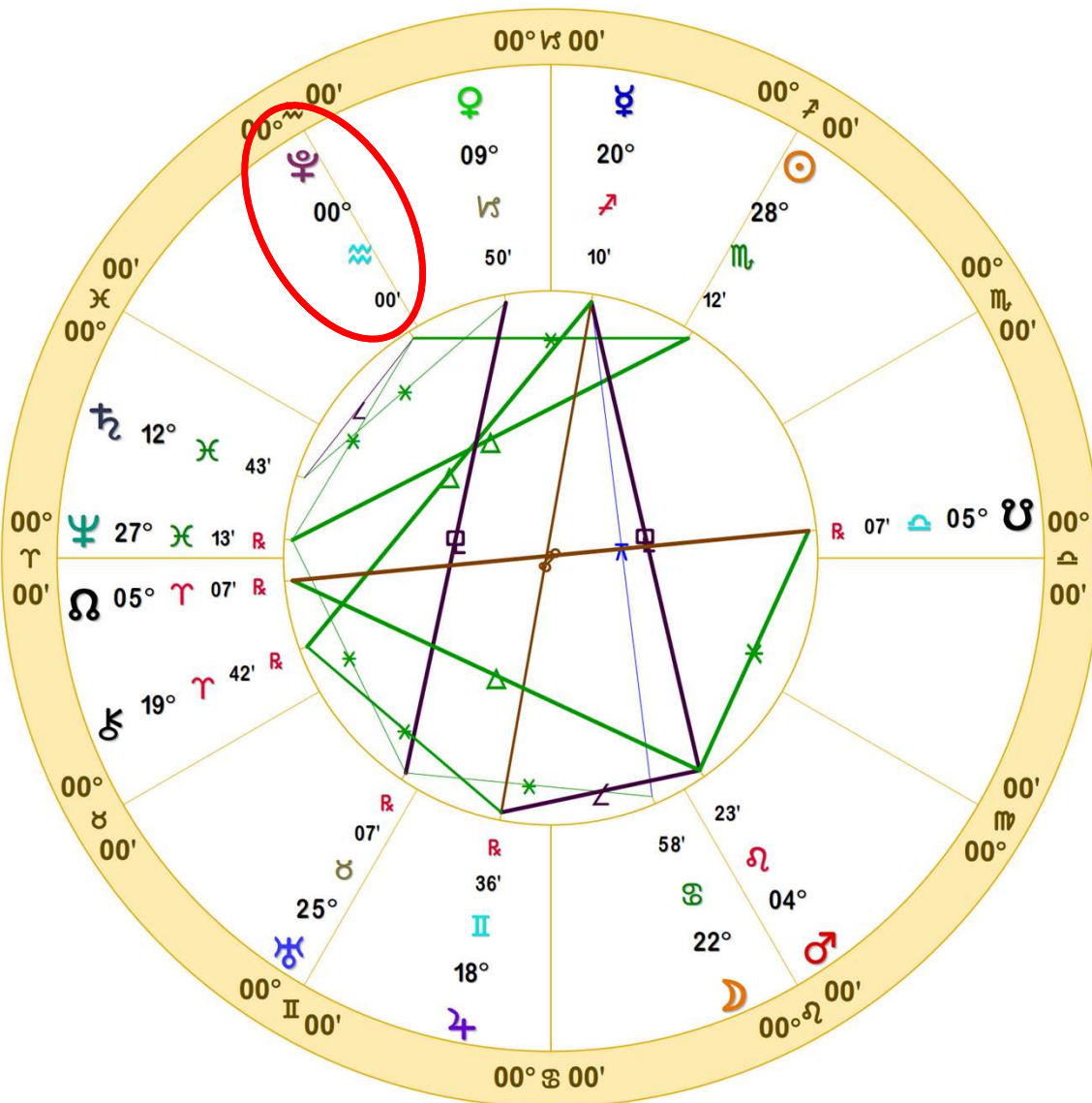
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And the October 28 Lunar Eclipse repeats both the tensions involving Pluto and the quincunxes involving Neptune and Uranus. However, the Eclipse also adds a quincunx from Chiron to Venus and an opposition of Jupiter and Mars that is within 6 degrees of the Eclipse axis. Also, let me note that the original meaning of “align” is to be in a line like an opposition.

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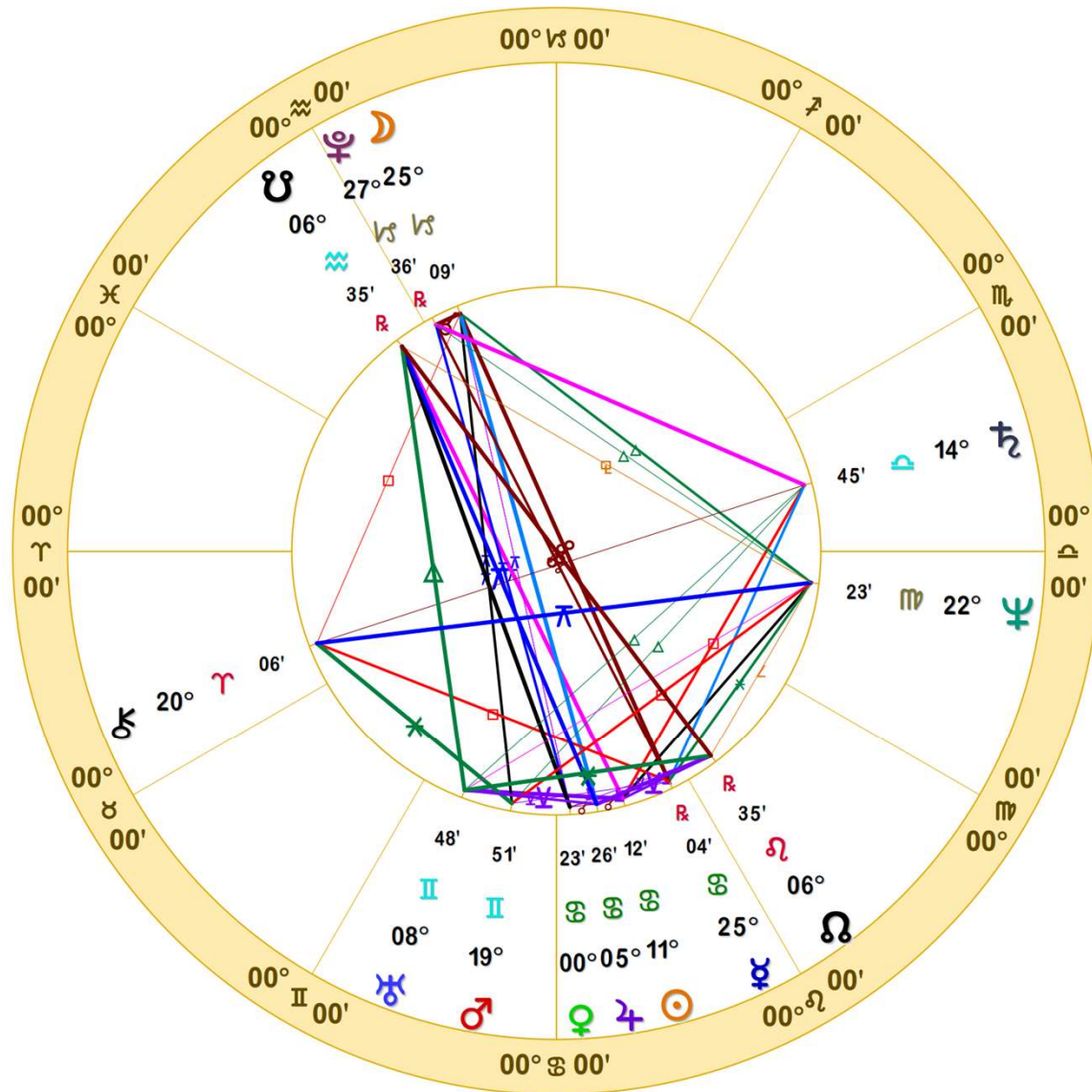
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Also, following 2023, the period from November 19, 2024, through March 8, 2043, when Pluto is solidly in Aquarius will see a shift of power from individuals to groups, and hopefully this will also be a period of great collective invention and scientific creativity.

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July 2, 1776

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Philadelphia, PA

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In analyzing America in 2023, I will generally use the July 2, 1776, chart for the passage of the Resolution for Independence. I'll also use a natural, 0-degree Aries rising chart since birth times for mundane charts are not always dependable. Additionally, most of what I say here will also apply to July 4, 1776, charts for America.

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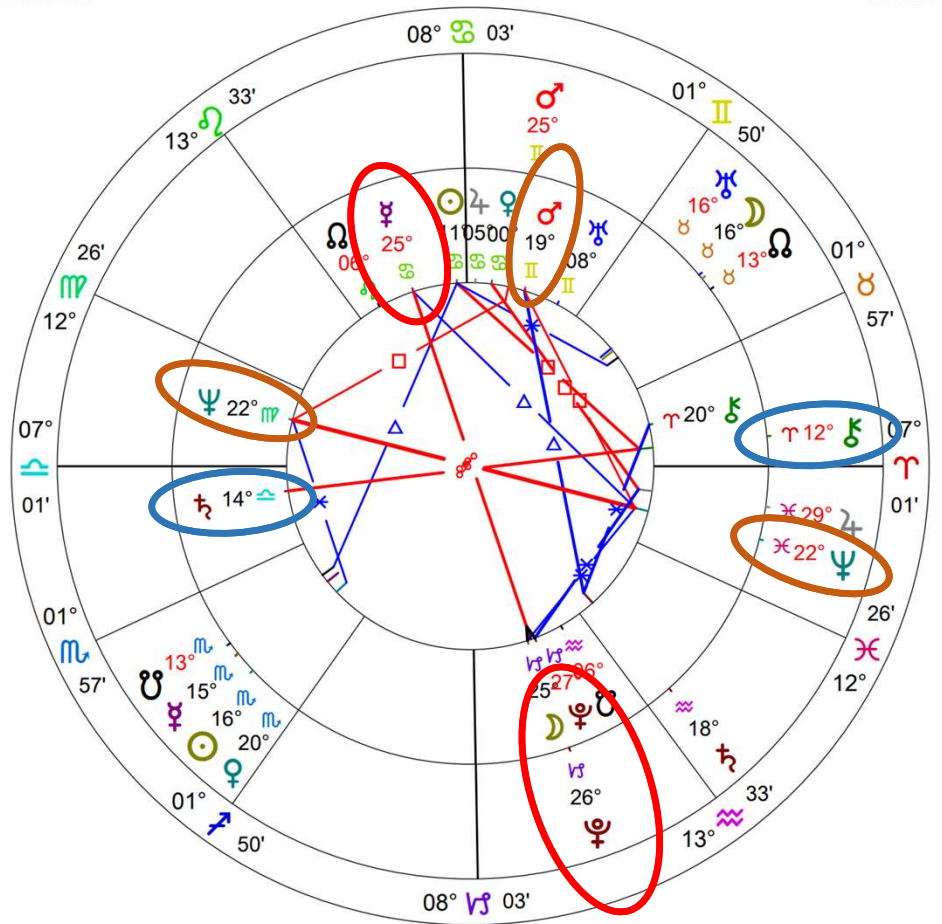
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♂♂♂ (15♏23, 0♏23)																21				
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2022	Nov										Dec									

The transits in November and December 2022 as well as a difficult Lunar Eclipse on election day in November will set the stage for early 2023.

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Event Chart
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In the impact of the November 8 Lunar Eclipse chart on the Resolution for Independence chart, transiting Pluto conjunct natal Pluto and Moon and opposite natal Mercury, transiting Neptune opposite natal Neptune and square natal Mars, transiting Mars square natal Neptune, and transiting Chiron opposite natal Saturn and square natal Sun, show that in the months ahead America will be dealing with forces of transformation, aggression based on misinformation, and wounding that can, nonetheless, lead to healing and transcendence if we continue to grow.

USA Libra NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

2022 - 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
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♂♂♂ (19♂51, 19♂51)		30	28				2
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♂♂♂ (0♂23, 0♂23)							25
2022 - 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

Additionally, Mars retrograde in 2022 will shape the start of 2023. In the period from Mid-October through Mid-November, transiting Mars is semisextile Mercury and quincunx the Moon, suggesting a period of mental and emotional adjustment as people ponder the events of the Fall prior to the midterm elections.

Issues that have arisen so far are abortion and Trump's possession of classified documents. Throughout there will be briefer periods when harsh aspects from transiting Mars will create a heightened likelihood of violence, and there will be a few brief periods of trines and sextiles when more constructive aspects of Mars may manifest. These are all times to keep an eye on what events may occur.

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Transit to Natal:

2022 - 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
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♂♂♂ (27♂36, 27♂36)							20
♂♂♂ (0♂23, 0♂23)							25
2022 - 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

Furthermore, notice that the retrograde zone begins with transiting Mars making a conjunction with natal Uranus in Gemini, and Mars will spend all of January 2023 at this point. January 2023, in particular, may manifest as either a period of great political unrest or as one of armed aggression for America either in speech or in action and either within or without.

Additionally, mid-October through mid-November will be a time of adjustment and realignment for America as Mars is semisextile the natal Moon and quincunx the natal Mercury in the July 2, 1776, chart.

USA Libra NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

If we now look at the hard transits (conjunctions, semisquares, squares, sesquiquadrates, and oppositions) to the July 2, 1776. Resolution for Independence chart in 2023, then there is a lot going on. So let's begin with January.

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Transit to Natal:

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♂♌♊ (10♈04, 25♎04)																												30	
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♈♌♌ (10♈09, 25♊09)																													31
2023	Jan																												

The main things of concern in January 2023 are the remnants of Pluto conjunct Pluto, Neptune opposite Neptune, Mars conjunct Uranus, Uranus semisquare Venus, and a fading Chiron square Sun. Let’s now look at the Pluto return.

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Transit to Natal:

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Transit to Natal:

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Pluto is death and transformation, and in Capricorn we have to confront both our sins regarding those we have tried to control and our fears over those we believe might control us. In February 2022, we saw Russia, our feared opponent, invade Ukraine, and among those America has tried to control are other races, other nationalities, other religions, women, and other sexual orientations, and in June – July there were the issues of the January 6 Committee hearings. All of these these issues may surface again in January 2023 .

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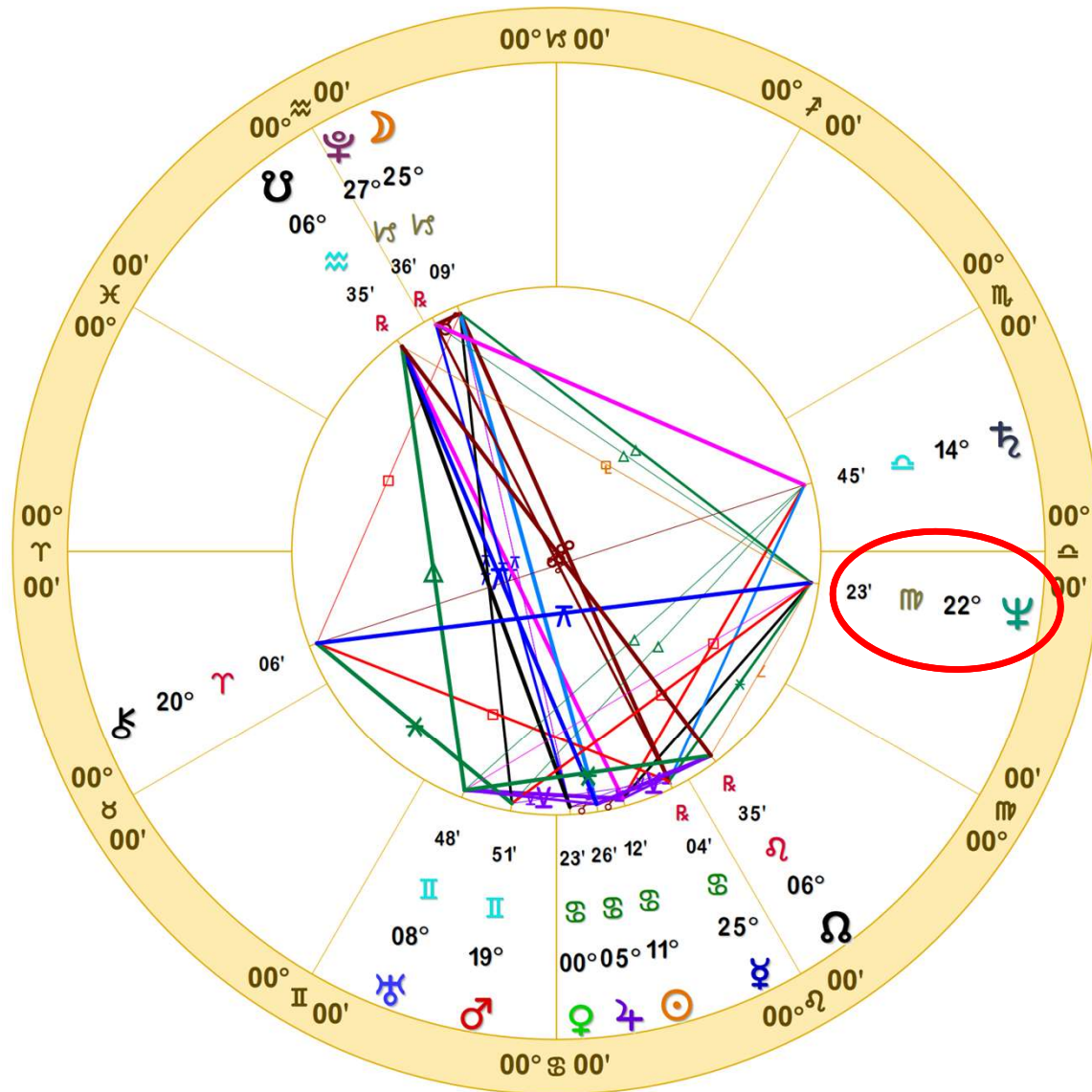
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Transit to Natal:

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

In September through November 2023, Pluto won't return to its exact position in the natal chart, but it will be very, very close for several months. Exactly what will happen, I can't say, but it is very likely that the country will experience some kind of hardship at this time, possibly severe.



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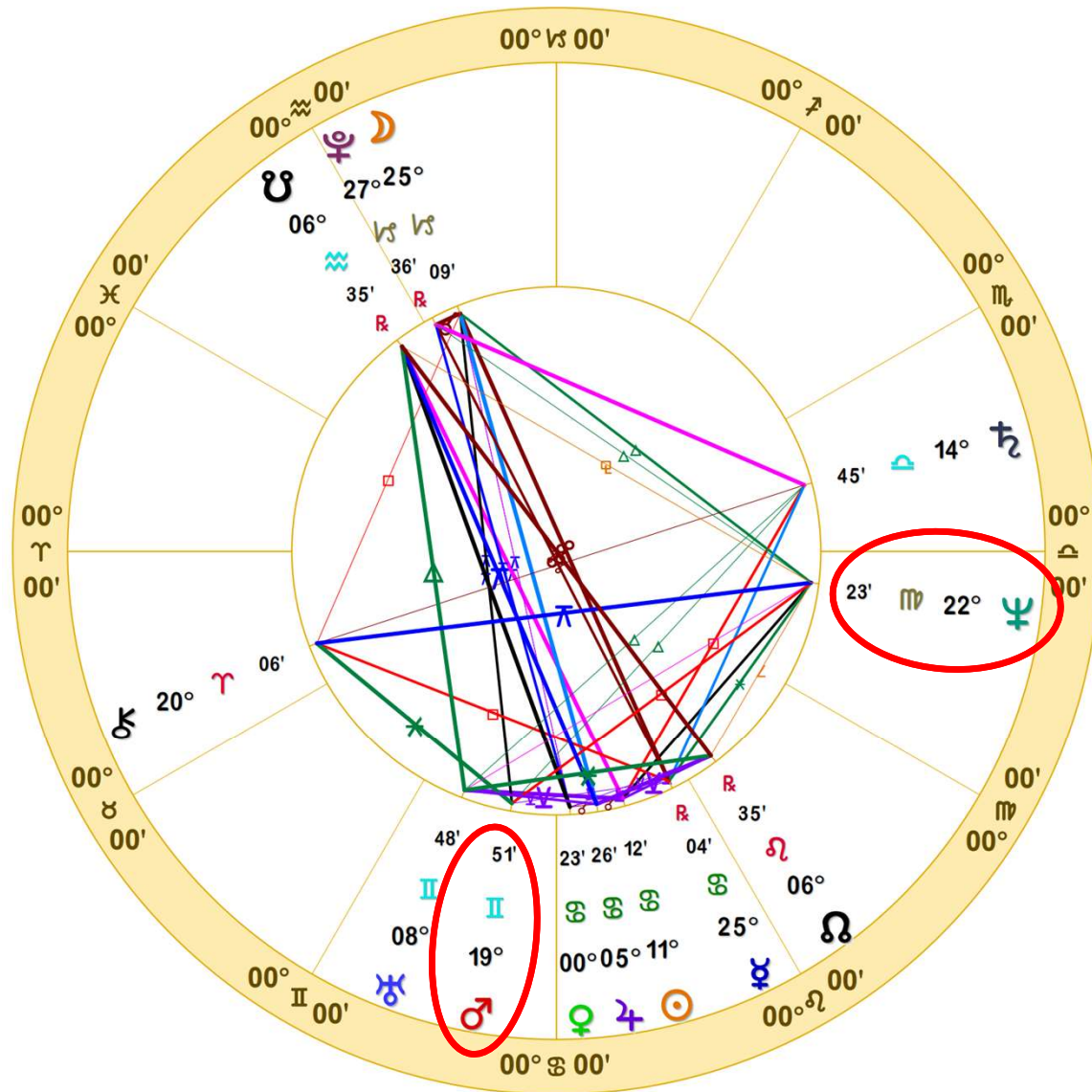
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As a reminder, the Resolution for Independence chart has Neptune in Virgo. At best, we are good at attending to the details of our visions, but at worst, we justify our delusions with faulty logic. For example, slavery, Manifest Destiny, trickle down economics, weapons of mass destruction, and the January 6 insurrectionists being simply tourists and peaceful protestors are some of our delusions.

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With a square from Neptune in Virgo to Mars in Gemini in the July 2, 1776, chart, delusional thinking can provoke aggressive thoughts, and the resulting violent rhetoric can spill over into physical violence. One need look no further than the conspiracy theories of recent years to see how this has manifested in 21st century America.

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Transit to Natal:

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2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

The Neptune/Mars square in the July 2, 1776, Resolution for Independence chart has been frequently stimulated since 2020, but after January 2023, we may see many of these “fringe” groups in America move back to the fringe. I certainly hope so!

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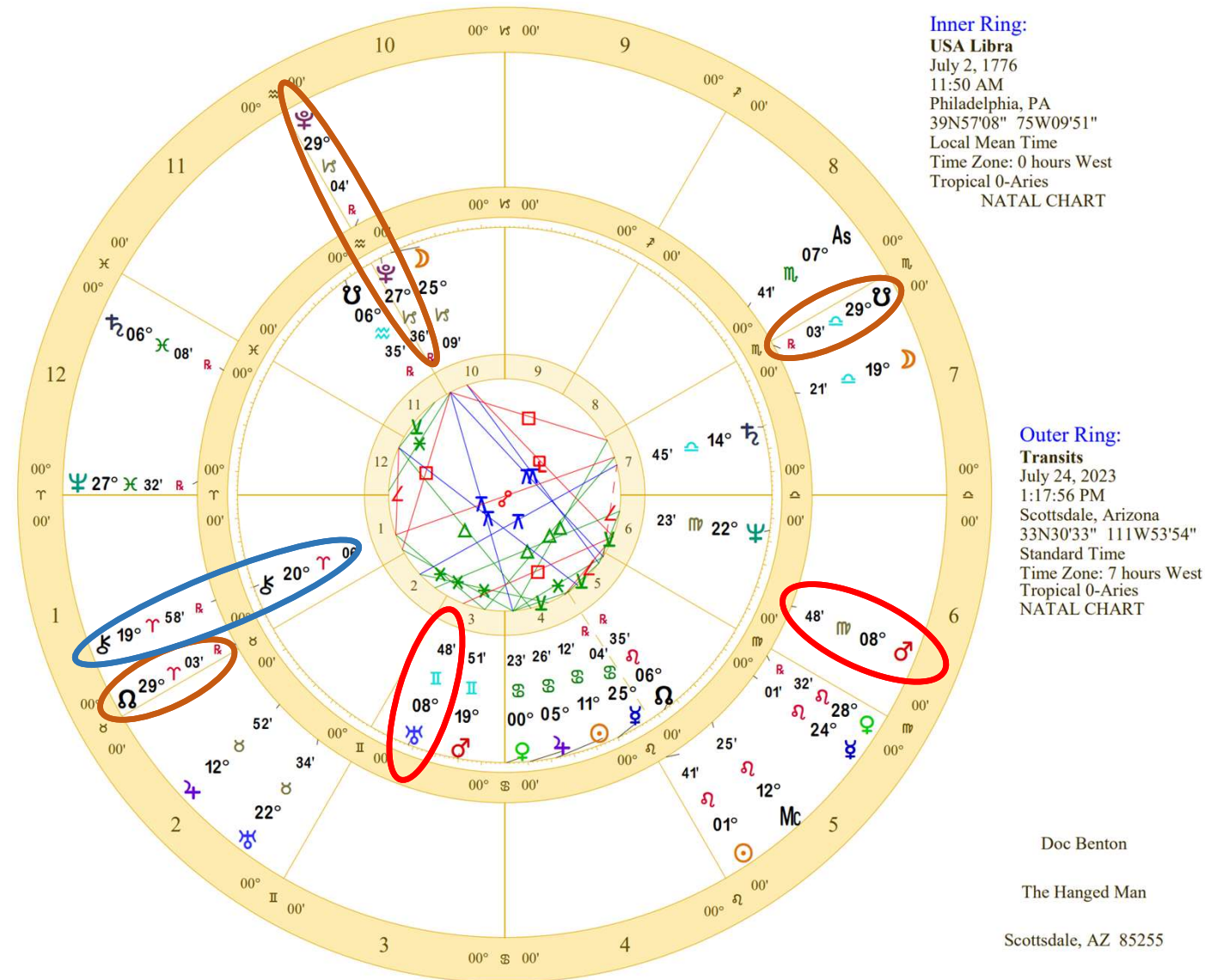
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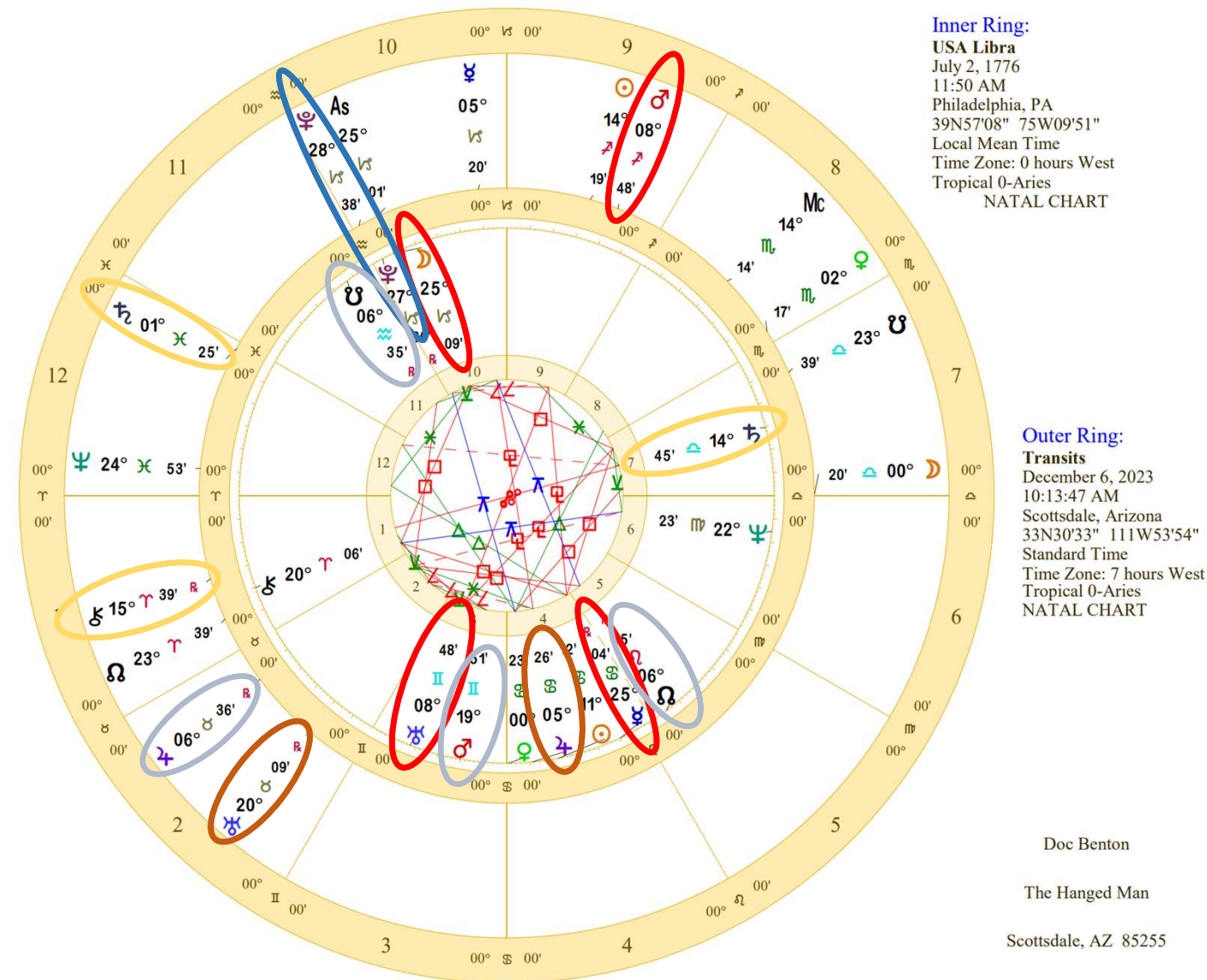
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2022 - 2023	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

In September 2022, Mars poked natal Uranus at the start of its retrograde period. Along the way, transiting Mars has also been conjunct natal Mars and square natal Neptune, and in January 2023, transiting Mars will be stationary direct on natal Uranus for most of the month. Back in early September there were many threats and a few attacks on the FBI in response to the raid on Mar-A-Lago.

Once more, in January 2023, we may again see more protests and violence of this sort, but by mid-March, though, transiting Mars will leave the retrograde zone, and its transits for the rest of the year will be more fleeting.



Nonetheless, on July 24, 2023, transiting Mars will be close to an exact square to natal Uranus, and so we may revisit whatever revolutionary tendencies manifested in January. With a 2-degree orb, this aspect will last from about July 20 through July 28 with July 24 being approximately the midpoint. Also, this aspect may trigger events related to transiting Pluto conjunct natal Pluto, transiting Chiron conjunct natal Chiron, and a T-square involving the Lunar Nodes and both transiting and natal Pluto. I would stay inside!



On December 6, 2023, transiting Mars will be in opposition to natal Uranus, and so we may revisit once more whatever revolutionary tendencies manifested in January. These tensions will be exacerbated by Mars semisquare Moon, Mars sesquiquadrate Mercury, Jupiter semisquare Mars and square the Lunar Nodes, Saturn sesquiquadrate natal Saturn and Chiron in opposition to natal Saturn, Uranus semisquare natal Jupiter, and Pluto conjunct natal Pluto.

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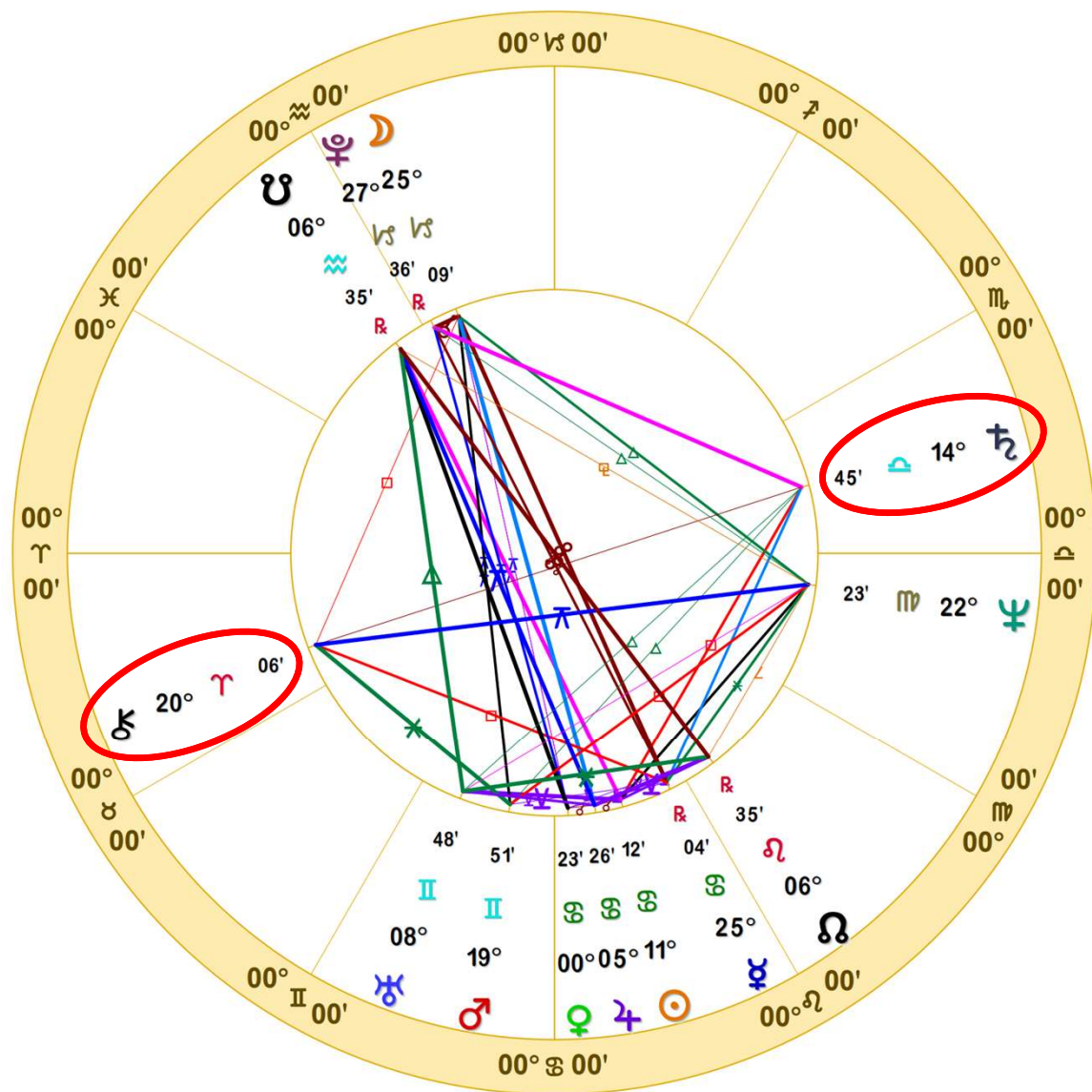
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Transit to Natal:

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2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Since 2021, transiting Uranus in Taurus has periodically made a semisquare to Venus in Cancer in the Resolution for Independence chart. Venus in Cancer represents both our insecurities and our right-brain adherence to the homeland, patriotism, God and country and the flag, and other values that have often been associated with being a good American. The semisquare from Uranus in Taurus, though, has disrupted our usual sense of security and split our values.

Coming from Taurus, it is possible that economic and supply problems as well as other disruptions in the things that sustain us will drive these feelings of insecurity from December 2022 through March 2023.



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Chiron urges us to transcend our personal selves, but it often causes wounding in the process. With Chiron in Aries opposite Saturn in Libra in this July 2, 1776, chart, we are urged to pursue justice in our relationships with one another and to recognize the spiritual dignity of each individual. However, if we fail to integrate Chiron's message , then we may, instead, simply try to control others.

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This year, transiting Chiron will square natal Sun, oppose natal Saturn, and conjunct natal Chiron, and transiting Saturn will semisquare natal Chiron. Hence, we are still undergoing a spiritual crisis related to our natal Chiron/Saturn opposition. Many are feeling wounded, some are already healing, and a few have begun to move to a higher spiritual state in response to these transits. The solution may be to find personal spirituality within (Chiron in Aries) while building a better world for others without (Saturn in Libra).

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Transit to Natal:

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2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

With so much going on with Chiron this year in the July 2, 1776, chart for America, it is vitally important that as many people as possible open up their hearts, see the divinity that resides at the core of their being, and then see this same divinity in others. That will go a long way to helping to heal our country, and if we don't do this, then more wounding on all levels may occur.

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In summary, the most intense periods of 2023 for America may be felt in January and from September through November. In between there will be moments of suffering and opportunities for transcendence brought on by Chiron, and also moments of possible intensification created by the Lunar Nodes.

USA Libra NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

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♈✳️♏ (27♈36, 27♏36)					12	18						
♈✳️♏ (0♈23, 0♏23)					18							
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♈✳️♌ (5♈26, 5♌26)						10						
♌♌♌ (22♌23, 22♏23)							18		9			
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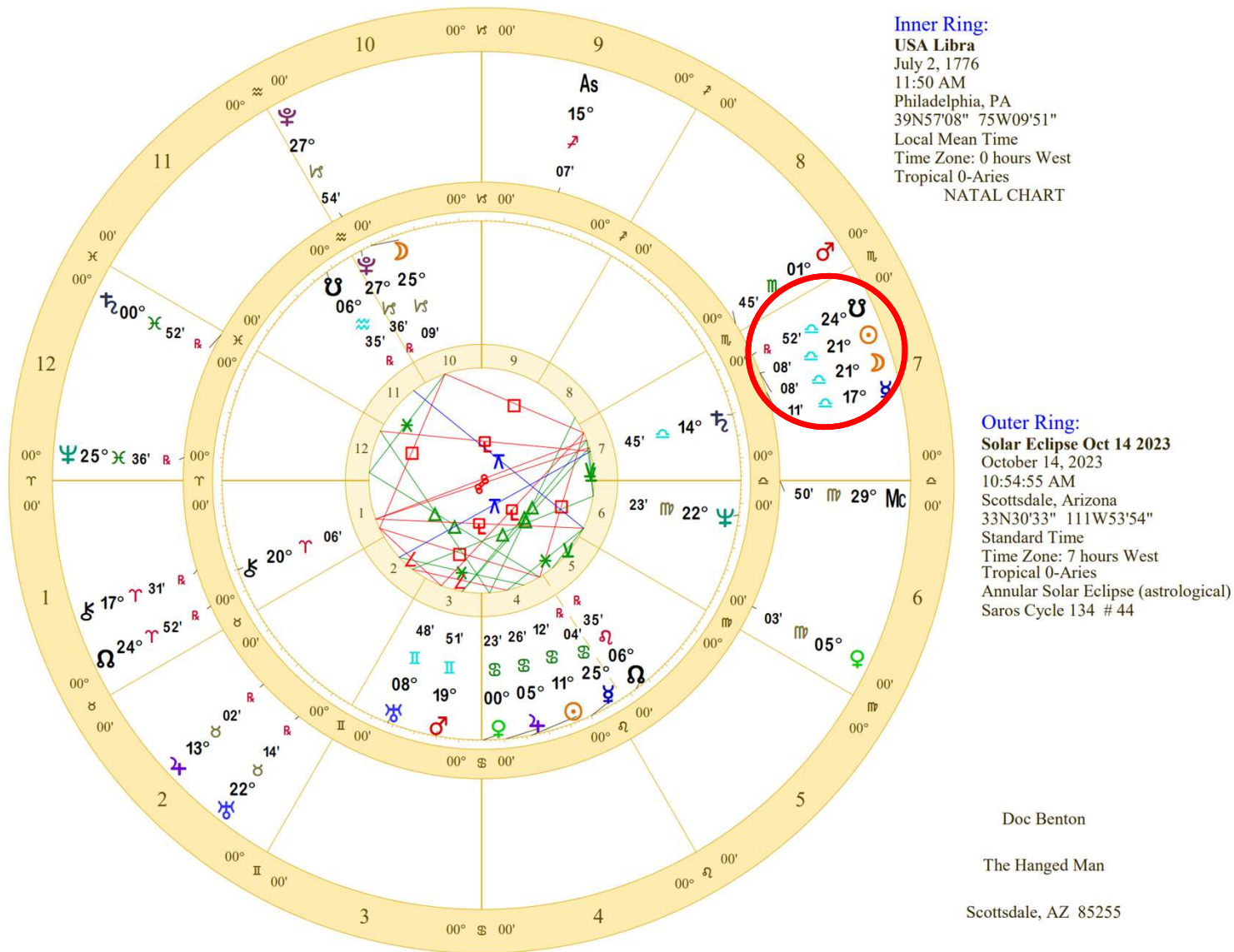
However, **transiting Neptune trine natal Mercury** and **sextile natal Moon and Pluto** will provide some hope, optimism, and higher awareness throughout the year, **transiting Saturn trine natal Venus and Jupiter** will help create emotional stability and sustained growth, **transiting Chiron sextile natal Mars** will assist transcendence through proper thought, and **transiting Uranus trine natal Neptune** will help to provide creative expression of our higher inspirations. Hence, some things will continue to move forward in 2023.

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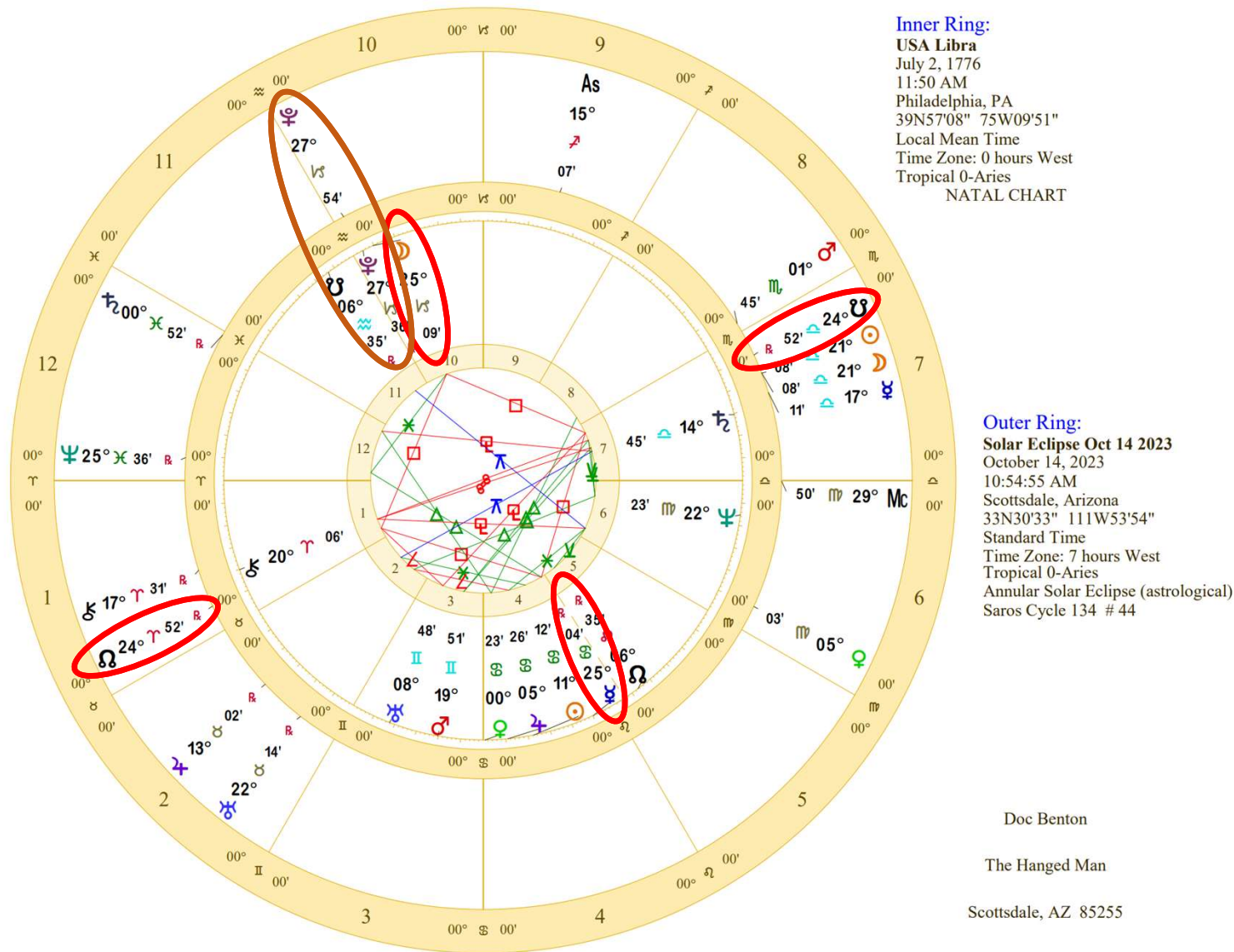
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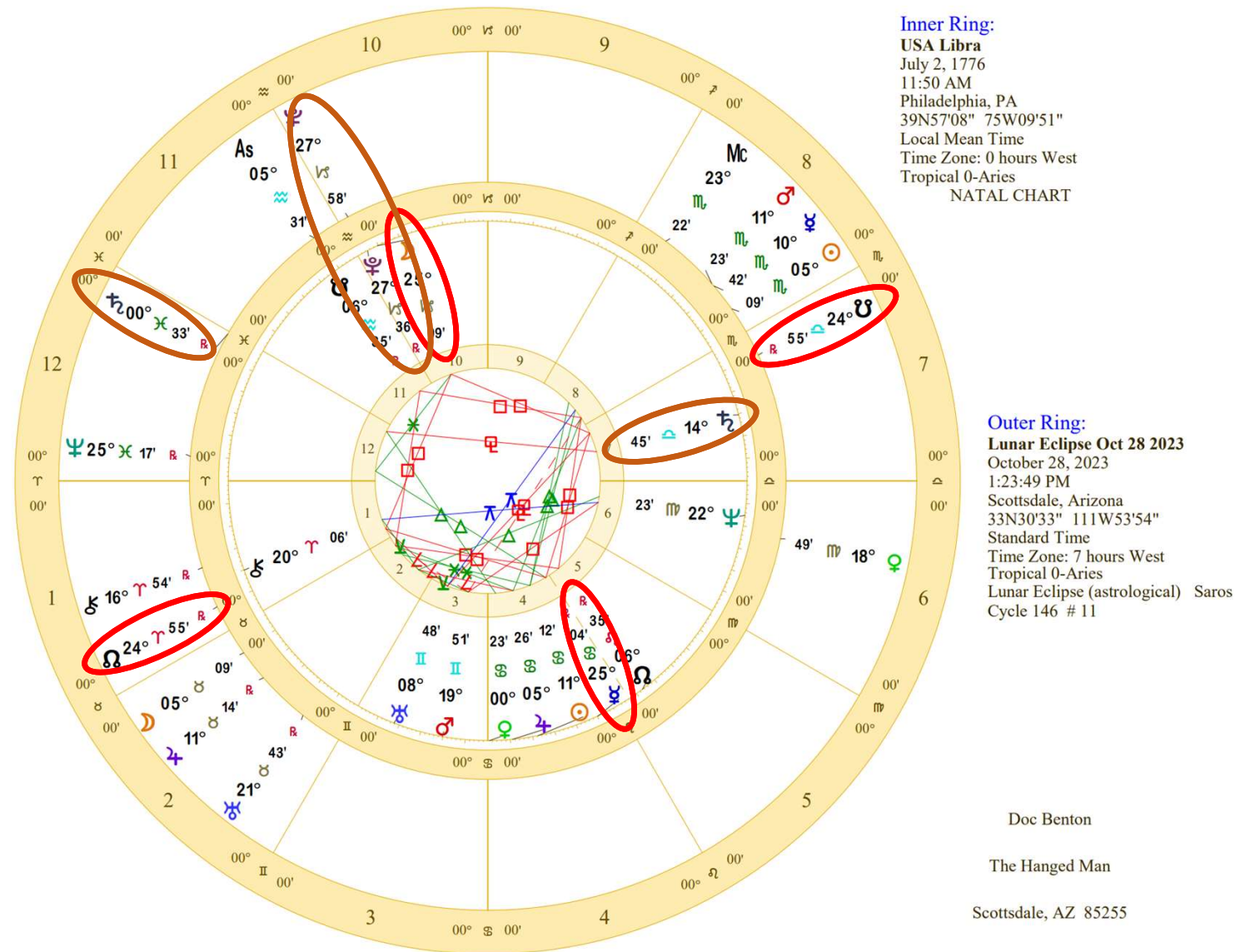
January may be difficult, economic insecurities may be felt through March, our transformative process will continue in the fall, but from March onward we may experience both the good and the bad, and we will continue to live in interesting times!



There are four Eclipses in 2023, but it is only the last two that concern me – A Solar Eclipse on October 14 and a Lunar Eclipse on October 28. Also, even though they occur two weeks apart, their influence on the July 2, 1776, Resolution for Independence chart will be similar.



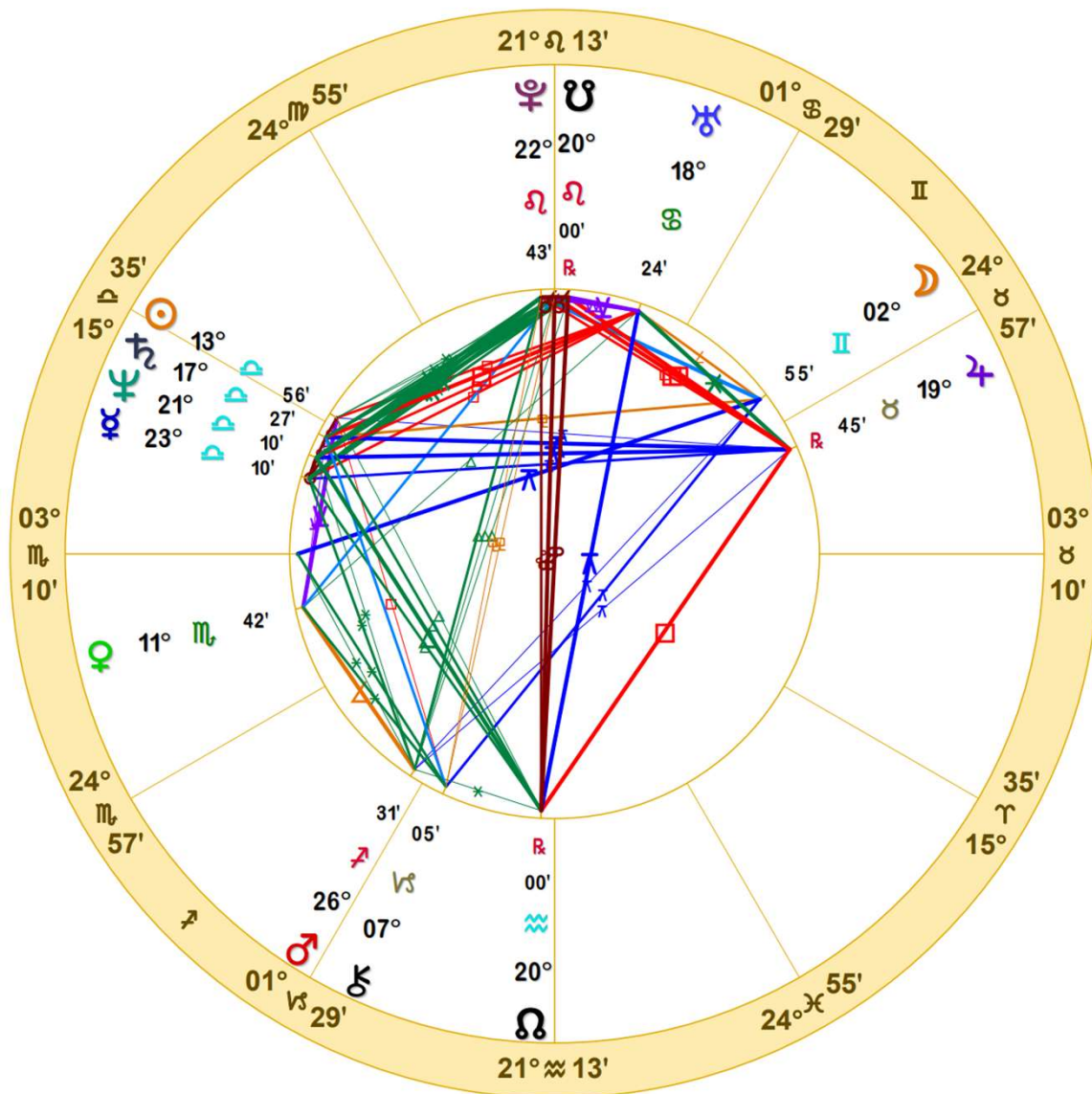
During the Solar Eclipse, the transiting Lunar Nodes make very close squares to natal Moon and Mercury, and transiting Pluto is only 18 minutes away from an exact conjunction with natal Pluto. All in all, from September 19 through October 31, transiting and natal Pluto are no more than 24 minutes apart, and it is the length of this conjunction that worries me. Plus, Pluto is in Capricorn, not Aquarius.



During the Lunar Eclipse, the transiting Lunar Nodes make very close squares to natal Moon and Mercury, transiting Saturn makes a very tight sesquiquadrate to natal Saturn, and even though transiting Pluto doesn't make an exact conjunction this year, it is only 22 minutes from exact at the time of this Eclipse.

Once more, in the fall of 2023, transiting Pluto will spend an inordinate amount of time in close proximity to natal Pluto, and since Pluto is the planet of death and transformation, things could become quite dire. However, positive transformation is always possible, and I expect that whatever happens will fall somewhere between those two poles. We will probably see some excellent things happen, but we will probably also have to face something very hard. Also, the squares to the Moon and Mercury from the transiting Lunar Nodes will intensify things, and the sesquiquadrate from transiting Saturn to natal Saturn during the Lunar Eclipse will also exacerbate things. Still, nothing is written in stone, and the choices are still ours. We shall see.

PUTIN



NATAL CHART

Vladimir Putin

October 7, 1952

9:30 AM

Standard Time

Saint Petersburg, Russia

59 N 55 30 E 15

Time Zone: 3 hours East

Geocentric

Tropical Regiomontanus

We'll now summarize Putin's major transits in 2023, but first we include his birth chart for reference as we go forward. Also, while there is some dispute regarding when, where, and what time he was born, the data for this chart has been confirmed by Putin's webmaster, and it has worked well over the past year.

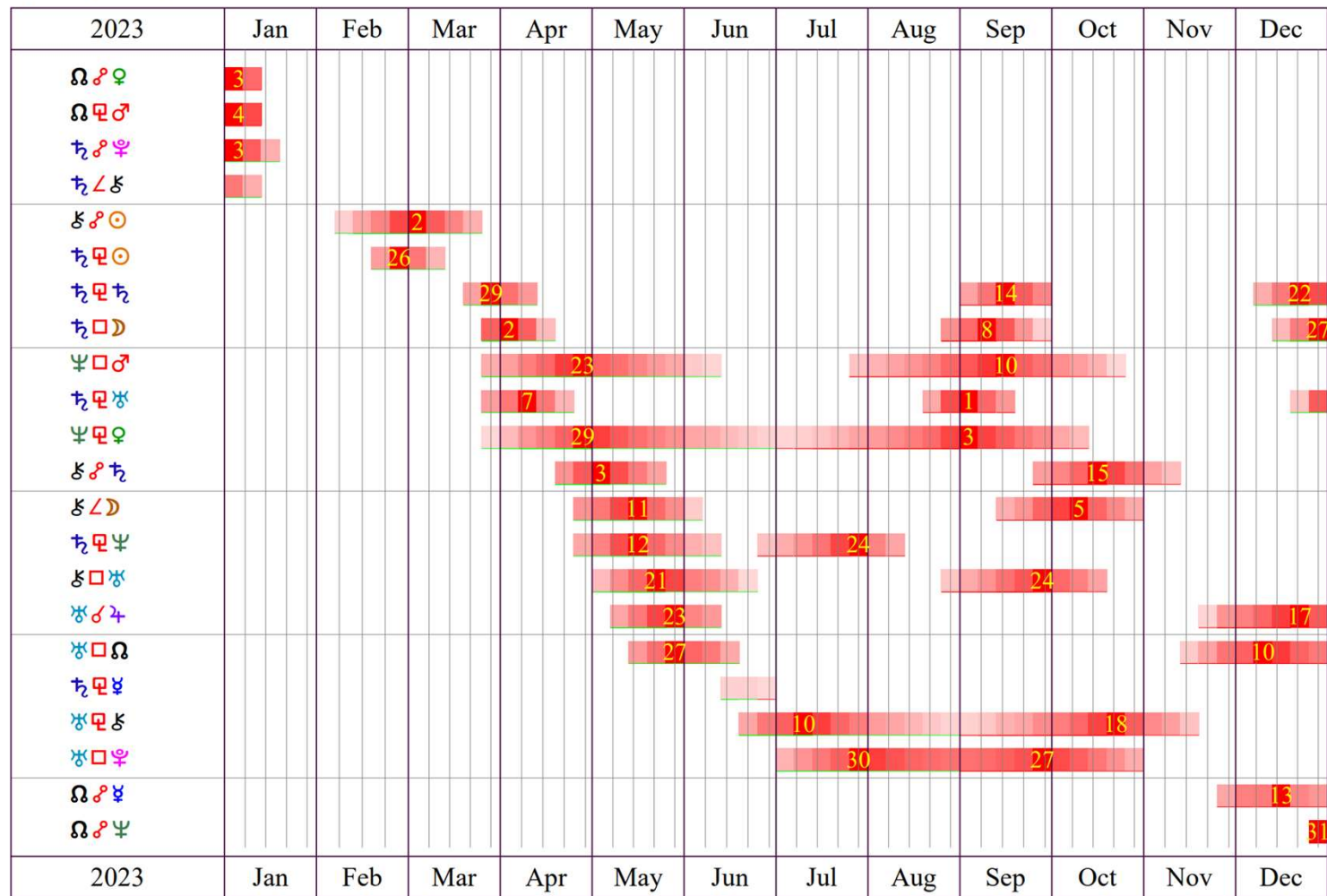
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Vladimir Putin NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:



Looking at the hard aspects for Putin in the year ahead, it looks like he will have his work cut out for him. In the slides that follow, we will focus primarily on the aspects formed by Chiron, Neptune, Uranus, and Saturn.

Vladimir Putin NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

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Oppositions from Chiron to his natal Sun and Saturn may result in some sort of personal wounding whether it is visible to us or not. And since his Sun and Saturn are conjunct the cusp of his 12th house, he will definitely have to experience the consequences of his actions.

Vladimir Putin NATAL CHART

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♂♂♂ (22♑43, 22♎43)	3											
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2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Discordant aspects from Neptune to his 1st house Venus and to Mars near the cusp of his 3rd house will likely inflame his thoughts and emotions. Also, both the aspects formed by Chiron and these formed by Neptune will take place mostly between the beginning of April and the end of October in 2023.

Vladimir Putin NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

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In the period from June through November of 2023, Uranus will square his Pluto (ruler of his 1st house) and his Midheaven, and it will sesquiquadrate his Chiron. He will likely be more erratic during this period, and he may lose his current position in Russia.

Vladimir Putin NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

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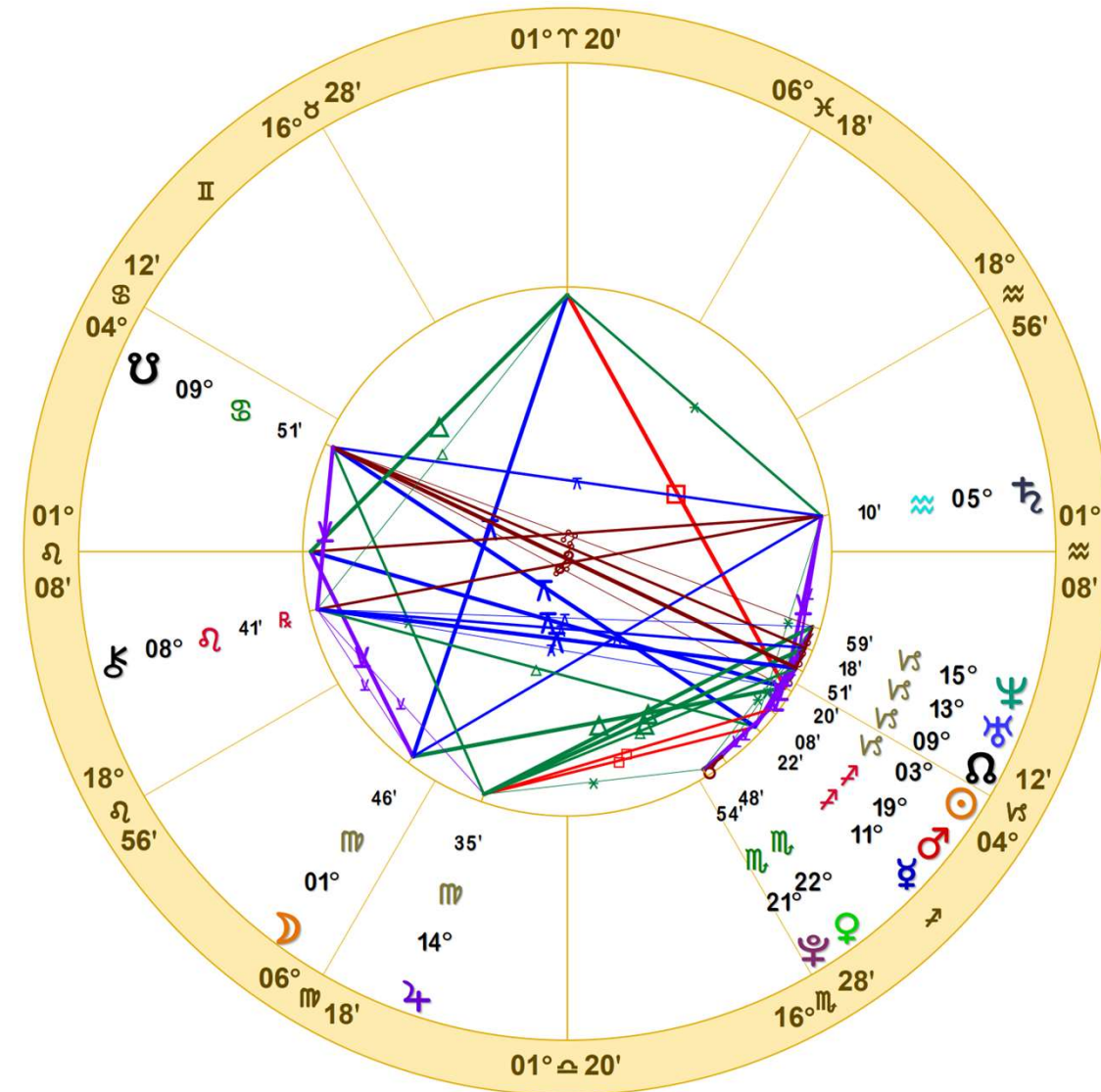
Putin will also have to contend with Chiron semisextile natal Jupiter and Uranus quincunx natal Mercury, the ruler of his 8th house of death. Consequently, he will have to make various adjustments in the period from June through October of 2023.

Vladimir Putin NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

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♂♂♂♂♂ (3♏11, 3♏11)				5					4			30
♂✳♂ (7♏05, 7♏05)						5	29					
2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

However, sextiles from Chiron to natal North Node and from Saturn to natal Chiron from May through September in 2023 may provide Putin some relief from the tempest he's created. Nonetheless, I hope he will be replaced, but if so, then what will he be replaced with? That is the big question we have to ask ourselves.



NATAL CHART
Russia 1991
 December 25, 1991
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 Standard Time
 Moscow, Moskva, Russia
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To the left is the
 December 25, 1991,
 chart for Russia, and it
 reiterates some of the
 challenges seen in
 Putin's chart for 2023.

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Russia 1991 NATAL CHART

Transit to Natal:

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Significant “wounding” of Russia may be felt from February through April and again in November and December.

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Transits from Saturn will likely cause significant frustration for the Russian people in January, March, and much of the fall of 2023.

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And lastly, from June through November, transits from Uranus will probably create a strong urge for change among the Russian people. Let’s hope that it happens in an orderly manner!

To summarize:

- First, the past three years have been just awful as indicated by the Barbault Planetary Cycle Index nearing its low for the century around the beginning of 2020. It reached its absolute low in March 2022, just a few weeks after the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- January 2023 may be a very volatile time for America since transiting Mars will be conjunct natal Uranus for most of the month in the various July 1776 charts for America. Thus, there is a heightened risk of conflict both within and without the country.
- In March of 2023, there will be several important shifts in energy as many of the planets change signs, and the people's focus will also change.
- Particularly important is the ingress of Pluto into Aquarius on March 23, 2023. This may be a beginning of the end for many of the dictators of the world as people everywhere clamor for freedom. However, Pluto moves back into Capricorn on June 12, 2023, until January 20, 2024, when it moves back into Aquarius until 2043. This may be the last gasp of the old power structures as more and more people desire freedom and forms of government that more accurately reflect the will of the people.
- There will also be a conjunction of Jupiter and Chiron on March 11, 2023, and something new and marvelous usually begins during these conjunctions even though we sometimes don't become aware of the new and marvelous thing for several years.
- Also, Saturn semisextile Pluto in March and Saturn sextile Jupiter in June signal the next stages in two very important cycles that began in 2020. Destruction may lessen and new growth may begin.
- The USA may experience a rough time in Fall 2023 as transiting Pluto gets close once again to natal Pluto in the July 1776 charts. However, the world is still on the verge of many incredible and positive changes.

The End

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