

## **Saturn in Libra**

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I am looking forward to reading the papers that are submitted to Professional Astrologers. For my contribution I want to go a slightly different route than general Saturn in Libra, which I am sure will be reasonably covered by the group effort.

The United States (US) in particular and the world in general have been devastated economically by the Saturn/Uranus opposition. This had five exact aspects over 21 months, of which we have done three, and will be finished towards the end of July 2010. We are reeling under the impact of conformity versus change so thank goodness the end is at least in sight. In this article I will concentrate on the U.S. effect because that's what I understand best. I hope others will apply these concepts to other countries and experiences.

I want to focus on Saturn moving out of that opposition in the Virgo/Pisces axis and into Libra (Ingress) for three exact connections: October 29, 2009 direct, retrograding back into Virgo April 7, 2010 for about 3 months and then moves solidly into Libra July 21, 2010. To me in a multiple stage activation, the stage is set with the first pass, conclusion is reached with the final pass, and the retrograde pass in the middle is process but tends to be very strong at times, even pivotal to the overall impact of the experience. I want to point out another really important point in this passage usually overlooked in determining the key days of such a multiple pass...the heliocentric date of ingress.

Using the American Heliocentric Ephemeris, which lists outer planet positions every 5 days, the date of helio Saturn's ingress into Libra is actually February 12, 2010. This is usually ignored, In my 35 years of astrological practice I have seen it to be equally as important to any pattern. You know that at times, something hits at such an odd time in the unfolding a pattern that can be difficult to determine. Consider this as a possible answer. Let's use an example...

In the current Saturn/Uranus opposition, there are five passes (fairly normal for this opposition). Geocentrically, the 3<sup>rd</sup> pass gave a September 15<sup>th</sup> date. Heliocentrically the date was September 1<sup>st</sup>. The great debate in the U.S. centers on health care reform and it is not difficult to see the battle between conformity and change, a colossal tug of war between two planetary giants. The battle actually started on election day, made its second pass within 2 weeks of inauguration day, and we just experienced the middle passage, which to me is pivotal, in the first two weeks of September 2009. It just so happened that the geocentric middle and the heliocentric middle were only two weeks apart, making a tense time frame, surreal in nature with the release of the actual Senate Finance Committee bill on September 16<sup>th</sup>. My take on it is that decisions were made as to the final content of the bill on September 1<sup>st</sup>, with the minutia (details) worked out over the next two weeks. Why? Because heliocentric is the reality of the energy (concept) and geocentric is how it affects us here on Earth (personal perspective); the concept in form, manifestation. It is common to first have a concept, and then to have it reach materiality. The idea usually precedes the concrete manifestation. You can do this exercise with any aspect passage, whether it be a single or multiple hit, Back to Saturn in Libra.

The outer planets set the overall stage for humanity's lessons. First Neptune traveled through Libra from 1942 to 1957, inspiring, idealizing, disappointing, deluding all things Libra. Uranus traveled through Libra the last time in 1968 to 1975, electrifying, spotlighting, and exploding theories about all things Libra. Pluto traveled through Libra from 1971 to 1984 and dug up Libra's psychological basement (I call that rotor rootering) for all things Libra. Since this is

being written for a group of professional astrologers, I don't think I need to keyword Libra for you. All things Libra means across the board, all of it, positive and negative, good, bad and indifferent, all of it! The stirring up of Libra has been going on since World War II.

Enter Saturn...structure, discipline, order, responsibility. But with everything in a constant state of chaos as the outer planets stir up all things Libra, Saturn really has its work cut out for it, doesn't it? Every 29 years, Saturn dutifully starts its rounds again, attempting to make order out of chaos. It would be lovely IF the outers would leave it alone and let the structures stay put. But sometimes Saturn follows the chaos and is able to structure, and sometimes Saturn leads the chaos and those structures it puts in place get disrupted by one of the three energies determined to force the changes that allow progress. Sometimes Saturn cleans up the mess of one only to be followed by another creating a new mess. Busy, busy, busy. If Saturn leads, it can get back to the chaos created by change only when its 29-year cycle allows access. In the meantime, all things Libra are in a state of disarray until Saturn gets there with its broom and dustpan and cleans it up, makes sense out of it, and creates the new structure. Where are the outers at that point? Does the structure stand a chance of surviving or will it be subjected to a different kind of chaos?

In any country's natal chart, there is a natal Saturn by house, sign, degree, and aspect. Saturn is in a house and rules other house(s). Those energies are connected in lock step throughout the existence of that country because that is an indivisible construct. To trigger Saturn is to trigger the construct. Periodically that Saturn is touched, affected, de-structured and then restructured by the natural cycles of the planets and other activations. The outer, slow-moving planets set the stage for all the action involving Saturn and its structuring capability and the faster-moving planets carry out the details of the experience for Saturn. Saturn is informed and changed by experience itself. At the next contact by those outer bodies, they are filled in on what Saturn learned from the previous passage and they initiate the next lesson plan.

In the US Virgo Rising Tropical Placidus chart (my preference and the basis for my book *Presidents of Hope and Change*. Saturn is at 14 Lib 47 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, ruling the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. ALL the Libra lessons focus on those three arenas (houses) of activity. Values of all types: economic, relational, integrity, responsibility, personal, cultural, alliances, all the lovely 2<sup>nd</sup> house keywords are in lock step with creativity, children of the mind and body, speculative 5<sup>th</sup> and work, service, health 6<sup>th</sup>. Saturn returns to its original position every 29 years. This is NOT a death aspect or none of us would have survived our Saturn return. It is a restructuring moment.

There is a Saturn return about to occur in the US 2<sup>nd</sup> values house starting in December of 2010, with three passes over nine months, finishing the end of August 2011. The middle retrograde contact occurs the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March 2011. The heliocentric contact occurs May 1, 2011. The first pass sets the stage or sets the experience in motion. The last pass concludes the experience. The middle is just that, the process itself, usually pivotal in effect. This time concrete manifestation (geocentric position) precedes the full realization of the concept (heliocentric position) itself. We will learn more about what we should have done after we actually do it, and that is 2<sup>nd</sup> house, affecting 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> houses in all things Libra. Remember Saturn is still cleaning up after Neptune, Uranus and Pluto's passages through Libra, but at least its new structures stand a chance of short-term survival until Uranus moves into Libra and starts its earthquakes, explosions and surprises of all things Libra.

I used Libra to describe the process, but this happens in every sign. This concept can be used in all types of charts.

The US Virgo Rising chart is available on my website [PresidentsofHopeandChange.com](http://PresidentsofHopeandChange.com) along with other charts and astrological research to support my findings.