



# YOU AND THE STARS

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In this special section of *You And The Stars*, we look at the effect of Neptune in Sagittarius on black people during the period from approximately 1806 to 1820 and from 1970 to 1984.

While those of you who read this column may not always agree with my interpretations, I do hope that this material about blacks and the stars will make "You And The Stars" especially for black Americans and therefore, more enjoyable.

## NEPTUNE IN SAGITTARIUS [Its Effect On Blacks]

**1806-1820**  
By calculating backwards in time, Astrology determines the planet Neptune's zodiacal transits in the past. This planet today holds the same position it held from 1806 to 1820 and what a period of social upheavals that was! Wars, and the burning of Washington, D.C. make it difficult to cite a more disruptive era. It was during this period when blacks were in the most inhuman conditions of bondage that a negative aspect from Neptune was projected. Astrology has determined that although this planet in adverse aspect is a harbinger of darkness and immorality, when well aspected, it can be imaginative and a source of inspiration. This period had its accomplishments; it was in this era that two of the most heroic and courageous blacks of note were born, Frederick Douglass in 1817 and Harriet Tubman around the end of that period, 1820 or 1821, the exact date is not known. If the charts of these two great abolitionists were cast, the planet Mercury—identified in Greek mythology with "Hermes," the wing-footed god of travelers and eloquence—would be well placed and aspected in both charts. So while that period saw the ushering in of the first locomotive and steamboat, history was also being made by Harriet Tubman and the underground "railroad."

The 17th century astrologer, William Lilly, wrote that Mercury, when well placed in a chart, represents individuals of "subtle and poetic, brain, intellect and cogitation; they are excellent disputants or logicians, arguing with learning and discretion, and using much eloquence in their speech... sharp and witty, learning almost anything without a teacher." This description fits no one better than the great Abolitionist orator, Frederick Douglass.

It's a long way to 1984 and the end of this Neptune in Sagittarius period, and though it may get worse before this transit is over, Sagittarius is the sign related to religion, tolerance, honor

and lofty ideals. There is no doubt that blacks will make further progress during this transit; there may be sudden changes, advancement in some areas, set-backs in others, a balancing of clear insight versus delusion. A Neptune transit tends to be categorized by distortion and reality. Not that I like ending on a depressing note, but as mentioned before, it is a long way to 1984 and the passage of Neptune from Sagittarius to Capricorn—which is associated with final authority. Perhaps Utopia is not too far in the future.

**ARIES — March 21-April 20**  
You may harbor a grudge against someone and walk around with a chip on your shoulder. This tends to make your home conditions less than harmonious. As the Sun progresses into the sign of Libra and in the sector of partnership activity, you will be less preoccupied with yourself and more interested in business opportunities and your spouse.

There are favorable aspects from the full Moon in your sign to your ruling planet during this period. This then is an excellent time to start new projects and enterprises. You are full of bright ideas now. For unmarrieds, this period can signal the start of a new love relationship.

**TAURUS—April 21-May 20**  
You are unusually preoccupied with how you appear to others now. This is a busy entertainment period and the accent is on romance. You may worry in this respect about whether you can make a new relationship into something permanent. You may not know your own mind at this time, so let everything take its course. You will have good fortune in your personal affairs if you are your usual natural and quiet self.

You spend a lot of time on your image now and are concerned with your wardrobe, hairstyle, etc. Venus, your planetary ruler, is in good aspect to the Moon. This makes you popular socially at this time.

**GEMINI — May 21-June 20**  
After all the hustle and bustle of a busy summer season, it is time for taking inventory of your health. All that socializing may have added some extra pounds, so now is the time to start that diet and health program.

You are still being projected towards romantic interests, as this period continues to be very much one for love and romance. The Sun in this sector presents a bright picture at this time. Apart from the love aspect, this continues to be a social period, so even if you start a diet, be certain that you stay healthy.

**CANCER — June 21-July 22**  
September should have been

one of the happiest months. The Sun is now in your home sector. You will find emphasis being placed upon concerns at home as your desire for added dimension in your life expands. Your time has now arrived. The balance of this period is a preview of the entire year and the harmonious relationships that you will enjoy from day to day.

Since August—when mighty Jupiter moved into your sign, where it will remain throughout the year—you are now being rewarded for past involvements. Even if you hit a snag now and then, the general trend will take you onward and upward towards the security and contentment you want. Take care during this period, when a negative aspect warns of over-exertion involving home chores. This short lived cycle should discontinue by week's end, when good aspects from Venus to your Moon will brighten your horizon.

**LEO—July 23-August 22**  
You will find that you are less interested in material things during this cycle and more in personal growth. You are favored for receiving some extra money, which you might wisely invest. You are extra bright during this period about solving problems on the home base.

Negatively you should avoid feeling that you are not needed because others object to your trying to rearrange their lives. The Full Moon at the end of this period offers some excitement. Try to direct this aspect towards romantic and social activity, rather than letting it impel you towards rash actions.

**VIRGO — August 23-September 22**  
Your finances will be emphasized during this period. You will notice an upbeat in the tempo of your career and work. You may work hard but you will be rewarded. You could benefit from an important contact during this cycle, one who could put in a good word for you to the right people.

Your mood is quiet these days. Try for a little cheerfulness and don't let your mood drag family members down. Use your extra time and energy to give your family a pleasant outing. For those of you seeking love relationships, involvement in group activities can be productive.

**LIBRA — September 23-October 22, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

The sign of Libra is represented in symbolism as the Balance. These people are positive and decisive in their thoughts and actions. They are very often successful as speculators because of their great foresight and intuition, but they have little regard for money. Their desire to "balance" and get an even judg-

ment and their love of exact proof makes it natural for them to drift into the practice of law. They generally make a name for themselves as barristers and judges.

During this period, there will be many happy birthday returns for many Libras. Gifts may come in and you will receive many things that you like. Being invited out to dinner to fancy places makes you happy.

The Sun has moved into your sign and the sector of your personality on the 22nd. You begin to feel like a human again, after the frustrations of past months. Someone will be much interested in your personality, and romance is within your grasp. The wonderful Moon-Venus aspect of the 30th offers a fine day.

**SCORPIO—October 23-November 22**

You may feel a little restricted during this period in several areas of your life. If situations become too pressing, you will need to hold your temper till the cloud passes. You have sincere and loyal friends and don't underestimate the power of love. You may be impressed by the devotion of someone at this time when you need comfort-

ing. Don't waste time on projects that may turn out to be useless now. Use little aggression and work behind the scenes—an effort which should not be hard for you secretive Scorpios—in order to attain your goals and wishes. Your time is not far in the future.

**SAGITTARIUS—November 23-December 21**

You should be in good spirits now as you come to better terms with yourself and there is a lessening of activity concerning your work. You can find the means of insuring your future during this cycle, when the old "teacher," Saturn, transits your sector of mental and spiritual inspiration, giving you ideas that can boost income and turn doormat situations to advantage.

Romance is highlighted and you may have above average luck in love, if you are hankering for it now. Married Sagits can now find new depths in their relationships.

**CAPRICORN — December 22-January 19**

Answer all correspondence now as it will be interesting. If you don't have time for writing, answer by phone. You may hear of widespread possibilities for making progress. Indications are that some of your wishes could come true.

Home activity is favored now. Friends may drop in unexpectedly to liven up family gatherings. Family projects may get you using your mind and muscle now

which will relieve you of tension.

Financial matters come into clear focus near month's end, as career and business aims advance.

**AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18**

Social and business life is emphasized. If mixing business with pleasure, don't let sentiment jeopardize a pending deal. Take time for your loved ones. All is not as it should be and your marriage partner has a right to hear about it. Bring things out into the open, rather than sitting and brooding about it. You'll find that obstacles will fade away.

Communications during this period will be mostly social and family-oriented. If you have not gotten away for those summer months, a long week-end will do you a world of good.

**PISCES — February 19-March 20**

As this cycle comes to a close, your marital or close relationship concerns will gradually fade away. This may be the time that a period of your major success is started. You should sense a whole new life ahead. Some will relocate to better situations, while those who hold on to what they already have can find sources of help, with a little effort. As this new trend is not limited to this period, it will continue on and off all year. Enjoy! ☐

## Prayer Poem

The hymn, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!", reminds us of our privilege of attending God's feast which even now "is waiting."

We listen to and join in spirit in its words:

*O wise and holy virgins,  
Now raise your voices higher,  
Until in songs of triumph  
Ye meet the angel choir.  
The marriage-feast is  
waiting,  
The gates wide open stand;  
Rise up, ye heirs of glory!  
The Bridegroom is at hand.*

*Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed  
for,  
O'er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands  
uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's  
redemption  
And ever be with thee!  
Amen.*

Being ready means being a part of the company or household for the feast. That household is God's Church. Take your part in it.



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