

# Janet's Plan-its 2008 Celestial Planner

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## Introduction

Our knowledge of our solar system has changed. More heavenly bodies revolve around our Sun than previously realized, and no doubt more will be discovered. Some, like Sedna, have orbits of thousands of years! The International Astronomical Union re-defined "planet," giving us a new term, "dwarf planet." It applies to Pluto, Ceres (formerly an asteroid) and a new body beyond Pluto, Eris (the Greek goddess of chaos and strife).

Astrologers continue to treat Pluto as a full-fledged planet - we've seen how powerful it is! Some will give more credence to Ceres (now in this planner). The "jury is still out" on Eris. Symbolically, death (Pluto's turf) has been demoted, life (Ceres' domain) has been promoted, and both are now equal to chaos.<sup>1</sup> Our notion of existence needs to expand to accept the message of this dwarf planet trio.

The popular book and movie, *The Secret*, explains the law of attraction and how we create our lives from the power of our thoughts. This happens in both positive and negative ways. We need to monitor our focus and concentrate on attracting what we want. It is my aim with Janet's Plan-its to help you work with the astrological influences at hand to create a better life.

## Overview of 2008

This is a One year ( $2 + 0 + 0 + 8 = 10$ ; reduce 10 to one digit:  $1 + 0 = 1$ ). Numerology tells us a new cycle commences then. In 2008, we'll see the start of a significant shift, indicated by Pluto, the slowest "planet" in our (traditional) solar system, moving into a new sign, Capricorn.<sup>2</sup> It spends more than a decade in a sign, so this is a major transition! Appearing to zigzag as it circles the zodiac (like all planets), it backtracks into Sagittarius for much of the second half of the year before settling into its new sign until 2024.

I'd like to tell you that 2008 will be an easier year than we've seen in quite some time, and it *might* turn out that way. The Eclipses, which can herald major stress, are remarkably gentle. They lack the difficult patterns that spell trouble in many years. However, the season changes are tricky. (Influences at season changes affect the

whole season. See the Star Pages at the back of this planner.) From late 2007 into early 2009, all the season changes are colored by Pluto hovering around the winter solstice degree. Fortunately, the most beneficial planet enters Capricorn just ahead of Pluto, paving its way.<sup>3</sup> The spring equinox may produce the biggest headlines, occurring at a Full Moon. A difficult alliance then<sup>4</sup> tries to be a spoiler, but is counteracted by a positive factor<sup>5</sup> bringing benefits despite the tumult. Luckily, the nice indicator repeats twice, bringing happy surprises in May and November.

Several times in 2008 the planets seem to be at "low tide," producing much less turbulence than we've had in years. But it's possible that in such a lull, Pluto's sign change will dominate the landscape and loom even larger. Individuals with planets or chart points near the beginning of season-changing signs (Capricorn, Aries, Cancer and Libra) will likely experience a major transformation this year. (See next page for "Your Life, Your Chart and Janet's Plan-its.")

Since 2003, most of our systems have fallen apart right in front of us. Before we can do the hard work of restructuring, we need to ask what shared values (associated with Pluto) are most important for a new foundation (a Capricorn function). People already in power (ruled by Pluto) will not want to share their authority (governed by Capricorn). But imbalances have caused great hardships. If we are to have realistic repair, we need more parity. This year merely starts the long process of altering the status quo.

The planets are very active in January, primarily producing tension.<sup>6</sup> We flop about a bit as the year gets going, trying to put the past behind us. A very favorable connection<sup>7</sup> begins then, though. It repeats twice later in the year, helping us plan and implement positive long-term changes.

The middle of the year is dominated by a direction-altering condition, prompting us to be humanitarian, gregarious and experimental. The first step is early in the year<sup>8</sup> but it's not very noticeable until a spurt of helpfulness and compassion comes near the end of April.<sup>9</sup> A second prolonged component<sup>10</sup> is strong from mid-July through most of August (and present in a milder form for most of the year). It pushes us to heal from wounds and be innovative in finding solutions that benefit lots of people, not only ourselves.

The end of the year is soured by a tough interaction<sup>11</sup> continuing into 2009. Just as we're trying to iron out a mess, it throws in a wrinkle. One of the main themes of

2008 is to "get your act together," but plans don't proceed as outlined. The lesson is to be flexible, dodge bullets, and as Eris teaches, learn to weave stray threads into the fabric of our lives.

With the help of the planets, have a great 2008!

Yours in the stars, Janet Booth

For more detail, see the weekly Highlights as well as the Star Pages for the dates indicated.

<sup>1</sup>Read my website article in my Information Booth: "Pluto Demoted, Ceres Promoted, Eris Noted."

<sup>2</sup> See the Star Pages for 1/25.

<sup>3</sup>Jupiter in Capricorn (1/1)

<sup>4</sup>Jupiter sesquiquadrate Saturn (3/18)

<sup>5</sup>Jupiter sextile Uranus (3/28)

<sup>6</sup>Jupiter semisquare Neptune (1/12), Chiron semisquare Pluto (1/25)

<sup>7</sup>Jupiter trine Saturn (1/ 21)

<sup>8</sup>North Node in Aquarius, South Node in Leo (1/7)

<sup>9</sup>North Node conjunct Neptune (4/28)

<sup>10</sup>North Node conjunct Chiron (7/23)

<sup>11</sup>Saturn opposite Uranus (11/4)