

Janet's Plan-its 2009 Celestial Planner

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Introduction

Our knowledge of our solar system is continually changing, with new heavenly bodies discovered all the time. I added Ceres to my Planners last year after the International Astronomical Union re-defined the term "planet" and upgraded Ceres. Now the IAU's nomenclature committee has replaced the term "dwarf planet" with "Plutoid" for bodies beyond Neptune. Ceres isn't that far out and may get a new title, "Ceroid," named for it.

Astronomers can say what they like; astrologers will make their own declarations. (WE voted Pluto back to full planetary status at the 2008 United Astrology Conference.) I now keep an eye on the "Plutoid" Eris¹ and consider it a low growl in the background. Occasionally Eris bears its disruptive teeth, throwing us for a loop, such as at the Full Moons this January and April (and last October). We can only try to benefit somehow from the shake-ups.

If everything was always as we expect it, what a boring world this would be! Yet, expectations color our perceptions. Like the popular book and movie, *The Secret*, says: we create our lives from our thoughts - whether positive or negative. We need to attract what we want. It's my aim with Janet's Plan-its to help you work with the astrological influences at hand to create a better life.

Overview of 2009

In numerology, 2009 reduces to the "Master Number" 11 ($2 + 0 + 0 + 9 = 11$). Ordinarily, you would reduce two digits to a one-digit number, in this case 2 ($1 + 1 = 2$). A repeated number is special, though, and this is no ordinary Two year. It offers the cooperation and mediation of the 2, and adds a strong spiritual component. This may express as a sense of mission or a spiritual test. Eleven is a higher vibration and demands more of us, pushing us to rise beyond egocentricity (represented by 1) toward a more global consciousness, and to realize there's more that matters than matter.

A long-term planetary alignment² that began last November colors much of 2009, up to the fall (repeating in spring of 2010). It shows a struggle between old and new ways, between conservative and liberal values. It can also express as a conflict between being a stickler versus accepting what comes your way. To get the most out of the planets involved, commit to a long-term plan and be willing to work hard.³ Utilize your unique talents, be flexible enough to make revisions, and aim to serve on a broad basis.⁴ Their energy works best with a humanitarian or spiritual stance.

We're shifting toward new paradigms, as indicated by a sign change of the planet of expansion, beginning early in 2009.⁵ It paves the way for a progressive approach to principles, law and higher learning, and heralds an increase in the importance of science and technology as well as the necessity for including the worldwide community in plans for the future. We are truly in the new century and new millennium now, almost a decade into the 2000s. The new US President to be inaugurated in January '09 will be the first elected in this era if you count a new century as beginning in '01 (the true definition).

Through July, this forward-leaning sign has an ally from the astrological point that signifies the direction for spiritual growth.⁶ It's a point related to the zodiac location of eclipses and there are two eclipses in this sign in 2009. This indicator shifts signs⁷ July 26 to a more conservative or realistic orientation. We may start off the year with grandiose dreams and high ideals (cresting in May, due to some key interactions⁸ then). Later, we'll realize that we need to throttle these back into a form that's easier to agree on or implement. We'll have chances to revise plans in July and December. This innovative combination signals a time for a major healing or a big shared vision, and is very rare. It has only occurred once in America's history, in 1945, and won't occur again until 2239!

The planets of passion and attraction⁹ keep close company for a good three months, a highly uncommon occurrence. This turns the volume up on romance or spurs us to pursue our heart's desires. Other features of these planets may foster impulsive spending, though.

This year is very unusual in terms of the number of eclipses - six! Eclipses occur every six months, ordinarily in pairs (a New and a Full Moon, in either order) or occasionally a trio. In 2009, we have one pair early in the year, a trio mid-year and on the last day of the year, the first of another pair. Eclipses are especially potent beginnings (at New Moon Solar Eclipses) and peaks (at Full Moon Lunar Eclipses),

with influences that last longer than regular lunar cycles. So much eclipse activity points to an intense year of important decisions and extraordinary events or developments. When we add this condition to the rare planetary connections, and top them off with the master number 11 for 2009, the result is a year that will be groundbreaking and memorable.

Now it's up to YOU to shine in 2009!

Yours in the stars,

Janet Booth

For more detail, see the weekly Highlights as well as the Star Pages at the back of this planner for the dates indicated.

¹ See the beginning of the Star Pages at the back of this planner.

² Saturn in Virgo opposite Uranus in Pisces (see Star Pages for 2/5)

³ from Saturn in Virgo (see Star Pages for 1/1)

⁴ from Uranus in Pisces (see Star Pages for 1/1)

⁵ Jupiter in Aquarius (see Star Pages for 1/5)

⁶ The Moon's North Node, currently in Aquarius (see Star Pages for 1/1)

⁷ North Node changes to Capricorn, South Node to Cancer

⁸ Jupiter conjunct Chiron and Neptune (May, July and December)

⁹ Mars and Venus stay within 7° of each other from 4/13 to 7/13.

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