

The Transits of Saturn

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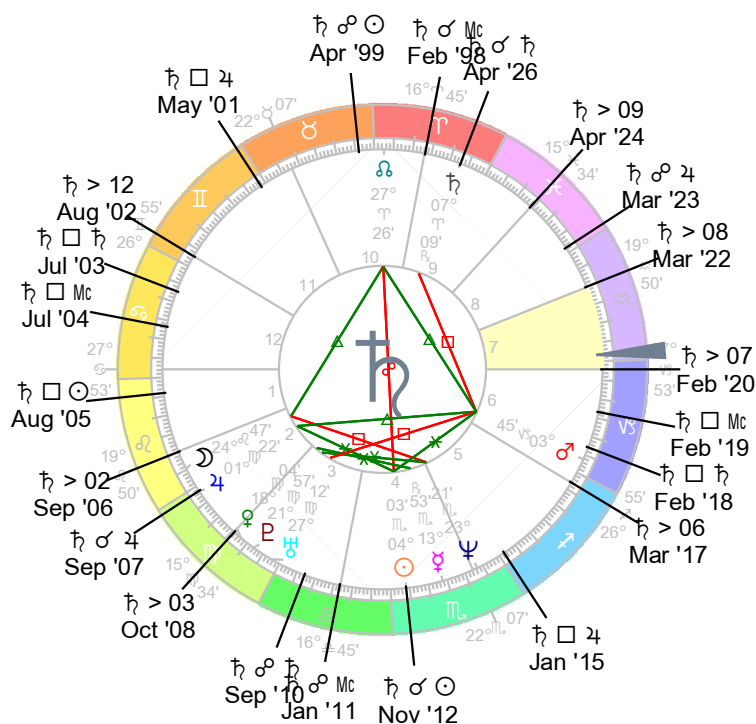
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Saturn in the fourth quarter.

Saturn is in the fourth quarter of its 2nd cycle, a transition time, when it is possible to coast on past achievements, but control now appears to be dictated by circumstances, and you begin to yearn for something new that is not yet defined.

Saturn in the 7th house.

Saturn is in Aquarius in the 7th house. The next two and a half years are critical for your personal relationships, so make decisions with the care they merit. A time favored for marriages (if unmarried) or divorces (if married), symbolizing personal partnership housecleaning and paring down. You are deciding who you don't want around you.



Understanding Saturn Transits

For centuries Saturn has been identified with misfortune and hard times. Most modern astrologers have a more benign attitude, but a general apprehension remains. Its cycle is nearly thirty years, it completes its first trip around the zodiac around the age of thirty and its second just before the age of sixty, marking the beginnings of middle and old age. Saturn usually bears a message of aging that we aren't eager to receive.

Traditionally, the image of Saturn has been the Grim Reaper: a skeleton with a long blade mowing a field of wheat. In the popular mind this image is synonymous with death, but in astrology there is no symbol for death since everything in the solar system is cyclical and every death is a rebirth, a phase in a cycle. This is why the skeleton holds a scythe, it represents reaping the harvest. Today, "harvest" means simply gathering in crops and we miss the power of the metaphor. In reality, harvesting is an involved process that begins with cutting and gathering the crop, and then proceeds to separating the straw from the wheat and the chaff from the grain. For thousands of years this was done by threshing, or beating the plant with flails to shake the grain loose. The result was then often cleaned by winnowing—throwing it all into the air and letting the wind carry away the chaff while the heavier grain settled to the ground. Then the grain still needed to be milled and ground into flour to be used.

This entire harvesting process is the image of a Saturn transit. This is what Saturn does; it stresses an area of life,

Current Saturn Transits

Nov 08	2014	Saturn Square Moon
Jan 06	2015	Saturn Square Jupiter
May 26	2015	Saturn Square Jupiter Rx
Oct 05	2015	Saturn Square Jupiter
Feb 26	2018	Saturn Square Saturn
Jun 09	2018	Saturn Square Saturn Rx
Nov 24	2018	Saturn Square Saturn
Feb 18	2019	Saturn Square Midheaven
Jul 16	2019	Saturn Square Midheaven Rx
Nov 17	2019	Saturn Square Midheaven
Feb 27	2020	Saturn Opposite Ascendant
Jul 31	2020	Saturn Opposite Ascendant Rx
Nov 25	2020	Saturn Opposite Ascendant
Jan 21	2021	Saturn Square Sun
May 11	2022	Saturn Opposite Moon
Jun 29	2022	Saturn Opposite Moon Rx
Jan 22	2023	Saturn Opposite Moon
Mar 19	2023	Saturn Opposite Jupiter
Oct 03	2023	Saturn Opposite Jupiter Rx
Dec 05	2023	Saturn Opposite Jupiter
Apr 13	2026	Saturn Conjunct Saturn
Mar 31	2027	Saturn Conjunct Midheaven

like thrashing wheat until the chaff falls away and you are left with the grain. The chaff represents all of the old habits and old conceptions that don't fit your reality any longer. Saturn provides the means for testing and discarding the old, and what survives is the grain of experience that is carried on into a new cycle. A modern image of the grim reaper is a harvesting machine; a huge combine rolling across a field as it cuts and threshes wheat. Not only is this image less lurid than a grinning skeleton, but you don't have to identify yourself with the crop. Instead of standing in the way of the machine, you can drive it, or follow behind collecting the harvest.

This is the key to a modern, more productive approach to Saturn. It doesn't eliminate hard times from your life but it allows you to prepare for them and potentially minimize their effect. Perhaps even more important, it provides the means of extending the good times, a way for carrying insights and inspirations from one period of your life into another. Rather than ride a perpetual roller-coaster of good and bad fortune, you extend the benefits of the peak times to carry you across the valleys. Immediately within the orbit of Saturn is the orbit of Jupiter; when Jupiter provides a spontaneous insight, Saturn provides the means to build a vessel to hold that inspiration.

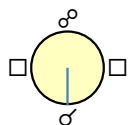
This is not secret or esoteric wisdom, it is the normal way organisms function on this planet. We all use the

principle of Saturn, with or without astrology. Its simplest form is a conditioned reflex, like Pavlov's dogs. A more sophisticated form is learned behavior, like the skill-set of an artist or artisan. Jupiter provides a reward and Saturn responds to it by forming habits. We all form good habits and bad habits, but we can't always control them because we are not always aware of when we are forming them. This is where timing can be helpful, along with a little self-awareness. Astrology excels at honing our sense of timing.

As Saturn moves around the zodiac it passes over every area in a chart. All these areas are facets of your self. Each point defines a unique cycle and each cycle, in turn, has a peak and a valley of its own. Saturn may be conjunct your Sun, at the peak of your Sun-Saturn cycle, while it is opposite your Jupiter. Usually you would look at one, or maybe two, cycles at any given time and not all of them. The objective is to identify trends and directions that are normally lost in the flood of events that make up daily living. The key to doing this is to focus and direct your attention only to cycles of particular interest at the moment.

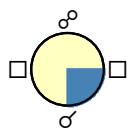
When Saturn transits an area, that area is in flux, it is under construction and it is far easier to make changes then than it will be later. Saturn is a tool, a lever, and you have more leverage at the point Saturn is transiting than at any other point in your chart.

The Four Phases of a Cycle



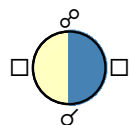
♂ Conjunction - First Quarter

Conjunctions mark a time when the ball is in your court and your interests will often prevail. You have something new to contribute or discover in the area indicated by the point being transited. Your will is most effective during these times and it is possible to effect changes that have long range results. Here is where you make your plan.



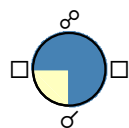
☐ Waxing Square - Second Quarter

The waxing square, between the conjunction and opposition, is a period of initial resistance when the weaknesses of your plan are revealed. Modifications and adaptations will be needed and there is always a danger of going off course and losing sight of the ultimate goal.



♂ Opposition - Third Quarter

The goal is realized, successfully or not, and your message has been delivered. Your creation has been born and it is no longer under your control. Power now is with your opposition, and if you find yourself at odds with authority you are not likely to prevail.



☐ Waning Square - Fourth Quarter

The waning square, between the opposition and conjunction, is a period to learn and reap the benefits of experience. It begins a period that could be difficult and directionless; any feelings of dissatisfaction that arise are forerunners of the new direction that you are beginning to look to.

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	1969	01		♄ 10th	♄ ☾								☐ Asc	
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	1971	03												
	1972	04		♄ 11th										
	1973	05			☐ ☾									
	1974	06	☐ ♈	♄ 12th										
	1975	07										☐ Mc		
	1976	08			☐ ☾							☐ Mc	♄ Asc	
	1977	09		1st								☐ Mc	♄ Asc	
	1978	10		♄ 2nd	♄ ☾								♄ Asc	
	1979	11												
1980	1980	12		♄ 3rd										
	1981	13	♄ ☾											
	1982	14	♄ ☾									♄ Mc		
	1983	15		♄ 4th	♄ ☾							♄ Mc	☐ Asc	
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	1985	17			☐ ☾									
	1986	18		♄ 5th										
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	1988	20			☐ ☾							☐ P		
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1990	1990	22										☐ Mc		
	1991	23		♄ 7th	☐ ☾								♄ Asc	
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