# The Retrograde Planets and what they do.

#### May 2 Pluto turned retrograde until October 11 2024

Political, power structures, deals and control on top levels tend to appear to pull back and use more covert action in the world versus assertive posturing and out in the open declarations as when direct.

#### June 29 Saturn turns Retrograde until November 15, 2024

Saturn retrogrades tend to slow down business, progress with projects and some goals, especially as it begins to stop, go stationary and begin to move forward, such as around November 1 - 20, this year. Saturn retrogrades tend to pull activities into a more focused tightly concentrated theme in our lives, where we simply can no longer ignore something, sometimes painfully. When it begins to turn direct, we can feel the relief of a letting up from the restriction, the tension of feeling contained, slowed down or non productive which the Saturn retrograde at the end brings so strongly.

## July 1 Neptune turns Retrograde until December 7, 2024

Neptune can bring us inspiring feelings, visions, ideals we would like to obtain when direct, so when it turns retrograde, these ideals go within to be processed and re-evaluated. Also certain events may go underground, become peculiar, strange and ambiguous, creating confusion and unrecognizable activities, where things are not what they seem, until Neptune turns direct again.

## August 4 Mercury turns Retrograde at 3\* Virgo up to August 28, 2024.

Since 2003 I have regularly used Mercury retrogrades, a few weeks before up to the retrograde week, for insight and mental clarity. Typically, some new idea or direction might come to my mind that in no way was my own idea, in other words, it would be a piece of information or something I could not have dreamt up myself. Mercury retrogrades have always helped me advance my life in some small or big way.

#### September 1 Uranus turns Retrograde until January 30, 2025

Uranus is our original unconventional planet, but retrograde, it can slow down its radical behavior in our personal lives or the world.

## October 8 Jupiter turns Retrograde until February 4, 2025

Jupiter creates opportunities for greater ease for us with particular situations in life. It enhances right now, all things pertaining to facts, logic, documentations, video/media/recording factual real time documentation. It deals with conversations, emails, gossip and talk.

Jupiter expands communications issues, puts focus upon news, journalism and articles,

movies, documentaries and videos....content creation and all forms of marketing and influencing culture.

Jupiter retrograde tends to stew or brew these issues and activities as if it is building and stirring up particular things. In our own life, it builds and builds a theme, an idea or concept. It might feel frustrating that nothing is concretely powerfully exploding with full potential or launching during these periods, but it is still useful for uncovering and allowing fresh information to permeate our minds for a while. It is like the gathering information stage, and even though there can be strong launches of businesses, significant conversations occurring during a Jupiter retrograde, consider these communications issues as just formulating opinions or just beginning. When Jupiter turns direct on February 4, that is when all systems go, it is green light time for finally a larger more complete picture to be released, and a level of wisdom and comprehension of certain ideas and facts are finally epically understood.

Business, creativity, plans and meetings where we're finally looking for that unilateral decision, that one mind sort of feeling, can finally occur. It's like the October 8 point begins the tide being pulled out to sea by the magnetism of energy surrounding all life, gathering potency, then on **February 4, all these energy** comes rushing in and new life, new cycles and starting points of great things can finally happen.

Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury tend to be the most notable when moving into retrograde. Jupiter retrograde can bring a slight sensation of lack of fun, a lack of stimulation, expansion and adventure to some degree.

Many astrologers place great emphasis on letting everyone know when planets are retrograde, how many planets are retrograde at a particular time, etc... (aside from Mercury) and I understand they are important, especially they can have particularly distinct meaning in your birth chart...but honestly, I personally do not notice the difference very much, if a planet is direct or retrograde... except sometimes for Saturn where it has been retrograde for so long I wonder if it is the reason certain projects and external things I'm used to accomplishing much more effortlessly, are taking so long to get done, or goals not getting reached and are truly delayed, sluggish, as if there is no movement as I mentioned above in the Saturn retrograde. Otherwise, it's not a terribly huge priority to pay too much attention to these things.

**On that note,** Mars will turn retrograde in the first week of December 2024, in Leo, shortly, then move mostly back into Cancer up to April 2024. A concentration upon Leo leadership, authority, investments, stock market activities will be huge as Leo deals with investments.

Mars will oppose Pluto in Capricorn/Aquarius, **(you won't want to miss all the important MARS movements,2024-2025 and you can them all HERE)** go into more of that but it exacerbates the Pluto oppose U.S. Uranus in Leo issue we've been going over in the past six months which is the increase of separation Separation in so many social circles, organizations or other clubs and what not....a separation moment extreme, to break away from some form of manipulation, control or long term ( decades) of abuse within the country or coming from without, outside the average public activities imposed upon them for decades...something is about to break off or break apart.

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