

Capricorn
December 2011

Dear Capricorn, this month could see you walking a tightrope to keep everyone happy! Frequently you have been accused of being too focused on work and financial security, and allowing family obligations to slide. In the early part of this month you may feel some of that very conflict, but you will resolve it well before the holiday.

Saturn and Neptune are joining forces as December opens, dear Capricorn. Saturn is still in your professional aspirations and success sector trying to teach you life lessons. With Neptune in your 2nd house of personal wealth and self-worth you will experience a bit of magic in these areas. Together, Saturn and Neptune combine logic and intuition in a lovely manner. To begin with, this is a wonderful time for you to brainstorm creative ideas that will help you to achieve your professional and financial goals. Later, the focus switches towards the commercial aspects of your job as opposed to the financial. It is similar, but different. You could find it is easier to buy, sell, negotiate, interview, create written and spoken presentations, and to otherwise communicate. Business and commercial activities involving your career are especially blessed at this time.

Through December 9th, Venus and Mars are blending your 1st house of self with your 9th house of long distance travel, relocations, mass media, and global awareness in a strong and positive manner. Together, they encourage you to travel, explore, sign up for college classes, or get involved in politics. Until December 2nd, Pluto will also be involved in helping to add romance, profits, passion, or a deep psychological connection to your various activities.

The sun and Mars begin to argue December 1st through the 9th. The sun is in your mental health, secrets, hospitals, government agencies, and "hidden forces working behind the scenes" sector. Mars is still in your long distance travel, mass media, and global awareness sector. When these two areas clash, we usually see problems and challenges involving legal, political or academic bureaucracies. For example, you could be dealing with a lot of red tape when trying to get a travel visa, or you could be dealing with a slow bureaucratic legal system. Media and cultures reflect these biases, rules, and societal "laws". You could be dealing with battles between the rules and compassion, facts and feelings, religious dogma and spiritual intuition.

December 3rd, 4th and 5th see Mercury wading into the fracas and adding an argumentative energy to the already tense debate.

December 10th hosts a full moon lunar eclipse at 18 degrees of Gemini in your 6th house of work, health and service. With this powerful eclipse energy you could accomplish a fitness goal, quit your diet, or stop beating yourself up over health related issues. You could quit a job, finally land a job after a long unemployment,

say goodbye to an employee, finish a big project or task at work, cross things off of your to-do list, or complete some big project you have been working on. Eclipses often have a profound effect on us. They can work as catalysts to create change in our lives or they sometimes work on a subtler level and it can be a full lunar cycle before we begin to see the changes brought on by the eclipse. As a word of caution dear Capricorn, do watch your health at this time. Gemini rules fingers, hands, arms, shoulders, ribs, lungs and bronchioles. Illness or injury is possible to these areas under this influence.

From December 11th through the 16th, Mercury and Uranus are creating a smart, funny, and charming energy for everyone to use. Mercury is in your secrets sector while Uranus is still in your real estate, housing matters, and coming home sector. This is a good time for working on mortgages, rental contracts, and lease agreements. It is also a good time to extend forgiveness and to bring more peace and harmony into relationships.

December 11th through February 6th, Jupiter and Saturn are opposing each other. Jupiter has been traveling backwards through your personal pleasure, romance, playtime, and happiness sector. Saturn is in your professional aspirations, public reputation, and success sector. The opposition is between your success and your happiness. Someone could be upset about how much time you spend working. They could be jealous and angry that you care too much about what other people think, success, or your standing in the community. It is also possible that your boss, or an authority figure thinks that you spend too much time focusing on your love life, children, or vacation plans. Perhaps you simply feel torn between your need to overcome obstacles and your need to have fun! This could be something major like trying to save your business from going bankrupt while also being a good parent to your children, or it could be something minor like trying to juggle responsibilities with holiday festivities. Do what you can to create balance.

Neptune and Jupiter begin working together to smooth those ruffled feathers from December 16th to January 20th. Neptune is already working nicely with Saturn, and Jupiter is already opposing Saturn. Now with Neptune and Jupiter teaming up together, we see your financial situation is somehow helping to improve the success v. happiness debate. All of this focus on your career and security could be providing more income, which you can then use to splurge on loved ones over the holidays. Maybe this works the other way around and a lover, child, or hobby somehow helping to ease your financial burden and that makes it easier for you to not worry so much about your security. A hobby or favorite pastime could make a lovely second job that helps you to earn extra money. A loved one could come up with a clever idea that helps you with your financial and professional goals.

From December 17th through the 21st, the sun and Saturn are getting along quite nicely. With the sun in your bureaucracies and secrets sector and Saturn in your success and leadership sector, this is an excellent time for analyzing and planning your goals. It is a good time for negotiating deals involving corporations, institutions, government agencies, and other bureaucratic organizations.

December 19th through the 25th we see the sun step into a location where he is able to help Neptune create peace between Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter and Saturn are still in opposition concerning your professional path versus your personal happiness. However, Neptune is in your personal wealth and self-worth sector trying to help smooth things over and now the sun is entering Capricorn in your 1st house of self, adding assistance. This could be a good time for you to find financial solutions that help you create balance between your career and your loved ones and extracurricular activities. You might find that working in an industry that you absolutely love helps you to earn a living and still do the things you love. Or your children or spouse help you to figure it all out. Do not underestimate Neptune's ability to find magical energies to help with the financial portion of the equation, dear Capricorn.

December 24th hosts a new moon in Capricorn in your 1st house of self. When a new moon occurs in your own sign, you get to use it for any topic that you like. It is especially good for creating new beginnings involving you and your outer presentation. Get new clothes, try new hairstyles, and fix your posture or any negative behavioral traits that might make you come across poorly. This is a lovely time for introducing the new and improved you, especially if you have been working on self-improvement projects. This new moon is being influenced by the positive energies involving Saturn, Neptune, and Jupiter. You could find that your career, finances, love life, parenting, hobbies, creative pursuits, and ability to simply enjoy life are all blessed by the new beginning, fresh start, or new project you are launching at this time.

The year ends dear Capricorn with the sun and Pluto traveling as partners through Capricorn and your house of self. Together, they encourage you to stand tall, be strong when things seem overwhelming or difficult, and to follow your passions. Remember that you have Pluto's strength, tenacity, appeal, profits, and ability to uncover the truth in any situation until January of 2024. You have what it takes to persevere, succeed, and thrive.

Merry, merry Christmas dear Capricorn and may you and yours enjoy the happiest of holidays. I wish you peace of mind in the coming year. Know that you are loved.

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