

# **AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES: Jupiter Transits the USA Cancer Planets**

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## **Introduction**

The previous transit of Jupiter through the sign of Cancer took place from August 1, 1989 through August 18, 1990. During the past 12 years, the USA has been at the forefront of stimulating global growth. The result is that everyone, in spite of themselves, has benefited from Jupiter's influence.

In ancient astrology, Jupiter was the great benefic. More than enough of anything was considered a wondrous blessing. However, I think the US sees the greater malefic Saturn as the more desirable planet. Americans seem to prefer to meet challenges and overcome disadvantages, and they have an entrepreneurial spirit.

There are all sorts of charts you can use for the USA but for now print out the Sibley chart (July 4, 1776 - 4:50 p.m. LMT - Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10). We will avoid talking about the Ascendant and the MC because, for this discussion, what is important is the stellium of Cancer planets. We will use a 5-degree orb (applying) for the transiting planets.

During the next six months, Jupiter will make a conjunction with the USA chart's Sun, Jupiter and Venus. Finally Jupiter will run quickly past Mercury on his way into Leo in August 2002. Saturn will cross back and forth across the USA Uranus and trine its own natal position.

Let's put it this way: Jupiter means expansion and abundance, in the category of its current sign position. This country has so much abundance that our government did the most unprecedented maneuver ever--it mailed every taxpayer a check. These checks were in the mail when Jupiter entered Cancer.

The news services have had a terrible challenge during the past few months, trying to find "poor me" stories. There was even a story about how recently laid-off employees didn't bother filing for unemployment insurance. Filing the forms was too much paperwork for such a paltry sum--according to the folks interviewed by the reporter.

So, let's start with the Jupiter transit of Venus. Venus represents earned income. Tax rebate? Did you get your letter between July 15 and 31? Americans even had a few extra dollars in their paycheck as a result of the tax cut.

The stock market had grand discussions about the value of the dollar and how the devalued Euro and Yen had hurt the earnings reports of our favorite multi-national

corporations. Our expensive dollar could purchase an imported Mercedes cheap but Daimler-Chrysler's bottom line suffered in the translation.

### **ABUNDANCE**

Jupiter moved on and that allowed the Euro to move up a bit in value. Next stop: the US natal Jupiter. Americans love big houses. They love to fill them up with 'stuff,' and when one house gets full, they just buy another one. Housing and construction have kept the economy roaring. Carpenters have had full employment all summer. And the roads to these new houses have kept their colleagues equally busy. Former president Jimmy Carter has everyone out pounding nails, building houses all over the countryside.

Next is Jupiter conjunct the USA Sun. The overweight citizens are running around in gas hog SUV's. They are working 24/7. They are so self-confident that 'dress for success' means a clean T-shirt and holeless jeans. The population is happy in its own backyard. Folks are reading Harry Potter books to the kids, cooking on the barbecue, and splashing around whatever.

### **THE HEAD OF THE DRAGON: Why is this transit so different from previous ones?**

The North Node has also been transiting these planets from the other direction. The North Node is sometimes characterized as the head of the dragon. The 'mouth' takes in all sorts of food, chews it a while and converts the food to energy--or sometimes spits it out.

In April 2000 the North Node moved into Cancer. The first victim was Mercury and the NASDAQ (February 5, 1971 - 10:00 a.m. - NY, NY). We will assume that the NASDAQ tasted pretty nasty since it was having a Saturn return and was also full of hot air. The dragon tasted it and spit it right back out; the telecom industry splattered everywhere. He tasted a few more communications companies, and by the first of November 2000, he had fairly well tried them all and determined they needed to reorganize.

Next was the Sun. The USA CEO is the President. The North Node was at 17 Cancer, ready to chew up and spit out the previous administration and then take on the new CEO as soon as he could find him. Of course, the headlines were about the USA President; but the North Node does not discriminate. The dragon chewed up every CEO he could find. The Wall Street Journal described the carnage with euphemistic phrases like "golden parachutes," "white collar layoff," "early retirement packages," etc. The dragon spits red ink.

Well, the dragon thought he could rip right into Jupiter. No problem. August 10, 2001 marked as close as the two would get. Transiting Jupiter arrived on the scene to duke it out with the dragon. The score for the pitch battle can be seen in the Dow Jones averages. It is still raging, with the mighty giant Jupiter trying to protect the sweet vulnerable Venus. This fight will continue until All Saints Day. The prediction is that the dragon will retreat into Gemini on October 15, leaving Jupiter to turn around and pick up the pieces.

Hey! That was a pretty good story. But what about Saturn? He stations and trines the USA natal Saturn, as a matter of fact, on September 27, 2001. Yep, that is true. Well, someone has to pay for the carnage. Or will this transit raise the market averages?

Saturn is in Gemini. Hmm...

In financial astrology our starting point is the cycles of the planets. Their transit of each sign is our primary consideration.

### **EXERCISES**

1. Where do you see Jupiter abundance in your life, around your home?
2. Can you think of examples of the North Node chewing through Cancer?
3. Does the transit of Jupiter or the North Node add to the NASDAQ problems?
4. Saturn trine natal USA Saturn. Speculations invited?

If your are interested in learning the basics of Financial Astrology, you should check out my classes at Online College of Astrology ([www.astrocollege.org](http://www.astrocollege.org)).

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