

Lunar Highs and Lows

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(All times Eastern)

October is home to three of the most recognizable stock market crashes—1929, 1987 and 1997—all of which share similar astrological setups with October 2019.

First, the crashes in 1929 (Great Depression), 1987 (market down 21% in one day) and 1997 (Asian Financial Crisis) all occurred on the 27th day of the 7th lunar month. This year, that is **Thursday, October 24, which is our Top Red Letter Trading Day.**

Second, the transiting planets on the previous crash days and on October 24 shared the following connections with the natal horoscope of the S&P 500 index (and, yes, even though the S&P 500 did not yet exist in 1929):

- Conjunction to Neptune (trine Venus and Mercury)
- Opposite to Sun
- Opposite to Moon

Third, the market peaked in a last-chance-to-sell-before-the-crash within two days of the first-quarter moon that month. This year, the first-quarter moon is on Saturday, October 5, so the last trading day before that is **Friday, October 4.**

For more detail about these similarities, please see my blog post, “Beware October and the Stock Market.” <http://bit.ly/bewareoctober>

This month's dates of astrological note include:

October 2	Pluto direct in motion
October 2	Mercury enters Scorpio
October 4	Mars enters Libra
October 8	Venus enters Scorpio
October 13	Full Moon in Aries
October 23	Sun enters Scorpio
October 27	New Moon in Scorpio
October 31	Mercury retrograde begins

This month's dates for potential market trend changes include:

Crude Oil

High on October 21

Low on October 4

Euro FX

High on October 29

Low on October 7

Gold

Highs on October 24, October 28-29

Low on October 16

Soybeans

High on October 3

Low on October 15

S&P 500

High on October 4

Lows on October 10, October 24

10-year T-note

Lows on October 1, October 7, October 18

Red Letter Trading Days for October 2019

-Tuesday, October 1—Big Debt

Big debt is in the cosmic picture on the first day of the fiscal 2020 budget for the United States (even though a new budget has not been settled, and the government is funded through November 21). The planets behind this include Venus, which rules money; it is in the fair and balanced sign of Libra, which it rules. However, Venus is at odds with Pluto, ruler of debt, in the sign of Capricorn that rules government. Their 90-degree square is exact at 12:18 am. Expect the new budget ultimately to increase the country's debt, but only after tension-filled debate.

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Today's reports include:

Monday 7:30 pm Japan Unemployment Rate

Monday 7:50 pm Japan Tankan

Monday 8:30 pm Japan PMI Manufacturing Index

+Thursday, October 3—Power Up

After shedding more than 100 points in two days, the S&P 500 could get a breath of fresh air on Thursday, October 3. In overnight trading hours, two planets make significant shifts.

First, Pluto turns direct in motion at 2:39 am, ending its five-month vacation while retrograde. Now, Pluto in Capricorn is back in business as it seeks to transform business and government. Second, Mercury enters the sign of Scorpio at 4:14 am. This move supports digging deep for information or revealing deep, dark secrets.

Note that two price conversion levels of planetary positions in the launch horoscope of the S&P 500 index have been significant this week. The first is the ascendant conversion of 2944, which has been a stronghold of support/resistance since August. The market held that level on Friday, September 27, but closed below it on Tuesday, October 1. The second level is 2863, which is the important end-of-cycle Sun conversion level. Wednesday's low stopped at 2874, and the close was 13 points higher than that.

Thursday's reports include:

Wednesday 8:30 pm Japan PMI Composite
Wednesday 9:30 pm Australia Merchandise Trade
4:30 am Great Britain CIPS/PMI Services Index
5:00 am Eurozone Retail Sales
8:30 am US Jobless Claims

+Friday, October 4—Last Chance Moon

The first-quarter moon on Saturday, October 5 could signal a last-chance rally in the S&P 500 if the October setup follows the pattern of three previous stock market crash events in 1929, 1987 and 1997. In each of those years, the market peaked within two days of the preceding first-quarter moon. Watch for resistance at astrologically sensitive levels of 2931, and especially 2944.

Putting pressure on the market is that action-taker Mars enters the sign of Libra at 12:22 am. Because Libra is the opposite of Mars' ruling sign of Aries, this placement is the one the planet is at its least effective to move forward.

Today's reports include:

8:30 am US Employment Situation

8:30 am US International Trade

8:30 am Canada Merchandise Trade

-Monday, October 7—Troubling Messages

Beware of overnight news that could rattle the markets as communicator Mercury opposes chief upsetter Uranus at 2:17 am. The upsetting news could create out-of-the-norm volatility.

In the last hour of trading, the Sun makes a 90-degree square to Saturn at 3:07 pm. Thus, the day's overall tone is one of leaders at odds with rulemakers.

In the markets, look for lows in the Euro FX and 10-yr. T-note markets based on how transiting planets align with their first-trade horoscopes.

Today's reports include:

Sunday 9:45 pm China General Services PMI

4:00 pm US Crop Progress

-Tuesday, October 8—Hidden Money

The planet that rules money, Venus, enters its absolute least favorite sign of Scorpio at 1:06 pm on Tuesday, October 8. With Venus in Scorpio, hidden details about money can get unearthed. It also is an excellent time to dig deep into monetary research projects. Venus in Scorpio is more about finding out what could support future investment rather than being gung-ho about current potential. Venus remains in Scorpio through November 1.

Tuesday's reports include:

Monday 7:30 pm Japan Household Spending

8:30 am US PPI-FD

-Monday, October 14—Power Rules

Sunday's Full Moon, exact at 5:08 pm, is in tension-filled conversation with power planets Saturn and Pluto. The Sun in Libra pleads for cooler heads to prevail, the Moon in Aries sees nothing wrong with acting on fiery emotions, with Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn making the deciding call to behave responsibly, but make a point that it is time for change.

Potential for hidden conversations among respected long-timers to leak in overnight trading as Mercury makes a 60-degree aspect to Saturn at 2:56 am.

Monday's reports include:

5:00 am Eurozone Industrial Production

+Tuesday, October 15—Thoughtfulness

It's a kinder, gentler day on Tuesday, October 15 with communications planet Mercury in a helpful, pleasant trine aspect to dreamy Neptune. With both planets in Water signs, there is a go-with-the-flow attitude that could be valuable when it comes to creating a new vision for moving forward.

Look for a potential low in the soybean market, ahead of the USDA's weekly Crop Progress report that was delayed due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday.

Tuesday's reports include:

Monday 9:30 pm China CPI

2:45 am France CPI

4:30 am Great Britain Labour Market Report

4:00 pm US Crop Progress

-Monday, October 21—Money Slide

Watch for a potential slide down a slippery slope on Monday, October 21. The money planet Venus is in an easy relationship with Neptune, the great dissolver, exact at 3:40 pm, going into the 4 pm close. Both planets are in water signs, emphasizing the getting washed away theme.

Look for a potential high in crude oil prices, based on planetary positions similar to previous market highs.

Monday's reports include:

Sunday 7:50 pm Japan Merchandise Trade

4:00 pm US Crop Progress

-Wednesday, October 23—Penetrating

When the Sun enters the sign of Scorpio at 1:20 pm on Wednesday, October 23, the energy shifts drastically. For the last month, the Sun has been in Libra, which brings focus to being fair-minded and even-keeled. In Scorpio, the Sun takes a much darker turn into being penetrating and secretive.

Wednesday's reports include:

Tuesday 5:45 pm New Zealand Merchandise Trade

10:30 am US EIA Petroleum Status

-Thursday, October 24—Crashing

27th day of 7th lunar month

Transits to S&P 500

Sun conjunct Neptune (trine Mercury/Venus)

Mars opposite Moon

Moon opposite Sun

Venus/Mercury opposite Mars

Gold high

S&P 500 low

Today's reports include:

3:15 am France PMI Composite Flash

3:30 am Germany PMI Composite Flash

4:00 am Eurozone PMI Composite Flash

7:45 am ECB Announcement

8:30 am US Durable Goods Orders

8:30 am US Jobless Claims

10:00 am US New Home Sales

+Friday, October 25—Recovery

Venus in Scorpio sextile Pluto in Capricorn at 5:52 am

Today's reports include:

4:00 am Germany Ifo Survey

3:00 pm US Cattle on Feed

-Monday, October 28—Secret Upsets

Sunday at 11:39 pm New Moon in Scorpio

Sunday at 10:31 am Mars in Libra square Saturn in Capricorn
Sun in Scorpio opposite Uranus in Taurus at 4:15 am

Fed meets Oct. 29-30

Euro FX high on October 29
Gold high October 28-29

Today's reports include:

8:30 am US International Trade in Goods
4:00 pm US Crop Progress

-Thursday, October 31—Money Review

Mercury conjunct Venus in Scorpio at 6:05 pm Wednesday
Mercury retrograde at 11:41 am through Nov. 20

EU deadline to Brexit

Today's reports include:

Wednesday 7:50 pm Japan Industrial Production
3:45 am France CPI
6:00 am Eurozone GDP Flash
6:00 am Eurozone HICP Flash
6:00 am Italy CPI
7:00 am Italy GDP
8:30 am US Jobless Claims
8:30 am US Personal Income and Outlays
8:30 am Canada Monthly GDP



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September Review – Top Day Sets Monthly Top

September's Top Red Letter Trading Day was Thursday, September 19, and it marked the day the S&P 500 made its high for the month at 3021.99. It was just the fourth time the market has exceeded 3020, and was just 6 points below the all-time high of 3027.98 on July 26.

The day featured a Grand Trine in Earth among the Sun and Mars in Virgo, Moon in Taurus and Pluto in Capricorn that indicated support for practical change by people in power. I picked this day because four central banks over the previous two days made policy announcements—United States, Japan, Switzerland and Great Britain. The Fed cut rates by the expected 25 basis points on Wednesday, although it was divided in its decision. Following the Fed's move, the other three central banks held their rates steady.

For the S&P 500 market, the transiting Sun was conjunct the index's first-trade Jupiter, which signified a peak of optimism. As a trigger, the transiting Moon was aligned with the S&P 500 natal Mars and at a 90-degree angle to natal Pluto.

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