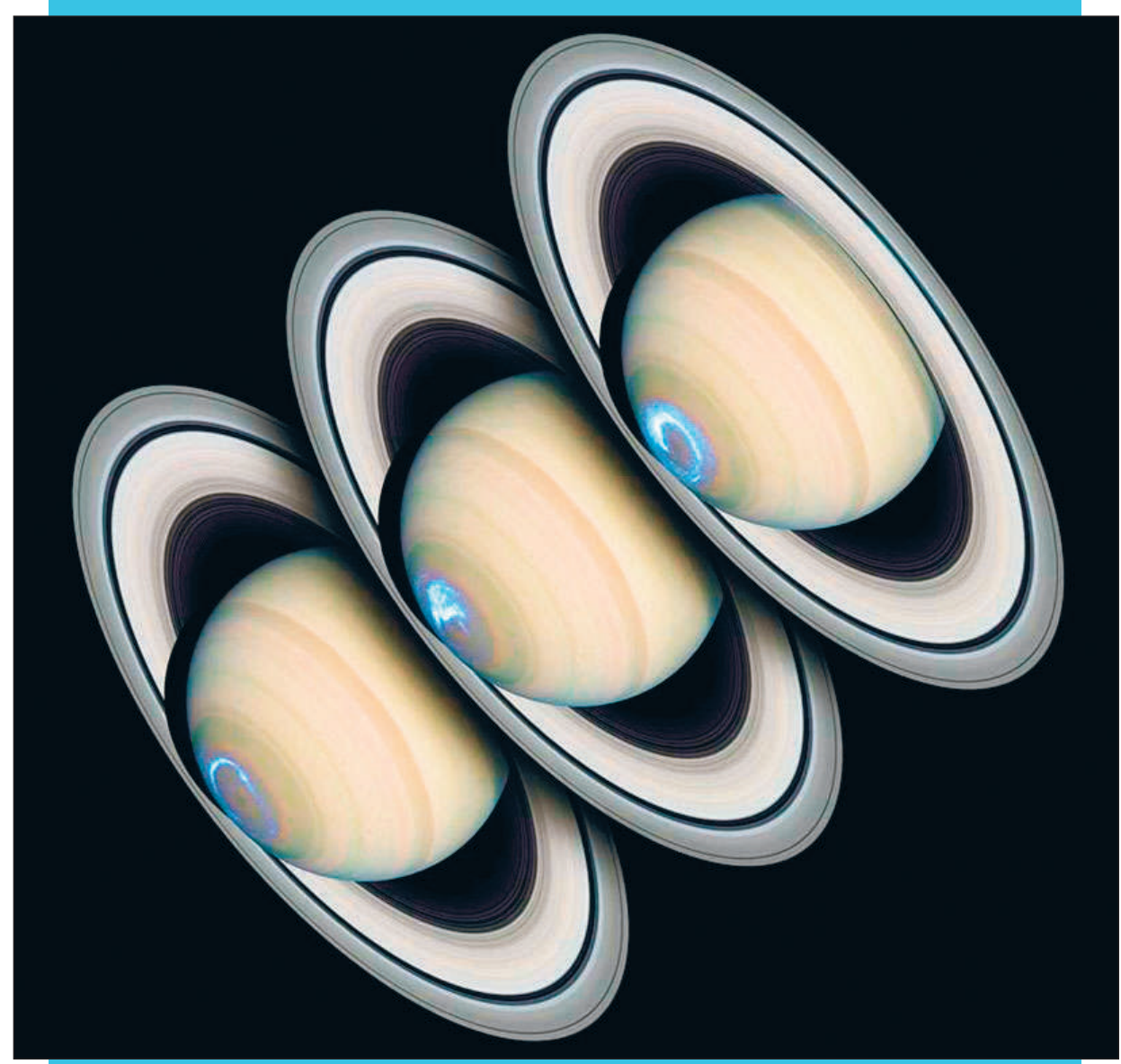


SATURN COOLS YOUR SUROUNDINGS

Saturn is a hard task master which puts you through hardships to give you a new lease of life which is much improved and purified, writes astrologer Vipul Saxena



Saturn returned to Zodiac sign Cancer on May 26, 2005, on completion of its retrograde motion. Here's what it brings for all of you. **What is retrograde motion?** It's an apparent movement of going backward over the track one has already been through. Saturn deals with our responsibilities, rules of living, how do design our lives and limitations to various chores of life. Hence, during this period one goes through reformation process by putting efforts to amend the Karmas through introspection/reviews. Saturn has been in Retrogression since November 8, 2004 and turns direct now from May 25, 2005. Hence, now you have the opportunity to apply every lesson that you've learned about in the past nine months and reap the long-term results. Saturn moves really slowly but finally you are going to get some forward movement. Hence, have patience.

Here's what's in store for you

ARIES: Put a little hard work and you will get slow but steady desired career and financial boost. There is an indication of positive growth in career and finances but it could be slightly below the expected level. Hence, put in little extra hard work to attain the desired goals. Some of you may have to face unexpected results in profession and materialistic aspects, but this will be a temporary phase. This will also be a competitive phase; be strong and face the situation. You will emerge a winner.

TAURUS: The whole period will be full of mixed results. There are indications of stress, responsibilities, opportunities with some extra workload and family and health-related hassles. But ultimately, through effective communication, you will be able to achieve remarkable growth and some relief from problems like chronic ailments and family disputes. There will be improved finances throughout the period but at the same time increased expenses for children's education/health matters. You will also enjoy access to wealth, new clothes and precious stones etc. Those who are in conventional business sticking to time-tested methods shall be rewarded.

GEMINI: Struggle till August and then enjoy a long inning of happiness. You are currently passing through a final phase of *sade-sati*. This brings difficulty in getting results. It predicts problems in finances/family/immigration. However, Don't worry. Saturn delays but does not deny. Hence, key to success is hard work. There will not be any full stops... after August 28, 2005. No doubt it's a period of struggle, but eventually you will gain. You need to take extra care to ensure there no ifs and buts while dealing with any issue relating to legal matters. Some of you ladies might suffer from excessive expenditures/persistent health problems and hurdles/downfall in career. Women in the business of acting may remain occupied and busy due to flooding of new deals.

CANCER: Be prepared for ups and downs/ work pressures/ hassles/ struggles but ultimately for gain. Your sign is going through the toughest period of *sade-sati* (second phase). Extra efforts shall be the golden rule to survive. Wait for success when Saturn cools down. The hassling and unsettling

effects of Saturn shall be experienced by most of the natives. This is the time when some of you can get recognition, but it may not be very easy, you have to put in extra effort to prove yourself. Many of you will find relief from ongoing differences with parents/ disturbed family life. Inflow of finances also will improve slowly.

LEO: Hardships ahead for a few more months. Be patient. You are running through the first phase of *sade-sati*, a period of heavy and unexpected expenses for you. Many a times, most of you might find a financial crisis/constraints. The beginning of *sade-sati* itself is not a very welcome phenomenon in terms of hardships but on the positive side, it churns the whole system of your lifestyle and ultimately you will mature. It is indicated that you will have to put in extra efforts for financial/material gains. A few months from now, some of you may get new opportunities. Till August 2005, may be a tough period for some. However, after September 2005, things will improve.

VIRGO: Cheers! It's time for celebrations, growth and financial gains. For your sign, Saturn is in one of the most favourable positions manifesting career growth, financial gains and much awaited happiness in family matters. Some of you may have been facing some sort of delays and tensions in these matters till now but from September 2005 onwards be ready to get complete relief from all such trends. Wedding bells for many. Also, those aspiring to be proud parents, be sure you will not be disheartened this time.

LIBRA: Phase of delays/ stagnations/ frustration are over! Be ready to enjoy results. Saturn is in the house of profession for you. It indicates some delays, persistent efforts and work responsibilities. But from August 2005 onwards you would get involved in new deals, oversees visits, contacts and so on. Students and job-seekers look forward for encouraging period, family matters improve. Family life which was being neglected for quite some time will see some entertaining time for a change. Students appearing in competitive examinations and job-

seekers looking abroad can expect good news soon bringing overall enhancement. Be careful, you may have some problems in partnerships, your competitors may try to tarnished your image. This period can bring certain rise and falls for you till September 2005.

SCORPIO: Come out of your shell; it's a lucky time, work hard and gain results beyond expectations. Saturn is placed in your house of luck, though you may have be going through rigours for quite sometime, now is the time when luck will shine and all the delays, stagnations and frustrations will vanish from September 2005 onwards. But to get what you need, you have to put in hard work. Students appearing in competitive examinations will secure marks to get admission in desired courses. Job seekers will do well in interviews and those expecting promotions will get it soon. This is the time for entrepreneurs to venture in new deals which has been pending final decision. Be sure the partnership deeds will not let you down. However, you need to take little extra care in case of partnerships/contract deals for overseas projects/assignments. This is a time for overall enhancement in all aspects of life.

SAGITTARIUS: Goodbye extra efforts and delays. Extra efforts in terms of career shall be needed, no doubt, but that particular phase running for the past two years is virtually over. Now, it's time to see the brighter side of effects of Ashtama Saturn. A very favourable time for students has just begun from May 10, 2005. Those of you facing hurdles, delays in promotion/authority will now get it. Politicians seeking favours from voters will do well and come out victorious. Some of you may get married and even become proud parents in the next one-and-a-half years. Finances will be better.

CAPRICORN: This phase of Saturn will bring overall mixed results for you. It indicates difficulty in getting results. But remember, Saturn delays but never denies. So if you work hard, things will improve. However, one a positive note, you will be able to manage affairs in your favour through sensible planning and hard work. Finances show up soon but expenditures too are on the rise. This is the time for hard work for professionals, those of you trying to establish careers can gain success after October 2005.

AQUARIUS: Saturn is placed in your House of competitions, rivalry and health which indicates that those of you struggling to settle in your education, career as professionals, and as politicians may look up for positive results as all the hard times and undue hassles are going to disappear, especially after September 2005. Those of you planning/ trying career overseas can expect a complete turnaround from what you have been seeing from past three years. Hence, pack your bags and get ready to fly abroad after October 2005. Finances too will improve from October 2005. You may plan to buy property/vehicle.

PISCES: Career front will see new opportunities, responsibilities, avenues for you. Though you may have to put in a little extra effort, recognition awaits for quite a few of you. Those involved in partnerships are likely to find a new zeal and promising results from September 2005 onwards. Some of you will gain extensively in finances and inheritance. Enjoy travel and tourism! Brace yourself for the next phase of churning process. Those of you who wish to marry will soon meet their soul-mate, those of you wanting to travel abroad for recreation will get their dream come true by December 2005.

Stop worrying and go with the flow

ARIES: This week is a time when you need to let go of your past and to move on in life. You have the discipline and determination to overcome any evil or obstacles that may come your way. But from all this, something positive will emerge. Great strength and force are at your disposal. Focus your mind and concentrate your energies towards pursuing a goal. Your card also indicates a new beginning in your emotional life.

TAURUS: You are feeling stuck or confused about making an important decision or choice. The options are too numerous. Just remember that you cannot have everything and that you need to focus and concentrate on one thing at a time. Wishful thinkin will be your worst enemy. Learn to be more realistic and practical in what you want in life and also in what you want to achieve. Let go of your expectations, old or new.

GEMINI: Your card suggests the completion or ending of matters. You need to let go of the past to make way for the future. Cars or appliances may break down, but nothing to tear your hair about. Things will get fixed and in their own time. Your interests will now turn to charitable or humanitarian causes. Focus now on letting go — especially of people, situations or beliefs not needed in your life. Not a time to accept new projects.

CANCER: You may need to rely on inner strength, patience and

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gentleness to solve your problems. Now is a time to have faith in yourself. Your position is strong and you need to be able to confront someone who has been pushing you around. A tactful and diplomatic approach will lead to success. If you are about to sign a contract, do remember to read all the fine print. Be careful about whom you say yes or no to.

LEO: This is a time of developments occurring on the physical plane. The situation could involve your money, job, education, physical health, a house or a project that will produce profitable results. You will also be rewarded for doing a competent job and using your skills, knowledge and talents. If a student, you will receive some good news. In questions about romance and relationships, stop being so emotional.

VIRGO: This is a positive time for you especially where finances, security, inheritances and past investments are concerned. Work goes well and a raise in pay is also possible. A parental figure, close friend or family member will give you the necessary assistance. In your personal relationships, you will soon be in the process of getting married or starting your own family. If already involved, then spend more time with family.

LIBRA: Your card for this week suggests a gift, the receipt or loan of money or the chance to participate in a business opportunity. Someone owing you money is likely to pay up now. Financial assistance is in the near future, and you will receive what is rightfully yours. This is a time for generosity, sound investing and sharing your wealth. In the romance department you will have the chance to renew with an old acquaintance.

SCORPIO: Your card signifies a waiting period during which you may feel restless as you prepare for changes. You are at the early stages of a new enterprise and you may feel uneasy about any further progress. Stop worrying about it, and learn to go with the flow. This week is also a good time for dealing with your problems from a different point of view. You must assert yourself more positively and try to be more in charge.

SAGITTARIUS: Activities this week will involve personal relationships, family, home, loved ones, creative ventures, and romance. There will be a chance to further your education and improve your career. Travel is not likely now, so stop making plans. Home, family and the needs of children or elders do require your attention. Tact, forgiveness and understanding are



CARD CALL: Juhi Babbar

Action reaction!

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ASTRO SPEAK

At times I do believe in astrology but within limits. As a child, astrology didn't interest me in the least. My father, who though not a blind follower of astrology, does believe in the subject. And as I grew up, he started explaining the subject to us in bits, in a very scientific way; that's how astrology started making sense to me.

Yes, I have been to astrologers and have mixed impressions of them — some have been very accurate, while the others totally incorrect. I wouldn't go out of my way to meet an astrologer but if I come across one, I wouldn't mind meeting him. We don't have any family astrologer but there are a few who are close to my father.

As a pastime, I do enjoy reading my astro forecast, though at times it can play on your mind. For instance, if I were to travel on a particular day and my forecast has warned me against it, I would still go ahead but would take a few precautions. One can't dismiss astrology altogether; it's a very vast science and the problem is that very few people can master it. I think the same applies to related sciences like *vaastu shastra* and tarot card reading.

When our new home was being built, my parents had complied with certain principles of *vaastu shastra*. I believe in the underlying principle of *vaastu* vibrations. Personally too, I'm very receptive to vibes from people, whether positive or negative. But I don't have any faith in tarot cards — I've been to a very renowned tarot card reader who didn't predict anything accurately about my future. Lately, a friend who is studying astrology is insistent that I change the spelling of my name, but I'm not quite convinced as yet. However, I do wear two rings; one of yellow sapphire and the other of cat's eye because my father asked me to wear them. I don't know if they're lucky for me, they're more of a habit now.

I'm a fatalist and I believe in the theory of karma — our actions make our destiny that astrology cannot alter. It can at best guide you towards certain precautions that you can take in your interest.

As told to KANAKA SINGH