
Capricorn and Capricorn Rising

December 21 - January 19

Forecast for 2018



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Capricorn, the next two years will be growth oriented. That's easy to predict, because it is rare anyone, Capricorn or other zodiac sign, does not have the opportunity to grow or evolve. *These* next years, though, for Capricorn and Capricorn Rising are particularly significant.

Let's start with expansive and wide-ranging growth this year. To connect with this energy you must involve yourself with other people. More specifically, groups of people who have common interests.

This year your association with groups or organizations can positively support what you have your heart set on. You may be involved in a club, league, or guild. You may have a group of friends you call your tribe. Are they still the ones who resonate with the kinds of social values you do? Could you improve those relationships?

Take time and consider in a deep way what kinds of people you consider community, then get involved, connected and flourish with those in your tribe. Rebuild relationships or find new ones involved in what interests you. You don't have to be best friends to benefit from like-minded connections. Some Capricorns can find themselves leading groups.

What if you resist the idea of groups? Open your mind to alternative views of what a group, or a collection of like-minded people is, and where they can be found. You may never meet your connections in person if they are on-line, for example.

This year, step out of your comfort zone and make an effort to socialize. It will be much easier this year and benefit you personally. You may find yourself with a new dream or making progress on one you have had for a long time. The advantages improve if the dream you focus on this year has value to more than just you.

Remember this forecast is a general one for Capricorn and Capricorn Rising. To be more accurate and personal to you and your life, an astrologer would look at your personal horoscope, which is constructed by using three elements: Birth Date, Birth Time, Birth Location.

There is a website called MeetUp.com. On this site you can find local meet up groups in with an assortment of interests—— technology, career improvement, leadership, mountain climbing, nature groups and so on. You can establish your own group on this site.

Expansion and growth through social interaction is part of the story this year. The rest of the growth story in 2018, is the kind related to maturity.

Each year, everyone has a strong focus which, overall, involves more work and responsibility than the other areas. One dimension of life becomes an astrological priority for two year and a half years. This process may commence at any time in a year depending on your personal horoscope.

This year is the beginning of a new focal point for Capricorns or Capricorn Rising. It involves you, the core of you, and your basic life purpose. The planet Saturn, the one with whom you are most connected astrologically, changed zodiac signs late in 2017 to Capricorn.

At one point Saturn will be positioned at the exact point where your Capricorn Sun is located or on your Ascendant (another way of saying Capricorn Rising). Before it reaches that point, you are in a culminating period which began about 29 years ago.

Some Capricorns are reaching a point of recognition and achievement this year. Regardless of whether you do or do not feel successful, some of what you have identified with is ready to be let go of. In other circumstances, you may decide to build upon what has been established.

Saturn will give you indicators of what is meant to be released or built upon. A phase of your life is ending as you know it. The *good* news is a cycle is starting even though you may have doubts about whether it is true.

The *bad* news is letting go can feel like a burden with all kinds of guilt connected to it. You may even feel depressed or get sick over it. Please don't. It's not necessary.

The *good* news is you can take the time you need to deconstruct your old self and build a strategy for the future which includes rebuilding your sense of status, security and creative purpose in a slow, but sure way.

Regardless of struggle or not, a new identity is gestating and eventually will become a wiser and mature you.

It's helpful to make time for enjoying life and relaxing. It's during those times foundations are set and solidified, like bones in a cast.

You are in the culmination phase if you were born **December 31 - January 19 or Capricorn Rising at 10 - 29 degrees**. Use this year, or continue to use this year, contemplating your journey over the last 29 years. What are proud of? What have you been successful at? What have you not done so well and what could you have done better?

You may progressively feel like you are at the end of a road. Hopefully you have been forming ideas about the future. It's a good time to dream and develop a master plan, but not ripe to implement yet.

It's better to wrap up until you are officially in the new phase next year. This year is also a good year to stay on top of your health, your bones, your heart, circulation, and your spine regardless of whether you are in the ending or the beginning part of the cycle.

You are in the new phase or birthing stage this year if you were born **December 21 - 30 or Capricorn Rising at 0 - 9 degrees**. As a Capricorn, in general, you understand planning and dedication is required to achieve goals. Gradually over the next years, you will begin to implement changes. What occurs now is more likely to be unpremeditated. Your response to the changes depend on whether you have felt on track with your life and purpose or not.

You can make adjustments in either case with self-discipline. If you have been successful and feel on purpose then you are setting the karmic stage for another new 29 years. If you have not been happy with your life's work, the outcome or how you've pursued it, here is a chance to move forward more responsibly and with a fresh start.

Examples of common, but not all, possibilities of what can occur:

- Responsibility for an aging or ill father (or father figure).
- Children of Capricorns may experience troubles or burdens which require your attention.
- Career or professional changes.
- Recognition for hard work, including the expectation of further hard work.

This Saturn cycle is coinciding with Pluto in Capricorn. Read the **Evolutionary Patterns** segment.

Notable Saturn Retrograde period: April 17 - September 6. The entry and exit point of this period will provide clues on what your responsibility to Saturn is.

A contrasting celestial energy could be relevant for you depending on your birthday.

As a general statement, since 2010, when eccentric Uranus entered Aries, Capricorns' unconscious has been tweaked, zapped and electrified to another reference of what it means to be an individual.

Some Capricorns already have fully lived through this awakening experience either the hard way by resisting or with a sense of excitement. Others are just coming into contact with new possibilities which feel so foreign to the current experience of life. They are **Capricorns born January 13 - 20 and Capricorn Rising at 24 - 29 degrees.**

This group is subject to spontaneous relocations, chaos on the home front, or wanting to decondition from old family patterns. We don't want to label a surprising event as bad or good. We do want to stress the idea of waking up, feeling just enough tension to force action which ultimately will separate you from what you (or your Soul) do not want or need anymore — that which is conditioned or imprinted from childhood or a prior life. This can make life exciting and refreshing, or stressful, or even both until you've sorted your awarenesses out.

Another small group, those born at the beginning of Capricorn, roughly between **December 21 - 24 or Capricorn Rising at 0° - 2° 30'**, will experience an invigorating and supportive relationship with Uranus, who will change zodiac signs from Aries to Taurus for part of this year.

Taurus is an Earth sign and as a Fixed sign insists on stability. This is an awkward match for Uranus, a planet known for an eccentric orbit. How can stability be found in unstable movement? For Capricorn, through creative self-expression. This group made fundamental changes and now have the luxury or freedom to explore their unique gifts.

Possibilities between May 18 - November 16:

Looking for a relationship? Uranus may produce— out of thin air— someone different from you, yet, with a similar value system. This would be someone whose meeting is significant for the future. It can be a romance, but also a friendship.

Looking for a new hobby or form of creativity? You may be surprised what you are drawn to. Taurus energy could involve food or the culinary arts, also speculation and gambling and risky money matters.

Ideas? If you spark an out-of-the-ordinary, non-characteristic idea and act on it, if all other energies concur, it will be stimulating and successful. If it is risky, future oriented and fun, quite possibly it will role out faster than expected. And, you'll enjoy the process.

Children can contribute to the joy of life by being the projection of what this Uranian energy is for you. They may be the risk takers; they may become more expressive. They will feel free to learn something like a new agricultural technique.

This period can be a solid adventure which manifests quickly, brings value and joy into life.

A message for your Capricorn heart from the Buddha: Who you are and what you do should not be a hairbreadth apart.

Astrological Events.

Your essential needs and desires

Both Mars and Venus retrograde this year. Retrogrades are the illusion of planets changing direction and appearing to move backward in the heavens. If you are driving in a car and notice a train or a faster car passing you, look at the wheels. They will appear to be moving backwards. This is the illusion of a planetary retrograde in the sky.

From an astrological perspective these retrogrades give us a chance to review key areas in our life. For this forecast we will address two retrogrades occurring this year and how you can use them to your benefit.

Mars Retrograde in Aquarius and Capricorn

Mars: Passion, desire and courage.

June 26 - August 27. Finding courage to slow down and look within at your values and/or your finances is highlighted during this retrograde. The key is objectivity and an openness to receive insight of how or what to improve. All must be aligned with your desires and according to your highest values. Have an openminded and fair conversation with yourself or two sides of yourself. By August 12, your physical energy is not optimal and you may suffer from lack of initiative... temporarily. Check in to see if root cause is anger, fear or guilt directed at yourself or others. Then, plan steps to resolve with integrity when Mars returns to forward motion.

June 26 is energized for **December 28 - 31 birthdays or Capricorn Rising at 8 - 10 degrees.**

August 27 is potent for **January 16 - 20 birthdays or Capricorn Rising at 27 - 29 degrees.**

Venus Retrograde in Scorpio and Libra

Venus: Essential needs, values, relation to self and others.

October 5 - November 11. Meaningful consideration about income from career could be one area of interest during this period. So could a review of your hopes and dreams. Do your aspirations continue to be significant? Similarly, are your group connections still valuable? This period is a great time to review whether what you've been longing for meets your needs.

After October 31, look at the reality of your place in the world. Do you find it one of peace and harmony or of discord? Is there a balance in giving and receiving; listening and sharing? Codependence or interdependence? Is behavior honest and principled? Reflect on how you can live true to your standards in the world while allowing the same for the world especially if the two are incongruent. The point is to reflect and come to greater awareness of your needs and values within your society or culture.

For this whole period, find ways to spend time engaging with beauty. Museums and other institutions often have art on the walls or statues at entrances. Take a look and appreciate the work of those artists who likely were chosen to express an aspect of culture in a meaningful way.

With all Venus Retrogrades: this is a time to reflect on your values and your relationships, not to make any extreme purchases or get married. You can always buy later.

October 5 is energized for **December 30 - January 1** birthdays or **Capricorn Rising at 9 - 11 degrees.**

November 11 is activated for **January 13 - 16** birthdays or **Capricorn Rising at 24 - 26 degrees.**

Communication, Travel and Work/Life Details

Mercury is a planet associated with communication, negotiation, travel, contracts, technology, and health. There are usually three retrograde cycles a year providing opportunity for review and caring for unfinished work. The approximately 2-3 weeks before and after are called the Shadow. During the Shadow hints about the retrograde can occur prior and final details wrapped up afterwards. For date details, visit <https://www.scorpio-moon.com/2018-retrogrades>.

March 22 - April 15. Aries. Hold off on making final commitments to any family or home improvement plans until after this period. Do communicate about unfinished business with family members if necessary. Don't bring up a matter which has not already been addressed.

July 25 - August 18. Leo. This period can bring up misunderstandings about shared resources. This can be between significant partners, at the bank or with investments. Generosity may be seen as a power play or as an unnecessary risk.

November 16 - December 6. Sagittarius/Scorpio. Receive confusing messages from hidden places, dreams and through spiritual practice. Truth can be misinterpreted during this time. Deceptions are possible from somewhere within your network. Pay attention to emotionally intense communiqués, but don't trust them without full analysis.

For all Mercury Retrogrades, in general, avoid signing contracts or documents. Do care for tasks which require follow-up or you have not had time for. Consider this time one for a review or planning, rather than initiating. Be patient with delays, technical breakdowns and misinterpretations.

Evolutionary Patterns

Pluto in Capricorn

Since 2008 Pluto has encouraged deep transformation related to your identity as a Capricorn. Whether it feels like it or not, new desires and directions are being generated. It can be disconcerting when the Soul creates personal crisis, so evolution can be pursued. Situations including power struggles with others are designed to inform you of what the new impulses are. Exploring anger and attraction are common.

Anger can be a motivator in change and reconstruction of your identity. Awareness of family or cultural conditioning can instigate both fury and a desire for freedom to explore other ways to be your version of a Capricorn.

Certain attractions may be necessary to bring souls together to deal with unfinished business or to project new desires into your consciousness.

Self-judgment is not helpful. Strengthening of Will Power and following impulses is, even if they lead to another path.

After your long journey with Pluto in Capricorn ends, there is new found meaning in life and an understanding of what you've been destined to transform into. Life can be lived on your terms and more joyfully. Then the regenerative process is complete and you shine your true Capricorn purpose.

This is more emphasized in 2018 if you were born between **January 7 - 11** or have **Capricorn Rising at 18 - 21 degrees**.

Lunar Nodes

South Node in Aquarius encourages a release of isolations patterns and lack of self-love and worthiness.

North Node in Leo summons you to explore true sharing, meaningful intimacy and the joy of true heart connections.

Eclipses

Eclipses emphasize energy of the house they activate. The following possibilities are more relevant if you have Capricorn Rising.

Solar Eclipses are generally felt more externally in the world. Hidden conditions or situations in our lives may come to the surface. We may experience closure or a beginning.

Lunar Eclipses are less likely to be event oriented and more likely to focus on internal pursuits. However, external messages or events may reflect or bring to awareness the basis of internal explorations.

2018 Eclipses

January 31. Leo. Lunar. Matters related to shared resources, intimacy, psychology and the cycles of life. What do you understand of matters of the heart? Can you feel the joy in transformation?

February 15. Aquarius. Solar. Individualism, break-through, ideals, de-conditioning the mind. Radical ideas about self-worth and self-love. Sensitive nervous system. Sensitivities to electromagnetic radiation and technology related toxins.

July 12. Cancer. Solar. Transformative events related to close relations and partners. Your stomach can tell you a lot about which ones are worthy of your care and who will care for you.

July 27. Aquarius. Lunar. Individualism, break-through, ideals, de-conditioning the mind. Radical feelings about self-reliance and true values.

August 11. Leo. Solar. The heart. The rebirth and transformation of intimate deeply shared love. Allowing the heart to let go and release. Finding joy in all phases of life.

Famous Capricorn People

Martin Luther King Jr., Paramhansa Yogananda, Jean Dixon, David Bowie, Marilyn Manson, Alan Watts, Saint Bernadette, Ava Gardner, Howard Hughes, Sissy Spacek, Michelle Obama, Carlos Castaneda, Annie Lennox, Humphrey Bogart, Louis Pasteur, Denzel Washington, Tracey Ullman, Mary Tyler Moore, Woodrow Wilson, Tiger Woods, Muhammad Ali Ted Danson, Burton Cummings, John Denver, Henri Matisse, Cuba Gooding Jr., Nostradamus, Mel Gibson, J.R.R. Tolkien, Johannes Kepler, Carl Sandburg, Elvis Presley, Richard Nixon, Linda Lovelace, Andy Kaufman, Janis Joplin, Pitbull, Noel Tyl