**When:**March 7th, 2023 – May 24th, 2025 **What:**Saturn in Pisces **Takeaway:**For the first time in 30 years, the planet of boundaries and commitment plunges into the mutable waters of Pisces, double-daring us to get serious about our dreams.

Understanding boundaries and time with Saturn in Pisces

Saturn is the farthest planet we can see with the naked eye. Though we now have the technology to reveal planets we can’t detect without a telescope, Saturn still represents the boundary. It is the barrier, the limit, the rule. And by extension, it’s also the planet of time and reality. In Pisces, however, Saturn’s walls become more elastic and permeable.

Pisces is a mutable water sign, known for its openness, compassion, and intuition — traits that Saturn could use to soften its rigidity. But there’s a shadow side to Saturn in this sign as well: Our boundaries could become so soggy that they disintegrate altogether. Pisces has a profound capacity for trust and fantasy, and with the planet of discernment here, it can be easy to fall into the undertow of a charismatic person or movement without first pausing to think for ourselves.

Saturn in Pisces will force us to adjust to a realm where hard limits aren’t necessarily obvious — like boneless jellyfish, adapted to a world of currents and slipstreams. This process won’t happen overnight, though. It will involve consistently checking in with our boundaries to ensure they’re flexible and responsive enough to change — but still resilient. And it will also require that we actively listen to our bodies, thoughts, and emotions, and choose for ourselves which rules we want to live by. Remember: Saturn is about steady persistence over time, not Band-Aid fixes.

In traditional astrology, Saturn is considered a malefic, or challenging, planet. As such, Saturn changing signs is always big astrological news — but this shift is especially potent. That’s because the cosmos’ timekeeper has been lodged in its home signs of Capricorn and Aquarius for the past six years. Whenever Saturn is in a sign that it governs, it possesses all the resources it needs to be, well, Saturn. It does its Saturnian functions — containment, regulation, restriction — at full strength and without filter.

Aquarius, the sign that Saturn has occupied for the past few years, is oriented to the needs of the collective. Here, our solar system’s realist made its challenges literal. From pandemic lockdowns to the need for social reorganization following waves of unrest, Saturn’s recent reality checks impacted us all. But we’re also emerging from its upheaval with a clearer knowledge of the societal structures that are not load-bearing. The inequity gaps that must be bridged. The climate crisis that is our own doing. We now know that what’s convenient isn’t always sustainable, and we have to turn this thing around.

We must dream expansively, but remember to also match our reveries with dedication and perseverance. Here are a few tips to help you make the most of this once-in-30-year transit.

**1. Explore** your inner realms. Whether you choose to delve into dream-journaling, psychoanalysis, or quiet time alone, Saturn will reward your commitment to go within.

**2. Trust** your intuition. With the cosmic architect in this introspective water sign, our guts will receive information before our brains. This may take some getting used to, but recognizing the voice of your inner wise one will support you for a lifetime.

**3. Commit** to your boundaries. If someone or something is draining your energy, wish them well (and away).

**4. Discern** the movements with true potential from the fads that are flashes in the pan. If lines blur between wise teachers and charlatans, follow your hunches.

**5. Surrender** to the mysteries of the next few years. Saturn in Pisces doesn’t come with a user manual, so get comfortable making plans and setting goals without having all the answers.

**6. Embrace** a spirit of flexibility, adaptability, and curiosity. With Saturn in this shape-shifting sign, the ability to change your mind is a superpower.