

THE ASTROLOGY OF BITCOIN

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Introduction

Can astrological analysis provide reliable insight into Bitcoin price movements and market highs and lows? The answer appears to be yes!

I first heard about Bitcoin, the notorious cryptocurrency, in the fall of 2014 when its price inexplicably shot to \$1,000 per Bitcoin and grabbed headlines around the world. At the time, the idea of a “virtual currency” that wasn’t backed by

any banks or governments seemed preposterous to me. One of my friends called it “nerd money,” and I completely forgot about Bitcoin.

In the meantime, with my background of 20 years of astrological study and practice, I became interested in financial astrology. I began following the work of well-known financial astrologer Ray Merriman of Merriman Market Analyst (MMA) and MMA Cycles Reports, whose yearly and monthly financial market reports are based on astrological principles and market cycle theory — in fact, I first read about him here in the pages of *The Mountain Astrologer*. I found his ideas very interesting and started noticing correlations between astrology and price movements in the U.S. stock markets. I wondered if it was conceivable to use astrology for market timing. According to Merriman, it is possible to use astrological techniques to make money in the stock markets!

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A couple of years later, in the summer of 2017, I heard people talking about Bitcoin again. I had made some profitable investments in the stock market over the past few years since the “great recession” of 2008, particularly in tech stocks, and I was interested in investing in cutting-edge technologies. Still, I had also missed a few great investments, like Apple. I was on the lookout for “the next big thing” and would often ask friends and clients what they thought would be the next Amazon, the next Apple, or the next big trend. So, this time, when I started hearing about Bitcoin again, I decided to do some research. I read several books¹ about Bitcoin and hundreds of articles. I watched YouTube videos by cryptocurrency gurus like Andreas Antonopoulos, Ari Paul, and Tom Lee.

What I learned was that Bitcoin is a form of global, digital, Internet money that is not controlled or owned by any bank, government, or corporation. The anonymous creator of Bitcoin, who is known as Satoshi Nakamoto (his true identity is still undetermined), solved the age-old “trusted third party” problem by creating what is called a digital “block-chain,” a distributed account ledger that runs on a global Internet computer system. Computers that run the system and verify transactions are rewarded with Bitcoins, a process known as “mining.”

No one entity controls this system, so it is referred to as a “decentralized” system. This helps to make it secure, since there is no single controlling entity for hackers to attack; it

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also eliminates the need for trusted third parties like banks, as it allows for direct peer-to-peer transactions. Bitcoin can be traded on a wide variety of Internet cryptocurrency exchanges; it is bought and sold in units as large as thousands of Bitcoins or as small as a hundred-millionth of one Bitcoin — a unit known as a “Satoshi,” named after the pseudonym of Bitcoin’s creator.²

Many savvy people in finance believe that Bitcoin (and cryptocurrencies in general) may be the future of money: a revolutionary new technology that could challenge big banks and disrupt the global financial system. Astrologically, this would correlate well with the transit of Uranus in Taurus. Some see Bitcoin as a useful global Internet currency that transcends national borders, since it can be sent anywhere in the world much more quickly and cheaply than traditional

wire transfers. Others see it more as a digital version of gold, a completely new asset class, an investment and store of value, and/or a hedge against a loss of value of the U.S. dollar. However, Bitcoin has its detractors: The transaction speed is far slower than traditional systems like Visa, making it difficult to use as a payment method, and the energy usage is a matter for concern. Overall, there is a lot of uncertainty about the future of this new technology and whether it will see mass adoption.

More than a thousand different cryptocurrencies are now trying to improve on Bitcoin, and so far, none has succeeded. There is an alternative financial universe of cryptocurrency markets where billions of dollars are traded on hundreds of cryptocurrency exchanges around the world each day. According to cryptomarketcap.com, the total crypto asset market capitalization at the time of this writing (mid July 2019) was approximately \$300 billion.³ My research convinced me that Bitcoin does, indeed, hold great promise as a fundamentally new financial technology, and Uranus’s movement into Taurus seemed to line up auspiciously with this observation.

As I was researching Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, I realized that people who had bought Bitcoin a few years ago, when it was worth a few hundred dollars per Bitcoin, now had over a 1000% return on their investment. I was intrigued and watched the price go up from \$2,000 per Bitcoin at the start of August 2017 to \$5,000 by the end of August — a 150% gain in just one month! The price then went back down to \$3,000 in September. Bitcoin’s wild price fluctuations have made it one of the most unpredictable and volatile assets on Earth. Still, in a five-year timeframe, Bitcoin has outperformed almost every other existing asset class by a large percentage. For example, while the Dow Jones is up roughly 60% (from 17,000 to 27,000) in the last five years — a very good run — Bitcoin has seen an unmatched 2000% increase from \$600 in 2014 to today’s price of roughly \$12,000.

Using Financial Astrology to Analyze Bitcoin Price Direction

Inspired by Ray Merriman, I wondered whether astrology could give us any insight into the wild and unpredictable movement of the Bitcoin price. From my many years of astrological study, I knew that anything that has a verifiable birthday and time can often be accurately forecasted. In August 2017, I examined the Bitcoin inception chart to see if I could glean anything useful.

I found out that the first Bitcoin was created in a process known as “the genesis block,” and the Bitcoin network software protocol was initiated on January 3, 2009, time-stamped 6:15 p.m. GMT, with no known location.⁴ This is the most widely accepted Bitcoin birthday, and it was enough to give me a chart to work with, having accurate planetary positions. Unfortunately, without a location, I couldn’t see the Ascendant or the house positions. I had to choose a location, and based on Greenwich Mean Time, I decided on Greenwich, England. (See **Chart 1**, following page.)

The most notable feature of this chart seems to be a stellium of Pluto, Mars, and the Sun in early Capricorn. With a Pluto–Mars–Sun conjunction, Bitcoin looks tenacious and impressive, something that cannot easily be stopped. One thing I know about Capricorn, from my study of medical astrology, is that it generally tends to start out sickly and weak but ages very well, getting stronger as it matures and often outlasting its peers.⁵ Four planets (including Jupiter) being placed in Capricorn suggests to me that Bitcoin could mature very well and might be a good long-term investment.

As a unit of currency and store of value, Bitcoin's Venus position would be very important, because Venus indicates value and money in financial astrology. With Venus exalted in Pisces and favorably sextile powerful Pluto, this placement suggests that the Bitcoin chart (BTC) has a strong combination of power (Pluto) and value (Venus), and great potential to change and evolve (Pluto) how we think about money and its value. This chart has strengthened my conviction that Bitcoin does indeed hold promise as a digital currency.

Impressed with the BTC, I was interested in constructing a predictive model, so I did a little historical research. I wanted to see if I could confirm two things: (1) If I looked back at a challenging transit alignment where, according to astrological theory, the price should drop, did the price actually fall? And (2) if I looked at a dramatic price swing, either up or down, was there an astrological correlation? Interestingly, the answer to both turned out to be yes.

As we know, Saturn often represents contraction, challenges, scarcity, and fear. In the first case, when Saturn squared BTC Venus from December 2014 to September 2015, financial astrology would have predicted a contraction (transiting Saturn) of value (Venus) and that Bitcoin's price would fall and/or stay flat. Sure enough, the price dropped and stayed

flat through the entire date range of Saturn's transit, and this period is known as the bear market of 2014–15.

Next, I looked at the infamous hacking and subsequent collapse of the Internet digital currency exchange called Mt Gox in March and April 2014. At that time, Mt Gox was the main exchange for buying and selling Bitcoin, but due to lax security, hackers successfully attacked the exchange in 2014, and hundreds of millions of dollars in Bitcoin were stolen. This was the most dramatic event in the lifespan of Bitcoin at the time, and as people lost faith in the exchange, Bitcoin's very survival and purpose were called into question. The owner of the exchange tried to keep the hacking and loss of funds a secret, but when the news of the successful attack came out in April 2014, transiting Pluto was making a partite conjunction with the BTC Sun at 13° Capricorn.

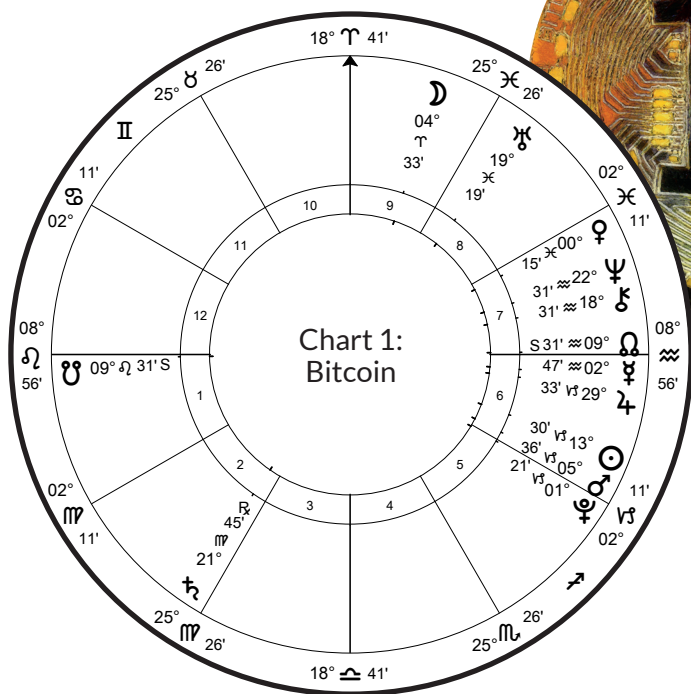
In general, a transiting Pluto conjunction with the natal Sun is a profound astrological event that would traditionally be associated with breakdown, destruction, secrets, and finally rebirth, regeneration, and evolution to a new phase. This is exactly what happened to Bitcoin: After the Mt Gox debacle, Bitcoin almost died, but a new generation of exchanges arose, using much safer offline storage systems. While hacking attacks still occasionally happen, there has never been another Mt Gox-type event. This backtesting⁶ seemed to confirm that the planetary positions in the Bitcoin chart are accurate and that transits to BTC correlate well both with events and with price movement.

This historical astrological research, although not exhaustive, was compelling enough for me to start examining price movement in real time. First, I looked at the

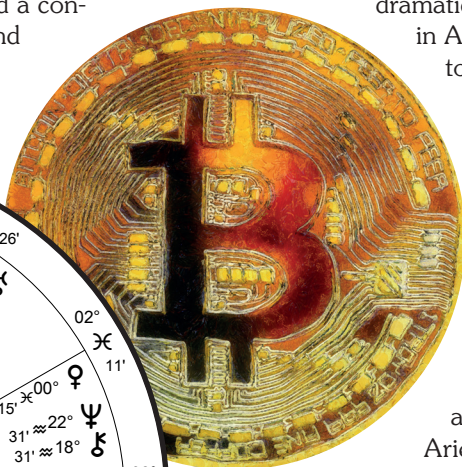
dramatic rise of Bitcoin in 2017, especially in August, when it went from \$2,000 to \$5,000 in 30 days and made

international headlines again. I noticed that, during the entire month of August 2017, BTC was undergoing the second of four partite Neptune sextiles to its Sun (July 18 to August 30). I also noticed that August was an exceptional month astrologically, with Mercury in retrograde and a North Node total solar eclipse⁷ at 28° Leo making a partite trine to transiting Uranus in Aries and a loose grand trine involving Saturn at 21° Sagittarius.

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Charts use Porphyry houses and the True Node.



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Interestingly, the dates of the price rally corresponded precisely to the dates of the Neptune sextile. Then the price started to reverse sharply on September 2, two days after the end of the partile sextile and just three days before Mercury would station direct. Bitcoin's price was clearly correlating with transits to its chart, as well as mundane events such as Mercury retrograding and stationing direct. This was more than enough evidence to continue serious study. I looked back at that first Neptune sextile to the BTC Sun (April 6 to May 15, 2017) and found that, once again, the price had risen from roughly \$1,150 to \$1,800 — a gain of about 60%.

Real-Time Price Forecasting

Now I wanted to see if astrology could actually predict the future price, helping to identify tops and bottoms of the market. In early November 2017, I started distributing an informal Bitcoin astrology newsletter to a few friends. And seeing a succession of exact sextiles to BTC Pluto, Mars, and Sun in Capricorn from transiting Venus (November 8–18), Mars (December 10–31), and most importantly Jupiter (October 15 to December 15), all in Scorpio, I was able to predict the famous December 2017 rally well ahead of time.

Jupiter represents confidence, expansion, good luck, and prosperity; accordingly, the price moved upward in almost exact clockwork timing with the Jupiter transits, just as one would have expected. The all-time-high price of \$19,500 on December 16 correlated closely with the overlapping transits of Jupiter's sextile to the BTC Sun, indicating expansion and wealth, and Mars's sextile to BTC Mars, indicating confidence. (See **Chart 2**, at right.)

Foreseeing a possible shift in energy and market trend enabled me to call the peak of the rally in advance, right around the time that Saturn entered Capricorn on December 19, 2017, and Mercury stationed direct on the 22nd. The end of the rally in January 2018 was largely based on fears of government over-regulation of the market, as symbolized by Saturn in Capricorn, classically bringing the fun to an end and prices back down to earth.

At this point, I was convinced, both by historical analysis and by real-time forecasting, that astrology

could yield important information about Bitcoin's price movement and direction. The next important transits to the Bitcoin chart included the first of three Saturn conjunctions with BTC Mars (February 2–12, 2018), followed closely by Neptune's third sextile to the BTC Sun (February 7 to March 6).

In a natal chart, Mars represents confidence and our ability to assert ourselves and meet our goals. Transiting Saturn is traditionally a heavy obstructing influence, blocking or thwarting our goals. If we think of Mars as a speeding train and Saturn as an immovable object, a train wreck seemed likely for Bitcoin. With an approaching partile conjunction of transiting Saturn with BTC Mars looming (February 2–12), possibly bringing more fear of government regulation, and a South Node lunar eclipse on January 31 as a potential trigger (see Note 7), I was able once again to accurately predict the market in advance. I gave the date range for the low as

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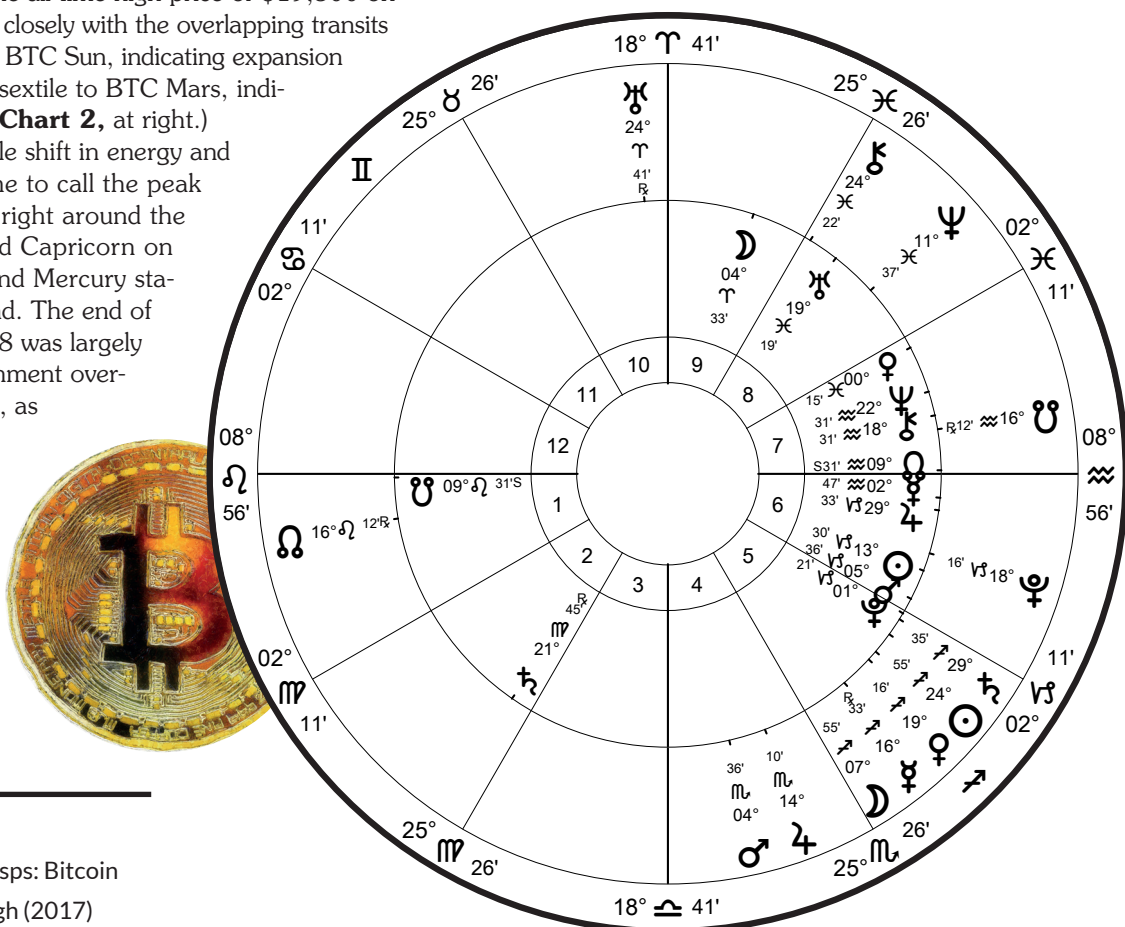


Chart 2: Bi-wheel.

Inner wheel and house cusps: Bitcoin

Outer wheel: All-Time High (2017)



February 1–7, with the lunar eclipse on January 31 as a sell-off trigger, followed by a continued sell-off through the first week of February. The low came in at \$5,900 on February 6, a drop of 70% from the high at \$19,500 in December 2017 — or, in other words, a train wreck! I had nailed the market low point within a date range of seven days.

That the low of \$5,900 had corresponded precisely to Saturn's conjunction with BTC Mars is fascinating. The next question was, would Neptune's third sextile to the BTC Sun represent a relief rally? Neptune by soft transit often signifies faith and optimism (but also illusions), so based on this third Neptune sextile to the BTC Sun (February 7 to March 6), I again accurately predicted a rebound rally (faith and optimism restored), which reached a peak of \$11,500 in the first week of March, a rebound gain of almost 90% from the low of \$5,900. Astonishingly, the price fell off sharply the day before the end of the favorable Neptune sextile period on March 5, 2018. (**Author's Note:** For the above transits and others, I am using "partile" as the main time band within which the transits clearly affect the price.)

I was amazed. These predictions were made in time-stamped e-mails to my small newsletter group that I started in November 2017, as well as some public market calls on Twitter starting in January 2018.⁸ People were astounded by the accuracy of these predictions, and both my newsletter and my Twitter following began to grow. I started to wonder if I could make money from accurately predicting Bitcoin's future price. The reality turned out to be a lot more complex; the actual trading based on the astrological transits was much harder than it looked and would take a lot of time to configure a tradable system.

The next big astrological factor was Uranus's entry into Taurus in mid May 2018. Many astrologers around the world, including myself, were predicting that Uranus moving into Taurus could indicate major changes and tech breakthroughs for banking and finance, and might well be favorable for cryptocurrencies.

The interesting symbolism of Uranus, as a revolutionary, disruptive, technological force, moving into Taurus, the sign of banking, money, and finance, appeared favorable to crypto asset markets. Taurus also represents the status quo. Thus, Uranus's ingress into Taurus seemed likely to bring a sudden and dramatic disruption to the status quo, especially in banking and how we think about and use money. I also noticed that when Uranus entered Taurus, it would make a sextile to BTC Venus exalted in Pisces and a trine to BTC Pluto. Full of confidence from a string of successful predictions, I became *overconfident*. This seemed like a slam-dunk setup for a sudden, dramatic rally and another successful forecast. Only it wasn't.

Sensing additional opportunities to show off my astrological forecasting skills, I made public predictions, on Twitter and in my growing newsletter, of an impending rally starting around May 15, 2018. Uranus moved into Taurus, and May 15 came and went — nothing happened. In fact, the price continued to decline, and I looked like an idiot instead of a genius. I had fallen into the trap of overconfidence and thought I could predict the outcome of famously unpredictable Ura-

nus transits. (Interestingly, as I cover below, my prediction *did* come to pass one year later, with Uranus's second entry into Taurus on March 6, 2019.)

This was a humbling lesson, and as I waited for a rally in May that never happened, I missed an actual rally to \$9,500 earlier in April, when transiting Uranus at 29° Aries squared BTC Jupiter at 29° Capricorn. I believe that failure is often our greatest teacher, and, chastened, I went back to the drawing board. I doubled my efforts to eliminate bullish bias and overconfidence from my work. Financial astrology is a fascinating way to learn about the planets. Markets are unforgiving, there is little margin for error, and the accuracy or inaccuracy of our techniques can be quantitatively measured in dollars.

The next important series of transits included Saturn's retrograde conjunction with BTC Mars from June 25 to July 10, 2018 and Jupiter's sextile to the BTC Sun from June 19 to July 31 (Jupiter stationed direct on July 9). This time, I had two previous data sets on those transits, and Saturn and Jupiter seemed to be more predictable than chaotic Uranus. Saturn's first transit to BTC Mars had correlated with a collapse in confidence as well as price. The first Jupiter sextile to the BTC Sun in December 2017 had correlated with the market's unprecedented confidence in Bitcoin and an all-time high in the price. Looking at the ephemeris for late June 2018, I noticed that the Full Moon on June 27 would be conjunct transiting Saturn within one degree, greatly strengthening Saturn's energy. Based on this information, I forecasted a high probability of fear in the market and a new yearly low in the Bitcoin price from June 25 to July 10, with a rebound rally potentially forming July 10–31, as Jupiter stationed direct in partile sextile to the BTC Sun.

Saturn's second conjunction with BTC Mars did bring a new yearly low of \$5,700 on June 29, two days after the Full Moon, within my corresponding date range again. Then, as I predicted, the price started to rally as Saturn moved off BTC Mars, and Jupiter turned direct and made an exact sextile to the BTC Sun. The price peaked at \$8,500 on July 24, just as Mercury turned retrograde, and I publicly called the top on Twitter. The price then fell off sharply right after the last day of Jupiter's final sextile to the BTC Sun, and by mid August, Bitcoin was back down to \$6,500. Once again, using astrological techniques, I had accurately predicted almost every movement in the Bitcoin price for an eight-week period from June 1 through August 1. This was one of my biggest achievements of 2018.

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Three Unfavorable Transits Line Up

The next major series of transits for Bitcoin came in November 2018, with a complex sequence of back-to-back Venus and Mercury retrogrades, a Jupiter combustion, and three difficult transiting aspect patterns:

1. The third and final conjunction of Saturn with BTC Mars November 1–12, for which we already had good data from the first two passes.
2. Retrograding Uranus moving back into Aries on November 6, making a month-long retrograde square to BTC Jupiter from November 6 to December 6, which had been favorable as a direct transit but looked unfavorable in retrograde.
3. The South Node's conjunction with BTC Jupiter November 6–18, which also looked unfavorable. (In medical astrology the transiting South Node is often seen as highly malefic.)

Additionally, on November 24, Neptune turned direct and made a partile sextile to the BTC Sun for one month, indicating that prices might recover after the 24th, as had happened with the three previous transiting Neptune sextiles.

This series of three unfavorable aspects in November did correspond to a sudden and disastrous decline in the Bitcoin price. I had called the date range for a new low to occur November 1–16, when all three aspect patterns converged, and Venus would go direct after the 16th. A sharp decline started on November 15, within my date range, but surprisingly, the decline kept going, well after Venus turned direct, all the way until December 15, hitting a new low of \$3,100. It was a brutal 50% decline, marking Bitcoin's lowest price in 18 months and an 85% drop from its all-time high.

Why did the sell-off last so long? After poring over the Bitcoin chart, the main astrological factor seemed to be transiting Saturn reaching 9°30' Capricorn, the exact midpoint of the BTC Mars–Sun conjunction, on December 15. This correlated precisely with the new 2018 market bottom. My forecast model hadn't taken into account the Mars/Sun midpoint. And in fact, the entire transit of Saturn between the BTC Mars–Sun conjunction (5°–13° Capricorn) proved to be a very unfavorable time for Bitcoin.

We did finally see a weak holiday recovery rally as Venus in Scorpio trined Neptune in Pisces, and both planets made

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partile sextiles to the BTC Sun on December 21. Additionally, the Full Moon at 0° Cancer on December 22 made a trine to BTC Venus at 0° Pisces. This correlated with a Christmas rally peak of \$4,200 on December 23, a gain of 35% from the recent low of \$3,100 a few weeks earlier. But Saturn's heavy energy was apparent as Bitcoin could not hold \$4,000 for very long, and this market top was actually lower than the two previous 2018 lows.

Saturn's Conjunction with the BTC Sun

The year 2019 started off with one of the biggest transits of Bitcoin's ten-year lifecycle: Saturn formed a partile conjunction with the BTC Sun January 14–23, and a second pass, though close (to within 23 minutes) but not exact, would occur September 8–28. A transiting Saturn conjunction with the natal Sun is typically a challenging transit, a testing time often corresponding to a weakening of confidence and the life energy represented by the Sun. Since Saturn's three transits to BTC Mars also corresponded to a loss of confidence and a long downward trend in price, there is a good chance that Saturn's transits to the BTC Sun will continue to indicate market low points.

And though many technical analysts were predicting a January rally, Saturn's partile conjunction with the BTC Sun did produce a new 2019 low of \$3,420 on January 22, bringing the price down from the Christmas high of \$4,200. The price dipped to a new low of \$3,340 on January 29, with Saturn still within a 1° separating orb of the BTC Sun. In this case, the astrological analysis outperformed traditional technical analysis.

However, we know that Saturn can also symbolize maturity, institutional structure, and mainstream acceptance. So, while this Saturn period could be a difficult testing time for Bitcoin, with low points in price, it might also indicate that a maturing process is unfolding, and the seeds for Bitcoin's future success may be planted during this period.

Uranus Re-enters Taurus: A Bitcoin Revival?

After offering a free Bitcoin astrology report for all of 2018, I started a subscription service in 2019, just in time to accurately call the January low point. Then, February 2019 saw a thaw of “crypto winter,” and Bitcoin made a slow, steady recovery, like clockwork, as Saturn separated from the BTC Sun.

Bitcoin began a rally with the favorable transits of Uranus at 29° Aries squaring BTC Jupiter,⁹ as well as Venus in Capricorn conjoining the BTC Capricorn stellium and Mars in Taurus trining that stellium. Would Uranus's re-entry into Taurus on March 6 and its sextile to BTC Venus herald a disruption in conventional banking and a revival for Bitcoin, as several astrologers, including myself, had predicted?

Initially, prices were generally flat during the Mercury retrograde period in March 2019. However, when Mercury stationed direct (March 27), and Uranus at 1° Taurus made a



trine to BTC Pluto at 1° Capricorn (March 26 to April 12), the price made a huge \$1,000 jump in 24 hours — a fittingly sudden and dramatic (Uranus) show of power (Pluto) that would change the market and signal a resurgence of Bitcoin market confidence. Uranus in Taurus would continue to signal an “unexpected” rally throughout April and May. My forecast called for a possible market high point during Uranus’s trine to BTC Mars in the period of June 6 to July 4. *It now became crystal clear that Saturn’s transits to both BTC Mars and the Sun had correlated almost exactly with the four low points of 2018–19.* This period was dubbed “the Crypto Bear Market” by Bitcoin traders and the media.

From June 6 to July 4, transiting Uranus trined BTC Mars. Uranus is a powerful planet that symbolizes the sudden, the dramatic, and the unexpected. It is often likened to lightning strikes, earthquakes, or volcanic eruptions — events that can quickly and dramatically change the market landscape. Uranus also symbolizes excitement and, when activated by transit, can come on strong and fast. BTC Mars is a point that represents a dynamic life energy and market confidence, and the trine aspect is a favorable one of harmony and balance. We knew that the three conjunctions of Saturn with BTC Mars in 2018 corresponded closely to the three major low points in market price and market confidence, so it was logical to assume that the favorable trine from Uranus to BTC Mars could indicate a sudden and dramatic strengthening of Bitcoin’s market confidence.

Excitement continued to build in Bitcoin markets around the world as Uranus moved through the early degrees of Taurus, and the price continued to move up in tandem with

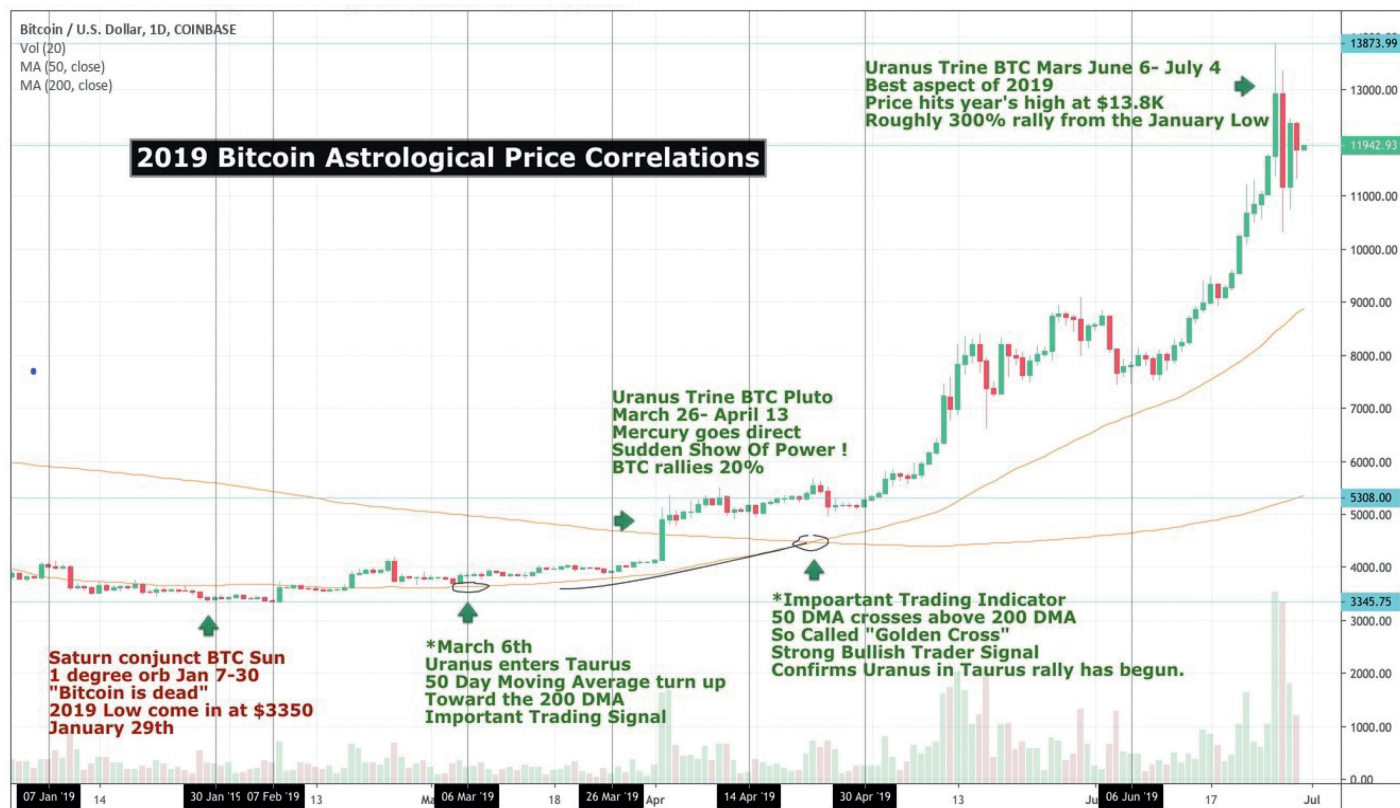
Uranus. As far back as my January 13, 2019 newsletter, based on the Uranus trine to BTC Mars in June–July, I alerted subscribers that late June would be the most favorable aspects of 2019 and would mark the best time this year to take profits on a trade or investment. On May 24, based on a variety of factors, I gave my subscribers a possible date range for the 2019 top between June 20 and July 1.

Uranus did not disappoint — Bitcoin broke through the \$10,000 mark on June 19, as the aspect went to perfection. Bitcoin then hit a yearly high of \$13,750 on June 26 as Mercury at 29° Cancer made an opposition to BTC Jupiter. The price fell back down into the \$11,000–12,000 range soon afterward. (See **Graph**, below.) At the time of this writing in late June, we cannot say with certainty that \$13,750 will hold as the yearly high, but it seems likely. If so, this would be the biggest success for our Bitcoin astrology forecast project to date. Based on our astrological technique, traders who bought the low in the January date range during the Saturn transit, and sold the high in our June date range with Uranus, saw a staggering 200–250% return on their investment within a five-to-six-month period. The Bitcoin astrology forecast won’t get every call right, but it did get this one right, with a large payoff!

Bitcoin’s Future: Late 2019 and Beyond

While the astrological analysis of Bitcoin doesn’t give us specific price targets (we need technical analysis for that), it has accurately correlated with general market direction and trend. It has been possible to use astrological techniques to

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accurately predict some relative market tops and bottoms in 2018 and 2019. In my opinion, the following are a few of the important transits to watch in the Bitcoin chart for market tops and bottoms in late 2019 and in 2020.

Two Unfavorable Aspects Converge in 2019

• **September 7–28:** *Saturn's second conjunction with the BTC Sun.*

At the time of this writing in late June 2019, I was forecasting a Bitcoin market rally high roughly in the date range of June 20 to July 1, plus or minus 5–7 days, which turned out to be accurate. However, it looked like Mercury stationing retrograde on July 7, followed by a lunar eclipse on the South Node conjunct Saturn and Pluto (both retrograde), along with Saturn slowly but surely backing up closer to the BTC Sun, could indicate a 90- to 100-day market correction with a bottom point when transiting Saturn and then the South Node conjoin the BTC Sun. This second Saturn conjunction will be partile, though not technically exact. It should be close enough to indicate another possible 2019 relative market low point, but probably not a new low for the year.

• **September 29 – October 10:** *The South Node's conjunction with the BTC Sun.*

The South Node conjunct BTC Jupiter in November and December 2018, along with other transits, seemed to correlate with a sell-off. In general, the South Node can indicate material loss and have a draining-away effect on vitality. Following closely from Saturn's last conjunction with the BTC Sun in September, this could indicate further declines lasting through early October. The astrological analysis suggests that this period in September and October will be the end of the sell-off and a possible entry point to accumulate Bitcoin before a bigger rally begins in November. However, it's important to note that the South Node's transit to BTC Mars (February 28 to March 11, 2020) and to BTC Pluto (April 8–20) could also prove unfavorable and indicate points of market weakness.

Jupiter Enters Capricorn

Like a cat with nine lives, Bitcoin has come back from the dead on so many occasions over the past ten years that it's almost become a cliché. Bitcoin's price has routinely fallen sharply, only to rally back to a new all-time high a year or two later. The million-dollar question is, Can it happen again? The end of Saturn's transits to the BTC Sun in September, as well as Jupiter's entry into Capricorn on December 2, 2019, are the main bullish signals I am watching, in anticipation of another Bitcoin rally.

Since Saturn's transits to the BTC stellium of Pluto, Mars, and the Sun correlated with a long bear market period for Bitcoin, it seems possible that expansive, confident Jupiter's transits to these same planets (December 2, 2019 – February 2, 2020) may mark the most likely time for a new,

extended rally in Bitcoin price. Additionally, Jupiter's trine to transiting Uranus in December 2019 could be quite favorable for Bitcoin!

We know that Jupiter's sextile to BTC Mars and the Sun corresponded closely to an all-time high in December 2017, and Jupiter in Capricorn could bring breakthroughs and big changes to business, commerce, and financial markets that could benefit Bitcoin. Whether Jupiter's conjunction with the BTC Sun will produce a similar or better rally than the one in December 2017 to the all-time high of \$19,500 remains unknown; we'll just have to wait and see. Jupiter transiting the BTC Capricorn stellium looks generally promising, but a highly complex alignment on Christmas Day 2019 could create volatility and unpredictable market events, temporarily dampening a rally. This alignment includes a solar eclipse at 4° Capricorn conjoining a combust and weakened Jupiter close to the South Node and also conjoining the BTC

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Pluto, Mars, and Sun. (See **Chart 3**, below right.) And as mentioned earlier, the South Node's continued unfavorable transits to the BTC Capricorn stellium through April 2020 may somewhat offset Jupiter's otherwise very favorable transits, and create volatility with complex market conditions and events.

Interestingly, Saturn and Pluto will make a historic 40-year conjunction in early January 2020, just a few weeks before Jupiter will conjoin the BTC Sun in late January. According to the work of astrologers Richard Tarnas and Ray Merriman, Saturn-Pluto conjunctions have historically indicated a financial or political crisis, a war, and/or falling stock markets.¹⁰ Many economists, including hedge fund billionaire Ray Dalio and Bloomberg's Macro strategist Mark Cudmore, are currently predicting a recession around this time period.¹¹

It's hard to say whether there is a connection between the Saturn-Pluto conjunction and the transiting Jupiter conjunction with the BTC Sun. However, if there is a political or financial crisis at that time, suggested by Saturn and Pluto, or if a "black swan" event causes stock markets to plummet,¹² Bitcoin may benefit as an uncorrelated, safe-haven asset or as a hedge against stocks or the U.S. dollar, similar to gold. One of the benefits of Bitcoin is that its price movement is generally considered "uncorrelated" with the stock market or any other financial asset. Its price does not correlate with stock prices, bonds, or real estate. Uncorrelated assets work to diversify a portfolio and lower overall portfolio risk, and they can provide a safe haven during an economic downturn or a stock market crash.

Bitcoin was born during the financial crisis of 2008-09 and, in many ways, was created specifically as a safe-haven asset against another banking crisis. While many Bitcoin advocates have been predicting a similar economic disaster scenario, Bitcoin has never actually been tested in a recession.

Other transits of interest in early 2020 include Saturn's three "bearish" conjunctions with BTC Jupiter, once again possibly indicating market low points. But Uranus's favorable and last bullish trine to BTC Mars in late March to early April 2020 is suggesting strength. Unfortunately, BTC's Jupiter return in December 2020 coincides

with Saturn's transit as well, making for a complex and mixed bag. The future will always remain uncertain, and astrology allows us to see only so much, but this intricate mix of aspect patterns suggests that Bitcoin may continue its unique pattern of high volatility and big price swings in 2020.

Lastly, a series of trines from Uranus in Taurus to the BTC Sun, starting in June 2021 and culminating in April 2022, may indicate a long-term peak in BTC prices, as well as more unexpected Uranian twists and turns in the fascinating story of Bitcoin.

Will Bitcoin succeed as a new, global Internet currency and change the way we think about money? It could — and Jupiter's key conjunctions with the BTC stellium in Capricorn, along with favorable aspects from Uranus in Taurus, will be the main factors to watch as we move into 2020 and beyond.

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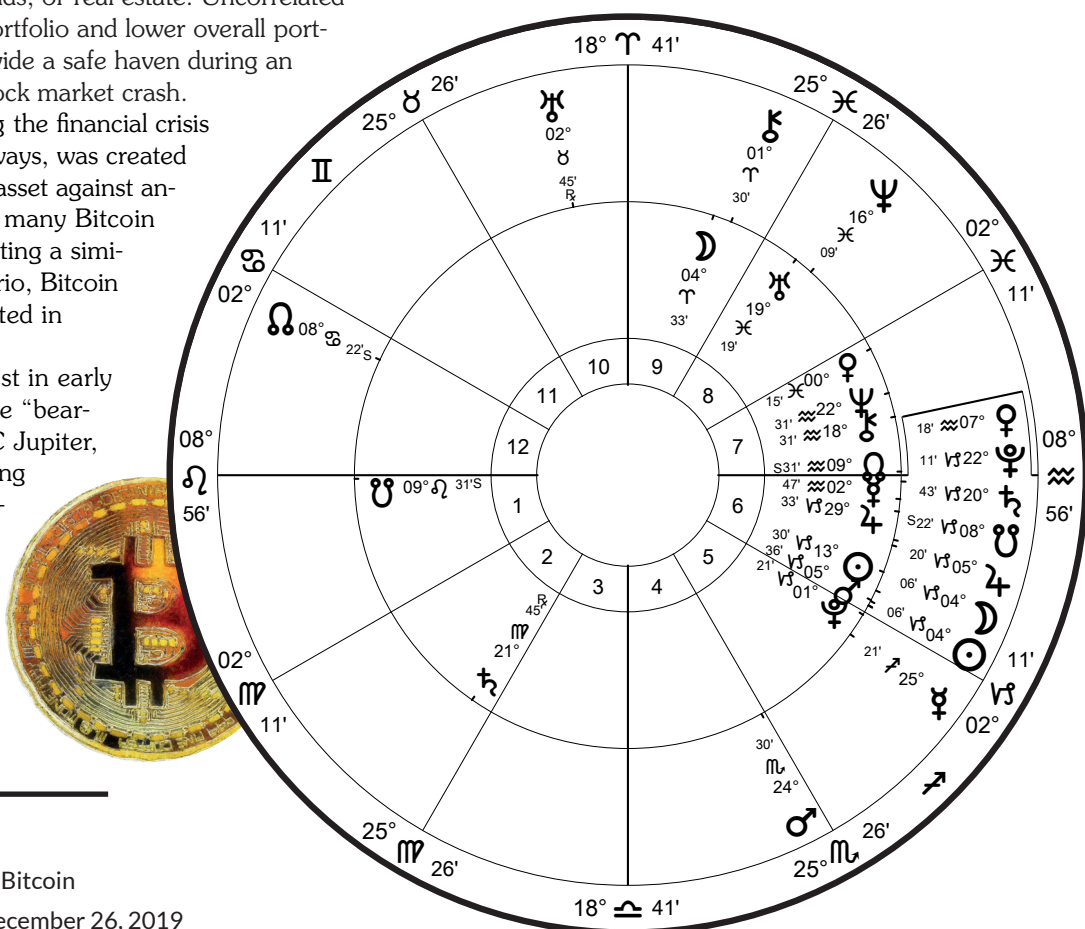


Chart 3: Bi-wheel.

Inner wheel and house cusps: Bitcoin

Outer wheel: Solar Eclipse, December 26, 2019

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8. Twitter handle: @AstroCryptoGuru

9. The first direct Uranus square to BTC Jupiter in April 2018 did correlate with a price rally, so past data indicated that this could be favorable. Also, the synchronous beneficial transits of Venus and Mars suggested that it would swing favorable.

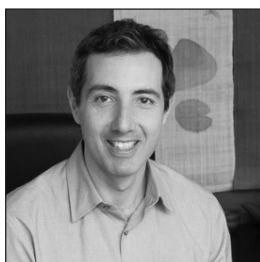
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12. A "black swan" is an unpredictable event that is beyond what is normally expected of a situation, and has potentially severe consequences. Black swan events are characterized by their extreme rarity, their severe impact, and the practice of explaining widespread failure to "predict" them as simple folly in hindsight. Black swan events can cause catastrophic damage to an economy, and because they cannot be predicted, they can only be prepared for by building robust systems. For additional information, see: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/blackswan.asp>

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