

ACVA Asteroid 2026-08 – Observatory



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THE OBSERVATORY

August / September 2026 Edition

Dear Readers,

We have just witnessed a dramatic total Solar Eclipse which passed over the Arctic, North Atlantic, and the western shores of Europe in the last degrees of Cancer. Looking immediately back, we just had a total Lunar Eclipse on August 28 in Leo/Aquarius, visible at night in the Western Hemisphere. ACVA will be starting off the season at the United Astrology Conference in Chicago with a whole series of lectures and events September 2-8. Looking ahead to the spring/fall Equinox on September 22, the changing of the season is a great time to begin study of Jyotisha at ACVA.

September features all grahas moving forward through the zodiac, with the exception of Saturn, which remains in retrograde motion between 19-17 degrees of Pisces. Rahu and Ketu remain in Aquarius/Dhanistha and Leo/Magha at 5 degrees. As the Sun and Mercury, they are out of the spotlight, relatively speaking, for much of the month.

Jupiter continues its time in its exalted sign Cancer, where it makes a Vedic 1:9 trine aspect to Saturn the entire month. This benefic aspect is further strengthened by the fact that Jupiter is aspecting one of its own signs. The aspect is exact by degree on September 2. We can make use of this kind of influence to exercise compassion, spiritual growth, and study, including Jyotish. Look for Jupiter in the east after midnight and in the early morning.

The Sun transitions from its own sign Leo to Virgo on September 18, after which it again shares space with Mercury. Meanwhile Mercury, moving direct and picking up speed, leaves Leo for Virgo on September 7, and enters its Moolatrikona and exalted sign. From September 7-19, Mercury is in a Parivartana Yoga relationship with Mars. This is a potentially challenging time for communication and irritation, as the two are mutual enemies. They both want to win the argument! Mercury remains invisible through September.

Venus leaves Virgo, its sign of debilitation, on September 3, and enters its own sign Libra. Look for Venus in the west in the early evening sky, where it will be bright and easy to spot. Mercury joins Venus in Libra on September 27-30. There are some potentially auspicious muhurtas at that time.

Mars begins in Gemini and moves to Cancer on September 19, where it is debilitated but in a Neecha Bhanga condition due to sharing the sign with exalted Jupiter. There is the potential for big projects related to these planets to go forward. Mars in Cancer also makes a special 1:4 one-way aspect to Venus in Libra, which may raise passion levels. Look for Mars near Jupiter in the early morning.

The Almanac

Dates and times refer to Eastern Daylight Time (USA) -5:00h UST. Some nations and regions around the world differ in the dates of change on and off daylight time, and others do not change. Readers outside North America should consult their local sources on time changes.

August 16, Sun enters Leo/Magha Nakshatra

August 18, Jupiter enters Ashlesha Nakshatra

August 22, Mercury enters Leo/Magha Nakshatra

August 25, Mercury conjunct Ketu at 05deg36 Leo

August 25, Venus enters Chitra Nakshatra

August 27, Mercury conjunct Sun at 10deg12 Leo

August 28, Lunar Eclipse – total - 10deg31 Aquarius, maximum at 12:02 am EDT. Visible on much of the globe except for Australia and most of Asia

August 29, Mercury enters Purva Phalguni Nakshatra

August 30, Sun enters Purva Phalguni Nakshatra

September 2, Jupiter and Saturn make mutual trine by degree at 19deg27 Cancer/Pisces. Jupiter makes 1:9 aspect from June 2 through November 1

September 2, Mars enters Punarvasu Nakshatra

September 3, Venus enters Libra

September 5, Mercury enters Uttara Phalguni Nakshatra

September 7, Mercury enters Virgo

September 7-19, Mercury and Mars in Parivartana Yoga

September 10, New Moon at 23deg51 Leo in Purva Phalguni Nakshatra

September 11, Venus enters Swati Nakshatra

September 12, Sun enters Uttara Phalguni Nakshatra

September 13, Mercury enters Hasta Nakshatra

September 18, Mercury is opposite Saturn by degree at 18deg17 Virgo/Pisces

September 18, Sun enters Virgo

September 19, Mars enters Cancer

September 19-30, Mars conjoins Jupiter in Cancer, in 1:4 aspect to Venus in Libra

September 22, Spring/Fall Equinox at 8:05 pm EDT

September 24, Mars enters Pushya

September 26, Full Moon at 08deg56 Pisces in Uttara Bhadrapada Nakshatra

September 27, Sun enters Hasta

September 27, Mercury enters Libra

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