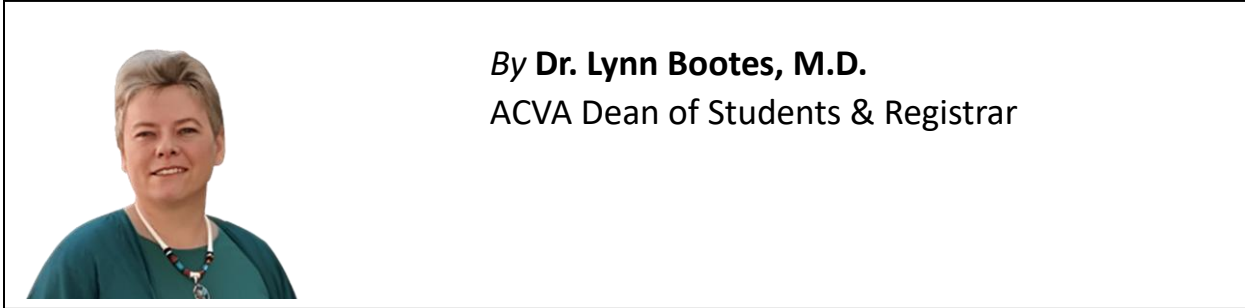


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The Observatory

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Seasonal Changes

The spring and fall equinoxes always bring change to life on Earth as the Sun shifts its illumination to the Southern Hemisphere. During September 13-21, we had a solar eclipse and four planets changing signs, bringing dramatic changes to the world in a short time. Such changes seem magnified to those of us living on the planet, but they're only blips in the great cycles of time which the Rishis of Jyotisha explain to us in the Vedic traditions.

Thus begins the season of fall festivals in the Northern Hemisphere, too numerous to name them all. Yom Kippur, the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days, falls on the New Moon on September 20. The nine days of Navaratri, honoring the Goddess Durga, are celebrated from September 22 to October 2. Dusshera honors the victory of Rama over Ravana on October 2. Diwali, celebrated on the five days of the New Moon in Libra, climaxes on the night of the New Moon October 20-21 (in the USA). Many in Western countries look forward to Halloween.

The New Moon in Libra, October 21, will take place at 8:25 am in New York City. This is the day of the market new year in India – an accurate measure of the economy at the end of the harvest season. This year, Mercury and Mars join up with the Sun and Moon in a Libra Lagna for New York, with Lagnesh Venus in the 12th house in Parivartana Yoga with Mercury. This seems generally favorable for the markets in the United States, although there may be hidden factors at work.

Summer daylight time ends October 26 in much of Europe and parts of the Middle East. The USA, Canada and western Mexico switch back to standard time November 2. Meanwhile, Australia begins daylight time on October 5. People attending our ACVA Webinars should plan accordingly.

The Planets

The planetary movements are much less tangled this month, allowing us a bit of time for digestion. The big news is Jupiter's ingress into Cancer on October 19, after having sped through Gemini in only five months. Jupiter is exalted in Cancer, and we can enjoy its grace into early December, when it will move back into Gemini for a few months. While in Cancer, Jupiter aspects Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces, and makes a trine aspect to Saturn in Pisces. We can benefit from activities connected with meditation, compassion and caring. These months are ideal for beginning studies or spiritual practices.

The Sun transitions from Virgo to Libra on October 18, where it joins up with Mars. During October 18-25, the Sun, Mercury and Mars occupy Libra together. This may be an action-packed week which also coincides with the Diwali holiday.

Mars moves into Scorpio October 28, where it occupies its own sign and receives a trine from Jupiter in early Cancer. This trine is exact by degree on October 28, but will extend by sign influence into November and early December. These two are a power couple – Jupiter the visionary and Mars the warrior/executive. The Hindu deities Ganesha and Kartikeyya, the sons and brothers of Shiva and Parvati, come to mind. Consider this a good time to start big projects.

Saturn continues retrograde, moving back to 01deg34 Pisces/Uttara Bhadrapada by the end of October. Taurus, Virgo and Sagittarius continue to be aspected by Saturn. At the end of October, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter will occupy the first two degrees of each of the water signs. While only Jupiter makes the traditional whole sign aspects to the other two, these three will appear together in many divisional charts at this time.

Mercury transitions from Virgo to Libra and Scorpio in rapid direct motion, at various times joining up with the Sun and Mars. In October 10-24, Mercury in Libra will be in Parivartana Yoga with Venus in Virgo, allowing for some positive muhurtas. Also note that on October 23, the Moon, Mercury and Mars will join up at 27-28 degrees Libra.

Venus makes an exact conjunction with Ketu on October 4-5 at 24 degrees Leo, and enters Virgo on October 9, making an exact opposition to Saturn at 2 degrees Virgo/Pisces on October 10. For the rest of October this Saturn/Venus opposition by sign creates conditions for examination of serious purpose and loyalty in relationships.

Rahu reaches 22deg49 Aquarius/Purva Bhadrapada moving retrograde, and Ketu reaches 22deg49 Leo/Purva Phalguni. Rahu makes an exact trine to Moon, Mercury and Mars around October 18.

The Almanac – September/October 2025

Dates and times are for Eastern Standard/Daylight Time (-4:00h). Some ingresses will take place the following day for those in Eastern Hemisphere, Asia, and Australia.

September 14, Sun exactly conjunct Mercury at 26deg39 Leo

September 14, Venus enters Leo/Magha

September 14, Mars enters Libra

September 14, 3:00 pm EDT to September 15, 04:45 am EDT, Sun, Mercury, Venus and Ketu all occupy Leo

September 15, Mercury enters Virgo at 04:45 am EDT

September 16, Sun enters Virgo

September 17, Mercury exactly opposite Saturn at 04deg33 Virgo/Pisces

September 19, Sun exactly opposite Saturn at 04deg17 Virgo/Pisces

September 20, Mercury enters Hasta

September 21, 3:41 pm EDT, New Moon and **Partial Solar Eclipse** at 04deg25 Virgo – Aswin Amavasya – this is a deep partial Solar Eclipse visible from the South Pacific including parts of New Zealand and Antarctica

September 22, 2:19 pm, **Fall Equinox** Northern Hemisphere/Spring Equinox Southern Hemisphere. Sun at 05deg46 Virgo

September 23, Mars enters Swati

September 25, Venus enters Purva Phalguni

September 29, Mercury enters Chitra

September 29, Sun enters Hasta

October 3, Mercury enters Libra

October 4, Venus conjunct Ketu by degree at 24deg01Leo

October 6, Venus enters Uttara Phalguni

October 6, 11:48 pm EDT, Full Moon at 19deg26 Pisces/Revati

October 7, Mercury enters Swati

October 10, Sun enters Chitra

October 10, Venus enters Virgo

October 11, Venus/Saturn exactly opposite by degree at 02deg47 Virgo/Pisces

October 13, Mars enters Vishakha

October 17, Mercury enters Vishakha

October 18, Venus enters Hasta

October 18, Sun enters Libra

October 19, Jupiter enters Cancer

October 21, 08:25 am EDT, New Moon at 03deg57 Libra/Chitra

October 23, triple conjunction by degree of Moon, Mercury and Mars at 27-29 degrees
Libra/Vishakha

October 24, Sun enters Swati

October 24, Mercury enters Scorpio and makes an exact trine with Jupiter at 00deg24 Cancer

October 25, Mercury makes an exact trine with Saturn at 01:55 Scorpio/Pisces

October 27, Mercury enters Anuradha

October 27, Venus enters Chitra

October 28, Mars enters Scorpio

October 28, Mars and Jupiter are in mutual trine by degree at 00deg35 Cancer/Scorpio

October 29, Mars and Saturn are in mutual trine by degree at 01deg42 Cancer/Pisces

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