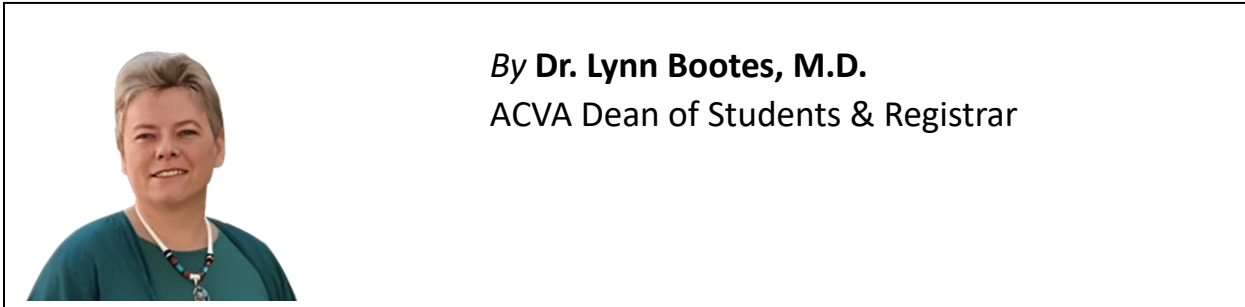


## ACVA Asteroid 2026-05 – Observatory



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### THE OBSERVATORY

May-June 2026 - Jupiter enters Cancer

Dear Readers,

There is one big event this month – Jupiter enters Cancer, its exaltation sign, on June 1 and will remain there until the end of October. As astrologers, we hope for a rising tide of compassion and wisdom too. But we realize that for some, there can also be the potential for overconfidence and excess. Jupiter will cast its aspects to Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces this month, giving a boost to those who have these signs active in their birth charts.

Venus moves from Gemini to Cancer on June 9, joining Jupiter. Mercury begins the month in its own sign Gemini, a good time for attention to matters of communication and detail. It then moves to Cancer on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and then slows, beginning retrograde motion on June 29. All three of these benefic planets are thus spending time in the Moon's sign this month and thus increasing the influence of the Lunar cycles. There are many times when the Moon will be in Parivartana Yoga with these three benefic planets as well. There are a number of dates in June with auspicious muhurtas created by these benefic grahas. There are many opportunities to see these beautiful ones just after sunset.

The Sun begins the month in fertile Taurus and moves to Gemini on June 15. And it will reach the Solstice point – the farthest north of the Ecliptic – on June 21.

We begin the month shortly after the Full Moon in Scorpio on May 31 – enjoy this festive time. The New Moon in the last degree of Taurus on June 15 is a good time for quiet as we prepare for the transition to the Summer/Winter seasons at the Solstice. The final Full Moon of June will be at mid-Sagittarius on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Full Moons are taking place very close to the sandhi point of signs this season, reinforcing for us that we are in a time of transition.

The malefic graha Mars begins the month in its own sign Aries, where it exerts itself as impulses for action and makes an aspect onto the benefic planets in Cancer. On June 21, it moves into

Taurus, where it will have maximum impact on Venus its sign ruler, and on Leo, Scorpio and Sagittarius. Saturn remains in Pisces, and has its malefic influence tamed somewhat by the aspect of Jupiter, while casting its own aspect on Mars when it enters Taurus. Our worldly troubles are not going away but may be a bit less harsh than in recent months.

Rahu and Ketu continue in Aquarius and Leo. We continue a season of Kala Sarpa Yoga, as all the visible planets remain on one side of their axis for half the month – from June 6-20. This will be the last period of Kala Sarpa for 2026, as Venus will move into Leo on July 5. On the positive, there can be the possibility of intense focus, but there are often downsides of instability in the world.

At the American College of Vedic Astrology, we remain dedicated to helping future practitioners of Jyotish discern and interpret such matters. This entire season under Jupiter in Cancer is highly auspicious for the study of Jyotish and other spiritual practices.

### **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.

May 29, Mercury enters own sign Gemini

May 31, Full Moon at 15deg20 Scorpio at 4:45 am EDT

June 1, Jupiter enters Cancer – exalted sign

June 1, Mercury enters Ardra Nakshatra

June 1, Venus in Punarvasu Nakshatra

June 1, Sun enters Rohini Nakshatra

June 1, Mars in Aries – own sign - in Bharani Nakshatra

June 4-6, Moon in Capricorn, opposite Jupiter

June 8, Sun enters Mrgashira Nakshatra

June 9, beginning of Kala Sarpa Yoga

June 9, Venus enters Cancer

June 9, Venus exact conjunction with Jupiter at 01deg32 Cancer at 3:48 pm EDT

June 11, Venus enters Pushya Nakshatra

June 10, Mercury enters Punarvasu Nakshatra

June 14, New Moon at 29deg49 Taurus at 01:54 pm EDT

June 15, Sun enters Gemini

June 16, Mars enters Kritika Nakshatra

June 16-19, Moon in Cancer with Venus and Jupiter

June 19, end of Kala Sarpa Yoga

June 21, Jupiter moves from Punarvasu to Pushya Nakshatra

June 21, Summer Solstice Northern Hemisphere/Winter Solstice Southern Hemisphere 04:24 am EDT

June 21, Mars enters Taurus

June 22, Sun enters Ardra Nakshatra

June 22, Venus enters Ashlesha Nakshatra

June 22, Mercury enters Cancer

June 22-30, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter together in Cancer

June 29, Mercury begins retrograde motion at 02deg01 Cancer

June 29, Full Moon at 14deg01 Taurus at 7:56 pm EDT

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