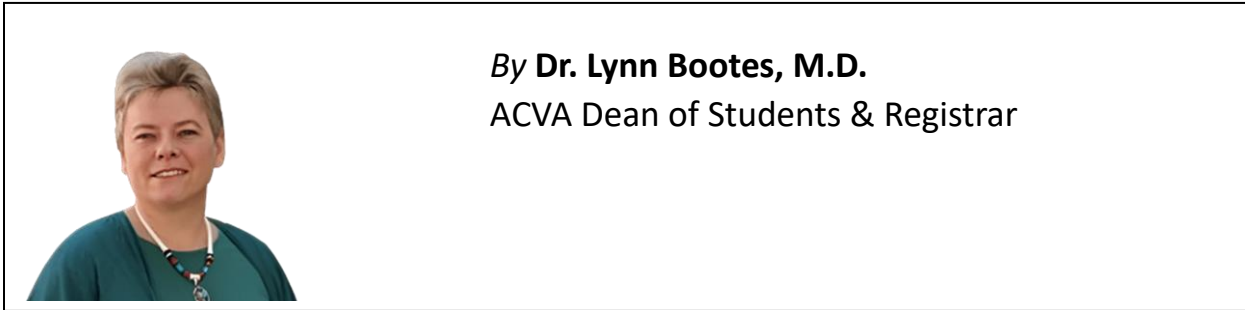


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The Observatory

Late November 2025 Edition

Dear Readers,

The wheel of the seasons brings us once again to the late fall/late spring season as we move to the winter/summer Solstice, depending on your hemisphere on this Earth. Some of the intensity of the past months has been modified a bit. In the stars, we are in transition to some new patterns.

We are still enjoying the presence of Jupiter in its exalted sign Cancer, as it brings its elevating and compassionate presence to bear on the other water signs, mitigating the more malefic characteristics of Mars in Scorpio and Saturn in Pisces. However, Jupiter is moving retrograde and will transition back into late Gemini December 6 through mid-January.

Enjoy the time of Venus in its own sign Libra from November 16-26, when the more elevated qualities of Venus are on display for a festive American Thanksgiving. Venus in Scorpio from November 26-December 21 brings out a more intense and passionate dynamic.

Mercury is still moving retrograde in Scorpio and has an inferior conjunction with the Sun on the same day as the Scorpio New Moon on November 20. Mars in Scorpio joins very closely with Mercury, Moon and Sun on November 20, bringing out some of the hidden intensity of Scorpio at holiday time. This is intensified by the fact that Mars makes a special 1:4 aspect to Rahu in Aquarius which is exact on November 23. While one could imagine the worst sorts of things at a family Thanksgiving, please also remember the potential of Scorpio to look deeply, practice compassion and keep silence!

Meanwhile, Mercury moves back into Libra on November 23, where it conjoins Venus exactly on November 24. Mercury and Venus share the sign Libra from November 23-26, a brief but invaluable time for auspicious muhurtas and holiday cheer. Mercury begins direct motion

November 29 and enters Scorpio December 7, and it spends the rest of December catching up to the Sun, Venus and Mars, joining them in Sagittarius December 30. The delays of November give way to rapid communication and commerce in December.

There's a change of tune December 6 as Jupiter slips back into Gemini, and Mars enters Sagittarius on December 8. Jupiter arrives just in time to take the edge off Mars and help with big plans. On December 9, Mars is exactly in a mutual 1:4/1:10 aspect with Saturn in Pisces, bringing on one of those periods of contradiction and potential conflict which happens several times per year. Again, Jupiter in Gemini helps to tame Mars and pacify Saturn and cast light on issues of justice and truth. This aspect will be in effect by sign all month.

Jupiter remains in high-minded Punarvasu nakshatra the entire month, even though it changes signs from Cancer back to Gemini. Saturn remains in the intense nakshatra Purva Bhadrapada. Ketu remains in creative Purva Phalguni/Leo. The big news is that Rahu transitions from Purva Bhadrapada to Shatabhisha at 20 degrees Aquarius on December 1, bringing some potential for divine healing from this profound nakshatra. In December, Rahu in Aquarius and Jupiter in Gemini will be making mutual whole house trine aspects, another encouraging combination.

We finish up December with a great gathering of the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars in Sagittarius (joined by the Moon on December 19), all receiving a full aspect from the sign lord Jupiter in Gemini. We can hope for principles of dharma to prevail in the world at such a time. Look for a very bright Jupiter in the sky all night, with Saturn visible only in the early hours. *Om Shanti Shantih.*

The Almanac

November 16, Sun enters Scorpio

November 17, Jupiter makes exact 1:5 trine to Sun at 00deg52 Cancer

November 18, Venus enters Vishakha

November 19, Sun enters Anuradha

November 19, Mars enters Jyeshtha

November 20, Mercury makes inferior conjunction to the Sun at 04deg01 Scorpio

November 20, 01:47 EST, New Moon at 03deg36 Scorpio/Anuradha

November 20, Mercury moves retrograde back into Vishakha

November 23, Mercury moves retrograde back into Libra.

November 23, Mars makes exact 1:4 unilateral aspect to Rahu in Aquarius

November 24, Mercury makes exact conjunction to Venus at 28 degrees Libra/Vishakha.

November 26, Venus enters Scorpio

November 28, Saturn stations direct at 00deg56 Pisces

November 29, Mercury stations direct at 26deg32 Libra

November 29, Venus enters Anuradha

December 1, Rahu (Mean node calculation) moves retrograde from Purva Bhadrapada to Shatabhisha at 20deg00 Aquarius

December 2, Sun enters Jyesthta

December 4, 18:14 EST, Full Moon at 18deg14 Taurus/Rohini

December 6, Jupiter moves retrograde from Cancer to Gemini

December 7, Mercury enters Scorpio

December 8, Mars enters Sagittarius/Mula

December 9, Mercury enters Anuradha

December 9, Venus enters Jyeshtha

December 9, Mars and Saturn in mutual special 1:4 and 1:10 aspect by degree at 01deg02 Sagittarius and Pisces

December 15, Sun enters Sagittarius/Mula

December 16, Saturn makes 1:10 aspect to Sun by degree at 01deg15 Pisces/Sagittarius

December 19, 20:43 EST, New Moon at 03deg50 Sagittarius/Mula

December 19, Mercury enters Jyeshtha

December 21, 10:03 am EST, Solstice (winter in Northern Hemisphere, summer in Southern Hemisphere), Sun at 05deg56 Sagittarius

December 21, Venus enters Sagittarius/Mula

December 25, Mars enters Purva Ashadha

December 28, Sun enters Purva Ashadha

December 30, Mercury enters Sagittarius/Mula

December 31, Mercury enters Purva Ashadha

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