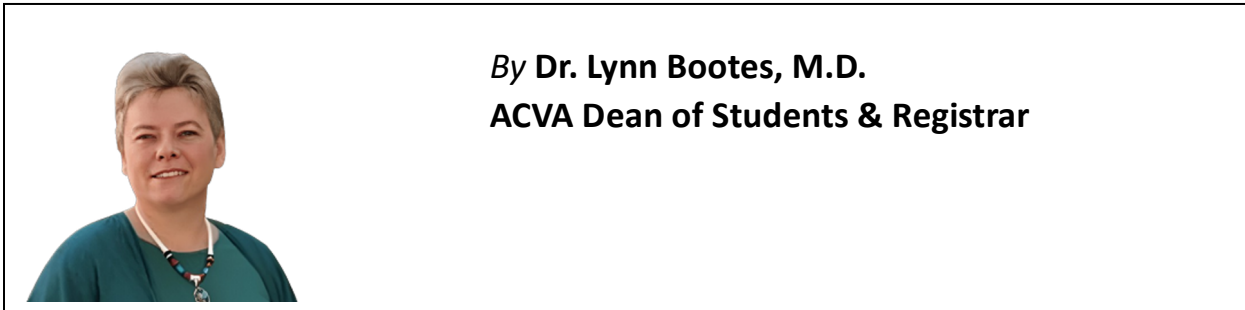


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THE OBSERVATORY

Sun in Leo Edition – August 17 to September 30, 2025

Dear Readers,

We're entering Eclipse season soon, and approaching the September Equinox, when living beings, the skies and the waters all over the globe make a seasonal shift of energies. The Lunar and Solar Eclipses, New and Full Moons, will have peak tides associated with the Eclipse season. On September 19, the partial Solar Eclipse occurs only 36 hours before the Equinox, a season associated with storms all over the Earth. My rule of thumb is that I don't plan outdoor events or travel to storm hot-spots at those times. On the other hand, the change of seasons means there are opportunities for auspicious dates to commence study, engage in trade, and give attention to health matters.

The Sun itself is in its own sign Leo from August 17 to September 16, and generally at maximum power and influence. On August 20-22, when the Moon is in its own sign Cancer, there are opportunities for auspicious *muhurtas*.

Mercury is the star of the show this month. It's completed its retrograde phase in Cancer on August 11 and spends the remainder of August alone in Cancer (except when visited by the Moon). On August 31 it picks up speed and moves into Leo, where it begins a complicated dance with the Sun, Ketu and Venus. Mercury reaches exact conjunction with Ketu on September 11, and with the Sun on September 14 near the end of Leo. During the entire month of September, one can't expect to see Mercury in the sky since it's within 12-14 degrees of the Sun (combust).

Mercury also makes a *Budha Aditya* Yoga, when it shares a *rashi* sign with the Sun, from August 31 to September 15. Mercury, although invisible to the naked eye, moves into its own and its exaltation sign Virgo, followed by the Sun, on September 16. Another period of *Budha Aditya* Yoga is in effect from September 16-30. Mercury in Virgo will be in the Vedic whole sign 1:7

aspect to Saturn in Pisces for the rest of September, with the exact opposition by degree on September 17. This complicated dance results in flashes of mental clarity and brilliance, while at other times the heat of the Sun or the mundane reality of Saturn may dominate. There are also some fascinating combinations of Mercury with Venus, Mars and Jupiter to consider.

Continue to watch Venus and Jupiter in the eastern sky before dawn, where they both occupy the sign Gemini. We can make the most of this positive combination of benefics in Gemini while it lasts. Venus enters Cancer on August 20 and shares that sign with benefic Mercury until August 31, creating more opportunities for positive *muhurtas* and *yogas*, especially when the Moon is favorable. Venus moves into Leo on September 14. Pay close attention to a 14-hour period when Venus will briefly share Leo with Sun, Mercury and Ketu, ending near dawn in the Eastern US time zone on September 15. We can expect a lot of things to be in flux at that time.

Jupiter remains in direct motion in Gemini from 20 to 28 degrees in *Punarvasu* nakshatra, one that is favorable for study, progeny, and dharmic matters. There are many days in the coming weeks when some excellent *Yogas* are formed – whenever the Moon is in a dual sign – Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. Jupiter and Rahu make a mutual 1:5/1:9 trine aspect which is exact on September 3, and active the entire month. After Mars moves into Libra on September 14, it will be receiving a 1:5 trine from Jupiter and a 1:9 trine from Rahu. These three action-oriented *grahas* will create a drum-beat of active change of various sorts in the element of air. All the other visible *grahas* (except the Moon at certain times) will be within the arc between Mars and Saturn.

Mars spends the entire month of August in Virgo and is visible in the western sky after sunset. The exact opposition to Saturn takes place on August 9 at 09deg08 Virgo/Pisces, but the two will interact all month. Mars will exit Virgo and enter Libra on September 14 where it'll be very close to the bright star *Chitra* (Spica). While in Libra, Mars receives a Vedic trine aspect from Jupiter but also makes a Vedic 1:8 aspect to Saturn in Pisces. We can expect more opportunities for conflict and irritation between Mars and Saturn, which will complicate matters as we approach the Solar Eclipse and the Equinox.

Saturn continues in retrograde motion from August 17 through September 30, moving from 06deg43 Pisces back to 03deg35, remaining in *Uttara Bhadrapada* nakshatra. Look for Saturn rising in the east around sunset in August and September. All *grahas* moving through Virgo will make an opposition to Saturn, and Saturn will continue to cast Vedic 1:3 and 1:10 aspects onto Taurus and Sagittarius.

Rahu and Ketu are well established in their retrograde motion through Aquarius/*Purva Bhadrapada* and Leo/*Purva Phalguni*, at around 24 degrees of those signs.

Also of note is the week of September 13-19, when the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars will all change signs within a few days. The net result of this pattern involving three *rashis* is that the sudden shift of energies will affect everyone. Change is in the air. Here at ACVA we hope and pray for the best possible outcome of the many changes in our world and do our part to pass on the wisdom of the *Rishis* to a new generation.

The Almanac –August/September 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.

I am beginning the Almanac a few days in the past to remind our readers of some really powerful combinations which happened before the Sun entered Leo on August 17.

August 9, Mars exact opposition to Saturn at 07deg08 Virgo/Pisces

August 11, Mercury stations and begins direct motion at 10deg02 Cancer/*Pushya*

August 12, Venus exactly conjunct Jupiter at 19deg52 Gemini/*Ardra*, close enough for a *Graha Yuddha* or planetary war according to some *Jyotish* schools.

August 13, Venus and Jupiter enter *Punarvasu*

August 14, Mars enters *Hasta*

August 17, Sun enters Leo/*Magha*

August 20, Venus enters Cancer

August 20 at 10:00 am, to August 22 at 2:00 pm, Sun and Moon both in their own signs

August 22, Mercury enters *Ashlesha*

August 23, Venus enters *Pushya*

August 23, New Moon at 06deg07 Leo/*Magha* – *Bhadrapada Amavasya*

August 30, Sun enters *Purva Phalguni*

August 31, Mercury enters Leo/*Magha*

September 3, Venus enters *Ashlesha*

September 3, Mars enters *Chitra*

September 3, Jupiter and Rahu make exact mutual trine at 24deg08 Gemini/Aquarius

September 6, Mercury enters *Purva Phalguni*

September 7, 2:09 pm EDT, Full Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse at 20deg29 Aquarius – *Bhadrapada Purnima* – visible in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Africa and Europe.

September 11, Sun exactly conjunct Ketu at 24deg08 Leo

September 12, Mercury exactly conjunct Ketu at 24deg08 Leo

September 13, Sun enters *Uttara Phalguni*

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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 – *Ashwini 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*

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