

The Observatory –

September 2018

Autumn in the northern hemisphere, Spring in the southern – what a wonderful wide world we inhabit!

In whatever way we define the next three months, there are some sweet planetary placements available for our creative use. Mars, Venus, and Mercury are all in dignity – at least until early October. Here is a brief golden moment to make our best efforts. As usual when planets are in dignity, there are many hours during every day of this season during which powerful, positive yogas are created. Mars creates Ruchaka yoga – great for taking bold actions. Venus creates Malavya yogas – great for creating alliances, and for creativity. And Mercury creates clever Bhadra yoga – good for useful ideas and figuring things out. There is real potential here to make positive causes to create positive effects.

Day and night are of equal length for the moment.

Planetary placements and ingresses:

Saturn continues his transit through Sagittarius, in Mula nakshatra, until entering Purva Ashadha nakshatra on 11/27/18. Rahu continues through Cancer, Pushya nakshatra until he retrogrades into Punarvasu nakshatra on 12/6/18. Ketu is in Capricorn, Shrivatsa nakshatra, until entering Uttara Ashadha nakshatra on 9/26/18. Jupiter is in the very end of Libra, Vishakha nakshatra, until 10/11/18 when he enters Scorpio to remain until November 2019.

Mars is direct and exalted in Capricorn. The Sun transits Virgo. Venus is in Libra; Mercury exalted in Virgo.

SEPTEMBER

23 Equinox. Saturn 10th house aspect to Mercury

24 Full Moon

25 Saturn 10th house aspect to the Sun

OCTOBER

5 Venus turns retrograde

6 Mercury ingress into Libra

9 New Moon. Draconids meteor showers.

10 Mercury opposite Uranus

11 Jupiter enters Scorpio!

15 Mercury conjunct Venus

17 Sun enters Libra. “Libra represents a man in a bazaar with a balance scale in hand.” Brihat Jataka.

23 Sun opposite Uranus

24 Full Moon

26 Mercury enters Scorpio; Sun conjunct Venus

29 Mercury conjunct Jupiter

31 Venus opposite Uranus

NOVEMBER

4 Daylight Savings Time ends – U.S.

5 Mars enters Aquarius

7 New Moon

16 Mercury turns retrograde. Venus turns direct. Sun enters Scorpio

22 Full Moon

25 Sun conjunct Jupiter

27 Sun conjunct Mercury. Saturn 3rd house aspect to Mars. Mercury conjunct Jupiter

30 Venus opposite Uranus

DECEMBER

6 New Moon. Mercury turns direct.

7 Mars conjunct Neptune

13 Geminids meteor showers

15 Sun enters Sagittarius. "Sagittarius is a centaur with the hind part of a horse, and the front of an archer." Brihat Jataka.

21 Mercury conjunct Jupiter