

The Observatory



March 2022 Equinox Edition

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Dear Readers,

This season you will see a number of changes in how the COMET presents the sky changes of the season ahead. We continue our work as a teaching institution for those dedicated to learning Jyotish. We always welcome serious inquiries from potential students.

*View the beautiful images of sky changes in the **GOLA column** by Leadership Team member **Julene Louis**. Gola means Astronomy in Sanskrit, the language of Jyotish.*

*The **Star Guidance** column is now called **The Observatory**. See the dates of important sky events at a glance as you examine Jyotish charts.*

*If you are new to astrology, you may not quite appreciate how unusual it is to have **Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Rahu and Ketu all change signs** in the same month. **Charlotte Benson** reflects in her letter on how tightly all these planets are grouped with the inner planets **Mercury, Venus and Mars**, as well as **Sun and Moon** at the time of the **Pisces New Moon** in early April. This is clearly a unique and momentous time in the story of our world.*

*We are a world-wide organization. While it is Spring north of the Equator, it is now Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere – hence this is the “**Equinox Edition**.”*

*Day and time is based upon **Midnight at Greenwich Mean Time**.*

***Differences in Mean and True Node calculation (Rahu and Ketu)** will result in a range of dates of ingresses up to 5 days. These are noted as such.*

Lahiri Ayanamsa as of March 20, 2022 is 24d10m. Add this commonly used standard (or other Ayanamsa you prefer) to convert from Sidereal Positions to the Tropical Zodiac used in Western astrology.

Om Shanti, Lynn

Late March Transits and Ingresses

16 March – Rahu (True Node) moves from Taurus to Aries, Ketu from Scorpio to Libra (March 20 for Mean Node)

20 March - Spring Equinox – 4:33 pm Greenwich Daylight Time

22 March – Mars in Capricorn squares (1:4 special aspect) Uranus at 18 Aries

24 March – Mercury conjoins Neptune at 29 Aquarius

24 March – Mercury enters Pisces

28 March – Venus conjoins Saturn at 27 Capricorn

31 March – Venus enters Aquarius

April Transits and Ingresses

1 April – New Moon at 17d07 Pisces

3 April – Mercury conjoins Sun at 19 Pisces (superior conjunction)

5 April – Mars conjoins Saturn at 28 Capricorn

5 April – Mars in Capricorn squares (1:4 special aspect) Rahu at 28 Aries

7 April – Mars enters Aquarius

8 April – Jupiter in Aquarius trines (special 1:9 trine aspect) Ketu 28 Libra (April 12 for Mean Node at 29 Libra)

8 April – Mercury enters Aries

9 April – Saturn in Capricorn squares (1:10 special aspect) Ketu at 28 Libra (April 21 for Mean Node at 29 Libra)

12 April – Jupiter conjoins Neptune at 29 Aquarius

13 April – Jupiter enters Pisces

14 April – Sun enters Aries

16 April – Full Moon – Sun 2d03 Aries, Moon 2d03 Libra

18 April – Neptune enters Pisces

18 April – Mercury conjoins Uranus

23 April – Mercury conjoins Rahu

24 April – Mercury enters Taurus
27 April – Venus enters Pisces and conjoins Neptune at 0d15
29 April – Saturn enters Aquarius
29 April – Pluto stations retrograde at 4d26 Capricorn
30 April – New Moon/Solar Eclipse at 16d04 Aries

May Transits and Ingresses

1 May – Venus conjoins Jupiter at 3d49 Pisces
5 May – Sun conjoins Uranus at 20 Aries
10 May – Mercury stations retrograde at 10d41 Taurus
15 May – Sun enters Taurus
16 May – Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse - Sun 0d59 Taurus, Moon 0d59 Scorpio
21 May – Mercury conjoins Sun at 6 Taurus (inferior conjunction)
23 May – Venus enters Aries
30 May – New Moon 14d38 Taurus
30 May – Mars conjoins Jupiter at 9d24 Pisces

Early June Transits and Conjunctions

3 June – Mercury stations direct at 1d59 Taurus
5 June – Saturn stations retrograde at 1d05 Aquarius
12 June – Venus conjoins Uranus at 22 degrees Aries
14 June – Full Moon – Sun 28d43 Taurus, Moon 28d43 Scorpio
15 June – Sun enters Gemini
16 June – Venus conjoins Rahu at 28 Aries
18 June – Venus enters Taurus
20 June – Summer Solstice - 2:13 am on June 21 GMT