

The Observatory: Sun in Scorpio 2024



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We begin and end this Sun in Scorpio month with Full Moons, the first being on November 15 at 29 degrees Aries, moving into Taurus hours later. The same day, Saturn stations in Aquarius and begins its slow forward motion. Those of us in the USA have been transfixed by the election of a President and other offices, and now witness the unfolding of these events. Jupiter in Taurus, Sun and Mercury in Scorpio, and Saturn in Aquarius produce a dominance by the fixed signs. A desire for stability and order seems to be in the air.

Mercury will enter its retrograde period, as it does three times per year, from November 25 to December 15, and will remain in Scorpio, making aspects with the other planets in fixed signs. I plan to do my holiday shopping early and prepare for travel delays in those weeks. The New Moon on December 1 takes place during Mercury retrograde.

However much most will desire stability and economic security, Mars in the emotionally difficult sign of Cancer begins its retrograde period on December 6 at 11deg58 Cancer. It will remain retrograde until February 24, by which time it will have moved back into Gemini. If you are looking for passion and fireworks, Mars and Venus are in opposition on December 12.

The non-visible planet Uranus has been visiting Taurus for the past six months, but on December 14, it will move back into Aries, just as we close out the month with another Full Moon on the *sandhi* of two signs: 29deg17 Taurus/Scorpio.

Generally, this should be a period of rest and repositioning after a very intense year, with more to come in 2025.

November 15-30, 2024

November 15, Full Moon at 7:26 am at 29deg31 Aries

November 15, Saturn stationary direct at 18deg29 Aquarius

November 16, Sun enters Scorpio

November 18, Mercury at 24deg38 Scorpio makes 1:7 aspect to Jupiter at 24deg38 Taurus

November 18, Venus enters *Purva Ashadha* nakshatra

November 24, Rahu at 10deg57 Pisces makes 1:5 aspect to Mars at 10deg57 Cancer

November 25, Mercury stationary retrograde at 12deg15 Scorpio

November 26, Rahu at 10deg48 Pisces makes 1:9 aspect to Sun at 10deg48 Scorpio

November 30, Venus enters *Uttara Ashadha* nakshatra

December 2024

December 1, New Moon at 1:21 am at 15deg10 Scorpio

December 2, Sun enters *Jyeshtha* nakshatra

December 3, Venus enters Capricorn

December 3, Ketu leaves *Hasta* nakshatra and enters *Uttara Phalguni* nakshatra

December 4, Mercury at 22deg35 Scorpio makes 1:7 aspect to Jupiter at 22deg35 Taurus

December 5, Sun conjoins Mercury at approximately 20deg15 Scorpio

December 6, Mars stationary retrograde at 11deg58 Cancer

December 6, Saturn at 18deg51 Aquarius makes 1:10 aspect to Mercury at 18deg51 Scorpio

December 7, Neptune stationary direct at 02deg56 Pisces

December 7, Sun at 22deg10 Scorpio makes 1:7 aspect to Jupiter at 22deg10 Taurus

December 8, Mercury enters *Anuradha* nakshatra

December 11, Venus enters *Shravana* nakshatra

December 12, Venus at 11:45 Capricorn makes 1:7 aspect to Mars at 11:45 Cancer

December 14, Uranus moves retrograde from Taurus into Aries

December 15, Full Moon at 4:02 am at 29deg17 Taurus

December 15, Sun enters Sagittarius

December 15, Mercury stations direct at 12deg15 Scorpio

December 21, Winter Solstice Northern Hemisphere, Summer Solstice Southern Hemisphere at 4:21 am EST.

