

ACVA Asteroid 2026-07 – Observatory



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THE OBSERVATORY

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Dear Readers,

Comparatively speaking, August will begin with a feeling of relative stability compared with previous months. August remains a good month to begin studies at ACVA, as many of us can take a pause in our busy lives to study. We are entering eclipse season – see the details below in the Almanac. We can expect more extreme weather events at these times. I will be watching the total solar eclipse visible in the Arctic and far north Atlantic on August 12, especially in light of political tensions and climate change. There are also a number of planetary changes clustering around August 12-17 as described below.

Jupiter reached exact conjunction and combustion with the Sun on July 29, but the effect of the combustion remains until August 13. While Jupiter is exalted in Cancer all month, Jupiter's ability to bring results is limited as it is weakened by the combustion. Jupiter is giving us the vision of compassion, but we might be over-optimistic on what can come about right now. When the Sun moves to Leo on August 17, Jupiter will be visible in the eastern sky before dawn, and it will be able to provide guidance and vision. Jupiter in Cancer continues to make a one-way aspect to Saturn in Pisces until December. Jupiter is also Saturn's sign ruler which has been a real blessing for all. The trine aspect will be exact by degree at 19deg52 Cancer/Pisces on September 2.

Saturn is now in retrograde in Pisces for the entire month and is opposite Venus in Virgo the entire time. The aspect is exact by degree on August 21 at 19deg58 Pisces. Some may experience feelings of loneliness or an excessive sense of criticism of self or others – while there is also the possibility of deepening meaningful friendships and loyalties.

Venus begins the month at the first degree of Virgo, visible after sunset, and spends the entire month in this sign of a planetary friend. Mars, meanwhile, spends the entire month in Gemini and makes a one-way aspect to Venus and Virgo. There will be some emotional flareups

and explosive mental mind-games being played by Mars, while Venus tries to tidy up the messes created by Mars. When Mars enters Ardra Nakshatra on August 12, we may experience even more fireworks. Look for Mars high in the sky before dawn. As both Gemini and Virgo are ruled by Mercury, the onus goes back to Mercury and Jupiter in Cancer to step out of irritability into compassion.

The Almanac

Dates and times refer to Eastern Daylight Time (USA) -5:00h UST. Some nations and regions around the world differ in the dates of change on and off daylight time, and others do not change. Readers outside North America should consult their local sources on time changes.

July 29, Full Moon at 11deg59 Capricorn

July 29, Sun exact conjunction with Jupiter at 12deg06 Cancer

End of July (approximate), Mercury becomes visible in the eastern sky before dawn

August 2, Mercury reaches maximum elongation in the pre-dawn sky

August 3, Sun enters Ashlesha Nakshatra

August 4, Mercury enters Cancer

August 7, Mercury enters Pushya Nakshatra

August 10, Venus enters Hasta Nakshatra

August 10-15, end of visibility for Mercury

August 12, Solar Eclipse – total – 25deg26 Cancer, maximum at 1:45 pm EDT. Visible in portions of the Arctic Ocean and North Atlantic, Eastern Greenland, Iceland, and parts of Northern Spain

August 12, Mars enters Ardra Nakshatra

August 13, Jupiter begins to be visible before sunrise in the east – out of combustion

August 15, Mercury exact conjunction to Jupiter at 15deg54 Cancer

August 15, Mercury enters Ashlesha Nakshatra

August 16, Sun enters Leo/Magha Nakshatra

August 18, Jupiter enters Ashlesha Nakshatra

August 22, Mercury enters Leo/Magha Nakshatra

August 25, Mercury conjunct Ketu at 05deg36 Leo

August 25, Venus enters Chitra Nakshatra

August 27, Mercury conjunct Sun at 10deg12 Leo

August 28, Lunar Eclipse – total - 10deg31 Aquarius, maximum at 12:02 am EDT. Visible on much of the globe except for Australia and most of Asia

August 29, Mercury enters Purva Phalguni Nakshatra

August 30, Sun enters Purva Phalguni Nakshatra

September 2, Jupiter and Saturn make mutual trine by degree at 19deg27 Cancer/Pisces. Jupiter makes bhava 1:9 aspect from June 2 through November 1.

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