

# 2018 SKYWATCH LONG-RANGE DATEBOOK



An Astrological Timing  
Guide for All Signs

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Good timing is often the deciding factor in the success or failure of events in our lives. The information in this Datebook will give you an overview of the energies and astrological cycles appearing in the heavens each month and a “heads up” about when the timing is good to make a move and to take action—and when to step back and stay out of the line of fire. Skywatch is a report on the astrology of the day, the energy that is on the street—the energy that charges up the herd to either stampede or stop dead in their tracks. Both kinds of days are noted every month in this report—the days to hold ’em and the days to fold ’em. You will profit by using the good Kiss days to conduct the priority matters in your life. And by staying out of the line of fire on the stressful Quack days. As times change.

Times change. How do I know the good days from the grumpy ones? By watching the planets as they travel through the signs, and by noting when they make angular alignments with each other. A Full Moon is a good example as that’s when the Sun and Moon are lined up exactly opposite each other—an event that often marks a major turning point in our lives. Watching the Sun, Moon and planets travel through the Zodiac is an old study. Astronomers have analyzed these cycles and alignments in the heavens for thousands of years. What they realized was that the patterns repeated. And that negative alignments in the heavens appeared just as challenging situations/energy appeared here on Earth. But they also noticed that when sweet Venus or lucky Jupiter came to the foreground in the Skywatch, most folks were in a much better mood and more open to new ideas and plans. As above, so below. The proof is in your hands.

This information will be the most valuable to you if you will get out your 2018 calendar and mark the Kiss and Quack days for each month—hopefully in green and red. This is my simplified way of alerting you as to when there are positive connections in the heavens—and when the stress levels are higher than usual. Once complete you will see the target days to schedule upcoming events, and you’ll see the days, too, to pull back and simplify your plans in each of the twelve months.

Positive planetary alignments, like a trine or sextile, on the Kiss days put most folks into a more receptive mood to new ideas and your thoughts—and you’ll note that you are more confident and clear on the days when the astrological weather is positive. These are better days for anything high priority, weddings, medical, financial or dangerous as most situations and conditions you encounter on these days are likely to go as expected with no surprises. These are the days to take action and to ask for what you want whether work or play. Developments and new connections that come to you and/or begin on these days also tend to be very helpful to your cause.

Squares are some of the most difficult alignments between planets in astrology. When they appear up in the heavens we often run into frustrating people and situations down below here on Earth. Semi-squares and other difficult alignments that appear in the heavens all become Quacks in my system—alerts to keep it simple. What do you do on Quack days? Heads up! These are the times when you are least likely to get approval of your plans and when complications, some unexpected, can make your day a bit more stressful. Fights on the school playground, angry callers, rude behavior are all more likely on the Quack days. And you might not be at your best on these days either which is another reason why these are good times to back off and reconsider your actions.

The days not on either list usually have less energy and often have a Kiss and a Quack at about the same time of the day. If you read the daily Skywatch reports every morning you’ll learn how to use the positive energy on these days as you also learn more about the planets, signs, and the aspects/alignments they make. The study of astrology is complex. This is my 43rd year of study in the books of the masters—and I’m still learning. Help your loved ones and friends; let them know about these dates, especially the + power days each month, and the Retrograde cycles.

That’s it. Very simple. There is no secret magic formula here. The stars impel, they don’t compel. Outcomes in all situations are all at your command—Skywatch is a report on timing to give you the best chance to succeed. But realize that a leaky boat will still quickly sink on a Kiss day. You can still have a lovely day when Quacks are in the Skywatch since you have your own personal astrology to play out. But unless there is something big happening in your natal chart, the Skywatch calls out the vibes and energy of the day—and will help you know when to take action, when to set sail on a high tide with the wind at your back. Welcome aboard!

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***“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.”***

**—Ecclesiastes 3**

## ★JANUARY, 2018★

Powerful Pluto is on center stage this month. As the Sun, Venus and Mercury will all meet Pluto in the heavens in January. Plus Mars and Jupiter are both in Pluto ruled Scorpio for most of the month. Great healing is possible in the weeks ahead and a great rupture, too—divorces, bankruptcies, mass calamities and major milestones will be in the news and, in some places, a passing of the torch as Pluto rules death and rebirth. Pluto's energy helps us focus and to passionately attack our problems. So this is a very good month for all of us to take action on improving our health, relationships and/or finances. Pluto asks us to let go of negative people and situations—this is a fabulous month for a “fresh start” in some area of your life and to create a new positive situation or habit that you can carry into the future. Most helpful is that Jupiter lines up in a supportive sextile to Pluto on Jan 15, encouraging all of us to look for new opportunities this month—the Future is calling with this pair. And especially for all Scorpio birth signs, planets and the house Scorpio rules in your birth chart. Pluto is Scorpio's ruler or ambassador.

Helpful to all this is that Uranus, ruler of changes, turns direct in motion on Jan 2 after being Retrograde since Aug 3, 2017. All planets are moving in direct motion from this day on until Jupiter turns Rx on March 9. This is a quite rare window of time finding all planets in direct motion—we will get only one other short period like this at the end of the year. This situation brings us all green lights to move forward with high priority matters during this quiet and “normal” part of the planetary cycles.

Target date; Jan 16 when a New Moon in Capricorn conjuncts Pluto in the heavens. This is an extremely powerful New Moon and a very good time to plant seeds and to take the initiative in some way.

**JANUARY KISS DAYS:** 5, 6+, 8, 9++, 10, 15, 16, 21, 25. Brave Mars meets lucky Jupiter in the heavens on the 6<sup>th</sup>—it's an excellent day to adventure and gamble on your self. A big dose of Pluto energy appears on the 9<sup>th</sup> as the Sun and Venus both meet the planet of transformation in the Skywatch that day—a complication is the Moon Void of Course—be sure to read the daily report at [www.skywatchastrology.com](http://www.skywatchastrology.com).

**JANUARY QUACK DAYS:** 13, 14, 17, 23. There are no major problems in the Skywatch this month, but these days are the least favorable in January, and days to schedule lightly if possible.

## ★FEBRUARY, 2018★

Activities with friends and groups with a humanitarian or charitable mission get the green light in early February as the Sun, Venus and Mercury all travel through Aquarius. This air sign also inspires us all to come up with unique and original ideas and projects. Folks born under this fixed sign (they are determined and usually much stronger, physically and mentally, than they appear) look at things from a logical perspective (think Spock in Star Trek). You'll notice an energy shift this month as the Sun and Planets move into a new sign.

The logic of Aquarius melts into the feelings of water sign Pisces as sweet Venus enters Pisces (her favorite sign) on Feb 10. Mercury enters the sign of the Fish on Feb 17. And the Sun

enters psychic and creative Pisces on Feb 18. Pisces energy is romantic, compassionate, idealistic, but not always friends with the truth. Logical Mercury has the most difficulty swimming/communicating in this sign—double-check the details, numbers and financial statements from Feb 17 to March 5 as errors, lies, and misunderstandings are more likely during this part of Mercury's journey through the Zodiac.

The rest of the Skywatch is excellent for work or play as all planets are moving in direct motion throughout the month. Planets in Retrograde tend to slow down the flow of events in our lives and we seldom have such a long stretch of time like we have in February. Make the most of it by pushing all the important buttons in your life this month. The very best time to act is when a New Moon and Solar Eclipse appear in the Skywatch on February 15. Eclipses are super powerful New and Full Moons. This one is in the sign of the future, Aquarius, and prompts you to plant a seed for something positive to show up in your life in the days ahead. Getting engaged on Valentine's Day definitely qualifies for using the power in this New Moon in a stellar way.

There are no heavy challenging squares/quacks in the Skywatch this month, and that is also unusual. The most difficult pairing, Mars square Neptune, appears in the heavens late Friday night, February 16 and turns exact on Saturday morning, February 17. The rest of the Skywatch on the 17<sup>th</sup> is good but use caution with anything dangerous that weekend. The only other planetary square is a lightweight and shows up on a very good day otherwise. Venus in sweet and emotional Pisces squares impatient and aggressive Mars in fiery Sagittarius over the weekend of February 24/25. The square is exact on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, but there is a series of positive aspects that follow on that day. That's why the 25<sup>th</sup> is indicated on both lists—get through the square early Sunday morning and the rest of the day is upbeat.

**FEBRUARY KISS DAYS:** 6, 15+, 21, 25<sup>th</sup> PM only. Be alert for new opportunities and be ready to take action around the Eclipse—this is one of the best New Moon alignments with the other planets that we've seen in a while. It is an excellent day for important appointments, meetings and events that point into the future. There are many other good days for important matters in your life this month; these are the cream of the crop.

**FEBRUARY QUACK DAYS:** 13, 16+, 17, 23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup> AM only. Hope you are not going to a wedding on this last weekend of the month when loving Venus squares inconsiderate Mars. This square will be a testy highlight in the chart of a wedding that takes place then. The square will also inspire some couples to elope as Mars is horny and impatient to get hooked up.

## ★MARCH, 2018★

All planets remain in direct motion as we start March—good days to put new plans and ideas into motion. More energy appears on the 6<sup>th</sup> when both Venus and Mercury enter fired-up and impatient Aries. This is a stellar day to start something positive in your life and/or to let someone know you really love them.

The Skywatch clouds up a bit as Jupiter turns Retrograde on March 8. He does this every year and retreats on the bases for 3-4 months and will end this cycle in mid August. As the ruler of expansion, his Rx period requires close scrutiny of the measures

## 2018 PLANETARY RETROGRADES

From time to time the planets appear to be backing up in the heavens and driving in reverse. This apparent motion is caused by the Earth speeding by in her orbit creating the illusion of the planet Retrograding. Notable that the Sun and Moon never Rx. While the most important Rx cycles we observe in Skywatch belong to Mercury, and Mars. These are the personal planets and their Rx cycles are quite noticeable and will be major events in the astrological weather of 2018. Any Rx planet loses clarity and focus which turns on the caution lights on all new events ruled by that planet.

**MERCURY** is the messenger planet who rules our computers and all the machines we use for travel and communications, including our cars—all more subject to malfunction and breakdown during Mercury's three Rx cycles in 2018. Yes, back up your computer and get your car serviced before the Rx cycle begins. The benefit: This is a good time to go back over recent plans and actions and to review, rethink and reexamine your work—improvements are likely to be significant and most helpful once the Rx cycle ends. This is a poor time to travel, sign important papers and to make binding decisions that have long-range significance—you might change your mind. Mercury Rx periods in 2018 are: **March 22–April 15, July 26–Aug. 19, Nov 16–Dec 6**. Mercury rules both Virgo and Gemini birth signs who typically can feel the Mercury Rx cycle coming on a week ahead of time.

**MARS** rules our muscles and the energy/drive to put new plans and ideas into motion. In Rx, we all lose some horsepower and need more rest—this is not the time to try to break personal best records in the gym, or to launch major new projects. Better to pull back during Mars Rx and review your course of action. The benefit: Pulling back and recharging your batteries while working patiently on something that will happen after Mars resumes direct motion will greatly increase your chances of success and completion. Unusual bursts of adrenaline and anger from unlikely sources also accompanies Mars Rx. You may find yourself impatient over something that needs time to mature, especially Aries birth signs who are ruled by Mars, and Scorpio birth signs who are co-ruled by Mars. Mars will be Rx from **June 26–Aug 27**.

**VENUS** rules love, our money and what we value. As she backs up on the bases we get confused about what we need/want to spend or what an item is really worth. And there's usually a relationship issue or two to work through during her 40+ day Rx cycle which appears in the Skywatch every other year. The benefit: This is a very good time to finish up old projects and to go over budgets and expenses where you will likely find a way to plug a financial leak. This is not a good time to decide to get married or divorced as your emotions may be in a temporary mood that doesn't last. Getting married at this time is not a big problem as the decision was made earlier when Venus was direct. Venus rules Taurus and Libra birth signs and will Rx from **October 5–November 16**.

you take to grow and progress—sloppy thinking and work will hinder your ability to succeed in this window of time.

The most influential event in the heavens in March is Mercury turning Retrograde on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Traveling backwards in aggressive Aries for three weeks is bound to launch ideas and plans that will never come true. And people will say things they wish they hadn't. Mercury rules the winds—Aries is ruled by sometimes violent Mars—powerful storms are likely along with talk of war. Use this period of time to stop, look and listen—to review and reorganize matters so that you will be better prepared in the future to succeed after Mercury resumes direct motion on April 15.

Matters started during Mercury Rx often fail to deliver as promised. It's a poor time to make long-term commitments and for elective medical procedures. And you'll want to double-check everything you write down while doing your taxes in this time period as errors are more likely. And whether it's tax advice or a medical evaluation, don't hesitate to get a second opinion during Mercury Rx. This is a good time to shop and compare, especially with large purchases. Pay extra attention to pets and critters during the Rx cycle as small problems can get out of hand—all ruled by Mercury.

**MARCH KISS DAYS:** 1, 6, 11<sup>th</sup> in PM, 13<sup>th</sup> in PM, 20, 28. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> both have similar patterns in that they have planets in square to Saturn first thing that morning, but there are a series of very positive events in the Skywatch that follow. The trick on these days is to get organized (Saturn) first and to be aware that the rest of the day will have much better energy for everything.

**MARCH QUACK DAYS:** 4, 10, 12, 23, 24+, 29. Again, the last weekend of the month is the least favorable for anything

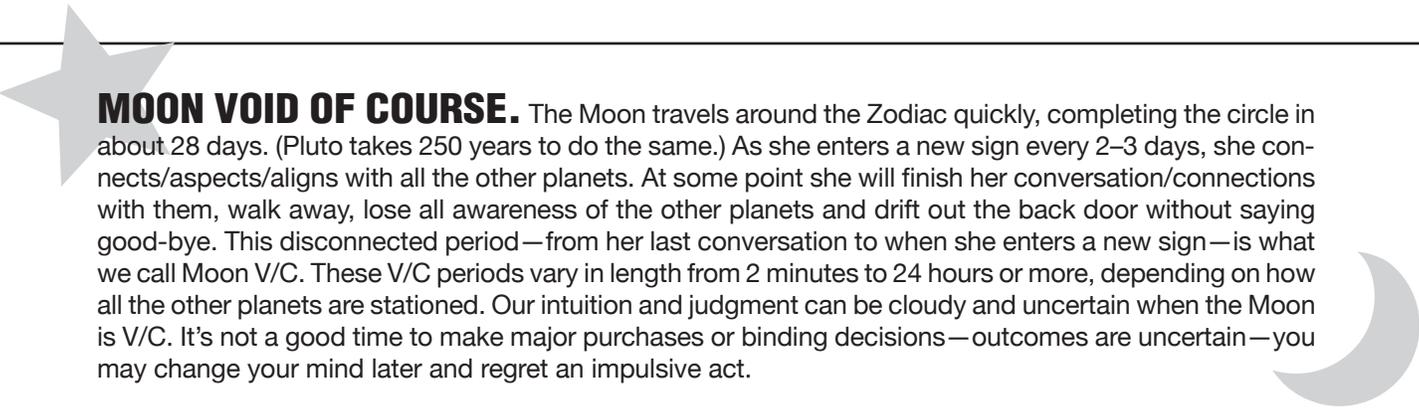
complicated or dangerous as the Sun and Moon both square Mars on the 24<sup>th</sup> giving Mercury Rx lots of energy for accidents, arguments and breakdowns over the weekend. The other days are crusty but won't knock you off your horse—just schedule them lightly.

### ★APRIL, 2018★

Healing energy. There's a big-time planetary alignment in the Skywatch this month. Expansive and lucky Jupiter lines up in a sextile to healing Pluto on the 14<sup>th</sup>. But nothing good happens unless you take action; that's the message from a sextile. This welcome aspect will be in power all month long and brings a fabulous time to get married or to start any new health or dietary program. This is also a good month for elective surgery, also ruled by Pluto. This sextile is powerful as Jupiter is in Scorpio now, the sign ruled by Pluto, which doubles the power of this most useful marker. Pluto is also the ruler of investments, insurance, taxes and goods of the dead. Jupiter rules the law, travel and education—all favorable avenues in the light of this sextile.

But you've got to double-check the details as Mercury is still Retrograde from last month until he resumes direct motion on April 15<sup>th</sup>. And surprises are likely on this date as there is also a New Moon in Aries which sits next to Uranus, the planet of changes and the truth. Looks like Tax day will be favorable news to some folks and a bad surprise to others.

The Full Moon this month is also a positive event. It will be in earthy Capricorn and makes a complementary sextile to ruler Saturn on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Again, this combination is extra powerful and brings us a very good time to make a final decision (popping the question) and/or to ending a chapter in your life that is unhealthy or negative.



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## MOON VOID OF COURSE.

The Moon travels around the Zodiac quickly, completing the circle in about 28 days. (Pluto takes 250 years to do the same.) As she enters a new sign every 2–3 days, she connects/aspects/aligns with all the other planets. At some point she will finish her conversation/connections with them, walk away, lose all awareness of the other planets and drift out the back door without saying good-bye. This disconnected period—from her last conversation to when she enters a new sign—is what we call Moon V/C. These V/C periods vary in length from 2 minutes to 24 hours or more, depending on how all the other planets are stationed. Our intuition and judgment can be cloudy and uncertain when the Moon is V/C. It's not a good time to make major purchases or binding decisions—outcomes are uncertain—you may change your mind later and regret an impulsive act.

**BENEFITS:** While we are cautioned to pull back from the material world during Moon V/C, we can turn our attention to the spiritual world and find satisfaction. This is a good time for meditation, recentering, spiritual studies and for helping others. Stick to routine and keep your plans simple during V/C periods and you will not find them to be difficult.

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Warrior Mars makes two powerful connections this month you'll want to be aware of. On April 2, eager Mars meets “don't rush me” Saturn in the heavens and some kind of frustrating event is likely around your home or office. Breakdowns are also more likely. This is not a good day to go to the dentist or to push your luck.

Even more problematic is the meeting of Mars and dangerous Pluto in the heavens on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the Skywatch that day is good and that means this energy can be put to good use, but be aware that this pair can incite some folks to violence. This is the day to pay extra attention to your kids and critters as small problems can get out of hand with Pluto on stage.

More Retrogrades: Saturn begins to back up on the bases on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Pluto turns Retrograde on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Neither planet has a personal connection and you might not feel these events. However, they will slow down the signs ruled by these two planets and urge the natives to be more deliberate and reasoned in their actions during this Rx period.

**APRIL KISS DAYS:** 7, 12, 13, 14+, 17+, 29, 30. Venus and the Moon align in harmony with Pluto on the 17<sup>th</sup>—it's a day with passionate energy well suited for introductions and for financial progress. It's also an excellent day to throw your hat into the ring and to be in touch with the people who can help you.

**APRIL QUACK DAYS:** 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 26, 28. Communication problems are very likely on the first four days of this list. Be certain to triple-check the details on these dates. Simple plans work best when the Skywatch is stressful.

### ★MAY, 2018★

There's a little magic in the air this month. You'll have to reach for it and be tuned in to really benefit. Dreams may show you something important to consider or understand, and your hunches are more likely to be on target in May. All due to expansive Jupiter making a trine to psychic and spiritual Neptune on May 25. Neptune fuels the creative and imaginative elements in our psyche and can inspire artists in all fields to produce a masterpiece. This trine also sets up a stellar month for spiritual studies and retreats.

I am certain many of you will get a “celestial transmission” while this trine appears in the Skywatch. These planets are the rulers of the sign Pisces suggesting a powerful month for the Fishes to show the

world what they can do and perhaps have a dream come true. Neptune rules your feet—Jupiter's connection blesses surgery there and the purchase of shoes. Neptune also has the spirit of charity; Jupiter is the philosopher.

Working together they suggest a good month to share our wealth, love and energy with others. For some folks this is a month when a dream comes true. This is not a gift but a positive reception to the work they have put into the dream.

Now it's your turn.

This is a good month to set your intention and to work for something positive in your life to develop over the next three months as this trine reforms and powers up in mid-August when again “dreams can come true.” Small victories at this time can give lifetime benefit.

Add dancing, swimming and all water sports including fishing to the positive list—Pisces ruled, too.

A major change in the Skywatch this month is rebellious and unpredictable Uranus entering Taurus, the money sign. This last happened around 84 years ago and suggests changes in our financial systems and changes in what we value. This new era will last seven years and suggests that a lot of money will be made by investors in the tech field as everything electrical is ruled by Uranus, Stocks of high tech outfits will be good stocks to own over the next seven years is my bet.

On the street, this might mean a change in your financial position or of costs if you are building something. “Shocking” is how Uranus acts when he lights up the room.

Electric cars will be common and marvelous high tech inventions are ahead as Taurus figures out how to build things cheaply. We use this energy well by valuing our own personal genius, Uranus, and putting it to work to make money or something of value. Uranus is unique, new age, experimental and original. This is the month to gamble on yourself and to put your original work out on the table.

If you watch the markets circle, May 4, in your calendar as that's when this once-in-7-year event takes place. No predictions from me; Uranus is unpredictable. But changes are in the wind.

**MAY KISS DAYS:** 11, 14, 18, 19th in the AM only, 22, 25, 27. These are the better days—three Fridays in a row—for important appointments and business. Get the details at [www](http://www)

Skywatchastrology.com and take advantage of the powerful times and events on these days.

**MAY QUACK DAYS:** 7, 12, 16+, 26. The only heavy is the Mars square to dangerous Uranus on the 16<sup>th</sup>. But you can also expect some confusion and resistance on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Schedule both days as simply as possible.

### ★JUNE, 2018★

Heads up! We have a lovely string of kisses and lots of good days to boogie in the first three weeks of June—get as much as possible done then. Because two different planets are about to turn Retrograde which will complicate your plans and delay forward motion in the weeks ahead. The main event is the beginning of Mars Retrograde on June 26. Just like an old light switch in the cellar—sometimes it works and the lights come on...and sometimes it doesn't—your energy level will rise and fall as Mars continues to back up on the bases until August 27.

His Problem? Mars hates to wait, and lots of folks will make major mistakes jumping into new purchases and situations before thinking it through during this part of his cycle. New situations started in this time period often need to be “restarted” at a later date, after Mars ends his Rx cycle.

Instead this a period of time when we should back off, relax more and reconsider how we spend our energy, Mars. This is a stellar time to be building something that will begin after Mars resumes direct motion. That's what the astrology is telling us. According to the old lore “aggressors lose” during Mars Rx—this is the time to prepare for battle and lawsuits but not join them.

Mars begins this Rx cycle in air sign Aquarius but he finishes in earth sign Capricorn. Put two signs together: the new ideas of Aquarius need to pass the practical test of Capricorn at the end to be valuable. This can be a critical time in the lives of two signs as Mars rules Aries and co-rules Scorpio. Often old matters resurface as Rx cycles tend to bring back people and conditions of the past. Whether it's trouble or a windfall depends on how these planets fit into your birth chart and whether they agree with your planets or challenge them.

My advice is cut yourself some slack during Mars Rx. Do the same for others. Some children go through “episodes” during this unusual period. This is a good time to learn to be more efficient in all you do to save energy. What you learn then will be of great value when Mars turns direct and your energy is restored. Accidents and temper tantrums are also Mars inspired as some folks get frustrated and cut you off on the freeway. In the body Mars rules your head and muscles—his Rx movement increases your sensitivity in both areas.

Additions: Neptune turns Retrograde on June 18. It's not as difficult a five-month cycle as the personal planets, but he does throw up a cloud bank in the house he occupies in your birth chart. The positive part of this Rx cycle increases our ability to imagine and create from our own wellspring of talent. And we all have some.

**JUNE KISS DAYS:** 1+, 3, 19, 20, 28. These are the better days to take your kitty to the vet and to talk to a mechanic. Love is in the air on Friday, June 1 and it's a stellar day/night for introductions and positive new connections.

**JUNE QUACK DAYS:** 6+, 14, 15+, 30. Both+ days have problems with communications and Mercury—schedule lightly and double-check anything you hear that seems fantastic—it could be wrong.

**MIXMASTER:** Saturday, June 23. There are four kisses and three quacks in the Skywatch on that day. Someone wins; someone doesn't. Get the details and timing of both energies that morning at [www.skywatchastrology.com](http://www.skywatchastrology.com).

### ★JULY, 2018★

Caution lights. This month could mark a turning point in your life in some way. The Skywatch is unsettled to say the least. Mars continues to Retrograde and will not return to direct motion until Aug 27. Mercury begins to Retrograde on July 26 adding another note of complexity to this month's astrological weather. Having two personal planets Retrograde at the same time creates a critical period as backfires from mistakes made in this time period are exacerbated by the two Rx cycles. This is when some folks will say and do things they wish they hadn't. And Fools will surface. Yes, yes, yes.

Mercury begins the Rx in 23° Leo and stops at 11° Leo. The Lion will be roaring during this period which could be your father, the boss or another authority figure, all ruled by Leo. Problems with pets are more likely during Mercury Rx, especially kitties with all the action in Leo the Lion—this is when small problems can get out of hand with your critters and pets.

We have two Eclipses this month which are often turning points, too. The Solar Eclipse lines up on July 12 exactly opposite “Godfather” Pluto. New Moons always bring the time to plant seeds. An Eclipse makes this New Moon extra powerful by itself. Pluto helps seeds planted now grow like Jack and his beanstalk. Moreover, the Moon in Cancer makes a Water Grand trine with lucky Jupiter and psychic Neptune that afternoon. This is an extraordinary combination of energies in the Skywatch—it's Leslie's birthday so we will be celebrating. Suggest you plant a seed of your own on this day, even as little as writing down your new intention. Be patient with Mars Rx in starting new projects—the pace and progress will pick up after Mars resumes direct motion.

The Lunar Eclipse on July 27 brings a much more difficult astrological pattern as this super powerful Full Moon in Aquarius is joined in the heavens by feisty and often violent, Mars Retrograde. Mercury is Retrograde on this day as well; accidents and complications are much more likely with this pair plus the Moon squares Uranus at the same time. The hinge will come loose on some folks with so much tension and emotion in the Skywatch that day—schedule lightly. A healing Venus Pluto trine closes out the Skywatch on this Friday night—love replaces anger in the heavens as times change.

One less problem in the Skywatch is that Jupiter resumes direct motion on July 10. The planet of expansion has been Retrograde since March 8 diluting our power to grow and expand in the last few months. Not likely you'll feel this one with Mercury and Mars both backing up now. Again...this is a good time to be planning and building something to start after Mars goes direct Aug 27—especially since Jupiter will be direct then and powerful—ready

to charge up your energy and make good things happen at the same time—this is money in the bank as far as good timing goes.

**JULY KISS DAYS:** 3, 8+, 11, 12+, 15, 22. One of the better wedding dates of the year is Sunday, July 8, which features the Moon in dependable Taurus in trine to powerful Pluto in Capricorn suggesting an emotional bond in the chart of the marriage that will never die. And if you are ready to elope, the 12<sup>th</sup> is an excellent choice. Pluto rules marriage—he is in power on both days.

**JULY QUACK DAYS:** 19, 23, 26+, 27+. The two Retrograde planets amplify any problems that come up on these days—keep things as simple as you can, and pay extra attention to the kids and critters as minor accidents are almost certain with Mars and Mercury both pedaling backwards. Injuries to your hands ruled by Mercury are more likely; Mars rules cuts and burns. Gloves highly recommended during this double Rx period.

### ★AUGUST, 2018★

Very, very sticky. Mars continues to back up on the bases, Retrograde, until Aug 27. Delays, low energy, a strange mood, and unexpected resistance all come from Mars Rx. At the same time trickster Mercury also drives in reverse, and continues to Retrograde until Aug 19. This is double trouble and turns on the caution searchlights during this three-week period when both planets appear to reverse direction in the heavens. Scientists will agree that these planets appear to move backwards in the sky.

That's the physics which says the Earth swinging by in her orbit makes the other slower planets appear to be backing up. Astrology is metaphysical.... Astrologers believe this is a symbol of the energy that will appear at the same time on Earth. Meta = beyond the physical. The old lore teaches us: As above, so below. Simple and not really crazy. The experiences you and the world have this month will prove this to be true.

More trouble appears in the Skywatch as the month begins. Feisty Retrograde Mars in Leo (“I know what I am doing and hurry”) makes a challenging and extremely dangerous square to Uranus in Taurus (“this is crazy, unexpected, rebellious and madness”) on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the most difficult and potentially violent square of the year with the two Rx planets adding confusion, misunderstandings, breakdowns and problems with electrical systems and machines—Uranus is the ruler of electricity. And the real problem is that this energy will “hang out” in the heavens for the first days of the month. And may show up the last day of July.... Mars tends to fire his gun before exact and can still be a hot pistol even days past the exact moment of contact. Best to keep it as simple as possible and safe as you can make it August 1-12. At this point Mars backs into powerful Capricorn and breaks off the square by sign.

The good news in August is a lovely spiritual and creative trine between Jupiter and Neptune on August 19 (interesting day with

Mercury turning direct that morning—and if this is your birthday I recommend you get an astrological reading and find out how you can best use this fabulous trine). Exact again in the Skywatch last May, trines offer a downhill path and welcome our initiatives and action. They often bring a payoff for dues paid in the past. At the least, Jupiter enlarges Neptune’s ability to imagine and create new art and ideas which work and urges us to think of helping others and sharing our abundance.

Even Stickier. The Retrograde line up increases on August 7 when the master of unpredictability, Uranus, also appears to back up in his orbit. He joins Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto all also Rx at one time or another this month—complications and unusual circumstances are certain to appear in your life with this line-up—it’s out of the ordinary Skywatch, too.

You will easily find a much better month and time for weddings, travel, and reunions in the Skywatch in this Datebook. I highly suggest you reduce your exposure to complicated or difficult situations in August. And just coast.

**AUGUST KISS DAYS:** 17, 18, 19+, 20, 25 with a V/C Moon and Fire Grand Trine. Stick to these days when you schedule important appointments and events.

**AUGUST QUACK DAYS:** 1++, 9+, 11, 23, 26+. This last day is an emotional Full Moon that conjuncts spacey Neptune in the heavens while Venus squares Pluto—conflicted to say the least and the vampires will be out.

### ★SEPTEMBER, 2018★

Times change. Green lights. Turning the page of the calendar feels like walking into a big new room with a view. Because there is a major shift of positive energy in the Skywatch this month as we thankfully leave behind the double Rx period. Plus, responsible Saturn turns back direct in motion on Sept 6 and sits in a beautiful spot in the Zodiac making a trine to brilliant Uranus over the first two weeks. Seems like we’ve had difficult astrology over the last few September periods, but not this year. This trine is in earth signs: practical, efficient and blessed with common sense. It’s an excellent marker for starting school, a new job or for making changes around your home or office this month. And for taking a step up on your ladder of ambition, Saturn. Yes, yes, yes.

The odds increase that you are successful in your endeavors this month due to a Jupiter Pluto sextile on September 12. In power all month, these two planets account for more millionaires and famous folks than any others. Look for opportunities to enlarge your view and position in life in September. Gamble on yourself.

We’ve got some excellent days this month to pull the trigger and one hot spot. Mars again will square dangerous Uranus on September 18. And it’s probably a wise thought to be just as careful on September 17 as Mars does have a fast draw.



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**SEPTEMBER KISS DAYS:** 9, 11, 12+, 14, 15, 19, 28, 29. Good days for appointments, financial transactions, and stepping up to the microphone.

**SEPTEMBER QUACK DAYS:** 8 (Venus squares Mars!), 18+, 23, 24, 25+ when the Sun squares grumpy and selfish Saturn.

**MIXMASTER:** Friday, September 7. There are good aspects that day but you may feel like you are under water—details in the daily reports will help you float above the waves.

## ★OCTOBER, 2018★

Changes. Powerful Pluto leaves the Rx cycle and begins direct motion again on October 1 and that leaves just Uranus and Neptune backing up in the heavens—they are the least likely to create problems. Pluto turning direct gives us a bit of a boost, especially for Scorpios and the Scorpio house in your birth chart.

But the peace and quiet won't last as sweet Venus gives us the finger and turns Retrograde on October 5 in hypnotic and sexy Scorpio. The dark side of this Rx cycle invokes jealousy, revenge and the need to manipulate matters in some folks. Love and money are ruled by Venus. There's a lot of healing positive energy in Scorpio, too, if we reach for it. Should problems surface in important relationships in your life during Venus Rx, you would be wise to try and talk things out and wait until after the Rx cycle ends on Nov 16 to make any final decisions. The same advice applies about major first time purchases. Shop and explore your options before you buy. It's easy to pay too much or to buy something that doesn't really satisfy you while Venus is Rx.

Venus joins Jupiter in Scorpio from September 11 to November 1, and this puts a bucketful of good energy into just one house or area of your life in this period. Usually these two positive planets are in different places in your birth chart. And even in Rx, Venus attracts benefits; that's her job (you just might have to throw a few fish back into the water). Jupiter always tries to expand and encourages growth wherever he appears. Issues around water and bathrooms are more likely with water sign Scorpio highlighted. Something sexy is bound to hit the headlines as well during this Scorpio interlude. Likely you'll be staying up later, too, as Scorpio energy tends to come on at late hours. Your Scorpio friends will tell you they are not sharp/charged in the morning hours but get a second wind as the night comes on. Mercury is also traveling through Scorpio from Oct 9-31. And he will meet both Venus and Jupiter bringing good news in that time period.

Scorpio is the sign that rules the Tarot and all occult matters; Jupiter rules your philosophy so this Scorpio period is a good one for a trip to the metaphysical bookstore or to take a class in any new subject that can help you heal and prosper. Scorpio is the sign that turns junk into treasure. Hypnosis is also ruled by Scorpio and this is a stellar time for hypnotherapy. This is the most powerful therapy I've experienced personally. Start a diet, join the gym, put some money in the bank—use this pair to make something in your life better.

**OCTOBER KISS DAYS:** 15+ is the best day of the month to talk to the people who can help you or to make your case to the boss. 21, 24, 29, 30<sup>th</sup> in the AM only, are the other days and times to schedule important matters, if you can.

**OCTOBER QUACK DAYS:** 2, 5, 10+ is the day Venus Rx squares aggressive Mars—this could be unpleasant, and add 19, 30<sup>th</sup> in the PM only, as days and times to back off and simplify if possible.

**MIXMASTER:** Thursday, October 11. You can win and lose on the same day—read Skywatch the dailies.

## ★NOVEMBER, 2018★

No end to the confusion. In a cruel twist of astrological scheduling, Mercury will again turn Retrograde on the very same day that Venus ends her Rx cycle and turns back to direct motion on November 16.

Mercury will begin to reverse direction in a sign he doesn't do well in: Sagittarius. This is Jupiter's sign and he is lousy with the details that Mercury needs to function plus Jupiter exaggerates everything big time. Result: a lot of bullshit and hot air from some folks is ahead as important details are lost in the fog during this Rx period. Plus, Mercury is sitting in a square to dreamy Neptune as he begins to back up—bad decisions are certain to be costly. A day of reckoning is likely near the end of the Rx cycle after Mercury backs into Scorpio on December 1 and ends the Rx cycle on December 6 in the sign that rules detectives. With Mercury in Scorpio, hopefully, you can get to the facts and find out what happened.

There's another noticeable bit of turbulence in the astrological weather on November 7 and 8. Jupiter forms an inconjunct with unpredictable Uranus at this time creating a disturbance in the Force. Inconjuncts are minor aspects that seem powerful as they approach but are usually short-lived and just require an adjustment or re-tuning, like turning the wheel to avoid a pothole on the road. It's a strange, fairly rare event in the Skywatch; likely the day will have some odd moment or reaction that is not necessarily the ultimate reality: the sweetest kid in the class gets into an ugly fight on the playground—he'll be sweet again tomorrow.

It'll feel like a changing of the guard as Jupiter changes signs on November 8. Jupiter leaves water sign Scorpio and enters fire and home sign Sagittarius. All things are possible with Jupiter in Sag. He promotes expansion, education, legal solutions, travel, interaction with foreigners, sales and in some folks, bullshit. But the fire energy is uplifting and usually triggers an optimistic spirit on the street. Jupiter is the gambler in his home sign—he deals you aces in the house he travels through in your birth chart. (In my chart it's the fifth house of gambling—hope it helps my poker game.)

This upbeat Sag energy will be a blessing on Thanksgiving and this Holiday has especially powerful energy and blessings in the Skywatch. The Sun enters Sag that day and a Full Moon perches in the evening skies. Green lights are up for an above average flow of emotions, positive energy, and understanding on Thanksgiving.

Neptune resumes direct motion on November 24. A small matter perhaps but important to Pisces. This also means dream/psychic energy is likely to increase for all of us.

**NOVEMBER KISS DAYS:** 2, 9<sup>th</sup> when Venus trines Mars, and add November 10-12, this is a good three-day period for all ceremonies, adventures, weddings, travel—remembering at all times that Mercury is Retrograde. The best day of the month

for business and practical stuff is November 27+ when Mercury meets Jupiter in the heavens and good news is waiting for you to speak up or answer the phone.

**NOVEMBER QUACK DAYS:** 19+ when Mars squares Jupiter, 23, 29—Mars problems show up on all three days—Mercury Rx at the same time prompts you to slow down and double-check the details.

**MIXMASTER:** November 26. Patience rewards your efforts but it won't be easy—keep it simple.

## ★DECEMBER, 2018★

We'll be back in the high life again after Mercury resumes direct motion on December 6. Because again all planets will be in direction motion on this date until Uranus Turns Rx in early January, 2019. Expect an active and busy holiday season, likely one of the best financially and spiritually in some time. The most difficult days are nearly all in the first half of the month.

Mars travels through water logged Pisces all month long which encourages us to help the less fortunate and to be more involved with the creative and loving/sharing side of the holiday rather than the purely selfish and financial. This also means our energy level will ebb and flow, like the tides, all month long. The low point occurs when Mars meets Neptune in the heavens on December 7. Don't schedule anything critical that day.

There's good news in the Skywatch at the Winter Solstice which creates a positive chart for the Winter season. And astrological skies are pleasant on Christmas Day. However, suggest you make important preparations early and get settled in on Christmas Eve as Mercury squares confused Neptune that afternoon and it's a guaranteed to be a difficult day/time to tie up last minute stuff.

The Moon is in generous and loving Leo on Christmas day and the only problem I see in the Skywatch that day leads to giving in and eating the second piece of pie.

We get a special burst of energy New Year's Eve as fired-up Mars leaves watery Pisces and enters home sign Aries at 6:20 PM. !!!!!!! It's a great way to start a new year with the planet that rules new beginnings moving into his home sign. Likely it will be a night to remember.

**DECEMBER KISS DAYS:** 4, 16, 19, 20, 21+, 31. Persuasive Mercury meets optimistic Jupiter in the heavens on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Winter Solstice. This is an excellent day to handle top priority purchases and decisions. And it is a crown jewel in the birth chart of the Winter season.

**DECEMBER QUACK DAYS:** 2+, 5+, 6, 7+, 14, 24. Mars and Neptune problems are in the Skywatch on these days = they are foggy and weak which can dilute your best efforts—schedule lightly.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Good news! There's an amazing lineup of planets in the Skywatch as we bump into 2019: Jupiter is in home sign Sagittarius. Saturn is in home sign Capricorn. Mars is in home sign Aries. Neptune is in home sign Pisces. Planets traveling through

home signs are highly energized and powerful for better and worse. We also have both a Solar and Lunar Eclipse in January—the most powerful New and Full Moons. And January is six months past the major total Solar Eclipse of Aug 21, 2017. Old lore suggests that the effects of a major eclipse show up six months down the road. Take advantage of all this powerful energy in the Skywatch to tackle the most demanding jobs and highest priority ambitions in your life in January. Mars prompts you to do things you've never done before, Saturn asks you to be practical, realistic. Jupiter gives you faith, a bit of luck, and the optimism to grow and expand. Neptune reminds you to take the high spiritual road wherever you go and to keep the creative and imaginative energy inside alive and contributing to your actions and thinking.

Caution lights in the Skywatch come on March 6 as Mercury begins to Retrograde in dreamy Pisces (worst sign possible for an Rx cycle) for three weeks and until March 29. Compounding the usual Rx stuff, Mercury will meet and sit on spaced out Neptune, the ruler of Pisces, fogging up our thinking and communications for 9 straight days at the end of this Rx cycle! Weather problems involving water are certain then. Travel difficulties, too, March 23-31, 2019. Keep those dates clear of anything critical in your life if you can. As times change.

## THERE IS A PERSONAL SIDE TO SKYWATCH AND ASTROLOGY

Every sign has a ruling planet which helps explain the energy in each sign—I call these planets: ambassadors. When your ambassador is involved in the Skywatch you can expect a greater impact. If your ambassador is involved in a Kiss day you can expect an extra blast of good energy and vibes—take action. Things can get a bit more difficult for you if your ambassador is part of a Quack Day or when in Retrograde. Keep this list handy for knowing more about how the Skywatch affects you, your partner, kids, friends and family. Some signs have two ambassadors—the most powerful is the first one noted. And some signs share ambassadors.

Aries...Mars	Libra...Venus
Taurus...Venus	Scorpio...Pluto and Mars
Gemini...Mercury	Sagittarius...Jupiter
Cancer...Moon	Capricorn...Saturn
Leo...Sun	Aquarius...Uranus and Saturn
Virgo...Mercury	Pisces...Neptune and Jupiter.

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