

2020 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 2020 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 44rd 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!

Lance

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

—Ecclesiastes 3

★JANUARY, 2020★

I hope my friend, Mary-Anne who lives in the mountains of New Mexico, has a good wood supply in for her wood stove and that Skywatcher Dorothy O'Connor in Boston has her heating oil tank full because it looks like we are going to have a hard Winter. Beginning in January where we see five planets traveling through Winter sign Capricorn. For the first sixteen days of January, we will have the Sun, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto all traveling through the earth sign that rules the mountains, your knees, bones and joints (doctors will be busy) and all the systems that we depend on to govern us and run big business.

Most importantly there is a rare and very challenging pair of planets joining forces this month as Capricorn's ruler, Saturn, meets powerful Pluto in the heavens on January 12. What's it mean? All pieces of astrology have positive and negative elements—outcomes are always at our control. As you might guess, the difficult side of these two big planets coming together is serious. Master astrologer Reinhold Ebertin describes the dark side as “a hard and unfeeling disposition, tendency to violence, the pursuit of purely egoistic aims, the loss of one's fortunes or possessions, self-destructive energy.” Think of it as a force that puts pressure on everyone; some will handle it, some will not.

However, the power in this pairing can also be a tempering agent that helps those who want to grow and progress. Ebertin explains that Saturn and Pluto also can generate “tenacity and toughness, the capability to make record efforts of the highest possible order, the participation in achievements brought about by large groups or masses of people, the pursuit of difficult work, the process of growing spiritually and mentally, silent activity.”

Saturn tests our reality and how attached we are to our ambitions. Pluto is the extremist who makes the challenges some of the worst we will ever face. One positive example of this conjunction takes us back to 1948 when Saturn and Pluto met in Leo. This is the year when the nation of Israel was born (me, too—I know this pair pretty well) and this conjunction is a key element in Israel's birth chart. Advice? Play it cool, conservative and take no chances this month. Pluto rules criminals—protect yourself and property as best you can, especially the first sixteen days of the month when the energy will be most intense. Also, realize this is a passing event—things will begin to lighten up next month.

A child born during this period will have a tremendously powerful birth chart (think Howard Hughes times five) and likely be an old soul. There are two planetary shifts that will give us some light this month. Eager Mars will leave aggressive and intense Scorpio on January 3 and enter easy-going Sagittarius for a six-week run. Even better, sweet Venus enters her favorite sign, Pisces, on January 13 and will stay in this romantic and creative sign until February 7.

We also have a Lunar Eclipse in water sign Cancer on January 10. This is a New Moon, a powerful one, which usually sets up a day and two-week period to plant seeds and initiate new plans. This New Moon sets up opposite to all the planets in Capricorn, which suggests that you'll do better working your ideas out with the help of others and that if you don't consider the needs and wishes of those involved at this time, you may find tremendous resistance to your progress and not be able to complete your mission.

JANUARY KISS DAYS: 5+, 19, 22, 25. The 5th is a day of Grace; filled with positive aspects—a stellar day for a wedding or adventure.

JANUARY QUACK DAYS: 10, 12+, 13+, 26, 28. The Saturn Pluto conjunction dominates the Skywatch on the 12th and 13th—days to schedule lightly and to stay out of the line of fire.

★FEBRUARY, 2020★

We have two major events in the headlines this month. The trouble will come from Mercury again turning Retrograde on February 16. This one starts out in 12° Pisces and will end up in 28° Aquarius on March 9. Notable here is that Mercury, ruler of the winds, remains in Winter signs throughout this Rx cycle. So, this could be the coldest stretch of Winter so far.

And especially due to Saturn and Pluto remaining in orb, as we say in astrology, or close enough to still be powerful in Winter sign Capricorn. While the exact conjunction was last month, these two big boys will still be influencing each this month and for some time ahead.

Most helpful is that optimistic and even-tempered Jupiter lines up in an opportunistic sextile to creative and compassionate Neptune on February 20. This aspect is not flashy and has no real “drive” in it—all sextiles bring us times of opportunity and progress, but you have to take action to get the real benefit.

The best use of this energy is to put your focus and concentration on top priority plans and projects this month and in the months ahead as this sextile will return in late Summer which can help you realize the dreams you put into motion this month. Jupiter and Neptune are the co-rulers of Pisces, which adds an extra boost of positive energy to members of this water sign. And remember, we all have the sign Pisces ruling a house in our birth charts which means this positive energy will encourage growth and progress in your life, too, specified by the nature of the house that contains Jupiter, Neptune and the sign of the Fishes.

FEBRUARY KISS DAYS: 2+, 20, 21, 22, 29. The 2nd is a day of Grace and stellar for high priority matters. Even with Mercury Rx, the 20-22 period is a good time to make changes in your life as Uranus, ruler of changes, is highlighted in a positive way in the Skywatch.

2020 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 2020. 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 2020. 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 2020 are: **February 16–March 9, June 18–July 12, October 13–November 3**. Mercury rules both Virgo and Gemini birth signs who typically can feel the Mercury Rx cycle coming on a week ahead of time.

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 **May 13–June 25**.

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 **September 9–November 13**.

FEBRUARY QUACK DAYS: 23, 28. Not many but both of these dates contain squares to Venus, ruler of love and money—days to double-check at financial transactions and to avoid arguments with your partners.

★MARCH, 2020★

Again, we have a preponderance of planets in earth signs as we start the month. Earth signs are practical, realistic, but also can be stubborn and cynical at times. The group includes Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto—a motley crew that can move mountains and get the job done. Uranus is also in earth sign Taurus bringing the total to five. There are two hot spots created by this group and both involve aggressive Mars meeting other planets. Note these dates and events as they can be times of accidents and trouble. On the morning of March 23 Mars will meet dangerous Pluto in the heavens; Mars also meets/conjuncts difficult Saturn on March 31.

Complicating matters is that Mercury is still Retrograde until March 9 when he finally resumes direct motion in air sign Aquarius.

Two other planets will also jump into friendly and unpredictable Aquarius this month. Mars will enter Aquarius for a six-week run on March 30. A more important change of scenery appears on March 21 when conservative Saturn enters Aquarius, a sign he co-rules with Uranus. Saturn always brings pressure and testing energy to the people and matters ruled by the sign he inhabits. And for the next two and a half years, Aquarian birth signs are in line to feel the weight of Saturn's demands to be realistic, practical and disciplined. His calling will be felt in one house in your birth chart, too. This once in 29-year event will give those dedicated and focused on their top priority goals a very good chance to climb the ladder of success and make enormous progress in their chosen field over the next few years.

MARCH KISS DAYS: 13, 14, 17, 24, 28++. This last date has a long list of positive markers in the heavens with loving Venus in the foreground making a trine to both lucky Jupiter and powerful Pluto. This is easily one of the best days of the year for a wedding, travel, adventure or social event.

MARCH QUACK DAYS: 3, 7+, 31. An unusual and way out of bounds set of aspects shows up on the 7th as

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.

the Moon will make an inconjunct to five different planets all in a row. An inconjunct is a minor stress marker that is like putting your left shoe on the right foot. And with this many inconjuncts you would be wise to not tackle anything dangerous or difficult on this day.

MIX-MASTER: 8, 22. Sweet Venus is on stage the morning of the 22nd, but the very dangerous Mars Pluto conjunction is also powering up that day and turns on the caution lights that afternoon and evening.

★APRIL, 2020★

Highs and lows. There are extremes in the Skywatch this month. We begin the month with a major kiss, one that has been cooking in the heavens over the last three weeks. Fortunate Jupiter meets powerful Pluto in earth sign Capricorn on April 4. This pair, like all elements in astrology, has both healing and destructive energy in store for us. The positive side of this conjunction opens the door to almost magical healing events in the body and in the nation. It can be a time of regeneration and promotion to leadership and success for many. Pluto rules transformations (and reptiles) and he encourages us to shed our skins and begin new positive cycles of growth and progress especially in the matters of the house ruled by Capricorn in your birth chart.

When this energy is misused it can lead to a loss of social standing and one's wealth—divorces and bankruptcies heading the list. Our mission here is to stick to realistic plans and to stay on the side of truth and what is possible rather than going overboard in our actions and thinking. And you'll have lots of opportunities to do both this year as this pair will hang out in the heavens for the next two months, become exact again in June, and then make a repeat conjunction next November.

Advice: let go of people and situations that are unhealthy or hold you back from following your bliss in the months ahead. Pluto's gift is to bring you something better when

you let go of the past and inappropriate situations and relationships. Jupiter adds a touch of luck and opportunity to Pluto's gift you might not have seen before.

Big time caution lights kick on during the Full Moon on April 6- 7. So many things in astrology are simple and easy to understand. The Moon is a symbol of our emotions; during a Full Moon our emotions rise as the Moon becomes more visible in the heavens—we see the Moon; we feel deeply. This lunation is in Libra inspiring lovers to embrace, and there are two positive markers in the sky that day, but there is also a very dangerous square between violent Mars and rebellious Uranus as well. And it's likely some folks will lose their grip on these days and act out or get into accidents and arguments that will generate the most difficult energy in the Jupiter Pluto conjunction.

Another unusual event in the Skywatch this month concerns sweet Venus. She will enter Gemini, the sign of the Twins, on April 3, and due to her Retrograde, stay in this air sign until August 7, a much longer stay than her usual month-long journey in each sign. Again, if you know the house in your birth chart with the sign of Gemini on the cusp you will know where she will land, back up, and give you the opportunity of her benefits over the Summer months. She will bless and perhaps confuse all the air signs, Aquarius and Libra, along with Gemini birth signs.

APRIL KISS DAYS: 4+, 10. There are other positive markers in the Skywatch this month but many are nestled in Void of Course cycles or compromised by stressful squares.

APRIL QUACK DAYS: 8, 14, 15, 22, 28, 30. Most of these days are only burdened with Moon squares which are usually brief and leave no scars, but still may make relationships and decisions difficult. Check out the daily reports to get the full picture.

MIX-MASTER: 6,7. The Mars Uranus square has a two-day orb of influence—days to be very careful with anything dangerous and in traffic.

★MAY, 2020★

Four different planets turning Retrograde headline the Skywatch in May. Venus is the most problematic for most of us. The planet that rules love and money begins to back up on the bases in witty but restless Gemini on May 13 and will continue to cause the wrong words to fall out of your mouth until she resumes direct motion on June 25. Two other planets will also turn Retrograde this month: Jupiter on May 11 and Saturn on May 14. While neither planet operates on the personal issues in our lives, they will ask us to review our ambitions (Saturn) and how we are taking steps to make our success a reality.

Jupiter's role is to expand our faith, vision and willingness to tackle new opportunities. Again, the time has come during this Rx cycle to reevaluate how we are expanding and whether our actions will lead to success or wasted efforts—Jupiter has a tendency to go overboard at times. And last, but not least, powerful Pluto begins his Rx cycle on May 31. His Rx message asks us to reconsider the areas of our life that need healing and how we are going about it.

Another important change in the Skywatch this month is Mars moving on and entering water sign Pisces on May 13. Mars rules your muscles and the energy we need to start something and keep it moving. In a water sign, Mars is held back from full power just as it takes much more energy to walk in water than on dry land. This cycle appears in the heavens once every two years and will continue until Mars leaves the sign of the fishes (yes, this can be a good time to go fishing) on June 27. So, if things aren't moving at the pace you wish or you feel a bit tired during this period, chalk it up to Mars in Pisces. Notable that accidents around water are more likely in this period of time. The good news is that when Mars leaves Pisces he enters his home sign of Aries, a fire sign, and you'll feel a noticeable boost in your energy level then, and matters that have been delayed are likely to catch fire and move on

MAY KISS DAYS: 2, 10+, 15, 17+, 25. The two days of Grace (+) on this list are stellar for a wedding or an important social event. Also note that Mother's Day and Memorial Day are also kiss days.

MAY QUACK DAYS: 24. Not many and this one is foggy more than dangerous.

Mix Master: 22 There's a very strange blend of energy on this day as positive Saturn, the realist, aspects are followed by dreamy Neptune connections that could keep your head in the clouds. Be sure to read the daily report on this day and you can use the best and avoid the rest.

★JUNE, 2020★

More Retrogrades appear in the heavens in June. Venus remains backing up on the bases until June 25. Making her

Rx cycle more difficult is that Mercury will again turn Rx on June 18 in water sign Cancer.

This means there will be six planets in their Rx cycle during the month. And with Mars in his weakest sign, Pisces, you are likely to run into delays, roadblocks and periods of low energy in June. The days to pay close attention to finances and the important matters in your life are from June 18 to June 25 when both Venus and Mercury will be Rx.

Might as well add more complications to this Skywatch lineup in June. We also will have two Eclipses, both a New and Full Moon to work through. Eclipses are super powerful lunations. The New Moon on June 5 brings a time to plant seeds and initiate new plans. The Full Moon on June 21 brings a time of harvest, completion and the end of situations. Best then to use caution around these events with Retrograde planets adding a touch of fog and unreliability to our actions and likely outcomes.

There is also a hopeful note in the Skywatch this month. As providential Jupiter will again find the exact same spot in the sky occupied by healing Pluto. This conjunction, exact on June 29, will be a most helpful influence all month long. "Turning over a new leaf" in your life is much more likely to give you great results with this pair holding court. Matters from the past often resurface during Rx periods and this pair of planets suggests positive connections and situations reappearing this month.

Another positive note in the heavens this month comes from energetic Mars entering his home sign, Aries, on June 27. Mars spends six weeks in each sign as he travels around the signs of the Zodiac. He can be a little impatient and feisty in Aries—fights on the playground are more likely in the weeks ahead.

JUNE KISS DAYS: 3, 18, 27, 30+. Just double-check the details on the 18th with Mercury turning Rx, but speak up and take charge as there's a boatload of positive markers in the Skywatch that day.

JUNE QUACK DAYS: 2, 6, 11, 13+, 25. Be extremely careful around water on the 13th as rash Mars meets water sign ruler Neptune, in Pisces on this Saturday—it's bound to be a low-energy day better suited to napping and relaxation than anything difficult or dangerous.

MIX-MASTER: 29. The helpful Jupiter Pluto conjunction is diluted by three squares to the Moon.

★JULY, 2020★

Caution lights. After July 1 we have eleven days of danger in the Skywatch. Because Mercury is still Retrograde until July 12. And during this time impatient and feisty Mars travels through home sign Aries which will lead some folks to speed, crash and burn or get into arguments they wish they had never started. One of the problems with Mercury Rx is we may say things we later regret. And note that the

July 4th weekend is included in this accident-prone period of time. Add a long Moon Void of Course period, as we have on July 3, to this out of focus and super-charged Skywatch and we double the potential for trouble.

We also have a Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse in this window of time on July 5. I've put this day on the kiss list as the Moon sextiles Neptune and conjuncts Jupiter and Pluto that night. So, the potential for positive developments is high, but be aware the coyotes and fools will be out, too, and anger may take some pilgrims into a bad place that evening.

Most helpful is the return of a big sextile between fortunate Jupiter and creative and spiritual Neptune on July 27. In power all month long, this positive marker has been hanging out in the heavens for two months and will again become exact next October. Be on the lookout for new opportunities this month as sextiles bring times of progress and success if we are willing to step out on new ideas and possibilities. Neptune rules our dreams and this is a good month to ask for answers and help in your dreams. Shoes and our feet are also ruled by Neptune—this is a good month to see a podiatrist if you need to and to buy footwear.

JULY KISS DAYS: 1+, 5, 24, 28, 29. July 1 is Canada Day (we notice these events living less than 30 miles from the Canadian border). This is also a day of Grace with a long list of positive aspects in the Skywatch—a stellar day for high priority business and action in your life—a day to take charge.

JULY QUACK DAYS: 3, 8+, 12, 20, 26. Retrograde Mercury squares aggressive Mars on the 8th—traffic problems are certain that morning along with grouchy customers and rude behavior—it's exact at 3:42am PDT and you'd be wise to stay out of the line of fire that morning.

MIXMASTER: 27. Neptune is on center stage on both days but there's a difficult line-up of markers around the positive aspects. Check out the daily reports for the details.

★AUGUST, 2020★

Roadblocks and some dangerous days show up in August. First, we'll have Uranus turning Retrograde on Aug 15. The planet that rules changes joins Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and

Pluto in backing up on the bases signaling a time for us to review the changes we've just made and the ones ahead we wish to make in the future. Counting the Sun and Moon as planets, for convenience, that means half of the planets in the Skywatch will be Rx which typically leads to a period of time when delays and unexpected situations pop up.

Adding more stress to the astrological weather in August we have Mars continuing his run in home sign Aries but beginning to slow down as he will turn Retrograde next month—this makes him a bit more troublesome and especially because he makes three powerful squares to other planets in August. Mars squares Jupiter on August 4 which will prompt some folks to go overboard and possibly meet the cops, ruled by Jupiter. The most dangerous square appears on August 13 when Mars challenges powerful Pluto, an event that often leads to breakdowns, accidents and violence. Something frustrating is the signature of Mars making a square to conservative Saturn on August 24. Mars wants to GO and move on; Saturn wants to slow down and think things over. Mars is belligerent and strong in Aries, and his challenge to all three planets in the sign of Capricorn will put an extra load of tension and strain to our lives in August.

AUGUST KISS DAYS: 20, 27+, 28. Not many but the 27th is a day of Grace when sweet Venus is in the foreground suggesting a stellar day and night for introductions, all social plans and getting a haircut.

AUGUST QUACK DAYS: 2, 3, 4, 10, 12+, 13, 18, 30+. Caution lights are up on these days with impatient Mars hanging out and ready to get into trouble.

MIXMASTER: 16, 24, 25, 29. There are positive aspects on all of these days but also some challenging markers—be sure to read the daily reports to enjoy the good stuff and to avoid the potholes.

★SEPTEMBER, 2020★

A very low-energy period approaches. The most difficult Retrograde cycle of all begins on September 9 when aggressive Mars begins to appear to back up in the heavens in his home sign of Aries. As you might guess this is a difficult sign for Mars to Rx in and it will last until November 13! Best then to get the important stuff handled



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as early in the month as possible. This Rx cycle appears in the Skywatch every other year and brings a time better suited to working and planning for a project that begins after Mars resumes direct motion. This is not a good period of time to put new plans into motion or to force the issue. The old lore is: aggressors lose during this cycle of Mars.

Master astrologer Bill Tierney writes: “this Mars phase can promote a greater susceptibility towards accidents, breakage, arguments, fights and mishaps of varying degrees due to impetuous but irrational behavior, or rash and careless action on someone’s part.” This is an especially difficult time for teenagers and folks with Mars squares in their natal chart who will hard pressed to respond constructively to Mars backing up from 28 to 15 Aries over the next 80 days.

Adding Mars Rx ups the list of Retrograde planets to six this month as Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto also continue to back up on the bases and reduce our energy and ability to move projects forward. Retrograde periods are best used reflecting and reviewing past actions and your plans to move forward in the future.

SEPTEMBER KISS DAYS: 1, 3, 7+, 9, 14. Notable is that Labor Day is a day of Grace. And even with Mars turning Rx on the 9th, it’s a very good morning for important matters as the Sun trines lucky Jupiter at 9:04 am PDT.

SEPTEMBER QUACK DAYS: 4, 11, 15, 19, 29+. This last day + is one to note in your calendar as this is the day when Mars Rx squares Saturn in Capricorn who sits stationary in the heavens—accidents and breakdowns are much more likely with this pair adding an element of frustration and anger to the vibe of the day.

MIXMASTER: 2, 17. A Full Moon on September 2 can lift you up but be careful with finances and stay out of the line of fire. The New Moon on September 17 also has mixed signals. Be sure to read the daily reports for both days.

★OCTOBER, 2020★

Get the important stuff done as early in the month as you can. Because we’ve got double trouble in the Skywatch in October. Mars continues to Retrograde in impatient and feisty Aries all month long and will not end this Rx cycle until November 13. Making this Rx more difficult and potentially dangerous, Mercury will also Retrograde from October 13 to November 3 in passionate Scorpio, a sign ruled by Pluto and co-ruled by Mars. This combination can lead to accidents, breakdowns and violence worldwide—caution lights are up, especially with anything difficult or dangerous.

We do have a light in the middle of this difficult period: lucky Jupiter again makes a sextile to creative and spiritual Neptune on Oct 12. Again, this marker won’t motivate you to take action, but it does suggest you look for an opportunity

to progress this month. Retrograde cycles often bring people and matters from the past to our present situation and these might hold some benefits to you in October with this sextile hanging out in the heavens.

Another bit of good news appears in the heavens on October 27 when Mercury backs out of Scorpio and into gentle Libra reducing the power of Mars Rx to cause problems in our life and times. Moreover, sweet Venus enters home sign Libra that day as well. Two planets entering Libra turn the spotlight on relationships in both home/family and around the office. Justice and fair play are Libra issues and concerns which will become important topics over the next three weeks.

Put a red X in your calendar on October 9 when Mars makes a very dangerous square to powerful Pluto (at 3:09 am PDT) especially with Mercury Rx adding a confusing element to the day.

Pay extra attention to the kids and critters Halloween night. A Full Moon sitting exactly opposite rebellious and erratic Uranus will bring out the coyotes and wingnuts that night and the two Rx planets are bound to be the cause of some trouble or mischief as well.

OCTOBER KISS DAYS: 5, 12+, 21, 24. There are lovely trines to sweet Venus on the last two days in this list—good days for social plans and business connections.

OCTOBER QUACK DAYS: 9+, 11, 15, 16, 18, 31. Stress levels will be high on these days—keep it simple if you can.

MIXMASTER: 19. Mars Rx squares Jupiter the night before while Venus trines Jupiter that day suggesting winners and losers—read the dailies and get the details.

★NOVEMBER, 2020★

Hold your horses. There’s a lot of static in the heavens during the first week of this month. Mercury continues to Retrograde until November 3. Complicating matters is that Mercury squares anxious and cynical Saturn on November 1 reducing the chances of receiving positive reactions to your needs and wishes. Mercury then stations, which means Mercury sits on the square all week long and makes the exact square again on November 6 after returning to direct motion. The best use of this energy is to get your affairs and business organized and ready for the positive energy that will show up later in the month.

And there will be an extremely positive blast of energy in the Skywatch in November. Optimistic and generous Jupiter again conjuncts persevering Pluto in the heavens on November 12. In power all month long, this pair of planets helps us make major changes in our life and times that bring us more love, money and a healing of some kind, IF you will take action this month and reach for something better in your life. The stars impel; they don’t compel.

And if you are ready to end a relationship or bad situation in your life, make plans to do it on a Lunar Eclipse, a Full Moon, that fills the heavens with light on November 30. Full Moons bring times of harvest and completion, stellar times to let go of negative habits, people and matters that no longer support your growth and peace. An Eclipse is a super powerful lunation and is supported by Jupiter and Pluto who add horsepower to events that occur this month.

NOVEMBER KISS DAYS: 10, 12+, 14+, 23, 28. Two + days of Grace this month offer the potential for making a wish come true or something magical to happen—take action.

NOVEMBER QUACK DAYS: 1, 6+, 15, 16, 26. Thanksgiving Day is on this list—keep it as simple as you can.

MIXMASTER: 27. This day has some good news and a challenge—check out the dailies and you can work through any problems that come up.

★DECEMBER, 2020★

The times are a changin'. And in a big way. BOTH Jupiter and Saturn (after being in Retrograde since last May) leave conservative Capricorn and enter eccentric and often rebellious Aquarius this month. Moreover, they will meet in the heavens in December, a rare once in 20-year event.

Jupiter is the planet of expansion; in Aquarius he inspires us to expand/create original and inventive ideas that bring new machines and ways of doing things into existence which are an improvement over ways of the past. Rebellion and the desire for freedom are also linked to Aquarian tendencies/demands. You may find yourself impatient with limitations in the months ahead and choose to do something about them.

Saturn is a co-ruler of Aquarius who puts a realistic demand into your goals and wishes over the next two and a half years he travels through this air sign. Practical common sense is his best gift and one we can nourish in the months ahead.

These two giants will meet in the heavens on the day of the Winter Solstice, December 21. This conjunction has two flavors: it helps those with patience and perseverance succeed. And it encourages self-confidence and honesty in most folks. However, the negative reaction to this pair of planets sharing energy (and it's a weird pair: expansion meets contraction) will be dissatisfaction with oneself as well as with others and self-destructive thinking and actions. With rebellious and insistent Aquarian energy

in this mix there's even more likelihood of way off the norm encounters and situations appearing in your home or office in December. The old lore I know is that this is a timing symbol. Either the best or worst time to take action depending on how you have set up your life. Best then to Consider all possibilities very carefully this month.

Put a New Moon and Solar Eclipse on December 14 in your back pocket if you want to start a new plan of action in December—it's a day of Grace, too.

DECEMBER KISS DAYS: 8, 12, 14+, 15, 25, 26. Christmas and Kwanzaa are both on this list—happy hoildaze!

DECEMBER QUACK DAYS: 9, 13, 23+. Not many, but do note that Mars in feisty Aries squares dangerous Pluto in Capricorn—cardinal signs which want to go to action—on the 23rd.

MIX MASTER: 10. An emotional storm accompanies a positive healing event.

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
Taurus...Venus
Gemini...Mercury
Cancer...Moon
Leo....Sun
Virgo...Mercury

Libra...Venus
Scorpio...Pluto and Mars
Sagittarius...Jupiter
Capricorn...Saturn
Aquarius...Uranus and Saturn
Pisces...Neptune and Jupiter.

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