

Astro Spell



☾ Best Spellcasting Days

December Overview

A cluster of planets in Sagittarius bring luck, and visions of the future, although these happy planets are hampered by the fearful doubts of Mars retrograding in Cancer. **The New Moon on the 9th initiates a cycle of dramatic events through the end of the month.**

Two days later, **Jupiter aligns with Pluto and Venus trines Mars. Venus in Scorpio reacts with a burst of assertive power.** It will be impossible to stop individuals fired with obsessive determination. A rare seventh-harmonic configuration between Venus, Jupiter-Pluto and Neptune creates a potion of ambrosia, the drink of immortality. People will perform historic deeds that are long remembered, and contain seeds for the future.

As Yuletide approaches, there is a titanic build-up along the Solstice axis. Mercury, the Sun, Jupiter and Pluto sit at the boundary between Sag and Capricorn, while Mars occupies the boundary between Cancer and Gemini. Powerful fixed stars and black holes ride this axis as well. **This is the zodiacal zone of risk and redemption, of star-crossed patterns of fate.**

Yuletide occurs when the Sun enters Capricorn (10:08 pm PST on the 21st; 1:08 am EST on the 22nd). The Moon reaches Full as she enters Cancer on the 23rd, joining Mars to look across the Solstice axis at the Sun, Mercury, Jupiter, and Pluto. **This is the stuff of heroic legends.** The kernels of potential contained within the personality are germinated with a shot of cosmic Miracle Grow. The motivation to make cou-

rageous choices is powerful; events at this time will affect life-paths for many years to come. **Focus spell-casting on enhancing personal development, overcoming obstacles, and attaining triumphs. Support the growth and dreams of coven-mates.**

This fate-clinging energy continues through the end of the month. People tear down the boundaries that prevent progress. The gate to the future is reached on the 30th, as Mars, Venus, and Jupiter interact with the North Node. **The impulse to charge into the future, come hell or high water, is unstoppable.**

December Highlights

☽ **December 2: Venus sextiles Jupiter/Pluto: work with Arachne or Grandmother Spider to cut the ties of the past and dump emotional baggage.**

December 8: Mars sextiles Saturn: excellent for men's rituals.

December 9: New Moon in Sagittarius.

☽ **December 11: Jupiter conjunct Pluto; Venus trine Mars; Septile Configuration. Penetrate the deepest esoteric mysteries of the occult; thought becomes action. Be specific in any workings.**

☽ **December 19-20: Mercury conjuncts Jupiter/Pluto. Sun conjunct Pluto. Communicate with angels, avatars, or spirit guides.** Open to messages with meditation or automatic writing.

☽ **December 21-22: Yuletide. Saturday evening is the primo time for rituals, as the Full Moon and**

Sun-Jupiter conjunction approach. Rituals should include gratitude for blessings and requests for aid in fulfilling of greatest personal goals.

December 23: Full Moon in Cancer conjunct Mars retrograde and opposite Sun, Jupiter, and Pluto.

This alignment is at greatest power in the afternoon and evening. Write magickal contracts for goals.

December 25: Grand Trine in Earth (Mercury-Saturn-Ceres). Promotes harmony and sharing between the generations.

December 30: Sun trine Saturn; Mars, Venus, Jupiter interact with North Node. Take active steps to put the plans and goals of Yuletide into motion.

January Overview

Mars moves backwards into Gemini as the month begins. This stimulates the need to ask questions. The Jupiter-Uranus quintile on the 2nd accelerates the ability to probe into the realm of higher knowledge. Venus and Juno are a love team as they meet in Sagittarius. These ladies want their hunk o' burning love tempered with equity and independence.

The New Moon on the 8th has the bulk of the planets and asteroids concentrated in Capricorn and Aquarius. Organizations and the structure of society give evidence of dynamic changes through this lunar cycle.

Both Jupiter and Saturn occupy earth signs in 2008, a significant shift from their journey through fire signs in 2007. Where fire sparks ideas, earth puts ideas into tangible form. The trine between these two

planets on the 21st enhances the process of transforming the products of the mind into products of the hands. Lay lasting foundations for future work.

A series of conjunctions coincides with the Full Moon on the 22nd. Mercury and Neptune play footsie on the 22nd, Pallas contacts Uranus on the 23rd, and Venus teases Pluto with a flash of cleavage on the 24th. **All three outer planets bring universal and archetypal energies to personal activities, giving greater meaning to the events of daily life.** Slow-moving Pluto enters Capricorn on the 26th, where (after revisiting Sag from June – Nov '08) he will remain until 2024.

The end of January features the great switcho-chango maneuver, as **Mercury retrogrades on the 28th and Mars goes direct on the 30th.** Ideas, discussions, and possibilities change directions abruptly. **Keep hands on the wheel and eyes on the road, as travel holds more risks than usual.**

January Highlights

☉ **January 2:** Jupiter quintile Uranus; Mars retro opposition Pluto. **Mental capacities are high.** Excellent for channeling, divining the truth hidden within perplexing issues.

January 8: New Moon in Capricorn.

☉ **January 16: Grand Trine in Earth** (Moon-Jupiter-Saturn). **Waxing Moon in Taurus is the perfect complement for prosperity spells, or spells to encourage growth of business interests.** Start seven-day spells that culminate on the Full Moon.

☉ **January 19:** Venus opposition Mars. Spells that get to the root of problems in relationships of any sort.

January 21: Jupiter trine Saturn.

☉ **January 22:** Full Moon in Leo. Mercury conjunct Neptune. **Extremely good for magick of all sorts, including love spells and charms. Superb for divination and scrying.** Charge crystals in the moonlight.

☉ **January 24:** Moon in Leo trine Venus-Pluto. **Spells to incite lust; sex magick.**

☉ **January 28:** Mercury retrograde in Aquarius; **Grand Trine in Air** (Moon-Mercury-Mars) Perform confounding spells to change minds, delay unwanted events, or to derail arguments.

January 30: Mars direct station in Gemini.

February Overview

As February begins, the concentration of planets in Capricorn and Aquarius continues. **Imbolc is filled with planetary blessings and excellent aspects for divination.** This is a time when hidden gifts for clairvoyance or channeling may appear, as Mercury (still retrograde) contacts mystic Neptune and the conduit-forming asteroid Vesta.

The series of powerful conjunctions continues until the Solar Eclipse/New Moon on the 6th. This is a good time to rethink hopes and dreams for the future, as Aquarian energies are detached and realistic but also spur outside-of-the-box thinking. Chance meetings with strangers may result in amazing revelations, too. Look past surface appearances, as a wealth of knowledge or even hidden treasures may lie beneath.

The intense concentration of planets in Aquarius may also provoke people to reevaluate relationships of all kinds, as well as one's placement or status within a group. **Valentine's Day benefits from a hot and horny Sun-Mars trine. If you've longed to ask someone for a date, this is the day.** People will appreciate warm feelings, compliments, and getting credit or acknowledgement for good work.

The Mercury direct station (19th) works in tandem with the total Lunar Eclipse (full moon) on the 20th. Social organizations, conglomerates, and governments struggle with aging leaders, declining membership, or stale visions. The eclipse is also aligned with that miserable process server, Saturn. Unhealthy processes, ruts, and shortages come into the spotlight. The Sun-Saturn opposition on the 24th may inspire people to assume active leadership roles in worthwhile organizations, and to restructure limping systems.

February Highlights

☉ **February 1: (Friday) Venus-Jupiter and Neptune, Mercury, & Vesta alignments. Extraordinarily powerful for increasing group energy, divination, channeling, and clairvoyance.** Sag moon increases flow of information.

☉ **February 2: Candlemas. Capricorn moon aligns with Pluto, Venus and Jupiter, giving strength to feminine archetypes. Do spells for increasing wealth.**

February 5: Mardi Gras.

☉ **February 6: Solar Eclipse/New Moon in Aquarius.** (Ash Wednesday). **Good for releasing and banishing spells.** Follow seasonal traditions and give something up until Ostara. Also Chinese New Year's (Year of the Rat).

☉ **February 14: Valentine's Day.** Sun trine Mars. Excellent for sending messages and gaining courage to be honest about feelings. **Perform success-in-sales spells.**

February 17: Venus enters Aquarius

☉ **February 18-19: Mercury direct station in Aquarius; Sun sextile Pluto, Moon in Leo. Perform spells to attract new business.**

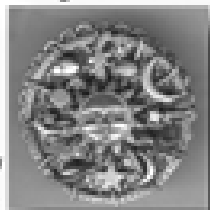
☉ **February 20: Sun enters Pisces Total Lunar Eclipse/Full Moon in Virgo. Spells to gain leadership qualities, or to gain assistance from authority figures. May scry messages from the dead. Good for cleansing rituals and ritual baths.**

February 26: Mercury-Venus alignment square Scorpio Moon (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST; 9 a.m. to noon PST). Change negative feelings into positive ones through compliments and acts of kindness. Unusual opportunity to transform a workplace enemy into a friend.

February 29: Leap Day with a Sagittarius Moon. Do something quirky, make a memory, or call a long-distance friend. Good deeds attract good fortune from the universe. ☾

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