



### What Is It?

Practical Spiritual Astrology is grounded in the understanding that our aim as consciously evolving humans is not only to remember and reclaim our essential divine nature, but also to manifest that spiritual essence more dynamically and more abundantly in the material world. The sacred knowledge of the heavenly intelligences and their cosmic cycles can guide us infallibly into spontaneous right action and joyful, fulfilled expression of our true selves.

### Purpose & Benefits

Practical Spiritual Astrology thus brings us daily opportunities for being completely spiritually centered in a manner that is consistently resourceful in bringing out the best qualities in our circumstances, completely congruent with our true creative nature, and genuinely helpful to others in a multitude of pragmatic, life-affirming ways.

## THE FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

Once again, we have a month that begins with remarkably intense energy. This is a time of powerful transformation for our entire planet, and the cosmos is being enormously insistent that we take advantage of the opportunity! With Mars reversing direction just two days before a powerful Solar Eclipse as October gets underway, it's time for us to rethink our actions and to redefine ourselves.

But exactly how do we do that? How can we hope to know everything that must be known right now, so that we can function and flourish as spiritual beings inhabiting a physical plane? In society, in our work and relationships, in every cultural context the aim is the same—to bring real knowledge and meaningful understanding to bear in situations that challenge us severely, stretching us beyond what we believe to be our limits and capabilities.

Right now the answer to this demand comes as an act of grace, an opportunity simply to relax and cease our striving. If we are willing to be less aggressive, to listen to the guidance of the still, small voice within, we can experience a new beginning that empowers amazing growth and experiences far richer than we have ever dreamed possible.

### Getting Out of the Contest

Our greatest temptation during the second week in October is to think in terms of comparisons, to see ourselves as victims or as heroes, to view all of our life situations as contests or as fields of battle. It is in realizing the ultimate futility of that presumed struggle that we can discover the real opportunity that is opening up for us: the chance to step back from our striving and to think in new and surprising ways that empower us to create fresh methods of working on what has been spoiled, of repairing the damage caused by our past indiscretions.

## COSMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Mars retrograde station – October 1, 6:04 p.m. EDT
- Kronos retrograde station – October 2, 08:47 EDT
- Solar Eclipse New Moon – October 3, 6:28 a.m. EDT
- Venus enters Sagittarius – October 7, 9:00 p.m. EDT
- Mercury enters Scorpio – October 8, 1:15 p.m. EDT
- Lunar Eclipse Full Moon – October 17, 8:14 a.m. EDT
- Sun enters Scorpio – October 23, 3:42 a.m. EDT
- Vulcanus retrograde station – October 23, 4:01 p.m. EDT
- Jupiter enters Scorpio – October 25, 10:53 p.m. EDT
- Neptune retrograde Station – October 26, 7:27 p.m. EDT
- Mercury enters Sagittarius – October 30, 4:03 a.m. EST

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### Setting Higher Standards

With the Lunar Eclipse reminding us that things are not always exactly as they seem, that sometimes fleeting shadows may sometimes obscure even the most enlightened consciousness, we have the chance to ask for more in our lives. The “more” we seek is not about quantity, however; it’s about quality. We can become more refined in our perceptions and more creative in our expressions, setting higher standards for ourselves in our behavior, our commitments, and our expectations. As we do so, we can discover fresh effectiveness on multiple levels as the growth of our inner power matches the outward expression of grace and power in our lives.

### A Bold New Vision

It’s time now to open ourselves to greater passion, greater intensity, and greater depth of understanding as we learn to see the world from a broader perspective. As we do so, we can begin to envision a new possibility for our lives—one in which we as individuals can assume personal responsibility for the well-being of our entire planet. This is a bold vision, but if we are willing to see ourselves as the divine beings we really are, then we can accept this duty graciously. When we are true to ourselves, we can receive not only greater personal happiness and fulfillment materially, but more good fortune spiritually as well.

### Spiritual Living in the Material World

We face many challenges when we try to bring our spiritual awareness into the realm of mundane reality, but there are few challenges greater than the ones that revolve around money.

Financial concerns have enormous power, and that power can be used wisely to transform our lives and to open up new avenues of loving and creative service. Money questions automatically create emotional stress, and automatically move us into bigger opportunities for personal growth and spiritual evolution.

To discover more about the role that spiritual astrology plays in financial understanding, visit our other websites at [www.FinancialCyclesWeekly.com](http://www.FinancialCyclesWeekly.com) and at [www.GannPlan.com](http://www.GannPlan.com).

Do you have questions about how astrology can help you on your personal spiritual path? You'll find lots more information at [www.TimBost.com](http://www.TimBost.com). Explore the website to learn about Tim's publications and services, to get details about the consultations he provides, and to see details about FinancialCyclesWeekly, his widely-acclaimed newsletter that shares techniques and strategies for using spiritually-based astrology to make money in the equities markets.

We're eager to get your insights, too! Send an email to [spirit@timbost.com](mailto:spirit@timbost.com) with your questions, your comments, and your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **ESOTERIC MANTRAS FOR THE MONTH**

### **LIBRA**

*"I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force."*

### **SCORPIO**

*"Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant."*