

Practical Spiritual Astrology

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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.

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

"What we are looking for is what is looking."

- St. Francis of Assisi

THE FOCUS FOR AUGUST

The powerful Solar Eclipse that kicks off August can bring geopolitical disruption, natural disasters, and personal stress. But it can also be a marvelous opportunity for spiritual growth, a chance to shrug off the illusions of the past and to release the fears and prejudices that have been holding us back.

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No matter how disruptive our environment becomes and no matter how out-of-balance our companions become, we have a sacred mission to perform. Our task is to take the actions that offer sudden breakthroughs, to find new ways of redefining who we are and what we are doing, so that we can transform our reality in vibrant, lifesupporting ways.

How can we best break free of the limitations we have imposed upon ourselves? One of our greatest blessings is our ability to employ our minds to move past our minds, to use our thoughts to transcend thought so that we can experience the bliss of pure consciousness. In the serenity of undiluted awareness, we can trust our divine nature and open our hearts to love. And then, almost ironically, new and more refined thoughts arise. These are the inspirations that will spontaneously guide our actions as we express ever-moreenlightened states.

Sometimes we may feel like we are acting rashly, foolishly stepping off a precipice into a boundless abyss as we innocently embrace the world of possibilities that offer themselves to us. But it is in that trusting moment, in that bold and unguarded action, that we have an opportunity to reconnect with the eternal truths that can bring boundless energy and intelligence to our existence. There is indeed a profoundly secret wisdom in such foolishness!

While we may chafe at the demands and restrictions imposed by social conventions, we can find true benefit from our participation in culture and community if we remain aware of our opportunities for self-discipline and intelligent transformation. The tentative baby steps we take right now foreshadow the leaps and bounds that we will gladly take as we progress into higher states of consciousness.

THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HAPPINESS

"Happiness is a how, not a what, a talent, not an object." –Hermann Hesse

ESOTERIC MANTRAS FOR AUGUST

LEO

"I am That and That I am."

VIRGO

"I am the Mother and the Child. I, God, I Matter am."

August Observances

Lammas – 8/1 Lughnassad – 8/2 Orhtodox Transfiguration – 8/6 Tisha B'Av – 8/10 Left Hander's Day – 8/13 Feast of Assumption – 8/15 Lailat al Bara'ah – 8/15 Raksha Bandhan – 8/16 Krishna Janmashtami – 8/24 Kiss & Make Up Day – 8/25 Women's Equality Day – 8/26 Paryushana – 8/28

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Cosmic Opportunities

Solar Eclipse New Moon – August 1, 6:21 a.m. EDT Venus sextile Apollon - August 2, 12:30 a.m. EDT Sun sextile Zeus - August 2, 6:18 a.m. EDT Venus square Admetos - August 2, 8:16 a.m. EDT Mercury opposition True Lunar Node - August 4, 6:57 a.m. EDT Venus sextile Hades – August 4, 10:39 a.m. EDT Mercury opposition Chiron - August 4, 11:05 a.m. EDT Venus trine Pluto - August 5, 12:53 a.m. EDT Sun trine Cupido – August 5, 6:02 p.m. EDT Venus enters Virgo – August 6, 12:19 a.m. EDT Mars opposition Uranus – August 6, 10:53 a.m. EDT Mercury opposition Neptune – August 6, 2:41 p.m. EDT Venus sextile Kronos – August 9, 6:45 p.m. EDT Mercury enters Virgo - August 10, 6:52 a.m. EDT Chiron conjunct True Lunar Node - August 10, 1:25 p.m. EDT Sun opposition Chiron – August 10, 4:16 p.m. EDT Sun opposition Tue Lunar Node – August 10, 4:25 p.m. EDT Mars sextile Vulcanus - August 11, 7:52 p.m. EDT Venus sextile Poseidon – August 12, 1:44 a.m. EDT Mars trine Admetos – August 12, 4:26 a.m. EDT Venus conjunct Saturn – August 13, 1:02 p.m. EDT Sun opposition Neptune – August 15, 3:42 a.m. EDT Mercury conjunct Saturn – August 15, 4:00 p.m. EDT Mars square Hades – August 16, 11:46 a.m. EDT Lunar Eclipse Full Moon – August 16, 5:10 p.m. EDT Venus trine Jupiter- August 16, 8:16 p.m. EDT Mars square Pluto – August 17, 2:15 a.m. EDT Venus square Cupido – August 17, 5:12 a.m. EDT Sun sextile Apollon – August 17, 2:21 p.m. EDT Sun square Admetos – August 17, 10:50 p.m. EDT Mars enters Libra – August 19, 6:03 a.m. EDT Sun sextile Hades – August 20, 7:44 p.m. EDT Sun trine Pluto - August 21, 2:50 a.m. EDT Mercury conjunct Venus - August 21, 11:44 a.m. EDT Sun enters Virgo – August 22, 2:02 EDT Mercury opposition Uranus - August 23, 2:15 a.m. EDT Venus opposition Uranus - August 23, 11:48 a.m. EDT Admetos retrograde station - August 25, 12:02 a.m. EDT Cupido direct station - August 26, 4:43 p.m. EDT Venus sextile Vulcanus – August 26, 6:19 p.m. EDT Mars square Kronos – August 26, 7:07 p.m. EDT Venus trine Admetos – August 26, 7:32 p.m. EDT Sun sextile Kronos – August 27, 2:07 p.m. EDT Mercury enters Libra - August 28, 10:53 p.m. EDT Venus square Hades – August 29, 3:15 a.m. EDT Venus square Pluto - August 29, 5:51 a.m. EDT Sun sextile Poseidon – August 30, 9:39 a.m. EDT Venus enters Libra – August 30, 10:41 a.m. EDT New Moon – August 30, 3:58 p.m. EDT

Spiritual Growth from Stress-Free Living

Tim Bost's guide to stress-free living, *Plan 9 for Inner Space*, gives you than 100 pages of stress-busting tips and resources to help you maintain a practical spiritual focus in everything you do. Get complete details and download at http://www.harmonicresearchassociates.com/shop