

JYOTISH TRENDS June 2017

(Times are for Arizona which is now same as Pacific time; one hour later for Mountain Time; and two hours later for Central time; and three hours later for Eastern time zone.)

Lunar high points (affects emotions positively):

Exalted Moon in Taurus : June 21 from 6:18 AM until June 23 at 5:48 AM. Moon is opposite Saturn at this time, which may give a slight vata or anxious energy tendency in emotions.

Moon in own sign of Cancer: June 25 from 5:30 AM until June 27 at 7:27 AM

Lunar low points (emotions are more sensitive):

(Preview: Moon is in its debilitation/subdued position of Scorpio constellation: July 4 from 10:12 AM until July 6 at 10:51 PM. This time is particularly intense because Saturn is conjunct the Moon also at this time. So do enjoy July 4 celebrations, but also give yourself enough rest and meditation to move through it smoothly).

New Moon in Gemini constellation:

June 22 from 11:19 PM until June 23 at 7:30 PM.

(During this time Moon is conjunct Mars which gives a pitta or fiery energy tendency to the emotions and thinking. And since Gemini is the constellation of communication, it can give more energy, but at the same time more intensity in communication.)

Additional intense days:

Moon in Aquarius conjunct with Ketu, aspected by Saturn:

June 14 from 3:57 PM until June 17 at 12:15 AM. This may bring an inward anxious tendency to one's emotions and thinking.

I. DAYS OF SHIVA --- for Transcendental experience of Deep Meditation & Prayer:

June 22 from 3:07 AM until 11:19 PM

II. DAYS OF SKANDA (ARCHANGEL MICHAEL)---for Victory and energy to overcome negativity:

June 14 from 3:51 PM until June 15 at 4:38 PM

June 28 from 6:02 AM until 5:22 AM June 29

III. DAYS OF GANESH---for removing obstacles and success in action:

June 12 from 12:47 PM until June 13 at 2:32 PM

June 26 from 9:41 AM until June 27 at 7:30 AM

IV. DAYS OF VISHNU---for harmony, balance, dharma and good relationships:

June 19 from 12:41 PM until June 20 at 9:58 AM

V. DAYS OF DURGA (Mother Divine)---for removing difficulties and overcoming fear:

June 17 from 4:08 PM until June 18 at 2:46 PM

PLANETARY Sankranti----Points of Transcendence when planets switch constellations

Sun enters the sign of Gemini June 14 at 5 PM and this lasts till July 16 at 3:50 AM. This shifts the National and individual focus to writing and attention on communication networks, internet etc. This will especially affect people with Gemini, Sagittarius, and Leo rising signs (or Sun/Moon in these signs). Leadership on every level should trend towards communication based goals. Also since Mars will be conjoined with Sun it will give greater power to large projects.

Mars stays in the sign of Gemini throughout the month, and stays there till July 11. This means for the world and individual greater energy for the growth and maintenance of communication and expression. Issues around communication networks such as internet may continue being intense because of Mars, as well as Ketu aspect on it and the sign of Gemini. For Sagittarius, Gemini, Scorpio, Pisces and Cancer rising signs (or Sun or Moon in these signs) it could bring tendency for more intensity in relationships.

Mercury moves to the sign of Gemini on June 18 at 10:20 AM and stays there till July 2 at 2:35 PM. In this position in Gemini, Mercury will be conjunct also with Sun and Mars, bringing tendency of greater intensity in one's nervous system by bringing in more "fiery" energy. Mercury being in Gemini promotes creating better communication. This position of Mercury in June particularly affects people with Sagittarius, Gemini and Virgo ascendants (or Moon/Sun in signs).

Venus enters Taurus constellation on June 29 at 7:05 AM and stays there till July 26 at 4:35 AM. However, most of this month Venus will be in the sign of Aries. This means relationships will tend to have more intense creative energy of Mars. Also new artistic projects are favored at this time. This position of Venus will have more of an influence on people who are Libra, Taurus, and Aries rising (or Sun/Moon in those signs). Once Venus moves into Taurus constellation on the 29th of June, family harmony and friendship is strengthened, this is favorable for Taurus, Libra, and Scorpio rising signs (or Sun/Moon in those signs). Also artistic projects and appreciation of comfort and beauty continue being favored at this time. After June 20 relationships may have some vata/intense energy added as Venus will be also aspected by Saturn.

Rahu this month continues to stay in the constellation Leo. This brings an opening up of non-conventional expansive thinking to world leadership, as well as in general society. It particularly affects people with Leo rising sign (or Sun/Moon in this position). In addition, individuals with Aquarius rising signs will experience Rahu being in the 7th house of relationships. This may bring a feeling of wanting more independence/space and separation in relationships.

Ketu is in the constellation Aquarius and also stays in Aquarius till Fall of 2017. This brings in a spiritual inner quality to scientific research and work to bring technology to humanity. It particularly affects individuals with Aquarius rising (or Sun/Moon in these positions). For people with Leo rising signs (or Sun/Moon in this sign) it may bring a quality of non-attachment to relationships.

OTHER PLANETARY POSITIONS

Jupiter stays in the constellation Virgo till September 11, 2017 at 6:05 PM. During this time of being in Virgo constellation, Jupiter will be focused on intelligent ways of solving problems in society and for the individual. This transit will affect people who are Sagittarius or Pisces rising, or with Moon or Sun in these constellations. It may also bring in extra connection with teachers or knowledge for people who are Pisces rising. For women who have Pisces rising this could bring in a new bond with one's children or with men in one's life.

This month starting June 10, Jupiter will no longer be retrograde, which indicates a good time for thinking to expand knowledge/wisdom. It can also be a time when matters related to finances and banking, or the stock market will begin to move forward more. This could result in some improvement in these matters, or in legal matters, as Jupiter represents law. For those people who are Sagittarius or Pisces rising (or Sun/Moon here) it could give the tendency to

feel more themselves, or sense as if things are moving forward again. This can also be true for in relationships for people who have Gemini rising signs (or Sun or Moon in Gemini).

Saturn will stay in the Sagittarius constellation this month. For the USA it brings desire to set home affairs in order, and will influence dharma, higher purpose, law and justice both in the nation and abroad. It also may continue to bring a more restrained and conservative approach to USA governmental activities. National focus for USA as seen in Jyotish is focused on problem solving at home, along with reorganizing and simplifying governmental activities for the next few years. The position of Saturn into Sagittarius may affect more people with Sagittarius or Gemini rising (or Sun/Moon in Sagittarius), as well as people whose rising sign is Capricorn or Aquarius (or Sun/Moon in these signs).

This month Saturn is retrograde eventually going into the sign of Scorpio, its previous position on June 20 at 4:50 PM. This could indicate revisiting some of the issues of 2016, with possibility of some "bumpiness" in individual, National and International affairs till Saturn goes steadily direct in Fall. In terms of individual activities it can slow down or delay resolving/ crystallizing projects or situations. For those with Saturn rising signs like Capricorn and Aquarius (or Sun/Moon in these signs) it could give more inward tendency.

SPECIAL VEDIC HOLIDAYS (as per Arizona /Pacific time-- times June differ in India as they there is a time zone difference. Please note also Vedic Holidays were based on Lunar days, not Solar days):

LORD SHIVA HOLIDAYS:

Night of June 22 is monthly Shiva Ratri (Night of Shiva) during which time one honors Shiva (Almighty God). This is the Night of Shiva when it is customary to stay up all Night adoring the Supreme Being as Shiva, God as the Absolute Supreme Silent Self. It is said that on this Night the Absolute (Shiva) accepts the Creation as His own Nature--giving rise to the full awakening of Enlightenment as the Unity of Absolute and Relative.

The real meaning of staying up all night on Shiva Ratri evening is being awake perpetually in the state of Enlightenment/ God Realization. Also during this time it is traditional to pour milk, honey, sugar ghee and other offerings over a Shiva Lingam while reciting the Yajur Veda hymns known as Rudra Pathe. It is also traditional to read excerpts from Holy Scriptures about Shiva.

Shani Pradosh falls on the thirteenth lunar day in both the bright half and dark half of the Lunar cycle. This month Shani Pradosha is celebrated June 21 from 6:44 AM until June 22 at 3:07 AM.

Fasting and worship of Shiva on Shani Pradosh brings freedom from restrictions, removal of obstacles and troubles, and moksha or Enlightenment. Traditionally in the Vedic Tradition one takes a vow (vrata) to do 11 or 26 such Shani Pradosh worships.

June 16 from 4:45 PM until June 17 at 4:08 PM as well as June 30 from 5:30 AM through the next day July 1st is **Kala Ashtami** (8th Lunar day each month), which celebrates the appearance of Kala Bhairava, a special aspect of Lord Shiva who appeared and cut off the fifth head of the Creator Brahma, leaving 4 heads facing different directions.

The real symbolism of this is that Creation has four directions but the fifth direction is the Transcendental Pure Consciousness which belongs to Shiva (Almighty God as Supreme Silence). On this day it is traditional for Shiva devotees to stay up all night in vigil and make offerings to Bhairava and Parvati (The Divine Feminine aspect of Almighty God) and also offer libations and oblations to their departed ancestors. Dogs are also offered treats as offerings.

LORD VISHNU HOLIDAYS:

Yogini Ekadashi is on June 19-20, a day Holy to Lord Vishnu (Omnipresence of God as Love). (See Vishnu times). It is traditional to fast on this day, and it is said in the Vedic texts that even just reading about Vishnu and hearing about this day will free one from the most heinous sins. Yogini Ekadashi commemorates a story about Hemamali one of the yakshas serving Kubera the deva of riches. Kubera as a great devotee of Shiva needed flowers to worship Shiva each day. One day Hemamali neglected his duty as he was with his wife amorously enjoying her company. Kubera became angry with him and cursed him to have leprosy. Through the grace of Sage Markandeya, Hemamali found out about Yogini Ekadashi. Through fasting on this day, he was freed of the curse and regained his piety.

Ekadashis in general commemorate the day Lord Vishnu (God as Omnipresent Love) destroyed the demon Mura (Hence Vishnu is known as Murari). It was the female power or Shakti of Lord Vishnu that appeared to destroy the demon. Because the Shakti emerged on the 11th Lunar day, She was called Ekadashi. The Shakti in the narration of the story asked Lord Vishnu to grant the boon that whosoever worships Vishnu (and his Shakti) on the 11th Lunar day, be granted freedom from sin.

SPECIAL BIRTHS OR TIMES

June 26 is Vinayaka Chaturthi-- day of Ganesh good for fulfilling desires and removing obstacles (see times of Ganesh above). Fasting on this day brings Blessings of peace, prosperity and knowledge. (See Ganesh times above)

Wishing everyone a Happy Year through Growth, Success and Fulfillment! May June 2017 bring you the fulfillment of your cherished desires! And the Year of 2017 bring perfection in your goals!

Please note: Personal Jyotish readings are available by Dr. Herzberger to address specific issues in a person's Vedic Chart, with opportunity to balance planetary energies through yagyas (Vedic ceremonies) that he performs.

Dr. Herzberger also has a team of some of the finest pundits of India (a number of whom are professors emeritus of yagya and Jyotish at Varanasi, India) that have chosen to work with him as per very specific yagya instructions. Upon request he also has done yagyas in synergy with his team.

Monica, Dr. Herzberger's sister, is also available to do intuitive readings. Monica has helped people with her direct clarity of spiritual insight. She is skilled in pinpointing the nature of specific times. You might enjoy reading her Lunar Calendar for the month on her and Dr. Herzberger's website.

Dr. Herzberger's website is www.jyotishcenter.com/. You can also read about yagya and Jyotish on this website. You can also read the *Jyotish Trends* for each month here.

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