

Cancer August 2019

Planetary movements this month:

- New Moon in Leo 1st August
- Jupiter turns direct 12th August
- Mercury turns direct 1st August
- Mercury leaves Cancer/into Leo
- Uranus turns retrograde 12th August
- Full Moon in Aquarius 16th August
- Mars leaves Leo/into Virgo 18th August
- Venus leaves Leo/into Virgo 21st August
- Sun leaves Leo/into Virgo 23rd August
- Juno leaves Leo/into Virgo 24th August
- Pallas leaves Libra/into Scorpio 26th August
- Mercury leaves Leo/into Virgo 29th August
- New Moon in Virgo 30th August

Good Days are days when the planets concerned are supporting each other.

*	Sun conjunct Moon (New Moon)	1st August
*	Moon conjunct Venus	1st August
*	Moon conjunct Mars	2nd August
*	Sun trine Jupiter	7th/8th August
*	Venus trine Jupiter	8th/9th August
*	Mars trine Eris	9th/10th August
*	Moon conjunct Jupiter	10th August
*	Sun conjunct Venus	11th/17th August
*	Mercury trine Ceres	14th August
*	Neptune trine North Node	15th/19th August
*	Venus trine Eris	17th August
*	Sun trine Eris	17th/18th August
*	Moon conjunct Neptune	18th August
*	Venus conjunct Juno	19th/21st August
*	Mercury trine Jupiter	21st/22nd August
*	Moon conjunct Uranus	22nd August
*	Venus conjunct Mars	24th/26th August
*	Venus trine Uranus	26th/27th August
*	Moon conjunct North Node	27th August
*	Mars trine Uranus	28th/29th August
*	Sun conjunct Moon (New Moon)	30th August
*	Moon conjunct Mercury	30th August
*	Sun trine Uranus	30th/31st August
*	Moon conjunct Venus	31st August
*	Moon conjunct Mars	31st August
*	Sun conjunct Mars	31st August/5th September

These correspond to where the planets are in your chart at the time (see below) and it's on these days that their effect on you will be more positive. These also make up some of the 'power dates' below. What is noticeable is the amount of harmony between the stars this month.

'KUOYT' Days – Not 'bad days', because there are no such things, but they're what I call 'Kuoyt' Days (which I pronounce Coyote – like the wild dogs) – these are days that **Keep U On Your Toes**.

*	Moon opposition Saturn	27th August
*	Moon opposition Pluto	27th August
*	Moon conjunct Saturn	12th August
*	Moon conjunct South Node	13th August
*	Moon opposition Sun (Full Moon)	16th August
*	Moon conjunct Pluto	13th August
*	Moon conjunct Chiron	19th August

It's on these 'Kuoyt' days that the planets concerned aren't playing hardball with each other and rather than supporting each other, as they are on the good days, they've got their own agenda, which may be running contrary and in conflict with each other. This creates tension and pressure, but these aren't 'bad days'. Often we need pressure or the right amount of stress in order to raise our game or fight that little bit harder. If we didn't have these Kuoyt days, we would fall into a state of complacency, so they keep us on our toes. Despite the fact that they might bring some pressure and tension, these are conditions that also bring opportunities.

6th House
Work, Employment and Health



6th House rules:

The ancients called this the ‘House of Service to others’. This is the busiest part of your chart, where the focus is on work, employment, service, duty, responsibility, hard work, productivity, health, time management and self sacrifice, whether in paid or unpaid service. Here the focus is on doing what has to be done now, rather than putting things off, bringing a sense that you can rest later. When your *Sixth House* is active you will be busy, with a lot on your plate and a lot of demands on your time. This is also a time to address any health, wellbeing, time management and energy issues. Ruled by Mercury in his most practical form, this is all about productivity.

Power Dates: 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 21st, 22nd, 24th and 25th August

This is a big month for Jupiter, here in your work sector since November 2018 and therefore for work and job matters in general. In retrograde motion since April, Jupiter has been spending the middle four months of a 13 month visit in retrograde motion, retracing his steps and going back over old ground, as is normally the case.

Jupiter returns to all 12 areas of your chart in any given 12 year period, spending on average 12 months in each. As well as presenting his current stage in your current Jupiter cycle, as the planet of luck and expansion, he will spend a year expanding each area of your chart. As Jupiter is the largest and most powerful planet in the solar system, larger than the rest of the planets combined, to have Jupiter in your work sector means there is a lot of weight on work and job matters or just on the things that keep you busy or occupy your time in 2019. Because Jupiter will always turn retrograde once a year, always when the Sun is on the opposite side of the sky, this is a time to go back into the shadows, to retreat and reflect.

Every Jupiter transit is a three phase affair and each is equally important. In the first phase, which begins with Jupiter’s return, there is a lot of enthusiasm and even hubris, as Jupiter returns for the first time in over a decade to expand a sense of what’s possible. This is a time for radical optimism, for getting as many balls in the air as possible and for throwing as many arrows at a target, hoping something will stick. This phase is not about narrowing down your aims but for simply putting everything you have into everything you do, with reckless enthusiasm.

The one criticism that Astrologers have of Jupiter is that he is full of hot air (being a gas planet) and that he promises more than he can deliver. I think that description is accurate, however, only in the first phase of a Jupiter transit and for all the right reasons.

In the second phase, Jupiter turns retrograde and for the next four months, you will move into review mode, retracing your steps and in hindsight looking at things more objectively. This is a time for pulling back and instead of looking or moving forward, you are going back over old ground.

When Jupiter turns direct he moves into his final phase and this is the phase when everything comes together. You are no longer in the wild and almost blind optimism of the first phase and you are no longer throwing arrows at targets, hoping some will stick. You now have fewer arrows and fewer targets and in a slow and deliberate way, you are making sure that every single one hits its mark. This is a culmination of all Jupiter's time here and this is when everything is set to come together. If this really is a lucky and expansive year for job growth, then this will be especially evident in this final phase, which begins when Jupiter turns direct on **12th August**.

To sum it all up, imagine a Jupiter phase like passing through beautiful countryside and you see a mountain and are struck with not just the urge to climb it, but believe that you can. You can picture yourself standing on the top, with a feeling of 'I did this' and with an 'I am the king or queen of the world feeling'. You might imagine yourself bragging about it and the pride you would feel because you strived and succeeded. This phase is all about almost blind faith and optimism, believing that anything is possible. Then Jupiter moves into his retrograde phase and you realise that if you really are going to do this you have to make plans, you have to prepare, learn everything you will need to know and slowly assemble all your resources. You will double and triple check you have everything and reflect back on all the information you have had access to and make sure every aspect is covered. Then Jupiter turns direct and it is the day of the climb itself. This time it is real, you know what you are aiming for, you've done your homework, you have narrowed down what you need to do, you are prepared and you are ready to make this a reality. This is the phase that is about to begin.

The timing of Jupiter's direct turn means that for those in New Zealand this will be **12th August** and everywhere else in the world it will be **11th August**. That is because Jupiter will turn direct at 1.38 am New Zealand time, so in the very early hours and when everywhere else in the world it is still **11th August**. Either way, no matter where you are in the world when you wake up on **12th August** (your time), Jupiter will be in direct motion and ready to bring things home. The late Sir Edmund Hillary was a New Zealand mountaineer, most famous for being the first person known to successfully climb to the top of Mount Everest. There is a famous quote that has become a familiar expression here in New Zealand, but because I am not sure if this is as familiar to those in other countries, I need to explain why I am about to use the words I am to describe Jupiter's final months. When Hillary was descending Everest, after his successful climb he met up with George Lowe and uttered the now infamous and typically Kiwi words – "Well George, we've knocked the bastard off".

Whatever your personal Everest, whatever Jupiter has spent from November 2018 promoting the potential for expansion and success, it is time to 'knock the bastard off'.

Jupiter won't leave your work sector until **3rd December** and Venus, the first of the faster planets to return to help guide things home won't return until November. This means you still

have several months and with Jupiter needing to come to a standstill in order to turn direct, even though the tide turns and things start to move forward, this will start out slowly.

What Jupiter has when he turns direct is a stunning amount of support. You begin the month with the Sun, Mars and Venus in your income sector, with Mercury returning there on **12th August**, just a few hours after Jupiter's direct turn in your work sector. This will put all the faster planets in the same sign, at the same time for the first time since October 2017 and just in time to support you and Jupiter as the tides turn on the job front. Mars moved into a friendly aspect to Jupiter last month, with the Sun moving into the same friendly aspect on **7th/8th August**, Venus on **8th/9th August** and Mercury on **21st/22nd August**. Whether in his final days in retrograde motion, as he turns direct or in his early days and weeks in direct motion, Jupiter has the right support at the right time. While Jupiter won't move into a positive aspect to Eris in your career sector until later in the year, the planets moving through your income sector will this month. Jupiter turns direct at the one point in the year when there is a network of support between planets across the income, work and career fronts.

Because the dwarf planet Ceres turned direct here in your work sector last month, you have already started to look to the future, even if you haven't yet begun moving forward. In Jupiter's final days in retrograde motion, this is giving you a window into the past, present and future.

The Moon will make a timely visit to your work sector from **9th August** to **11th August**. Moving through during Jupiter's final days in retrograde motion will not only ensure your instincts are sharp and you have an intuitive read on work and job matters, but will bring a chance to take a deep dive into the past before the tide turns less than 12 hours after the Moon leaves.

2nd House

Income, Earnings and Self Value



2nd House rules:

The ancients called this the 'House of earned income and self value' and rules your income, earnings, your sense of self value, entitlement, believing in yourself, standing up for your rights, a sense of expectation, entitlement and indulgence. Ruled by Venus, the *Second House*

is all about what you value and how you set your priorities, not only on the income front but across all the currencies in your life. This is an abundant area of your chart where there is often a gain in income or material resources. Ruled by Venus, the guiding principles here are desire, higher expectations and the laws of attraction.

Power Dates: 1st, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st August

Apart from supporting Jupiter in his final days in retrograde motion in your work sector and as the tide turns on the job front, the planetary activity here in your income sector is exciting in its own right.

The planetary activity here in your income sector this month is a mix of the ordinary and the extraordinary. Ordinary because the Sun will always spend the first three weeks of August here, shining the solar spotlight on income situation, matters and options. With all planetary activity over by the end of the month, from an ordinary perspective, this is a short, positive and exciting annual update but nothing more.

However, a few things make this extraordinary and creates the potential for some game changing developments. I wasn't sure how to explain the difference, so I will list this in a pros and cons way, so you can compare what you experienced here last year and the difference this year and why this turns an ordinary event into something extraordinary.

In 2018 you had the bare minimum of planetary activity with the Sun, Mercury and Venus the only planets moving through your income sector, though you did have the dwarf planet Ceres making her first visit in four years. This year you have Mars, the planet of passion and the warrior planet of the cosmos here and this is juicing things up.

In 2018 Mars was on the other side of the sky, opposing every planet that moved through your income sector and in the process, creating a clash between forces focused on money coming in and money going out. With the South Node also in opposition throughout that time, there was not only less planetary activity there were a lot more challenges, pressure and financial tension.

In 2018 there were not only no planets with the clout to really support you and your income potential, whereas this year you have the support of lucky Jupiter in your work sector.

Yet the one thing that really makes the planetary activity in your income sector this month extraordinary is the power of numbers. When Mercury returns on **12th August** this will put the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars here, at the same time. This is the first time that the faster moving planets have all been in the same sign at the same time since October 2017 and it is happening here. When you have all four concentrating on the same area of your life and not scattered in different directions, this creates a serious amount of combined focus.

With none of the roadblocks you experienced last year, this is putting rocket fuel in the tanks of the planets moving through your income sector. When you add the support of Jupiter, the planet of luck and expansion and the most powerful planet in the solar system, then you have a pocket sized powerhouse of planetary activity.

The fact that Mars will leave on **18th August**, Venus on **21st August**, the Sun on **23rd August** and Mercury on **29th August** means this won't be drawn out. The planets are here, they have come in hot and heavy, they're not here for long and they are ready to make things happen. This is a short, sharp and extremely powerful blast of planetary activity that is not going to muck around.

The fact that Mercury will return and complete this power line up of planets here in your income sector just hours after Jupiter's direct turn in your work sector will have positive implications now and down the line. While Jupiter is the more powerful planet, in retrograde motion his power is reduced and even turning direct is still not back to his empowered self. This means that Jupiter will be drawing as much strength and support from the planets here in your income sector as they will be drawing from him. This means that while all planetary activity here on the income front will end when Mercury leaves on **29th August**, by then Jupiter will be starting to gain speed and will be regaining his power. This means that when planetary activity on the income front ends, Jupiter will keep income momentum under his wings and the momentum continuing under the broad umbrella of work and job matters and the growth and expansion that will continue for the rest of the year.

Most of us will begin the month with the Moon here in your income sector, something that pushes this area of your chart even more into the limelight and guarantees getting your attention from the get go.

The Moon will return at 1.18 am on **1st August** New Zealand time, so on **31st July** everywhere else in the world, either way ensuring that we all wake on the first day of the new month with the Moon here. If that isn't enough to get your attention from the get go then the Moon's alignment with the Sun to create a New Moon 14 hours later will. Starting the month with a New Moon is going to give the month some serious traction and for some, especially those in the USA this will fall late in the evening of **31st July**, with New Moon energy in force from the get go. The Moon is here throughout the first two days of August, aligning with the Sun, Venus and Mars during that time. This will ensure you begin the month with your intuition, instincts and imagination fuelled and with a sharp nose for money from the get go.

In a month where the money gods are putting everything they have into gaining traction on the income front, just starting the month with the Moon here is an advantage. However, this month is not only peppered with friendly aspects between the planets here and Jupiter in your work sector, but with Eris and Chiron in your career sector as well. I wasn't going to list the dates of the positive aspects between planets across the income, work and career fronts because there are just too many of them, but have decided to lay out just how long reaching this is.

The first is a friendly aspect between the Sun and Jupiter on **7th/8th August**, followed by Venus' friendly aspect to Jupiter in your work sector on **8th/9th August**. While this is still playing out, Mars will team up with Eris in your career sector on **9th/10th August** with more friendly aspects continuing on **14th August**, another on **17th August**, another on **17th/18th August**, another on **19th/21st August**, another on **21st/22nd August**, another on **21st/23rd August** and one final coming together on **26th/27th August**. With each of these friendly aspects having an orb (period of influence) of several days either side, the whole month is literally a hotbed of support and potential across the income, work and career fronts.

By the time the Moon comes full circle from the New Moon at the start of the month the Sun, Mars and Venus will be gone but Mercury, who wasn't there during the Moon's first visit will get to experience a repeat performance just for him. The Moon is here from **28th August** to **30th August** and with Mercury leaving on **29th August**, this means you will have the Moon's intuitive edge and a sharp nose for money to draw on in Mercury's final hours, as he leaves and for 16 hours after he has gone. With Mercury not only wrapping up his second visit (having retrograded back out last month) but all planetary activity here until 2020, to have the Moon here as he leaves is auspicious. With the Moon's sharp nose for money and Mercury's smart head for money you are able to squeeze out every advantage and ensure that as things wrap up, it is with a lucrative sense of direction.

The only challenge the planets here will face this month is an opposition with a Full Moon in your financial sector on **16th August**. As the Sun spends a month in each sign and the Moon comes full circle every 28 days, it is impossible not to have a Full Moon during his month long visit to your income sector. That this is the only challenge is the bare minimum needed to ensure you are paying attention or to give things the push they sometimes need. This comes during Mars' final and Mercury's early days, so with all planets here and the Moon opposing all four. The Moon is in your financial sector from **14th August** to **16th August**, creating the only challenge the planets here will face. Yet these are the oppositions the Moon forms with every planet in the solar system every four weeks, with the only difference being that it falls here and it will create a Full Moon. The biggest danger would be how easy this would be to ignore or dismiss, with the Moon definitely outnumbered. Yet this is a valuable chance to use any financial tension as motivation, while addressing any balance issues between money coming in and money going out this might expose.

8th House

Finances, Passion, Transformation and Change



8th House rules:

The ancients called this the 'House of Other People's Money' and today rules money, passion, change and transformation. While the *Second House* rules your income the *Eighth House* rules your financial situation as a whole, including debts, loans, funding and even inheritances. Ruled by Pluto the *Eighth House* also rules our deep drives and urges and also the concept of change, coming from a cycle of death and rebirth, which is the cycle of life.

Power Dates: 14th, 15th and 16th August

On the other side of the sky to a line up of planets in your income sector, is this month's Full Moon in your financial sector. With no planetary activity here since Venus left in late March, the Moon's monthly visits have been key to keeping money matters on track and for you to check in.

The Moon will make its monthly visit to your financial sector from **14th August to 16th August**, at the halfway point in the month. Had it not been for having the Sun on the other side of the sky this would have been just an ordinary monthly visit, instead of becoming a Full Moon on **16th August**.

However, this was never destined to be an ordinary monthly visit, for this is the Full Moon that will always fall at around this time every year, always halfway between the Sun's last visit and the next and always when the Sun is in your income sector.

This is a Full Moon that will be felt on many levels, all of them important and all of them interconnected. This means that because the Moon will not only clash with the Sun to create the Full Moon but will oppose Mercury, Mars and Venus as well, there could be some strong emotional responses, financial tension and a clash as income and money matters push for your attention. If you stick your head in the sand and go into denial for a few days you could avoid any negative impact, but by doing so you would also avoid the positive implications. As they are coming from the same source, you can't have one without the other.

On the positive side of the fence, as the first Full Moon since not only the Sun left in February or Venus left in late March, but the massive amount of time Mars spent here in 2018, this can be a catalyst for everything that has been building, with the potential to bring things both income and financial matters to fruition or to a head, turning and/or tipping point. It is the push back from the Sun and other planets on the other side of the sky, the same push back that could create some financial tension, that is also the leverage needed to create a breakthrough.

This is also not just about the Moon's impact here on the financial front, for this is as much about the Sun as well. The Moon has no natural light, so all the light we see during a Full Moon is reflected sunlight from the Sun in your income sector. In addition, as a Full Moon is an opposition between the Sun and Moon, this can be seen as a clash between the two. Because the Sun, Mercury, Mars and Venus are all in your income sector at the time and the Moon will oppose all four and not just the Sun, there could be some financial tension. However, I like to see this as less a competition between income and money matters or between money coming in and money going out and more a chance for collaboration.

When we look up at a Full Moon we don't see strife or conflict, we see the Sun and Moon literally coming together in a spellbinding way. Who hasn't gazed at awe at a Full Moon and its beauty? What we are looking at is the Sun's light being fully reflected off the surface of the Moon and therefore a coming together of the Sun and Moon. Rather than a clash between money coming in and money going out, this can be seen more as a chance to fine tune the balance between the two.

The Moon is only in your financial sector for 60 hours and with the Full Moon falling in the final 12 hours, there is a chance to ride these waxing lunar vibes and for the 48 hours leading up to this. With the Moon fuelling your financial instincts and imagination, as the Moon grows and expands towards the Full Moon, so too will anything you invest your time, energy and attention into.

10th House

Career and Professional goals and ambitions, success



10th House rules:

Here the focus is on your career and your professional and personal drives and ambitions, the concept of striving for success, the ability to remain focused and to see something through. The ancients called this the 'House of Fame and Public Recognition'; with all the focus, discipline and behind the scenes determination that goes into achieving success through setting a goal and seeing it through. Ruled by Saturn, the *Tenth House* is all about the dedication it takes to succeed, setting goals and remaining committed, disciplined and determined.

Power Dates: 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th and 27th August

Here in your career sector and on the career front, the words that come to mind this month are 'quiet', 'simple' and 'confident'. It was last month that Chiron and Eris, the only planets here turned retrograde and with Chiron in retrograde motion until December and Eris until January, this is the start of a long and partly familiar review phase.

Eris, dwarf planet and warrior princess of the cosmos has been in your career sector since 1926 so chances are, unless you are over 92 years old, she has been here your entire lifetime. Eris orbits beyond fellow dwarf planet Pluto (though don't call him that) and is of equal size. Because the light coming off Eris is actually brighter than Pluto's light, it used to be thought that she was the larger, but it is actually Pluto who is slightly larger. The reason I mention Pluto here is that while Pluto has been downgraded from a planet to dwarf planet status, he is still a hugely influential force and this makes Eris his near equal.

Eris is responsible for a sense of determination and a willingness to fight for what is right on the career front and here for another three decades, she is the one planet that will stay the longest in any one area of your chart, in your lifetime. As Eris always spends the second half of each year in retrograde motion, her retrograde turn last month is literally something that happens at this time every year.

However, all years are different and has a lot to do with what is happening elsewhere in the solar system and its impact on Eris. This year the conditions couldn't be better, with Jupiter in your work sector since last November and there until early December. Jupiter has a 12 year cycle and once every 12 years the planet of luck and expansion will return to your career sector and align with Eris here. Jupiter then continues his 12 year cycle through the solar system and twice during that time will spend a year at a friendly aspect. This puts them in mutually supported areas of your chart, in this case in your career and work sectors.

At some point during this 12 to 13 month period Jupiter and Eris will move into an exact trine and if the Jupiter retrograde period is close enough to the degree that Eris is located that year, they will move into an exact trine up to three times. This is what is happening this year, with Jupiter having moved into an exact trine with Eris in March and again in April. What happened then is that Jupiter turned retrograde just after moving into a positive aspect to Eris, so moved back into the same aspect just weeks later.

They will move back into an exact aspect again in early November, but from Jupiter's direct turn on **12th August** they will begin moving towards each other again. However, right now both Eris and Chiron are receiving a lot of love and support from a parade of planets moving through your income sector. Those planets will also act as a go between Jupiter and Eris, creating some positive conditions across the income, work and career fronts.

Because Chiron is still in the early degrees of your career sector, as the planets returned to your income sector last month they moved into a positive aspect to the planet of healing then. This month it is all about Eris. Mars will move into an exact friendly aspect with Eris on **9th/10th August**, Venus on **17th August**, the Sun on **17th August** and Mercury on **26th/27th August**.

While Eris has most likely spent the second half of each year in retrograde motion here for your entire lifetime for Chiron, the planet of healing this is still new. Chiron did return to your career sector in April 2018, for the first time in four decades but after a few months retrograded back out again. When Chiron eventually turned direct last December he began moving back towards your career sector again and this time when he returned in February there was enough time to get far enough in that his retrograde phase last month won't take him back out again.

Chiron is now here until April 2027 and this first full retrograde phase is an opportunity to get serious about healing, especially when it comes to first identifying old professional ghosts or demons, especially those that impact your confidence and a belief in what's possible and then to slowly heal from them. The keyword for Chiron that has the most power is the word 'forgive'.

While you have had the asteroid Pallas Athena in Libra, opposing sign to your career sector since November, by the time Chiron returned in February she was well out of range and even while she retrograded back to 10 degrees, there was never an opposition. With the first planets not returning to Libra until next month, Chiron is able to spend his first full month in retrograde motion with no challenges and nothing but support.

The Moon will move through your career sector from **19th August** to **21st August**, with this second visit since both planets turned retrograde here a chance to check in and also detect

signs of movement. As always, the Moon will professional instincts and imagination and deliver valuable clues, hunches and insights, while bringing a chance to check in with both where things are at on the career front and to connect with Chiron and Eris.

And the timing couldn't be better. For with Mars leaving your income sector on **18th August**, Venus on **21st August** and the Sun on **23rd August**, this will ensure your professional instincts are sharp during some of the most important days of the month if not the year on the income front.

With Chiron in retrograde motion until December and Eris until January 2020, there is a lack of urgency and instead a chance to quietly regroup, knowing that the final months of 2019 are destined to be busy, especially on the job front. With Mars due to spend the second half of 2020 here in your career sector and next year set to be even more professional expansive, this is a valuable chance to find a sustainable pace.

7th House

Relationships, Opposition – Half Way Point in a Cycle



7th House rules:

On one hand this is the area of your chart that rules relationships, unions, partnerships and marriage. The *Seventh House* has two specific roles. On one hand this is your relationship sector, so the focus is on your relationships. The bar is raised, more will be required from you and there is likely to be some pressure. Secondly this puts any planet in your opposing Sign and puts you at the halfway point of a current planetary cycle, bringing personal as well as relationship checks and balances. Ruled by Venus, your personal relationships benefit most when there is planetary activity here.

Power Dates: 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 27th August

While Saturn and Pluto are big, bad and bold enough to stand up for themselves and they are unlikely to either want or need sympathy, it warms my heart to see things turnaround for them after two very tough months. For the reality is, Saturn and Pluto might be more than capable of handling anything that is thrown at them and even thrive during challenging times, unfortunately, we are mortal and can do with the break that they are getting.

And here in your relationship sector, what is good news for Saturn and Pluto is also going to be good news for you and your relationships.

June and July were, without a doubt the toughest two months of 2019 for all of us, with a parade of planets moving through Cancer, opposing not only Saturn and Pluto here in your relationship sector, but the South Node as well. In the space of just five weeks, from mid June to 21st July, there were 14 oppositions, as well as a lunar and a total solar eclipse during that time.

The last opposition was between Venus, the planet of love in Cancer and Pluto here in your relationship sector on 21st July, with tensions dialling back ever since. However, because the lunar nodes are still here and there will be another pair of eclipses in six months, a solar eclipse in December and a lunar eclipse in January, a balance between your personal and relationship needs is still being policed. However, there will be no more planetary oppositions.

If nothing else changed and it was just a case of tensions dialling back, this would still be a good month for relationship matters. This is Saturn's last full month in retrograde motion and with Pluto turning direct in October, as they start to slow down a drop in urgency will contribute to a drop in pressure. Because the last two months have been challenging, with Saturn and Pluto both still in retrograde motion they are already working to help you learn and grow from what was faced. Saturn gives you the power to move mountains if you have to and Pluto the ability to change things up. With both looking back but also preparing for lucky Jupiter's return in December and the massive growth ahead, this is a valuable chance to repair, reflect and make the most of the doors still open to the past.

However, what really helps to turn things around is the planetary activity in your communication sector this month and the friendly aspects the planets returning will not only form with Saturn and Pluto here in your relationship sector but with Uranus, who turns retrograde in your friendship sector on **12th August**. A new wave of planetary activity on the communication front begins with Mars' return to your communication sector on **18th August** and will be followed by Venus' return on **21st August**, the Sun's return on **23rd August**, the asteroid Juno and queen of commitment's return on **24th August** and finally Mercury's return on **29th August**. By the end of the month, every one of the faster moving planets will be in your communication sector and they will remain here during Saturn's final weeks in retrograde motion.

The Moon will make its monthly visit to your relationship sector from **11th August** to **14th August** and the timing couldn't be better. Things will have become a lot more settled by then and as always, as well as fuelling your emotional and intuitive responses, this will be a chance to check in.

However, what makes the timing auspicious is that the Moon will be here on **12th August**, a critical day for three different reasons, all with positive implications and all within the space of just a few hours. The first is Jupiter's direct turn, which is when the planet of luck and expansion turns around and begins moving forward and towards his return to your relationship sector on 3rd December. The second event happens just a few hours later, with Mercury leaving Cancer and ending the potential for another opposition. Mercury had retrograded back in last month and while he never retrograded back far enough to oppose Saturn and Pluto, just having him on the other side of the sky has stopped tensions from dropping back completely.

Yet Mercury is the planet of communication and as the Moon returns to your relationship sector during his last full day in Cancer, this will be a valuable chance to give your emotional responses and relationships a voice. Knowing Mars will return to your communication sector just six days after Mercury leaves Cancer, the Moon will fuel the right emotional responses at the right time.

The third and final event on **12th August** is Uranus' retrograde turn in your friendship sector. With Saturn and Pluto already in retrograde motion in your relationship sector and while they are too far apart to interact directly, the Moon will act as a go between. This will ensure your emotional responses as the planets focused on friendship and relationship building are all focused on the past.

11th House

Friendships, Teamwork and Hopes and Wishes



11th House rules:

Here it is all about friendship, teamwork, networking, inventiveness, camaraderie, togetherness, being part of a group, team or society, neighbourhoods, communities, clubs, organisations or affiliations. The *Eleventh House* is about strength in numbers, playing your part in society, being a friend, a team player, showing kindness and generosity to others. Ruled by Uranus, the *Eleventh House* is all about realising that no man (or woman) is an island. It's about being part of society, feeling connected, a need to belong. It is about humanity and Aquarian principles, which sees the world as a global village.

Power Dates: 7th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st August

Uranus might be alone in your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking but he is not without friends and turning retrograde on **12th August** this makes all the difference.

There is rarely planetary activity in your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking at this time of year and that is because the faster moving planets, those that return once a year and in Mars' case once every other year, have already been and gone by this time of year. However, this year something different happened and in the process everything has changed.

That something different was Uranus' return in early March, not for the first time in eight decades but for the first time to stay in eight decades. Uranus returned in May 2018, for the first time since his last visit wrapped up in 1942. Apart from Jupiter, who spends one year out of every 12 here and Saturn, who spends two to three years here once every three decades,

there have been no outer planets, those that are literally here for years, since Uranus was last here, from 1935 to 1942.

Uranus turned retrograde last May but turned retrograde when she was just a few degrees inside the door. This wasn't far enough for Uranus not to retrograde back out, which he did in November. However, it was while Uranus was here for those few months last year that he was a big support for Saturn, still in his early degrees in your relationship sector then. They spent several weeks locked in a friendly embrace in the middle part of 2018, something you are able to benefit from now.

When Uranus returned in March it was to find Mars already here and over the coming months, a parade of planets moved through with Venus, the last of the faster moving planets having just left in June. Now on his own and slowing down ahead of his retrograde turn on **12th August**, Uranus is finally ready to move into review mode. This time this won't see the planet of surprise, synchronicity and the unexpected retrograde back out again, but in retrograde motion until January 2020, will spend the rest of this year back at the drawing board and in review mode.

This is the pattern that things will follow now until Uranus leaves in April 2026, spending the second half of each year in direct motion and then coming back into play in the early weeks of each year, ready for when the faster moving planets return again. The first of the faster moving planets to reach your sector of friendship, teamwork and networking in 2020 will be Venus, who will return on 5th March 2020, almost a year to the day since Uranus' return.

By then Uranus will have been here for a full 12 months and with a full retrograde phase under his belt, will be in a stronger position to support even more growth next year. This too is part of a pattern, with the faster moving planets moving through, Uranus then moving back to the drawing board to cement and work on everything triggered, ready to build another layer on top of this the following year. For this reason, you will find 2020 has more potential than 2019 but also that 2021 will have more potential than 2020 and 2022 from 2021 and so on, each year building upon the last until culminating in 2026.

With lucky Jupiter visiting from May 2023 to May 2024 and Uranus beginning to transition out in 2025, these are likely to be the peak years for personal and professional networking, not just for now but in our lifetime.

This makes Uranus' position here a journey that will take several years to play out, with his retrograde turn on **12th August** a valuable chance to pull back, return to the drawing board and to reconnect with the past. This is the most social and serendipitous part of your chart, mainly because it is ruled by Uranus, the planet of surprise, synchronicity and the unexpected. So to have Uranus here makes the laws of synchronicity especially potent and that will remain the case of the next seven years.

The Moon will return every four weeks and each time will align with Uranus, bringing a chance to both pick up on the clues and hunches that can put you in the right place at the right time and check in. The Moon will make this month's visit from **21st August to 24th August** and returning nine days after Uranus' retrograde turn, this will be a valuable chance to check in and get a feel for serendipitous reunions the doors are open to from **12th August**.

And the timing couldn't be better. For while Uranus has the support of Saturn and Pluto in your relationship sector, Uranus is still in the early degrees and will be for several years, too far apart to form the same friendly aspect he formed to Saturn last year. However, they are there for each other in spirit. Yet things are about to become a lot more engaged and this is what makes the timing of the Moon's return so extraordinary. With Saturn in his last full month in retrograde motion and Pluto in retrograde motion until October, they are now all focused on the past.

The Moon is here from **21st August** to **24th August** and as well as giving you an intuitive edge here, this will allow the Moon to form the friendly aspect to Saturn and Pluto that Uranus can't. However, this happens once every four weeks so is not extraordinary. What is extraordinary is that you have Mars returning to your communication sector on **18th August**, Venus on **21st August**, the Sun on **23rd August** and the asteroid Juno on **24th August**. Here the fact that Uranus is still in the early degrees will have a direct and positive impact on the planets returning to your communication sector. Venus will move into an exact friendly trine aspect to Uranus on **26th/27th August**, Mars on **28th/29th August** and the Sun on **30th/31st August**.

Like the Moon, when it moves through your friendship sector from **21st August** to **24th August**, as well as aligning with Uranus, it will go on to form friendly aspects with not only the planets returning to your communication sector, but with Saturn and Pluto in your relationship sector. In the space of just a few days this will replicate or give you a taste of the dynamics across the communication, friendship and relationship building fronts in the latter part of this month, all of September and into the early days of October. This might be the Moon's first visit while Uranus is in retrograde motion but it won't be the last, returning every four weeks with a chance to check in. With Uranus in retrograde motion until 11th January 2020, there is no rush and instead a chance to reconnect with the past, with a lot of support from across the solar system.

3rd House

Communication, Smart, Intellectual thinking – The conscious Mind



3rd House rules:

This is the part of your chart that rules your communications, smart thinking, intelligence, mental focus, decisions and both written and spoken language. Ruled by Mercury, this is a

smart and intellectually savvy part of your chart that has an impact across the board, impacting every area of your chart and your life. You're smarter, communication becomes more important, you're more articulate, able to problem solve and remain more mentally focused when there is planetary activity in your *Third House*.

Power Dates: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st August

While there has been no planetary activity in your communication sector since the Sun and Mercury left last September, this is the norm for any year and as the Sun always returns at the same time each year, it always meant that August was when things would start up again. The fact that Mars, Mercury and Venus will all return within days of each other and the Sun means that when things start to move, it will be fairly quickly and with a lot of force.

Fortunately Mercury, the planet of communication has spent a long time in Cancer this year and here until leaving on **12th August**, there is just a short gap between his departure and the first planetary activity in your communication sector.

While the Sun won't return until **23rd August**, as it does at the same day each year, Mars' return a few days earlier will give things a head start and a fairly dramatic one at that. One moment you have no planetary activity on the communication front and haven't in 11 months and the next things are fired up to a higher degree than they were at any time last year.

That is because while the Sun, Mercury and Venus return to your communication sector each year, Mars only returns every other year. The last time Mars was here was in September/October 2017, so to have things kick off with the planet of passion and the warrior planet of the cosmos' return, will literally see the planetary activity shift from zero to the most passionate engagement in two years.

No wonder then that the Moon is making two visits to your communication sector this month, the first to give you a head's up about what is approaching and the second to not only connect with the planets that will be here by then but to create a New Moon.

The Moon will move through for the first time from **3rd August** to **5th August**. In every sense but one, this is identical to every other visit this year. With no planetary activity on the communication front since September 2018, it is the Moon's monthly visits that bring a chance to check in. As it does each month, the Moon will bring a mix of intuition and logic, imagination and intelligence and the ability to give your emotional responses a voice. With Mercury in his final days in Cancer and also his early days in direct motion, these will be pivotal days for all talks and conversations, especially on the relationship front.

The Moon will also move, first into a positive aspect to Uranus in your friendship sector and then, usually a day later into the same positive aspect to Saturn and Pluto in your relationship sector. On both the friendship and relationship building fronts there is now continuous planetary activity for literally years, so the Moon not only returns with a chance to check in when it comes to a chance to give your emotional responses a voice, but across the communication, friendship and relationship building fronts.

I said that this visit from **3rd August** to **5th August** is identical to every other monthly visit this year, bar one feature. What is different about this visit is the sense of anticipation, with

this last visit before a parade of planets arrive able to alert you to the fact that new developments are approaching.

It is 13 days after the Moon leaves that anticipation turns into reality, with Mars returning on **18th August**, followed just three days later by Venus' return on **21st August**, then by the Sun's return on **23rd August**, the asteroid Juno's return on **24th August** and Mercury's return on **29th August**. By the time the Moon comes full circle on **30th August** for its second visit this month, all the faster moving planet in the solar system and every planet that will visit your communication sector this year will all be here, at the same time.

It is the Moon's alignment with the Sun less than 12 hours after arriving that will create a New Moon here on **30th August**, giving communication matters the green light. You will always have a New Moon at some point during the Sun's month long visit, so at around this time each year. But to have Mercury, Mars and Venus all here at the time that a New Moon gives communication matters the green light and creates a wave of forward momentum is rare, extremely rare.

This did happen when Mars was here in 2017, however, before that the last time it had happened was in 1987 and the next time won't be until 2194, in 175 years' time, so not again in our lifetime. While the Sun moves through at the same time every year, Venus can be up to two signs ahead or behind and Mercury one sign ahead or behind, while Mars follows his own rules. This is akin to spinning a cosmic slot machine and you get five of the same – the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars all in a row to create and seize the potential from a New Moon.

Just to have the Sun, Venus, Mercury and Mars in your communication sector at the same time is rare and won't happen again for another 30 years, in 2049. Yet to have a New Moon during the time that there visits overlap allows you to seize whatever this triggers and run with it, knowing you have the full force of the solar system behind you. This is rare, extremely rare.

Yet what makes this even rarer is that as the planets return and move through your communication sector it will be to find Uranus in your friendship sector and Saturn and Pluto in your relationship sector. You had a taste of this last year, but you didn't have the juggernaut of energy to play with that you have this year. With Saturn in his last full month in retrograde motion and Uranus turning retrograde in your friendship sector on **12th August**, the arrival of this tsunami of planetary activity in your communication sector will have implications across the communication, friendship and relationship building fronts.

As you recover from the tension on both you and your relationships during June and June, communication is a force that is not only leading you back to the light but a chance to turn the last two months into an opportunity.

While the Sun, Mars, Venus, Juno and Mercury will all return within days of each other, they will all leave at different times. Mercury, the last to arrive will be the first to leave and is only here for 16 days, leaving on 14th September. Venus will leave a day later on 15th September, with the Sun leaving on 23rd September, Mars on 4th October and Juno on 4th November. This makes the final days of August and the first two weeks of September the most concentrated period of time, when every planet that will visit your communication sector in 2019, are all here at the same time. That the Moon should move through and create a New

Moon during this short 16 day window that all are here was only ever a 50/50 chance. Yet the Moon not only returns to create the New Moon on **30th August** but will spend the rest of the month here, not leaving until **1st September**.

1st House

Conjunction, beginning of a New Cycle – Directly in your Sign



1st House rules:

This puts you at the start of a new cycle, a time for new beginnings, initiating new journeys, having an eye on the future and for starting over, with a chance for a fresh start and new opportunities. Here you have a fresh slate, with a planetary cycle coming full circle, bringing a chance to branch out, start over and embrace a new chapter. With a planet in your Sign there is also some pressure, with a need to move on. Ruled by Mars, when the *First House* is active it is always a time of action and for new beginnings.

Power Dates: 1st, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 26th, 27th and 28th August

While it is Mercury's departure from Cancer on **12th August** that will release the one remaining force that is stopping tension from dropping right back, his final days here are important and shouldn't be challenging.

The reason why Mercury has this legacy hanging over his head is that over the course of June and July and in particular through one tough five week period from mid June to 21st July, there was a lot of tension. In the space of just five weeks, there were 14 oppositions, a lunar and a total solar eclipse. While these were oppositions between the planets here in your Sign and those in your relationship sector, this created a general sense of tension. Moving into August we are putting the toughest two months of 2019 behind us, but Mercury still has some loose ends to tie up.

Most of the tension was dropping back by the time the Sun left Cancer and brought your birthday month to a close on 23rd July, just two days after the last opposition and this saw tensions drop back even more. Despite the fact that Mercury was still here, he is in an unusual situation in that he has retrograded back in for a double dip visit, but not far enough to cause another opposition.

Mercury will normally spend around 15 to 16 days in your Sign each year, with the planet of communication and smart thinking able to give you the smart head for money needed to

make smart choices, decisions and plans and to update your game plan and resolutions as move into a new solar year. Yet by the time he left in late June, Mercury had already been here for over three weeks and was already slowing down ahead of a retrograde turn. Mercury didn't turn retrograde until after he had left your Sign, but this bought him back just three weeks after leaving. Because Mercury won't retrograde back far enough to move into opposition, he is giving you a chance to look back at things objectively.

Mercury is able to return to the battlefield after the battle is over, with his intellectually savvy edge coming with 20/20 hindsight and a chance to put things in perspective. As Mercury is the planet of communication, this has been a chance to give the past and unsaid words a voice, at a time when there had been a lot of old relationship issues being raised. The month begins with Mercury at a standstill, turning direct here at 3.57 pm on **1st August**, New Zealand time. This will be 1st August in Australia, the UK and Europe but on the evening of 31st July in the US and Canada. Yet wherever you are in the world, on 1st August Mercury is either already direct or in the process of turning direct, either way at a standstill.

Back in direct motion and knowing that while the North Node, the force behind last month's total solar eclipse is here until May 2020 and there will be a lunar eclipse here in January, there will be no more planetary activity. There will also be no more planetary oppositions and while the lunar nodes will continue to police a balance, especially a balance between your personal and relationship needs, it is up to Mercury to tie up loose ends and can ensure that until Mars returns to your communication sector on **18th August**, the communication lines are open.

The North Node is a powerful and extremely fortunate force, which has been drawing you towards new pathways forward since it returned in November. While this got a massive push from the planets that have moved through over the last two months and from a total solar eclipse last month, the North Node's message to Mercury as he prepares to leave is 'I can take it from here'.

Until leaving on **12th August**, Mercury will do what he always does when he returns each year, which is to help you get your head in the game, the communication lines open and to update your game plan and resolutions for your new solar year. Except this time he is crossing the same ground for the third time, has spent an extraordinary amount of time here, there has been a massive amount of planetary momentum and a solar eclipse has triggered major new potential that will take months to fully unfold.

The Moon returned to your Sign late last month, with an alignment with Mercury in the closing days of July allowing you to begin the month with an intuitive and intellectually savvy edge. The Moon will always fuel your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses, sharpen your sixth sense and give you more direct access to your inner voice when it returns to Cancer each month. This is also a chance to check in and to push the reset button if need be and with Mercury in his final days, this allows you to begin the month with a mix of intuition and logic, imagination and intelligence.

By the time the Moon comes full circle from **26th August** to **28th August** Mercury will be gone and there will be no planetary activity here until 2020. Yet with all the momentum created over the last three months and the North Node keeping the wheels turning and things moving in the right direction, the Moon's monthly visits will once again become an

opportunity to check in. You won't experience anything like the intensity of last month's eclipsing New Moon until the visit in January, which will create an eclipsing Full Moon.

9th House

Travel, Exploration, Learning, Study and Freedom



9th House rules:

This is the most adventurous area of your chart, ruling travel, learning, knowledge, discovery, curiosity, adventure and higher learning. The *Ninth House* also rules publishing, philosophy, richer experiences, the search for meaning and truth and all things global, international or foreign. Ruled by Jupiter, this is a larger than life part of your chart, where life becomes richer and the journey becomes more important than the destination. A low tolerance to boredom and routine brings a hunger to explore fresh trails and go in search of new adventures or meaning.

Power Dates: 4th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 31st August

One planet that has been happy to have the support of the planets moving through your Sign but is also ready now to see Mercury go is Neptune, now in his second full month in retrograde motion in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery.

The fact that Mercury spent the final days of July in retrograde motion in Cancer meant that there were not only in a friendly aspect but you were mentally more inclined to look back. As Mercury was looking back objectively and with a chance for a change of mind, Neptune was looking back at adventurous matters in his more dreamy and nostalgic way. Until Mercury leaves on **12th August**, while they won't move into an exact alignment Neptune will be drawing on that support.

With no other planets in your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery, having planets in your Sign has been the next best thing. However, with the North Node there until May 2020, there will continue to be a sense of support. With the first planets to reach a fun, playful, romantic and creatively charged part of your chart since Venus left in January arriving next month but the asteroid Pallas Athena returning on **26th August**, Neptune won't be without friends for long.

With Mercury leaving this gives Neptune a chance to regroup and make it more about his retrograde phase here. Neptune is an outer planet and in your sector of learning, travel,

adventure and discovery since 2012 and not leaving until 2026, he is at the halfway point of a 14 year visit. Having returned seven years ago and not leaving for another seven years, you are at the very heart of a 14 year journey and a chance reflect on the journey so far.

Yet while Neptune has been here since 2012, this is his first full retrograde phase here on his own. While Chiron, who had been here since 2010 left in April 2018, allowing Neptune to turn retrograde on his own, the planet of healing retrograded back in. Chiron left again in February, but this time won't be back for another four decades and with Neptune long gone by then and not returning again in our lifetime, after seven years the planet of dreams is on his own and can call the shots.

In the past with Chiron, the planet of healing in retrograde motion as well, as Neptune revisited old dreams, this was also bringing up old ghosts and baggage. Yet while you now get to benefit from that, until he turns direct in November, Neptune is looking back through his own filter. While support from Mercury has been good for Neptune and for your confidence when it comes to embracing a sense of adventure and nostalgia, as Mercury is an intellectual, objective and strategic energy and while this has been the perfect balance, his departure means it can go back to a more dreamy experience.

In retrograde motion until November, Neptune is able to encourage your daydreams and because he is the planet of dreams, in a way that doesn't come with the pressure of having to figure out the 'when, where and how'. You can do that when the faster moving planets return early next year.

The Moon will make its monthly visit to your sector of learning, travel, adventure and discovery from **16th August** to **19th August** and as it always does, this will fuel your emotional, intuitive and imaginative responses and trigger a sense of wanderlust, curiosity and adventure, along with adding more fuel to a sense of nostalgia.

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