

2026 Electional Astrology Report

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2026 year-ahead Electional Astrology Report! In this report, we will highlight the two most fortunate electional charts we can find in each month of 2026, which we found using the principles of electional astrology. Our goal is to give you a report on the best dates for launching new ventures and undertakings in 2026!

These are meant to be good general-purpose electional charts that can be used to begin different types of ventures and undertakings, although we will note in some instances when a chart would be particularly good for certain topics, or alternatively when we would not recommend using it for specific kinds of activities.

This year we decided to expand our report by giving you two auspicious charts for each of the next 12 months, rather than the one chart a month we offered in previous years. We also tried to give more of a general forecast of the overall astrological weather for each month in our report this year, which conveys a better sense of what some of the best alignments are to gravitate towards, or what some of the most difficult alignments are that you will have to work around.

This written report is meant as a synopsis to help summarize some of our main findings in terms of electional charts this year, as well as some of the planetary weather, although the bulk of our report is contained in the 3 hour and 45 minute video discussion that is included in this package. So be sure to watch the video as the primary electional report, and then refer back to this writeup throughout the year as a handy reference guide that summarizes our main conclusions.

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If you run into any issues then please email us at: theastrologypodcast@gmail.com

Adapting Our Elections to Your Location

In order to use our electional charts, start by using the same date and time we give in our reference chart in the report, and then use the city you are located in for the chart location. To help you with this process we have made a tutorial that you can watch on [Adapting Our Electional Astrology Charts to Your Location](#). Since our charts are based on local time, you shouldn't have to do any time zone conversions, but instead just start with the date and time we give and then adjust the time in your own location until the rising sign is the same as what we have in our reference chart. So if we give Taurus rising in our electional chart, make sure it is Taurus rising in your location. From there you can fine-tune the exact time by adjusting the Ascendant or Midheaven degree until it matches what we have in our electional chart. Make sure you listen to our discussion about each election in the video, since we include information about where you should try to place the exact degree of the Ascendant or Midheaven.

For those who are complete novices, we have made a separate table within this report that just lists the best dates and times this year, and even if you only use that it should give you an advantage this year. But for those who want to get the most out of our elections, make sure you follow our tutorial to adapt each of our charts to your location.

Taking Your Birth Chart Into Account

The purpose of this report is to give you a selection of the best dates that we could find in 2026 based on the principles of electional astrology. It is a good idea to compare each electional chart to your natal chart to make sure they are a good match, since each electional chart acts like a permanent set of transits to your birth chart. To help with this process, here is a link to another tutorial on [how to ensure your birth chart fits our electional charts](#). In some instances even if a certain date looks fortunate in general as a standalone electional chart, if you are having bad transits on that day to your own birth chart then it may not be a good date for you personally to launch things, which is why we

recommend watching our tutorial and always taking your birth chart into account when selecting which of our elections to use.

Learning More About Electional Astrology

If you would like to learn more about our approach to electional astrology, check out this podcast episode that Leisa and I did titled [Electional Astrology: How to Find Auspicious Dates and Times](#).

If you would like to go even deeper into the subject then consider signing up for Chris's Electional Astrology Course, which is taught through [TheAstrologySchool.com](#):

<https://courses.theastrologyschool.com/courses/electional-astrology-course>

Use the promo code **JUPITERINLEO** to get a 15% discount on the electional course!

Overview of the Astrology of 2026

First, before we get to the electional charts, a few general statements about the main planetary alignments this year:

Summary of Major Alignments

- Saturn departs Pisces, enters Aries for 2 years
- Neptune departs Pisces, enters Aries for 13 years
- Saturn/Neptune conjunction is exact in February
- Eclipse season 1 in Aquarius & Virgo in February/March
- Uranus departs Taurus in April, entering Gemini for 7 years
- Jupiter in Cancer first half of year, then in Leo second half
- Eclipse season 2 in Leo & Pisces in August/September
- Venus retrograde in Scorpio & Libra in October/November
- Mars retrograde in Virgo & Leo beginning as the year ends

More Detailed Breakdown of Planetary Alignments

Mars begins the year in Capricorn, and ends the year in Virgo, slowing down by the end of 2026 to station retrograde soon after the year ends. Mars is opposite Jupiter through most of January, copresent with Saturn and square to Jupiter from mid-April to mid-May, square to Saturn from mid-

August to late September, and copresent with Jupiter from late September to late November, making for more challenging electional astrology weather during those times.

Jupiter will transit through Cancer, the sign of its exaltation, for the first half of the year, and will be in Leo for the second half of 2026. Jupiter begins the year retrograde in Cancer, is direct from mid-March through mid-December, and is retrograde in Leo for the second half of December.

Jupiter in Cancer will begin the year in a sign-based harmonious trine with Saturn in Pisces, made even more positive by their reception. Once Saturn ingresses into Aries in mid-February, Jupiter and Saturn will be square to each other by sign, indicating a creative tension between the energies of expansion and solidification or constraint. Jupiter's ingress into Leo in late June brings Jupiter and Saturn into a more flowing trine once again for the rest of the year, this time in the enthusiastic fire signs of Leo and Aries.

Saturn will continue to travel closely with Neptune all year, peaking at their exact conjunction in Aries on February 20th, then separating by degree but still transiting copresent with each other. Saturn will be in late Pisces for the first six weeks of the year, then transits through Aries starting in mid-February for the rest of the year. Saturn is in direct motion from the beginning of 2026 through late July, is retrograde until mid-December, and then is direct for the last couple weeks of the year.

Uranus spends this year finishing up its transit through Taurus and going back into Gemini for good. Uranus begins the year retrograde in late Taurus, stations direct in early February, ingresses into Gemini in late April, and then stations to go retrograde in Gemini in mid-September for the rest of the year.

Neptune begins the year finishing up its last pass through the very end of Pisces, ingressing into Aries in late January. Neptune is direct for over the first half of 2026, and will station to go retrograde in early July. Neptune is then retrograde from July through mid-December, when it stations direct.

Pluto is in early Aquarius all year and is direct in motion until early May, retrograde from early May through mid-October, and then is direct for the rest of the year.

The eclipses are in Aquarius and Virgo in February and March, and in Leo and Pisces in August.

Venus stations retrograde in Scorpio in early October, and will station direct in Libra in mid-November. Mars will not be retrograde this year, but will get close to its Virgo/Leo retrograde cycle by the end of the year. By late September 2026 Mars will be in Leo, one of the signs of its upcoming 2027 retrograde, and by early November 2026, Mars will be in its retrograde shadow period by degree.

Mercury will retrograde only in water signs this year: in Pisces in February/March; Cancer in June/July; and Scorpio in October/November.

We tried to give day chart options for the most part, until the last quarter of 2026, when night charts become more of a necessity, though even then we gave some day chart options if you really need to take action during the daytime hours.

Brief Summaries of Planetary Alignments

Here is a summary of some of the major alignments this year, with some short lists that are easy to skim and refer back to.

Eclipses

- **Eclipse Season 1**
 - **Feb 9:** Eclipse season 1 begins
 - **Feb 17:** Solar Eclipse in Aquarius
 - **March 3:** Lunar Eclipse in Virgo
 - **March 11:** Eclipse season 1 ends
- **Eclipse Season 2**
 - **Aug 5:** Eclipse season 2 begins
 - **Aug 12:** Solar Eclipse in Leo
 - **Aug 27:** Lunar Eclipse in Pisces
 - **Sept 4:** Eclipse season 2 ends

Mercury Retrogrades

- **Pisces: February-March**
 - **Feb 11:** Enters pre-retrograde shadow
 - **Feb 25:** Stations retrograde in Pisces
 - **March 15:** Retrograde Mercury conjunct Mars
 - **March 20:** Stations direct in Pisces
 - **April 9:** Leaves post-retrograde shadow
- **Cancer: June-July**
 - **June 12:** Enters pre-retrograde shadow
 - **June 29:** Stations retrograde in Cancer
 - **July 23:** Stations direct in Cancer
 - **Aug 7:** Leaves post-retrograde shadow
- **Scorpio: October-November**
 - **Oct 4:** Enters pre-retrograde shadow
 - **Oct 24:** Stations retrograde in Scorpio
 - **Nov 13:** Stations direct in Scorpio
 - **Nov 30:** Leaves post-retrograde shadow

Venus Retrograde Cycle

- **Aug 6:** Venus first enters Libra
- **Aug 31:** Venus enters shadow at 22 Libra
- **Oct 3:** Venus stations retrograde in Scorpio
- **Oct 23:** Venus Rx cazimi
- **Nov 13:** Venus stations direct in Libra
- **Dec 15:** Venus leaves shadow at 8 Scorpio
- **Jan 7:** Venus finally leaves Scorpio

Mars Ingress Dates

- **January 23:** Mars enters Aquarius
- **March 2:** Mars enters Pisces
- **April 9:** Mars enters Aries
- **May 18:** Mars enters Taurus
- **June 28:** Mars enters Gemini
- **August 11:** Mars enters Cancer
- **September 27:** Mars enters Leo
- **November 25:** Mars enters Virgo

Mars Retrograde Cycle (2026–2027)

- **Nov 05:** Mars enters shadow at 20 Leo
- **Nov 25:** Mars enters Virgo
- **Jan 10:** Mars stations retrograde at 10 Virgo
- **Feb 19:** Mars Rx opposes Sun
- **Feb 21:** Mars regresses into Leo
- **Apr 01:** Mars stations direct at 20 Leo
- **May 14:** Mars reenters Virgo
- **Jul 15:** Mars departs from Virgo for final time

Other Ingress Dates

- **Jan 26:** Neptune enters Aries
- **Feb 13:** Saturn enters Aries
- **April 25:** Uranus enters Gemini (leaves Taurus for good)
- **June 29/30:** Jupiter enters Leo
- **July 26:** North Node enters Aquarius

Outer Planet Stations

- **March 10:** Jupiter stations direct
- **May 6:** Pluto stations retrograde
- **July 7:** Neptune stations retrograde
- **July 26:** Saturn stations retrograde
- **Sept 10:** Uranus stations retrograde
- **Oct 15:** Pluto stations direct
- **Dec 10:** Saturn stations direct
- **Dec 12:** Neptune stations direct
- **Dec 12:** Jupiter stations retrograde

Best and Worst Elections of the Year

For those who want the most important conclusions first, here are our best and worst months of the year for electoral charts:

Best Electoral Dates of the Year

1. June 8, 2026, either Cancer or Libra rising
2. May 20, 2026, Gemini or Cancer rising

Most Difficult Months for Elections

1. October 2026
2. Last quarter in general is kind of hard

Quick Reference Table for 2026 Elections

The table below is meant as a quick reference sheet that will give you the dates and times for all of the electoral charts we found this year. This is just meant for quick reference, and in the following section after the table we will have the full writeup with more detailed explanations of each of the charts we picked out this year, as well as an overview of the astrological weather for each month of 2026.

Note: All times listed are local time. Adjust the chart in your location until the rising sign matches the reference chart.

Date	Time (Local)	Rising Sign	Key Feature
January 3	2:40 AM	Scorpio	Exalted Mars (Ruler) in 3rd
January 30	3:30 PM	Cancer	Exalted Jupiter in 1st
February 17	1:15 PM	Cancer	Moon/Jupiter Mutual Reception
February 18	7:25 AM	Pisces	Exalted Venus on Ascendant
March 5	12:50 PM	Cancer	Sun trine exalted Jupiter
March 21	12:56 PM	Cancer	Exalted Moon & Mars trine Jupiter
April 1	12:55 PM	Cancer	Moon in 4th square Jupiter
April 14	7:15 AM	Taurus	Venus (Ruler) in 1st sextile Jupiter
May 20	6:10 AM	Gemini	Mercury (Ruler) in 1st (Domicile)
May 20	7:50 AM	Cancer	Venus & Jupiter in 1st
June 8	7:05 AM	Cancer	Venus conjunct Jupiter in 1st

June 8	3:30 PM	Libra	Venus conjunct Jupiter in 10th
July 14	6:00 AM	Late Cancer	Moon in 1st applying to Jupiter
July 29	6:05 AM	Leo	Sun (Ruler) conjunct Jupiter in 1st
August 11	4:00 PM	Sagittarius	Jupiter (Ruler) sextile Venus
August 16	3:55 PM	Sagittarius	Venus sextile Jupiter (Exact)
September 8	6:40 AM	Virgo	Mercury (Ruler) in 1st (Domicile)
September 8	1:35 PM	Sagittarius	Moon conjunct Jupiter in 9th
October 15	1:35 AM	Leo	Sun (Ruler) sextile Jupiter
October 15	10:36 AM	Sagittarius	Jupiter (Ruler) sextile Sun
October 22	1:30 AM	Leo	Sun (Ruler) conjunct Venus
November 11	11:40 PM	Leo	Sun square Mars (Mutual Reception)
November 22	11:00 PM	Leo	Sun trine Jupiter (Mutual Reception)

November 23	9:20 AM	Capricorn	Venus in 10th (Domicile)
December 15	9:30 PM	Leo	Sun trine Jupiter (Mutual Reception)
December 20	9:45 AM	Aquarius	Jupiter angular in 7th
December 20	9:10 PM	Leo	Sun trine Jupiter (Mutual Reception)
December 21	9:45 AM	Aquarius	Moon square Jupiter

Electional Charts for 2026: Detailed Writeup

With those preliminaries out of the way, let's start looking at the best electional charts we found for this year! We will go through each month in order, starting with an overview of the astrology of each month, particularly regarding electional astrology considerations, and then we will list and describe our two best electional charts for that month.

January

Overview of January

- Mercury in Sagittarius square Neptune in Pisces, January 1
- Mercury ingresses into Capricorn, January 1
- Full Moon in Cancer, January 3
- Sun conjunct Venus in Capricorn, January 6
- Venus conjunct Mars in Capricorn, January 7
- Sun conjunct Mars in Capricorn, January 9
- Venus in Capricorn opposite Jupiter in Cancer, January 9

- Sun and Mars in Capricorn opposite Jupiter in Cancer, January 10
- Mercury in Capricorn opposite Jupiter in Cancer, January 14
- Venus ingresses into Aquarius, January 17
- Mercury conjunct Mars in Capricorn, January 18
- New Moon in Capricorn, January 18
- Sun ingresses into Aquarius, January 19
- Venus conjunct Pluto in Aquarius, January 19
- Mercury ingresses into Aquarius, January 20
- Sun conjunct Mercury in Aquarius, January 21
- Mercury conjunct Pluto in Aquarius, January 22
- Mars ingresses into Aquarius, January 23
- Sun conjunct Pluto in Aquarius, January 23
- Neptune ingresses into Aries, January 26
- Mars conjunct Pluto in Aquarius, January 27
- Mercury conjunct Venus in Aquarius, January 29

Venus, Mars, the Sun, and Mercury are traveling closely together most of the month in Capricorn opposite to Jupiter in Cancer, making it difficult to fully highlight an otherwise nicely exalted Jupiter due to its opposition with Mars. Once Mars leaves Capricorn for Aquarius, Jupiter can be highlighted again more fruitfully, although the best rising signs that do that, Cancer and Pisces, then awkwardly place a large stellium of planets in the 8th or 12th house, respectively. Jupiter is the most freed up towards the end of the month, which also features a congenial Mercury/Venus conjunction in Aquarius.

We are unable to fully work around the two difficult aspects this month, which are Mars/Jupiter and Mars/Pluto, so we are giving two elections this month to help you navigate doing things around those times.

Electional Charts for January

The first election is on **January 3 around 2:40 AM with 12 Scorpio rising**. Mars is ruling the Ascendant and is exalted in Capricorn, placed in the 3rd house in a night chart, copresent with Venus, the Sun, and Mercury in Capricorn, and applying to Jupiter in Cancer in the 9th house by opposition. The Moon is in its own sign of Cancer in the 9th house, applying by opposition to the Capricorn stellium and then to conjoin Jupiter, with reception. The Moon is already past Venus in this location, but in some locations it will still be applying, which would be even nicer since Venus is the most beneficial planet in a night chart. Part of the plus side of this chart is that it is early enough in the month that the Mars/Jupiter opposition hasn't moved into the three-degree range yet.

Making this a night chart and with Mars ruling the Ascendant takes the Mars/Jupiter opposition and helps to make it more positive, with Jupiter helping Mars instead of Mars harming Jupiter. Place the

Ascendant around 12 Scorpio, so that Venus is sextile the Ascendant degree in a night chart. With the Ascendant ruler, Venus, and more generally the Capricorn stellium in the 3rd house, this chart has a naturally positive focus on 3rd house topics such as communication, short-distance travel, things involving siblings/cousins/extended relatives, and education. The downside is Saturn in the 5th house in a night chart, so avoid using this election for taking important actions that are particularly focused on the topics of children, pregnancy, sexuality, hobbies/games, creative pursuits, and things done for pleasure.

The second electoral chart is **January 30 around 3:30 PM, with Cancer rising**. The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in its own sign of Cancer in the 1st house, applying to conjoin an exalted Jupiter in Cancer in a day chart. Pluto, Mars, the Sun, Venus, and Mercury are all in Aquarius in the 8th house, Saturn is in Pisces in the 9th house, Neptune is in Aries in the 10th house, and Uranus is in late Taurus in the 11th house, about 4 days from stationing direct. This election takes place when Mars is still conjoining Pluto, which is the most difficult aspect of the month, but it is separating by about two degrees, which means that it is flowing into the past. This Cancer rising chart results in a large 8th house stellium with Mars there, which is not great, but this is the only election that can be found after the most difficult aspects of the month have started to dissipate.

Place the MC in early Aries so that Mars is mitigated from its 8th house placement via a sextile within 3 degrees to the MC, and then see if you can move Jupiter to within 3 degrees of conjoining the Ascendant at the same time. If it's not possible to mitigate Mars in your location, then try to mitigate one of the other 8th house planets. If you happen to be in a location where you can only configure Aquarius placements to the MC by square, then be sure to keep Mars more than 3 degrees away from squaring the MC degree (and the further the better), and mitigate one of the other inner planets in Aquarius instead. The area of greatest challenges in this chart is that of shared resources/finances, other people's money, taxes/loans/debt, and mortality-related topics like inheritance/wills. Jupiter in the 1st house, exalted and by day, is great for starting anything that you want to accomplish with a high degree of excellence, and can also be specifically good for things involving appearance or identity.

February

Overview of February

- Full Moon in Leo, February 1
- Uranus stations direct in Taurus, February 3
- Mercury in Aquarius squares Uranus in Taurus, February 5
- Mercury ingresses into Pisces, February 6
- Venus in Aquarius squares Uranus in Taurus, February 8
- Venus ingresses into Pisces, February 10
- Saturn ingresses into Aries, February 13

- Sun in Aquarius squares Uranus in Taurus, February 15
- Mercury in Pisces trine Jupiter in Cancer, February 16
- Solar eclipse in Aquarius, February 17
- Sun ingresses into Pisces, February 18
- Saturn conjunct Neptune in Aries, February 20
- Venus in Pisces trine Jupiter in Cancer, February 22
- Mercury stations retrograde in Pisces, February 25
- Mars in Aquarius squares Uranus in Taurus, February 27
- Mercury retrograde conjunct Venus in Pisces, February 27

This is a very active month astrologically: Uranus stations to go direct in Taurus early in February; Saturn changes signs mid-month to ingress into Aries; Saturn then makes its exact conjunction with Neptune on February 20; and we have the first eclipse in the Aquarius/Leo series, a solar eclipse in Aquarius. There are near-constant squares from several inner planets and the solar eclipse, all in Aquarius, to Uranus in Taurus all month that need to be sidestepped. Mercury is slowing down to station as the month proceeds, and will station retrograde in Pisces near the end of the month, closely coinciding with the explosive aspect of Mars squaring Uranus.

Since eclipse season is already in effect by around February 9 or so, in addition to all of the aforementioned kind of electric planetary activity, there will be a lot of chaos, major beginnings and endings, and unexpected surprises happening all month. If you launch something this month, just be aware that you will have to navigate through very stormy weather.

The worst aspect of the month is the Mars/Uranus square around the 27th. The best aspect is an exalted Venus/Jupiter trine with reception that goes exact on February 22, but unfortunately this is close to the time when Mercury is stationing retrograde, the second eclipse is happening, and the Mars/Uranus square is forming. As a result of that, for this month we are going to give you an eclipse election to attempt to navigate that stormy weather, with a couple different variations.

Electional Charts for February

Our primary recommended chart this month is **February 18 around 7:25 AM with Pisces rising**. Jupiter is ruling the Ascendant, exalted in Cancer in the 5th house in a day chart. The Moon is in Pisces in the 1st house, applying by trine to Jupiter with mutual reception. An exalted Venus in Pisces is on the Ascendant at the time of the election, applying by trine to Jupiter with reception. Mercury is also in Pisces in the 1st house, and while it is separating by degree from its trine with Jupiter, it is still within 3 degrees and has sign-based reception with Jupiter. Pluto, Mars, and the Sun are in Aquarius in the 12th house, with the Sun two degrees past the square with Uranus in Taurus in the 3rd house, and the Mars/Uranus square applying but still 7 degrees away. Saturn and Neptune are in Aries in the 2nd house, and their conjunction is almost exact.

In our location we placed Venus near the Ascendant, Jupiter trine the Ascendant within 3 degrees, and the Midheaven sextile to Mars to help mitigate Mars. In some locations you may be able to mitigate the Sun with the Midheaven instead, which is fine, but try to keep the Ascendant close to Venus and closely trine Jupiter if possible. This chart is mainly focused on the 5th house, so it is particularly positive for creative pursuits, things involving children, hobbies/games, things done for pleasure more generally, and sexuality. With Mars placed in the 12th house by day, the greatest challenges are apt to arise around enemies or self-undoing behaviors.

Alternative recommendation: **February 17 around 1:15 PM, with Cancer rising.** The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Pisces in the 9th house, in a mutual reception with the exalted Jupiter in Cancer in the 1st house. This shifts the Pisces stellium from the prior chart to the 9th house. The main downside is that this is right after the solar eclipse takes place. **(Important note: Only use these charts if the Moon is already in Pisces in your location by this time,** as these elections will not give good results if the Moon is still in Aquarius.) The Moon in Pisces is applying to conjoin Venus and then applies by trine to Jupiter. A version of this chart also works on February 18th, especially if the Moon is still applying to Jupiter, but that is mainly true for time zones east of Denver.

Place the MC around 15 Pisces in your location, if possible, so that Jupiter is ruling and trine the MC degree and Venus is still somewhat nearby. This is a very 9th house focused election, particularly good for the topics of long-distance travel, cross-cultural experiences, belief systems (aka religion, philosophy, astrology), the legal system, and publishing. With Mars placed in the 8th house by day, the greatest challenges will arise around shared finances/resources, other people's money, partner's income, taxes/loans/debt, and mortality-related things such as wills or inheritance.

We famously still sometimes recommend taking action near eclipses if the chart is particularly positive, with the proviso that things will be kind of chaotic and challenging to navigate, but if you can pull it off successfully without being blown off course you can sometimes still initiate momentous things at these times.

March

***** Important note: Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 AM in most of the United States. Pay attention to your charts to make sure they are using the correct conversion again after this date, otherwise your rising sign could be off.**

Overview of March

- Mars ingresses into Pisces, March 2
- Lunar eclipse in Virgo, March 3
- Sun in Pisces trine Jupiter in Cancer, March 5
- Venus ingresses into Aries, March 6

- Mercury retrograde cazimi in Pisces, March 7
- Venus conjunct Neptune in Aries, March 7
- Venus conjunct Saturn in Aries, March 8
- Jupiter stations direct in Cancer, March 10
- Mercury retro conjunct Mars in Pisces, March 15
- Venus in Aries square Jupiter in Cancer, March 18
- New Moon in Pisces, March 18
- Sun ingresses into Aries, March 20
- Mercury stations direct in Pisces, March 20
- Mars in Pisces trine Jupiter in Cancer, March 21
- Sun conjunct Neptune in Aries, March 22
- Sun conjunct Saturn in Aries, March 25
- Venus ingresses into Taurus, March 30

There is a lunar eclipse in Virgo at the beginning of the month, continuing the eclipse season that started in February. Venus begins the month exalted in Pisces but quickly leaves for Aries, where Venus loses sign-based dignity and is copresent with Saturn and Neptune, exactly conjoining both about a week into March. Jupiter stations direct in Cancer towards the middle of the month, further improving its condition. Mercury will be retrograde most of the month, stationing direct in the third week of March.

One of our elections this month occurs early in March, which captures the last bit of Venus exalted in Pisces and some trines to Jupiter but while Mercury is still retrograde, and then we have another election later in the month after Mercury stations direct.

Electional Charts for March

March 5 around 12:50 PM with Cancer rising. The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Libra in the angular 4th house, applying by square to Jupiter in Cancer in the 1st house with reception in a day chart. Jupiter will be stationing direct in 5 days, so it is at a turning point that improves its condition further. Venus is ruling the Moon and is exalted in Pisces, placed in the 9th house copresent with Mercury, the Sun, and Mars in Pisces. Mercury is retrograde but is applying closely by trine to Jupiter with reception by retrograde motion, and this is also the day of the exact Sun/Jupiter trine with reception; the Sun is just slightly past the exact trine in this location but is still extremely close, and will still be applying in some other locations.

Place Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant degree in your location, and then try to adjust the chart slightly so that Venus is near the MC, if possible. Try to keep the MC away from conjoining Saturn and Neptune in Aries, ideally by keeping the MC in Pisces, though not close to Mars either. The main downside here

is that Mercury is still very early in its retrograde period, which can bring up some delays, miscommunications, and technical issues.

There is a natural focus on the 4th house of home, family, and private life here, with the Ascendant ruler placed in the 4th. Jupiter in the 1st house is good for most anything you are launching, but especially good for things focused on appearance or identity. This is also a very 9th house-focused election, which governs the topics of higher education, publishing, long-distance travel, worldviews, cross-cultural experiences, people who live far away, and the legal system. Since Mars is placed in the 9th house by day, those same topics are where the greatest challenges are apt to arise, but conversely, this chart also has the two best placements connected to that same topical area, Venus exalted and placed in the 9th, and Jupiter exalted and ruling the 9th, so you will kind of get the very positive and the most problematic in the same area, but with a lot of mitigation.

March 21 around 12:56 PM, with Cancer rising. In this chart the Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is exalted in Taurus in the 11th house, applying by sextile to Jupiter in Cancer in the 1st house with reception, as well as by sextile to Mercury and Mars in Pisces in the 9th house. Mars is closely trine Jupiter, which is one of the more positive alignments this month. Mercury is stationing direct, and Jupiter is now direct as well. The main downside is that the Sun in early Aries, while nicely exalted by sign and strongly placed in the prominent and angular 10th house, is closely applying to conjoin Neptune and Saturn in Aries, especially Neptune.

Place Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant in your location, and then adjust as needed so that the MC is ideally not closely conjunct Saturn/Neptune, and definitely at least more than 3 degrees away from Mars, the further the better. In the reference chart pictured for our location, we placed the MC in late Pisces to avoid those respective conjunctions and to still have the MC ruled by Jupiter in a day chart. This chart has a particular focus on the 11th house of friends, groups, and social alliances/networks. It also has the same mixed condition for 9th house matters as the previous chart, containing the most challenging placement but mitigated by the ruler of the 9th house being exalted in the 1st house. The other main difference is there being more of a focus on leadership, albeit idealistic or potentially vague, with the exalted Sun in Aries in the 10th conjunct Neptune.

April

Overview of April

- Full Moon in Libra, April 1
- Mercury in Pisces trine Jupiter in Cancer, April 3
- Venus in Taurus square Pluto in Aquarius, April 3
- Sun in Aries square Jupiter in Cancer, April 5

- Mars ingresses into Aries, April 9
- Mars conjunct Neptune in Aries, April 12
- Venus in Taurus sextile Jupiter in Cancer, April 13
- Mercury ingresses into Aries, April 14
- Mercury conjunct Neptune in Aries, April 16
- New Moon in Aries, April 17
- Mars conjunct Saturn in Aries, April 19
- Sun ingresses into Taurus, April 19
- Mercury conjunct Saturn and Mars in Aries, April 20
- Venus conjunct Uranus in Taurus, April 23
- Venus ingresses into Gemini, April 23
- Sun in Taurus square Pluto in Aquarius, April 25
- Uranus ingresses into Gemini, April 25
- Mercury in Aries square Jupiter in Cancer, April 26

Venus is in its own sign of Taurus for most of the month and is applying by sextile to Jupiter, exalted in Cancer, through April 13th. Mercury is now direct as of late March and is starting to pick up a little speed. Charts get considerably more complicated as the month goes on, as Mercury and Mars conjoin Saturn and Neptune in Aries; Mars entering Aries also means that we can't highlight Jupiter anymore, since after that point both Mars and Saturn are making overcoming sign-based squares to Jupiter.

For these reasons, it's best to use an election early in the month, while the Sun, Mercury, and Venus are still applying to Jupiter and before we hit the most difficult alignment of the month, which is the Mercury/Mars/Saturn triple conjunction in Aries that happens around April 18-20. We will give a main recommended election at the beginning of April, and then a secondary option if you really have to do something later in the month and before we reach the recommended electoral date in the following month of May.

Electional Charts for April

April 1 around 12:55 PM with Cancer rising. The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in the angular 4th house in Libra, just before the Full Moon. The Moon then applies by square to Jupiter in Cancer in the 1st house in a day chart, with reception. Jupiter is in the overcoming position to the Moon, helping the Moon's condition be more beneficial. Venus is in its own sign of Taurus in the 11th house and is applying by sextile to Jupiter in the 1st house, though unfortunately Venus applies by square to Pluto in Aquarius in the 8th house first. The Sun is exalted in Aries in the 10th house, has separated from its conjunctions with Saturn and Neptune, and is applying by square to Jupiter in the 1st house within 4 degrees. Mercury and Mars are in Pisces in the 9th house; Mercury is applying closely by trine to Jupiter with reception, and Mars has sign-based reception with Jupiter.

The Moon is separating from its opposition with Saturn in Aries in this location, but if it is still applying where you are, then do not use this chart; you will need to advance the chart a day forward and see whether the Moon is still applying to Jupiter by then. Keep the MC away from conjoining Mars in a day chart, more than 3 degrees separating but ideally into the next sign, and then secondarily try to place the MC more than 3 degrees separating from Saturn as well, as long as you can do so while there is enough of Cancer rising left. While this is a good general-purpose election, it also has a natural focus on 4th house topics of home, family, private life, ancestry, and hidden matters. The most challenging area of the chart is the 9th house, governing the topics of higher education, publishing, long-distance travel or people at a distance, the legal system, and religion/philosophy/astrology, though even here there is the major mitigation of an exalted Jupiter ruling the 9th house and somewhat offsetting the difficulty indicated by Mars.

If you absolutely have to do something between early April and our next fully recommended electional chart in later May, then use **April 14 around 7:15 AM, with Taurus rising**. However, you need to know that this is already into the time period where there are major problematic issues with any possible charts, so this cannot be a fully recommended chart compared with the others. Venus is ruling the Ascendant, placed in its own sign of Taurus in the 1st house. Venus is sextile to Jupiter in Cancer in the 3rd house, and while separating by degree, they are still close in aspect. The Moon is in Pisces in the 11th house, applying by trine to Jupiter with mutual reception, then by sextile to Venus. It is still a usable chart if the Moon is just applying to Venus, just less favorable than if the Moon is still applying to Jupiter. Mercury is at the end of Pisces in the 11th house, and there is a stellium of planets in Aries - Neptune, Mars, Saturn, and the Sun - all placed in the 12th house, with Mars applying to conjoin Saturn in about 3.5 degrees.

After making sure Taurus is rising when the chart is set for your location, adjust the time so that the Sun is in a major aspect with the MC within 3 degrees, to help mitigate its cadent 12th house placement. The 1st house in this chart is the clearest in terms of electional rules, making it a decent general-purpose chart as well as good for things involving appearance or identity. Normally the 3rd house would contain the most positive topics, since Jupiter is placed there in a day chart, and while there will still be some positivity around 3rd house topics such as communication, short-distance travel, things focused on siblings/cousins/extended relatives, and education, the quality will be mixed because of Mars and Saturn making those overcoming squares to Jupiter. The area of greatest challenges is decidedly the 12th house, governing the topics of enemies and self-undoing behaviors.

May

Overview of May

- Full Moon in Scorpio, May 1
- Mercury ingresses into Taurus, May 2

- Mars in Aries square Jupiter in Cancer, May 4
- Mercury in Taurus square Pluto in Aquarius, May 5
- Pluto stations retrograde in Aquarius, May 6
- Sun in Taurus sextile Jupiter in Cancer, May 10
- Mercury in Taurus sextile Jupiter in Cancer, May 12
- Sun conjunct Mercury in Taurus, May 14
- New Moon in Taurus, May 16
- Mercury ingresses into Gemini, May 17
- Mercury conjunct Uranus in Gemini, May 17
- Mars ingresses into Taurus, May 18
- Venus ingresses into Cancer, May 18
- Sun ingresses into Gemini, May 20
- Venus in Cancer square Neptune in Aries, May 22
- Sun conjunct Uranus in Gemini, May 22
- Mars in Taurus square Pluto in Aquarius, May 25
- Venus in Cancer square Saturn in Aries, May 28
- Full Moon in Sagittarius, May 31

Early in the month, Mars is making an overcoming square to Jupiter, which is best to avoid if possible in electional charts. Mercury is in its own sign of Gemini during the second half of May, and Venus joins Jupiter in Cancer starting May 18, both of which would be great to highlight. Once Venus is in Cancer it applies by square to Saturn in Aries towards the end of the month, so electional possibilities are better before that is overly close by degree. One of the most difficult aspects of the month is the Mars/Pluto square on May 25-26.

We chose a date in the third week of May to catch Mercury in its own sign of Gemini and Venus and Jupiter together in Cancer, after the Mars overcoming square to Jupiter is past, but before the Mars/Pluto square and Venus/Saturn square are more exact. There are two possible rising signs that day that both create very good elections.

Electional Charts for May

May 20 around 7:50 AM, with Cancer rising. The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in its own sign of Cancer in the 1st house, along with Venus and Jupiter. In our time zone the Moon is already slightly separating from Jupiter and applying by sextile to the Sun in Taurus in the 11th house, which is acceptable, but it is better in other time zones east of Denver where the Moon is still applying to conjoin Jupiter. This is shortly after Mars leaves Aries, which frees us up to use Cancer rising again, and also removes the affliction from Jupiter. One downside is that a Mars/Pluto square is starting to form, and while it is still 4 degrees away here on the 20th, it quickly gets closer. Venus is in Cancer in the 1st house, sextile to Mars in Taurus in the 11th house with reception. Mercury is in its own sign of Gemini, but placed in the 12th house and not the focal point.

Try to place Mercury in a major aspect with the MC within 3 degrees in your location to mitigate its cadent 12th house placement, if it's possible to do so where you are while Cancer is rising. If that's not possible, then just put Venus or Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant degree while avoiding the MC being within 3 degrees of Saturn or Mars, especially Mars in this day chart. This election has a particularly auspicious 1st house, so it's a great general-purpose chart as well as good for matters of identity or appearance. Mars is in the 11th house by day, so the biggest challenges will arise around the topics of friends, groups, or social alliances/networks.

May 20 around 6:10 AM, with Gemini rising. Mercury is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in its own sign of Gemini in the 1st house, copresent with Uranus in Gemini and separating by about 5 degrees. Mercury is also trine to Pluto in Aquarius in the 9th house, although slightly separating, and Mercury is applying by sextile to Saturn in Aries in the 11th house. Venus, the Moon, and Jupiter in Cancer now move to the 2nd house, with the Moon more clearly applying to conjoin Jupiter for more locations. The Sun and Mars are in Taurus in the 12th house.

Place Mercury conjunct the Ascendant degree in order to maximally emphasize Mercury in its own sign. This rising sign shifts the Cancer placements to the 2nd house, making this chart very good for personal income and finances, as well as good for communications and technology due to Mercury in and ruling the 1st house. Since Mars is in the 12th house in a day chart, the greatest challenges will arise around either enemies or self-undoing tendencies.

June

Overview of June

- Mercury ingresses into Cancer, June 1
- Mercury in Cancer square Neptune in Aries, June 3
- Venus conjunct Jupiter in Cancer, June 9
- Mercury in Cancer square Saturn in Aries, June 9
- Venus ingresses into Leo, June 13
- New Moon in Gemini, June 14
- Venus in Leo opposite Pluto in Aquarius, June 17
- Sun ingresses into Cancer, June 21
- Sun in Cancer square Neptune in Aries, June 25
- Mars ingresses into Gemini, June 28
- Mercury stations retrograde in Cancer, June 29
- Full Moon in Capricorn, June 29
- Jupiter ingresses into Leo, June 29

June features the exact Venus/Jupiter conjunction in Cancer on the 9th of the month, followed by Venus's ingress into Leo on the 13th. Once Venus is in Leo, Mars in Taurus is making an overcoming square to Venus by sign for most of the rest of the month. During the last few days of the month, Mars enters Gemini where it will soon conjoin Uranus in early July, Mercury stations retrograde in Cancer, and Jupiter ingresses into Leo, joining Venus there. Mercury in Cancer appears as though it's going to conjoin Jupiter this month, but it stations retrograde just before reaching Jupiter.

Cancer and Libra are by far the best rising signs in the early part of this month, since Venus and Jupiter are placed in Cancer, and Venus rules Libra, prominently placing the benefic conjunction in the 10th house. Our best option for an auspicious election this month occurs just over a week into June, catching the Venus/Jupiter conjunction before it perfects as well as keeping Mercury further away from its retrograde station later in June. These are the best and cleanest elections of the year, with Mercury square Saturn being the only flaw.

Electional Charts for June

June 8 around 7:05 AM, with Cancer rising. Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter are all in Cancer in the 1st house in a day chart, with the Venus/Jupiter applying conjunction getting close to exact. The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Pisces in the 9th house, in a mutual reception with Jupiter in Cancer and applying by trine to the Venus/Jupiter conjunction in the 1st house. Mercury is applying to square Saturn in Aries in the 10th house, which is the main downside of this election, but that is also not the focus of the chart. The Sun and Uranus are in Gemini in the 12th house, Mars is in Taurus in the 11th house, which has sign-based reception with Venus in Cancer, and Saturn and Neptune are in Aries in the 10th house.

If you can configure the MC to the Sun in Gemini by a major aspect within 3 degrees while Cancer is rising, that will help to mitigate its cadent 12th house placement; in the pictured chart, we have placed the MC square to the Sun in our location. This is an extremely positive general-purpose election, with extra goodness for things involving appearance, identity, and excellence. There is also a natural and positive focus on 9th house topics such as higher education, publishing, cross-cultural experiences, long-distance travel or people at a distance, the legal system, and belief systems (religion, philosophy, astrology). Since Mars is in the 11th house in a day chart, the greatest challenges will arise around friends, groups, and social alliances or networks, although there is positive mitigation from Venus ruling the 11th house and conjoining Jupiter, so even that area shouldn't present worst-case scenarios.

June 8 around 3:30 PM, with Libra rising. This is another excellent election that moves the emphasis to the 10th house of career and public reputation, with Venus ruling the Ascendant and placed in the

10th house, applying closely to conjoin Jupiter. The Moon in Pisces is moved to the 6th house, applying by trine to Venus/Jupiter in the 10th house, with mutual reception with Jupiter. Saturn and Neptune are in Aries in the 7th house, Mars is in Taurus in the 8th house, and the Sun and Uranus are in Gemini in the 9th house.

If it's possible to place the MC around 22-23 Cancer or Gemini, especially Cancer, while Libra is rising in your location, then do so in order to mitigate the Moon's cadent 6th house placement. In our location that allows us to place Venus/Jupiter close to the MC, maximally emphasizing that benefic conjunction. This election is particularly great for career, public reputation, and beginning ventures or hosting events that you want to be very publicly visible. Mars is in the 8th house by day, so the greatest challenges will arise around shared finances/resources, other people's money, taxes/loans/debt, and mortality-related matters like wills or inheritance.

July

Overview of July

- Mars conjunct Uranus in Gemini, July 4
- Sun in Cancer square Saturn in Aries, July 6
- Neptune stations retrograde in Aries, July 7
- Venus ingresses into Virgo, July 9
- Sun conjunct retro Mercury in Cancer, July 12
- Venus in Virgo square Uranus in Gemini, July 13
- New Moon in Cancer, July 14
- Jupiter in Leo opposite Pluto in Aquarius, July 20
- Sun ingresses into Leo, July 22
- Mercury stations direct in Cancer, July 23
- Saturn stations retrograde in Aries, July 26
- North node ingresses into Aquarius, July 26
- Sun in Leo opposite Pluto in Aquarius, July 27
- Venus in Virgo square Mars in Gemini, July 29
- Sun conjunct Jupiter in Leo, July 29
- Full Moon in Aquarius, July 29

Mars exactly conjoins Uranus in Gemini on July 4th, which is one of the most difficult aspects of the month that we need to decidedly avoid in July elections. Venus is in fall in Virgo and has an overcoming square from Mars in Gemini, which goes exact late in the month. Mercury is retrograde most of this month and stations direct during the last week of July. This is the first month where we

have lost Jupiter in Cancer rising elections completely, which also makes Cancer rising charts less auspicious.

Electional Charts for July

Our primary chart is **July 29 around 6:05 AM, just after sunrise, with Leo rising.** The Sun is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in its own sign of Leo in the 1st house, exactly conjunct Jupiter in Leo. This Sun/Jupiter conjunction in Leo is the focal point of the election, is still applying in this location, and will be very close to exact in any location. This is a Full Moon election, with the Moon in early Aquarius in the 7th house, applying to oppose the Sun and Jupiter in Leo in the 1st. The downside is that the Moon is closely conjoining Pluto and will still be applying in some locations, and Mars in Gemini in the 11th house is making an exact overcoming square to Venus in Virgo in the 2nd house. Mercury in Cancer in the 12th house is also square to Saturn in Aries in the 9th house, although at least Mercury has just passed the 3-degree range in separating. The plus side is that this election occurs after Mercury has stationed direct, well after the Mars/Uranus conjunction has further separated, and after the Jupiter/Pluto opposition has started separating.

Place the Ascendant degree just past the Sun, just after sunrise in your location, which maximizes the beneficial focal point of the Sun/Jupiter conjunction. This election is particularly good for “shining one’s light out,” creating an atmosphere of personal visibility, warmth, and charisma. The greatest challenges will arise around friends, groups, and/or social networks/alliances, with Mars in the 11th house in a day chart, and this also isn’t good for personal income/finances, with the exact Mars overcoming square to Venus in the 2nd house without any mitigation from the ruler of the 2nd. There is also a strong chance of power struggles happening with a partner or in another one-on-one situation, with Pluto in the 7th house so closely configured to the major components of this election.

Alternative chart: **July 14 around 6:00 AM with late Cancer rising.** The Moon is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in its own sign of Cancer in the 1st house, just past the New Moon, and is applying to conjoin Jupiter in Leo in the 2nd house after changing signs. Saturn and Neptune are in Aries in the 10th house, Mars is in Gemini in the 12th house and closer to Uranus than at the end of the month, though almost 7 degrees separating, and Mars is making an overcoming square to Venus in Virgo in the 3rd house. One of the main downsides is that Mercury is still retrograde, although this is at least just past the Mercury retrograde cazimi. Jupiter is also still applying to oppose Pluto in Aquarius rather than separating, emphasizing potential power struggles, though at least in this chart they are less emphasized by angularity.

For the exact timing, you must ensure that the Sun is above the Ascendant, after sunrise in your location, so that this is a day chart, because otherwise Saturn in the 10th house in a night chart will turn this into an actively negative chart. After making sure of that, we placed the MC sextile to Mars within 3 degrees in this location to mitigate its 12th house placement. If the MC happens to be in

Pisces around this time in your location, then be sure that it is not closely square to Mars and is more than 3 degrees away at minimum. Since Jupiter is placed in the 2nd house in a day chart, the most positive topics in the chart are personal income, possessions, and finances, though there are likely to be some power struggles between those topics and 8th house topics like shared finances/resources, other people's money, taxes/loans/debt, or wills/inheritance, with Jupiter applying closely by opposition to Pluto in the 8th house. Mars is in the 12th house by day, so the greatest challenges will arise around enemies or self-undoing behaviors.

August

Overview of August

- Venus ingresses into Libra, August 6
- Mercury ingresses into Leo, August 9
- Venus in Libra opposite Neptune in Aries, August 10
- Mars ingresses into Cancer, August 11
- Mercury in Leo opposite Pluto in Aquarius, August 11
- Solar eclipse in Leo, August 12
- Mercury conjunct Jupiter in Leo, August 15
- Mars in Cancer square Neptune in Aries, August 17
- Venus in Libra opposite Saturn in Aries, August 21
- Sun ingresses into Virgo, August 22
- Mercury ingresses into Virgo, August 25
- Sun conjunct Mercury in Virgo, August 27
- Lunar eclipse in Pisces, August 27
- Mercury and Sun in Virgo square Uranus in Gemini, August 28

This is a very eclipse-focused month, with the Leo solar eclipse happening in the second week of August, and the Pisces lunar eclipse occurring in the last week of the month. Venus's ingress into Libra significantly improves its condition, although Mars is chasing the overcoming square to Venus as of its ingress into Cancer less than a week later. Mars in Cancer is also applying by square to Saturn in Aries later in the month, which is a tense aspect, although at least they have reception by sign. Venus's sextile from Libra to Jupiter in Leo is one of the most positive aspects this month, peaking on the 16th and 17th. Once Mars leaves Gemini, that finally opens up Sagittarius as a good rising sign option for day charts. Mercury is now direct all month.

Electional Charts for August

Our first election of the month is on **August 11 around 4:00 PM with Sagittarius rising**. Jupiter is ruling the Ascendant in a day chart and is placed in Leo in the 9th house, with Venus in Libra in the 11th house applying by sextile to Jupiter. The Moon is in Leo in the 9th house as well and is applying closely to conjoin Jupiter while enclosed by the benefics. The Sun is in its own sign of Leo in the 9th house and is ruling the Leo stellium of planets, providing additional support for them. Mars is in Cancer in the 8th house, making an overcoming square to Venus in the 11th, though at least not within 3 degrees. Mars is also beginning to apply by square to Saturn in Aries in the 5th house, though it has reception by sign and is still wide by degree at this point. Mercury in early Leo in the 9th house is closely opposing Pluto in Aquarius in the 3rd house.

Place the Ascendant at any degree of Sagittarius rising, and then adjust the exact time so that the MC is at 5-6 Libra, conjunct Venus but not any closer to either squaring Mars or having Saturn more closely conjunct the IC. The most positive area of this chart is the 9th house of higher education, long-distance travel, belief systems, the legal system, cross-cultural experiences, and publishing. Mars is in the 8th house by day, so the greatest challenges are likely to arise around shared finances/resources, other people's money, taxes/loans/debt, or wills/inheritance.

Our second election of the month happens on **August 16 around 3:55 PM with Sagittarius rising**. Jupiter is once again ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Leo in the 9th house, with Venus in Libra in the 11th house applying very closely by sextile to Jupiter. The Moon is in Libra in the 11th house, separating from its opposition with Saturn in Aries in the 5th house and applying by sextile to the Sun in Leo in the 9th house. Make sure the Moon is not still applying to oppose Saturn in your location by this time rather than separating, and ideally separating by at least 3 degrees. If that's not the case where you are, then you can either try to advance the chart one day forward to see if the Moon is still applying to the Sun by then, or just default to using the August 11 election.

With the exact timing of this chart, we are going to once again set it for any degree of Sagittarius rising, and then adjust the time so that the MC is conjunct Venus at 9-10 Libra, so that the MC is not more closely square to Mars nor is the IC exactly conjunct Saturn. This election takes advantage of the almost-exact Venus/Jupiter sextile, and removes the tension in communication from the Mercury/Pluto opposition in the previous chart, although the tradeoff is that Mercury is now no longer applying to the benefics here. The best and most challenging topics in the chart are otherwise the same as in the previous election.

September

Overview of September

- Mars in Cancer square Saturn in Aries, September 1
- Venus ingresses into Scorpio, September 10
- Mercury ingresses into Libra, September 10
- Uranus stations retrograde in Gemini, September 10
- New Moon in Virgo, September 10
- Mercury in Libra opposite Neptune in Aries, September 12
- Venus in Scorpio square Pluto in Aquarius, September 15
- Mercury in Libra opposite Saturn in Aries, September 18
- Sun ingresses into Libra, September 22
- Sun in Libra opposite Neptune in Aries, September 25
- Full Moon in Aries, September 26
- Mars ingresses into Leo, September 27
- Mercury ingresses into Scorpio, September 30

We are just coming out of eclipse season as September begins, and we start the month with Mars in Cancer square Saturn in Aries, which is exact on September 1st. Venus is still well-dignified in its own sign of Libra early in the month, but it's hard for an election during this time to fully take advantage of that, given the hard aspects by sign from both Mars in Cancer and Saturn in Aries. Mercury is in its own sign of Virgo and is direct during the first third of September, making it a good planet to highlight. We found two different rising signs to highlight different parts of the chart on the best date of the month, which happens a little bit after the Mars/Saturn square is separating, and catches the last bit of Venus in Libra, Mercury in Virgo, and a Moon/Jupiter conjunction in Leo.

Electional Charts for September

September 8 around 1:35 PM, with Sagittarius rising. Jupiter is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Leo in the 9th house in a day chart. The Moon is in mid-Leo in the 9th house as well, and depending on your location will either be applying closely to conjoin Jupiter, or will be enclosed by the benefics and applying by sextile to Venus in Libra in the 11th house. Mercury is in its own sign of Virgo, in and ruling the 10th house, along with the Sun in Virgo. Mars is in Cancer in the 8th house, separating from its square with Saturn in Aries in the 5th house by about 5 degrees and making an overcoming square to Venus in Libra, though by more than 10 degrees.

Cast the chart so that any degree of Sagittarius is rising in your location, and then adjust the time so that the MC is at 26 Virgo if possible, conjunct the degree of Mercury. With Jupiter in the 9th house by day, the most positive topics in this election are higher education, publishing, long-distance travel, cross-cultural experiences, the legal system, and belief systems. Since Mars is in the 8th house in a day

chart, the greatest challenges will arise around shared finances/resources, other people's money or partner's income, taxes/loans/debt, and inheritance/wills.

Another great option on the same day is **September 8 around 6:40 AM, with Virgo rising**. In this chart, Mercury is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in its own sign of Virgo in the 1st house. The Moon is in Leo in the 12th house, applying to conjoin Jupiter in Leo. This rising sign moves Venus in Libra to the 2nd house, Mars in Cancer to the 11th house, and Saturn in Aries to the 8th house. This election puts more emphasis on Mercury than Jupiter, and also makes it possible for more locations to have the Moon still applying to conjoin Jupiter, although the tradeoff is then having to place that conjunction in the 12th house.

For the exact timing, first place the Sun above the Ascendant degree so that it is after sunrise in your location, and then if at all possible where you are, put the MC at 13-14 Gemini (or 13-14 Taurus otherwise, if that's an option where you are and you can't do Gemini) so that the Moon and Jupiter are mitigated from their cadent 12th house placements. This is a very strong Mercury election, good for writing, speaking, and technological projects. With Jupiter in the 12th house by day, great benefit comes from seclusion, being far away from usual routines, or work behind the scenes. Mars is in the 11th house by day, so the greatest challenges will come from friends, groups, and the larger social sphere.

October

Overview of October

- Mercury in Scorpio square Mars in Leo, October 2
- Mercury in Scorpio square Pluto in Aquarius, October 2
- Venus stations retrograde in Scorpio, October 3
- Mars in Leo opposite Pluto in Aquarius, October 3
- Sun in Libra opposite Saturn in Aries, October 4
- Mercury conjunct retrograde Venus in Scorpio, October 6
- New Moon in Libra, October 10
- Venus retro in Scorpio square Mars in Leo, October 10
- Pluto stations direct in Aquarius, October 15
- Venus retro in Scorpio square Pluto in Aquarius, October 20
- Sun ingresses into Scorpio, October 23
- Sun conjunct retrograde Venus in Scorpio, October 23
- Mercury stations retrograde in Scorpio, October 24
- Venus retrogrades back into Libra, October 25
- Full Moon in Taurus, October 25
- Sun in Scorpio square Pluto in Aquarius, October 26

- Mercury retro in Scorpio square Mars in Leo, October 30

October opens with Mars in early Leo opposing Pluto in Aquarius, and Venus also stations retrograde in Scorpio early in the month while squaring Pluto. Due to Venus's slow motion from the retrograde station, Mars in Leo is making an overcoming square to Venus for longer than would be usual. Mercury begins the month in early Scorpio, squaring Mars and Pluto, and gradually slows down during October to station retrograde by the end of the month, continuing to square Mars along the way.

The only way to mitigate all these hard aspects from Mars is to use night charts for the elections, because otherwise Mars is notably harming other placements in the chart. This month isn't so much about picking out amazing elections, but more about strategically minimizing damage. If you absolutely need a day chart in October, the most acceptable rising signs during the day are Sagittarius, until Mars is within 3 degrees of Jupiter, or Capricorn, which will improve some once Venus is in Libra.

Electional Charts for October

October 15 around 1:35 AM, Leo rising. The Sun is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Libra in the 3rd house, exactly sextile to Jupiter in Leo in the 1st house, with reception. Mars is also in Leo in the 1st house, but in a night chart, making its qualities more constructive. The Moon is in mid-Sagittarius in the 5th house and is applying by trine to Jupiter in the 1st with reception. Mercury and retrograde Venus are both in Scorpio in the 4th house, square to Mars with reception. Pluto is stationing direct in early Aquarius in the 7th house, and Saturn is in Aries in the 9th house.

If possible in your location, place the degree of the IC around 5-6 Scorpio, so that Venus is conjunct the IC in a night chart. The most positive area of this election is the 4th house of home, family, living situation, private life, hidden matters, and history/things of the past. With Saturn placed in the 9th house in a night chart, the greatest challenges will arise around long-distance travel, cross-cultural experiences, higher education, publishing, legal matters, and belief systems.

October 22 around 1:30 AM, Leo rising. This is a very similar chart to the previous one, except that it moves the Sun forward a week, which now places the Sun in late Libra, applying to conjoin Venus in early Scorpio within 3 degrees and with reception. The charts are still complicated this month in that Venus doesn't have positive sign dignity and is still retrograde, but nonetheless, the Sun's close application with the most positive planet by night and with reception may help improve the overall chart condition, with the Sun being the Ascendant ruler. The Moon isn't really doing anything major in this chart: it is now in Pisces in the 8th house, applying by trine to Mercury in Scorpio in the 4th house.

Cast the chart for any degree of Leo rising, and then if possible in your location, place the MC around 10-11 Taurus (or 10-11 Gemini, if that's an option where you are located) so that the Moon is mitigated

from its 8th house placement. This election has the same best and most challenging house topics as the previous chart.

If you really need a day chart during this month, then the best we can find is **October 15 around 10:36 AM, with Sagittarius rising**. Jupiter is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Leo in the 9th house by day. Mars is also copresent in Leo in the 9th house, but is at least still applying to conjoin Jupiter from 10 degrees away rather than more closely. The Moon is in Sagittarius in the 1st house, applying by trine to Jupiter in the 9th with reception. The Sun is in Libra in the 11th house, closely sextile to Jupiter with reception, which is additionally supporting the 9th house. Venus (retrograde) and Mercury are in Scorpio in the 12th house, Pluto is stationary in Aquarius in the 3rd house, Saturn is in Aries in the 5th house, and Uranus is in Gemini in the 7th house.

Cast the chart for Sagittarius rising, and then adjust the time in your location so that the MC is at about 17 degrees of Virgo, if possible, in order to mitigate Mercury from its cadent 12th house placement. Try to keep Uranus at least 3 degrees away from the Desc degree if you can, the further the better. This election has both the most positive and most challenging planets in the same house, which means that 9th house topics such as higher education, publishing, long-distance travel, cross-cultural experiences, belief systems, and the legal system will be where both the best and most challenging experiences will arise.

November

***** Important Note: Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 AM in most of the United States. Pay attention to your charts to make sure they are using the correct conversion again after this date, otherwise your rising sign could be off.**

Overview of November

- Sun conjunct retrograde Mercury in Scorpio, November 4
- New Moon in Scorpio, November 9
- Mercury stations direct in Scorpio, November 13
- Venus stations direct in Libra, November 13
- Mars conjunct Jupiter in Leo, November 15
- Sun in Scorpio square Jupiter in Leo, November 18
- Sun in Scorpio square Mars in Leo, November 19
- Sun ingresses into Sagittarius, November 22
- Full Moon in Gemini, November 24
- Sun in Sagittarius opposite Uranus in Gemini, November 25
- Mars ingresses into Virgo, November 25

In November our aim is strategically mitigating damage once again rather than optimal charts, in that we have a lot of similar astrological weather as we did in October, but we do end up with a better electional chart. Mars is still in Leo with Jupiter, and they finally exactly conjoin in mid-November, with Mars still transiting through Leo until near the end of the month. Also in the middle of this month, both Mercury in Scorpio and Venus in Libra station direct, with Venus stationing sextile to Jupiter in Leo. The Sun in Scorpio has mutual reception with Mars in Leo, which is most helpful to highlight in night charts.

Electional Charts for November

November 11 around 11:40 PM, with Leo rising. The Sun is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Scorpio in the angular 4th house, applying by square to Mars in Leo in the 1st house with mutual reception, and soon afterwards by square to Jupiter in Leo in the 1st with reception. The Moon is in later Sagittarius in the 5th house and is applying by trine to Mars in Leo and to Jupiter in Leo with reception. The Moon is also sextile to Venus in its own sign of Libra in the 3rd house, which is about to station direct shortly, and in some locations the Moon may still be applying to Venus. Venus is closely sextile to both Mars and Jupiter. Mercury is in Scorpio in the 4th house, is square to Mars by sign with reception, and is about to station direct as well. Saturn and Neptune are in Aries in the 9th house.

Cast the chart for your location with Leo rising, then adjust the time so that Jupiter is conjunct the Ascendant and Venus is sextile the Ascendant within 3 degrees. This happens to also place the Sun conjunct the IC in our location, which is a nice bonus if that works for you too, but won't coincide that way in all locations. This election is very focused on the topics of home, family, private life, hidden things, and history/things from the past, with the Ascendant ruler placed in the 4th house. The most positive placement in the chart is Venus in the 3rd house, governing topics like short-distance travel, siblings/cousins/extended relatives, communications, and one's immediate neighborhood or neighbors. Saturn is in the 9th house in a night chart, so the greatest challenges will arise around higher education, publishing, long-distance travel, cross-cultural experiences, belief systems, or the legal system.

November 22 around 11:00 PM, Leo rising. The Sun is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in early Sagittarius in the 5th house, with sign-based mutual reception with its ruler, Jupiter in Leo in the 1st house. Mars is in late Leo in the 1st house as well, separating from its conjunction with Jupiter by about 2.5 degrees. The Moon is exalted in Taurus in the 10th house, is opposite to now-direct Mercury in Scorpio in the 4th house, and is widely applying by square to Jupiter. Venus is also now direct, still in its own sign of Libra in the 3rd house, and is applying by sextile to Jupiter.

There is a natural focus on 5th house topics in this chart, such as children, recreation/hobbies/games, creative output, sexuality, and more generally things done for pleasure. The most positive area of the chart is the 3rd house, governing topics like short-distance travel, one's immediate neighborhood or neighbors, communications, and things focused on siblings/cousins/extended relatives. Saturn is placed in the 9th house in a night chart, so the greatest challenges will arise around higher education, publishing, belief systems, long-distance travel, cross-cultural experiences, and the legal system.

If you really need a day chart this month: **November 23 around 9:20 AM, with Capricorn rising.** Saturn is ruling the Ascendant and is in the angular 4th house, retrograde in Aries, and close to Neptune in Aries. This is not an amazing Ascendant ruler, but there are just hardly any daytime options that are even acceptable yet; the thing that makes this one sort of ok is the addition of Venus in its own sign of Libra, prominently placed in the 10th house and angular to Saturn. The Moon is exalted in Taurus in the 5th house and is applying by square to Jupiter, and then Mars, in Leo in the 8th house. Mercury is in Scorpio in the 11th house, and the Sun is in early Sagittarius in the 12th house.

Cast the chart for Capricorn rising in your location, and then if possible, adjust the time so that the MC is around 24 Libra and is conjoining Venus. The clearest positive area of this chart is the 10th house of career and public reputation, with Venus placed there in its own sign. The area that contains both the best and most challenging placements is the 8th house, so you will notice both some positive and negative extremes around the topics of shared finances/resources, other people's money, taxes/loans/debt, or inheritance/wills.

December

Overview of December

- Mercury in Scorpio square Jupiter in Leo, December 4
- Venus ingresses into Scorpio, December 4
- Mars in Virgo square Uranus in Gemini, December 4
- Mercury ingresses into Sagittarius, December 6
- Mercury in Sagittarius opposite Uranus in Gemini, December 8
- New Moon in Sagittarius, December 8
- Mercury in Sagittarius square Mars in Virgo, December 9
- Venus in Scorpio square Pluto in Aquarius, December 9
- Saturn stations direct in Aries, December 10
- Neptune stations direct in Aries, December 12
- Jupiter stations retrograde in Leo, December 12
- Sun ingresses into Capricorn, December 21
- Sun in Capricorn square Neptune in Aries, December 23
- Full Moon in Cancer, December 23
- Mercury ingresses into Capricorn, December 25

- Mercury in Capricorn square Neptune in Aries, December 26
- Sun in Capricorn square Saturn in Aries, December 29
- Mercury in Capricorn square Saturn in Aries, December 30

In December, Mars has departed Leo for Virgo, which allows us to highlight an applying Sun in Sagittarius trine Jupiter in Leo with reception for a little over half of the month. Unfortunately now that Mars is in Virgo, it is making an overcoming square to the Sun, and later both the Sun and Mercury in Sagittarius, which is more problematic in day charts. Venus begins the month in late Libra but then spends most of the month in Scorpio, applying by square to Jupiter. The two best rising signs end up being Aquarius during the day and Leo during the night, both of which place Jupiter and Venus in angular houses.

Electional Charts for December

December 20 around 9:45 AM, Aquarius rising. Saturn is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in Aries in the 3rd house in a day chart, having recently stationed direct, along with Neptune in Aries. The Moon is exalted in Taurus in the 4th house and is applying first by opposition to Venus in Scorpio in the 10th house with reception, then widely by square to Jupiter in Leo in the 7th house. The Sun and Mercury are in later Sagittarius in the 11th house, and Mercury is applying by trine to Jupiter with reception, while the Sun is separating by a couple of degrees from its trine with Jupiter but still has sign-based reception. Mars is in Virgo in the 8th house and is making an overcoming square to the Sun and Mercury by sign, though at least they are not close by degree. Mars is also in a square with Uranus in Gemini in the 5th house, though again, it's helpful that Mars is separating by about 5 degrees.

In our location, we placed the MC around 27-28 Scorpio so that Jupiter is making a close overcoming square to the MC within 3 degrees while moving the Ascendant almost 3 degrees separating from the conjunction with Pluto in early Aquarius. Once you cast the chart for Aquarius rising in your location, see if that is possible to do where you are. Jupiter is in the 7th house by day, so the most positive topics in the chart are partnership, whether personal or business, clients, and other one-on-one interactions. With Mars in the 8th house in a day chart, the greatest challenges will arise around shared finances/resources, other people's money, taxes/loans/debt, and inheritance/wills.

Some locations may also be able to use another version of that chart the next day around the same time, **December 21 around 9:45 AM with Aquarius rising.** This is essentially the same election, except with the Moon in later Taurus, applying closely by square to Jupiter. The reasons this was not listed as the primary version of the election are that not all locations will still have the Moon applying to Jupiter on this date, and it's the riskier version because after the Moon separates from Jupiter then the next traditional planet it applies to is Mars in a day chart, then making it actively inauspicious. So be sure if you try for this one that the Moon is definitely still applying to Jupiter in your location by this time.

December 20 around 9:10 PM, Leo rising. The Sun is ruling the Ascendant and is placed in late Sagittarius in the 5th house, trine to Jupiter in Leo in the 1st house and separating but still within 3 degrees, with mutual reception. Mercury is also in Sagittarius in the 5th house, still applying by trine to Jupiter and with reception. The Moon is exalted in Taurus in the 10th house, has sign-based reception with its ruler, Venus is in Scorpio in the 4th house, is sextile to its ruler Mars with reception, and is applying by square to Jupiter in the 1st house. Mars is in Virgo in the 2nd house, less problematic for the Sagittarius placements since this is a night chart, and Saturn is in Aries in the 9th house.

If you place the Ascendant around 26 Leo in your location, then the Sun will be trine the Asc by close to 3 degrees, and Jupiter will be conjunct the Ascendant. Because of the mutual reception happening between the 1st and 5th houses, there is a strong focus on 5th house topics such as children, creative output, hobbies/games, sexuality, and things done for pleasure. The most positive placement is in the 4th house, helping the topics of home, family, parents/ancestry, history/things of the past, private life, and hidden matters go more positively. Saturn is in the 9th house in a night chart, so the greatest challenges will arise around higher education, publishing, long-distance travel, cross-cultural pursuits, belief systems, or the legal system.

December 15 around 9:30 PM, Leo rising. This is another night chart option, with the Sun in Sagittarius in the 5th house ruling the Ascendant and applying by trine to Jupiter in Leo in the 1st house with mutual reception, instead of separating. Mercury is also in Sagittarius in the 5th house, more widely applying by trine to Jupiter with reception. Venus is in Scorpio in the 4th house, closely sextile to Mars in Virgo in the 2nd house with reception. The Moon is in Pisces in the 8th house, not doing anything particularly exciting in our location, just applying by square to Mercury. The main point of this additional chart is just to give the option of the Sun still applying to Jupiter with mutual reception. If the Moon happens to still be applying by trine to Venus in your location by this time, that would be an improvement in the chart. Be sure that the Moon is separating from the opposition with Mars in your location, ideally by more than 3 degrees; if it is still applying, then skip this election in favor of the other ones.

Place Jupiter close to the Ascendant degree and the Sun trine to the Ascendant within 3 degrees, which highlights the applying Sun/Jupiter trine as much as possible. Because of the mutual reception happening between the 1st and 5th houses, there is a strong focus on 5th house topics such as children, creative output, hobbies/games, sexuality, and things done for pleasure. The most positive placement is in the 4th house, helping the topics of home, family, parents/ancestry, history/things of the past, private life, and hidden matters go more positively. Saturn is in the 9th house in a night chart, so the greatest challenges will arise around higher education, publishing, long-distance travel, cross-cultural pursuits, belief systems, or the legal system.

Concluding Remarks

That's the end of our report for 2026! These are the best charts we can find for each month of the coming year. Every month we will continue to produce the Electional Astrology Podcast, in which we present more charts throughout each month in addition to these that are positive or acceptable, although the ones we found here should still be some of the best for each month.

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Good luck with your elections in 2026!

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