

# Janet's Plan-its 2017 Celestial Planner

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### ABOUT THE COVER

**Front:** Looks like Jupiter's sporting a far-out yamulke. Actually, the bright blue spiraling cascades are auroras, photographed using Hubble's far-ultraviolet-light imaging spectrograph. Auroras result when charged particles hit the atmosphere near a planet's magnetic poles, glowing like gases in a fluorescent light. NASA's Juno spacecraft entered Jupiter's orbit on the USA's birthday in 2016 - the day of a New Moon! - on a mission to investigate how Jupiter was born and moreover, how our entire solar system evolved. The first flyby of Jupiter's poles on 8/27/16 occurred as Mercury passed Jupiter in the zodiac from Earth's viewpoint, a perfect portent for exploring our biggest neighbor. In mythology, Juno was Jupiter's wife. Astronomically, it's the 11th largest (and third discovered) of thousands of asteroids in a belt between Mars and Jupiter. Astrologically, the asteroid Juno has been shown to statistically correlate with marital matters. **Credit:** NASA, ESA, and J. Nichols (University of Leicester)

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Read about Juno's research on Jupiter at  
<http://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasas-juno-spacecraft-in-orbit-around-mighty-jupiter>  
and [http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/juno/main/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/juno/main/index.html)

**Back:** An image of the constellation Libra honors of the sign where Jupiter spends most of 2017.

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or to arrange a personal consultation.**

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For more about  
major influences  
in 2017, read the  
Star Pages (p. 72).

## Introduction

In ancient times, everyone knew the constellations, planets and moon's phases. These were the basis of stories, myths and songs, a teaching device before books or computers. At night, there wasn't much to do except enjoy the sky and learn from it. Nowadays, few people look up, night or day. But the stars and planets are still there, telling their stories to those who understand them and like a giant cosmic clock, showing us the time.

Astrology helps explain life in general and individuals' lives in particular. My goal is to put the power of astrology into the hands of everyone, rather than only those who study it in depth. Use this tool to whatever level of detail you wish to be able to take advantage of the best moments the planets offer and dodge their difficult times. It's easy—just tap the knowledge of your celestial guide.

## Overview of 2017

The early to middle years of the current decade were quite tumultuous as we reeled from the long-term friction between Uranus and Pluto, the two planets that correlate with monumental changes. Uranus acts as an alarm clock and shakes us rather than wakes us. Pluto's job is to eliminate what isn't viable or in our best interests for the next stage of the journey. They made the abrasive 90° connection called a "square" seven times from 2012 to 2015. In 2016, they achieved 5° of breathing room, slipping back into the under 5° zone from late November, 2016 until mid-April, 2017. After that, they never return to that most precarious relationship.

Their toughest interaction in 2017 comes when Jupiter in Libra forms a difficult pattern with them called a T-square, strong all of March into April. Jupiter's job is to expand whatever it touches; the Libra component points to relationships and fairness. Jupiter is also affiliated with foreign matters, thus international affairs are apt to be thrown off kilter. The Full Moon on 4/11 accentuates this tense configuration.

Meanwhile, Uranus is traveling with Eris, the dwarf planet that caused such a ruckus when it was discovered. Named for the outcast of the Greek pantheon, this little heavenly body throws a big punch. It's related to discord, rivalry and chaos, adding significantly to the zaniness Uranus promises. Jupiter magnifies Eris's mischief, too. Astrological contacts with Eris put attention on feminism and women's issues. Uranus and Eris collided twice in 2016 and their final run-in is 3/17, amidst the T-square and impacting all of spring.

But wait - there's more! Uranus is also in a scratchy 45° position ("semisquare") with Neptune. Due to Neptune's overlapping back-up ranges (see p. 63), this occurs five times from August, 2017 to May, 2019. Neptune is associated with belief systems, which Uranus happily revolutionizes. It's all part of the plan to move us from the Age of Pisces (ruled by Neptune) into the Age of Aquarius (ruled by Uranus), as we release a need to be told what to believe and embrace worship of knowledge and science. This will also be a significant for battling religious extremism and developing alternative energy sources (Uranus rules electricity).

Jupiter brings a calming overtone as it travels through middle-of-the-road, harmonious Libra, until October. This is a good period for improving personal relationships, aside from the T-square

mentioned above. The latter part of the year is rockier after Jupiter moves into Scorpio, a sign of extremes also related to economics. The influence of stable Saturn in the sign ruled by Jupiter, Sagittarius, may quell volatile tendencies in the markets. These two are in a counterbalancing semisquare off and on from December, 2017 through September, 2018.

Lovers will experience ups and down as Venus backslides this spring, partly in self-oriented Aries and partly in self-sacrificing Pisces. Aggression alternates between being overt and passive. Two hard times stand out. First is 4/9 through 4/14 when Mercury is also Retrograde, a rare occurrence that confuses communication. (This coincides with the troublesome 4/11 Full Moon noted earlier and the tax deadline. Don't wait to the last minute to prepare your return.) The second instance comes as Venus exits its backtracking range and lines up across from Jupiter on 5/19.

Saturn moves through Sagittarius for most of 2017. It pushes us to corral things into place; however, Sagittarius is a sign of spreading out, so we get mixed messages. On 12/20, Saturn enters Capricorn, the sign it rules. Saturn only visits there for about 2-1/2 years out of its 30-year circuit around the zodiac. It's time to get things shipshape and set new foundations. Important events and developments occur when planets are at 0° of the season-changing signs. Saturn at the first degree (0°) of Capricorn at the winter solstice gives the far-reaching impact of this position a long-lasting effect through the entire season.

In numerology, 2017 is a 1 year:  $2 + 0 + 1 + 7 = 10$ ;  $1 + 0$  reduces to a 1; OR  $20$  plus  $17$  ( $20 + 17 = 37 = 3 + 7 = 10$ ). A 20 always signals a turning point (so we're in a century of changes!) and the  $1 + 7 (= 8)$  has to do with money and power. A "1" year offers the opportunity to set intentions for the new 9-year cycle that begins then. We have more power and a surge of confidence to move forward. Numerologist Sally Faubion contends, "We're in a shift to higher consciousness and the reason there's so much negativity evident now is because the light is shining brighter than before and showing the darkness. Any year that includes a 7 brings a shift, followed by wisdom."

**May you emerge from the shifts of 2017 with wisdom!**

***Yours in the stars,  
Janet Booth***

Times of highest stress and greatest ease are identified and explained throughout Janet's Plan-its.

# USING THIS PLANNER

Interpretations in this planner are based on solid astrological theories, but how a day affects your chart and your life can be different than its general nature suggests. For your most important activities (business start-ups, major purchases, marriage, surgery, etc.), it's always recommended to consult an astrologer.

Like a "cosmic weather report," this calendar applies to everyone, regardless of zodiac sign. Whatever your level of astrological knowledge, there's guidance here for you. Just by reading the weekly pages, you're using astrology to your advantage. There are tools galore to explore further, as well, but don't feel you must tap them all. What follows explains the resources available to you here.

Astrology helps us make better-informed selections. It offers an educated hypothesis about the future based on similar conditions in the past. This isn't easy since planetary patterns never repeat exactly and each astrological indication can express in a multitude of ways. All planets and signs have positive and negative potentials. Rather than letting the planets have their way with you, put their energies to work and keep them busy in a manner of your preference. Get in the driver's seat and steer!

*Janet's Plan-its™ Celestial Planner* lists the generic nature of astrological occurrences and possibilities the planets present. As the planets and signs are mentioned, you can use the Keywords on pp. 106-107 (or consult other sources) to arrive at your own speculations in addition to what is presented in this calendar. Some days, the influences apply to your life noticeably. Other times, you may see the described situations happening around

you but not to you. When a day doesn't sound so nice, it doesn't mean you're doomed to have a bad experience. The message is a warning to watch out for difficult behavior in others and to monitor your own. This is just information to help you on your journey through life.

To determine your individual impact, consult your natal chart, determined by your exact date, time and place of birth. It's more accurate than any astrology calendar can be, though *Janet's Plan-its™* is the next best thing. You could order a report that shows the links to your chart from the moving planets ("transits") and interprets these for you. To look for connections to your chart on your own, see *Making It Personal* (p. 4). You might also want to learn to read an ephemeris (p. 64).

If you want to understand astrological conditions, learn about "aspects" (see the Keywords). They are spatial relationships connecting planets for varying periods of time. How to Read an Ephemeris describes how aspects are determined. Aspects are most potent when exact and still effectual when close to precise in a range of influence called "orb." They may be described as "tight" (close to exact) or as "loose" or "wide" (almost out of orb). Aspects lie at the heart of astrological forecasting. Even the brief aspects made by the Moon play a key role in astrology.



The Moon orbits the earth (and thus circles the zodiac from our viewpoint) in about 27 days. A New Moon happens as the Moon passes the Sun, beginning a new cycle that takes on the flavor of the factors present at that moment, extending their sway over the next four weeks. Since the Sun is also in motion, it takes the Moon 29-30 days to pass the Sun again. Their cycle crests at the halfway point, which is the Full Moon. It marks a peak of awareness and often the culmination of a process or trend. Like a New Moon, the effects of a Full Moon are modified by conditions occurring then. The Full Moon's influence starts two or three days before and extends two or three days beyond the date it's exact (or much longer in the case of an eclipse). Eclipses are stronger versions of New and Full Moons. New and Full Moons are mentioned in the Highlights of the weeks when they occur and are discussed in depth in the Star Pages. Energy shifts at Quarter Moons, which are times to turn a corner. Both types require decisions: at a First Quarter Moon, rely on instincts; at the Third Quarter, let experience and information guide you.

Every two to three days, the Moon changes the sign through which it travels, which gives a general indication of moods, behavior and circumstances (see p. 72). The planner's weekly pages tell you the Moon's position as each day starts and exactly when it changes sign, if it does so that day. If the Moon begins a condition called Void of Course, that time is also listed (see next page).

The amount of the Sun's light that the Moon reflects back to earth increases from New Moon to Full Moon (waxing phase), then decreases until the next New Moon (waning phase). Every day, *Janet's Plan-its™* shows what the Moon looks like in its current phase. If you want growth in an activity, begin it during the waxing phase (also see the dates for new ventures on the Best/Worst List, p. 105). Continue ongoing activities any time. A natural use of the Moon's cycle is to complete projects during the waxing phase. If there's something you want to decrease, begin it during the waning phase. For example, hair shouldn't grow as quickly after a haircut then, and surgery to remove a tumor or reduce tissue is better during the waning phase.

The lunar cycle consists of eight phases, which relate to stages of your life and can be used for timing rituals. Guest writer, Maria Kay Simms, a Wicca High Priestess and professional astrologer, details these on pp. 96-97. Groups of four related moon phases across periods of 2-1/4 years describe developments in the stories of our lives, according to astrologer Dietrech Pessin, who noticed these patterns and named the phenomenon "moon families." Check her tables for 2017 on p. 71. Degrees where New and Full Moons occur get into a groove and repeat from sign to sign for six months or so in "Moon Grooves," Janet's discovery and term. (Read about them and see the current grooves in 2017 On a Page, p. 62.)

*Don't be caught unaware – read ahead at least a couple weeks in advance.*

**Adjust for Your Time Zone:** Pacific (P) and Eastern (E) zones are listed, adjusted for Daylight Saving Time. For Atlantic, add one hour to Eastern. For Central, subtract one hour from Eastern. For Mountain, add one hour to Pacific. A (P) time may seem earlier than an (E) time, but they're the same moment in different zones, possibly on different days!

**Moon Void of Course:** Every two or three days, there's a period lasting from minutes to hours (sometimes more than a day) when the Moon nears the end of a sign and its motivating energy ebbs. Continue ongoing endeavors or complete projects but avoid major purchases or new initiatives after the time listed for the Moon becoming Void until after the Moon enters the next sign.

**Day Ratings:** Each day is rated as to the stress or ease that the planets present us. A **1** is most difficult; a **5** is smoothest. There aren't many **5**s. It's much more likely for a day to be challenging than stress-free! The rating is the number next to the abbreviation for the day of the week (**MO** = Monday, **TU** = Tuesday, etc.). Powerful days (marked **P**) are potent but not necessarily easy, just a stronger version of that day's rating.

**Weekly Highlights:** These are a must read each week! In fact, read ahead to be prepared for challenging periods.

**2017 On a Page:** : See important information (pp. 62-63) about periods when planets appear to move backward, an optical illusion called Retrograde. There's also a list of the year's New and Full Moon dates and their zodiac degrees. 2018 data is on pp. 94-95.

**Retrogrades:** Try not to start anything new during Mercury Retrograde (days marked **MR**). If you must take action, be careful with all information exchanges, allow extra time to arrive for appointments and read contracts carefully before signing. When Venus is Retrograde (days marked **VR**), challenges arise in relationships or finances. We may have to repeat lessons or re-do activities in these areas. Recommendations for other planets' Retrograde periods are included in the Star Pages.

**Star Pages:** A star ★ on a daily line guides you to the Star Pages (pp. 76-87) for interpretations and details about timing. Even if you don't understand the astrological terms, read the English parts of the explanations.

**Planning with the Planets:** When scheduling important activities, aim for days rated **4** or **5** and avoid **1** or **2** ratings. Stay clear of days when a planet changes direction (shown on p. 63). See Best and Worst Days for various activities (pp. 101-105). Check daily messages and weekly Highlights for times that sound good for your plans. Avoid the Moon Void of Course (see above). For a complete picture of a given day, read earlier in the Star Pages to find what's in effect then. (You may need to go back several months or see *As 2017 Begins* (p. 73) Realize that even a **4** or **5** day may not be great if it's during Mercury or Venus Retrograde (see above).

### Activities Associated with the Planets:

- **Moon:** spend time with family, do something for your home or décor, enjoy cooking or eating
- **Mercury:** make a decision, initiate an important communication, teach, learn
- **Venus:** handle relationship or monetary matters, be with loved ones, treat yourself to something special, make a purchase
- **Sun:** shine, enjoy the spotlight, lead, create, entertain, play, bring out your "inner child," be with children
- **Mars:** do something physical, be assertive, compete, watch out for anger or pushiness, take action
- **Ceres:** nurture yourself or others, garden, commune with nature, enjoy the fruits of your labors
- **Jupiter:** travel, share your ideas, contact those at a distance, handle legal matters
- **Saturn:** get organized, write goals, act with authority, attend to your career
- **Uranus:** bring out your uniqueness, do something different or inventive, help people
- **Neptune:** rest, pray, meditate, spend time in the water (including hot tubs, pools), volunteer
- **Pluto:** release something, clean out closets, attend to investments, enjoy sensuality
- **Eris:** stand up for yourself, confront the competition, make waves, deal with discord or disorder

*If you're working with your chart:*

- **Ascendant:** (1st House cusp) blow your own horn, seek attention, get a new outfit or hairdo
- **Midheaven:** (MC) (10th House cusp) meet with your boss, go on an interview, enhance your reputation

**Your Birthday Influences:** Conditions present at your birthday affect you from three months before until nine months after, when your next birthday's factors kick in. Read the Highlights and Star Pages for the week of your birthday. Check the closest prior New Moon. Look at the daily message for your birthday and the day before and after. A **4** or **5** rating signals an upbeat year; a **1** or **2** shows an uphill battle. See if your birthday is on the Best and Worst list.

**For Your Health:** Guest writer, Medical Astrologer Diane Cramer, contributes an examination (p. 99) of astrological associations with anatomy and affiliated conditions, along with ideas regarding good health for each sign.

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### Use the following tools and tips to delve more deeply into Janet's Plan-its:

Following the weekly Highlights, the Details of the week's planetary activities are provided for astrologically inclined readers. Daily messages take these into account and some are explained in the Highlights or the Star Pages.

**If you have your birth chart:** Read *Making It Personal* (p. 4). If your chart has degrees (+ or - 2°) listed on 2017 On a Page (p. 63) for planets' directional changes and the New and Full Moons, see the interpretations in the Star Pages. If your chart's degrees are involved in the aspects listed in the Star Pages, the phenomena will apply directly to you.

**Ephemeris:** This table (pp. 65-70) shows the planets' daily zodiac positions and other astrological data useful for seeing when planets connect to your chart. It might look intimidating, but there are instructions on p. 64 to guide you.





Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.

Oprah Winfrey

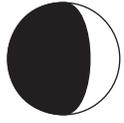
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Moon in Aquarius Void (P) • Void 2:59 am (E)  
Moon enters Pisces 1:57 am (P), 4:57 am (E)

**02 MO 2 MR ★**

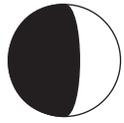
Our vision of the future is dampened (at least to a degree) by malaise and aversion to the hard work required to rise to our highest potential. A little shock acts as stimulation.



Moon in Pices

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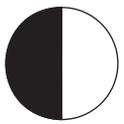
Hard edges soften when we look through a sympathetic lens. People reach out to one another with offers of assistance. Tonight, though, the cold shoulder might return.



Moon in Pisces • Void 8:14 am (P), 11:14 am (E)  
Moon enters Aries 8:20 am (P), 11:20 am (E)

**04 WE 1 MR ★**

A shift in outlook restores levity and attempts to put suffering in the rear view mirror. An energetic afternoon is productive for anyone in the mood to do what needs to be done.

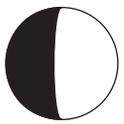


Moon in Aries • First Quarter Moon

**05 TH 1 MR**

We're antsy and anxious, feeling pressured by obligations that impose on our autonomy. This evening is not restful; our blood continues to boil, to our detriment.

**Twelfth Night**

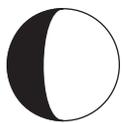


Moon in Aries • Void 10:41 am (P), 1:41 pm (E)  
Moon enters Taurus 12:18 pm (P), 3:18 pm (E)

**06 FR 3 MR**

Insecurity or uncertainty mars the morning, then disappears like a fog lifting, replaced by affectionate support and quiet self-assurance. We hail what and whom we value.

**Epiphany**

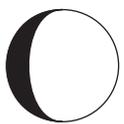


Moon in Taurus • Void 6:23 pm (P), 9:23 pm (E)

**07 SA 4 MR**

Slow and steady wins the race and we enjoy our leisurely pace as we proceed with grace. We're thorough, too, not just scratching the surface but going long and deep.

**Orthodox Christmas**



Moon Void in Taurus  
Moon enters Gemini 2:06 pm (P), 5:06 pm (E)

**08 SU 1 ★**

In our heart of hearts, we're connected to the greater whole. But right in front of us, there's a disconnect. We feel isolated, excluded, judged – or actually, misjudged.

## JANUARY 02 - 08, 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

As a new year begins, we want to clear the deck and start fresh. At the very least, it's a new fiscal period, a chance to modify budgets. The planets push us in that regard from the get-go Monday morning. There's a desire to reach completion and then round the bend in another direction, signaled by the planet of personal finances entering a different sign early Tuesday. Our feelings impact monetary decisions more than usual in the coming month. By Thursday, we run into a hitch regarding investments, taxes, insurance, inheritance or joint money matters. This is not the day to get locked into commitments. Careful investigation presents more reliable information than emotion-based choices offer. Saturday, we're well-grounded and focused on figuring out what's what but our thinking is still not totally trustworthy. Mercury is motionless, returning to forward movement Sunday. Accordingly, we would be smart to still our minds and wait. We may not be able to, though; an unexpected situation Sunday demands attention and a judgment made then comes under scrutiny next Tuesday or Wednesday. We'd prefer the easy way out but that's probably not best in the long haul. Relationship

matters run on a treadmill similar to finances, with uncomfortable question marks or unsettled and unsettling conditions. So much is in flux! Maturity and experience can keep us from going too far afield, although these are tested at the First Quarter Moon midday Thursday, when we wish we could just take off and flee. By Sunday evening, we settle down, but only a little. It still seems like there's another shoe about to drop.

**Details:** Monday (P)/Tuesday (E) Venus enters Pisces; Tuesday Mercury sextile Venus; Wednesday Mercury enters re-Sagittarius; Wednesday (P)/Thursday (E) Venus semisquare Pluto; Saturday Sun conjunct Pluto; Sunday Mercury turns Direct, Venus semisquare Uranus, Venus opposite North Node & conjunct South Node

**FEBRUARY**

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# January

Chaos reigns from morning until night and we feel too scattered to respond well. Some people demand more than their share of attention while others are overly obliging.

Moon in Gemini

★ 1 MO 09



A strong independent streak finds each pursuing his own agenda and little cooperation in sight. Communication is over the top. There's too much information to process.

Moon in Gemini • Void 1:38 pm (P), 4:38 pm (E)  
Moon enters Cancer 2:49 pm (P), 5:49 pm (E)

1 TU 10



Energy levels are high, commitment is strong and we're motivated to make progress – if crazy circumstances don't circumvent us. Thinking outside the box yields answers.

Moon in Cancer

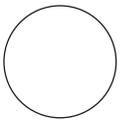
3 WE 11



Take a few minutes this morning to review goals to stay on track during this distracting day. Sympathy and creativity abound. Find ways to put them to use in a practical way.

Moon in Cancer • Full Moon (Wolf Moon) • Void 3:34 am (P), 6:34 am (E)  
Moon enters Leo 4:08 pm (P), 7:08 pm (E)

★ P 1 TH 12

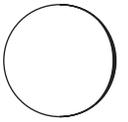


**Mahayana (Buddhist New Year)**

Seek joy to make it through this low-energy day with little stimulation and a modicum of stress. Responsibilities press on us early. By bedtime, we're apt to be mentally drained.

Moon in Leo

★ 1 FR 13



**Friday the Thirteenth**

Morning offers a chance for fun or productivity for those so inclined or obligated. Later, we find backing is lacking, shoulders are cold and judgments or egotism frost the air.

Moon in Leo • Void 7:17 am (P), 10:17 am (E)  
Moon enters Virgo 7:52 pm (P), 10:52 pm (E)

3 SA 14



People seem not to care but it could just be that they're really busy and wrapped up in their own concerns. Still, rejection stings. And there might be some criticism thrown in.

Moon in Virgo

★ P 1 SU 15



**World Religion Day (Baha'i)**

## JANUARY 09 - 15 HIGHLIGHTS

The peak of a lunar cycle is enough of an emotional crest. Do we really need a further helping of sentimentality the same day? Evidently, since that's what being served. The Full Moon Thursday morning [3:34 am (P), 6:34 am (E)] is followed that afternoon by a pairing of the planets of love and empathy in the sappy sign of Pisces. Get your hankie ready. On the plus side, this combo is great for imagination and the arts as well as spiritual pursuits and volunteering for a cause. The energy is best utilized early Wednesday when the Moon provides a pleasant push (and a dream might offer a great idea). The more prominent influences of the week center on issues of care and nurturance and are ensconced in a haze of confusion or doubt. We're not sure who is in our corner or whom we should support. Our outlook is self-oriented – in some cases, selfish or perhaps simply self-absorbed. We're more interested in taking care of Numero Uno than worrying about another's plight. This could be necessary as part of a survival strategy and shows up strongest on Thursday and over the weekend. Relationships take hits throughout the week, with the scales tipped Monday, adding to the Self vs. Other(s) struggle. Our desire for control, at least of ourselves, is jarred Tuesday, improves Wednesday (the lone semi-decent day all week), only to

slip again Saturday and Sunday. We may be pushing ourselves too hard. To avoid burning out, find time for extra rest over the weekend. Recently, we had a chance to look through a wide-angle lens and now we can see things more realistically and figure out how to proceed.

**Details:** Monday Eris turns Direct, Venus sesquiquadrate Jupiter; Tuesday Venus semisquare Eris, Sun square Uranus, Sun sesquiquadrate North Node & semisquare South Node; Tuesday/Wednesday Mars sextile Pluto; Wednesday Saturn trine Eris, Sun sextile Chiron, North Node sesquiquadrate Uranus & South Node semisquare Uranus, Sun square Jupiter; Wednesday (P)/Thursday (E) Venus semisquare Ceres; Thursday Sun square Eris, Mercury re-enters Capricorn, Venus conjuncti Neptune; Saturday Sun square Ceres, Sun semisquare Neptune; Sunday Ceres semisquare Neptune

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SG	Sagittarius
CP	Capricorn
AQ	Aquarius
PI	Pisces

## RETROGRADE MOTION

As the earth spins, the signs along the zodiac belt and the planets appear to move east to west hour by hour. But over time, the planets move through the signs west to east. The Moon takes two to three days to traverse a sign while Neptune and Pluto take over a decade! Each planet (other than the Sun or Moon) appears to stop and reverse its direction from time to time. This is an optical illusion called "Retrograde" motion. Later, it stops a second time and resumes forward (Direct) motion. It hangs out longer at the degrees of these stopping points, called "stations." When that planet, or even another planet, later makes connections ("aspects") to the station degrees, issues that emerged during that Retrograde period are re-visited. Matters associated with the planet are more difficult during a Retrograde and more intense at stations.

Planets move through the Retrograde range three times. First they proceed forward through the range of degrees where the backtracking will occur. This is called the entry "shadow" (shaded on the graph). Next, they back up over that degree range in the Retrograde portion of the cycle (marked in black on the graph). Finally, they go forward again through the backtracking range in the exit "shadow" (shaded). Related events can occur during these three phases. We don't feel the effect of the shadows as much as we do the Retrograde, but may sense a slow-down at stations.

Many people keep an eye out for the Retrograde of Mercury since it's linked to mix-ups in all forms of communication and local transportation. Anything begun then (or in the entry shadow) is subject to mistakes or revisions. A safer time for contracts, major decisions or beginning new activities is when Mercury is not in the entry shadow or Retrograde. There's less likelihood for revision later for activities initiated during the exit shadow.

Looking at the 2017 Retrograde graph, you can see there is usually one planet (or more) in Retrograde motion. Shadows are always in progress, which is typical. Times of "least resistance" are when no heavenly bodies are Retrograde. This happens for almost a month early in 2017, from 1/9 to 2/5. Only one planet is Retrograde 1/8 and 2/6-3/3. Two are Retrograde 1/1-1/7, 3/4-4/5 and 6/9-6/15. At all other times, three or more are Retrograde. The highest numbers are seven 8/13-8/24 and six 8/3-8/1 and 9/5-9/28. (These numbers include Eris, not shown on the graph.) Progress is impeded more when more planets are Retrograde.

Check to see if any of the station degrees makes a strong connection to your chart (within a couple degrees of being exact). In such a case, the entire time frame of the Retrograde will present challenges for the part of your life related to the affected item(s) in your chart. This is most noticeable for a few days around the time of the station as well as around the time the associated shadow begins or ends, when the planet is also at the station degree (by definition). For example, if you have a natal planet around 19° of any of the four Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn), Pluto has your planet in its sites. On 4/20/17, Pluto turns Retrograde at 19°24' Capricorn. That degree resonates again when the shadow ends there on 1/19/18. Pluto's mission of major transformation will work on the house matters where your natal planet is positioned. It will also affect the affairs of the house which your natal planet impacts by virtue of ruling the sign on the house cusp.

## MOON GROOVES

New and Full Moon degrees repeat for about six months, moving through consecutive signs. (I coined the term "moon groove" for this phenomenon.) The next six months or so, the position of each New and Full Moon decreases one to two degrees per month until the next groove ensues.

New Moons occur within one degree of 7-8° of the signs from September 2016 through March 2017. Full Moons are within one degree of 22° from October 2016 through April 2017. In the next groove, New Moons occur within one degree of 26° of the signs from September 2017 through April 2018 and Full Moons are within one degree of 11° from October 2017 through March 2018.

If you have a planet in your birth chart at a moon groove degree, it receives extra attention during a groove period. If it's accentuated by New Moons, take new action in the area of your life represented by that planet. If Full Moons spotlight your natal planet, matters culminate in a big way over several months regarding the affairs of that planet. In interpreting effects, consider your birth planet's sign, house and aspects. If a New or Full Moon falls on your birthday, that's important, especially if it's within the period of a moon groove.

For descriptions of planets, signs and aspects, see Keywords (pp. 106-107).

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	MERCURY	VENUS	MARS	CERES	JUPITER	SATURN	CHIRON	URANUS	NEPTUNE	PLUTO	MOON PHASES
<b>JANUARY</b>	R 12/19/16 15°08' CP D 1/8 28°51' SG E 1/27 15°08' CP	B 1/30 26°55' PI		D 12/9/16 21°8' AR	B 11/10/16 13°13' LI	B 12/30/16 21°11' SG	D 12/1/16 20°40' PI	D 12/29/16 20°33' AR	D 11/19/16 9°14' PI	B 12/29/16 16°51' CP (next R shadow) E 1/16 17°29' CP (prior R shadow)	E = ECLIPSE Full 1/12 22°27' CN New 1/27 8°15' AQ
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				E 2/22 5°24' TA	R 2/6 23°8' LI				B 2/23 11°28' PI (next R shadow)		Full 2/10 22°28' LE New 2/26 8°12' PI
<b>MARCH</b>		R 3/4 13°9' AR	M A R S				B 3/8 24°19' PI (next R shadow) E 3/24 25°15' PI (prior R shadow)		E 3/10 12°2' PI (prior R shadow)		Full 3/12 22°13' VI New 3/27 7°37' AR
<b>APRIL</b>	B 3/27 24°16' AR R 4/9 4°51' TA	D 4/15 26°55' PI	D O E S			R 4/6 27°48' SG		E 4/14 24°30' AR B 4/15, 24°34' AR		R 4/20 19°24' CP	Full 4/11 21°33' LI New 4/26 6°27' TA
<b>MAY</b>	D 5/3 24°16' AR E 5/20 4°51' TA	E 5/18 13°9' AR	N O T								Full 5/10 20°24' SC New 5/25 4°47' GE
<b>JUNE</b>			R E T R O G R A D E		D 6/9 13°13' LI					R 6/16 14°16' PI	Full 6/9 18°53' SG New 6/23 2°47' CN
<b>JULY</b>							R 7/1 28°52' PI				Full 7/9 17°9' CP New 7/23 0°44' LE
<b>AUGUST</b>	B 7/24 28°25' LE R 8/12 11°38' VI		I N			D 8/25 21°11' SG		R 8/3 28°32' AR			Full 8/7 15°25' AQ New 8/21 28°53' LE
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	D 9/5 28°25' LE E 9/19 11°38' VI		2 0 1 7		E 9/6 23°8' LI					D 9/28 16°51' CP	Full 9/6 13°53' PI New 9/20 27°27' VI
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Dates based on Eastern Time Zone			B 10/7 4°44' LE							Full 10/5 12°43' AR New 10/19 26°35' LI
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	B 11/14 13°0' SG R 12/3 29°18' SG									D 11/22 11°28' PI	Full 11/4 11°59' TA New 11/18 26°19' SC
<b>DECEMBER</b>	D 12/22 13°0' SG E 1/10/18 29°18' SG			R 12/16 18°12' LE D 3/19/18 4°44' LE	B 12/12 13°21' SC R 3/8/18 23°13' SC	E 12/1 27°48' SG	D 12/5, 24°19' PI E 3/28/18 28°52' PI	D 1/2/18 24°34' AR	E 3/13/18 14°16' PI	B 12/30 18°45' CP (next R shadow) E 1/19/18 19°24' CP (prior R shadow)	Full 12/3 11°40' GE New 12/18 26°31' SG

The shadows of Chiron, Neptune and Pluto overlap, creating brief double shadows (darker shading). Eris has overlapping shadows, as well. Eris begins 2017 Retrograde, turning Direct 1/9 at 22°32' AR. It has overlapping shadows from 3/1 to 5/28 between 22°46' AR and 23°38' AR, turning Retrograde 7/20 at 23°52' AR. It next turns Direct 1/10/18 at 22°46' AR.

# 2017 STAR PAGES Chronological Entries

## Late DECEMBER, 2016

★ **19 Mercury turns Retrograde (15°8' CP)** Direct since 9/22/16; Retrograde until 1/08/17] If you're not familiar with Mercury Retrograde, read the article in the Study Booth at AstrologyBooth.com to get an idea of what to anticipate and watch out for. The range of degrees where Mercury backtracks stretches from the middle of Capricorn down to the final degrees of Sagittarius. Mercury doesn't quite reach Pluto before turning tail and that may mean we don't put ourselves through intense mental gymnastics and change our minds again and again. When Mercury is Direct again and clears the Retrograde range, it does catch up with Pluto and we'll get better organized then.

★ **21 Winter Solstice** See Seasonal Synopses. **Sun enters Capricorn** [until 1/19/17] A focus on work and career, coupled with conscientious effort, helps us achieve goals and win appreciation on the job. We care what people think about us and strive to maintain a good reputation.

★ **24-31 Half Kite (and more)** (A "Half Kite" is not an official name of a pattern in astrology but that's what this triangle is, in essence: an opposition joining three sextiles that overlap in two trines. The "and more" refers to Chiron connecting with all the players in the Half Kite.) Several slow planets are at 20° of various signs and already interconnected as quick Venus hits 20° and rings their chimes. Jupiter is opposite Uranus (exact 12/26), while Saturn is trine Uranus (exact 12/24) and nearly sextile Jupiter (close now but not exact until 8/27/17). On 12/25, Venus aspects all three, as well as making a semisextile to Chiron, which is square Saturn (exact 12/28), quincunx Jupiter (exact 12/31) and semisextile Uranus (exact 12/10). Things are crazy but mostly in a good way, just a lot going on. There's plenty of cooperation when working toward shared goals, especially if roles are clearly defined and nobody is assigned an unfair or unachievable portion.

★ **24 Saturn (20°33' SG) trine Uranus (20°33' AR)** [again 5/18/17 (P), 5/19/17 (E) & 11/11/17] The current cycle between these two began in 1988 in late degrees of Sagittarius, almost a complete Saturn cycle ago. Our lives have changed exponentially since then, in social matters (such as greater acceptance of non-mainstream lifestyles) and equipment we use every day (household gadgets, personal high-tech devices and the like). Uranus rules modern inventions and computers while Saturn is the natural business planet. Their interaction affects technological developments and high tech companies. Practical ingenuity is in the air. Sagittarius is a sign related to long distance communication, the internet and foreign affairs. Expect some leaps and bounds in these arenas. In personal relationships, people want a more loosely defined commitment without constraining restrictions.

Merry Christmas and Happy Yule from the planets, which harmonize nicely on the holiday!

★ **25 Venus (20°24' AQ) trine Jupiter (20°24' LI)** Everyone is friendly, though some may seem only superficially so, without a deep underlying warmth. Others may have a wandering eye. Fiscal matters receive a boost.

★ **25 Venus (20°33' AQ) sextile Uranus (20°33' AR)** Social interactions go smoothly, including in groups or organizations. There could be a change of plans – for the better. Some people will have an agreeable turn of events financially or find a great buy when shopping.

★ **25 Venus (20°39' AQ) sextile Saturn (20°39' SG)** Normally these two in a positive connection promote deepening of relationships. However, both are in very independent signs. Thus a little breathing room in relationships is appreciated. When maturity and respect are present, time apart won't hurt a bond.

★ **26 Tough triangle between Mars, Jupiter and Uranus** Venus is not the only planet to link to the Jupiter-Uranus opposition (see 12/25); Mars does, as well, but not so pleasantly

**Mars (5°33' PI) sesquiquadrate Jupiter (20°33' LI)**  
**Mars (5°33' PI) semisquare Uranus (20°33' AR)**

On the very day the Jupiter-Uranus opposition is exact, Mars shows up on the scene to stir up tempers. This is not a good combination for international relations, signified by Jupiter (the planet of foreign matters) in Libra (the sign of treaties and partnering). A sense of suffering at the hands of others may only be imagined but feels quite real. It helps to go out of one's way to be considerate, using kid gloves if necessary. There is high accident potential with this combination, or on a lesser scale, klutziness. Precautions are in order, including slowing down and being mindful.

★ **26 Jupiter (20°33' LI) opposite Uranus (20°33' AR)** [again 3/02/17 & 9/27/17 (P), 9/28/17 (E)] (See Long-term Influences.) Foreign relations are apt to be tense, as are any relationships! A strong urge to walk in another's shoes bumps heads with an equally robust desire to do one's own thing. Some people want to get along peacefully while others are pushing buttons left and right.

★ **28 Saturn (21°1' SG) square Chiron (21°1' PI)** [again 4/30/17 & 11/02/17] Establishing viable means of assisting those who are suffering takes extra time and effort. Situations requiring repair or improvement could go unnoticed and unattended until the problems are so evident they can't be missed. It may be that people are just busy being ambitious or conscientious. When sympathy is finally offered, help may come with strings attached.

★ **28 (P), 28 (E) New Moon (7°59' CP)** A New Moon in Capricorn generally promotes order and progress, but the Moon and Sun are only a degree away from Retrograde Mercury. Even after Mercury turns Direct 1/08, a hangover effect remains until the next New Moon on 1/28, just as Mercury exits its Retrograde "shadow." Something must be reviewed and revised before we go forward. All three are sextile Mars, ordinarily putting a fire under our butts. However, Mars is sandwiched between the South Node (see 12/27) and Neptune (see 12/31), contributing to backsliding. With so many abrasive connections, complex and difficult circumstances are bound to occur. In addition, Ceres, Eris and Uranus are drawn into the fray, semisquare the South Node-Mars-Neptune trio. These

factors increase interpersonal friction and pose challenges to being charitable or service-minded. The Jupiter-Uranus opposition (exact 12/26) creates a nasty T-square with Pluto in Cardinal signs. This spurs action and requires decisions, possibly split-second. In December 2016 and January 2017, Ceres is again where it was at last summer's solstice. It provides a more positive avenue of expression for the Uranus-Eris conjunction, which on its own might act primarily as a shocking alarm clock (see 12/31). This trio could bring about important developments in agriculture, in the electricity and power industry, or for women and families.

★ **29 Uranus (20°33' AR) turns Direct** Retrograde since 7/29; Direct until 8/02/17 - 8/03/17] The past five months, we've turned inward to seek a spark for self-development. While Uranus is Direct, our uniqueness is recognized and promoted by others. When Uranus is Retrograde, we sometimes rebel against our own advice to ourselves. When it's in forward motion, we're more likely to revolt against other people's orders.

★ **31 Ceres (22°32' AR) conjunct Eris (22°32' AR)** Fearless autonomy cultivates confidence and individuality. Women support one another in their drive for self-expression and self-determination.

★ **31 Jupiter (21°5' LI) quincunx Chiron (21°5' PI)** [again 2/14/17 & 9/23/17] (Only the third occurrence of this aspect is involved in a Finger of God.) People want to be there for each other but the way they go about it is awkward. Using diplomacy and tact would be wise since even kind words can be misinterpreted as pity or an insult.

★ **31 (P) Mars (9°44' PI) conjunct Neptune (9°44' PI)** See the first entry for 2017.

## JANUARY, 2017

★ **Dec 31, 2016 (P), Jan 01, 2017 (E) Mars (9°44' PI) conjunct Neptune (9°44' PI)** Mark Twain had the perfect motto for this aspect: "Do not put off until tomorrow what can be put off till day-after-tomorrow just as well." If inspired, you will take action, but it may not be directly aimed at a well-defined goal.

★ **2 (P), 3 (E) Venus enters Pisces** [until 2/03/17; again 4/02 - 4/28 due to retrogradation] We tend to daydream, perhaps about wealth or maybe a warm beach. Romantic fantasies are appealing while getting a realistic grip on relationships or finances is not easily achieved. Creative juices flow and we appreciate art, music, dance. We seek entertainment or other forms of escape.

★ **3 Mercury (0°31' CP) sextile Venus (0°31' PI)** (Mercury is at one of the four power degrees of the zodiac, promoting popularity, and the Moon is in the waxing phase. These are auspicious conditions for new ventures. Mercury rules commerce and Venus rules money, so a good aspect like this between them bodes well for businesses, although starting a new one isn't usually recommended during Mercury Retrograde.) Communication is smooth, with a blend of sympathy and practicality. If you need to "sweet talk" someone into giving you a "yes" answer, this is a good day to do so. Paint a pretty picture in words and be sure to point out how what you propose fits in with the other persons goals.

★ **4 Mercury re-enters Sagittarius** [until 1/12; before 11/12/16 - 12/02/16] (This visit occurs in two parts because Mercury returns here when Retrograde.) Minds are quick and intuition is strong, though our attention span may be shorter than usual. Reading and learning (perhaps a new language) are appealing. This doesn't have to mean books and the library; the internet is a rich source of information. Our mental energy may be scattered over the next week or so as Mercury comes to a halt in Sagittarius and turns Direct on 1/08.

★ **8 Mercury (28°51' SG) turns Direct** [Retrograde since 12/19/16; Direct until 4/09/17] When Mercury is in forward motion, we have an easier time getting our points across. Mercury is at a standstill and we feel like we're getting nowhere. It takes Mercury a few days to really get moving again. By the time it returns to Capricorn (on 1/12), it begins to pick up speed.

★ **9 Eris (22°32' AR) turns Direct** [Retrograde since 7/19/16; Direct until 7/20/17] There's likely to be more disorder and disruption when Eris is at a standstill for a couple weeks on either side of its change of direction. Once it's moving forward again, we're better able to assert our independence, handle disruptions and deal with competition.

★ **11 Saturn (22°32' SG) trine Eris (22°32' AR)** [again 6/24 & 10/16] Eris is generally more problematic in the "easy" aspects (trine and sextile) and Saturn isn't very firm in mutable Sagittarius. Saturn doesn't help us put up much resistance to the chaos or selfishness which Eris in Aries shoves in our face. Perhaps we laugh it off with Sagittarian humor. As for sticking to our philosophies and rules for our own behavior, discord could disrupt these.

★ **12 Full Moon (22°27' CN)** The Moon and Sun (naturally opposite at a Full Moon) square off precisely perpendicular to the Jupiter-Eris opposition (see 1/17), spotlighting its influence. Together, they all form a Grand Cross in Cardinal signs, a pattern that generally means action can't be avoided and decisions are thrust upon us. The Sun in Capricorn contributes common sense and the Moon in Cancer provides good gut instincts that we can trust. Since Jupiter in Libra contributes to indecisiveness, trying to figure things out using only logic would slow you down. Better to go with your first reaction than to waste precious time weighing and balancing options. Once again, Chiron runs interference by applying stimulation which is more positive in nature to the conflicting factors. It helps us see around barriers and find innovative solutions. Similarly, Saturn is also in soothing connections with the Grand Cross components and tries to put a lid on some of the mayhem that might otherwise arise. The South Node is precisely halfway between Pluto and the conjunction of Eris and Ceres (which was exact 12/31). Reproductive rights or techniques are likely to be in the news. People employ unusual ways to show they care and try to make a difference.

★ **12 Mercury re-enters Capricorn** [until 2/07; here before 12/02/16 - 1/04/17] Mercury in Capricorn usually means we think things through carefully, but not necessarily when it's Retrograde. Now that Mercury is Direct, we'll work on straightening out any messes that occurred the past several weeks. Go step by step and invest whatever time it takes to get everything in order.

# BEST AND WORST DAYS FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

**“Best” and “worst”** are relative terms. You might think of these dates as “better” or “worse” than other days of the year for the activities specified. In light of other factors in place, sometimes “best” is “as good as it gets,” which still may not be perfect. Every attempt was made to find at least one “best” and one “worst” for each month in each category.

To put a date into context or to select a particular part of a day, see the weekly Highlights, daily messages, and the Star Pages, including Mutual Receptions and planets Out of Bounds. You may also want to see 2017 On a Page (p. 63). As usual, take precautions when Mercury is Retrograde, especially for activities related to the activities associated with Gemini and Virgo, the signs ruled by Mercury. And of course you wouldn’t undertake important action when the Moon is Void. USING THIS CALENDAR explains Void Moons and what to consider if your birthday is on this list.

In many cases, only part of a day is better or worse for a type of activity. The parentheses after the date point you to morning (morn), afternoon (aft), evening (eve) or a

combination, such as morning and afternoon (morn & aft). “Worst” days are warnings that these activities are likely to run into problems if undertaken then. These time frames apply to time zones in North America, from Atlantic (one hour earlier than Eastern) to Pacific, and they take Daylight Saving Time into account. An asterisk (\*) alerts you to the Void Moon times on that day to avoid beginning something then. Ongoing activities are okay to continue during a Void Moon.

After the type of activity, the planets and signs associated with the arena are listed in brackets. If you know additional activities associated with these factors, these dates apply to them as well. (Also see Keywords, p. 100.)

See comments regarding NEW VENTURES at the end of this section.

For your most important activities, you may want to have an astrologer select an optimum time based on your personal birth chart – one of Janet Booth’s specialties! This list represents the next best alternative. No guarantees are implied, however.



♈♂ [Aries, Mars]

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES,  
SPORTS, COMPETITION,  
RISK-TAKING**

**BEST:** 1/21 (eve), 2/10 (aft & eve), 2/28, 3/18 (eve), 4/06 (aft), 4/12, 4/16, 4/17 (morn), 4/25 (morn & aft), 5/30 (eve), 6/01 (eve), 7/24 (aft & eve), 7/27 (eve), 8/12 (aft), 8/16 (aft), 8/30 (morn), 9/04 (eve), 10/01 (aft), 10/27 (morn), 11/21 (aft), 12/06 (eve), 12/08 (morn & aft), 1/06/18 (morn & aft), 1/08/18 (morn), 1/09/18 (aft & eve)

**WORST:** 1/09, 1/31 (aft & eve), 2/22, 2/26 (morn), 2/27, 3/04 (aft), 3/07 (eve), 3/08 (morn), 4/07, 4/18, 4/21 (aft & eve), 5/01, 5/04, 5/06, 5/08, 5/11, 5/16 (aft & eve), 5/23 (eve), 5/28 (eve), 6/02, 7/01, 7/09, 7/16, 7/26, 8/09, 9/05 (aft), 9/07, 9/08, 9/12 (morn), 9/17, 9/18 (morn & aft), 9/22 (morn), 9/24, 10/03 (aft & eve), 10/04 (morn & aft), 10/10 (morn), 10/11 (morn), 10/12 (morn & aft), 10/19, 11/01 (morn & aft), 11/12 (morn), 11/18 (aft & eve), 11/19, 11/27 (eve), 12/02, 12/03, 1/04/18 (eve), 1/05/18, 1/12/18



♉♀ [Taurus, Venus]

**FINANCES, PURCHASES,  
INVESTMENTS**

**BEST:** 1/03 (morn & aft), 1/06 (eve), 1/11 (morn), 1/20 (eve), 1/21 (morn), 2/04 (morn), 2/28, 3/02 (morn), 3/09 (aft & eve), 3/13 (morn & aft), 3/18 (eve), 3/21 (morn), 4/16 (eve), 5/05, 5/26 (aft), 6/10 (aft), 6/24 (eve), 7/27 (eve), 8/13 (morn), 9/10, 10/07 (eve), 10/17 (aft), 12/15 (morn & aft)\*, 12/28, 1/08/18 (morn), 1/09/18 (aft & eve)

**WORST:** 1/09, 1/26, 2/02, 2/03, 3/03, 3/04, 4/08, 4/09 (eve), 4/15, 5/19, 5/23 (eve), 5/25 (morn & aft), 5/28, 6/05, 6/19, 6/30, 7/01, 7/16, 7/17, 8/15, 9/05, 9/21 (morn), 9/29, 9/30, 10/05 (morn & aft), 10/10 (aft), 12/03, 12/09, 12/10, 12/25, 12/26, 1/12/18