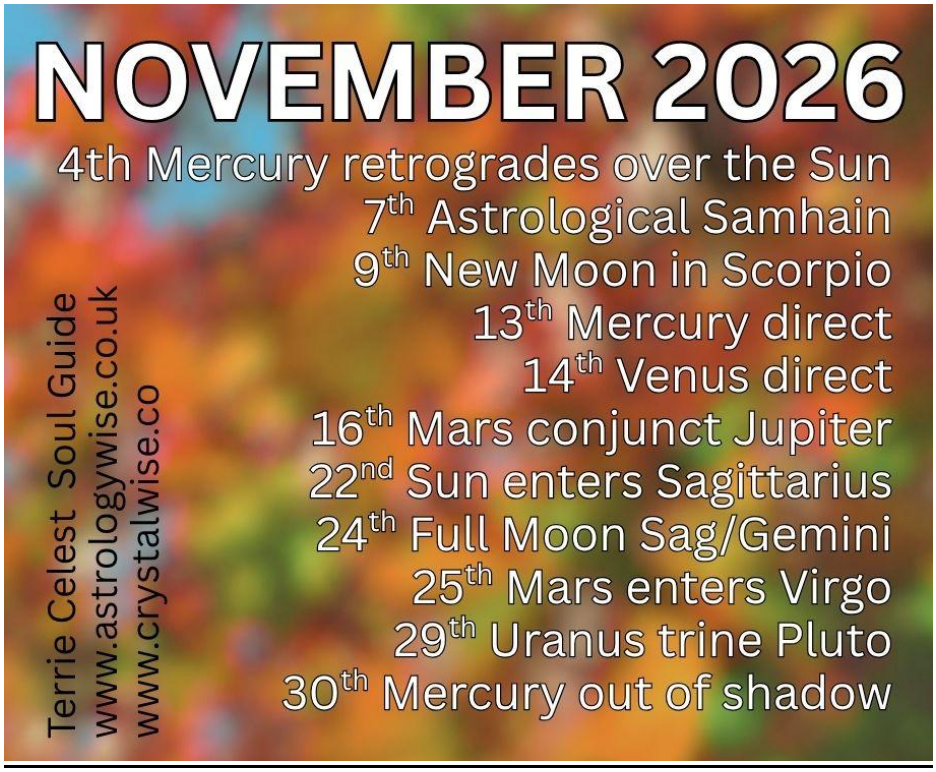
Astrology of November 2026

Overview of November 2026



Six planets are retrograde as we begin November but two of those, Mercury & Venus are faster moving, personal planets that are retrograde for weeks rather than months, & they go direct within hours of each other on 13th & 14th. These changes of direction start a sea-change & the sense of momentum beginning to build with an increasing air of optimism & they occur in the middle of a series of activations from a trio in Leo that are coming close & interact from 12th to 16th. Mars is the faster of the three & the activator, as it meets & passes Jupiter & the South Node, opposing the North Node.

October I called Scorpio season with Venus & Mercury retrograding there & the Sun joining them later in the month. That eased when Venus went back into Libra & whilst Scorpio remains the obvious influence up until 22nd when the Sun changes signs, this Leo trio is what we most need to be aware of in November,

Leo & Scorpio are both Fixed signs & square so the Sun then squares the Leo trio on 17th, 18th & 19th. So after a quiet first week, the period from the New Moon to the Full Moon is almost constant but evolving pressure & feels like a series of challenges & activations to crack open

any resistance to evolving, prising us out of our comfort zones & showing us how powerful we can be, in the best sense of the word.

On 4th Mercury retrogrades back over the Sun entering its deepest energies of the retrograde for its final 10 days. Astrological Samhain, the midway point between the Equinox & upcoming Solstice is on 7th & acts as a natural point to check-in, tweak our plans & adjust the sails for the next six weeks, if we aren't happy with progress or direction.

The only major sign change of the month comes from Mars leaving Leo & entering Virgo on 25th so it will be at 29° Leo at the Full Moon & for the three squares of the Sun on 24th & 25th. Its move into Virgo brings much needed Earth energy into the chart & one less Fire & adds practicality & will help us to take everyday steps forwards after all the activations.

A big, transformation energy is running in the background all month from the two planets of change Uranus & Pluto, & their second helpful trine is exact on 29th. This time Uranus is retrograde & Pluto is now direct.

The New Moon is on 9th & in Scorpio with a potentially helpful contact between Venus & Mars the next day. With so much going on in the two weeks after the energies could build quite dramatically & we need to harness them & take action, whilst seeing ourselves like water flowing around & over potential obstacles.

November's Full Moon is on 24th with the Sun in Sagittarius & the Moon in Gemini. 24th & 25th is when the Sun makes a series of contacts to Neptune, Pluto & Uranus, all whilst Mars is at 29° Leo although the sequence does finish with the best contact of the two weeks when Mars & Jupiter trine. All this energy needs to be positively harnessed & could propel us forward like rocket fuel! This Full Moon could show us opposing views with those we care about, setting the challenge as to how we find a way forwards without compromising our core values or inner truths.

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Daily astrology of November 2026

November begins with the waxing half Moon, marking the midway point between the Full Moon on 26th Oct & the upcoming New Moon on 9th & offers a testing point where any intentions we set can be reviewed & adjusted if necessary. Often, we realise that we need to adjust the sails & our thinking also, which is supported now by Mercury's retrograde.

Also on 1st the Scorpio Sun has a niggly contact with retrograde Saturn adding to the test & overall we are likely to be aware of what isn't working, what we feel is limiting us or dampening our spirit & enthusiasm. We have to be careful that we are not falling into old patterns of blaming outside circumstances or others for our perceived problems.

There is a strong spark of our Soul & our inner light needing to shine through & find its expression, wanting to be seen or noticed & whilst we do need to shine our light, it should never come from a place of needing others to see that. Conversely, we may feel a despair or despondency that we will never be seen for who we truly are, our talents or needs.

Being of the Highest Service means service from a place of joy, not from duty & it is willingly given with no attachment to the outcome, or whether others agree, approve or encourage us. Coming from the Heart, we know what is right & we just do it.

A need for approval or praise or a feeling of being overlooked usually has roots in our childhood so if we notice that driver at the steering wheel, it can reveal where to begin with healing & nurturing our inner child & seeing our own worth & value.

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Mercury passes back over the Sun on 4th & this marks a deepening of its retrograde as our inner dialogue ramps up for its last 10 days before going direct on 13th. Venus, which is also retrograde & started that in Scorpio but is now back in Libra, is also active & has a potentially helpful connection to Jupiter, which features strongly from 12th & is part of the Leo trio that are edging ever closer (they span just 6° at this point).

With the intensity of Scorpio that, at its worst, can take us beneath the surface & focus us to almost a degree of obsession, we will most definitely have to watch our thoughts & what is really bothering us. This

energy can get fixated on something, sometimes going down rabbit warrens trying to get to the bottom, to find the truth or the deepest recesses or can simply fix the mind on one subject. This is the opposite of a multitasking energy & one subject will dominate our minds & can be hard to loosen or let go of.

The Venus/Jupiter connection is where we can find some leeway & it has a much softer, gentler & open energy that can show us other possibilities, diplomacy rather than attack & can shine a light into any deep corners we could get stuck in. Rather than being all dark, it acts like the Sun's light still visible in the ocean & also serves to remind us that there is more than what we are getting entrenched in.

Venus is in her home sign of Libra & whilst she can become a people pleaser or overcompromising here, the strengths that can come to the fore & support us bring a balancing femininity where peace & harmony can counterbalance aggression & negative ego.

Whilst you might feel passionate about something, make sure that it doesn't become all consuming & that it truly reflects your inner values & that these are expressed with care, from the heart.

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Whilst Samhain is popularly celebrated on 31st October, the true astrological point, when the Sun reaches 15° of Scorpio, the midway point between the Equinox & the upcoming Solstice on 21st December occurs on 7th November & provides a natural point at which we can look back at the last 6 weeks, then forward again to see if we need to adjust our sails or even change our destination.

A little earlier & possibly felt building on 6th, Mercury & Saturn have a niggly connection, the second of three due to Mercury's retrograde. The first was on 9th October with Mercury direct, now it is retrograde & the final pass on 20th of the month is when Mercury is direct again, but all three have Saturn retrograde. Check back to that first date for clues as to how this might have shown up for you personally.

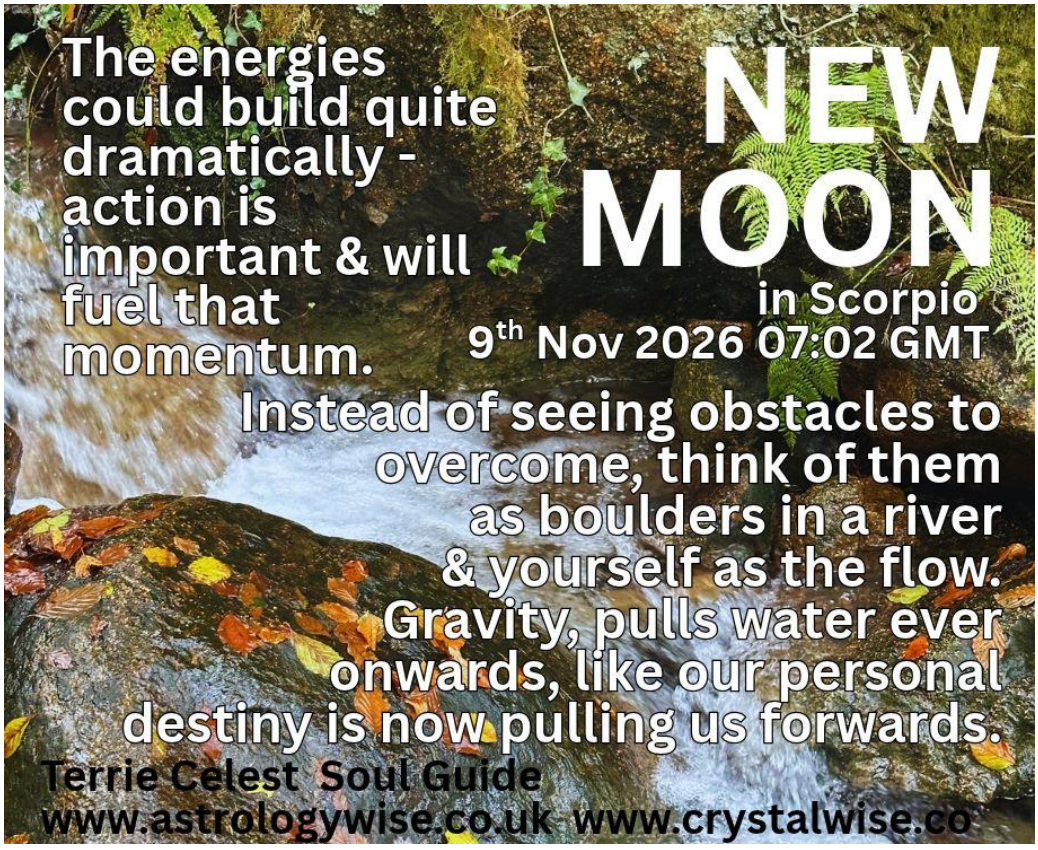
Saturn slows, show us (perceived) limitations, duties & responsibilities & also fears & Mercury's current Scorpionic home could bring old power & control issues to the fore, thus emphasising where we feel disadvantaged, disempowered or limitation. Perhaps a figure from the past has already resurfaced or will do now, & with the wisdom of time

can we see the relationship, the dynamics, more objectively & disassociated?

It can be so liberating when we realise how we felt unable to speak up in the past but now realise that we can, & then to follow that through & feel the dynamic change. This ends cycles of karma & is so empowering. This second contact might be that point or it might be when we can reflect more deeply & begin to disentangle the power play on both sides, then the third pass can bring the resolution & forward movement.

Whatever the theme, try not to drown in its deepest, darkest recesses, nor to become overwhelmed by deep feelings which can lead the mind to dark corners, especially as we are going into the dark of the Moon. Keep perspective & find space for the light to shine in & show the way forward.

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November's New Moon is on 9th & at 07:02 GMT & 16° Scorpio. There are no exact contacts on the day but the day after we have a potentially fruitful connection between the fem & masc archetypes of the chart. Venus, now retrograde, is in its own sign of Libra & Mars is in Leo & will make a series of contacts between 12th & 19th, passing over Jupiter &

the Nodes, then the Sun squares all three In between these both Mercury & Venus go direct.

The first week of the month has been quite quiet but the coming 2 wks, leading up to the Full Moon on 24th, & as the Sun reaches the last degrees of Scorpio, bring almost constant but evolving pressure. It feels like a series of challenges & activations designed to crack open any resistance to evolving & being the best version of ourselves, prising us out of our comfort zones, especially of playing small, & can show us how powerful we can be, in the best sense of the word.

For the Full Moon (Scorpio Sun & Taurus Moon) on 26th I wrote:

Times they are a changing, keeps ringing through my head. Are we going to be part of that change, to assist the collective by releasing our guilt & shame or are we going to stubbornly fold our arms, dig in our heels & fear to open the door that could lead to a powerful rebirth?

This New Moon takes us to that door. We can see it, we can sense the potential on the other side. There are a few boulders & some debris along the route but these are not barriers blocking the way & represent old energies that we need to release ourselves from.

The energies & momentum could build quite dramatically & action is important & will fuel an increasing speed & energy that will build on itself, empowering us to run forwards with a flourish of excitement, anticipation & enthusiasm for what lies ahead, without needing to know its every detail.

So instead of seeing obstacles on your path to overcome, think of yourself as water & them as boulders in a flowing river. Gravity, pulls water ever forwards, maybe slowed at points, maybe squeezed through cracks, but always onwards towards the sea, like our personal destiny is now pulling us forwards beyond that door.

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A series of activations are on the horizon as Jupiter, Mars & the South Node align & interact at 25° Leo, followed by the Sun squaring them, with Mercury & Venus going direct in the middle! This series brings growing energy & momentum but might need to be managed as Jupiter has no boundaries. We need to know when to stop & not let things go over-the-top.

In An Astrological Mandala by Dane Rudhyar, this degree includes – *“The symbol of the rainbow shows us the need to maintain a state of open communication between the Sky & the Earth within our total being - not for the sake of finding an ever-elusive “pot of gold” at the end of the rainbow, for this end is never to be reached, but in order to face the totality of our individual selfhood as it is projected in the many-hued dome of our sky-flung consciousness. After every successfully met crisis, the revelation of worth comes to us, & with it comes the promise of success, if only we do our part.”*

This series begins early on 12th as Jupiter passes over the South Node, opposing the North Node, as Mercury & Venus are almost stationary & ramp the energies up. Jupiter is expanding our horizon, magnifying old, karmic patterns represented by the Nodes & the two stationary planets give us one last throw of the dice. This could offer us an opportunity to speak up about something that has been deeply buried especially where our confidence was knocked or we lost self-worth. The volume will be loud, we won’t be able to miss whatever is showing up for us & whilst the key is to ‘do our part’, to follow the nudges & rising sap that wants us to take action, it will be best to wait until after Mercury & Venus are direct & Mars joins in. This is when forward action has the best driver whereas the 12th could be fuelled by too much intensity without the objectivity to channel it purposefully rather than destructively.

Use the knowledge of what arises & the intensity to get ready & prepare your route so that you know what steps you will be taking.

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13th is the 2nd day of a series of activations & starts a big sea-change as Mercury goes direct at 05° Scorpio. Its retrograde began on 24th Oct at 20° Scorpio & will reach that point again, coming out of its shadow on 30th.

Being in this intensely deep water sign, its direct motion will bring a welcome relief & the sense of forward momentum doubles as Venus also goes direct 9 hrs later. She also started her retrograde in Scorpio but went back into Libra, her home sign & now turns direct at 22°. With a slightly slower cycle, she will come out of her shadow on 15th Dec.

These 2 are personal planets, always close to the Sun & therefore show up in our everyday lives & personal expression rather than more external & collective, so we feel these retrogrades & changes within ourselves & there is added potency & significance here as they occur in the middle of this series of activations. Without retrogrades we wouldn't evolve, they offer life reviews, opportunities to make changes & transform.

Also on 14th is the 2nd activation in this series as Mars, the planet of action crosses over the South Node, opposing the North Node. Jupiter did this first on 12th, bringing something to our attention & I did suggest waiting until now to take action rather than reacting when the energies were at peak intensity but static. Now the process of rebuilding can begin & our horizons are opening up.

Venus is not just about love, also values, self-worth & finances & is the feminine archetype, so with Mars, her masculine counterpart also active on this day there will be some rebalancing of our inner masc/fem which we might see echoed in the collective. Jupiter is associated with justice & legislation so issues concerning women's rights, gender equality, LGBTQ+ legislation could surface & hopefully take positive forwards movements.

Jupiter & Mars will themselves meet on 16th then the Sun squares the Nodes, Jupiter & Mars on 17th, 18th & 19th so it won't be plain sailing but these challenges will test our commitment to making change & help us to check we have set the right course & are driven from a place of strength, not of weakness or ego.

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Mars & Jupiter will meet early on 16th, building on 15th as the Sun has a niggly connection with Venus, so again we have Mars & Venus activating different parts of the chart. At the New Moon on 9th they connected & have now separated & are attending to their own business, so to speak & with Venus now direct, they will repeat that helpful connection for the 3rd & final time on 12th Dec.

Venus is barely moving, having changed direction just the day before & Mars crossing Jupiter is a very strong energy & will dominate. As with Jupiter crossing the Nodes on 12th, there is huge potential but Jupiter can take things over-the-top & have no boundaries & this is heightened with Mars being the planet of action.

Leo, ruled by the Sun, encourages us to be ourselves & to shine our light, from an open, generous heart, out into the world. Associated with rulers & royalty, that rulership can be benevolent or ego can be the driver & the downfalls can be a loud, showy, dramatic energy with exaggeration, arrogance, thinking that they know what's 'best' for others or what others 'should' do.

If this energy works well, we will feel courageous, have loads of sustainable energy & get a lot done. Enthusiasm & motivation will peak, encouraging us to do something that we have been putting off or that we didn't have the courage to do before. Childhood memories could surface & these need to be put into perspective from who & where we are now & not continue to be a story that we repeat. What happened in the past is not who we are now or at our core.

Although Venus's contact is niggly it could provide the voice of reason that can help us to check in with what is motivating us, that it comes from an open heart & not from any need to be seen or appreciated. She needs to be listened to here to ensure that we keep things in proportion & that our aim & actions will be of benefit to all, bring peace & harmony & do not add fuel to the fire. 17th could stoke that & be a challenging day when Mars's influence needs to be well employed & be the hero, not the villain.

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17th - 19th are powerful days. Firstly 17th brings the waxing half Moon with the Sun & Moon squaring at the midway point between the New Moon (9th) & the upcoming Full Moon on 24th. Since the New Moon both Mercury & Venus have gone direct, sandwiched in between a series of connections & activations between Jupiter, Mars & the Nodes at 25° Leo. Now comes the challenge to these as the Sun squares all three in turn over these 3 days, then moves on to niggle with Chiron.

The Sun starts with squaring the Nodes on 17th at 25°, on 18th it squares Jupiter at 26° & on 19th it squares Mars at 27° whilst niggling with Chiron, but there is one really helpful connection, Mars trine Chiron to end these.

So expect it to feel challenging whilst knowing that these contacts can be helpful, testing our commitment to making change & helping us to check that we have set the right course & are driven from a place of strength, not of weakness or ego.

Overall, this period between the Moons brings constant but evolving pressure & feels like a series of challenges & activations to crack open any resistance to evolving, prising us out of our comfort zones & showing us how powerful we can be, in the best sense of the word so don't resist them & don't listen to niggly doubts that these 3 days could bring.

Use them positively to clear remaining karma, reassess, tweak the details & to help improve the way forwards, not hinder. We are currently without any Earth signs in the chart so grounding is extra important & could literally be the missing element here.

Get your feet on the ground, connect to nature & then make decisions or changes.

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On 20th there is just one connection, a niggly one between now direct Mercury & Saturn & after the potent last few days this can bring some sort of closure or end a chapter. This is the third of three contacts between them, the first was 7th Oct & mirrors now, with Mercury direct & Saturn retrograde. The second contact was during Mercury's retrograde a month later on 7th Nov.

Another chapter is coming to a close as the Sun reaches the end of Scorpio on 21st & this is a very potent point that encapsulates all the character & potential of the sign.

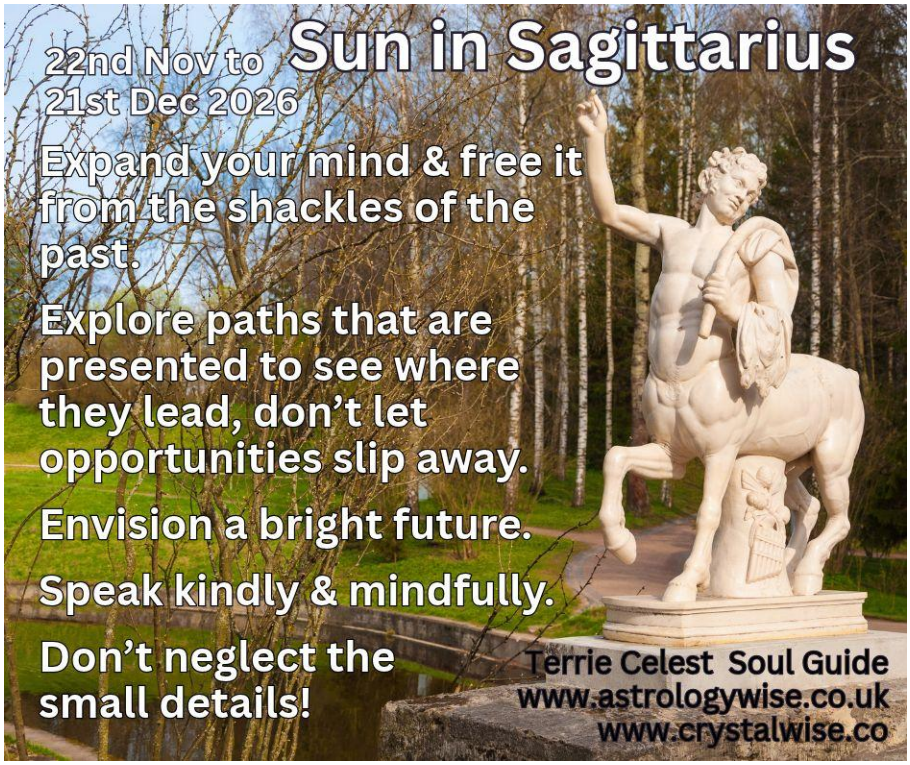
This will ramp up intensity, sensitivity & emotions will be strongly felt. The big gift of Scorpio, ruled by Pluto, is that the depths & cleansing it brings about are transformational, the phoenix rising from the ashes & if we look back over the month, we might spot areas of our life that have evolved. Work is still continuing as Mercury & Venus come out of their shadows & revisit the area of the chart they went retrograde over, but again, this brings more closure & ends of cycles. Without retrogrades, where we get to have a life review in particular areas, we would not evolve.

Saturn's (sense of) limitations, the humdrum of everyday life or fears linked with Scorpio's deep emotions & ability to go to the depths are most likely to show up & hopefully we have already faced some of our shadow emotions & healed some old wounds.

Whilst 20th could be niggly, 21st could feel ultra tense & intense thanks & it is important to keep perspective as this energy can make us unhealthily focused on something to the point of obsession. It will be far too easy to disappear down a rabbit hole & several hours later wonder what happened, realise we haven't eaten etc.

Use these energies to bring chapters to an end, to close old doors ready for a rebirth & to begin a new chapter.

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As we near the Full Moon the Sun changes signs, entering Sagittarius on 22nd & alleviating some of the intenseness of the last month whilst it traversed Scorpio. Our gaze lifts from deep matters below the surface to the horizon, foreign lands, adventures & possibilities & with hindsight we can realise how single-minded we have been.

Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter who expands everything it touches & is associated with luck & opportunity, also higher or further learning. Whilst looking to the horizon, this sign can miss small details & can have an aversion to looking at them, as if it might spoil their adventures. Communication can be straight to the point of bluntness & this is the time of the year when I suggest running all communications through the three filters of:-

Is it true?

Is it necessary?

Is it kind?

At the moment Mercury, the planet of the mind & communication is coming out of its Scorpio retrograde & will join the Sun in Sagittarius on 6th December & it's very short stay of just 20 days there will be when these filters most need to be employed.

Jupiter rules Sagittarius & will soon begin its retrograde, the last of the outer planets to do so as the others begin to go direct again. Jupiter offers opportunities & it is always important to follow the nuggets that are presented to us to see where they lead us. Often they are stepping stones to other things that we would not discover if we hadn't taken those first steps. Bear in mind that when it does retrograde, expansive plans that we thought were unfolding may dissipate or no longer seem unattainable, but as with all planets retrograding, it is a time to reassess & refine to gain a fresh perspective so that those ideas & plans are less likely to falter and those that were built on pipedreams can be allowed to fall away.

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On 23rd the day before the Full Moon, Venus has potentially helpful connections to the Nodes & the most favourable of these two is to the North Node, which will help us to step out of old karma, find & embrace a new expression. Venus now direct, is coming out of its retrograde so this is the third & final phase of three connections between these.

On 10th September, Venus, Mercury & the Nodes were all at 29° with Venus in Libra, entering Scorpio the next day. The second contact when Venus was retrograde occurred on 30th October at 27° so we can gain further insights by going back to those two dates & seeing the themes that surfaced for us & have already begun to evolve.

Look for Venusian themes associated with our partnerships (in broader terms, not just our significant other), finances, self-worth & values coupled with Libran themes of people pleasing, needing peace & harmony & over-compromising. Can you see the old pattern of responding & break the karmic pattern?

Over the next 2 days, alongside the Full Moon, the Sun has significant connections to three of the outer planets as Mars, Venus's masculine counterpart, reaches the end of Leo & enters Virgo. All of these support making breakthroughs & starting a new chapter.

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November's Full Moon is on 24th at 2°, with the Sun in Sagittarius & the Moon in Gemini. A couple of hours before, the Sun makes a lovely contact with retrograde Neptune, then a potentially helpful contact with Pluto on 25th & a challenging opposition with retrograde Uranus. All this occurs with Mars at the potent last degree of Leo, ruled by the Sun, before it enters Virgo. In the background we have the 2nd Uranus & Pluto trine building to exact on 29th & Mercury will be out of its shadow on 30th.

These coming 2 wks are relatively quiet with 3 changes of direction occurring immediately after the New Moon on 9th which is the last in this quarter, so this emphasises that this is a time to release old mindsets & resolve unfinished business. In the northern hemisphere we are entering the darkest phase of the year with the Sun rebirthing at the Solstice on 21st Dec when It enters Capricorn.

Uranus, beside the Moon, acts as a catalyst although its retrograde motion softens its unpredictable quality & any shake-up it brings. Ultimately it wants to get us to where we need to be & for us to be authentic. In order for that to happen, what is inauthentic needs to go & its proximity to the Moon suggests here that old patterns of thinking & communication need updating. Neptune's contact with the Sun brings inner truth to our consciousness & it will be vital not to scoot over the

surface like Gemini prefers. We need to dig deeper, notice what is going on & seek our deeper truths, supported by accumulated knowledge from our past experiences, which we can now gather.

Sagittarian communication can be blunt without a care for the impact. If we hear harsh truths it is vital not to dismiss them nor to spiral into negativity. Duality could highlight opposing views to our own which we find shocking & upsetting & the challenge could be, how do we find a way forward with people we care about, without compromising our core values or inner truths?

Uranus represents technology & electricity & combined with Gemini, the current growth of AI, so these could feature & encourage a mindset change through outside influences.

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26th & 27th are quiet but the transformational trine between retrograde Uranus & Pluto will be a strong influence in the background, being exact for the 2nd time, on 29th. This was one of the cluster of outer planet contacts in July at 4° which undoubtedly were major catalysts to change & groundwork for spiritual upgrades. We have a reversal of roles, with Pluto being retrograde at the 1st contact & now Uranus is retrograde & Pluto direct. These are the 2 planets of change so it is inevitable! Uranus brings revolutionary change, a sudden, unexpected occurrence & Pluto evolutionary where the change occurs over time & is not necessarily noticed until an opportunity to review occurs.

It was almost impossible to separate the impact of these in amongst the others in July but this 2nd meeting stands more alone & is more easily noticed, however because of the slow movement of both, they are very close for weeks, if not days before their exact contact; they will have been subtly influencing us throughout the month.

When retrograde, Uranus has less of a disruptive impact & is more internal but its drive to keep us up to date, more authentic & the best version of ourselves at any given moment, is always present. When direct it can pick us up like a tornado & put us down somewhere unknown. *Expect the unexpected*, is a key Uranus phrase, as is unconventionality. We must beat our own drum, not that dictated by society, culture or upbringing & especially not based on fear.

As we come into the last 3 wks of this quarter & are in the releasing phase of the Moon, it is a perfect time to look back to the Equinox on

23rd Sept to see what has changed, how we have changed since then. Pluto takes us to the depths & helps us face our shadows, ultimately bringing healing & rebirth like the phoenix.

Can we see where we have changed & sense the continued evolvement that is taking us to ever better versions of ourselves? Reviewing what has changed will naturally bring our human minds to what hasn't & where we feel limited or stuck. Acknowledge these as work in progress and refocus on the positives.

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Mercury comes out of its shadow on 30th, meaning that it has now reached the point at which it turned retrograde, so its recent review is finished & it now traverses 'new' territory, resuming its forward momentum from this point. Anything needing further review & refinement will resurface in a future retrograde.

We have 2 contacts very close together early on that day, so these are likely to be felt building the day before. There is a niggly connection between Mars & retrograde Neptune whilst the Sun has a lovely trine with retrograde Saturn. Both Saturn & Neptune are in Aries, the Sun is in Sagittarius & Mars has just moved into Virgo, bringing much needed Earth into the chart to counteract & balance the current dominance of Fire & Air but this is not a comfortable residence for Mars whose natural element is Fire.

Virgo brings discernment & Mars here will help us to attend to small details & what is needed on an everyday level whilst the Sagittarius Sun skips over the details & focuses on the horizon & future. Noticing differences, the Virgo energy can veer to criticism whilst Neptune's influence could make things unclear & appear muddled. Our inner dialogue is where this is most likely to surface, in dissatisfaction, despondency or frustration. Can we see what lies beneath these, what our expectations where, what needs haven't been met that now make us feel unhappy?

The question then is, did we voice our expectations or did we expect that others would share the same values or viewpoints, which now appears to not be the case?

The Sun & Saturn bring an easy flow of Fire energy so movement & action occur naturally & we can accomplish a lot but need to stay focused. Saturn's current residency is showing us that our needs are

important, helping us to release old survival fear & drivers & to develop inner authority. So if the mind gets too critical, can we bring it back to ourselves, release old fears &, as the saying & book says, see the fear & do it anyway?

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