## 2021 Best & Worst Days for Various Activities

"Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect; it means you've decided to look beyond the imperfections." (Unknown)

Any activity or entity with a beginning moment in time – whether a person, partnership, company or project – is colored by the time it begins. That's why we look for Best times when we have a choice. "Best" and "worst" are relative terms. Think of these dates as "better" or "worse" than others in the year for the activities specified. In light of other factors, sometimes "best" is "as good as it gets," by no means perfect. Every attempt was made to find at least one "best" and one "worst" for each month in each category.

After the type of activity, the planets and signs associated with the arena are listed in brackets. (See comments regarding Marriage and New Ventures at the end.) If you know additional activities associated with these planets or signs, the dates apply to them. If you work with your chart and know the planets that rule your houses, check this list for the applicable planet(s). Common associations for the signs, houses and planets and planetary rulers are listed in Janet's "Cheat Sheet," a free downloadable PDF.

Check for retrogrades and their turning points ("stations") on **2021 On a Page** (a free downloadable PDF). As usual, take precautions during **Mercury Retrograde**, especially for activities related to any planets that Mercury is near or aspecting in your chart. Of course, you wouldn't initiate important action when the Moon is running out of steam in the condition called **Void of Course**. (You can bookmark an online list of the year's Moon Void periods such as **this one** from CafeAstrology – see the bottom of their page. Or buy an astrological calendar that tells when the Moon is Void in your time zone). Ongoing activities are fine to continue when the Moon is Void. You should also be aware of when planets are "**out of bounds**" and the activities they rule go to extremes.

In many cases, only part of a day is better or worse for a type of activity. 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 the activities in the category are likely to run into problems if undertaken then. These time frames apply to main time zones in North America, from Eastern to Pacific, and they take Daylight Saving Time into account. Generally, using the local time zone, "morn" means 8:00 am to noon, "aft" noon to 5:00 pm, and "eve" 5:00 pm to midnight.

If your birthday is on this list, you'll have a general boost if your birthday is in a Best category or a general challenge if it's in a Worst category for the indicated activities. This impacts your "birthday year," which runs from three months before your birthday until nine months after your birthday (when the next birthday's chart kicks in). Other factors related to your chart may counteract the generalized positive or negative trend.

For your most important activities, have an astrologer select an optimum time based on your chart. <u>Time Selection</u> is one of Janet's specialties! This list is a good option; no guarantees, though.



### PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, COMPETITION, RISK-TAKING [Aries, Mars]

**BEST**: 1/11 (morn), 2/15 (aft & eve), 2/24, 3/14, 3/19 (aft), 4/3 (morn), 4/10, 4/11 (morn & aft), 5/10 (aft), 5/22 (aft), 6/26 (aft), 7/1 (eve), 8/21 (eve), 8/28 (morn & aft), 9/21 (morn), 9/25 (eve), 9/26 (morn), 10/9 (aft & eve), 10/10 (morn), 11/8 (eve), 11/12, 11/28 (morn), 12/2 (morn & aft), 12/7 (eve), 12/11 (morn & eve)

**WORST**: 1/10, 1/13, 1/28, 2/1 (morn), 2/17, 3/23, 4/9, 4/27, 4/30, 5/16, 5/27, 6/5, 6/12, 6/15 (aft & eve), 6/22, 7/3 (eve), 7/4 (morn), 7/15 (aft & eve), 7/21 (morn), 7/25, 7/29, 8/9, 8/13, 9/3, 9/8, 10/3, 10/13 (morn), 10/21, 10/24, 11/10, 11/15, 11/17, 12/19, 12/28, 12/31



## FINANCES, PURCHASES, INVESTMENTS [Taurus, Venus]

**BEST**: 1/9, 2/5 (aft & eve), 2/6 (morn), 2/8, 2/15 (aft & eve), 3/13 (eve), 3/18 (aft), 4/1 (aft), 4/10, 5/6, 6/6 (morn), 6/21 (aft & eve), 7/7 (aft), 8/20, 8/23 (morn), 9/29, 10/13 (eve), 11/8 (eve), 11/28 (morn), 12/2 (morn & aft)

**WORST**: 1/1, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10 (morn & aft), 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 3/6, 3/15, 3/17, 3/27, 4/20, 4/25, 4/30, 5/8, 5/16, 5/20, 5/27, 5/30 (eve), 6/12, 6/22, 7/3, 7/4 (morn), 7/8, 7/18, 7/30, 8/9, 9/2, 9/5, 9/23, 9/24 (morn & aft), 9/30, 10/2 (eve), 10/3, 10/9 (morn & aft), 10/15, 10/20, 11/4, 11/15, 11/19 (morn), 12/19



# COMMUNICATIONS OF ANY SORT, LOCAL TRAVEL OR TRANSPORTATION, NEIGHBORS, SIBLINGS [Gemini, Mercury]

**BEST**: 1/9, 1/11, 1/19, 2/8, 2/25, 3/1 (aft), 3/4 (eve), 4/1 (aft), 4/10, 4/29 (aft), 5/10 (aft), 5/12, 6/27 (morn), 7/12 (morn)\*, 7/27, 8/18, 8/20, 9/4, 9/16 (aft), 9/26 (morn), 10/13 (eve), 10/14 (morn), 10/29 (aft & eve), 11/8 (eve), 11/18 (morn), 11/29 (eve), 12/11 (eve), 12/16 (aft), 12/26 (aft)

**WORST**: 1/10, 1/30, 2/14 (morn), 2/20, 3/5, 3/10 (eve), 3/23, 3/25, 3/30 (aft & eve), 4/2 (eve), 4/25, 4/27, 5/9, 5/27, 5/29, 6/1, 6/5, 6/15 (aft & eve), 6/22, 6/29, 7/11, 7/15 (aft & eve), 7/18, 7/31, 8/10, 8/16, 8/23 (eve), 8/24, 9/8 9/22, 9/26 (aft & eve), 9/27, 10/8, 10/9 (morn & aft), 10/18, 11/2, 11/6, 11/10, 11/20, 11/27, 11/30 (eve), 12/18, 12/22, 12/31

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#### REAL ESTATE, DOMESTIC/FAMILY MATTERS [Cancer, Moon, Ceres]

**BEST**: 1/19, 2/5 (aft & eve), 2/15 (aft & eve), 3/1 (aft), 3/18 (aft), 4/6 (morn), 5/6, 5/11 (aft), 5/12, 5/22 (aft), 6/6 (morn), 6/21 (aft & eve), 6/28 (aft & eve), 7/14 (morn & aft), 8/20 (morn), 8/28, 9/15 (eve), 10/14 (morn), 10/25 (eve), 11/8 (aft), 12/2 (morn & aft), 12/7 (eve), 12/16 (aft), 12/21 (eve)

**WORST**: 1/7, 2/3, 2/17, 2/27, 3/6, 3/23, 4/2 (eve), 4/19, 5/16, 5/21 (aft), 5/27, 6/14 (aft), 7/13 (eve), 8/9, 8/13 (morn), 9/30, 10/2 (eve), 10/12, 10/28 (aft), 11/19 (morn), 12/27 (morn & aft), 12/28 (morn)



#### ART, CREATIVITY, ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN (or your inner child) [Leo, Sun]

**BEST**: 1/2 (morn), 1/8 (morn), 2/2 (morn), 2/8, 2/25, 3/8 (morn), 3/18 (aft), 4/3 (morn), 5/11 (aft), 6/4 (aft), 7/14 (eve), 8/22 (morn), 9/6 (eve), 9/15 (eve), 9/16, 9/29, 10/25 (eve), 11/8 (eve), 11/12 (morn), 11/29 (eve), 12/21 (eve)

**WORST**: 1/24, 2/1 (morn), 2/27, 3/5, 3/13 (morn), 3/15, 3/27, 4/16 (morn), 4/26 (eve), 5/3, 5/25, 6/1, 6/14 (aft), 7/17, 8/6 (aft & eve), 8/8, 8/19 (eve), 9/1, 9/13 (aft), 9/14, 9/30, 10/3, 10/11 (aft & eve), 10/20, 10/28, 11/4, 11/15, 11/19 (morn), 11/23, 12/17, 12/29 (aft & eve)



#### EMPLOYMENT, SERVICE/SERVERS, HEALTH [Virgo, Mercury]

**BEST**: 1/9, 1/11, 1/19, 2/8, 3/1 (aft), 3/4 (eve), 4/10, 4/29 (aft), 5/10 (aft), 5/12, 6/27 (morn), 7/12 (morn)\*, 7/27, 8/18, 8/20, 9/4, 9/6 (eve), 10/13 (eve), 10/14 (morn), 10/29 (aft & eve), 11/18 (morn), 11/29 (eve), 12/26 (aft)

**WORST**: 1/10, 1/30, 2/14 (morn), 2/20, 2/27, 3/10 (eve), 3/23, 3/25, 3/30 (aft & eve), 4/2 (eve), 4/25, 4/27, 5/9, 5/21 (aft), 5/27, 5/29, 6/1, 6/5, 6/15 (aft & eve), 6/22, 6/29, 7/11, 7/13 (eve), 7/15 (aft & eve), 7/18, 7/31, 8/10, 8/16, 8/23 (eve), 8/24, 9/8, 9/22, 9/26 (aft & eve), 9/27, 10/9 (morn & aft), 10/18, 11/2, 11/10, 11/20, 11/27, 11/30 (eve), 12/18, 12/22, 12/31

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### RELATIONSHIPS, PARTNERSHIP, ROMANCE [Libra, Venus]

**BEST**: 1/9, 2/5 (aft & eve), 2/6 (morn), 2/15 (aft & eve), 3/1 (aft), 3/13 (eve), 3/18 (aft), 4/1 (aft), 4/10, 5/6, 5/22 (aft), 6/6 (morn), 6/21 (aft & eve), 7/7 (aft), 8/20, 8/23 (morn), 9/26 (morn), 9/29, 10/13 (eve), 11/28 (morn), 11/29 (eve), 12/2 (morn & aft)

**WORST**: 1/1, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10 (morn & aft), 2/18, 2/19, 3/6, 3/15, 3/17, 3/27, 4/20, 4/25, 4/30, 5/8, 5/16, 5/20, 5/27, 5/30 (eve), 6/12, 6/22, 7/3, 7/8, 7/18, 7/30, 8/9, 8/13 (morn), 9/2, 9/5, 9/23, 9/24 (morn & aft), 9/30, 10/2 (eve), 10/3, 10/9 (morn & aft), 10/15, 10/20, 11/4, 11/15, 11/19 (morn), 12/19

Marriage date recommendations are discussed following the Pisces list.



**BUSINESS, FINANCES, RENOVATION, PROCREATION** (also see Career, Finance and Partnership, if applicable) [Scorpio, Pluto]

**BEST**: 1/8 (morn), 2/8, 3/18 (aft), 4/14 (eve), 5/6, 6/30 (morn), 7/5 (morn), 8/11 (eve), 9/15 (eve), 9/16, 10/4 (eve), 11/8 (eve), 12/6 (aft)

**WORST**: 1/7, 2/3, 3/6, 3/23, 4/16 (morn), 4/27, 4/30, 5/20, 6/1, 6/5, 6/23, 7/17, 7/30, 8/16, 9/22, 10/6, 10/28, 11/4, 11/6, 11/30 (eve), 12/28



# EDUCATION, PROMOTION, LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL, CONTACT AT A DISTANCE (includes online), LEGAL MATTERS [Sagittarius, Jupiter]

**BEST**: 1/9, 1/11, 1/19, 2/1 (eve), 2/5 (aft & eve), 2/6 (morn), 2/15 (aft & eve), 2/25, 3/1 (aft), 3/4 (eve), 4/1 (aft), 4/10, 5/4 (aft), 6/6 (morn), 6/28 (aft & eve), 7/21 (eve), 8/21 (eve), 9/16 (aft), 10/10 (morn), 11/13 (aft), 12/11 (morn & eve)

**WORST**: 1/4, 1/7 (morn), 1/17, 2/7 (morn), 2/14 (morn), 3/5, 3/27, 4/2 (eve), 5/8, 6/20, 6/22, 7/19 (aft), 7/29, 8/10, 8/19 (eve), 9/30, 10/17, 11/15, 11/17, 12/27



## **CAREER MATTERS, ORGANIZING, PLANNING** [Capricorn, Saturn]

**BEST**: 1/9, 2/5 (aft & eve), 3/19 (aft), 4/10, 5/12, 5/22 (aft), 6/4 (aft), 7/24 (aft), 8/20 (aft & eve), 8/23 (morn), 9/15 (eve), 9/25 (eve), 9/26 (morn), 9/29, 10/23 (aft), 11/29 (eve), 11/30 (morn & aft), 12/7 (eve)

**WORST**: 1/13, 1/20, 2/17, 3/15, 3/17, 4/2 (eve), 4/25, 5/3, 5/21 (aft), 5/23, 5/30 (eve), 6/14, 7/4 (morn), 7/30, 8/1, 9/3, 10/10, 11/10, 12/18 (eve), 12/24

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## **SOCIALIZING, MEETINGS, COOPERATION, FRIENDS** [Aquarius, Uranus]

**BEST**: 1/19, 2/1 (eve), 2/8, 2/25 (aft), 3/1 (aft), 3/19 (aft), 4/29 (morn), 5/10 (aft), 5/22 (aft), 6/4 (aft), 7/14, 8/18 (eve), 8/20, 8/21 (eve), 9/6 (eve), 9/16 (aft), 9/26 (morn), 10/14 (morn), 11/8 (eve), 11/29 (eve), 12/7 (eve)

**WORST**: 1/1, 1/13, 1/14, 1/17, 2/17, 2/19, 3/13 (morn), 3/15, 3/30 (aft & eve), 4/2 (eve), 5/21 (aft), 5/30 (eve), 6/14, 7/3 (eve), 7/4 (morn), 7/8, 7/11, 8/6 (aft & eve), 8/8, 8/19 (eve), 9/23, 9/24 (morn & aft), 10/8, 11/3, 11/4, 11/17, 12/17, 12/18 (eve), 12/24



**CHARITABLE, SPIRITUAL, HEALTH** [Pisces, Neptune, Chiron] Neptune is in its sign of rulership, Pisces, 2012 - 2025.

**BEST**: 1/8 (morn), 2/8, 3/8 (morn), 3/13 (eve), 4/29 (aft), 5/6, 5/11 (aft), 6/21 (aft & eve), 6/28 (aft & eve), 7/9 (aft), 7/14 (eve) 8/28 (aft & eve), 9/15 (eve), 9/29, 10/25 (eve), 11/12 (morn), 11/18 (morn), 12/2 (morn & aft), 12/6 (aft), 12/26 (aft)

**WORST**: 1/4, 1/5, 1/7, 1/10, 1/13 (aft & eve), 1/20, 2/3, 2/10 (morn & aft), 2/27, 3/5, 4/9, 4/20, 4/26 (eve), 5/27, 6/5, 6/25, 6/30 (aft & eve), 7/3, 7/31, 8/9, 8/23 (eve), 9/2 (morn & aft), 9/13 (aft), 10/28, 11/9, 12/1

#### 2021 "Best" Days for MARRIAGE and NEW VENTURES

Sorry, there are NO 5-rated days in 2021 and just fifteen 4's. "Best days" are often only a portion of a day, and in many cases, part of a 3-rated day. There are a few more good days for marriage or a new venture in 2021 than in 2020, but there aren't a lot. Don't despair; often a day that's only fairly good in general can be quite good for individuals' charts. That's why having a professional help you with time selection is a smart idea!

In reading these descriptions, it might help you to have my *Astrologer's Apprentice Cheat Sheet* handy, a free downloadable PDF.

Good wedding dates highlight Venus or the marriage asteroid, Juno, and take advantage of the growth portion of the lunar cycle, the waxing phase (after a New Moon and before a Full Moon). These conditions are also useful for forming business partnerships and launching products or projects. Venus, a planet of love, money and popularity, is extra lucky if combined with Jupiter, the planet of growth and fortunate circumstances. Read the descriptions to know how to best work with a day's energies. Remember that the "birth moment" of the marriage is when the officiate pronounces the marriage as legal. Try to time your ceremony to arrive at that moment with the recommended degree on the angle in question (Ascendant or Midheaven). Degrees cross these angles quite quickly, in a matter of minutes, and are dependent on the latitude and longitude. You could have a song, prayer or poem that you can present either before or after the vows to give you flexibility and help you hit your mark.

In many of the descriptions, you'll see "depending on your location." Because of the curvature of the earth, the Ascendant degree (cusp of the 1st House) will vary from place to place when you aim for a certain degree on the Midheaven (cusp of the 10th House). Similarly, you can adjust a time to have a particular degree rising (at the Ascendant) and the degree on the Midheaven will vary depending on the location. The recommended time frames here are applicable to the continental United States.

There are three quite "stellar" days in 2021 that are on the "Best Days" list for *both* Marriage *and* New Ventures: March 18, May 12 and August 21. They're discussed first.

For a wedding chart, we always like to see a good link between Venus and Mars, respectively the indicators of women and men. In a new venture chart, a positive connection between these two planets aids monetary/fiscal matters and initiative/cutting edge innovations.

**Thursday, March 18 (afternoon)** On this date, Venus and Mars are in a quintile (a separation of one-fifth of the sky apart), considered lucky and a signature of talent. They will form an even more fortunate "Quintile Triangle" if you set the Ascendant at the first half of 20° Leo (0'-30'). The Ascendant (rising degree) represents the people involved in the event, in this case, the couple or perhaps a business partnership. Jupiter will be exactly on the western horizon (7th House cusp), adding ease for the entity in question in relation to relationships and representatives (such as lawyers and accountants). A

drawback is Jupiter is not strong on this date, so although it can be highlighted to improve its influence, it doesn't get any help from other planets. Its best link is to Juno, thus this chart is better for a marriage or a marriage-like business partnership than it is for a new venture. The Sun and Venus are close together and near Neptune, and in a nice relationship with the Moon. These are great indicators for a wedding chart! The Pisces Sun and Venus aid a merging between two people. The Taurus Moon lends stability and practicality, as well as loyalty and physical tenderness. The Moon, Sun and Venus are in nice links (trine and sextile) with Pluto, enhancing alignment of values and boding well for financial matters, including real estate investment (even if this is as simple as buying a house). There are two potential difficulties. A wide Mercury-Mars square might precipitate heated discussions and a fairly tight Juno-Neptune square could incline partners to over-idealize what their union should be like.

Wednesday, May 12 (late afternoon) This is a good chart if 8th House matters are your focus: joint finances, shared resources, investments, wills and estates, taxes and accounting, transformation/therapy and anything related to crossing over (such as hospice services). If you don't mind a wedding on a Wednesday afternoon and you want to focus on wealth and/or procreation, this is good for a marriage chart. Mercury in Gemini is in an exact trine with Saturn in Aquarius, and you can set a late afternoon chart with approximately 13° Libra on the Ascendant for a Grand Trine. Depending on your location, Mercury will be in either the 8th or the 9th House, and even if it's in the 8th, it rules the 9th, helping with communications and promotion. Mars in Cancer will be elevated and its tight square with Chiron in Aries will be less detrimental if these two are in Cadent Houses (the 9th and 6th, respectively) than if they are in the Angular Houses (10th and 7th). At 11°, Chiron will definitely be in the 6th but depending on your location, Mars could be in the 10th House using 13°-14° Libra Ascendant (which is the higher priority than the location of Mars). The Sun is moving toward a nice trine to Pluto, which rules the 2nd House of financial affairs and reinforces the emphasis on the 8th House (Pluto's natural house of power). The Moon and Venus, both in Gemini, are exactly conjunct, which is also favorable for money matters and adds to popularity potential. The Sun occupies the 23rd degree of Taurus, with its wonderful Sabian Symbol: "a jewelry shop filled with magnificent jewels." This is a degree of abundance in a lush and fertile sign. (Sabian Symbols are images for the 360 degrees of the zodiac channeled by a clairvoyant at the request of an astrologer. They often seem to have a synchronistic connection to conditions.)

**Saturday, August 21 (late morning)** This potent chart takes advantage of the nearly Full Moon, exact the next day. Although the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction, exact near the end of 2020, is no longer in orb (meaning within the range of influence), this chart has the Moon widely conjunct both (all three are in Aquarius) and at their midpoint to blend their power of steady, long-term growth. This promotes friendly marriage or business relations lasting over the course of time. Venus in Libra and Ceres and the North Node in Gemini form an Air Grand Trine with Saturn; the South Node completes a Kite pattern. A Kite is one of the best configurations you can have in a chart and helps circumstances work out harmoniously. The Sun is opposite Jupiter from almost 29° Leo to 27° Aquarius. To tamp down their potential for things to go overboard and still utilize

their strong energy and optimism, set the Ascendant and Descendant at 28° of Libra and Aries, respectively. This creates a "Mystic Rectangle," which a nice combination of trines and sextiles linked by oppositions. (It's not really "mystic" in a spiritual or cosmic sense; that's just the pattern's name.) The Aquarius trio will be in the 4th House, which lends a strong orientation toward home and family and is very good for accumulating wealth through real estate assets. This chart would also serve well for listing a property for sale, in which case, the Ascendant represents the seller and the Descendant, the buyer. With the Ascendant's ruling planet, Venus, in the 12th House, the seller might stay in the background. Uranus in the 7th House could indicate conditions related to the seller's representative (agent), who might be a friend or unusual in some way. Or perhaps virtual technology will be involved. (In these times of the COVID-19 pandemic, houses are being shown online with an agent checking the property in person rather than the buyers themselves.) The Moon at almost 18° of Aquarius is dignified in the 4th House and has only one tight aspect, a quincunx with Mercury. The recommended Ascendant degree means the Part of Fortune (a lucky spot) will be at 17°-18° of Aries, sextile the Moon and also quincunx Mercury at almost 17° of Virgo, forming a Finger of God pattern. This type of planetary arrangement usually means there are a few odd twists and turns on the way to a good outcome, so be patient and wait to see what develops. The North Node-Ceres conjunction in the 8th House, aided by their trine to Venus, helps the buyer's financing. As a wedding chart, the 8th House North Node-Ceres conjunction bodes well for procreation. A caution in raising a family is the presence of Neptune in the 5th House of children, which might make the couple too lax with their offspring and reluctant to be good disciplinarians.

Here's another date that's good for either marriage or business, but not quite as good as those listed above.

Saturday, May 22 (late afternoon) This is a nice option for a Saturday and it's in a popular season for weddings, spring. Air signs are emphasized, aiding communication. The Sun has just entered Gemini, where the other inner planets are already positioned: Mercury (the sign's ruler) and Venus, which is near the North Node, a combo that helps the couple stay on track in love and finances. The Moon in Libra, the primary sign for marriage, creates a Grand Trine between Venus and the North Node with Saturn in Aguarius. Aim your pronouncement moment to have a 14° Libra Ascendant. This puts the Libra Moon in the 12th House and Chiron, nearly exactly opposite the Moon, in the 6th House. (Difficult aspects are mollified by being in Cadent Houses (3, 6, 9 and 12). Even Succedent Houses (2, 5, 8 and 11) are preferable to Angular Houses (1, 4, 7 and 10) to reduce planetary potency.) These factors are also suitable for a business venture. Mars in the 10th House adds a lot of energy and its placement in Cancer is good for dealing with the public. The Grand Trine contributes good business planning and longterm potential. Although you can't register a business at a government office on a Saturday, you can file online, have an opening, sign a contract or take some other initial action to start a business. A significant (and potentially undesirable) drawback of this date is a tight Mercury-Neptune square, which can cloud communication or breed trust issues. Mercury is related to commerce and Neptune tends to dilute what it contacts. Its

presence in the 6th House in this chart could present problems with employees or people providing services.

Other dates that might work for a wedding are:

Saturday, January 23 (midday) This is an appealing option because it's a Saturday and an easy date to remember your anniversary: 1/23. For a solid friendship for a lifetime, you can't beat this trio of Sun, Saturn and Jupiter in Aquarius. There's plenty of passion potential, too, from Venus conjunct Pluto. Don't be deterred by their presence in ostensibly standoffish Capricorn; it's a sign of commitment and longevity. For romance, Venus is sextile dreamy Neptune. Aim for an Ascendant for the pronouncement chart for 18-19° Taurus forming a sextile with Neptune and a trine with Venus. These positive aspects interact with the Nodes and buffer their T-square with Neptune, which has the possibility for trust issues. Neptune is in a tight conjunction with Ceres, a prime indicator for growth and fertility. It might mean conception happens like magic, and certainly responds well to growing faith over time. The Taurus Ascendant breeds loyalty and physical affection as well as practicality in financial matters. (Money disagreements are the number one reason for divorce.) No chart is perfect and the main drawback of this one is that Mercury does not have any aspects. This means the couple will have to strive to be proactively vigilant in communicating. The help in this regard comes from Mercury being at the midpoint (where energies blend) of Pluto and the Neptune-Ceres duo. Positive results accrue from deep discussions about beliefs and smart research prior to big expenditures.

Monday, February 15 (eve) People like to get married around Valentine's Day but there isn't a great time on the 14th or 13th and even this time on the 15th isn't super, considering that Mercury is retrograde (see concerns noted below regarding June 21). The friend factor is even stronger than on January 23; there are five planets in Aquarius, including Mercury very close to Jupiter, with Venus not far on Jupiter's other flank. Aquarius is an Air sign, good for communication; a lot of the relationship might be mental/verbal and not so much physical, especially with Venus square Mars in Taurus. This can put a strain on finances, values and the couple's sex life. The best chart I can recommend for this less than perfect date utilizes a quintile between the Moon and Saturn, favorable for home and family matters. Set the Ascendant at 11-12° Virgo for a Quintile Triangle with them. Depending on location, this will likely put some of the Aguarius planets in the 5th and some in the 6th, inclining the couple to partner well in the work they do together and adding fun and joy raising children. Saturn will rule the 5th House and probably be in it, yielding a strong sense of responsibility for childrearing, possibly starting a family at a more mature stage. The couple will be ambitious about building their assets with the Moon in the 8th House in go-getter Aries. For couples who like competitive activities or who enjoy athletics together, this is a good Moon sign. There are no negative aspects to the Moon, so argumentativeness is unlikely.

This date is presented with a major caveat: Mercury is retrograde. It might be suitable for a marriage or for business, particularly if it's an extension of an existing endeavor.

Monday, June 21 (early evening) MAYBE you can successfully employ the positive energies present at this time despite Mercury being retrograde. This chart would be okay for people who have either natal or progressed Mercury Retrograde, or if the conditions explained herein sound good to you. One of the better aspects of 2021 is a sextile between Saturn and Chiron, exact (for the second of three times) on June 24. Although sextiles are not the strongest aspects, if you put effort in, you should get a good return. This blend of Chiron's orientation toward solutions with Saturn's get-it-done determination sounds like it would be better suited for a business undertaking than a wedding. However, both these are in nearly exact positive links with the marriage asteroid, Juno. In this respect, Saturn solidifies commitment and Chiron likely contributes a healing quality to the relationship. Perhaps both partners have suffered in prior liaisons. (Chiron and Juno are trine three times in 2021: 1/3, 6/23 and 9/8.) Mercury retrograde at the beginning of a marriage could mean the partners keep to themselves or they communicate more with each other than with all other people combined. Or there could be topics and conversations that repeat. For a chart for a business or project, this would be an acceptable date for a spin-off or expansion of a pre-existing entity. For a wedding, I suggest placing the South Node-Juno conjunction at the Sagittarius Ascendant and position Juno in the 1st House, which puts the North Node and Mercury at the Gemini Descendant, with Mercury in the 7th House. You want to get the Midheaven in Virgo, if possible at your location. (For a business chart, have the Ascendant in Sagittarius but it isn't essential to have Juno in the 1st House; the 12th would be okay.) These are all Mutable signs and lend flexibility and a sense of humor with which to face situations. The Sun is in the first degree of Cancer, a home-andfamily sign appealing to most married couples who want to "nest." A business chart will enjoy the power of the Sun at the Solstice degree, a strong indicator for popularity and widespread visibility. Additionally, the Sun is in a nice trine to Jupiter in early Pisces. As ruler of Sagittarius, Jupiter rules the rising sign and thus is the overall chart ruler. Even for a business chart, this is the most favorable rising sign on this "3"-rated day, which does have a fairly major drawback. Venus in Cancer opposes Pluto in Capricorn (3° orb) and squares Eris in Aries (1° orb), forming a T-square with the ongoing Pluto-Eris square. This pattern could indicate competing values and scrambled financial matters, which is why you don't want a Libra Midheaven ruled by Venus. A Virgo Midheaven is preferable, ruled by Mercury. Although it's Retrograde, its harmonious relationship with the Saturn-Chiron sextile, and their favorable connection with Juno, soften Mercury's opposition to Juno.

#### **Favorable Days for New Ventures**

Similar to the wedding charts, these are set in the waxing portion of the lunar cycle and have good connections with the business and career/public standing planet, Saturn, and/or the growth-related planet, Jupiter. There might be an emphasis of planets in Capricorn, the sign "ruled" by (influenced by/associated with) Saturn. In some cases, another planet is emphasized and it is mentioned in the description, along with what it promotes.

Some top-notch new venture options in 2021 are:

Thursday, February 25 (afternoon) Although the powerful Jupiter-Saturn conjunction is about finished at this point as Jupiter gains distance beyond Saturn, on this day Mercury passes through their midpoint, rejoining their forces. With these three in Aguarius, this is a good chart for forming an organization or starting a group project, although avoid this date if what is being launched is related to Neptune. It's technically unaspected (has no standard major aspects and thus would be expected to act in a disconnected way) but it is in a semisquare (a minor aspect) with Uranus, which rules over the Aguarius trio, while Neptune rules Pisces, where the Sun and Venus are traveling. This eliminates religious/spiritual endeavors and anything related to health or the arts. You can set a chart in the mid-afternoon with the Midheaven at 14-18° Aries to create a Grand Trine in Fire with the Moon in Leo, which will be on the rise in the 1st House, and the South Node in Sagittarius. The Moon's opposition to Jupiter makes this is a Kite. In some locations, you might be able to have the Ascendant in Cancer and the Moon would rule the chart. This puts the Aquarius trio in the 7th House, very favorable for partnerships and contracts. Avoid having Leo at the Ascendant because then Aguarius is on the 7th House cusp and the ruling planet, Uranus, in addition to its semisquare with Neptune, is square Saturn, presenting obstacles and setbacks.

Wednesday, April 14 (morning) The key feature of this date is a triangle of positive aspects: Mars trine Jupiter with the Sun and Eris midway between them, sextile both. There are six heavenly bodies in Aries: Chiron, Mercury, Ceres, Sun, Eris and Venus. This is suitable for a venture that has an Aries mission (pioneering something, competitive activities, businesses in sports or athletics) and might be particularly appealing to empowering women or putting them in the lead (because of the Sun conjunction to Eris and Venus only 5-6° from them). An early morning chart puts Jupiter in the 10th House and Mars in the 1st, using the power of Angular houses to advantage. This means Gemini is on the Ascendant and you can have the Gemini North Node in the 1st House. This empowers Mercury as the chart ruler and its tight conjunction with Ceres yields good growth potential. Most or all of the Aries planets will be in the 11th House, very good for group activities. The Taurus Moon lends stability and persistence and adds some patience that would otherwise be lacking with the weight of all that Aries energy. The Moon in the 12th House is good for a non-profit, charity or some kind of public service or spiritual undertaking. This timing also puts Jupiter in Aquarius in the 10th House, very apropos for a group endeavor or "New Age" media company.

Friday, August 20 (mid-afternoon) As mentioned in the section earlier for dates good for either marriage or business, in regard to August 21, this chart has the same very potent configuration just ahead of a Full Moon. The difference is the Moon on the 20th is tightly conjunct Saturn in Aquarius and participates in the Air Grand Trine with Venus in Libra and Ceres and the North Node in Gemini with the South Node completing a Kite pattern. You might like to have the Ascendant at approximately 5° Sagittarius (and then the South Node would be there, too), putting Ceres and the North Node at the Descendant. In some locations, this would put Neptune at the exact foot of the chart at the IC (the angle opposite the Midheaven). This should be avoided since Neptune is in

a deleterious semisquare (loosely) with the Moon and (tightly) with Saturn. In addition, when Neptune is at the IC, it acts like a drain. Set the Midheaven at 25° Virgo to capture the power of the Mercury-Venus midpoint at that degree and give a little space to the Neptune-Midheaven opposition, even if this means the Nodes and Ceres wind up in the 12th and 6th Houses. This puts the Air planets in the Earth Houses (2, 6, 10), which aids practical thinking and implementation. The tight trine between a Mercury-Mars conjunction in Virgo with Uranus in Taurus yields inventiveness and good use of cutting edge technology. This chart is not recommended for real estate or property matters.

Wednesday, October 13 (evening) Mercury is Retrograde (see earlier comments) so this time is only suitable for a follow-on activity or re-boot or if the original business began during a Mercury retrograde. To take advantage of an elevated Saturn and Jupiter means either Taurus or Gemini is rising. Thus the ruling planet of the chart would be either Venus, which is out of bounds (going to extremes in Venus's matters) or Mercury, which is retrograde, probably the preferable alternative. A somewhat wide Grand Trine in Air should be helpful, uniting a trio of planets in Libra (Mercury, Mars and Sun) with Ceres in Gemini and Jupiter in Aquarius. You can place Ceres near the Ascendant, putting the Libra planets in the 5th House. This would be good for creative projects or a business in the arts or involving children. Saturn will be in the 9th House, which it rules in most locations, helping with promotion, media matters or an internet feature of the business.

**Thursday, October 14 (late morning)** The same planetary patterns are in place as the evening before but their house positions and rulerships shift by the next morning, altering their emphasis. A late morning chart with the Libra threesome in the 10th House would have either Mercury or Venus ruling the Midheaven, depending on whether the Midheaven is in Virgo or Libra. It's your preference. Virgo is better for a service business or something related to healthcare. Libra is more favorable for a business partnership or team endeavor, or a business that depends on relationships. Pluto, Saturn, the Moon and Jupiter will be in the 2nd House, a strong combination for income and financial matters. You might want to have an Ascendant of 11° or lower to put Ceres in the 7th House if this will be a partnership or contractual situation, unless you're in a location (like the southeastern USA) where this would mean Neptune is close to an exact opposition to the Midheaven.

Thursday, November 18 (early morning) This chart may be uncomfortable for some people. It's just ahead of an eclipse Full Moon (always intense!) with the Moon in Taurus opposite the Scorpio Sun widely and more closely opposite Mercury. Scorpio is famous as a sign of extremes. There's a lot of persistence here and a focus on finances. A tougher opposition is an exact one between Uranus and Mars (also from Taurus to Scorpio), which promotes risk-taking almost to the point of recklessness. Venus in Capricorn might be able to soften this opposition with its sextile to Mars and trine to Uranus, although that's uncertain since Venus continues to be out of bounds as it was in October (see above). A brave financial move may pay off. An ongoing pattern of a trine between Ceres in Gemini and Saturn in Aquarius with Chiron midway between them and sextile each can be used here in a Kite with the Midheaven, if you set it at 7°-

8° Libra. In some locations (such as the American Southwest), the Ascendant and Descendant will tightly square Neptune, in which case you should abandon having a Kite with the Midheaven. With the Libra Midheaven, the Taurus twosome (Uranus and the Moon in a wide conjunction) will be in the 5th House, a place related to fun, children, hobbies and taking chances. This chart would be well-suited to a business with an entertainment and athletic or competitive feature, perhaps aimed at children or at groups, which would play to the 11th House placement of Mars and Mercury. Saturn rules the 2nd House and is positioned there, adding to positive financial prospects for the business.