

And don't feel you have to justify yourself to others.

Don't expect too much action regarding real estate matters between October 29 and November 18, when Mercury, your ruling planet goes retrograde. Your best dates for resolving home and family matters are around October 11, and November 23.



Work And Career

The two eclipses I mentioned above also affect work and career matters. This is because pairs of opposites are always linked in astrology, so what affects one area of your life will also impact on the opposite area. For Geminis, the two opposites touched by the eclipses are your personal life and your public life. The lesson is one of balance, and reconciling opposites. This is one of the greatest challenges for our spirits as we take this human journey – so it's a big month! If choices or tension appears between home and work, you are being asked to take some steps to reconcile or harmonise these two areas. Simply focusing on one at the expense of the other, may be tempting but will only lead to complications further down the track. Seek to use both your intuition and your common sense.

First, an eclipse of the Moon occurs on September 8. During the days before and after this date, reduce stress. If strong emotions surface, give yourself some time out to process and release them. Try not to stifle intuitions or your gut feelings. Ask lots of questions, and if you think someone is trying to mislead you or deceive you, move cautiously.

On September 22, an eclipse of the Sun occurs. This is in your zone of home and family, which means that it is opposite your zone of work and career. If people at work, or your boss, seem hard to understand, be cautious and don't overreact. Wait for clarity. Don't let egos on the rampage bother you.

During October and November, you may need to make adjustments that arise from events at the eclipse times. October 11 gives your communication skills a boost, so schedule job interviews and meetings for then if you can. If you don't get the outcome you want, try again on November 23.

November 2 and 3 are your best days for implementing small changes. Your best period for setting off in an exciting new direction, winning a new contract or moving into a new job is right at the end of spring, after Uranus goes direct on November 20. Before then, spring is more a time for creating balance between home and work. Some frustration is likely, but after November 20 new horizons and exciting developments that surprise you are possible.



Health

There is likely to be considerable relief for Geminis who suffered ailments or an injury during winter, especially involving the hips, thighs, pelvis or lower back. Poor liver function could also improve, which boosts the whole immune system. Weight issues,

eating disorders or other obsessive-compulsive tendencies are likely to be easier to tackle.

These all benefit now that Jupiter has finished his retrograde period through your zone of health. Phew! Jupiter is now moving forwards through your health zone until November 24, when he leaves this zone and starts sparking up your relationship, as discussed above.

When your ruling planet, Mercury, goes retrograde in your zone of health on October 29, prepare for a month of extra special self-care. This is a time to be diligent about sticking to healthy routines. Seek help for new symptoms if they arise. It's also a great time to review health matters, or have a thorough check-up. But it's not a great time for a holiday, as the energy that Mercury retrograde creates can make plans go awry easily. This retrograde period is likely to be noticed most by Geminis born on May 30 or 31, or June 1, 15, 16 or 17.

Your best dates for health treatments, including operations, are September 4 and 7, October 23 and November 16. The New Moon in your health zone on November 21 is a blessing, so make it a day for a healthy treat. This could be a massage, a walk by the sea, a great meal out with a wonderful friend – anything that sends the message to your subconscious that you love, honour and respect yourself. If your health is not optimal, you are likely to feel emotional at this New Moon on the 21st, and your current symptoms could be exacerbated, so take life gently.



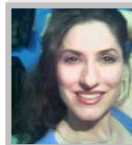
Money Matters

The period between September 1 and October 8 is not a great time to rush into new projects, large purchases or major financial commitments. Your judgement could be cloudy, as Saturn opposes dreamy Neptune. You may find it difficult to discern a good business idea from one that lacks solid foundations. Try to turn your big vision into practical form – but wait until after October 8 to implement new financial arrangements, or to decide if you trust someone with your money.

After October 8, steady progress is the best way to approach money matters this spring. With Saturn in your third house, it's a good time for business activities, marketing and selling ideas and services – as long as you are organised and realistic and don't get disappointed if results aren't instant.

Your best dates for financial progress are September 16, October 14 and 28 and November 10 and 21. On October 28, you may feel tested, but your stars indicate that being brave and taking a step forward or committing to something new could easily bring in revenue.

November 21 is the New Moon in Scorpio. For some Geminis, this could signal a pay rise or deposit of money. It's also a good time to see a financial planner, to reorganise debts, or refinance. It could be good for securing a loan as well – but dress up, because the loans manager will want to see a fastidious, responsible and mature person.



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September 2006

1 - 7

Investigate ways to assist loved ones. You may need to get out and about to gain some important information. Matters of security, whether financial or otherwise will be on your mind: *Seek facts.*

8 - 14

Something you have wanted may come through on Friday, leading to a celebration. Nip problems in the bud early in the working week. You'll be set to impress on the 14th: *A goal is reached.*

15 - 21

Large purchases, such as property or furniture are likely. You may be keen to impress your friends or live up to a certain standard. Find ways of enjoying yourself for less dollars: *Plan ahead.*

22 - 30

If you have been considering a home-based business, dreams could become reality this week. Comfort is important to you now. Do something that you enjoy to relax: *Clean up your diet.*

October 2006

1 - 8

Party on, Gemini! While you are at it, why not take advantage of some networking opportunities? You'll also be quite artistic at the moment, so use it while the inspiration flows: *Friends and fun.*

9 - 15

Apart from having to face and resolve a few problems on the 9th and 10th, you'll be buzzing with social activity again. Conversations could be rather entertaining. Avoid blowing all your dough: *Laughter.*

16 - 22

Pleasure and leisure are on your agenda. You may upgrade your entertainment system or invest in something that makes life easier. Singles may have a raunchy moment or two: *Adventure.*

23 - 31

So, finally you return to the real world and realise that your work has become a mountain. Luckily, you can climb. Needless to say, with tasks completed you'll be pooped by Saturday: *Focus.*

November 2006

1 - 8

Take some time to unwind over the weekend. You may have had frustrating interruptions holding you back from completing tasks until the 3rd. Sort out misunderstandings on the 6th and 7th: *Mantra.*

9 - 15

There could be a boost to your bank balance on Friday or you could be lucky with money. If you're pushing for a change, it could happen very soon with the right approach: *Don't give up.*

16 - 22

Make sure you have adequate rest, as from the 20th you'll be very busy. There could be some recruiting to do. Be sure to follow up on good opportunities. Your sales pitch will be spot on: *Ease.*

23 - 30

Discuss your dreams and goals with your partner in business or love. It is important that you are on the same wavelength. You might learn something important on the 28th: *Balance work and home life.*