

Vedic Astrology for May 2018 – Invincible Warrior Energy



May ushers in the powerful transit of Mars through its exalted sign of Capricorn for six months. Mars, planet of action will join Ketu, planet of enlightenment, during this extra-long period. We are asked to consciously direct these very powerful energies towards inspirational and noble causes.

Exalted Mars will aspect exalted Sun the first part of May, generating an ambitious and dominating energy. Venus completes its transit through Taurus the first two weeks of May, connecting us to beauty and comfort. Communications can slowly begin to improve after May 9 when Mercury leaves Pisces, its sign of debility. Venus shifts to Gemini mid-month, signaling a need for intellectual connections with others.

In May, the very significant six month transit of Mars through its exalted sign of Capricorn begins on May 3 and culminates on the evening of November 5, 2018. Mars will spend an extraordinarily long time in Capricorn due to Mars going

retrograde for two months later this summer. While transiting Capricorn, Mars will be with fiery Ketu, the south node of the Moon the entire time.

Mars in Capricorn is quite a strong placement, generating a warrior energy that is invincible, quick-acting, and efficient. On the shadow-side, Mars in Capricorn can be quite relentless, angry, and overbearing. So use the positive energies of Mars and practice more self-discipline, improve your stamina through physical activities, and connect to life-affirming projects or organizations.

With Mars conjunct Ketu, planet of liberation and moksha, we can be highly motivated to take a more spiritually inspiring and idealistic stance in life. Exalted Mars and Ketu can be quite insightful and capable of intense concentration. We start to realize how powerful we really are. We are also learning to stay in balance and be non-reactive in the midst of any amplified or misdirected energies in our environment. Find your true center with heart-centered activities, meditation, yoga, and mindfulness practices.

However, events may arise in the six month period (May to November) that will test our strength and inner power. These energies will become more pronounced later this summer, during the Mars retrograde period and the occurrence of three eclipses. Mars and Ketu, two pitta planets, can be impulsive risk-takers. Our frustrations can increase over time. So be patient, and think things through before taking action, especially if you are experiencing heightened emotions.

From May 3 until May 14, 2018, exalted Mars in Capricorn will aspect the exalted Sun in Aries. This combination is quite spontaneous, ambitious, and competitive. Assertive and pushy energies can surface, so work on compromise and let go of frustrations. Don't force your opinions upon others, and consider all points of view.

Venus finishes its transit through the earth sign of Taurus on May 14, 2018. This pleasant transit promotes creative and artistic expression. Communing with nature and deepening connections with family and friends is another focus. Venus in Taurus wants material comforts and stable finances.

Mid-month Venus moves to the mental sign of Gemini from May 14 until June 8, 2018, with communications becoming an important theme in our relationships. This is a good time to network and socialize with friends. While Venus is in Gemini, it will be influenced by both Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter trine Venus can amplify love and creative energies. Saturn aspect to Venus can bring increased responsibility, seriousness, or even some delay in relationships. The exact Saturn-Venus opposition occurs on May 25, when our commitment level with significant others may come up for review.

Mercury has been transiting Pisces, its sign of debility since March 2, 2018, and will finally move into the fiery sign of Aries on May 9 until May 25, 2018. This shift of Mercury out of Pisces will slowly bring more ease and definition in communications. Exalted Mars will influence Mercury in Aries, with the exact aspect occurring on May 12, 2018. Mars-Mercury energies create a passionate mind, and we become more mentally driven. Take time in choosing your words. Mercury in Aries will also be opposed by benefic Jupiter in Libra, which produces an inquiring mind and broadens our understanding and comprehension in life.



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