

THE PLANETS

Mercury will commence the year with alternate direct and retrograde motion between the dates January 12, February 2nd, May 9th, June 2nd, September 8th and 30th, and December 27th, coming in conjunction with the Sun, Inferior, January 22nd, Superior, April 1st, Inferior, May 20th, Superior, July 15th, Inferior, September 22nd, Superior, November 7th. His conjunction with the other planets will be with Venus, April 16th; Neptune, June 29th; Jupiter, August 12th, September 24th and October 5th; Mars, November 12th, Saturn, November 13th and Uranus, November 21st.

Venus commences the year as an evening star with direct motion till April 7th, retrograde till May 17th, and direct till the end of the year; coming to inferior conjunction with the Sun, afterward reappearing as a morning star to the year's end. Her planetary conjunction will be with Mercury, April 16th; Neptune, July 28th; Jupiter, October 19th; Uranus, December 8th; Saturn, December 12th; Mars, December 30th.

Mars will be an evening star with retrograde motion till April 15th, afterwards direct till the end of the year, coming in conjunction with the Sun November 20th, afterward reappearing as a morning star. In conjunction with Neptune February 19th; with Jupiter, July 25th; Uranus, November 20th; Saturn, November 27th.

Jupiter will be a morning star till his opposition to the sun February 23rd; an evening star till his conjunction, September 12th. He comes in conjunction with Mars July 25th; with Mercury, August 12th, September 25th, and October 5th; and Venus, October 19th.

Saturn and Uranus are still close companions, the latter falling behind about 25 minutes right ascension in the course of the year. Commence as morning stars till their opposition to the sun in May, and as evening stars till November. Have no intercourse with the other planets except the conjunctions with Mars, Venus and Mercury, as noted above.

Neptune will be an evening star till his conjunction with the Sun, June 10th, the other conjunctions have been noted above.

This minute planet requires the aid of a powerful telescope to be observed. The best guide to his position will be as last year, his conjunction with Mars, February 19th, when he will be 4' south of that planet.