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YOUR STARS FOR 2017

# 2017 astro guide



Want to know what the year ahead holds? Leading astrologer Patsy Bennett has the answers.

**HEALTH,** wealth and happiness in 2017 will depend on planning, inspiration and a bright-spark, can-do attitude to new opportunities. The cornerstone of progress will lie in mental, spiritual, and physical wellbeing. Play to your strengths and avoid fear-based decisions; be open to change and practical about building the life you want: then your actions will lay the foundations for your ideal life.

### ARIES (MARCH 21 – APRIL 20)

**HEALTH:** Let go of past emotions and notions. For the sake of peace of mind, move on from feelings and ideas that no longer resonate with you. It's time to detox, physically and emotionally; to let go of memories that bring you down. This year's MO? Cleanse and meditate.

**ROMANCE:** This year's series of reality checks will dispel romantic illusions and point towards real and lasting relationships. Singles could meet a soul mate in February, March or April; and if you miss them then, again in October. Couples will find new ways to share and heighten life's delights.

**MONEY:** Work hard and finances can improve, especially March through to June. To avoid overspending, ensure your budget and investments are watertight. Build wealth by broadening your horizons, and by making what you already have work for you.

**CAREER:** You'll get ahead in ways that seemed unimaginable a short time ago by thinking 'outside the box'. Prioritise, mobilise your strengths, and promote your skills and abilities. Boost your status by working from a solid foundation, especially in the second half of the year.

### TAURUS (APRIL 21 – MAY 20)

**HEALTH:** When you boost your mental health and general wellbeing, your self-esteem and self-confidence will naturally improve. This is the year to turn things around, so that your weaknesses become your strengths, and you savour a sense of accomplishment. Trust your intuition more.

**ROMANCE:** Singles, let your inner daredevil out! 'Faint heart never won fair lady' sure applies to you this year. Couples: Believe that the commitments you've made are for the best - but if you reach a turning point, make gradual adjustments as passions will skyrocket after October.

**MONEY:** Events in 2017 will help you broaden your work portfolio, to reconsider how to earn money, and how you spend it. April through June are ideal for building wealth. A collaboration could be lucrative if you have watertight contracts in place.

**CAREER:** This is a breakthrough year for you, so make realistic plans to get ahead and you'll excel, especially with joint ventures and projects. You may even surprise yourself by following new opportunities especially in February and August.

### GEMINI (MAY 21 – JUNE 21)

**HEALTH:** You can live off your nerves, but this year's pressures will make for an edgy disposition unless you make time to relax. Your natural vitality should improve from October onwards, but you will be prone to overwork then, so the key in 2017 is: balance - and more balance.

**ROMANCE:** Expect a positive upswing romantically. Singles could meet that special someone. Happiness will depend on where you place your attention, as your career could take all your energy in 2017. Prioritise and mobilise relationships, and they'll shine.

**MONEY:** August's eclipses will be right across your finance zone, making August a turning point in money management. Be careful: you may be led by your emotions, so ensure financial decisions are based on facts, not foibles. Follow your heart, but make arrangements savvily.

**CAREER:** Structure, strategy and planning will tip the scales in your favour May through August. Implement your ideas practically. Joint ventures will require negotiation. Avoid idealising collaborations; ensure your needs are met first and foremost.

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## CANCER (JUNE 22 – JULY 23)

**HEALTH:** Build inner strength, health and vitality by pursuing enlightening and extraordinary interests. You'll gain purpose by doing what you love, and being who you wish to be. Some shared circumstances will be difficult to let go of, but you'll gain a sense of freedom when you do so.

**ROMANCE:** This year's eclipses favour collaborations so, if you're single, you'll enjoy sharing more time with someone special. Couples will find inspired ways to enjoy each other's company. Events in February will point the way ahead, and there's the chance to boost romance in August.

**MONEY:** Sort out finances early in the year, including taxes, debt and finances you share with family, as this will pave the way to steady growth. Just avoid idealising and pie-in-the-sky thinking. A sense of realism will clear the path to wealth.

**CAREER:** You owe it to yourself to infuse your life with more wonder and opportunity. The turning point will revolve around your networking skills and new options to travel. Look out for a key relationship or venture that will stimulate exciting ideas and creative projects.

## LEO (JULY 24 – AUGUST 23)

**HEALTH:** You'll appreciate a deepened sense of belonging in 2017. Seize the opportunity to reinvent yourself by boosting your health, vitality, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing. Be guided by your values, as these will motivate you to let your inner dynamo out.

**ROMANCE:** You may be seen as idealistic or unrealistic in the love stakes unless you get your head out of the clouds, especially at the end of February, July and August. Luckily, a practical and innovative approach to your home life will put practicalities centre-stage.

**MONEY:** Will your money work for you, or will you simply work for money - without fulfilment? Finances may peak and trough, so make hay while the sun shines in February, April and May. Your financial progress may be tied to domestic developments in August.

### **CAREER:**

Hone your communication abilities, from negotiation skills to IT, as these are the key to your success this year. Look out for new opportunities in May and early June. You may be particularly busy then, so take the initiative to get ahead.

## VIRGO (AUGUST 24 – SEPTEMBER 23)

**HEALTH:** Jump-start your health early in 2017, and your vitality should sustain you all year. Make February a turnaround month: consider how your general attitude and daily schedule influence your health. Boost optimism with positive self-talk and deepen spirituality via yoga or meditation.

**ROMANCE:** You'll yearn for romantic love in 2017, even while being such a practical person. Your romantic desires may confuse you and your partner alike. Singles may be inclined to idealise romance and yet with a realistic approach, this is the year you'll meet your perfect partner.

**MONEY:** January, early February and the second half of 2017 provide opportunities to boost finances. February through August are perfect for consolidating financial plans. Avoid financial collaborations unless you've done complete research.

**CAREER:** This is the year to tweak your busy timetable to facilitate better work practices. Developments in February and August will enable you to implement changes to your daily routine, and provide the chance to enjoy life more throughout the year.

## LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 22)

**HEALTH:** Planetary giant Jupiter will spotlight your health this year, like no other. You'll get the chance to prioritise your wellbeing, but must avoid excesses, as these will cancel out all your good intentions. Boost energy levels and avoid food and drink that irritates your digestion.

**ROMANCE:** 2017 is the year to obtain a commitment and to create stability in erratic or non-committed relationships. Take a fresh approach to someone who is unpredictable. Plan to be steady and reliable as being unpredictable yourself will simply perpetuate the cycle.

**MONEY:** Avoid scarcity thinking; replace it with a daily mantra of 'abundance' and 'fulfilment', and 2017 (especially the second half of the year), could see you fill your coffers. Ensure you budget for your home and family, as these will be a major source of expenses.

**CAREER:** You have high hopes, and this is the year to attain your goals. Your optimism, especially early in the year, will propel you forwards. Your success will rely largely on strategy and good planning, as you may have moving goal posts to contend with.

## SCORPIO (OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 22)

**HEALTH:** Overcome restlessness, changeability and irritability with innovative health routines; be open-minded about trying something new. Prime times to boost health are May and November. Channel your excess energy into work and you could scale mountains.



**ROMANCE:** Your sensuality knows no bounds in 2017. Focus on those closest to you, or you risk dissipating your romantic energy. Developments in February, August and November will spotlight your needs, and those of others. Your challenge in 2017? To prioritise romance over passion.

**MONEY:** Taskmaster Saturn in your money zone will stimulate hard work. Budget well and be realistic about your needs and those of others, and this could be a stand-out year financially. Avoid get-rich-quick schemes; you may be tempted to gamble.

**CAREER:** A new path will appeal this year, maybe in connection with family developments. Believe in yourself and promote your skills and sparkle through your career. November and December will see deals being struck; use the first half of the year to put plans for expansion in place.

## SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 22)

**HEALTH:** Prop up energy levels and be rigorous about sticking to health schedules. This is the year to try something new, beginning with your diet or daily routine at home, and extending it to your family and friends. Don't resume bad habits; opt for healthy treats instead.

**ROMANCE:** Your key to great romance lies in clever and upbeat communications. If single, internet dating sites or long-distance relationships may appeal more than you'd expect. Couples will enjoy building more passion through improved communications and exotic travel.

**MONEY:** Strategy, good planning and being adaptable financially will enable you to invest in your goals and personal aims. This is the year to increasingly earn money through activities you love. Careful negotiations July to August could feather your nest for some time.

**CAREER:** This may be a turnaround year career-wise, as your true interests and passions in life will increasingly dictate your career moves. Give your bright ideas some 'wobble room', and base long-term decisions on certainty and facts.

## CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 – JANUARY 20)

**HEALTH:** Opt for a methodical approach to good health in 2017. Build a health and fitness regime that supports your work routine, and avoid overwork. Manage minor anxieties and sluggishness with varied exercise routines that suit your mood day-to-day.

**ROMANCE:** Changes on the domestic front will dictate developments in your romantic life. You owe it to yourself to change those aspects of your personal life that no longer resonate, and to build strength in relationships. June, July and August are your most romantic months.

**MONEY:** Look for new ways to get ahead financially, especially in February and August. In

addition, developments in September and October will be excellent for establishing shared ventures or investments that could boost your bank account.

**CAREER:** You may be inclined to play it safe, yet this is the year to expand career-wise. Avoid fear-based decisions and build the career you want, step by step. Rely on your wisdom and experience. May, October and November are your most dynamic months.

## AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 19)

**HEALTH:** Close attention to your health will pay off in 2017. Even so, if you push yourself too hard, especially in the second half of the year, you'll need to support your health and vitality with energy-boosting superfoods and a clever fitness strategy to avoid burnout.

**ROMANCE:** Eclipses across your partnership zone suggest major developments for singles, and a more refreshing, varied phase for couples, especially in February and August. But if a romance is on the rocks, there may be a parting of ways.

**MONEY:** Boost finances by being innovative. First up, consider engaging a financial expert to kick-start a fresh budget. Events in January, February, November and December will stimulate the desire to make more money, but you must avoid get-rich-quick schemes.

**CAREER:** New business or collaborative ventures will appeal. The best time to broaden your field will be after October, so do your research in the first half of 2017, and you'll be set to expand your horizons later in the year.

## PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 – MARCH 20)

**HEALTH:** Take the time to build all-round fitness spiritually, mentally and physically. Yoga, tai chi, mindfulness, assertiveness, acceptance, forgiveness and gratitude all have a place in your health routine this year, and will build stamina and stability.

**ROMANCE:** February and March will favour commitment for singles. For some couples, it'll be crunch time: a fresh path, unless you can foster deeper commitment. You may get the chance to reconsider decisions later in the year. Get set for a passionate phase September and October.

**MONEY:** Fresh financial measures and bold plans will appeal in 2017. Adventurous strategies should work as long as you liaise with experts, particularly as you may be inclined to be idealistic, especially in January, May and September.

**CAREER:** Get ready for something new. Career considerations may revolve around health developments such as rises or falls in energy levels due to work demands. A holistic approach to work-life balance will help you to build a solid career, brick by brick. 🧱

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