

# Eclipses in 2026

## Background to Better Understand Eclipses

Eclipses happen to share a close association with the Lunar Nodes. It is likely that the observations and studies into eclipses by our ancient forebears are what contributed to intuiting the entire concept of Lunar Nodes as holding mystical, spiritual implications.

There are Solar and Lunar Eclipses. Solar Eclipses occur when the Moon is exactly New, and Lunar Eclipses when the Moon is exactly Full. Ironically, Solar Eclipses are generally considered the more powerful. While Solar Eclipses come in 4 distinct expressions - Total, Partial, Annular, and Hybrid, they should all be regarded as powerful.

What is ironic about this is that a Solar Eclipse can be regarded as the true 'Super Moon' yet occurs not when it is Full but when it is New. So, it is counter to popular thinking about Moons and their effects. Yet it does depend on the house placement and especially the aspects by degree to Natal Planets. So, both Solar and Lunar Eclipses can prove powerful and impactful, if from different ends of the same pole.

The basic rule of thumb regarding interpreting eclipses is that **Solar Eclipses are more external**, empirically actual and eventful, while **Lunar Eclipses tend to be more internal and subjective**, affecting changes of perception, belief, and other personal and emotionally charged realities.

This is not to say the Lunar Eclipses do not have noticeable outer effects. Yet, these are largely associated with the attitudes, feelings, perceptions, interpretations, beliefs and the behavioral changes associated with this receiving 'activations' subject to deeper, evolutionary needs, or requirements of destiny.

**New Moons** are all about new beginnings, whereas **Full Moons** imply clearing and purging the past. Full Moons ironically indicate that the Moon has effectively entered its waning phase, thus the processes of clearing the past are triggered. Positively, the process implies feelings, attitudes, orientations and sometimes actual events that trigger these to more fully emphasize personal, authentic values and needs.

There are **three main types** of **Solar Eclipses**: Total, Annular, and Partial. A Total Solar Eclipse occurs when the Moon completely covers the Sun, an Annular Eclipse happens when the Moon covers the center of the Sun, leaving a "ring of fire," and a Partial Eclipse occurs when only part of the Sun is obscured by the Moon.

There is actually a **fourth type** of Solar Eclipse called a Hybrid Eclipse, which is a rare type of Solar Eclipse that changes its appearance depending on the observer's location, appearing as either a Total or an Annular Eclipse. This occurs because the Moon's distance from Earth varies, causing some areas to experience totality while others see only an Annular Eclipse.

There are also **three types of Lunar Eclipses**: Total, Partial, and Penumbral. A Total Lunar Eclipse occurs when the Earth completely covers the Moon's surface, a Partial Lunar Eclipse happens when only part of the Moon enters Earth's shadow, and a Penumbral Lunar Eclipse is when the Moon passes through the outer part of Earth's shadow, causing a subtle dimming.

'Eclipse Season' occurs approximately every six months. When it does, the mix of Solar and Lunar Eclipses varies. Sometimes there is 1 Lunar Eclipse accompanying the Solar, sometimes there are 2, sometimes there are none, and sometimes either the Solar or Lunar Eclipse is 'Total', but other times not, but ALL Eclipses, whether they are Total, Partial, Annual (solar) or Penumbral (lunar) or otherwise, should be deemed significant, provided they are deemed significant in terms of the specifics of one's Birth Chart especially in terms of forming close aspects to Natal planets and angles.

In 2026, both Solar Eclipses are followed by Lunar Eclipses, as opposed to being preceded by Lunar Eclipses.

- 1. The First Solar Eclipse of 2026 occurs on February 17 and at 28 Aquarius 50 and is followed by a Lunar Eclipse two weeks later on March 3 at 12 Virgo 54.**
- 2. The Second Solar Eclipse occurs on August 12 and at 20 Leo 02 and is followed by a Lunar Eclipse on August 27/28 at 4 Pisces 54.**

**\*Note:**

Understanding any major event, such as an eclipse, includes **analysis of the event chart as a whole**. Since any chart provides a lot of interpretative information, the following will offer just a few **key points for each eclipse**. The next layer of interpretation is based on which Houses the eclipses occur in, in terms of both your Solar Chart, which is what Horoscopes are based on, and your actual Birth Chart would prove that much more accurate. The perspective of your Solar Chart, where your Sun Sign serves as your Ascendant with 0-degree equal House Cusps, will be elaborated closer to the actual date of the eclipse events in the Horoscope interpretations for that week.

The general interpretation can be achieved with Horoscopes, based on the 'Solar House' they occur in. In this regard, place your Sun Sign on the Ascendant, or first house cusp,

then simply count the signs in their zodiacal order. Otherwise, if you happen to know what your actual Ascendant is, and the degree of it and the remaining houses, then you can determine where the eclipses will occur in your chart. (I can help you with this.)

The other factor is to decipher if the degree of the eclipse in the given sign makes close aspects to the angles or planets in your chart. (This is not common knowledge, so do not assume that you should know this.) If the planet or angle is close to this degree, within a couple of degrees, 3 at most, yet a little higher, the impact is likely to be stronger than if the eclipse degree is higher than the angle or planet in question.

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### **Annular Solar Eclipse: February 17, - 28 Aquarius 50**

The major factors include the Sun/Moon conjunction in Aquarius closely square Uranus in Taurus, along with Saturn and Neptune still closely aligned at 0 Aries and both Mars and Pluto in Aquarius as well = ***Powerful and eventful kick-off of the Year of the Fire Horse!***

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### **Total Lunar Eclipse: March 3, - 12 Virgo 54**

A four planet stellium in Pisces, including Mars at 0 Pisces with its ruling planet Neptune at 1 Aries conjunct Saturn at 2 Aries = ***indicates an emotional surge to do inner work to clear doubts, fears, blocks and resistances to the flow of change.***

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### **Total Solar Eclipse: August 12, - 20 Leo 02**

A four-planet stellium by sign in Leo, including Mercury and Jupiter and with Mars at 0 Cancer and the Lunar Nodes having just entered Aquarius and Leo, and at the 29<sup>th</sup> degree = ***makes for an emotionally charged and dramatic theme of influence over the ensuing six months crossing over into 2027.***

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### **Partial Lunar Eclipse: - August 27/28, - 4 Pisces 54**

Uranus at the apex of a T-Square with the Sun closely conjunct Mercury in Virgo and opposing the Moon in Pisces, with Neptune in early Aries = ***basically indicates an intelligent and innovative response to overcome problems.***