

GREETINGS;

I hope the heat, drought and two eclipses haven't brought you more uncertainty than you can handle. The eclipse on July 21 was the longest of the century. On August 5, at the Full Moon we have a Lunar Eclipse, so life should be full of change for all of us, particularly those with planets in Leo and Aquarius.

As we embrace uncertainty with spiritual certainty and good health habits, this will be a unique time of change.

LANDSCAPING IN AUGUST; It sounds like an oxymoron, doesn't it? However, those who followed my recommendations to prune limbs over their houses last August had a very different experience once hurricane season got going. It is a very good time to take a look at your trees and attend to this task. I have a great tree specialist, as well as an arborist who can diagnose and treat the many diseases that the hurricane, the drought and the heat have brought out in the open. Please call my office to schedule your appointment at 713/520-1551. If you still do not have an irrigation system and are tired of watering in the heat and mosquitoes, I have a specialist for that as well.

AUGUST ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

July really stirred up a lot of difficulty for many people, and for others it moved stuck situations to new resolutions. In my last update, I totally omitted the change in the planet Uranus, moving through the late degrees of Pisces and stopping for six months from July 1-December 1. Uranus is the revolutionary change agent that is calling each of us to a higher spiritual attunement, as well as the message of detoxing ourselves from substances, circumstances and people that keep us from our highest expression of Soul.

The two eclipses on July 7 and 21 occurred in cardinal sign Cancer, which stimulates emotions, family matters and movement. Life may have become more interesting than we enjoy. This trend doesn't slow down much in August, as another eclipse at the Full Moon August 5 should bring up strong, powerful, heartfelt feelings, particularly to those with planets in Leo and Aquarius. Of the outer planets which influence the consciousness of all of us, only Saturn is moving forward, as the truth taskmaster who brings obligations, challenges and lessons. Since Saturn is finishing up two years in Virgo, those with planets in Virgo and Pisces and especially affected.

The mental energy of Mercury begins the month in Leo, moving quickly into Virgo on 8/2. During the first 3 weeks of the month the mind will be full of questions, solutions and worries about everything one can think about. On August 3, Pluto strengthens our depth of understanding. On August 17, Mercury joins Saturn for a very steadying influence and on 8/21 the revolutionary energy of Uranus either gives us a genius idea/solution or throws us off balance. On 8/25 Mercury moves into peaceful, social Libra and plans for the upcoming Fall season capture our attention. On 8/25 Mars energizes our thinking and communicating, possibly in an angry manner, and on 8/26 Pluto helps us understand our thinking about many things.

Venus spends most of August in Cancer, which makes us want to attend to home and family matters and intensifies our feeling function. This is always a great time for the three R's of healing: rest, recreation and regeneration. On 8/1 Venus is pushed to the wall by Pluto, which gives many of us a financial scare or a feeling of being overpowered by life's challenges. It will pass, however by 8/22, when brilliant Uranus forms a positive pattern of solutions and unexpected help from others. On 8/26 Venus enters Leo, calling us to want to connect with others and increase our social opportunities.

Mars is the driver this month as it begins the month in Gemini, which over energizes the mind. This makes it hard to sleep and be quiet, so you are forewarned to increase your relaxation

strategies. On 8/10, Mars and Saturn struggle, so avoid those situations and persons with whom you have conflict or fighting is very tempting. On 8/13 Mars and Jupiter form a pattern of energetic pleasure, the day before the Sun and Jupiter expand one another. These are great days to plan fun activities or achieve peaceful resolution to life's problems. On 8/17 Mars and Neptune make a magically creative pattern, so don't waste this opportunity. On 8/18 Mars and Uranus form an aspect which creates possibility of accidents, so practice extreme caution during this day. It is also not the day to resolve differences, so postpone all possible confrontations. On 8/26 Mars and Pluto face one another, which is a particularly violent pattern for weather, war and difficulties in general. This is a great day to slow down and rest and avoid anything which will overstimulate you.

In spite of all the turmoil just mentioned, August is a month where the energy is pretty evenly distributed between fire, earth, air and water energy, so opportunities to regain balance are available if we choose. It may feel as though we are caught in a stretched to the max rubber band as planets in Cancer, Leo and Virgo are opposite planets in Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces, Those with planets in these six signs will be most directly affected. This is a unique period of clarity which makes decisions clearer. I advise each of us to find a still place to watch events and look for the current to take us through the challenges to calmer water.

If you need help making sense of your life or timing your solutions, please call my office to schedule your appointment.

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