

GREETINGS:

We are beginning one of the most interesting months in decades, and for some of us, in 99 years. You would have to be hiding under a rock not to know that a powerful "American Eclipse" is occurring on 8/21 and is visible from sea to sea in the US, a pattern not seen for 100 years. I will send a separate email with details about this interesting energy pattern later this month. The New Moon Solar Eclipse on 8/21 is a rare second New Moon in Leo in one month period. To say that ego and creativity are soaring and roaring is an understatement. On 8/7 there is a Lunar Eclipse at the Full Moon in Aquarius, which will serve to loosen us up for what follows the last 10 days of August. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the beginning of the three-week Mercury retrograde period which begins on 8/12. Make decisions, sign contracts and avoid purchasing electronics and cars until mid-September. With Mars in Leo until 9/5, it may seem as if the fiery planetary patterns are being fanned by bellows, further energizing this fiery month of creative change. At month's end Saturn moves forward in Sagittarius for the first time in 5 months and projects and decisions which have been delayed during this time start to come together. Fate and Father Time are taking us to a new level of reality. On 8/3 the rebellious original planet Uranus takes a rest in fiery Aries, reminding us that the more consciousness and awareness we have developed, the more we can adapt to the dynamic changes of August.

MAJOR PLANETARY ENERGIES OF AUGUST 2017

The first week of August brings us a Full Moon in Aquarius eclipse on 8/7, following the powerful force of Uranus slowing down in self-focused Aries on 8/3 and giant Jupiter expanding its influence on power driven Pluto from Libra to Capricorn. This is a pattern of power struggle in relationships and work. Do yourself a favor and resist the impulse to have discussions with those with whom you have difficulty at this time. The Monday morning Full Moon eclipse is intensified by air signs fanning the flames of ego and impulse. Do something to cool off and re-center your nervous system.

The second week of August finds us in patterns of complexity and intensity. On 8/9 the Sun in Leo struggles with Pluto and aggravation with those who would restrict us is intolerable. On 8/10 the aggravating combination of Mars and Neptune causes a disruption in certainty and focus and confusion can be a factor in our mental life. Not surprisingly Mercury moves backward in Virgo (the worry factor) on 8/12 and remains under the influence of Virgo until 8/31-9/8, during which time our minds reflect the fiery confidence of Leo once more. Keep a journal of your many thoughts and feelings during this period. Do not make changes to any part of your life that was decided prior to 8/12. An especially confusing time occurs late in the month when the Sun in Virgo joins Mercury on 8/26, the day after Saturn starts progressive motion again (8/25). The stabilizing day during this week is 8/13 as the Sun in Leo and Saturn in Sagittarius form a pattern of balance. On 8/15 Venus, occupying water sign Cancer stands in opposition to Pluto in Capricorn causing many of us to feel vulnerable and overpowered by those with whom we have romantic or financial entanglements that are unbalanced.

The third month of August finds the Sun in Leo joining the North Node of the Moon for the first time in 18 years, calling us to serve the greater good, to bring order to chaos, and to allow our feelings of compassion to draw us into active participation with life again. LIFE IS GOOD on this day. Before the day ends Venus in Cancer is expanded by Jupiter in Libra and gives us a taste of the future with a renewal of optimism. On 8/21 in the early hours before the New Moon in Leo total eclipse of the Sun a particularly wonderful Sun/Uranus blending in fiery Leo/Aries, collaborating to bring us an invigorating spark of a picture of a more fulfilling future and points the way to movement in a new direction. This is the night to get to bed early and dream big. The New Moon in Leo total eclipse of the Sun occurs on Monday 8/21 and will be covered fully in a separate email next week. Get ready to roar. After the eclipse on 8/22 Mars in Leo and Saturn in Sagittarius flip the on switch linking the creative force of Mars in Leo with the wisdom of Saturn in Sagittarius, enabling us to access the resources of both planets in our efforts to fulfil our desires.

The last week of August finds Venus in Cancer squaring off with Uranus in Aries (8/24), providing restless energy and impatience with the status quo. Take a breath before you speak and/or act on these energies. Finally, after 5 months of resting, Saturn, the task master of Fate, gets moving forward on 8/25, and we might as well get ready for our destiny. As mentioned in previous emails, Saturn is moving once more

toward the Galactic Center for the first time in 30 years. See if you can remember the changes that occurred in 1987 that seemed unimaginable. It's coming around again and you will be able to see the form it takes by Thanksgiving. Projects that have been delayed get the green light and new beginnings feel more than a tinge of optimism. The Sun, now in Virgo since 8/22 joins Mercury in Virgo on 8/26 as Venus happily enters Leo so it can dry out and shine in Leo, a combination which enhances our future efforts with skill, joy and creativity. Mercury moves backward into Leo on 8/31 bringing the balance between earth and fire into a dynamo of action and positive results. The train of change has left the station and it is moving too fast to get off. Hang on for a wild ride, a once in a lifetime experience for most of us. Stay tuned for September's opportunities.

Hope you are ready for change and creative solutions to old problems, particularly with difficult people. Everyone I know is cleaning house as Jupiter takes its final turn in Libra. If I can assist you in any way, please let me know. This is a good time for an astrological consultation if you have been considering it.

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