

GREETINGS;

I hope you are keeping yourself balanced as we wind down this turbulent month of June, and move into July without so many astrological fireworks. Three eclipses in 30 days while the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars were moving through mutable, changeable, maddening Gemini, was a bit much for all of us. I hope you didn't have as much trouble with your electronics as everyone I know, myself included, but things should level out quite a bit in July, which is why I wanted to get the forecast out early, so we can all look FORWARD with optimism and peacefulness, leaving "coulda, shoulda, woulda" in June.

LANDSCAPING: If you have water and know how and what to plant, this is an amazing time for landscaping in Houston. Plants are on sale and are overgrown, so instant gratification is more than possible. I am about two weeks from photographing my re-done yard and will send before and after pictures when I get them. Everything in my yard died with the freeze and it looked like Death Valley. In fact, it was so awful that my irrigator went into my back yard and took pictures and had a laugh attack. If you are brave enough to plant, mulch and irrigate, and need help, please let me know. The trees are very stressed and storms are coming later this summer, so please get your trees properly trimmed. I can also help you with this task.

JULY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

July will feel like a vacation compared to June. We begin the month with a third eclipse July 1st. With a New Moon in Cancer and a solar eclipse, we are off to a fast moving change period the first half of July. With the Sun, Moon, Venus, Saturn, Pluto and Uranus in Cardinal signs, the table is level for the first time in years, literally. When Saturn moved into cardinal sign Libra, joining Pluto in Capricorn, the speed and difficulty increased for all of us and until now hasn't had a release point. The cardinal signs Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn are the action signs. In January Jupiter entered Aries, followed by Uranus in March, keeping all of us in wobble mode until July, 2011. The phenomenon of three of the legs of the Cardinal Cross being occupied without the 4th sign of Cancer occupied, has been worrisome to all of us, particularly those with planets in Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. Life should settle down for all of us, some more than others.

At the beginning of July we should set new intentions around our home and family, our feelings and security and safety issues. The action of Saturn in this equation brings about the possibility of transformation of our existing structures. We are also well advised to address our real or perceived limitations. With the addition of Pluto and Uranus, we must decide to embrace change and give up the struggle with what is meant to be. This is a perfect Power vs. Force moment for all of us. As my students used to say, it's time to deal with the "S" word, surrender. For those who have a deep spiritual understanding of the deeper meaning of life, this is easier. On July 7th as Jupiter and Pluto balance one another, a new level of acceptance occurs as our new direction emerges more clearly and easily. The struggles which intensified in March find a release point, finally! As of July 9th, when Uranus moves backwards for the next few months, all of the outer planets except Saturn are retrograde. This gives us a chance to assess our future plans one more time, refining our understanding and upgrading our tools and planning skills.

The Full Moon of July 15th brings an intense openness to life, so make plans to be with others July 14th – 16th and enjoy the social aspects of life. The final New Moon of July occurs in radiant Leo on July 30th, with the morning star Venus, Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto joining in, giving us a time of inspired creativity, generosity and play. Please take advantage of it, as Mercury goes retrograde on August 2nd – 26th. July is definitely the month to vacation, play and get unstuck.

For those of you who took advantage of the powerful energy of the Summer Solstice and have been experiencing dynamic events already, you are just getting started. With Mars and Saturn balancing in air signs Gemini and Libra, respectively, and Jupiter and Pluto balancing in earth signs Taurus and Capricorn, respectively, we have a stable matrix in the rational energies which gives us a strong root system for the energies that move from water to fire in signs Cancer and Leo. This allows us to

experience a period for relative calm and safety from which to create, think outside the box, and take reasonable risk. Celebrate wherever and whenever you can.

Mercury, our mental communication messenger, moves from vibrant fiery radiant Leo to practical Virgo at month's end. This is generally a cheery optimistic pattern for all of us, particularly those with planets in Gemini, Virgo and Leo. On July 4th Mercury is in a perfect triangle with Uranus, so do not spend this day alone or you will miss the upbeat, sparkling conversations of those who venture out to be with others. On July 5th Mercury and Jupiter expand our thinking and problems are easily dealt with and resolved. On July 28th Mercury moves into Virgo and loses a bit of its creative spontaneity and has a moment of paranoia on July 29th as it opposes Neptune in Pisces while we are in the Dark of the Moon. Forewarned is forearmed, so don't take yourself or anything that occurs to you on that day too seriously.

Venus, the messenger of love, attachment, beauty and social connections, begins the month in Gemini, and moves into Cancer on July 4th. This begins a period of being drawn to enjoying your home, family and what makes you feel secure. Plan events and time with those who you love and depend on. As mentioned before, the first nine days of July are a breath of fresh air after June. It is a great time to take a vacation, or just enjoy life. Venus does bump into Uranus on July 7th, which might be exciting, and Pluto on July 8th, which might be challenging and deepening, and finally Saturn on July 13th, which might be limiting or slowing you down, or bringing you back to reality. On July 28th, Venus moves into radiant Leo and all our hearts will open.

The first half of July will feel like a vacation, with lots of vitality, opportunity and optimism. The week beginning July 17th is a very calm week and the final week of the month is a bit fast moving and volatile. Make your plans accordingly.

I am available to help you with any of your questions, planning and problem resolution except for Friday July 22nd, as I will be taking advantage of that calm energy at Moody Gardens Hotel. Please call my office to schedule your appointment.

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