

GREETINGS:

I hope you have wonderful plans for the upcoming holiday. The good news for July is that June has passed and we are moving into a more peaceful time. Mars has spent the past 2 1/2 months grinding away with its lessons about the uses of assertiveness, aggression, anger and violence. It is time to move forward and release the struggles of the past few months. With planets in watery personal sign, Cancer, and later heart-centered, social fire sign Leo, it is time to exhale and celebrate. It is time for all of us to take some time off, rest, recreate and regenerate and congratulate ourselves that we are still here in one piece, wiser for sure. The golden energy of the Summer Solstice on 6/20 is now amplified by Mars moving forward slowly so we can come to full speed when it changes the position it has been stuck on 7/11. The New Moon occurs on 7/4 and the Full Moon follows on 7/19 setting the rhythm for better times.

LANDSCAPING: It is not surprising that it is too hot to plant and prune this month, but trees have been battered by rains equivalent to those in the rain forest. It is imperative that your trees get pruned as soon as possible so they can withstand possible storms and not fall over because the ground has been so wet. If you have limbs that are near or on your roof, they should be removed. I have a great tree contractor that can help. Let me know of your needs and I will send Roni to take care of them. Also, we all need irrigation and drainage issues resolved in the hottest time of the summer. I am relieved that my irrigator has fixed my drainage problems in the house I moved into 6 months ago. The standing water I experienced in recent months will not breed disease and I can breathe easier. Let me know if I can help you with your needs and send Tommy to your house.

JULY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK:

As mentioned above, the relief we will all feel, especially those with planets in Aries and Scorpio, is unlimited, as Mars slowly rolls off the spot where we have felt life grinding on us with unlimited frustration. We are in the final act of a pattern which began in late February. The frustration which began at that time will slowly release this month and resolve by late August as Mars enters Sagittarius on 8/2 and gets to the point where things went haywire on 8/23. This feels to many of us as a return to normalcy as we see the possibility of building a life that works smoothly without unnecessary drama. We have learned much in the last few months about the use of assertiveness, aggression, anger and violence. We should have clarity about what is and is not worth fighting for.

Mercury moves quickly between Gemini, Cancer, Leo and Virgo during this time, leaving Gemini for water sign Cancer on 6/29, a placement which moves the conversation to issues of family, home, acts of caring and nurturing. It is a softer side of thinking, more reflective and kind in the sign ruled by the Moon. Mercury moves out of visibility in the sky as it moves to the far side of the sun, preparing for the conjunction with the sun on 7/6. On 7/5 Mercury and Neptune bring us a beautiful mind aspect which guides us to inner life, dreaming and spiritual attunement. On 7/7 Mercury and Pluto face off and the power of the practical must be integrated if we are to accomplish our dreams. On 7/10 Mars balances our thinking and this is the day to speak to those you have challenges with. On 7/11 Uranus and Mercury cause temporary insanity to many, particularly those who are impulsive and self-centered. Avoid them if you can. On 7/13 Mercury moves into lovely Leo and a good mood is possible for all who choose. On 7/16 Mercury joins Venus in Leo and this is a wonderful time to have a vacation, host or attend a party, or ask for what you want with charm and civility. Success is guaranteed. On 7/19 Mercury is stabilized by Saturn and reality doesn't bite, it seems reasonable and desirable. On 7/27 magnetic, original Uranus chimes in and we are able to think outside the box and make progress with our plans. Finally, on 7/29, when Uranus moves retrograde in Aries, Mars and Mercury combust. Hold your tongue and breathe. On 7/30 Mercury moves into practical, helpful Virgo till 10/7. It is time to fix all the broken things in your life during this period. Make plans and ask for help.

As mentioned before, the powerful New Moon occurs on 7/4 with the watery Moon, Sun, Venus and Mercury in Cancer, as well as Mars and Neptune in water signs Scorpio and Pisces respectively. For those with planets in water signs, this is a new beginning. For those without planets in water signs, get in the boat that is taking your fortunate friends to a new life. This is an especially sensitive time for all of us. Slow

down, be still and quiet and pursue your inner life so you have greater knowledge of yourself and what you do and do not need. This time period ushers us into a deeper understanding and integration of our feminine side, the receptive principle. The Solar feminine principle of the planets in Cancer expresses creativity, passion and strength. The Lunar masculine provides support, devotion and protection. This energy combination requires a collaborative relationship between masculine and feminine, on a personal and collective level. Water signs represent our capacity to receive, reflect and release. This New Moon which has 6 planets in water signs draws us inward so we can feel the truth that we are human beings, not human doings. It urges us to return to the inner world of feelings and introspection. This is a period which allows us to open our hearts and heal old wounds. The Sabian symbol for this New Moon advises us to balance receptivity with resoluteness, and openness with courage. Relax and reflect. Meditate, spend time in nature, do art, do a lot of nothing. This is the time to feel your radiant essence.

Venus begins July in Cancer and moves into Leo on 7/12. This continues the trend which was prominent at the Summer Solstice and Full Moon of 6/20, of a golden period which enriches our quest for fulfillment and contentment. We may experience the Summer of Love for the first time since the sixties. One of the components of love is passion and we will surely see some of this in our political conventions in July. On 7/5 Mars and Venus form a pattern of support for progress in our quest for fulfillment and contentment. This is a great day for business and pleasure and self-care. On 7/7 Uranus throws curve ball to our plans, so we need to remain open and not resist. The Sun moves into Leo on 7/12 and our heart's desires are truly all we focus on as the desire to become more than we imagine continues. On 7/20, following the Full Moon on 7/19, Venus and Saturn form a strong balancing act for future planning which leads to greater success in all matters of the heart. This is a great time to be with friends and family and present yourself with openness and confidence.

The Full Moon occurs on 7/19 occurs with the Sun in Cancer and the Moon in Capricorn. Both signs are considered yang (feminine, receptive), yet they express themselves in very different ways. Water sign Cancer immerses us in the intimacies and intricacies of feelings, needs and family. Earth sign Capricorn compels us to master the complexities and constraints of physical reality. The Full Moon illuminates where we are balancing the needs of our inner and outer lives. As mentioned before the watery Grand Trine which occurs on 7/16-17 counsels us to slow down and invite quiet into our lives so we can recharge and receive the wisdom of our Higher Self. Mercury and Venus in Leo forming a supportive aspect to Saturn in Sagittarius bring the courage to explore and express our creativity in meaningful ways, following our heart. This is a Full Moon for looking inward.

At month's end, Mercury makes an electric pattern with Uranus on 7/27, just 2 days before it moves retrograde in fiery Aries for the next few months activating surprising new insights and a more peaceful period for those with planets in Aries, Aquarius and Scorpio. July is a month to go inward, listen and move forward with confidence. It is a month to be with others who balance and nourish you. It is a time to play and regenerate. I wish for each of you a happy holiday period. On July 3, I will turn 73, and I am lucky to be alive. Last year, the day before my birthday I was involved in an 8 car crash in which my car was totaled, and 2 days later I was run over by a boy on a bike in a July 4th parade in my neighborhood. Mark your calendar for 7/3/2043 as I plan to be here till then and invite you to celebrate my 100th birthday with me!

If I can help you with all the processing of feelings, answers to questions, or planning your forward movement, let me know. I will be in town all of July and look forward to the privilege of helping you with your need for understanding and growth.

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