

GREETINGS:

I hope you had a peaceful Fourth of July yesterday and are rested and ready for the summer astrological adventure we all will experience in July and August 2018. There are 3 eclipses upcoming (7/12-13, 7/27, 8/11), which are only a small part of the stunningly powerful energy which arrives in July and August.

Today we get on a super feeling boat which takes us through a myriad of feelings as the Sun in Cancer is balanced by Jupiter and Scorpio and Neptune in Pisces. Those with planets in these water signs will be more open, creative and intuitive. Make time to give yourself the gift of extreme self-care for the next few weeks as this is the time for all of us to integrate these energies without much effort. This unusual pattern which occurs from 7/5-8 is the only time this year when we can feel the needs of our inner child, deal with our emotional backlog and follow our intuition into deeper waters of feeling. This magical healing energy completes on 7/8 as the Sun in Cancer joins Neptune as the triangle changes shape shortly before the first eclipse on 7/12. The Sun opposes powerful, prodding Pluto for the only time in 2018. The force of truth is strong during this eclipse.

Another powerful pattern operating on 7/5 is the eruptive energy of Mercury and Mars agitating us to overthink and overshare, as well as to take the bait and enter the world of angry words and no conflict resolution. Take a pass on this possibility.

JUPITER MAKES A MOVE FORWARD ON JULY 10

On 3/8, expansive Jupiter entered its resting and reviewing phase in its year-long visit in Scorpio. This is a time of expansion for all of those with Scorpio planets. On 7/10 Jupiter's need for expansion and search for truth, meaning and purpose begins again in earnest. Hopefully you have been reviewing your life with these issues in mind for the past 4 months and have questioned your assumptions and begun to confront your fears, healed old wounds and released old baggage so you can move forward with confidence as the energies flow on eclipse dates 7/12, 7/27 and 8/11. As Jupiter moves forward it gives a boost to our ability to open up about our emotions and bring opportunity for better financial dealings. The following day, 7/11 Venus in earthy Virgo is balanced by Uranus in Taurus which invites us all to try something new in relationships and/or financial matters.

VENUS AND MERCURY IN EARLY JULY

Mercury is the planet of thought and communication and it begins July in joyous Leo where our minds are on pleasure and celebration. As mentioned above Mercury and Mars can cause aggravation and impulsive anger on 7/5. Fortunately, on 7/9 Jupiter and Mercury expand our mental options so make as many plans as you can early in July, since Mercury begins its retrograde period on 7/25 and all bets are off.

Venus is the planet of connection, values and attachment to the personal and material world. Venus begins the month in passionate Leo and moves into practical Virgo on 7/9, urging us to tidy up and get the details straight in all we pursue. The genius of Uranus appears on 7/11 and the balance with stabilizing, practical Saturn is a welcome addition on 7/14. This is a great time to attend to your personal needs and make plans for the rest of the Summer.

SOLAR ECLIPSE (NEW MOON IN CANCER) 7/12-13

Eclipses signify powerful times of change and growth, as well as major endings and beginnings. They occur every 6 months and usually come in pairs, although this summer we have 3 eclipses. It is advised to use the first eclipse as a signal to fully feel the sense of home signified by the sign Cancer, including being at home in our own bodies, since they provide a home for our spirit. The Cancer eclipse urges us to nurture and care for ourselves in a way that increases our feelings of home as we seek security and safety and devote time to extreme self-care. Since Cancer rules the world of deep emotions, heightened sensitivity and reactivity are possible as suppressed feelings rise to the surface. We may become aware of what no longer nurtures and supports us. By feeling what comes to us we can purge the past and create space for the new. The challenge is to stay open to these intense feelings, let them move through us, and

use them as fuel for change. This eclipse occurs in opposition to Pluto in Capricorn which brings awareness to family dynamics and their distortions and dysfunctions. This is the time to release deeply rooted emotional patterns. This eclipse is also supported by Jupiter in Scorpio and Neptune in Pisces. The intensity of all of this energy in water signs and the Cardinal (action) energy of Cancer/Capricorn planets is a call to take charge and harness the power of imagination.

MARS STIRS THE POT BEFORE THE SUN ENTERS LEO 7/22

On 7/20, before the Sun enters fire sign Leo, Mars (the planet of fire) joins the Moon's South Node in Aquarius. Be warned: this is not a time to start or settle a conflict and if you still have toxic anger, it will attempt to hijack you so stay away from people and circumstances which get you out of balance.

As you can see, the first 3 weeks of July deal with deep feelings on a personal level, and thereafter, we get a new assignment. I will send Part 2 of the July Astrological Outlook before the Sun enters Leo and the energy shifts again.

If you need to process feelings or deal with mind/body issues, I am available for consultations which can include your astrological patterns, as well as your issues with others. Since this eclipse period deals with strong opposing forces, it is likely our Shadow issues will appear so we can unpack them from the bag we carry them in.

With gratitude and love,

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