

## **AUGUST 2021 ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK**

### **GREETINGS:**

I hope the weather and the fiery energy of Leo is to your liking, since we have lots of energy surrounding our plans this month. The first three days of August the Sun and Mercury are joined together as twins, moving to the dog star Sirius, the heart of the Sun and the brightest star in the heavens, bringing us more energy that we can contain. In the ancient world the joining of the Sun and Sirius marked a period of renewal and a new growing season and on August 11<sup>th</sup>, shortly after the New Moon in Leo on August 8, this period of interior self-examination begins. With 4 of the 5 traditional outer planets in retrograde motion (appearing to move backward), we are naturally drawn inward. Saturn and Uranus are occupying air sign Aquarius; Pluto is occupying Capricorn and Neptune is occupying its home sign of Pisces. On August 19<sup>th</sup> Uranus, the disruptor of predictability moves backward in earth sign Taurus, and the movement of the personal planets Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars which are in fire and earth for the rest of August dominate our landscape. The New Moon in Leo occurs on August 8<sup>th</sup> and the second Full Moon in Aquarius within 30 days occurs on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Here are some of the important trends for the Leo season, a time of drama, passion, living in the spotlight and unlimited creativity.

### **HOW MERCURY OUR MENTAL ENERGY PLANET WILL AFFECT US IN AUGUST:**

Mercury and the Sun fly together the first 3 days of August in relative harmony and soon feel the stress of serious Saturn from freedom loving Aquarius. This provides a power struggle between what we want to do and obligation and the consequence of too much procrastination. Midway through this pattern Mercury squares Uranus, the ruler of Aquarius, and throws us a bit off balance. We may get new perspectives on old problems or new awareness of what is true for us on a personal level, but we may not be adept in sharing our insights yet. At the New Moon in Leo (August 8<sup>th</sup>), the period of intensity of personal needs will be hard to miss as Mercury joins the New Moon before moving in front of the Sun and Moon. On August 10<sup>th</sup> Mercury opposes expansive Jupiter in air sign Aquarius, opening the floodgates to thinking and overtalking, a condition that can easily overwhelm others. Mercury enters practical, helpful Virgo on 8/12 where he will remain until 8/31. When Mercury occupies Virgo, one of his home signs, we are focused on what is practical and hopeful and not peaceful with those who are not actively moving toward solutions. It will be hard to not overthink when Mercury squares the nodal axis on 8/15. On 8/18 Mercury and Mars connect and impatience rules. The good news is that the joining of the two planets in the sign of service and healing causes an infusion of problem solving. This is a good time to make a new start in your healing journey. On 8/20 Mercury makes a trine to Uranus in Taurus and new ideas and solutions are possible. There is an “a-ha” moment pursuing us. On 8/24, after the intensity of the Full Moon (8/22) Mercury in practical Virgo opposes dreamy “rose colored glasses” Neptune in the oceanic water sign Pisces, Neptune’s natural home. Be careful of pipedreams and misunderstandings.

### **HOW VENUS AFFECTS OUR ATTACHMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS IN AUGUST:**

Venus begins August in critical, perfectionist Virgo and makes her first contact with one of the slow-moving outer planets on 8/9 when she opposes anything goes Neptune in his dreamtime sign of Pisces. It will be hard not to be distracted by something or someone fascinating. Tasks can wait for another day. On 8/11 Venus makes an accommodating triangle with powerful Pluto. Sparks can intensify between people we want to get to know, and/or we may have great financial opportunities as well. Venus enters home sign of relationships (Libra) on 8/17. On 8/21 Venus and the North Node in Gemini form a supportive

triangle which opens new connections with loved ones and enhances our ability to share and listen with those we are attached to. On 8/23 another fortunate pattern for Venus occurs as she received support from Saturn who can guide us toward clarity in a relationship and our plans for the future. Venus remains in Libra until September 11.

#### **HOW MARS AFFECTS OUR ENERGY AND PATIENCE IN AUGUST:**

Militant, action packed Mars entered Virgo on July 30<sup>th</sup> and remains in Virgo until September 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be hard not to progress during this time, as Mars is impatient and persistent, and is not able to fail when he is in earth sign Virgo. On 8/11 Mars squares the nodes, increasing irritation in attempts to speak with clarity and listen with an open mind. This promises to be a busy day which adds to the frustration factor. On 8/21 Mars and Uranus create a triangle to increase originality and take problem solving to a whole new level as well as encouraging us to take new risks with successful outcomes.

As you can see, the energy of the month of August demands adaptation and making a commitment to surrender our rigidity and go with the flow. The resistance to change that the fixed signs Leo, Taurus and Aquarius share needs to be exchanged with the temperament of the mutable signs who naturally juggle and change lanes with ease. The Full Moon in Aquarius on August 22<sup>nd</sup> is the second in 30 days, a somewhat rare occurrence. The Full Moon in Aquarius emphasizes the virtues of clarity, detachment and fairness, as well as originality and brilliance. It is time for all of us to release anything idea, circumstance or person who does not allow us to be comfortable in our own skin.

Enjoy the last full month of summer 2021. If you choose to focus on your inner life so you will be prepared for growth and change, I am available to assist you in your transformation.

**WISHING YOU JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE AND WISDOM THROUGHOUT AUGUST,**

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