

AUGUST 2022 ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

GREETINGS:

Congratulations, we made it through July. August begins with the most consequential energy pattern of 2022.

The winds of change are moving in a direction and intensity not seen since 1929-1939. In some ways, this change pattern last appeared during the period Alexander the Great was taking over the world. Today Mars and Uranus unite to dive into the North Node of the Moon in Taurus, activating the South Node of the Moon in Scorpio. This unusual occurrence is also connected to Saturn as the final link in a Grand Cross in fixed signs Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. Since fixed signs resist change and prefer planned slow growth, it will feel like disruption for those who don't adapt to change easily. It is interesting to note that the degree of this pattern is the same degree as the Total Lunar Eclipse on election day **11/8/22**. It is past time to recognize and release old patterns held in our bodies as we receive this wakeup call for a new and more authentic identity. August is a blend of shock and comfort as we redefine our lives, remembering that contrast always brings greater clarity.

MAJOR SHIFTS IN AUGUST:

MERCURY IS DANCING THROUGH 3 SIGNS IN AUGUST:

Trickster Mercury, the ruler of two signs (Gemini and Virgo) is moving quickly in August, prior to his retrograde period in September (**9/9-10/2**). Mercury begins the month in creative, joyful Leo after a somber visit with Saturn on **7/30**, bringing temporary fearful and/or depressive thoughts if we believe our goals are unattainable. Mercury transitions into home sign Virgo on **8/4** announcing that it is time to purge and get organized and make concrete plans for your goals to become reality. August is a month to be bold and initiate as many creative ideas as possible. It is a go for it, say YES month for all of us, particularly until Mercury enters Libra on **8/26**, the day after dramatic Uranus goes retrograde for the rest of 2022, allowing us to catch our breath.

FULL MOON IN AQUARIUS (8/11) BRINGS EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE:

The Full Moon in Aquarius binds together the Sun in Leo with the Moon, including Saturn (in Aquarius), Uranus (in Taurus) in a Grand Square. Fortunately, Jupiter, the great opportunist is bringing courage to our current assignments in growth. It is time to balance head and heart as our hopes and dreams are changing. This is a fixed sign tension month which always reminds me of a crock pot which is never hot enough to complete the cooking as the ingredients are shifting constantly. For those with planets in fixed signs Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius, please pay attention and take care of your health—mentally and physically. This month may be your wake-up call for wellness.

VENUS IS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE AND GROWTH IN AUGUST:

Venus, the planet of relationships, creativity, comfort and values, is rocking and rolling through the zodiac in August. She begins the month in water sign Cancer, the home loving, empathic, feeling cardinal sign that is always actively planning for herself and others. This true for both males and females who have planets in Cancer. Venus dances easily with watery Neptune on **8/7** offering us an opportunity for creative expansiveness, especially when we sleep. In spite of the activity of Mars and Saturn, which try to stir up negative feelings of doubt and anger, she says “snap out of it”. On **8/8** Venus opposes powerful Pluto which can cause doubt in personal relationships. Fortunately Venus moves into fiery, colorful Leo on **8/11** opening us to new heart connections and artistic expressions. On **8/18** Venus is expanded by her contact with Jupiter in Aries increasing desire for loving relationships and new confidence in beginning and enjoying your relationships with others. Enjoy this peaceful period, since on **8/26** and **8/28** the mood changes as Venus is disrupted by Uranus and later by Pluto. In translation this means surprises in your relationships on **8/26** and power struggles with others, as well as your internal voice may dominate after the New Moon in Virgo on **8/27**.

NEW MOON IN VIRGO BRINGS ORDER AND ORGANIZATION (8/27/22):

With the Sun and Moon united in Virgo, the theme for the next lunar cycle (28 days) is clear: be organized, tidy and over-plan your future. With Mars now in Gemini your mind and hands may be flying in the next 28 days. With Uranus now retrograde (8/24-1/18/23) we enter Humpty Dumpty Land. With all of the

challenge and change of the first 6 months of 2022, it is time to re-organize, balance and expand our lives in a more manageable manner. Time to repair and restore your sanity and your environment as you move your thoughts into action.

MARS ENTERS GEMINI FROM 8/20/22-3/26/23):

We should all be prepared for the extreme length of time Mars will live in Gemini, which in my opinion is a recipe for insanity, sometimes for fun, and other times it will seem like a prolonged Halloween since Mars goes retrograde on **10/30/22**. Mars usually spends 2 months on average in a sign, but this year and early next year Mars will live in the Gemini twins territory, bringing a need for variety and intellectual stimulation. We are also likely to speak our minds more forcefully, not always considering the effects of our words on others. Proud and out loud will rule the period. As a person with too much Mars and Gemini energy, I warn all of us about the head spinning and speed of changing our minds that may occur. Please be aware that this is life on steroids for some of us. Many of us will be dancing as fast as we can, but this too shall pass.

The month of August is a turning point for most of us and a time of extreme opportunity for those who move forward. I will make time to be available for consultations throughout the month, in anticipation of many questions, lots of strategizing, and confusion about the changes in life as we knew it. Hang on, the train of change has left the station.

WISHING US ALL AN ABUNDANCE OF JOY, CREATIVITY, COURAGE AND SURRENDER,

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