

JULY 2022 ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

GREETINGS:

As we begin the second half of 2022, July begins and ends with a bang. July is home to signs Cancer and Leo, the rulers of the Moon and Sun respectively. This July has some interesting highlights and challenges as we blend water and fire with a touch of earth and air. July was preceded by the powerful New Moon in Cancer on **6/28**, following the entry of the Sun into Cancer at the beginning of the Summer Solstice on **6/21**, a major annual shift in energy. With that said we begin July with an edgy power struggle as Mars and Pluto rejoin for the first time since March. With the majority of the planets in Cardinal signs of action, it may seem like chaos reigns the month of July, or as some would label it, unlimited transformation. In this “go for it” month I love the quote from Dianne Ackerman: ***“I don’t want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well”***. That reminds me of the sage Elizabeth Taylor who said ***“I have a rage to live, even if it hurts, and a rage to love, even when it dies”***.

On the evening of **7/1** Mars, the fiery planet of war in its home sign of Aries, squares off with Pluto, the planet of depth and transformation in earth sign Capricorn, launching a potential power struggle within ourselves, as well as with those who we perceive as negative. It is indeed time to “seize the day” and a challenge to not be too caustic or direct with those you communicate with. Anger has been on the surface the past week and it is better to clean the garage, dig in the dirt, as well as taking time to clean up your life rather than releasing it to those you love.

July 2022 is a month of going deep and defining our pathways forward. Here are some of the highlights:

MERCURY FLIES HIGH AND MOVES QUICKLY THROUGH GEMINI, CANCER AND LEO:

After the craziness of May and June, the winged messenger is moving fast and touching all of the planets in 30 days, creating an attention deficient disorder for all of us as he blends his energy with all of the planets before month’s end. On **7/1** Mercury is in dreamland as he squares Neptune in Pisces, giving us intuition and dreams. On **7/2** Mercury is really thinking straight as Saturn in Aquarius achieves a much sought-after balance in our thinking. On **7/6** Mercury moves into the sign of feeling Cancer for the next two weeks. This is a period of seeking comfort at home with family and those you feel safe with. On **7/8** Jupiter expands our creativity and feeling nature. On **7/16** Mercury joins the Sun in Cancer and many good ideas come into our consciousness. On **7/18** Mercury opposes Pluto and it is possible to have self doubt and feel defensive, as well as new insights into old problems. On **7/19** Mercury warms up in the sign of the Sun, Leo, bringing inspired thinking and flowing expression of thought and speech. On **7/23** expansive Jupiter increases the mental optimism and the joy of living. On **7/26** Mercury and Mars square off creating mental tension and a readiness to engage in conflict. On **7/28** at the New Moon in Leo the trickster Mercury squares off with the planet of genius Uranus putting our nervous systems on edge, and finally on **7/31** Mercury opposes Saturn which may bring a somber mood and/or a dose of reality. **JULY IS A MONTH FOR BREATHING DEEP AND WATCHING THE MENTAL CIRCUS OF CHANGE.**

SUPER FULL MOON IN CAPRICORN ON JULY 13:

The Capricorn Full Moon emphasizes duty, responsibility and authority, both internally and externally. Since Mercury is joining the Sun opposite the Moon it is possible there is some discord. Since the Full Moon is an intense time, it is time to find some detachment from your feelings and seek

balance. After the Full Moon Venus in Gemini squares off with Neptune in Pisces. It may be tempting to be too hard on yourself and victimize yourself through self-delusion. The Sun and Mercury in Cancer represent the family of origin, particularly the relationship with the mothering energy and with the Moon in Capricorn it will be far too easy to be hard on yourself. Time for self-care to balance the reality of the truth.

NEW MOON IN LEO ON JULY 28:

The New Moon in Leo brings a fresh injection of drama and expression in our lives for the next 2 weeks. The New Moon is expanded by Jupiter in Aries, favoring courage, action, celebration and creativity. This adds a fighting spirit and strong will, together with an incisive mind and a gift for oratory. Our judgment should be accurate and clear during this period and we can move forward with confidence as this is a time for resilience to be high. Since Jupiter is standing still as he moves retrograde, these traits are intensified and readily available for use in our path forward. At month's end Uranus conjoins the North Node of the Moon, allowing us to realize the importance of maintaining inner peace. Coincidentally, generous Jupiter is trine the Sun in Leo, building awareness that all is well and expanding in ways we cannot imagine.

As you can see, July is a bit like Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, fast, furious and fabulous. I always look forward to July since **I have a birthday on July 3rd**, and I am free to move forward with easier flow if I am prepared to leap with confidence. I will be back at work on **7/ 5** and am looking forward to the future as I begin finally writing my first book, "THE NAN PLAN". Some years ago, I had a client who eagerly sought out my tips and strategies for growth, in spite of any event, circumstance or person stopping my forward movement. She told me she was on the "NAN PLAN". I made a commitment to myself that after my move and my birthday I would begin my writing career in earnest. July is a great month for all of us to recommit and recreate a better life. I am available to help you with this task in person at my office or remotely if necessary.

ENJOY A SAFE JULY 4TH AND LOTS OF JOY, WISDOM, OPPORTUNITY, ABUNDANCE AS YOU MEET YOUR DESTINY,

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