

July 2023 Astrological Outlook

GREETINGS:

I hope you enjoyed the Full Moon in Capricorn last night and this morning (7/3). What a dynamic energy pattern to begin the month of July 2023. We are fully in the Cancer season with the Sun and Mercury in Cancer, a time of homecoming, family, and emotionality. The last few days of June got the ball rolling with Saturn stabilizing the Sun (6/28) and then Mercury (6/29) and Neptune moving backward in home sign Pisces for the next 5 months (6/30-12/6). When Neptune is retrograde mysteries are unveiled, blind spots are removed, and we improve our ability to see ourselves in a new and often surprising light. The tide has gone out, leaving the shore littered with all sorts of fascinating objects. It is time to sort through them and see what might be valuable. During this period, we can become highly sensitive and need more quiet time with the three r's, rest, recreation and regeneration.

July begins with a bang with the first of 4 Super Full Moons in a row (when the Moon is closest to the Earth and conjunct or opposite the Sun). With the Moon in Capricorn, it is a time to pay attention to what is working and what needs to change and take steps to manifesting what we want. With Mercury conjunct the Sun in Cancer our thinking function may benefit from emotional intelligence and allow us to feel our true feelings: an opportunity to use both hemispheres of our brains.

With Venus chasing Mars for the **first 10 days of July**, it is time to make love, not war. Both Venus and Mars are in the passionate sign of Leo, offering us the opportunity to reconnect with old relationships and form new ones as well. Here is a summary of the additional highlights of the astrological patterns of July which may explain the flow of our lives and give us awareness of the right timing.

THE LUNAR NODES CHANGE SIGNS FOR THE NEXT 18 MONTHS, WITH PLUTO POUNDING ON TRANSFORMATION:

The lunar nodes will be changing signs from the Taurus/Scorpio axis and spend 18 months in Aries/Libra, helping us to release old struggles and evolve into our highest potential. As we transform trauma and crisis into wisdom and liberation, Pluto in Capricorn will help us reduce the impulse to placate and please others as we improve our relationships by becoming more confident and direct about our

needs and desires. All relationships thrive on reciprocity and the time to accomplish this balance is now. The North Node of the Moon is in Aries, the courageous, bold, and authentic self sign of the Zodiac. It is time to speak our minds without the fear of displeasing others.

MARS LEAVES LEO AND MAKES HIS HOME IN VIRGO (7/10-8/27)

After his long sojourn in fiery Leo, Mars comes back to earth and enters practical Virgo. The combination of Mars's courage and ambition and Virgo's practicality and helpfulness will energize the improvement of cleaning up our lives. Virgo energy does not enjoy disfunction, enjoying instead order and tidiness. This is a great time for finishing up old projects and succeeding in new endeavors. It is a time for taking care of details, organizing and cleaning up what has been neglected.

NEW MOON IN CANCER (7/17)

The New Moon in Cancer allows the Sun and Moon to join together as they move toward an opposition to detective planet Pluto, inviting all of us to delve into family trauma and attachment wounds. As we heal and transform ourselves, we will become more secure about ourselves and our relationships. This pattern is supported by Uranus in Taurus and Neptune in his home sign of Pisces, in a helpful triangle to the Sun and Moon, bringing a cocktail of freedom and awakening to our successful transformation.

SUN ENTERS LEO (7/22) AS VENUS IN LEO GOES RETROGRADE (7/22-9/3)

As the Sun enters its home sign of Leo, the sign of the regal lion, Venus takes her time to move backward and review her relationship with love and values. It is a time to recalibrate our relational patterns, creativity and self-worth. It is time to recognize what gives us pleasure. It is also a time to feel the warmth of our hearts, surrender to the fire of transformation and allow our creativity to flow and be clearer about our desires. For some of us our desires will change radically. Pay special attention to your awareness on **July 27** as Mercury moves toward Venus, both in Leo, allowing a merging of thought and feeling.

On a personal level, I want to extend my gratitude to all of those who wished me well on my 80th birthday today, July 3rd. The shift into a new decade has allowed me to choose to surrender my habit of struggling (I gave myself an honorary PhD in Suffering, no post graduate work allowed) and make a conscious decision to live in

peace and balance. With that in mind, I am honored to continue sharing the wisdom and tools that have allowed me to arrive at 80 healthy in mind, body, and spirit. If you have questions about astrological patterns in your chart, or issues in your life that I can help you with, I will be available in person and remotely by telephone in July. **HAVE A VERY PEACEFUL JULY 4TH AS WELL!**

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE LONG LIFE OF CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY I HAVE BEEN GIVEN, AND WISHING YOU JOY, PEACE, COURAGE, AND A SENSE OF HUMOR,

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