

## July 2024 Astrological Outlook

### **GREETINGS:**

As we begin July, Saturn has stationed retrograde in Pisces, and Neptune follows suit on **July 2**. These shifts bring about a threesome of outer planets (Pluto, Saturn and Neptune) which will allow review and growth throughout the summer of 2024. Adding to the shift, the personal planets Mercury, Venus and Mars change signs in July, creating an intriguing month of growth. July is a month of diving deep for the pearl of wisdom in the waters of Cancer and Pisces. The power found in these shifts strengthen our hearts and increase our determination, allowing us to increase our awareness of our personal truth. Remember the astrological energy of 2024 will not return for a certain call for 250 years. This is the most consequential year of our lives. The highlights of July are summarized below.

### **NEPTUNE REGROGRADE:**

On **July 2**, after Saturn turned retrograde on June 28, Neptune takes a rest until December 7, creating a powerful time of reflection, creativity and visualization. It is the perfect time to dream first, details later. For those of us who use affirmations regularly, this is the time to create and speak to ourselves and others about our intentions.

### **PERSONAL PLANETS MERCURY, VENUS AND MARS CHANGE SIGNS:**

Mercury leaves watery, emotional Cancer (ruled by the Moon) on **July 2** for Leo, ruled by the Sun. While Mercury reflects the energy of Leo (**7/3-7/22**), he begins his visit to powerful, fiery Leo and opposes Pluto in Aquarius, which allows new awareness of our beliefs and how we communicate with others. This is a combination that helps us forge more genuine relationships and commitments. It is easier to get to the bottom of truth and lighten up and return to joy, humor and expansion as Jupiter and Venus support a light heart until Mercury moves home to Virgo on **7/22**. Venus begins the month of July in Cancer and leaves for Leo on **7/11**, where she will enjoy herself until **8/5**. As she leaves sensitive Cancer she has a rendezvous with Neptune, increasing our intuition. When the goddess of love enters heart-centered Leo, we may become more dramatic in our relationships and generous with ourselves and

others. This is a wonderful time for social activities and travel. On **7/12** Venus moves forward to oppose Pluto in Aquarius, where she may encounter trust issues and power struggles. Mars ends his march through Taurus on **7/20**, entering air sign Gemini for a lighter vibe. On **7/15** Mars engages Uranus for a bonfire of possibilities. This is not the day for conflict resolution or risk taking. It is time to chill out. We may feel triggered, vulnerable and ready to fight. Impulses are high and it is time to move through anger and use the tools of the mature warrior and become a peacemaker.

### **NEW MOON IN CANCER**

The New Moon in Cancer occurs on **July 5**, conjoining amorous Venus and being supported by Saturn in a triangle of peace and hope. The New Moon in Cancer offers us a look at the meaning of family and home, as well as heritage and memories. The energy of Cancer keeps us attached and nourished. It is our feeling GPS. Plan something wonderful for this day since this new moon ushers in a soulful season of belonging. It is time to enjoy eating with those you love and feel cherished. It is time to lean into yourself and develop routines of self-care.

### **FULL MOON IN CAPRICORN**

On **July 21** the second Full Moon in Capricorn in a month arrives at the 29<sup>th</sup> degree of Capricorn. The first Full Moon in Capricorn (6/21/24) occurred at 0 degrees of Capricorn. The 29<sup>th</sup> degree of Capricorn is a sensitive degree in 2024, as Pluto returns for the third time to this degree from **9/1/2-24 – 11/18/2024** and will not return to this position for 250 years. The Full Moon in Capricorn is shining light on our work ethic, preparing us for the events of the end of 2024. The Sun in Cancer is in a supportive triangle with Neptune and Mars and Pluto are making a triangle with one another in air signs Gemini and Aquarius. These patterns offer us the opportunity to finally get things finished. Capricorn energy supports the idea of the long run as we eventually succeed. With the Moon trine Uranus in Taurus, the energy of reality and success is available. With Mars in Gemini and Pluto in Aquarius we may find ourselves more vocal and find new understanding of old issues. With the energy becoming infused with air, it may be time to be open to alternative ways of being.

## **SUN ENTERS HIS HOME IN LEO (JULY 22)**

The Sun comes home to Leo on **July 22**, joining Mercury and Venus, encouraging us to become more of who we are and align with our creativity, joyfulness, genuineness, and fulfillment. It is possible to expand our sense of self and enjoy life in the extreme. It is time to create new forms of relationship, fully experience ourselves and our desires. Leo energy is the first of the social signs and we can expect to enjoy the company of others, as well as shining forth as our best selves.

Now that we are fully in the summer season, life should slow down and be enjoyed, in spite of the weather and the upside-down energy of 2024. I want to thank all of those who attended the Summer Solstice Ritual. It was a fabulous experience for all who attended. ***I will be sending out an invitation to another class activity on Saturday, July 27 at my home. After I celebrate my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on July 3, I will send an email about details.***

**WISHING YOU A HAPPY, SAFE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, PEACE, LIGHT HEARTEDNESS AND JOY,**

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