

## Musings on Starlight

An Astrological Forecast for June '06 by Amelia Shea

“Jupiter and Saturn as a planetary pair symbolize the urge to find a mode of meaningful participation in social living. Alexander Rupert called Jupiter and Saturn the planets of social destiny. They are concerned with the formation of our sense of social purpose and direction, our quest for concrete achievements in the world...The ongoing relationship between these two planets marks the major phases of developing our life's work...” \*

The big astrological news for the month of June is the Jupiter Saturn square. The conjunction of these two planets occurs every twenty years; the last conjunction being in May of 2000. The square is exact June 22 although the planets are within orb now and the influence is present. Squares create tension and circumstances which require action for resolution. Wherever it is in your life that you are defining your personal mission in the world is likely to be affected by this aspect. Jupiter rules expansion, vision, luck and excess (remember Jupiter was often off chasing nymphs and partying while his partner Juno stewed and cast spells.) Saturn was the oldest of the gods and given rulership over the earth –thus Saturn governs the rules of the road; discipline boundaries, reality bursting the beautiful bubble. This month and much of the summer areas of life which we have been seeking to expand will be met with challenges. In the end though Saturn has a lot to teach about developing maturity, cultivating patience and living with boundaries and discipline.

Chiron the asteroid of the Wounded Healer will also be squaring Jupiter and Saturn disrupting the status quo. Chiron is in Aquarius and is concerned with personal and planetary healing. He reminds us that we inhabit one small planet and that it's wise to take into consideration how our desire for growth and expansion affects other people and the natural world. Chiron reminds us that despite appearances we are all in this together.

On June 3, Mars enters Leo. Mars is energized in Leo and should help with increased energy levels. It will square the Jupiter Saturn Chiron configuration from June 16 -20. Saturn in Leo encourages us to move in a direction of authenticity and Mars in Leo gives us the energy and courage to take the necessary steps. Venus is in Taurus now and impacting on the square from June 4 – June 15. Venus in Taurus is acquisitive and values material security. So the material side of life may present its challenges as well.

Saturn and Mars will be conjunct from June 18 through the end of the month. Expecting a fair amount of hard work and frustration during that time is wise.

The Summer Solstice is on June 21 as the Sun enters Cancer.

Pluto remains at the galactic center a powerful position for change in consciousness. The Sun in Gemini will move up to an opposition to the Galactic Center on June 18.

The Lunar nodes leave the Aries/Libra axis and enter Pisces and Virgo. This axis is known for service, empathy and compassion.

The medieval Alchemists believed that the “great work” was the transformation of base material into gold. Although contemporary science has debunked the alchemists and accused them of trying to profit from the gold they were trying to make, alchemical texts state that the purpose of their work was the process of transformation and illumination of the conscious mind. June offers us an ongoing opportunity for this type of personal and planetary evolution.

\*Greg Bogart *Astrology and Meditation the Fearless Contemplation of Change*

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