

Musings on Starlight

An Astrology Forecast for June '07 by Amelia Shea

*" Between the conception
And the creation
Between the emotion
And the response
Falls the Shadow*

Life is very long."...TS Eliot

Saturn and Neptune make their final opposition on June 25 although this influence will be felt all month. This is one of the year's most important aspects and culminates a process of working to make aspirations real through encountering inner and outer obstacles. The opposition provides fertile ground for getting in touch with fears and limitations which when unexamined have the power to undermine our intentions and throw us off course. Although this aspect can be discouraging at times it comes with the potential for significant inner growth, maturity and hands on experience for turning visions into reality. Check your chart to see which houses the opposition falls in and that will describe the areas of life being affected. This area of life has been a learning curve and now is a good time to develop awareness about the journey.

The Sun entered Gemini on May 21. Under this light and airy influence the pace of life picks up - it's often a good time for travel, communication and socializing. The Sun will moving up to an opposition to Pluto though starting on June 13 making the latter part of the month an intense time. Power struggles may abound, plans may seem blocked or need to be revised. With the Gemini Sun it's best to be flexible and regard any snafus as temporary. Signs most affected are Sagittarius, Pisces, Gemini and Virgo.

Venus enters the constellation of Leo on June 5th EDT. When Venus is in Leo it's a good time for socializing and entertainment - just watch for overindulgence.

Mercury stations retrograde at 11 Cancer on June 15th EDT and will travel retrograde until July 9. It's a good idea to begin and finalize things before the Mercury retrograde period if possible in order to avoid the need to revisit or redo. Also Mercury retrograde tends to cause snafus with transportation and communication so make sure the car is in good running order, information is backed up and expect possible delays and complications. The influence of the retrograde Mercury in Cancer provides good timing for rethinking our relationship to stability and security as well as home and whatever that represents - roots, family, country, planet.

Uranus the maverick planet stations retrograde on June 23 at 18 Pisces and travels retrograde until late November of '07. Often when Uranus stations there can be

unexpected events and sometimes trouble with technology and electricity. It can be a surprising time. Long term this retrograde period provides an excellent time for working on any addictive patterns. As Al Gore so clearly illustrated in his book *Earth in the Balance* we live in a society which is prone to addictions of all kinds - to alcohol, drugs, food, consumerism and fear to name only a few. Uranus retrograde is an excellent time for breakthroughs and in Pisces that applies to spirituality (often addiction is called a derailed spiritual journey), creativity and illusions of all kinds.

On June 21 the Summer solstice the Sun enters Cancer the sign of family, home and ancestry.

Mars enters Taurus on June 24. Mars is frustrated in Taurus and combined with the upcoming Venus retrograde it is best to take a conservative approach to financial matters. Venus will turn retrograde in late July while Mars is in the late degrees of Taurus.

The Moon is full on June 30 EDT in Capricorn the sign associated with hard work, perseverance and long term goals. This Full Moon is a good time to rethink progress in business matters, leave behind what is no longer necessary and continue on with determination and patience.

Astrologically we are living in complex times. Under the prevailing conditions it's wise to focus on inner growth and personal authenticity. Continuing to evolve and align our inner lives with our outer lives is the best way to go forward in preparation for the future.

As architect and theosophist Claude Bragdon wrote,

" The world will change less in accordance
with man's determinations than with
women's divinations."

Friends – Several people have emailed me and asked about how the Saturn Neptune opposition affects their charts. In response I am offering brief (20 minute) astrology readings on the phone or by email to address the relevance to individual charts. Call or email me if you'd like to book some time to go over this with me. Best,

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