

Musings on Starlight

"We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims." Buckminster Fuller.

July starts off under some challenging aspects. Uranus stations retrograde on the 1st squaring Mercury. This influence will be in effect until the 5th of July and can bring rashness and impulsiveness in speech and in action. For this reason take extra care when communicating and when driving. Leave extra time when heading out and watch for impulsive maneuvers on the road.

The Sun entered the constellation of Cancer at the Summer Solstice on June 21. This sign, symbolized by the crab, governs the innermost sense of self from which emanates a sense of safety and security. It governs the foundation of our being including our familial and ancestral history and inheritance.

We are moving into a time of three eclipses - two of which fall on the Cancer/Capricorn axis indicating that this very deep, personal dimension of our lives is up for review.

Eclipses are evolutionary and one of our tasks as humans is to evolve our ancestral heritage. One way to engage this process is to create a small space in your home to honor your ancestors by placing their mementos or photos there. Ancient tribal wisdom speaks of the importance of containing the influence of the ancestors in this way rather than leaving it to have random influences on our lives.

Creating a space for the ancestors also gives us the opportunity to be grateful for the lessons they taught us (either intentionally or unintentionally) with their words and actions. This process enables us to grow in self awareness and wisdom. It allows us to process the past and family issues in order to move forward with a more empowered sense of self- less encumbered by the old stories and influences.*

When we are in an eclipse period time can seem distorted and with the Capricorn/Cancer influence there is likely to be emotional turbulence. It's wise to provide quiet restorative time throughout the month.

One of the Sabian symbols for the eclipse on July 7th is, "A man studying a Mandala in front of him, with the help of a very ancient book."* This echoes the influence of the Neptune/Chiron/Jupiter conjunction which encourages us to take a spiritual perspective and act on it. This ongoing influence also encourages us to take a larger, more inclusive perspective of what "family" or "extended family" means on our very small planet.

The solar eclipse falls on July 22 at 29 Cancer.

Other aspects throughout the month indicate the need to adjust or adapt to circumstances.

Be open to "going with the flow."

Friends- if you are interested in understanding the effect of the upcoming eclipses on your chart I will be offering brief (15 minute) phone readings or email reports for \$30

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*from 360 Degrees of Wisdom by Lynda Hill

* For more info on the ancestral altar see Alberto Villando's book The Four Insights