

Musings on Starlight

"Let go of your heart,
Let go of your head
And feel it now." from **Babylon** by David Gray

We enter July in the midst of an eclipse period. Eclipses are evolutionary. They signal, as doors close behind us, the beginning of a new cycle personally and collectively. The July 11 eclipse is at 19 degrees of Cancer- the sign known for, among other things, its strong will. The Chariot card in the Tarot deck is correlated to the sign of Cancer. In the image the chariot is pulled by two horses - one white and one black, symbolizing the importance of reconciling or balancing conflicting forces in order to move forward. In some decks the horses wear blinders reminding us that avoiding distraction is key in attaining goals.

Strong willed people are often known for their persistence and perseverance. This eclipse provides a time of respite from that part of the journey – a break from the movement forward to get more closely in touch with what our feelings are in the present.

Under eclipses we can experience the shadow side of the signs involved. For the sign of Cancer this can have to do with clinging to a vision of the past which inhibits a different view of the future. Cancers often love history - personal or collective- but history also teaches about the perils of repeating the past. Innovation, inventiveness and daring are much more likely to take us where we need to go now.

This eclipse period is good for getting in touch with our deeper feelings and deeper knowing while avoiding the lens of the past or the lens of conditioning. That will provide the proper anchor for proceeding with a clear head into a new time.

Saturn is in Virgo through July 21 making the first three weeks of the month an excellent time to finish up old business and clear the way for future endeavors. If a different daily schedule is needed, this is the time frame to design and implement it. If there is a need to evolve or learn new skills this would make an excellent time to start. Venus will enter Virgo on July 10 and will remain in Virgo though the end of the month. This influence lends help with discrimination - it's a good time to revisit details about finances and aesthetic endeavors.

On July 22 the Sun enters Leo. This is the time to enjoy Leo's lightheartedness and love of play. Make time for get togethers, fun and frivolity. Also good for artistic projects, the flourishing of romance and innovative ideas.

Jupiter squares Pluto on 7/24. This is a powerful aspect which can engender power struggles about the proper use of resources. There is a tendency under this influence to think things are

worse than they are. Making an effort to maintain equilibrium throughout the month is a good strategy.

The Full Moon is on 7/25 at 3 degrees of Aquarius. Look for guidance under this influence - especially for innovative insights that may lead to solutions.

Mars will enter Libra on the 29th - an influence which bodes well for forming new partnerships and collaborations.

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