

Musings on Starlight

An Astrological Forecast for August '06 by Amelia Shea

" Imagination lays the tracks for the reality train to follow." ...Carolyn Casey

The big astrological news this month is the Saturn Neptune opposition which can be felt now and will be exact August 27.

In Astrology Neptune rules the formless world of inspired visions and illusions. It is in Neptune's watery realm that we come to understand the dreams and inspirations that motivate our lives. Saturn governs the fears and limitations we must encounter with new steps forward. This month as these themes dominate the skies, it is a good time to clarify our goals and visions and to recommit to them.

Neptune governs oil and Saturn is the ruler of the earth so most likely there will be more enigmatic information about oil supplies, oil prices and record oil company profits.

Mercury is now direct and will enter Leo on August 10 followed soon thereafter by Venus entering Leo on August 12. The sign of Leo is known for its flair and sense of drama and during the month of August we are likely to experience more lively social interactions and a more romantic atmosphere.

The week of August 7 has a manic quality to it. With a Saturn conjunction to the Sun it is likely to be off to a serious start. By the end of the week Mars opposes Uranus which is a volatile impulsive combination sometimes associated with violence. Making an extra effort to stay calm and centered that week is a good idea.

The Full Moon this month on August 9 in Aquarius triggers the approaching Saturn Neptune opposition. At the Full Moon broad perception is available and with this Full Moon it will be possible to understand more deeply how old fears and restrictions can get in the way of manifesting goals. Good information to have!

The Sun enters Virgo on August 22.

Neptune is now in Aquarius and this is considered a humanitarian placement. It encourages us to see the world as one and to strive to improve life for all beings on the planet. This influence is evident in the growth of much of the grassroots activity of towns and cities in the US to observe the terms of the Kyoto Treaty regardless of the lack of leadership nationally.

It is also evident in the international voices calling for a cease fire and negotiations in the Middle East.

It is a fated time for the earth now with Pluto squaring the nodes from the galactic center. As illusions abound in political life it's a good time to remember the power of individual thought and its ability to influence reality. As Carolyn Casey has so eloquently written, "Neptune wants us to think renaissance rather than apocalypse." It is dreams after all that create reality.

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