

Musings on Starlight

"In the morning when I found History
snoring heavily on the couch,
I took down his overcoat from the rack
and placed it over my shoulder blades.

It would protect me on the cold walk
into the village for the milk and paper
and I figured he would not mind
not after our long conversation the night before.

How unexpected his blustering anger
when I returned covered with icicles,
the way he rummaged through the huge pockets
making sure no major battle or English queen
had fallen out and become lost in the deep snow." Billy Collins *The Lesson*

August starts off under the influence of the two recent eclipses in Cancer while anticipating the upcoming eclipse August 5 at 13 degrees of Aquarius. Eclipses are evolutionary and in Cancer bring up personal and ancestral issues related to home, family and emotional patterns. The Moon, Cancer's ruler, governs the subconscious and many of the feelings and anxieties which surface under this influence can have an amorphous quality and appear as indecipherable symbols in a dream rather than components of a waking life. The unconscious mind is being triggered to change old emotional patterns at a profound level.

The sign of Cancer also rules security - emotional, physical and spiritual. Pay attention when fears and anxieties surface this month as there will be opportunities to cast off the old patterns and reaffirm the new. This will help form a more appropriate basis for personal security moving into the future.

It is a time when the pull of the past and the call of the future are both strong.
Use the power of choice to create clarity.

Venus opposes Pluto at the beginning of the month. Feelings of loss can run high.

It's a good time to review the role of love in your life. There is an expression "love always works" - encouraging us to remember love's profound dimensions.

Mercury enters Virgo on August 2 which will help with pragmatism. It can increase nervousness and worry so make sure to provide quiet time to process events. This will be particularly helpful mid month through the end of August when information and messages may be coming at us fast and be difficult to integrate initially.

The Lunar Eclipse is on Wednesday 8/5 at 8:55 pm EDT at 13 Aquarius. Keep your vision of the future clear and let go of old obstacles to that process. Venus is still widely opposing Pluto at the time of the eclipse so clarifying what you need to let go of will be supported. Make a list. The Aquarian Moon joins the Jupiter/Neptune/Chiron conjunction encouraging us, as it has, to consider our personal evolution as part of the evolutionary process of the planet. And to view our trials and tribulations with others through the lens of the Wounded Healer archetype – i.e. that life is a journey of wounding and healing.

Jupiter inconjuncts Saturn on August 19 illuminating the huge structural changes which are occurring within the world and within ourselves.

There may be a need throughout this month for comfort and reassurance as we evolve from old personal and cultural models to more progressive archetypes .Plan to include nurturing times each day.

The Sun will be in Leo until August 22. Leo rules the Divine Child within each of us. Take time amidst the ups and downs of August to honor that part of yourself with fun, creativity and re- creation.

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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