

Musings on Starlight

September brings alchemical energy. With this harvest season comes the opportunity to transform summer dreams into reality.

The Venus retrograde period is winding down though still in effect through September 8th. This is often a nostalgic time and creates a sense of longing. Memories that may have surfaced remind us of what has brought us joy in times past in order to adjust our current lives accordingly. This influence governs finances, romantic relationships and what we truly value. The Sun which entered Virgo on August 23 brings the focus to pragmatics – how are we going to concretely make these changes happen?

As we enter September we are in the midst eclipse energy following the Lunar eclipse on 8/28 and building towards the Solar Eclipse on September 11. These eclipses on the Pisces/Virgo axis help with the evolutionary process of bringing our highest aspirations more closely in line with our every day lives.

September starts off under some jittery high energy aspects. It's a very busy time with lots to be done. Extra focus and concentration may be necessary to stay on task as with the Sun and Mercury in Virgo and Mars in Gemini it's easy to feel scattered, distracted and stressed. The square between Mercury, Uranus and Mars continues to make this an accident prone time so take extra care with driving or situations that could lead to accidents.

Saturn is in the final degrees of Leo making this a good time to review how your life has moved in a more authentic direction over the past two and a half years. For Leos and people with strong placements in fire this has been an opportune time for developing courage, leadership ability and maturity .

Saturn will enter Virgo on September 2 at 9:49 am EDT and will transit through the sign of Virgo for the next two and a half years or so. This is a good time to become more organized and develop better strategies for health and wellbeing. Normally there's a lot to be done with Saturn in Virgo and creating more efficient systems for work and daily routine is a good way to deal with it. There is a tendency to worry excessively under this influence but the energy is better spent concretely working on things.

We have been seeing trouble with financial institutions and infrastructure as Saturn continues its separation from Neptune. These types of events continue to be highlighted as

well as bad weather.

Mercury moves into Libra on September 5. This influence benefits partnership, cooperation and negotiations. Its influence will be stronger and more beneficial after the Venus station on Sept. 8. Many astrologers believe that the day before or after a planet's station may contain information which culminates a process so be open to it on the 7th and the 9th.

Pluto stations direct on September 7 at 10:54 am at the Galactic Center.

Mars will be leaving its opposition to Jupiter early in the month and heading for an opposition to Pluto at the Solar Eclipse on the 11th. When Mars opposes Pluto it creates a tense atmosphere and the likelihood of power struggles and ego battles abound. It is a compulsive time and as Mars and Pluto both govern war there is often an escalation of violence. The positive side of this aspect is that it is a good time to contemplate and work on transforming the use of our personal power.

There are volatile indications with this eclipse and it's a good time to stay centered and focus on positive change.

The Sun enters Libra on the Autumn Equinox September 23.

The Harvest full moon is on the 26th in Aries and Mercury enters Scorpio on September 27th.

“ The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe around us, the less taste we shall have for destruction .” ... Rachel Carson

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