

Musings on Starlight

*If the Sun and Moon should doubt,
Theyd immediately go out... Blake*

One of the gifts of the Neptune/ Jupiter/Chiron conjunction is the reminder of the power of faith in building a bridge between a crumbling past and an unclear future.

The Saturn/Uranus opposition, last exact on the day of 08 presidential election in the US, is tightening its orb and will be a strong influence throughout the month. With the Saturn/Uranus opposition in play, once again we see and feel the heightened struggle between traditional structures and innovation. This applies in our personal lives and the outer world as well

With the Sun in Virgo now assimilation is on the table - and the assimilation of experience in particular.

The sign of Cancer has been a strong influence lately with the two recent eclipses and the August transit of Venus through this sign. The Nodes, associated with fate and destiny are now in Cancer and Capricorn. The sign of Cancer governs our home - personally, in terms of our family, ancestry, and the past. In a larger sense it governs our relationship to planet earth.

The sign of Cancer is ruled by the Moon. On the Tarot Card for the Moon a crustacean crawls from the water onto the land. In the distance under the light of the Full Moon stand two towers. And in between, two wolves baying at the Moon. The card speaks of the evolutionary process in general - as in this sea creature evolving to a land being. It also symbolizes the path of personal evolution which often involves making the past or the unconscious, conscious.

In our own lives it reminds us that at times the journey forward is more like following a ribbon of moonlight through the dark woods than walking at noon on a sunny day. Evolution - personal, ancestral, planetary- can be frightening and when it becomes so it is good to remember that we, like the crustacean- can crawl back into the water and wait for a better time to proceed.

Mars in Cancer can help us summon our courage.

September is a good time to analyze (a Virgo word) and assimilate any recent revelations about the influence of ancestry, family patterns and the past on our personal sense of power. There may be cherished notions of ourselves and our identity which have helped us to progress through a period of evolution but which hold us back now. It is a time to develop an evolved sense of personal authenticity in how we express our power and individuality in the world. Mars governs courage and it takes courage to face and make such a journey.

Mars is in Cancer all month also making it a good time to make repairs or improvements on the home front. The Sun in Virgo will help with organizing projects.

Mercury and Pluto both station towards the end of the month. Pay attention to events a few days preceding and following the stations as important information can come through.

Mercury goes retrograde at 6 degrees of Libra on September 7 (EDT) and stations direct Sept 30 at 21 degrees of Virgo. The first half of the month is a good time to rethink our relationships to others and for revisioning creative projects and anything having to do with personal aesthetics. After the 18th when Mercury retrogrades back into Virgo, the timing will be good for reorganizing, reworking details and rethinking our daily routines and how they impact on our health. If there is some service work you have been contemplating now would be the time to review it also.

Pluto stations direct on September 12th this year. With the Saturn/ Uranus opposition in play this represents a very powerful time of change- individually and collectively. Saturn represents tradition and established structures which people rely on. Uranus, the planet of innovation and unpredictability represents sudden and surprising change. Uranus continues to shatter old outmoded structures as Pluto begins to reveal corruption and abuses of power in the realm of government and the corporate world.

The entire world is a very narrow bridge

The essential thing is to have no fear at all. Reb Nachman

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