

## **Major Astrological Events from August 22-September 21**

**(all times given are in Eastern Daylight Time)**

### **August 22: The Sun enters Virgo at 07.39pm and the Moon is in Libra.**

This is an excellent day for work related projects involving partners. It is also a day whose energies are very positive for making improvements in your relationships, especially ones that are involved with your job.

### **August 23: The Sun and Pluto trine at 02.17pm at 0.45 Virgo/Capricorn.**

If you are fortunate enough that yesterday, today, or tomorrow is your birthday or you were born on April 20 or 21, or December 21, 22, or 23, you will find that you will have reason to celebrate. Financial projects for you may be well subsidized by the heavens. In general, this is an energetic day, especially where material concerns are important.

### **August 24: The Moon is in Libra until around 4.00PM and then moves into Scorpio.**

Relationships are highlighted until Scorpio takes over the lunar influence. It is then when emotions will run deep and secret desires of the heart may rise up to the surface. Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces) will be even more sensitive than usual.

### **August 25: The Moon is in Scorpio. Mars enters Cancer at 01.16pm; Mercury enters Libra at 04.18pm; Mercury squares Mars at 11.58pm.**

It might be best not to speak in haste today, nor to engage in any unnecessary arguments with people as tempers and tongues may be sharper than usual. This does not mean to suppress; it does mean to be observant of your motivations behind what you say to people. People with any planets at around 0 of the Cardinal Signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) and/or who were born at either the time of the solstices or equinoxes will be especially affected.

### **August 26: The Moon is in Scorpio; Mercury is square Pluto at 0.43 Libra/Capricorn at 12.05pm; Mars opposes Pluto at 0.43 Cancer/Capricorn at 04.30pm.**

Advice for the 0 Cardinal people given above remains strongly in effect today as well. In fact August 25 and 26 are days when there are liable to be a number of strong upheavals in the world. These are not days of peace and harmony. If you have the ability to be objective, you will be thankful. If you are drawn into intellectual or emotional conflicts, you will tend to find these situations more troublesome than you would prefer. At best, these are two days when things long hidden may come to the surface both personally and on the greater world scene.

### **August 27: The Moon is in Sagittarius.**

Things lighten up—and not a moment too soon! A good day for any educational pursuit.

**August 28: The Moon is in Sagittarius; Mercury is sextile Venus at 02 Libra/Leo at 09.26am.**

What a nice day! Such a relief from just a couple of days ago. Look for harmonious contacts between lovers and friends. People who have these degrees positively favored in their natal charts, will find that social contacts are easy and pleasurable.

**August 29: The Moon is in Sagittarius until late morning and then moves into Capricorn.**

Although the morning hours may give rise to pleasurable pastimes for a lot of people, the afternoon and evening are better suited for work and the fulfillment of responsibilities.

**August 30: The Moon is in Capricorn.**

If Capricorn is your sign, this is a day that may well find you with older people and in the pursuit of your material ambitions and goals. In general, the Moon in Capricorn is best spent taking care of practical affairs. A good day for Taurus and Virgo.

**August 31: The Moon is in Capricorn.**

What was pointed out for yesterday remains in effect for today as well.

**September 1/2: The Moon is in Aquarius**

The Moon in the sign of the Water Bearer points to activities that are group oriented. It is also the Moon sign for nurturing friendships and the gathering of like-minded individuals. Under the Virgo sun, such gatherings may be well spent in work-related projects and/or for means and methods to improve such relationships.

**September 3: The Moon shifts into Pisces in the late morning and Mercury is square Mars at 05.38 Libra/Cancer at 12.20pm.**

Pisces is a comfortable place for the Moon as she enjoys her swim in Poseidon's deep waters. There the Moon finds herself able to be nurturing of one and all as her emotional nature is left totally free to be in touch with everyone's feelings. But a Mercury/Mars square can easily bring about arguments and differences of opinions, differences that may become exaggerated due to today's watery lunar placement. Try to be objective and not take things too personally.

**September 4/5: The Moon remains in Pisces, entering Aries at around 11pm.**

**September 6: The Moon is in Aries.**

The Celestial Ram is not the favorite sign for Luna for here she loses her Piscean global embrace and becomes far more personal in her emotional responses. Aries gives the Moon a

certain “immediacy” in her need to express feelings—her instincts are territorial and her orientation takes on a much greater “me-first” dynamic. Mars, ruler of Aries is in the Moon’s sign, Cancer and this combination can produce a rather “testy” day, one in which many people will feel a bit edgy.

**September 7: The Moon is in Aries and Mercury turns retrograde at 06.13 Libra at 12.39am.**

Mercury is retrograde for about 19 days, three times a year. During these periods it is best to review what has been written, thought, and communicated so that we may fix any errors and make any adjustments. It is not a good time in which to start new projects, sign contracts, or make binding agreements. As Mercury is retrograde in Libra until September 17<sup>th</sup>, this advice is specifically given to all partnership and relationship situations. After the 17<sup>th</sup> and until September 29<sup>th</sup>, the retrogradation of this planet will affect areas that are more connected with health and work as it will then be in Virgo.

**September 8/9: The Moon is in Taurus.**

The heavenly Bull is the Moon’s favorite sign after her own natural placement in Cancer. It is in Taurus where she finds comfort, security, sensuality, and substance. If you have the Moon in Taurus in your natal chart and it is well placed, you will find that your life is blessed by material comforts and that you know how to take pleasure and profit from these possessions. Should your Moon be in Taurus but poorly placed (such as with a square or opposition from Saturn and/or Pluto), then a lot of anxiety surrounds issues concerning money, property, and material goods.

**September 10: The Moon is in Taurus until its move into Gemini at around 1pm.**

The Moon is restless in Gemini and usually indicates a person who is not content to stay at home unless that home contains a lot of comings and goings. Actually such a person would prefer to be the one who does this moving in and out of the house, even so far as changing residences on a regular basis. Emotions tend to be expressed in words; feelings needing to be communicated rather than simply present. Moon in Gemini days are therefore very good to tell people how you really feel about them as well as for moving about your neighborhood communicating with people who live close to you.

**September 11: The Moon is in Gemini and Venus opposes Jupiter at 18.47 Leo/Aquarius at 03.55am.**

Venus/Jupiter hard aspects can never be productive of intense malice. They usually speak of financial waste and/or energy spent on exaggerated pleasure pursuits. In terms of the latter, many people might welcome a “difficult” Venus/Jupiter contact in their lives! When we include the sign signifiers of Leo and Aquarius, we enter into the area of values. In this case

personal values in terms of our urges for pleasure and communication with those dear to us (Venus in Leo) and activities more involved with groups and friendships (Jupiter in Aquarius) may come into conflict.

**September 12: The Moon is in Gemini.**

**September 13/14: The Moon is in Cancer.**

The Moon is very content in Cancer (unless she finds some threat to her home and personal security). It is there that she feels most “at home” as it is here that she is most attentive to those closest to her, especially through meaningful biological and other emotional contacts. At around noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> however, she is conjunct Mars at 12 degrees of Cancer and for a about a 3 hour period (11am to 2pm EDT) people may become overly sensitive and moody. If 11 to 13 degrees of Aries, Cancer, Libra, or Capricorn figure strongly in your natal chart, be aware of this 3 hour time slot for you may find that you become irritable or otherwise emotionally unbalanced. Domestic conflicts may then be highly likely.

**September 15: A difficult day in the world. The Moon is in Leo and Saturn is exactly opposite Uranus at 24.43 Virgo/Pisces and Venus opposes Neptune at 24.19 Leo/Aquarius.**

Please see comments under September 16 for characteristics of the Moon in Leo. The Saturn/Uranus opposition brings about lots of challenges on the world scene in terms of global welfare and specifically health care (this has been building up for several months now) as forces for social progress and forces for social “retrogradation” reach critical mass. The battle is not over by a long shot and should be very much in focus from April through August of 2010 when these two planets oppose once again. The Venus/Neptune opposition has a lot to do with “spiritual maya,” illusionary idealism connected to religious beliefs, projected morality, and the way people should conform or behave relative to such concepts and values. A real mess!

**September 16: The Moon is in Leo.**

The Moon in Leo is playful and creative. It is in the sign of the Lion that she likes to express herself exuberantly. But the two planetary oppositions mentioned above will still be in effect today and I doubt that “fun” will be on the global agenda.

**September 17: The Sun opposes Uranus at 24.38 Virgo/Pisces at 05.41am; Mercury retrograde squares Pluto at 00.40 Libra/Capricorn at 07.50am; the Sun conjoins Saturn at 25 Virgo; the Moon is in Virgo.**

This can be another very difficult day in the world. I expect to see a lot of social violence and upheaval with agreements broken on both the battlefield and in corporate board rooms.

Disagreements between opposing factions abound and there will be great global unrest. See September 18 for comments on the Moon.

**September 18: The Moon is in Virgo.**

Virgo Moons speak about the urge for wholeness through the implementation of those methods, techniques, and processes that heal. Yet when the Moon in this sign is poorly placed or is acting out through primitive instincts, it tends to divide, create more havoc and thus her curative powers are severely restricted.

**September 19: The Moon is in Libra; Mercury retrograde is trine the Northern Node at 28.36 Virgo/Capricorn.**

The Moon in Libra seeks social harmony and healing between adversaries but when acting through its shadow side, produces greater tension between adversaries. The Mercury/Node contact is another urge for harmonious communications but the retrograde factor may impede this more positive orientation.

**September 20: The Moon is in Libra; Mercury is conjunct Sun at 27.35 Virgo retrograde; Venus enters Virgo at trine Pluto at 00.41 Virgo/Capricorn; Sun trine Northern Node at 28.19 Virgo/Capricorn.**

There is a strong urge for communication that tends towards reconciliation but the retrograde quality of Mercury may make any such agreements temporary at best. Venus is in Virgo until October 14<sup>th</sup>. If your natal Venus is in this sign, this may be a good indication that you can make progress on your job or in relationships that are work related. In general, Venus in Virgo is good for finding those “missing pieces” that bring wholeness into our practical efforts and personal contacts.

**September 21: The Moon is in Scorpio.**

This is not the Moon’s favorite sign as it gives rise to hidden or secretive emotions that are not easily expressed. This does not mean that if the Moon is in this sign in your natal chart that you are somehow poorly “marked” by the heavens. It does mean that you will naturally tend to hold back expressing how you really feel until you have a deep sense of trust in another person or situation. In a general sense, this is a day when feelings will not flow freely for one and all.