

ASTROLOGICAL EVENTS FOR JULY 23 TO AUGUST 22, 2009

(all times shown are in GMT)

July 23: The Sun enters Leo at 04:37pm conjunct the Southern Node.

The Southern Node has a great deal to do with the past. Thus the challenge of this position is not to give too much power to that which we have already fulfilled and left behind, especially in terms of "who" we were to our friends at certain times in our lives. What was is over. It is now time to engage in new creative activities (and possibly new friendships).

July 26-27: Venus is trine Jupiter at 24°30 Gemini/Aquarius.

These two days are especially socially oriented due to the Venus/Jupiter connection. The ability to interact with friends and lovers is enhanced by the combination of these influences. If you have 24°-26° of the airy signs (Libra, Gemini, Aquarius) in your natal chart, you will profit a lot in your social life these days.

July 28: Venus is trine to Neptune at 25°37 Gemini/Aquarius.

The Venus/Neptune aspect always opens us to romance and relationship, but take care not to be overly dreamy and wishful. Keep your eyes open and your feet well planted on the earth.

August 1: Venus enters Cancer at 01:29am and then moves to an opposition with Pluto.

The Venus/Pluto aspect (which will last until August 2nd) tells us that we need to watch our finances. We may also find out at this time something about a lover, spouse, or business partner that is very revealing. This aspect also gives us the opportunity to bring healing into our relationships. These statements apply very strongly to all people who have any planets or important positions in their chart from 0°-2° in the Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn). In general, this planetary connection may evoke the news of some corporate scandal (well, nothing new in this!).

August 2: Mercury enters Virgo.

August 3: Mercury is trine to Pluto at 01°02 Virgo/Capricorn.

This can be a very good day to structure our finances and work out certain practical details in our life. If we have 0°-2° of any planet or important position in our natal chart in any of the earthy signs (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn), August 2nd and 3rd could be very beneficial to us in our career and general financial position.

August 5: The Full Moon Eclipse this month occurs at 13°43 Aquarius/Leo on August at 08:56pm.

A lunar eclipse in these signs will always bring about a test between our personal will and that of the social group to which we belong. It will ask us to examine if our orientation to our personal self-expression is in keeping with the larger values we seek to represent. Question: Is my ego aligned to the higher, collective purpose that I wish to see manifest on Earth or is it standing in the way of group function? On the other hand is the group of which I am a part standing in the way of my ability to create and contribute? Look to the House positions where this eclipse falls to see where in your life these issues will likely manifest.

August 7: Mercury is sextile Venus at 07°26 Virgo/Cancer.

The planetary contact between Mercury and Venus is harmonious, leading to good social connections and enjoyable conversations with people.

August 10-11: Mars is square Saturn at 20°23 Gemini/Virgo.

This can be a challenging couple of days in the world. A lot of people may feel that they are being held back and cannot move forward or fully express themselves. Tension levels in the world may thus be high.

August 13: Mars is trine Jupiter at 22°13 Gemini/Aquarius.

This is a positive time for investigating things of a philosophical nature and should this aspect fall in some good location in your natal chart, it is also a great time for travel planning. 21°-23° of the airy signs (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius) will be those placements in the chart that receive the most benefit from this transit.

August 14-15: The Sun opposes Jupiter at 22°05 Leo/Aquarius.

Sun/Jupiter oppositions indicate exaggerations and hyped-up expectations so take care not to project too much and then wait for the surprises to happen (or not).

August 17: The Sun is sextile Mars (at 24°43 Leo/Gemini) and opposing Neptune (at 25°05 Leo/Aquarius), Mercury is conjunct Saturn (at 21°11 Virgo), and Mars is trine to Neptune (at 25°05 Gemini/Aquarius).

This will be a powerful day on the planet! Many people will feel torn between practical personal needs and their idealistic dreams and expectations about life. There is a need to take care of the details of one's responsibilities while at the same time there is also a tremendous urge to escape from such burdens. On the world scene, this will be a very difficult day for policy making and domestic economic issues.

August 18: Mars is square Uranus at 25°45 Gemini/Pisces.

Mars and Uranus in square tend to be anything but quiet and gentle partners. Together they upset the status quo, preferring to do the unexpected than the routine. If this heavenly happening happens to fall into an important place in your personal chart, look for surprising circumstances to occur that really will feel like lightning coming out of

the blue. This would be especially true for natal astrological positions between 24°-26° of the mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces).

August 19: Venus is sextile Saturn at 21°25 Cancer/Virgo.

This is a very good day for fulfilling responsibilities especially to parents and older people in general. It can also be an advantageous day for outlining a clear financial budget.

August 20: The New Moon occurs today at 10:03am at 27°32 Leo.

August 21: Mercury is opposing Uranus at 25°39 Virgo/Pisces.

Mercury/Uranus oppositions indicate nervousness and conflicts in communications both within ourselves and between ourselves and others. It is not particularly good for the travel industry, giving unexpected interruptions in the flow of traffic. If you have 24°-25° of Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, or Pisces in your natal chart, this aspect would tend to affect you quite personally.

August 22: Venus is trine Uranus at 25°37 Cancer/Pisces.

Venus trine Uranus is excellent for all friendships and group relationships. When this planetary happening is added to today's placement of the Moon in Libra, this can be a very pleasant and uplifting day for being with friends and lovers.

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