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Astrology Newsletter: September 2015

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Astrologically September is a very busy month with both the second eclipse season for 2015 and Mercury's third and final retrograde cycle for the year. Venus and Pluto both end their retrograde phases while Saturn moves into Sagittarius.

A key theme highlighted during September is relationship as both personal relationships & partnerships as well as relationships between nations and groups will come into focus.

May the Goddess and God Bless You

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All dates and times are for Australian Eastern Standard Time [AEST]. September begins with Venus, Chiron, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto all retrograde. Mercury joins the pack on September 18 while Venus and Pluto both move direct before the month is over.

- **September 1 : Venus conjunct Mars in Leo**
- **September 6: Venus direct**
- **September 13: Solar Eclipse / New Moon in Virgo**
- **September 17: Jupiter opposite Neptune**
- **September 18: Mercury retrograde**
- **September 23: Spring Equinox / Sun to Libra**
- **September 25: Pluto direct**
- **September 25: Mars to Virgo**
- **September 28: Lunar Eclipse / Full Moon in Aries**

Venus is conjunct Mars for the second of three exact hits on September 1 at 14 Leo. The first conjunction took place in February at 1 Aries and the last will occur on November 3 at 24 Virgo. This unusual phenomenon of 3 conjunctions between these two planets in one year occurs because of the retrograde cycle of Venus.

The combination of the three Mars conjunctions with the Venus retrograde suggests that relationship issues will be a strong theme throughout this year and it is being highlighted once more throughout September as Venus, Libra and Juno are all being activated:

1. Venus conjunct Mars on September 1
2. Venus stationery and turning direct on September 6
3. New Moon & Solar Eclipse conjunct Juno on September 13
4. Mercury retrograde in Libra on September 18
5. Full Moon & Lunar Eclipse in the Aries / Libra polarity on September 28 with the Moon conjunct Juno.

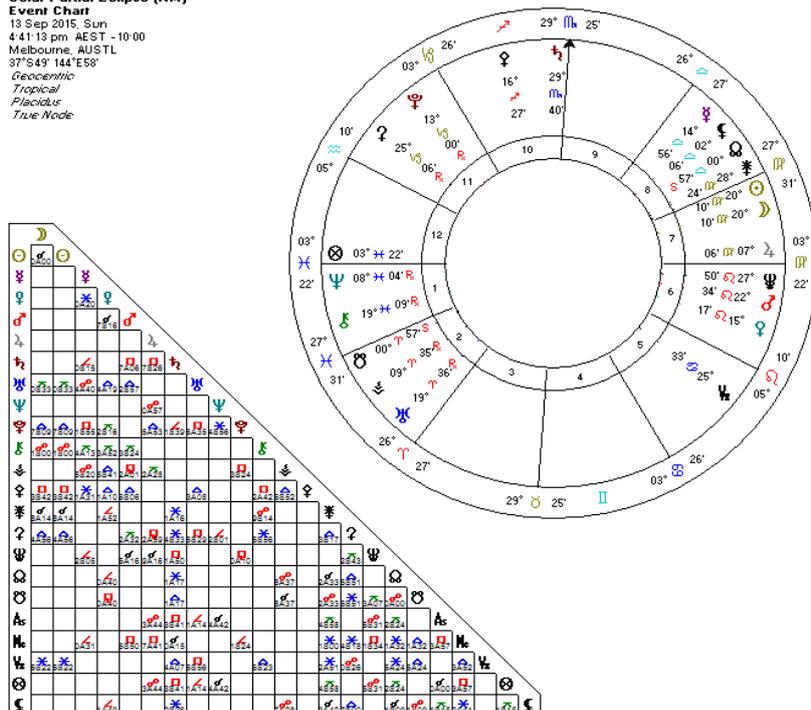
Venus and Mars are the archetypal lovers and bring the Goddess of Love and Beauty together with the God of War and Action. This second conjunction in Leo is unique as it occurs during the **retrograde cycle of Venus** which emphasizes reflection and challenges us to become more conscious in our relationships as well as more conscious of our overall values. The Leo energy may highlight where we are not feeling appreciated and validated; but remember, this works two ways.

Venus stations and turns direct on September 6 but it does **not move out of the retrograde loop [or shadow] until October 9** when it will have re-covered all the degrees of the zodiac that it has retrograded over. This period of time is considered to be the optimal time to act on the insights and re-alignment of values that have occurred during the retrograde phase, but given the solar and lunar eclipse as well as Mercury's retrograde cycle you may be better off waiting as more insights may emerge throughout the month.

The Solar Eclipse

The New Moon on September 13 is also a Solar Eclipse in Virgo. Solar eclipses occur at certain new moons when the Sun, Moon and Earth align with the transiting Nodes of the Moon and the Moon's shadow falls on the Sun.

Solar Partial Eclipse (NM)
Event Chart
 13 Sep 2015, Sun
 4:41:13 pm AEST - 10:00
 Melbourne, AUSTR
 37°S 49° 144°E 58°
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



This eclipse is a partial eclipse that falls over southern Africa and the Indian Ocean. In traditional astrology eclipses are said to be more powerful in the areas where they fall, but modern astrology takes a different viewpoint... they are potent whenever they activate key points in any horoscope.

Solar Eclipses are essentially turbo charged New Moons that signify potent **endings and beginnings**. **Eclipses tend to be neutral energetically** but they often bring to the surface **whatever has been buried, hidden and repressed**, especially regards the sign and house where the eclipse falls in the personal horoscope. **Any personal planet that is found close to the eclipse degree [around 20 Virgo], or opposite that point [around 20 Pisces], will be in the spotlight, as will the house that the eclipse falls in.** Eclipses can herald a crisis, but they also provide the opportunity to wipe the slate clean and start again.

The Virgo Eclipse / New Moon illuminates the area of our chart [and psyche] where Virgo is located... the area of life where we have a need for order and clarity and may have a tendency to perfection. Transiting Jupiter is also moving through this sign, placing a heavy emphasis on the Virgoan archetype. **Mars gets in on the act when it enters Virgo for a 2 month sojourn on September 25.**

The New Moon is always the time to make resolutions and begin new projects. The **Virgo Eclipse / New Moon** invites us engage in some spring cleaning and get ourselves organized. The functional Virgo is all about service, attention to detail, efficiency and self-improvement. This is therefore a great time to start a self-improvement plan whether that is a diet, a detox or get fit program... anything that looks at sorting out our bad habits. It could also be an opportune time to attend to your bookwork and clear any clutter. As the eclipse is conjunct the transiting north node it may be time to extend yourself in these areas and push a bit beyond your comfort zone.

The eclipse may also highlight the shadow side of Virgo which can play out as a tendency to self-criticism and worry that can heighten anxiety and perfectionist patterns that can paralyse us. Remember that the eclipse is neutral ...it is highlighting our patterns for good or ill so we can see them more clearly and decide

how we can best respond. Take some time out to tune in and to connect with your feelings, otherwise they may overwhelm you ...and don't let the Virgoan need for 'busy-ness' overwhelm you and stop you from taking some needed time out

The eclipse is opposite Chiron so it may activate the urge to take a stand that can lead to feelings of isolation. Chiron represents a doorway to the transpersonal realm where we are called to individuate and be true to our self or Higher Self and sometimes we can pay a price for moving beyond the roles and rules of the collective.

Chironic forms of healing may well be very powerful at this time. Homeopathy, energy/ vibrational medicine and attending to the wisdom revealed through our dreams can all be especially potent.

All lunation's [new moon and full moons including eclipses] have a powerful effect on the earth's electro-magnetic field that can also affect our personal energy fields. Eclipses intensify this effect and the disruption they produce can create the opportunity to reorganize these fields in a more coherent way. It is possible to see where we are sabotaging or connecting with our soul's desires and align ourselves with our inner truth.

Meditation and quiet self-reflection allow both the space for the messages from our soul /unconscious to be heard and the stillness needed to align with the creative / re-organizing potential of these celestial events.

If your **birthday is five days** either side of the solar eclipse it could mark the end of a period of difficulty. It will be very empowering to set new intentions for your life and create a small ritual to honor this event.

Mercury moves retrograde on September 18 and remains retrograde until October 10. This is **Mercury third and final** retrograde cycle for 2015 and takes place in the sign of **Libra, highlighting the process of communication and relationships.** Please be aware that the retrograde phenomenon is activated from the time that Mercury enters the loop to the time that it leaves: around **August 28 to October 24.** The most chaotic

times are when Mercury stations – the few days around **September 18 and October 10** when Mercury adjusts to the change of direction.

Key dates / degrees

- Exact dates: retrograde from **September 18 to October 10**
- Sensitive degrees: **0 to 16 Libra**
- Full time of influence: **August 28 to October 24**
- Time for insight: around **October 1** when the new Mercury cycle begins at the Inferior Conjunction of Mercury and the Sun
- Time to act on new ideas / beliefs: **October 10 to 24.**

The whole retrograde phase is a potent time for reflection and review ... a time when we can become aware of habitual beliefs and thought patterns and make the adjustments necessary to align our thinking with the person we are now. This is a great time to meditate, reflect, research, seek answers, sort out your paperwork, return calls and generally attend to all the things you have been too busy to do earlier.

Currently Mercury is still visible in the evening sky but he will disappear for about two weeks when he is lost in the blaze of the Sun from around **September 26** to re-appear in the sky just before sunrise around **October 6**. In esoteric terms this is the most intense and powerful part of the retrograde process as this when Mercury assumes his alter ego as Psychopomp and Guide to the Underworld. In this role Mercury is associated with the Egyptian scribe Thoth, who has access to the Halls of Record [Akashic records]. It is during this phase that we may have our most powerful insights and shifts, peaking around **October 1** when the new cycle begins at the Inferior Conjunction of Mercury and the Sun. **Esoteric writers suggest that the retrograde phase of Mercury creates an opening that allows access to the wisdom of our soul and the wisdom of the Cosmos.**

Mercury's retrograde cycle occurs in the sign of Libra, intensifying the relationship theme that is indicated by Venus retrograde and the conjunction of Venus and Mars as well as the lunar eclipse on September 28 that highlights the Aries / Libra polarity. The retrograde energy invites us to reflect on our partnerships and relationships [business and personal]. The conjunction of Mercury and the Sun on **October 1** may illuminate some patterns and issues that need to be discussed.

You may do this then and there or sit on your insights for a while until Mercury moves direct on October 10.

Remember, Mercury retrograde always provides us with the opportunity to free our thinking from habitual ruts and develop a more conscious set of mental attitudes and beliefs. Concerns may arise early in the retrograde phase but around the time the new cycle begins on **October 1** when new solutions and insight may emerge. Sit with your insights until after **October 10** when Mercury goes direct. The next few weeks are the time to express your insights and put new plans into action.

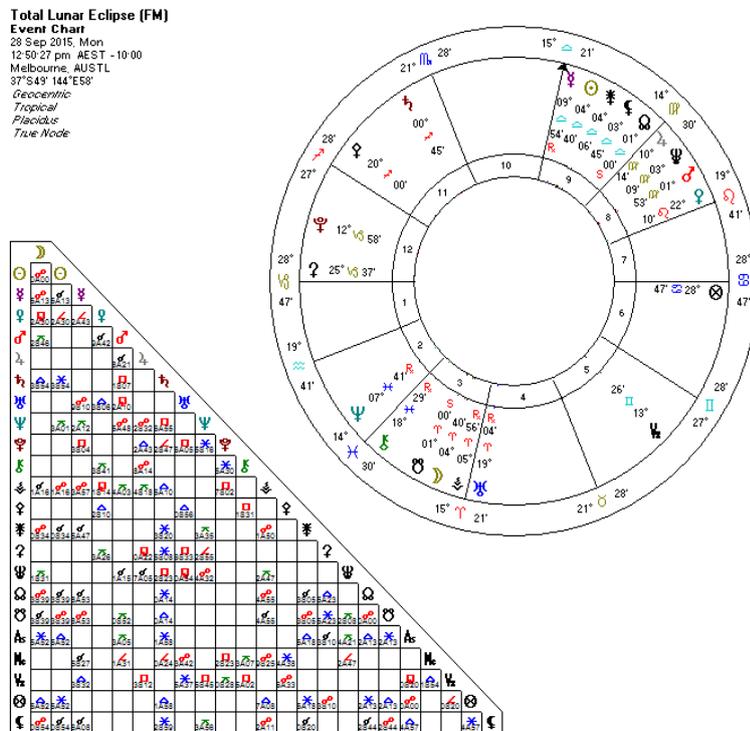
The Full Moon / Lunar Eclipse falls on September 28 at 4 Aries – emphasizing the Aries / Libra polarity. A lunar eclipse occurs at certain full moons when the Sun, Moon and earth align in celestial latitude and the Earth's shadow falls on the Moon. **The effect will be visible wherever it is dark and as the eclipse takes place at 12.50pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time it will be not be visible here as it was last year.**

The eclipse occurs at 4 degrees 40 minutes of Aries and will highlight any planets around early degrees of cardinal signs. Lunar eclipses emphasize emotions, activating whatever is bubbling in the subconscious. It will also provide us with insight into how we deal with the Aries / Libra polarity: the Arian need for independence, autonomy and challenges versus the Libran need for partnership, co-operation and compromise. Aries embodies the masculine Warrior archetype while Libra embodies the feminine Lover archetype. As such, it is time to focus on our primary relationships as well as the inner marriage of the masculine and feminine energies within us all. Ideally we can find ways to express both polarities, whatever our gender or sexual orientation.

As this is also a Lunar Eclipse, be aware that the Moon in fiery Aries may feel overshadowed and express herself through anger or impulsive reactions. Some questions for reflection:

- How do you own and express your masculine and feminine energies ...the God and Goddess within?
- How do you balance your need for freedom and independence with your need for partnership?
- Are you leaning too far to one polarity: too independent or too co-dependent?

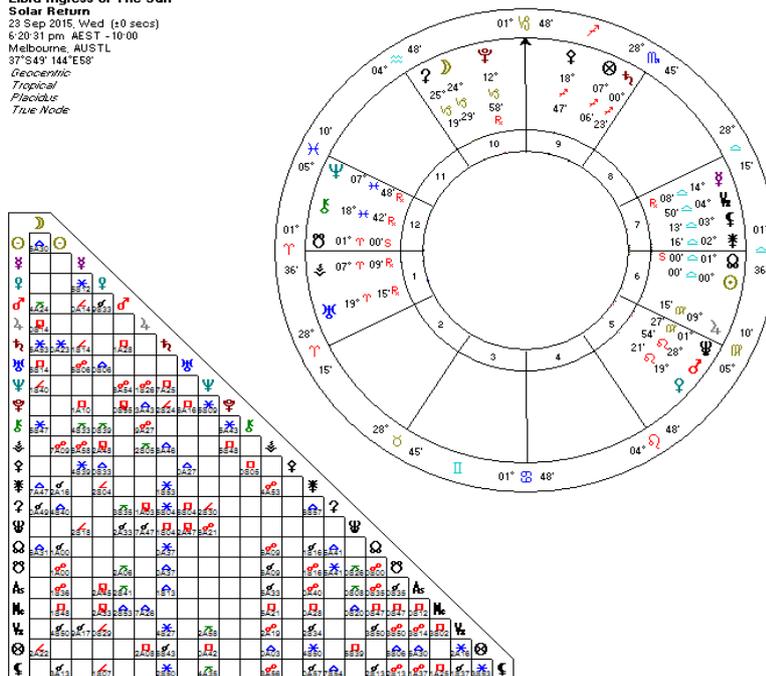
- Has your primary relationship become unbalanced in some way? What can you do about this?



Spring Equinox

September 23 marks the **Libra Ingress**, better known as the **Spring Equinox** [in the southern hemisphere]. At **6.20pm** Australian Eastern Standard Time the Sun will move into the sign of Libra and be exactly overhead at the equator.

**Libra Ingress of The Sun
Solar Return**
 23 Sep 2015, Wed (+0 secs)
 6:20:31 pm AEST -10:00
 Melbourne, AUSTRALIA
 37°S 49° 144°E 58"
*Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Mode*



The Equinox marks the time when day and night are of equal length and it is the turning point that marks the time when the daylight begins to prevail over the darkness [reverse if you live north of the equator]. From this point forward the days will grow longer as the Sun gains power and strength. It is time to let go the darkness of winter and embrace the fertility of spring. At this time of year it is the **Warrior/Amazon** energy that we invoke to assist us to move forward into the new cycle.

Esoteric writers say this is a magical time when the magnetic field of the Earth is influenced by the Sun's position directly overhead the equator. A **doorway or portal** opens to other realms due to a reduction in the Earth's magnetic field. This is a powerful time for **ritual and meditation** that can offer us wisdom, inspiration and guidance. The equinox portal is open for about **24 hours either side** the exact moment.

A Private Spring Equinox Ritual

Choose a candle in a colour that symbolizes your desire. Begin by having a ritual bath or shower to wash away the darkness of winter and the past year. As you bathe, see and feel the past being released so you can embrace the exciting new energy of Spring. When you are ready sit quietly, centre yourself and invoke your Highest Inspiration then call for the assistance of your Inner Warrior as you light your candle.

Reflect on what you wish to manifest in your life [making sure that you do not influence the free will of any other individual] and record your intentions in your journal or on a special piece of paper. Now sit back and visualize your desire manifesting as you gain strength and power from the Spring Sun. Most importantly FEEL the pleasure and joy that comes from the realization of your desires.

When you have finished give thanks and surrender your desires as the Universe may have other plans [often even better] than you have imagined. Keep your candle to light whenever you need to energize your desires.

Ring Lucy on 0418 382 925 if you would like to attend an Equinox Ritual.

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