

Cancer New Moon – June 22, 2009

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It is the New Moon in Cancer, the time to evaluate our feelings about our own security and a time to be nurtured and loved. Occurring little more than a day after the Summer Solstice, it infuses our bodies and feelings with the potency of summer, making us feel stirred, joyful, and safe. Because this New Moon occurs so soon after the Solstice, the added keys to its message are in the aspects that have changed a lot since the Solstice: the fast-moving Moon, Sun, and Mercury will cause subtle changes in the overall harmonics of the slower-moving bodies. I will consider these subtle shifts as well as offer a traditional reading to ascertain how the potent, sensual, and highly transformative Solstice dynamic might release during the New Moon in Cancer.

The Sun's opposition to Pluto has tightened to less than 1 degree (combust), and it will be exact around eight hours after the New Moon. This intensifies the Sun/Pluto opposition of the Summer Solstice. Of course, since the Moon conjuncts the Sun during the New Moon, they are fused in opposition to Pluto, which will be very challenging for your feelings and sense of personal identity. *You may experience a cathartic emotional crisis that presents you with a newly truthful sense of who you really are.* In the collective, Pluto in Capricorn (2008-2024) is directing a total transformation of our economic and societal systems and the way we use resources. Most people realize nothing will stop this process, and they have no idea what will replace this crumbling edifice. Our brains are hard-wired into the collective field, so beware of getting sucked into the collective dynamic and losing your identity on this day, since the Cancer New Moon is your time to discover yourself.

The New Moon in early Cancer inspires each one of us to find the goddess within, to find new ways to nurture life and ourselves. As we experience the rising of the goddess within, Pluto's opposition reminds us that Pluto takes the goddess Persephone into the Underworld while her mother, Demeter, searches for her and grieves. This mythical story of Demeter and Persephone reminds us that now the darkness is coming back as the strength of the Sun begins to wane.

Uranus in Pisces forms a T-square to the New Moon-opposite-Pluto, which brings another Greek god into the dance with Pluto. Uranus was so rabid to transform the world that he even ate his own sons and disgorged them in new forms, and Pluto stole Demeter's daughter for half the year, so who wants to hear anything more about these evil Titans? Well, this New Moon evokes a potent memory that has been lurking dormant within our societal memory-our experiences during Uranus-conjunct-Pluto in Virgo in the mid-1960s.

This aspect during the sixties inspired great change, rebellion, and the desire for a better world—a desire that has been cooking and waiting to manifest for more than forty years. Since Uranus is stationary and turns retrograde on June 30, this wide T-square during the Cancer New Moon sends out a warning shot about the first (waxing) exact square of Uranus to Pluto since the grand conjunctions. *The waxing Uranus/Pluto square will bring back the desire for a better world that came up during the 1960s, the hopes that were not realized.* In July 2011, Uranus comes very close to squaring Pluto, and then there will be seven exact squares 2012-2015. Wow!

The coming Uranus/Pluto squares in Libra/Capricorn will be the driving force that creates a new evolutionary agenda based on human enlightenment, once the time acceleration of the Universal Underworld during 2011 is complete. [See Clow, *The Mayan Code: Time Acceleration and Awakening the World Mind.*] When two outer planets conjunct, as Uranus and Pluto did during the sixties, a whole new creation cycle begins. Uranus-conjunct-Pluto rules the transformation of the underworld—the shadow world—and in Virgo, the agenda is cleansing emotional wounding and healing ecosystems. Ecology, a conscious movement to heal the planet, emerged in the sixties. Now as Uranus and Pluto begin to achieve their first square, our species will manifest real and practical ways to achieve true ecology.

[Uranus goes into Aries from May 2010 through August 2010 and then fully in March 2011, and this will begin a new 84-year process of transformation. The last Uranus-in-Aries transit was 1927 through 1935, which might cause some of you to reflect on the likely condition of the economy from 2011 to 2019! When Uranus is in Aries, the old goes out and the new comes in, and when Pluto is in Capricorn, all basic structures are totally transformed. So, Uranus in Aries square Pluto in Capricorn will usher in a whole new world that nobody can even imagine now. Like all births, the process will be tumultuous. Maybe stationary Uranus in his T-square to the New Moon reminds us that everything always changes, even during the deep yin energy of the Cancer New Moon? *The sign that resists change the most is Cancer.* Regardless, you won't be able to ignore the creeping awareness of a *roaring energy* coming soon with Uranus-square-Pluto in cardinal signs. Radical change coming soon will slip into your consciousness during this New Moon, and then it will slip into a dormant place in your consciousness when Uranus turns retrograde June 30.]

This New Moon in Cancer trines the triple conjunction of Chiron, Neptune, and Jupiter in Aquarius. This is rich in meaning and suggests that our healing and nurturance this month comes from the energy of the Triple Conjunction. For the past few months, we've been whipsawing between flashes of enlightenment and searing deep wounding. We've been driven into old pain, and many can see that these wounds are what have been limiting the expansion of feelings and knowledge. Each time we've allowed the process to run its course, we've been rewarded with stunning spiritual insight and exquisite ecstasies.

This ability to break through blocks is becoming Pavlovian (people being ruled by conditioned responses); *we are learning how to dive into the pain to find ecstasy*. The lovely trine from the new Moon to the Triple Conjunction helps us know that ultimately it is the goddess who heals; we find ourselves by going into the dark. So, even though Persephone was stolen away from her loving mother, she discovered how to be a woman and a lover. This lunation is really about loving your woman within, and you have her too, guys. The goddess within is the deepest source of creativity for all beings; only the goddess can show us how to live in balance with Earth.

Between the Solstice and the New Moon, Venus was exactly conjunct Mars in Taurus in exact trine to Saturn, and these aspects are very tight at the time of the New Moon. These are earthy and deeply reassuring aspects that take us back to being a secure child of loving parents, an experience we have all had at least in some lifetimes. Venus/Mars in Taurus is passionate and secure, while father Saturn in Virgo is the perfect guardian and organizer. This month you may find you can accomplish almost anything as long as you allow the wounding/breakthrough process of the Triple Conjunction. This lunation is a great time to fall in love and to insist upon things that are good for you. Mercury is moving into a square to Saturn that will be exact on June 26, so you can easily solve problems and clean up details right after the New Moon.

Pluto is closely quincunx the lunar South Node in Leo, which moves into Cancer in late July. Pluto in early Capricorn is pushing us to finish the last issues that have come up while the North Node has been in Aquarius since December 2007. While the North Node has been in Aquarius, we've been pursuing idealism and selflessness, and when the North Node goes into Capricorn in July, we will focus on practical ways to manifest these ideals. Thus, Pluto in Capricorn quincunx the South Node pushes us to reevaluate our cherished ideals during this lunation, since soon we will focus on hard realities and figure out how to bring those ideals into working form.

This New Moon sends out a strong message to consider what really matters to you, so that you will have the strength and resources to face great changes. It is a time to value the small things, the tender things, and to make sure you are finding new ways to protect them no matter what. The New Moon trine to the Triple Conjunction informs us that healing ourselves is the way to create a healthy, nurturing world, and Venus/Mars in Taurus trine Saturn assures us the path is there if we take the time to enjoy simple pleasures. This will be an exceedingly pleasurable and thought-provoking month.