

## **Leo New Moon: August 12, 2007**

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It is the New Moon in Leo, the most creative and inspirational lunation of the year. Venus conjunct Saturn and Mercury are all in Leo close to the New Moon, and this configuration shouts, "We're alive during the magical time on Earth!" Also, this is the year of the advanced unifying synthesis according to Carl Calleman's time acceleration theory; this means it is time to co-create with Earth and remember how to be the Keepers of Nature. Remarkably, the 2007 New Moon in Leo expresses everything we need to know about how to co-create with Gaia. For example, the presence of Mercury in Leo so close to the New Moon-while exactly opposite the midpoint between Chiron and Neptune in Aquarius-suggests that many of us will begin decoding the way Gaia expresses herself with weather. This latent instinct must be reawakened in us now because Gaia expresses herself via weather and earth changes, just the way we humans use our personalities to express ourselves to each other. Gaia is in a significant conversation with us now; she is mirroring back to us our own hopes and fears. The exquisite dance of the stars during the end of the Mayan Calendar is a continual revelation that is unmasking the old skills we've forgotten for thousands of years.

During the New Moon in Leo, we always stretch our beliefs regarding what we can create; yet, often it's hard to know whether what we are considering is practical and feasible. With Mercury conjunct this lunation, our powers of discrimination will be excellent. The Sun/Moon/Mercury exactly opposite Neptune in Aquarius (as well as Chiron) is very significant because Neptune in Aquarius (1998-2012) has been guiding our spiritual opening all the way through the Galactic Underworld-1999-2011. Like a great spiritual master speaking the truth, in this position Neptune instructs us to expand our sense of self, way beyond what we've ever thought possible. Neptune says, "Step into your greater self, the envelope of consciousness that brought you here now. Melt the remnants of your lion-like ego and create from your essence." I'm sure many of you are already feeling like expanding your potential now, since you were pushed to do that last month when Neptune was exactly quincunx the Cancer New Moon; the God of the deep was preparing you for the actualization of new goals by inspiring you to do a lot of fantasizing and dreaming about what you want. Now, Neptune's opposition to the New Moon will inspire the fruition of these dreams.

If Neptune's exact opposition to the New Moon/Mercury isn't a sufficiently expansive force for you (maybe because it is so inherently subtle in Aquarius as well as retrograde), then good old electrical Uranus in Neptune's sign, Pisces will do the job. With this lunation, Uranus is quincunx the New Moon/Mercury, and everyone will be pushed into action by subtle surprises and synchronicities. A building desire to transform spiritually will be your heart's desire as the sky father zaps you with lightning!

I'm sure you've noticed by the floods and fires that the elementals are really riled up these days. There was a tornado in Brooklyn, NY! Can you believe that? More and more people are empathizing deeply with Nature and can feel her crying out against excessive human selfishness and lack of respect for her laws. As a result of our empathy, she has been given permission to express herself. She will rage and quake, make floods and fires, all this to show humanity that war/ecocide must cease. In the Summer Solstice reading, I noted that the weather this summer would teach us how to read Nature's signals. With Uranus quincunx the Leo lunation, many will suddenly decode the big secret that the Global Elite does not want you to know: You've been tricked to put your attention on the theoretical causes of global warming, but by reading all the feelings in the weather events, you can establish a positive feedback loop with nature. Then you will see that the Global Elite is causing the destruction, not simple carbon elementals.

In writing about the Cancer New Moon, I speculated that the great fires in the American West were expressing the Venus/Saturn conjunctions in Leo. If this is true, then because Venus retrograde conjuncts Saturn the day after this New Moon, the fires will be very intense for another month, causing more people to attune to the relationship between human behavior and nature. Venus conjuncts Saturn three times between July 1 and October 13, inspiring us to clarify our values and choose carefully what we really want. This long conjunction caused by Venus retrograde is making us get real about our resources and the value of our relationships. Nationally and globally, Venus/Saturn is manifesting a great housing crisis and debt crash. The country that is bombing so many homes in the Middle East is getting a reckoning. Many people will lose their homes and almost everything else because they just didn't value these great resources enough. Since this second and retrograde conjunction is right after the New Moon, the real truth about how bad the crisis is will be apparent during the August 28 Pisces Lunar Eclipse. Suddenly, Americans who are losing their homes will be disgusted by the reckless antics of the Bush administration. People will be saddened by how much they have lost and disheartened by the blatant lack of compassion by leaders. The thievery in banking will cause people to press aggressively for valuing resources.

Sorry for so much doom and gloom, but last month under Cancerian influence, many Americans began to realize that what the government is doing is coming home to roost. So, we are actually getting somewhere. Many people are not trapped by debt because they could see this crisis coming for a long time. After witnessing the government's weak response to people's needs during and after Katrina, we are now seeing the collapse of a major bridge in Minneapolis as a message of how dangerous life has become with the Bushites in power. During this lunation, Pluto on the Galactic Center exactly trines Venus conjunct Saturn in Leo, so getting real now will become America's ticket to a more realistic approach to life. In last month's New Moon analysis, I noted that Americans are feeling a widening disparity between their personal security and the government-inspired obsession with terrorism.

Well, by the time of the last Venus conjunct Saturn in October, many more people will realize this focus on fear is used to cover up the tracks of Bushite involvement in 9/11. In other words, the Venus/Saturn conjunctions are waking people up to face very harsh truths.

On a practical note, during the first Venus/Saturn conjunction July 1, did you identify old habits you need to release? Did you make some progress with addictions? Well, this lunation is the perfect time to fine-tune your personal habits even more, as well as do what you can to strengthen your finances. With the last Venus/Saturn conjunction in October, practical needs will come to the front stage where they belong, and masses of people will release old dysfunctional patterns. You will be able to say, "Oh well, been there, done that," based on what you've learned this summer and then move on quickly. After all, Saturn goes into Virgo in September, and then the Pluto-in-Virgo generation (born 1956-1972) will use the creative breakthroughs of the last few years that the Pluto-in-Leo generation (born 1939-1956) has recently brought back into culture. Soon, Virgo will easily initiate practical and systemic change.

Mars in 4 Gemini is in wide opposition to Jupiter in 10 Sagittarius, and this opposition is pulled closer by a grand square created by the lunar nodes in 7 Pisces/Virgo. This mutable grand square with the Pisces karmic focus on awakening real compassion suggests that more and more people are going to be able to see the root cause of America's problems-war and lack of respect for resources. Jupiter just went direct on August 6, and now it is going to plow all the way through Sagittarius and move into Capricorn on December 19, the same day the north node of the Moon goes into Aquarius. Therefore, from this New Moon to the Winter Solstice, people will be galled by the obscene waste of precious resources through weaponry, troops, and transport all over the globe. The global implications of America-as-Empire will be obvious when Jupiter reaches Pluto on the Galactic Center in mid-December. That is when I expect the Sun to start erupting. It is time to spit in the eye of a government that instructs people to recycle and haggle over carbon credits while it wastes resources on a monumental scale and pushes for nuclear power.

During the last lunation in Cancer, Jupiter squared the lunar nodes, which brought many more spiritual masters and schools into view. Now, with Mars opposing Jupiter, masters in many dimensions will assist people who energize peace and live it in their hearts. It is time now to pray for peace and to always think peaceful thoughts while observing the conflict in the world. Chiron in Aquarius is sextile Jupiter in Sagittarius, which acts as the resolution of the grand square. Healing can occur at a distance, so the hearts of each peaceful person will expose the obscenity of war as nature rages. She rages fiercely against the killing of species, elements, and minds, so be with her in your central heart when she is Leo the lion, mirroring to all on Earth the truth about the preciousness of life.