



*“Astrology is a science in itself, and contains an illuminating body of knowledge. It has taught me many things, and I am greatly in debt to it.” Albert Einstein - Physicist & Mathematician*

### August 2009 Overview

The month of August brings about the second lot of eclipses for the year but with a more positive vibration than last month. Most people fear eclipses, probably because the Earth passes between the sun and the moon blocking the light and casting a shadow. The lunar (moon) eclipse takes place on August 5 in the independent sign of Aquarius. During a full moon eclipse emotions are heightened, situations become critical, feelings and resentments that have remained under the surface have a way of erupting through at last and once they do there may be no turning back. Sometimes we need conflicts in our lives in order to make changes and create, difficulties stimulate the imagination, the crisis reaches a climax, a resolution and a new way of life is now possible. The new moon or solar (sun) eclipse on August 20 in the sign of majestic Leo is a powerful day to instigate change, this is the time to begin a project and sow the seeds that will reap rewards in the future. Solar eclipses bring about new beginnings and far-reaching transformations. Eclipses are all about shifting circumstances, and gravitational moon forces can have a powerful effect on us. Changes are for the better although we may not realise it at the time. We may subconsciously will this to happen and but are really the ones that precipitate the ramifications of events. We know that something within us has reached a critical juncture and we can no longer live within such boundaries.

## Monthly Stars – August

### Aries

Purposeful, articulate is how the month begins for you as Mercury, communicative planet moves into your employment sector. Not one to mince your words, this time you won't be backward about coming forward dishing it out just how you see it. Energy expended through sheer hard work in your vocation will see a positive outcome. The eclipse of August 5 denotes an ending and the final chapter in a friendship or partnership with an organisation. The truth of the situation must be realised, no further action will be of benefit, there is no way to go but to let go. Once you reach August 20, a new relationship of the personal or business kind will be in the first embryonic stages; this has the capacity to develop into something truly satisfying. Lifestyle changes are in progress, perhaps in the way of alterations to living circumstances or relocation that will no doubt change your outlook. The end of last month was the catalyst to instigate this transformation. This is how all new ventures in life start, one thought or idea leads to another; it is not the final decision, but the beginning. It all really depends on courage and faith. Now that fate that has generated a new path in life, it is really up to you to travel down it.

### Taurus

The effects of last month follows onto August, changes in your interaction with others have generated a new vision and demeanour. Mental awakening gives rise to arguments and debates when you begin to assert your independence. Ultimately, and not without a battle or two is a resolution within sight, finally a project proceeds to the finish line less encumbered by obstacles. August 5, the lunar eclipse marks a time of achievement and integration in your professional life. But this peak is merely a glimpse into a high profile world. Endurance and a competitive spirit is necessary, whether you can sustain this will be a question you will need to evaluate. Certain things need to be relinquished and pacing yourself in order to attain some semblance of balance in your life. August 20, solar eclipse, guides you into a new way of living and the opportunity to begin to build your dream home, through renovations or a change of living space. The Sun enters Virgo bringing love, warmth and romance into your life; this is the perfect time to feel at home especially with those you are comfortable with. Perhaps you need to abandon responsibility even for a little while to find an outlet for creative self expression and some solace that you deserve in a world that is ever changing.

## Gemini

Fortuitous financial situations are there to capitalise on, you have come to comprehend there are other ways to make monetary changes. Income does not need to come from one source alone to live life comfortably. Nevertheless, before any grand plans are made for the future, responsibilities will need to be addressed. Funds tied with another person or financial institution must be taken into consideration. August 5, lunar eclipse will shake up yourself belief, new horizons are opening up, you know now there is further to travel if you are to live a more rewarding life. Your motivations begin to change, no longer are you willing to live under someone's thumb. Mars in your sign will give you the impetuosity to get moving and act on your desires. However in order to attain your goals, tact and shrewdness may be needed. This may leave you with an uncomfortable false feeling, but life may require it. A leap of faith is needed and a willingness to take a risk into the unknown, even though you may not know the outcome if you will indeed succeed or fail. Not responding to these personal dreams, you may just sink into a humdrum existence. Your own potentials need to be utilised if you are to fulfil your destiny and become something greater than you are today.

## Cancer

Pending changes of last month have brought about a new dimension of life which begins to unfold. Powerful energies are causing a transformation in your interaction with people. Being overly giving you may sometimes be taken for granted; you need to honour your own limits and boundaries with others especially when emotionally involved. The lunar eclipse of August 5, brings closure to a loan repayment or financial responsibility. It hits home the more practical joys of sharing and the maintenance of an obligation in a union. Money is really about an energy flow, what you give is what you receive emotionally and financially. New work opportunities come about on the new moon of August 20. You may need to decide between the security in what you have already have and the unsure possibilities of a new direction. Yet a new prospect contains a potential for growth which may outweigh the rewards of life lived in the comfort zone. Mars in your sign is the motivation needed to bring excitement back in your life. New romantic relationships are possible, a little bit of audacity is needed to make this attraction a reality. The initiation into a world full of promise is exciting and challenging. This is the beginning of the journey into deeper levels of commitment to find a more fulfilling emotional and professional life.

## Leo

The mood of last month carries onto August; new ways of thinking and believing have sprung from the subconscious. Irrational fears infiltrate your thoughts, especially in relation to your current working life and future financial resources. Financial plans need to be put into motion to endure the shifting circumstances. The lunar eclipse on August 5 takes place in your relationships sector; an ending or change in situations brings in a new attitude and an altered way of living. Every relationship has its cycles of endings and beginnings, feelings change as time passes, and a new understanding of another grows and metamorphosis to a new relationship. Ongoing contentment and the ability to enjoy a future together which can withstand any challenges can now be built on honesty with a sense of purpose together. Mercury, planet of communication brings clarity and focus to your needs and desires. August 20, the solar eclipse is all about a transformation within yourself, inner and outer, the eclipse has the ability to dispel any doubts and fears bringing optimism and renewed trust in partnerships. Venus arrives in the nick of time on August 25 illuminating you with love and adoration. Exuding confidence, your spirits soar; no one can deny your irresistible charms. Self belief rises and any negativity that plagued you well that is something well and truly of the past!

## Virgo

Flirtations and attractions that began at the end of last month now deepen as August progresses. This is the emergence of overwhelming feelings for another that in time will come together to form a more solid union. This month will be mentally challenging, however you are motivated by the task at hand, the mind will be rapid, quick solutions to problems will ease any difficulties. The house of work and health is engulfed by the eclipse of August 5, causing you to review your working life. Insufficient skills or fatigue, where you may have driven yourself too hard in succeeding towards your goal are problems on the road to achievement. Fear of failure may be the root for your worries. Balance is the key in being able to successfully sustain the demanding months ahead, and to examine where the past may indicate what may lead to such worries. When the new moon births on August 20, peace of mind can be gained, you may need to spend such time in solitude, rather than rushing out and surrounding yourself with people. By building inner reserves and reflecting on life are you able to gain some clarity before making necessary changes. The sun finally reaches your sign on August 22 blowing out the cobwebs of doubts; the sun shines again bringing in hope and optimism for the future.

### Libra

Following from last month, career opportunities begin to take effect. New possibilities are opening; your star is on the rise. However before you grab your chances; adjustments need to be made within current circumstances to accommodate the prospects of an exciting future which is beyond your reach. Making changes to your working life and how you interact with others will prove beneficial. The lunar eclipse on August 5 signals the closure of an arduous project which you have been striving for many months. Reaching a crisis in the eye of the storm, you are able to battle overwhelming odds to ensure that the goal is within sight. Somehow you find strength in reserve to meet the challenges head on. Relationships at this time are in the spotlight, feelings intensify, and commitments are made to another that are irreversible. The past way of living and loving has ended a new manner to express your emotions in a more genuine and honest way opens the door to a transformation within yourself. The new moon on August 20 highlights friendships and acquaintances, you realise that friendships are reciprocal; support to others brings karmic rewards, enriching the quality of your life and the appreciation it is to be loved and to love.

### Scorpio

As last month came to a close you were recovering from a journey or you may be about to embark on a trip of a lifetime. Once you return from your voyage, there may be no going back; situations may not quite be the same again. The lunar eclipse moon glows on August 5 causing movements in the very foundations of your life. Changes within living conditions take priority; renovations, relocations or home buying take precedence. Family dynamics come to a head, going back to your family roots might help to understand thorny issues. New development in career matters will have you in a spin on solar eclipse time August 20. Potentials are apparent in your career, make a wise choice if you want to change course in your vocation. Venus smooths out concerns and adds a dash of charm in your dealings with others; it won't be hard to get what you want. As new world beckons, there is a feeling of restlessness, and dissatisfaction in your present circumstances. Changes are in the wind, new things are possible, a goal has not yet formulated, but it is enough to keep you inspired and challenged. Understanding the past and your choices have made you who you are today, an exciting future awaits, you just need to go for it!

### Sagittarius

Material fortunes are in a state of fluctuation; this movement of money does not imply loss rather a flow of creative energy expended into many projects. It is an appropriate time to put money and energy to work; this may mean juggling and shifting resources which is risky but necessary if you are to gain any financial return. Improving communication and organising your time more strategically will ensure you are perceived well by your peers. Being articulate and forthright you are able to get your point across, winning business and talking the talk. The lunar eclipse on August 5 intensifies thinking and mental capabilities. Restlessness and impatience is the side effect of this eclipse, the desire to change and get things moving after stops and starts will be frustrating for someone as energetic and high spirited as you. Calming the mind with as much time spent outdoors will stop anxiousness. Foreign affairs are calling; a chance to work or do big business globally is an enticing prospect. The solar eclipse on August 20 is all about expansion and growth, of the mental and geographical kind. Spreading your wings and taking flight on an adventure will be good for the psyche and alter your outlook. So think big and there is a whole world waiting for you to begin your journey.

### Capricorn

As last month came to a close, the emergence of feelings in a partnership has been activated. Stronger ties have been fortified with your partner, or perhaps raw feelings have erupted in the emergence of a new relationship which is still in early stages. The lunar eclipse of August 5 is all about money and your value in the market. A monetary partnership or situation may conclude such as personal loan which has been a financial drain, salary, payments or other allowances will come to an end. An evaluation of your assets and the responsibilities you need to maintain for the years to come will need to be ascertained. New financial plans to live a more prosperous life begin after the solar eclipse of August 20. There is a desire to progress in your profession but limitations may impede your growth. Evaluation of skills or lack of will help you understand your shortcomings and how to develop them to your advantage. It may not seem like it today, but soon you will be able to reap the rewards, financially, emotionally and professionally. Invest wisely, build your skills and take an emotional journey one step at time. After all you are the mountain goat, it is a tough climb but one day you will reach the summit and then it will be worth it.

### Aquarius

August is a significant month, a major turning point for Aquarians. The lunar eclipse take place in your sign on August 5, the need to make changes to current conditions is crucial. Emotional issues reach a point of no return; it may spell the end of a working or personal relationship, an arduous project comes to a close or an old way of living has ended never to return. This ending may be difficult but necessary if life needs variety and movement. From here on promises fantastic new opportunities, personal and professional, you just need to let go of the old way of life. The solar eclipse on August 20 births new relationship prospects or within an existing relationship, emotional ties are strengthened. Active Mars brings energy into the work area that was lacking of late; you are able to do twice as much as your capable of undertaking. Mars will also give you the confidence to say what is on your mind; usually you remain detached and aloof and therefore tend to stew in unexpressed feelings. Out of the midst of difficulties and confusion, positive developments have arisen. Finally you have found your feet and deriving satisfaction from overcoming obstacles. Now that you understand what it is you truly want, you can finally see the wood from the trees.

### Pisces

Family get together, reunions and events take place now creating a feeling of warmth and good times to ease an otherwise stressful working day. Although due to heated Mars burning brightly your home sector, a few family conflicts may surface. The eclipse of August 5 brings issues that have been buried in the past to light. You may not like what you hear but ultimately it will show you the way forward, a chance of future healing becomes possible. Discussions and debates transpire especially of a business nature when Mercury planet of communication spins into your house of relationships. Mental awareness is stimulated by partnership conversations, motivating you to take action in getting projects moving, culminating in a contractual agreement on August 17. The new moon on August 20 signals that your star is on the rise, hard work and persistence has generated lucrative and encouraging results. However to ensure you can endure the climb up the ladder of success, your fatigued body and mind will need to keep in step. Rest and renewal is needed after a period of stressful activity and to reflect on all that has happened of late. Once you do the emotional nature will be revitalised encouraging you to exciting attractions of the loving kind and an active and pleasurable social life.