

Virgo New Moon/Partial Solar Eclipse: September 11, 2007

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It is the New Moon in Virgo, when we are inspired to create order and integrity in our lives after a wild month of creativity during Leo. The Virgo lunation is always the best time to reorder our own houses and to assess our physical health, since winter is coming and we have to get ready. The New Moon in Virgo is normally the time to think of personal healing as a first priority, yet 2007 is a little different. This is Day Five of the Galactic Underworld, the year of the "advanced unifying synthesis", and so the condition of the outer world is a critical factor in our personal healing (as I explained in *The Mayan Code: Time Acceleration and Awakening the World Mind*). This year I have to assess how outer events affect us much more than usual. For example, taking the larger reality into account, have you ever wondered if world events are stressing your health? Current astrology suggests this is a big issue for people this year, especially since the eclipse cycle stimulates Virgo/Pisces.

Many things changed under the Leo influence last month, and then the shift into Virgo actually began during the exquisite and intense Pisces lunar eclipse on August 28, when there was a mutable grand cross involving Uranus/Moon opposite Mercury/Sun/Saturn squaring Jupiter opposite Mars. The mutable grand square of this New Moon actually went into gear during the Pisces lunar eclipse; wherever your consciousness was stuck, it just moved! Well, new pathways have been blasted open in the world that will eventually create more freedom; it is not the collective field that is stuck, it's each one of us! It is well worth your time to examine what came unstuck in you around August 28, because you can keep on going with these changes if you identify them. And the events around August 28 are predictors for what will happen in the larger field on September 11.

In the Leo New Moon forecast last month, I said that Uranus in Pisces quincunx the New Moon in Leo would bring notable surprises and synchronicities. I thought Nature would orchestrate great earth changes and weather events, which was prophetic. The USA heartland flooded, and the surprising surge of water seemed to mirror the emotional pain of many Americans. Greece endured record heat and then burned, and there were terrible fires in other parts of Europe and the US. There was a great quake in Peru, and many people died from excessive heat around the world. Yet, in the new reality we live in, with so many things changing so fast, few paid any attention to Peru and the other devastations, as if people can't handle the waves of suffering.

Well, during this New Moon, Uranus opposes the Sun/Moon in Virgo, which will cause great surprises to awaken our hearts and minds. Structures that are too rigid may fracture, and the correct response is to just let things go. Neptune quincunxes the New Moon, pushing us faster and faster into oneness and into

feeling how we are each part of the whole. Also, Uranus in 16 degrees Pisces is exactly quincunx Venus in 16 Leo. Venus wants us to connect to one another and Uranus wants us to be free, so we just might discover during the advanced unifying synthesis that our freedom lies within our connections. Or, you might feel bummed by a lack of connections and finally reach out. Meanwhile, Nature expresses her feelings in weather and earth changes, and major earth change events (including financial cataclysms, since money is energy) may occur during this eclipse with a mutable cross to emphasize that it is time for all of us to stop resisting Earth's processes and to be present for others in need.

I'm opening this discussion in a general way because the August 28 lunar eclipse and the Virgo New Moon solar eclipse are asking each one of us to think and feel way beyond the boundaries of our small worlds. Many of us were enraptured by the beautiful red Moon on August 28, and we felt drawn into deep mysticism when the Moon darkened and stars sparkled like diamonds in the black sky. Now, the Virgo solar eclipse is going to melt old patterns, so that new approaches to life will emerge naturally. Both the August 28 and September 11 eclipses are greatly intensified by the mutable grand crosses, which encourage us to just move along and change. The potential for fluid personal change was very high around August 28, and world events at that time got things going that will tend to gel during the Virgo New Moon: US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, the Bush sycophant who reveled in judicial abuse, resigned; Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran announced the US was losing in Iraq and that Iran was ready to come forward to fill the power vacuum; and the world financial markets went through a mini-meltdown that spotlighted the capital collapse that had begun after the Leo New Moon on August 12. These mutable grand squares are changing the world right now, and the one that is of interest to us is the grand cross during this Virgo New Moon eclipse.

During this solar eclipse, Uranus in Pisces closely opposes the Sun/Moon in Virgo, and Mars in Gemini opposite Jupiter and Pluto in Sagittarius squares the Uranus/New Moon opposition. This mutable (shifting and moving) configuration is going to create great changes in very formative areas of our lives, since Mars, Jupiter, Pluto, and Uranus stress the New Moon. Many things need to shift and change now, because these major planets are about to move into cardinal (new motivations) signs: Mars goes into Cancer in late September 2007, Jupiter goes into Capricorn mid-December 2007, Pluto into Capricorn in early 2008, and eventually Uranus into Aries near the end of the Mayan calendar in 2011. Saturn will move into Libra in late 2010, which will result in some extraordinary squares between planets in cardinal signs that many astrologers believe will be a time of global financial collapse. While we still have the fluidity of the mutable planets, it would be wise for all of us to use them to make necessary changes. Also, what goes on during these mutable grand squares will forecast how change will play out.

The sense I want to convey is that right now, the mutable placements offer a lot of movement potential that we will not have in a short time; now is the time to make changes in your affairs and relationships. Let's look closer at this current flexibility, which is being catalyzed by the late-summer eclipses.

Mars in Gemini inspires us to use our minds instead of our bellies while negotiating the great religious and political shifts being inspired by Jupiter's journey through Sagittarius. Jupiter is slowly approaching Pluto in Sagittarius on the Galactic Center, and Jupiter/Pluto on the Galactic Center in December 2007 is going to wrench the world religions out of their narrow-minded positions. The Virgo lunation reminds us to stay poised in the current moment no matter what is going on around us, while opposing Uranus in Pisces hammers us with one world event after another tugging out the compassion that lies deeply buried in our hearts. We have residues in our cellular memory of thousands of years of history that are passing away now like old videos. We know the old ways will never come back, and we can't see the outline of the new worlds coming in; we are like shells building calcium geometrical structures that have no building plans. These new worlds have nothing to do with Blackberries, iPods, corporations, the media, and lottery tickets, and all we can do is respond to the great call of Nature in the winds, waters, and rocks where new life is formulating. Since Uranus is involved in this grand square in close opposition to the eclipsed Sun, forget avoiding big changes; you cannot.

Remember those great bumper stickers like "Transmute or Die", or "Transmute Now to Avoid the Rush"? I wondered when that time would arrive and it is now, and there are other vehicles of change in this New Moon chart. Jupiter in Sagittarius trines Venus in Leo, suggesting that bold, feminine courage will come forth now. Uranus in Pisces exactly quincunxing Venus suggests that transformations by means of deep compassion are going to push women on stage to force them to remember they are as strong or stronger than men. The actress Angelina Jolie, with a serpent-dragon tattoo on her left arm boldly displayed for the media, had the awesome courage to go to Afghanistan and Iraq during the August 28 lunar eclipse to spotlight world attention on the hideous waves of suffering being caused by the American invasions.

The wave of refugees is reaching Biblical proportions while the UN does almost nothing. Americans calculate the daily casualties of the troops and contract workers, which are a small percentage of the refugees and deaths caused by the saturation bombings in neighborhoods filled with civilians. Bombers run by remote control with no pilots graze people's neighborhoods! Attention to this terrible pain is coming because Pluto went direct on September 7, a few days before this eclipse. Pluto will move back over the Galactic Center in late October, when the obscene carnage will shock the world. During this eclipse, Pluto opposes Mars the god of war, and few people will be able to escape the truth about the disaster that the US has spawned.

Avoiding seeing the truth about how each one of us is connected to events in the world is over now because Saturn went into Virgo on September 2; the real condition of structures, systems, and vital processes will become visible. After all, Pluto was retrograde from March 31 until a few days ago, and then Venus went direct on September 8 to make her last conjunction with Saturn on October 13. Now we can see that the Venus/Saturn conjunctions-July 1, August 13, and October 13 2007-are spotlighting a housing collapse and global liquidity crisis.

This crisis is not going to go away for sure because it is following astrological transits so exactly, as I've already indicated. As many followers of this website know, I have been harping at everybody to get out of debt for about two years, and you can still do a lot to help yourself if you can just see how serious this problem really is. Just like the Katrina victims, nobody is going to rescue you! Using time-acceleration theory time lines (see The Mayan Code), we are now at the same point in Day Five of the Galactic Underworld as we were in 1929 of Day Five of the Planetary Underworld. The crash is already in gear, and in 1929 it was stocks, while in 2008-2009 the losses will be in cash instruments and reserves.

In case this freaks you out, let me offer you a rather novel thought. The US is spilling blood and exploding bombs while using the media to convince the public that the war is just GIs handing out candy. These actions will come home again and again until enough Americans care about the people of Iraq. So, how is the US going to get what it deserves so the war will stop? Well, it's going to be money, America's god! Meanwhile, all you have to do now is conserve and share with your community, friends, and family. Allow yourself to see what America is causing in the world, because this karma is coming home unless people get honest. Saturn (father) has just gone into Virgo close to the lunar South Node during the eclipse, and Saturn will conjunct the lunar South Node in October. Saturn in Virgo until late 2009 will bring forth truth, because the New Moon in 18 Virgo is close to Neptune in the 1776 USA founding chart.

In the USA chart, Neptune in 21 Virgo closely squares Mars in Gemini in the 7th house, which is the cause of America's tendency to delude itself and get into foreign wars that it cannot win, such as Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. Therefore, this solar eclipse will probably hammer home the fact that the USA never won the war in Iraq or Afghanistan and it never will. Meanwhile, in spite of the mess in the larger field, during this wonderful, grounded, and mutable eclipse many ideas about your potential future contributions will be available to you. You will feel much better because you will find yourself able to do things finally after feeling blocked for so long.

During these latter days of the Mayan Calendar, I've often noticed that Neptune in Aquarius (1998-2012) is the big teacher. The blue planet of advanced spirituality (and/or outrageous delusion) is slowly opening us to remember the Aquarian codes of peace, brother/sisterhood, and justice during the end of the Calendar. As we progress into enlightenment and oneness during this painful historical period, Neptune has often been the guide on the path into the dark forest. During this solar eclipse, much information comes from Neptune, which opposes newly direct Venus in Leo, trines Mars in Gemini, and closely quincunxes the New Moon in Virgo. Neptune challenges the feminine within to boldly come out into the world (Venus in Leo) and inspire deep compassion; he works to alleviate masculine aggression by promoting mental clarity (Mars in Gemini); and Neptune nudges the eclipsed Sun to shift soundly into clear focus and practicality (Sun/Moon in Virgo). Of course, as Neptune quincunxes this New Moon in Virgo, he also quincunxes the 1776 USA natal Neptune, which will be exact during 2008 and 2009. Neptune retrograded while quincunxing the 1776 Neptune in late May 2007, and he goes direct the end of October 2007 to return to an exact quincunx to the USA Neptune during March 2008; subtle inner Neptunian change is about to shift into a high gear.

With such significant aspects to Neptune during this solar eclipse, it is time for each one of us to use our minds, deepest intuition, and practical skills to accomplish the important evolutionary advancements that are available now. What are they? We have reached the moment in the Days and Nights of the Mayan Calendar when it is time to adopt true spirituality instead of allowing organized religions to run the world. We must do this now, and this eclipse shows great potential for many to make this leap as Night Five approaches. The blood, gore, and sexual abuse perpetuated by religious wars will not carry you through Night Five. Only great spirituality and love of nature will support you as the old systems crumble and fall away. Lastly, Chiron the wounded healer archetype is in Aquarius trining Mercury in Libra and sextiling Jupiter in Sagittarius. Chiron in Aquarius tells us that the great and ancient spiritual tap roots we carry deep within are going to support us and give us joy while we face challenging yet uplifting times.