

Astrology of July 2026 by Terrie Celest

Overview of July 2026



7th Neptune retrograde
14th New Moon in Cancer
22nd Sun enters Leo
23rd Mercury direct
26th Saturn retrograde
27th Nodes move into Leo/Aquarius
29th Full Moon

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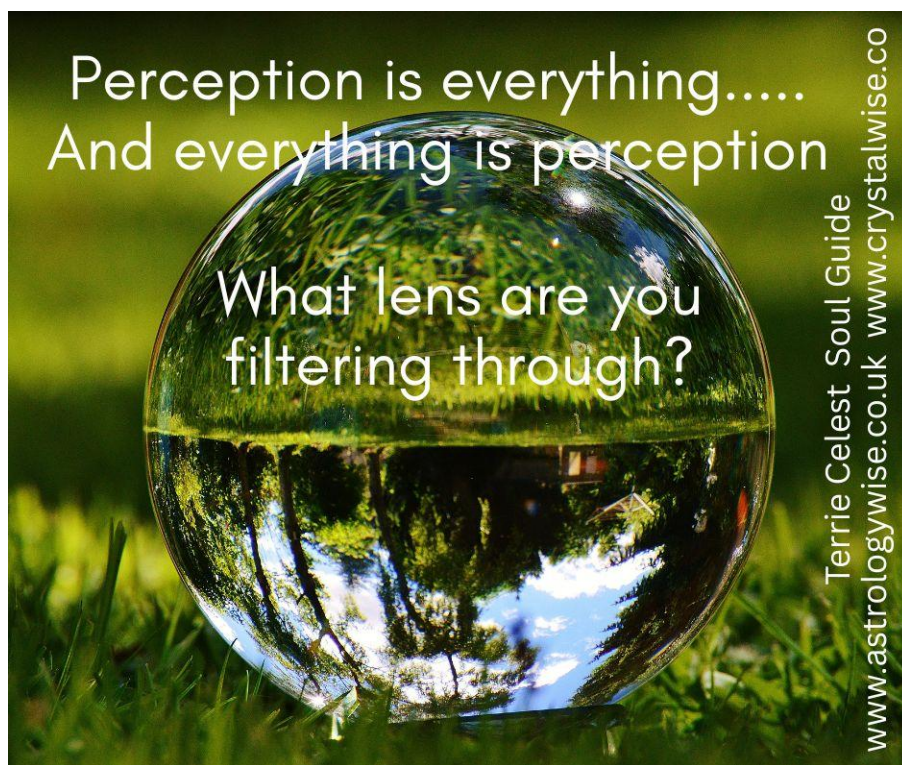
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OUTER PLANET TRANSITS IN JULY 2026

- 2nd July Jupiter square Chiron **0° 23"** Leo/Taurus
10th July Chiron trine South Node, sextile North Node **0° 36"**
Taurus/Virgo-Pisces
15th July Uranus sextile retrograde Neptune **04° 23"** Gemini/Aries
18th July Uranus trine retrograde Pluto **04° 29"** Gemini/Aquarius
20th July Jupiter trine retrograde Neptune **04° 22"** Leo/Aries
20th July Jupiter in opposition to retrograde Pluto **04° 26"**
Leo/Aquarius
21st July Jupiter sextile Uranus **04° 37"** Leo/Gemini
23rd Sun square Chiron **0° 48"**
25th July Retrograde Neptune sextile retrograde Pluto **04° 19"**
Aries/Aquarius
27th Sun in opposition to retrograde Pluto **04° 17"** Leo/Aquarius
27th Sun trine retrograde Neptune **04° 18"** Leo/Aries
27th Sun sextile Uranus **04° 52"** Leo/Gemini
29th Sun conjunct Jupiter **06° 24"** Leo

Neptune semi-sextile Chiron & Pluto square Chiron are building in the background all month, both reaching 4° by the end.

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Take a look at the first photo for my usual overview of July's astrology showing the New & Full Moons, major sign & direction changes. Then take a look at the second..... those are the major connections that the outer planets are making this month!

The third photo I am offering as a theme or contemplation for the month. *Perception is everything.... And everything is perception.*

What lens are you filtering through?

Even if you don't understand the astrology, you will probably notice the frequency of 0° & 4° & the repetition of Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune & Pluto. The everyday connections & movements of the planets in July can barely be heard over the cacophony of these big contacts between the outer planets.

We start the month with Chiron, the Nodes & Jupiter all at 0° & faster moving Mars at 1° moves on to pass over Uranus on 4th before connecting with Neptune & Saturn on 5th & setting the scene for the later, bigger connections.

Before the big fun begins Neptune turns retrograde at the 7-7 portal feeling like a central point around which the others are orbiting & it is, in fact, midway between retrograde Pluto & Uranus.

Chiron & the Nodes have a positive karmic connection on 10th & then we have the New Moon in Cancer on 14th. Uranus, Neptune & Pluto then interconnect at 4° of their respective signs over ten days, from 15th to 25th.

Jupiter progresses through Leo quickly & also joins in, connecting in turn with the big three on 20th & 21st then the Sun enters Leo on 22nd & squares Chiron on 23rd as Mercury goes direct, so the majority of these contacts happen within its retrograde. Just one occurs once Mercury is direct, between Neptune & Pluto on 25th. Saturn turns retrograde on 26th & the Nodes change signs on 27th as the Sun opposes Pluto & this would usually be one to look out for but is almost lost in amongst the others. The Sun then contacts Neptune, Uranus & finally passes over Jupiter on 29th as we have the Full Moon.

Phew!

Part Two to follow.....

Overview of July Part Two

Here are some extra bits that I didn't have room for in part one.

Adding to the background tension during the month but not becoming exact, Chiron has a niggly connection with Neptune & a testing square to Pluto. When Chiron goes retrograde on 3rd August the gap begins to widen rather than close so these won't mature for some time.

With a cluster of planets between 0° & 4° Saturn starts the month at 14°, leaving a big gap either side. This creates an all-or-nothing energy so as the faster moving planets pass through the degrees it feels like full throttle one minute followed by silence on the other side, but it is this quieter time where integration takes place. For example, after the Sun is busy between 25th & 29th it has no more contacts until 7th August.

After a flutter of activity from 2nd to 4th, the big outer planet connections occur after the New Moon (14th) between 15th & 25th. There is one hot spot before that however with Venus, the Nodes & Chiron all favourably aligning at 0° on 10th bringing the possibility of a karmic reset. Venus & Mars, the feminine & masculine archetypes of the chart have important supporting roles within the month with Mars activating the outer planets on 4th & 5th & Mercury, who very unusually had no contacts in its shadow

period, only has 2 minor contacts during its retrograde, to Venus on 5th whilst it is ahead of the Sun which it crosses back over on 13th & to Mars the day before turning direct & when it is behind the Sun.

The 7-7 portal encourages us to nurture calmness & inner stillness on a daily basis & return to it regularly.

In the dark of the Moon Venus connects with Uranus, Neptune & Pluto whilst Mercury passes back over the Sun into its final phase of internal reckoning. The New Moon stands at the threshold of 10 days of big connections which act as initiators of mass awakening. How we react to whatever emanates, it is vital that we do not let fear escalate.

After the pot being well & truly stirred the Full Moon is the peak from which we can release the old as August brings the next 2 eclipses.

Daily astrology of July 2026

Chiron entered Taurus on 19th June & its usual slow pace coupled with it slowing to go retrograde on 3rd Aug means that it remains at 0° for the whole of this month & right up to 18th Sept when it will retrograde back into Aries for a last-ditch karmic wound clearing in that sign. The Nodes which (appear to) go backwards through the degrees/signs are also back at 0° of Virgo/Pisces as we start the month. Both Chiron & the Nodes bring karma to our attention for clearing, healing and/or transformation.

What this means now is that any planet changing signs will make contact with both Chiron & the Nodes at this potent degree. Jupiter changed signs a few hours after the Full Moon on 30th June, entering Leo & it makes the first important contact of the month early on 2nd (we will feel it on 1st), squaring Chiron with Jupiter amplifying karmic echoes, bringing them to our attention. It moves on to a niggly connection with the Nodes on 3rd that will highlight old service energies, victimhood, criticism or health 'issues'.

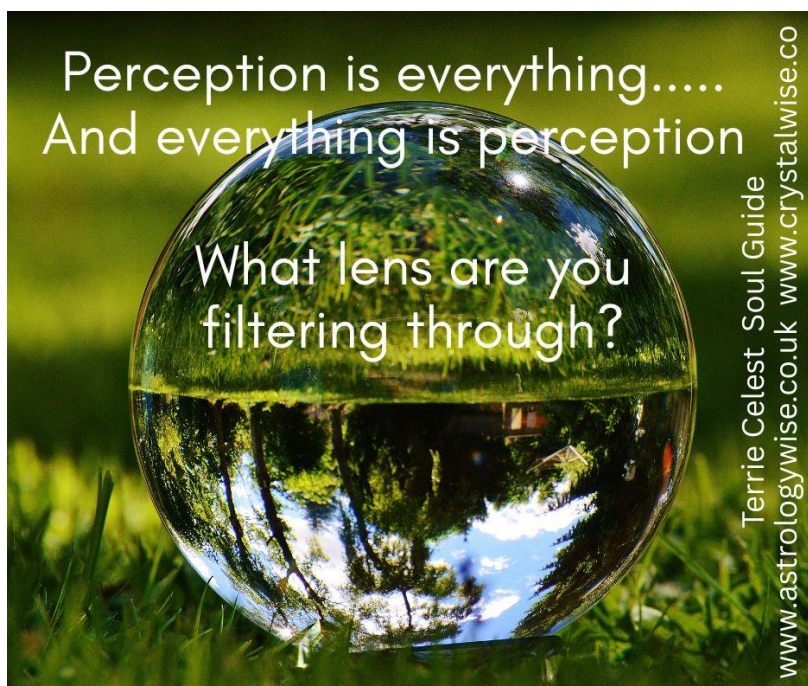
In addition Mars is closing in on Uranus in Gemini & will pass over it on 4th taking us to the mind & ramping up nervous tension. Anything in our spiritual toolbag that helps to calm the nervous system, release karma & reset the mind will help. Being finer layers of things we probably felt that we had cleared, it will be easy to fall into annoyance, despair or

hopelessness, all old, deep grooves of thought that are part of the karma!

The good news is that once we stop the slide & do something to help ourselves, the direction can be quickly reversed & return to positivity & forward growth. Jupiter grows, multiplies whatever we have so it will amplify negative thoughts or positive ones.

The other positive undertone to focus on is that Jupiter in Leo will be encouraging us to step into the limelight & to shine our light brighter. It brings courage & can embolden us like its symbol, the Lion. So what arises is helping to clear the path & unconscious blocks that are lingering in the background.

The focus, if we re-orient ourselves to it, is still very much on sovereignty, self-mastery & stepping into our Soul mission/purpose.



Early on the 4th, building on 3rd, Mars is approaching Uranus in Gemini & crosses over it. With Mars being the planet of motivation & action this feels like the first of a series of activations of the outer planets before they interconnect, as it moves on to make potentially helpful contacts with both Neptune & Pluto on 4th, both of these already at 4°. These days are full of potential but we will need to tap into it; how we respond now will largely set the scene as to how challenging or supportive we find the later, bigger contacts.

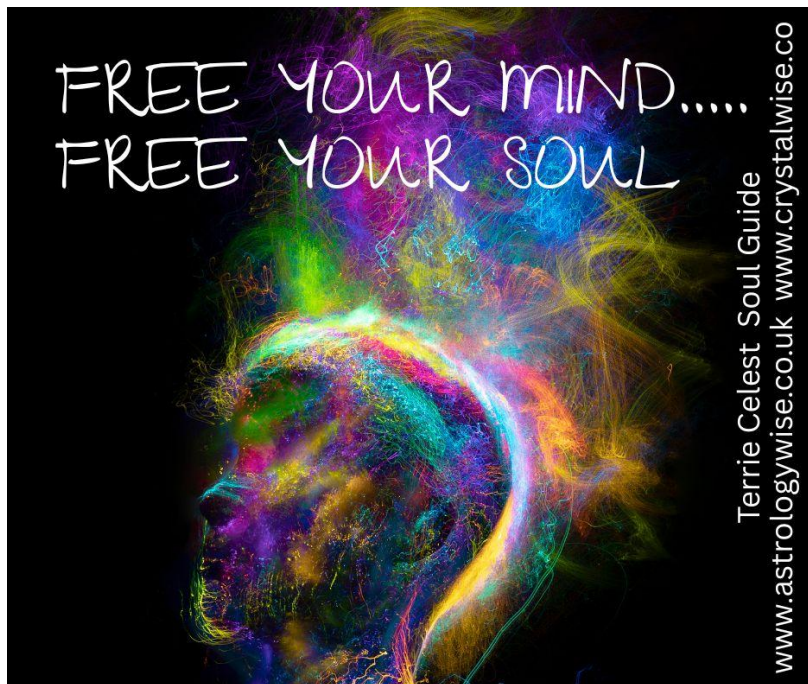
I'm going to repeatedly beat a very large drum this month, reminding us of the power of perception & how we filter information through our expectations, previous experiences & conditioning. The drum I was beating last year also needs to be dusted off with a reminder that we need to continuously rechoose a positive, open-hearted, fear-free timeline with love & joy. Living a human life & not reaching Ascended Master status yet (permission to laugh!), we all experience periods where those higher vibrations feel unattainable & we can slip back into the old. Hopefully, if you have been working with this you will also notice how it is quicker & easier than ever to return to the 'positive'. And if you haven't that's OK, just try it now, when the clouds hover over & the old wants to pull you back.

In Gemini, we will need to watch that our nervous systems don't become over-active & stress is kept at bay. Mars is also the warrior planet & the biggest war is likely to be waged in our minds, if we allow it. At the same time Uranus can bring a positive breakthrough, a new perspective & viewpoint, something innovative, even unexpected.

Big things are likely to happen in July & how we experience those will very much depend on our personal filters & on our perspective.

Which path are we treading, which emotion are we choosing?

July could seem like chaos or a fast-track of our spiritual progress, & probably & most importantly – BOTH! It will very much depend on how we respond to outward stimuli & whether we sink back into the old, especially fear-based responses or harness the waves of potential & sovereignty.



After crossing over Uranus on 4th, Mars then makes a potentially helpful connection to Neptune & a very helpful one to Pluto on 5th. As already said, these feel like activations of the outer planets before they interconnect from 10th to 25th & how we respond now will largely set the scene as to how challenging or supportive we find the later, bigger contacts.

With retrograde Pluto & Mars/Uranus all in Air signs there is an emphasis on the mind & communication. *Change our thoughts & we change our world*, we have probably all heard & there is so much truth in this. Truth, however, is not a word we would associate with Neptune, now sat in the middle of Pluto & Uranus but her new home of Aries simplifies her nebulous qualities & is helping us to discern the truth & discover our inner truth. By going inside we can weigh information up & find what is authentic to us, fostering self-authority & self-empowerment.

There is a potential for some revelations in the outer world & many secrets are gradually being revealed to us, drip-fed to allow us to become accustomed to certain ideas so that the larger truths aren't immediately dismissed. If new revelations occur at this point, rather than reacting we might need to take a moment, to weigh them up internally & to find what is true for us. Look for power & control issues; how we have been controlled especially mentally, might be part of the revelations & breaking free from societal conditioning is a freedom that we can find.

Mercury also has a niggly contact with Venus & this is its first whilst retrograde & the only other is to Mars, Venus's masculine counterpart, on 22nd before Mercury goes direct on 23rd. These bear extra weight as very unusually, Mercury had no contacts during its shadow period, therefore not giving us outward hints of the themes that will be reviewed during the retrograde & suggesting it will be more internal.

Have we been extra quiet, maybe over-thinking, brewing on the past too much, reliving past hurts? With the added flavour of its Cancerian home these are the most likely manifestations.

Free your mind & you free your Soul.

6th & 7th July

The Sirius Portal is at its peak & is encouraging us to nurture

calmness
& inner
stillness on a
daily basis, &
return to it
regularly



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On 6th July we have the Earth at its Aphelion, when it is at its furthest point from the Sun which has the only contact of the day, a challenging square to Saturn whilst Neptune is virtually at a standstill, bringing an ethereal, wistful counterpart to Saturn's serious nature. Saturn is a bit out on a limb at the moment in the middle of the chart, with all the bigger planets between 0° & 4°, so it is the only planet not involved with the big contacts this month & it only connects briefly with the faster moving planets. To me, that puts more weight to this challenge from the Sun, representing our self-expression & we are very likely to see key Saturn themes show up on a personal level.

The biggest one of these is fear, with lack & limitation running close second & often linked. Duties & responsibilities can weigh heavy & generally things can feel too serious with no fun & focused on everyday tasks, rather than what we would like to do. The Cancer Sun can make us over-sensitive, afraid to be vulnerable & could bring mothering & family affairs to the fore.

Saturn in Aries this year, however, is really encouraging us to self-mastery, to spot these old themes of limitation & to show us wisdom from our experiences that can inform self-authority & autonomy. So, as this contact occurs before the big connections, take note of which of the above themes bring challenges for yourself. Most of our limitations are internal, led by our thoughts so Mercury retrograde is the perfect time to review these & begin to let these limitations go.

Then make time (another Saturn word) to think about how you would like these to change & set goals for transformation. 6th also sees the opening of the 7-7 Sirius gateway, adding even greater possibilities for change & big awakenings (see tomorrow's astrology). Tap into Saturn to harness Neptune's idealism & imagination into some achievable steps that are grounded in reality.



The 7-7 portal, has become an important point in our spiritual & astrological year as our Sun reaches 14°- 15° Cancer, connecting with the powerful Sun of Sirius. Check your own chart for any planets at

these degrees as they can be an indicator of Sirian connections & possibly a Sirian Starseed heritage.

This year on 7th July Neptune turns retrograde followed by the waning half Moon, the mid-way point between the Full Moon (30th June) & the upcoming New Moon on 14th.

Neptune could bring a haze, lack of clarity, nostalgia, idealism & outside influences could trigger suffering, victimhood, hopelessness or helplessness. One of the gifts of this portal is to realise that feeling safe & secure is an inside job – no-person, no-thing outside of us can make us feel safe and we can broaden this realisation to many emotions, particularly here, to inner peace which a human mind can make conditional on outside circumstances & others. We might say - *If this happens... if I get this... if that person does this or stops doing that.....* We are giving our power to be happy away! True happiness, inner peace is, as the name says, an inner job & is not conditional on outside circumstances nor can it be shaken, permanently, by any.

This ties in nicely with the themes of the year, shown in the picture, we have to keep coming back inside & find our truth there. By connecting to Source, the Creator, God, Universe, whatever resonates with you, we can find that true, Divine peace & stillness. The more we make that connection, the more the inner mind & senses still of their own accord.

This portal opens that door & it is up to us whether we walk through or not.

Watch how the outside world reacts to the unexpected, how fear is fostered by headlines & starts a slippery slope that robs us of our peace & it can spiral, collectively, into panic & chaos.

The more of us that hold the calm, the less things will spiral & we can be an anchor place, a steadiness to quell the storm.

I wanted to share a few thoughts on Neptune & its current role in the chart. It went retrograde yesterday 7th - interesting timing to do so before it connects with the other big planets for the first time (they repeat with their various retrograde motions over the next year). So it is the retrograde nature of Neptune that first engages here.

Neptune's nebulousness rarely brings clarity - it is as elusive as the clouds & mist, floating, mysterious, ethereal, changeable, unattainable. It

is the dreamy part of the mind, the imagination, idealism, inspiration, connecting to the spiritual realms & is where we float off to escape the harsh realities of human life. Suffering & victimhood also reside here, as do guilt & shame. My list of Neptune words is the longest of all the planets!

All this mist & difficulty in firmly grasping something means that the truth can be hard to ascertain & now in Aries, it is encouraging us to go within & find inner truth, not to naively believe everything we are told, input from outside of ourselves.

Mankind is waking up to truth & part of Neptune's role now is to awaken us to the possibility of something better, of a new inner & outer world, but this is what Neptune does best, send us off dreaming of what could be, what we haven't got, what can be called unattainable longings. Except that these aspirations are beginning to be attainable but they will need to be anchored in some way, not left to float off.....

Neptune's retrograde conversely, is a time when we can wake up to the truth & see where we were naïve, often based on unspoken assumptions that others hold the same values, would act in the same way as us, so it can be a harsh reality to learn that they don't.

As more & more truth is revealed in the collective, many of our ideas & ideals will be shattered & might send the mind into overdrive trying to make sense of & comprehend the wider ramifications.

But this is not the end of the dream, it is the start of it, of the better future, but one built on more solid equal, truthful, open-hearted foundations. First we have to dream it...

Venus changes signs at 18:22 on 9th, leaving Leo & forging ahead into Virgo then early on 10th it makes favourable connections, first to Chiron & then to the Nodes, both indicators of karma & at the potent 0° so Chiron then connects to the Nodes giving us a triple karmic transit!

Chiron moves forwards & is in its early days in Taurus & as it goes retrograde on 3rd August it never gets past 0°, making this a potent energy & introduction into what it represents for us in this sign. Look out for what makes you feel safe & secure, how you view money, possessions, food, personal resources & it is a good time to review what our values are.

The Nodes, going in the opposite direction, are in their last days in Virgo/Pisces, moving into Leo/Aquarius on 27th & are equally potent at this degree, with the South Node matching & amplifying Venus as they are at opposite ends of Virgo.

These combinations can bring fresh insights into karmic roots & especially old service-type energies that are holding us back from being of Higher service. There can be a deeply ingrained sense of not being good enough & maybe past lives of poverty led to negating oneself & putting others needs first, in turn fuelling a lack of self-worth. Virgo can show us the mind/body link so karma around health & illness can be rewritten & worry & anxiety can be reframed to see how they get us nowhere! If we stop the negative, critical mind, we can make big strides towards starting fresh, more authentic responses.

With Venus, the Nodes & Chiron all favourably aligning at 0° they bring the possibility of a karmic reset.

This period leading up to the New Moon on 14th is relatively quiet with the faster moving planets making their usual type of monthly contacts although nothing, this month, seems insignificant. Neptune will be picking up speed again, now retrograde & I just wanted to mention that with the slower, outer planets, they can take weeks to travel over the same distance as one of the faster ones can in a day, so it is important to bear in mind that the exact dates given for the upcoming big contacts can be felt for days, if not weeks either side & whilst they might peak at that exact date, events relating to those energies can occur several days in advance, particularly when Uranus is involved, bringing an added, unexpected flavour.

So those of us sensitive to energies will probably feel the underlying, brewing & building tension like a constant undercurrent. It might feel like something big is about to happen, the lid is going to come off of a pressure cooker or it might just bring a sense of disquiet, uncertainty, ungroundedness or inner tension that we can't quite pinpoint.

It can also bring a sense of anticipation & excitement as we sense that something very positive is on the horizon.

12th & 13th bring us into the dark of the Moon where Venus is active after changing signs on 9th. On 12th it reaches 2° & makes a niggly contact to Jupiter moving on to connect with Uranus, Neptune & Pluto all at 4° & all on 13th as Mercury retrogrades back over the Sun to enter its last 10 days of its retrograde.

I have deliberately put these days together as they are another example of a series of activations that follow so quickly one after another that it is really difficult to discern the individual contacts but those sensitive to energies might do so & any of us, if we are observant, could follow how a theme evolves, particularly here, in our mind. There is more emphasis on the faster moving planet, Venus, as it is its characteristics that will evolve. Currently resident in Virgo its feminine nature is emphasised & a combination of the niggly nature of the contacts & being in the dark of the Moon suggest we are most likely to be shown the side of its nature that isn't working well. Venus's key areas are connection, to the Self & others, finances, self-worth & values & Virgo's attention to detail can become criticism, turned outwards or inwards. Health is associated with Virgo which is ruled by Mercury, the planet of the mind & communication & this combination can help us to see beneath the surface to the mind/body link & how the body can store what we don't emotionally process. It is no coincidence that the part of the body associated with Virgo is the digestive system & that can become upset if the mind is unable to digest & properly process something.

Overall, this will be encouraging us to find a better mindset, to change what is keeping us disempowered & operating out of unconscious layers of expectations from society, built on a history of disempowerment, mistrust, abuse or subjugation. Expressed to its higher vibration, Venus in Virgo carries Divine feminine empowerment, one who can reach to be of Higher service, knowing her values & having a quiet, steady feminine strength that does not allow her boundaries to be violated. She is free to be who she wants to be, & that did not come from outside, she learnt to find herself & free herself.

NEW MOON

in Cancer 14th July 2026 10:44 BST

The following 2 wks leading up to the Full Moon, can initiate a mass awakening as deeply hidden truths are revealed.

What we do with that information is vital.

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This New Moon does not sit alone, it stands at the threshold of 6 big connections of the outer planets over the next 10 days. The Sun, which changes signs after the first 5 with Mercury going direct the next day, follows on, connecting to Chiron, Pluto, Neptune, Uranus & Jupiter from 23rd to 29th, taking the energies of the bigger connections & bringing them from external influences into the Self, initiating personal transformation, change & integration.

The first of the big connections, between Uranus & retrograde Neptune, becomes exact the day after the New Moon followed on 18th by Uranus & retrograde Pluto but Uranus acts unexpectedly, like the eruption of a volcano or a flash of lightning, so it might well peak beforehand.

There might not be any big revelations but I would be surprised if there aren't any as the collective planets are involved & the overall energies are initiating a mass awakening of sorts & I emphasise that most of these big contacts are helpful & those that are more challenging are serving a purpose in shining a spotlight into dark recesses. If we tap into the potential, they will catapult us personally & collectively forwards, so our response is vital.

Old illusions can be stripped away & we could feel shocked as we begin to realise the far-reaching potential of the truth itself & how much we have been controlled through information being withheld or manipulated.

What we do with that information is vital. Do not let fear escalate into panic & chaos.

Uranus rules electricity & technology so power outages & technology glitches are also a possibility, be prepared! With Uranus I say - expect the unexpected & whatever does occur, the absolute key here is not to perpetuate fear which is the biggest weapon that is used to control us. The key is to witness it & not to let it grow & spiral; if we do we will be perpetuating that cycle & disempowering ourselves further. If you are one of many whose eyes have opened over recent years & understand deeper truths, know that part of our role going forwards is to be the safe anchor for others, to hold & spread outwards our inner stillness & calm, helping to steady the ship & lessen the threat of panic.

15th July 2026
Uranus sextile retrograde Neptune
04° 23" Gemini/Aries

18th July 2026
Uranus trine retrograde Pluto
04° 29" Gemini/Aquarius

- *Expect the unexpected
- *Suppressed truths could be revealed including the extent of power & control
- *Do not feed fear & perpetuate the cycle

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The first of the big outer planets connections becomes exact on 15th but as already mentioned, with Uranus involved it might peak early. This is the first of 6 big connections of the outer planets over the next 10 days. The second between Uranus & retrograde Pluto is exact on 18th & adds the elements of power & control.

Some form of sudden events are highly likely, bringing big revelations that can strip away old illusions & reveal suppressed truths. We could feel shocked as the light dawns & we begin to realise the extent of deceit

& how much we have been controlled through information being withheld or manipulated.

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This is where the true power lies, in our response to revelations & unexpected events; what we say & do with that information is vital. Do not let fear escalate into panic & chaos.

Again I emphasise that most of these big contacts are helpful & those that are more challenging are serving a purpose in shining a spotlight into dark recesses. If we tap into the potential, they will catapult us personally & collectively forwards as they are designed to initiate a mass awakening that will unfold over time.

After initial, outer events over these 10 days, the Sun's connections to Chiron, Pluto, Neptune, Uranus & Jupiter from 23rd to 29th, after changing signs & Mercury going direct, will take the energies & bring them from external influences into the Self, initiating personal transformation, change & integration.

19th has just one contact but it is one of the few that Saturn is currently experiencing as it sits, quite alone in the middle of the chart. It will turn retrograde in a week so is already at a slower pace than usual whilst Mars, which brings motivation & action, is in flighty, multi-tasking Gemini, ruled by Mercury, the planet of the mind & communication.

Saturn can be seen as a killjoy, it has a serious nature & does bring limitations which can be frustrating when we are bobbing along merrily, doing our thing! Saturn cannot be rushed & whilst a slower pace can be annoying, if we are taking on too much & the nervous system (ruled by Mercury), is overloaded, it can be a very good thing. What we mustn't attempt to do with Saturn is to push back or push through. Probably its

greatest gift is wisdom & here a slower pace can give us mindfulness, bring some much needed relief to the nervous system & show us how & where we are pushing too hard & risking burn out.

The mind needs to slow so this will be a good time to practice mindfulness, meditation, listen to calming music or guided meditations & to give it a bit of a rest! Silence & stillness are not laziness! When we are busy & rushing, we think we are being very productive but when we slow down internally, it can gift us added focus, better organisation & better efficiency, a lovely Saturn word, thus actually saving us time in the long run.

One of the things that Saturn can show us is fear which is the greatest control used in the Universe, so its absence from the big activations this month that are initiating awakening, suggests that it will be less of the driver, less in the forefront of our minds & we can more easily spot its role. Today might reawaken it, bring it more to the fore but we must never let it be a motivation, we should always act from a place of strength, not of weakness.

On 20th & 21st Jupiter reaches 4° of Leo & therefore makes contacts with Neptune, Pluto & Uranus in little over 24 hrs. Neptune's connection is helpful, Pluto's challenging & we have to tap into the potential of that with Uranus whilst the waning half Moon occurs minutes before. Again, these are so close that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to hear one from the other & are best viewed as individual components that blend into a sequence. Also, these timings are when they become exact but like the others, have been building in the background all month & we will already have felt their impact to some degree.

Key to remember is that Jupiter amplifies, it brings a magnifying glass, so if you start off with a rose you will get a nice bunch of them but if you start off with some smelly stuff you could end up with a muck heap! This is one of the reasons that I have been banging the drum around perception this month, what lens are we looking through? Another question would be which timeline are we choosing? That of fear, hatred & division or love, acceptance & community?

Those choices could be made very obvious to us now but our own filter & conditioning could bring up an old response that veers us off the path & tries to pull us back into the old. This is when we need to pause, find a

calm inner place & then review the information from a more detached perspective. Deeper truths can be revealed to us, power & control issues shown clearly in a spotlight whilst seeding an inner itch to revolution in a peaceful, non-destructive way, Doing battle is not on the future timeline.

Outside influences may stun us with pomposity or vanity & show us all what is wrong with an overcommercialised, imbalanced power structure. We need to guard against our own ego & that we are not trying to lord it over others or tell them what they need to be doing.

No drama, stay humble, big is not necessarily beautiful & others are equally entitled to their opinion. None of us have walked in anyone else's shoes, how can we possibly understand if we don't listen & see the bigger picture, or their picture?

On 22nd the Sun changes signs, entering Leo, the second & middle sign of this quarter'/season. Jupiter already took up residency here on 30th June at the Full Moon & had significant contacts with the outer planets in the last 2 days. The Sun will catch up with it & pass over it on 29th July at the next Full Moon which is an interesting cycle in itself, especially as it incorporates so much this month. Before then the Sun will contact the Nodes, Chiron, Pluto, Neptune & Uranus & I do feel that these will be taking the energies of the bigger connections & bringing them from external influences into the Self, initiating personal transformation, change & integration.

There is just one minor contact on the day, between retrograde Mercury & Mars & a couple of factors add to the weight of this. Firstly Mercury is slowing, preparing to go direct the next day so is almost stationary & the second is that this is only the second contact that Mercury has had throughout the whole of its retrograde. The other was to Venus on 5th & in fact, Mercury is now placed in the middle of these two masculine & feminine archetypes. There is an obvious innate balancing of the two through our mind processes here, which could also be a rebalancing of left & right brain.

It is blatantly obvious that the masculine is dominating in the wide world & creating a severe imbalance in many areas & with the Sun's new Leo influence we will have to use our own power wisely. It is important that we shine our light brightly to also light the way for others but never to dominate or dazzle. Pitfalls include drama, negative ego, arrogance &

the energy of an ego-driven ruler rather than a benevolent one. Leo has a warm, generous nature when its Fire burns with a quiet & not over-stated confidence.

Through outer turmoil & the throwing of what was, up into the air this month, part of finding our way forward is to regain our inner power & realise we can make a difference & we can shine our light & become who we came to be.

The Sun, newly in Leo connects with Chiron & the Nodes, all at 0° on 23rd whilst Venus has a niggly connection with Saturn who is preparing to go retrograde on 26th. This all happens with Mercury virtually at a standstill as it goes direct later in the day so we will need to watch our minds & in particular that they don't dwell negatively on the past.

There is a lot of Fire & Air in the chart & here there is a need to engage with Water & the emotions, deep ones that we might have buried & that could bubble to the surface. With the Nodes & Chiron involved & their contacts with the Sun being challenging ones, there will definitely be some karmic echoes brought to our attention. The Nodes have just 4 days left in their signs of Virgo & Pisces so this is a golden window in which to release any last vestiges of negating the self & lower service. Mercury's influence will emphasise the critical nature of Virgo, making it even more important to watch the mind & to refocus on positive thoughts & what is 'right', not what is 'wrong'.

Past hurts need to be released, they are well past their storage date, in fact we might ask ourselves why we stored them in the first place? Emotions are meant to be felt, experienced, but to flow like water not to be poured into a vessel to hold them forever, or to look at every now & then to remind ourselves why we felt bad in the first place! And to feel bad all over again!

Chiron could add elements of not feeling safe & secure & Venus/Saturn fuel negative self-worth & feelings of not being good enough or outside influences limiting our potential. Saturn this year, is encouraging self-mastery & self-autonomy which includes no longer allowing others' opinions to affect how we feel.

After going direct late on 23rd Mercury makes its first direct contact on 24th, repeating its retrograde one of 5th with Venus & providing a

naturally balancing contrast to its contact with Mars just before turning direct. Although Mercury takes a while to pick up speed again it still brings more of an air of forward movement & possibility rather than being stuck in 'what's wrong'.

25th has another big connection & the only one since the Sun moved into Leo & although early on 25th is the exact time, as I have said, these are big energies & have been building in the background, growing in strength so we are unlikely to just start feeling them. This one is between the two retrograde planets, Neptune & Pluto & their influence could be felt by a gradually increasing sense of uncertainty, disempowerment, wistfulness or nostalgia. We can feel that our brains are fogged up & thoughts & clarity slip through our fingers like trying to grab a cloud. These two days I would not recommend for making big decisions as clarity will be elusive & the mists will obscure some facts.

Saturn almost stationary in the background is not going to help & it could be difficult to keep our spirits high & to hold on to hope. Whilst we aspire to, & hope for, a better future that might seem far-fetching, a pipe dream or at worst, delusional as our brains try to show us all the evidence they can muster to prove that 'reality' is different, all the limitations of yourself & the outside world & that things are completely 'hopeless'.

They may seem hopeless but they are not & we must not listen to old conditioning that disempowers us. Once the mists have cleared & we can sift through facts to find our inner truth & what is of value to us, we can, at least, plan how to move forwards, albeit with slow, steady steps at first.

There is a way forwards & it is a bright future where we can be more authentic than ever before. Believe and trust!

Saturn turns retrograde on 26th as the Nodes are back at 0° of Virgo/Pisces, entering Leo/Aquarius the next day. Both bring weighty energies & Saturn could bring its serious nature, focusing us on life's mundane duties & responsibilities. It is interesting that it has been sitting outside of the cluster of Uranus, Neptune & Pluto & has therefore only had minor contacts this month. More in the shadows than the limelight, hopefully it has had little influence & has allowed us not to get bogged down with old fear responses or felt overwhelmed by its more difficult side of authority, lack & limitation. It feels like it was deliberately sidelined

to give us a rest from those, allowing us to see better possibilities, but our unconscious, default responses would still have fired; hopefully we didn't buy into them & let them spiral.

Saturn in Aries this year is really encouraging us to self-mastery, to spot these old limitation themes & to show us wisdom from our experiences that can inform autonomy. Whilst we might initially feel that the brakes have been put onto something that was moving forward nicely, its retrograde will allow time to review & re-structure & can actually put us on a better trajectory. Delays will ultimately be beneficial, even if we can't see that for a while & there could be a teaching involved re trusting Divine timing.

Our biggest limitations are often internal, what we tell ourselves repeatedly, how we are very good at pointing out our perceived flaws & limitations, often echoing things that were said to us in our childhood. But these are just others' words & are not our reality. Self-mastery includes putting down those false beliefs from outside sources. Deep down, if not consciously, we know they aren't true, that is not who we truly are & the paradox is, that is why it upsets us. If it were true we would just agree & move on & not feel hurt.

So, we have to ask ourselves, why are we holding onto these labels put on us from outside? Go on an adventure, sort through these limiting beliefs, gather their wisdom & move forwards unburdened & authentically, autonomously, really you.

27th is a significant day as the Nodes, indicators of karma, change signs & the Sun, newly in Leo, reaches 4° so that it in turn, opposes Pluto, trines Neptune & sextiles Uranus, all within 15 hours. The big connections earlier in the month were between the outer planets & these will quite likely have brought things up on a collective level, with echoes on a personal one. With the Sun representing our self-expression, I feel that these contacts will be taking the energies of those bigger connections & bringing them from external influences into the Self, initiating personal transformation, change & integration. It could be *-OK, that's happened, but now, what does that mean for me? Now I know that, how does that change my landscape & how what changes do I now want to make, going forwards?*

As long as we haven't entirely resisted these planetary prompts, something, if not things, will have stirred & we will have a different perspective on something, if not a lot of things. There could be a strong feeling that we no longer want to play the same tune, the same game, the same role & we are going to step forwards more confident, informed, strengthened & determined to have a better future.

Don't fall into old, disempowered energies especially if fear lurks behind those. These three contacts start & finish with the two planets of change, Pluto & Uranus with Neptune sandwiched in the middle. This whole month is about initiating a mass awakening, of wanting & seeking a better future, of becoming empowered to make personal & collective changes to make that happen. It is no longer a pipedream, we can now, co-create this with the Universe.

Feel the sense of possibility coursing through your veins, shut the door to old thoughts of self-doubt or impossibility & open the door to that spark, that thought of positivity & possibility.

We came to shine our light; it's time to take the covers off & do just that.



FULL MOON

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Sun in Leo, Moon in Aquarius

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July's Full Moon is on 29th with the Sun in Leo & the Moon in Aquarius & the Nodes have just entered these signs & are at the potent 29°. Earlier in the day & therefore key energies in the chart, Venus & Mars had a

testing square & the Sun made its annual pass over Jupiter so they are very close whilst the Moon sits 2 degrees from Pluto having also just passed over that. Chiron is slowing, going retrograde on 3rd August & Uranus, Neptune & Pluto are still all at 4° so their influences are still strong, if dissipating, undercurrents.

I'm looking through my crystal ball in advance when I type this, sensing how I think things will play out but it is hard to believe that there will have been no catalysts for internal & external change so I am writing with a strong belief that the pot has been well & truly stirred.

I have never seen a month with so much potential for change & I hope that we are now standing, even if a little dazed, at the crest of a hill surveying the possibilities ahead. As we shake off shackles from the past, we are freer to move forwards & more authentically so. The Sun passing over Jupiter shines a bright torch on our path forwards & retrograde Pluto by the Moon is where we can release over the coming 2 wks. Pluto represents power & control & I think we will have been shown where we have given our power away & most likely, where we have been disempowered. These can be huge revelations & take some time to get our head around. A Solar Eclipse at the New Moon on 12th Aug & a Lunar Eclipse at the Full Moon on 28th Aug will bring further help to shake off the shackles of the past.

There may be past echoes that question – *Is it safe, am I safe to step forwards or be seen?* Know that those are the old grooves & the answer is a resounding – Yes! There will be some degree of emotional processing to do as deeply buried layers surface, things we haven't seen in years & they will be part of our 'work' over the next 2 wks. But it isn't anything that we can't handle & it is imperative that, in no area & on no level, do we let fear step in front of us to bar our way.

It all points to very positive change.

Embrace it!

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