

Astrology of June 2024

Overview of June 2024



We start June with just Pluto retrograde and that remains so right up until 29th when Saturn also goes retrograde. Gemini and Mercury energy dominates all month with the Sun and Venus in this Air sign and Jupiter having joined them last month. Jupiter has a very helpful connection with Pluto on 3rd as Mercury joins them in Gemini which is its home sign. All this very much puts an emphasis on the mind and communication.

The New Moon in Gemini on 6th has all five of these planets featuring in that sign with the Sun, Moon and Venus all at the same degree and all three building to squares with Saturn whilst a bunch of helpful connections on 3rd are paving the way for the new beginnings that this chart promises.

17th is another key day when three planets are at 29° including Neptune who is at this potent degree of its own sign all month.

The Summer Solstice (Winter in the southern hemisphere) is on 20th June as the Sun enters Cancer. The chart for this day sets the energy for the coming astrological quarter of three months and its key is a testing square between the Sun and Neptune a few hours before. You can read more about this in the daily astrology for June.

June's Full Moon is on 22nd and after many helpful charts so far this year, this has some challenging connections but these will be helping us to release the past over the following two weeks as the Moon wanes. It will also help us to develop more of our inner authority and authenticity, as we discard more layers of programming and conditioning. There will be a second Full Moon with the Sun in Cancer, Moon in Capricorn on 21st July.

Daily Astrology of June 2024

June begins with a niggly connection between Mars and Uranus, both of whom have a rebellious streak and this type of connection is most likely to raise the blood pressure and annoyance levels. Something isn't working right, going right or progressing as we wish and impatience could easily build. This has the hallmarks of low level road rage or trolley rage, of people going way too slow when we are in a hurry but hopefully the niggles will be more on an internal level as we feel inward frustration.

This hasn't quite got enough energy behind it to make the breakthroughs that Uranus can bring and is most likely playing the role, today, of showing us where change needs to be made, where we are being stubborn and resisting much needed change and where old impatience and anger need to be released.

Make a note of what arises so that you can more effectively process and release these when the energies are more conducive to doing so.



Star gazers who are also early birds can see Mars together in Aries with the Moon at dawn on 2nd and 3rd June.

3rd and 4th are busy astrological days and need to be considered together with three events before breakfast on 3rd that will therefore be felt on 2nd. The first connection is a very favourable one between Jupiter and retrograde Pluto very early on 3rd. Following on from this, Mercury and Neptune connect at the last degree of their appropriate signs before Mercury moves into Gemini and on 4th it will connect with Pluto and actually passes over Jupiter as they are both at 1°. Also on 4th, the Sun, Venus and the Nodes all reach the same degree and all have favourable connections, with Venus passing over the Sun and taking the lead in Gemini.

Lots of ingredients, how do they all blend? Jupiter is the planet of expansion and 'luck' and brings opportunities that need to be tapped into, with Pluto's current position bringing innovative and transformational properties which add to an emphasis on Air signs, in particular, Gemini, and therefore centring the focus on the mind and communication.

These opportunities can help us to change old, limiting thought patterns and embrace fresh new ideas that would not have occurred to us before.

We can transform old karmic patterns and embrace new, healthier ones and can reach a new understanding of how we are in control of our mind and not at its mercy. This is a gamechanger, a change of guard, a reprogramming or an update in our mental software.

Venus' involvement could also be shown through a focus on our finances and can help us to gain a new level of self-worth, whilst the karmic Nodes not only help us to transform old karmic imprints and habits, but also to see our value and to stop over-compromising, people-pleasing and giving our power and autonomy away to others.

We are leading up to the New Moon on 6th and fresh beginnings are on the cards and these fantastically positive and potentially helpful two days are preparation that we can do in advance to make the most of its energies, so we need to grab those opportunities and as I always say with Jupiter – put your name in the hat, you can always take it out again!



June's New Moon is in Gemini, on 6th at 13:38 BST. Absolute key to this chart and acting like a driving force or engine at the rear of the train, are all the connections that took place on 3rd and 4th. These feel like preparation that we have done in advance and hopefully we took advantage of any opportunities that were presented, cleared old patterns of thinking and started to embrace new, innovative and more empowered ways of thinking and communication.

Looking ahead and therefore at what is building in the chart, Saturn has a testing connection with Venus and then the Sun on 8th and 9th as Mars reaches the end of Aries. Whilst all these energies are helpful there is a danger with Gemini that we can easily become distracted and flit from one thing to the next, we can take on too much and the nervous system can become overloaded. Add in Jupiter the planet of expansion that has

no boundaries and therefore doesn't know when to stop and this could become a recipe for stress, overload and overwhelm and Saturn might help to temper these tendencies and enable us to bring some structure in, so if you feel these energies building at the New Moon, the days following can help us to adjust new ideas and plans, bring some order and slow things down.

With Mars leaving Aries for Taurus on 9th, we only have a few more days to tap into its initiating energy that gets new projects started.

Overall, this is a very positive New Moon, we just need to watch our minds and make sure that we are in control and not the other way around.

As I mentioned at the New Moon (6th) after some very positive contacts on 3rd and 4th that led the energies at the New Moon, Saturn brings a bit of a dampener on 8th and 9th. Firstly on 8th, Venus squares Saturn as Mars reaches the last degree of Aries and therefore has a niggly connection with Neptune. On 9th it's the Sun's turn to square Saturn whilst Mars moves on into Taurus as Mercury has a favourable connection with the Nodes.

8th is the more difficult of the two days with underlying tensions and frustrations which could build to anger and whilst Mars in this position is very direct, fiery and spontaneous, Neptune is wistful, idealistic and brings a misty vapour that makes things much less certain. It could further frustrate Mars or help to temper it and cool the Fire.

Saturn can often be felt through limitations and lack, making things feel serious, dutiful and laden with responsibility and authority or rules can frustrate us. Like a strict teacher walking into a classroom of unruly children it's time to stop mucking about and knuckle down, as they might say and its influence can help to bring structure where things are getting out of hand, slow down a runaway horse or quiet the nervous system on the verge of overload.

Relationships and finances come under Venus' rule so either of these areas of our life are where we could see these influences on 8th whilst we might feel physically slower or less energetic on 9th as the Sun is involved. Mars moving into grounded and earthy Taurus brings a steadier, more measured energy and the Mercury/Nodal contact brings

support to free the mind of old thought patterns and to find a better balance between our own needs and those of others.

There are no connections to be aware of on 10th but if it is clear, we could catch a glimpse of the Arietid meteor shower which reaches its peak. Up to 50 meteors per hour could be visible and the best time to view them is said to be just before dawn.

Venus, the feminine archetype has a potentially helpful karmic connection to Chiron on 11th but is hampered by Mars, the masculine archetype having a challenging square to retrograde Pluto, a combination which can often bring frustration and anger. Mars has just entered Taurus which helps to ground its fiery nature but can make it dig its heels in and brings a resistance to change. Pluto will be challenging Mars to look at doing something new, something it hasn't considered before and this new territory can make Mars feel unsafe and insecure. We may be shown how we put value in material things or allow others to determine our self-value.

Mercury challenges with Saturn early on 12th so we need to watch our inner self-talk and not let the inner saboteur take us down a negative spiral of thought.

We are enough, is a phrase to repeat to ourselves whilst we need to check that we are valuing ourselves and showing that to the world. We have all the resources we need within ourselves, including inner security, the only way that we can ever feel truly safe and secure. There is a deeply ingrained, habitual response of undervaluing ourselves and possibly of putting too much value into being busy as a positive thing.

Uranus and Venus have a niggly connection on 12th leading into a much more helpful contact between the Sun and Chiron early on 13th which echoes Venus' same contact on 11th so themes that arose then could further evolve. Uranus will irritate and make us feel uncomfortable with the status quo and with an evolving theme from 11th we might all be better able to take action to change an old karmic pattern that we spotted then.

Mercury is centre stage on 14th which is also the Waxing half Moon, marking the midway point between the New Moon on 6th and the upcoming Full Moon on 22nd, when the Sun will have moved into Cancer. Venus and the Sun have connected with Chiron on 11th and 13th and now it is Mercury's turn, as it comes up behind the Sun, crossing over it and taking the lead on 14th before making a niggly connection to Uranus. 15th also has another niggly connection between Mars and Jupiter.

Both Mercury and the Moon's influence could take us into a critical mindsight and it is important that we spot this potential and steer our thoughts down a better track. There are positives to tap into and old, counter-productive thoughts can be reframed when we realise that we can be in charge of them! These energies might get stuck in the mind and can only resolve if they are expressed, so talking or journaling to get them out of the head will definitely help.

The last degree of any sign is very potent and can often feel like a planet is having a last-ditch attempt to express those energies and clear up unfinished business in that sign. It ramps the intensity up several notches and Neptune has been at the last degree of Pisces, its home sign, since 3rd May. Moving slowly, it doesn't change signs this year as it goes retrograde on 2nd July before it reaches the very end of Pisces. On 17th June, Venus and Mercury both reach the last degree of Gemini, Mercury's home sign, so in turn, they square Neptune then enter Cancer and then Mercury, the faster of the two planets, crosses over Venus and takes the lead in the chart right at the beginning of Cancer.

Once in Cancer on 18th they then, in turn, make a niggly connection to retrograde Pluto which is at the beginning of Aquarius.

The type of challenging connection that Neptune is making usually brings out its idealistic, naïve and misty nature but Neptune does also bring us a higher connection, to Spirit, our guides and our higher Self which could be enhanced or challenged. Maybe we will get frustrated with our spiritual progress and question where we are on our path and if we even want to continue, but if this does happen, we can be sure that we are actually in our minds and not in our heart or making a higher connection.



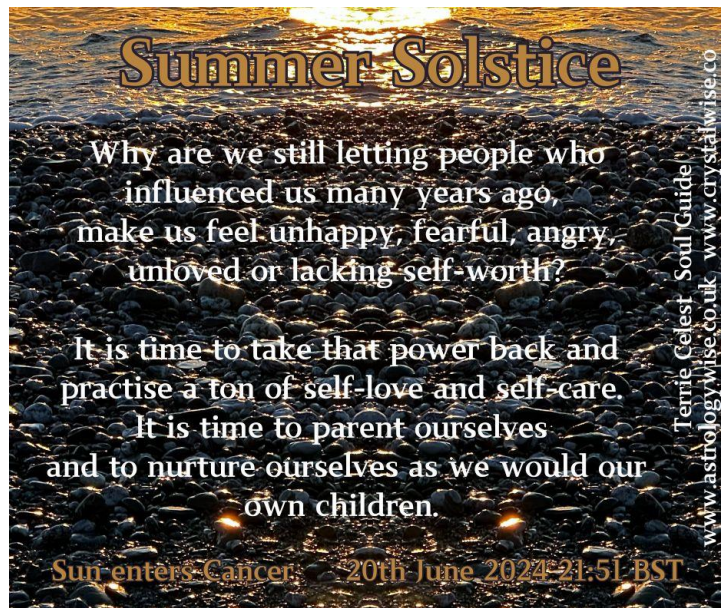
As Mercury and Venus move on to their connection with Pluto, there is a shift towards looking at power and control issues and the niggly nature of these contacts is likely to make us feel disempowered, but Mercury and Venus have moved from Gemini where the emphasis was on the mind and communication, to Cancer, a nurturing water sign and suggests that we will need to look at how we are nurturing our selves or rather, how we are not.

If power and control issues or memories from the past surface, they are doing so as they need to be put down and releasing challenges from our childhood will be an ongoing theme for the rest of the month. Our childhood challenges are not meant to be burdens carried wearily and endlessly, apportioning blame.

They hold the key to our Soul's growth and wisdom.

They need to be put down.

We are reaching the end of this astrological quarter which began on 20th March at the Spring Equinox (Autumn Equinox in the southern hemisphere) and has taken us through the signs of Aries, Taurus and now to the end of Gemini. Think back to the Equinox and check your journal for any notes on your hopes, dreams or plans for this quarter and see if there is anything that you want to bring to a close and not take into the next quarter.



Venus and Mercury squared Neptune on 17th and now the Sun follows suit on 20th, a few hours before it changes signs. We are in the last few hours of this astrological quarter with the Summer Solstice, as the Sun enters Cancer, occurring at 21:51 BST, so this testing square will still be quite strong in the chart for the Solstice which informs the coming quarter up to the Autumn Equinox. The Moon is almost Full and the only retrograde in this chart is Pluto, the planet of transformation.

There is a sense of things building to fruition, of being on the brink of a breakthrough but the past is getting in our way and we are giving it power and therefore letting it inform both the present and future. Old family drama and unhealthy dynamics need to be healed, discarded, transmuted or transformed.

Why are we still letting people who influenced us many years ago, make us feel unhappy, fearful, angry, unloved or lacking self-worth?

It is time to take that power back and practise a ton of self-love and self-care. It is time to parent ourselves and to nurture ourselves as we would our own children.



Mars and Mercury have a potentially helpful contact on 21st a few hours before the Full Moon which has two niggly connections building to meet later in the day, with the Sun and Pluto being the first pairing and Venus and Jupiter the second, then there is a testing square between Mercury and the Nodes early on 23rd. The Full Moon itself is at 02:08 BST so should be considered as 21st.

After many helpful charts so far this year, this one does feel more challenging but is helping us to release the past over the coming two weeks as the Moon wanes. It will also help us to develop more of our inner authority and authenticity, as we discard more layers of programming and conditioning. (See also my musings for the Solstice).

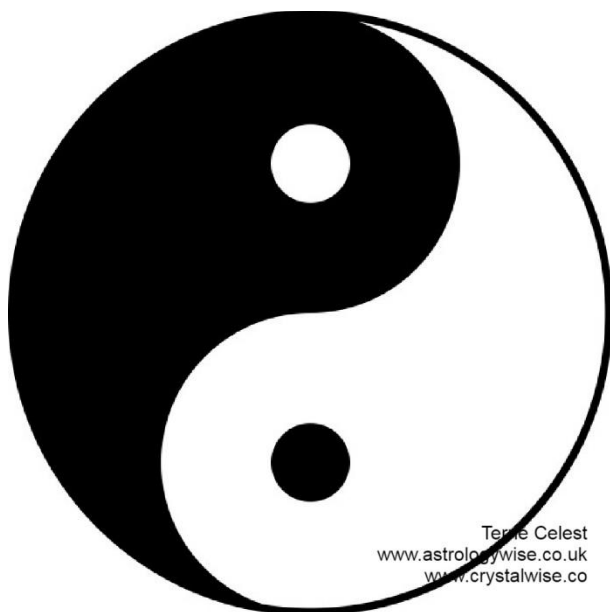
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And even better news is that we get two opportunities to do this as there is a second Cancer/Capricorn Full Moon on 21st July, with the New Moon in the middle on 5th July.



On 24th and 26th the Nodes, karmic indicators in the chart have challenging connections first from Mars, the masculine archetype of the chart, currently in Taurus and on 26th Venus, the feminine archetype squares the Nodes. Mars is in Taurus, which is ruled by Venus so there are several pointers towards themes involving masculine/feminine, yin/yang balancing or rebalancing which have been in play all year due to the Nodes current signs. This isn't necessarily about the body we inhabit or gender, although we can get shown the energies specifically through men or women.

If we think about it more as yin and yang, we all have these polarised and balancing energies, these different sides of our nature within us which, in very simple terms, we can reduce to passive/active.

How motivated are we today, how physically active do we feel? Are we complaining about something but not doing anything about it? Are we feeling more like being a couch potato than being active or doing what we intended to? Another word for Mars is will, and if we couple Mars with the Nodes, we could be shown situations where either we are trying to impose our will on others, or others are imposing their will on us. How able are we to stand up for what we believe or want? Do we crumble, do we over-compromise or negate our needs or feelings, and if so, why?

It is time to spot an old, karmic theme playing out. These two days will show us contrasts between these two energies and sides of our own nature and on 26th there is help from Mercury and Saturn to summon more inner authority and to speak up for ourselves. Saturn is beginning to slow before going retrograde on 29th, so its energies will be more potent.

The waning half Moon is on 28th June, the midway point between the Full Moon on 22nd and the upcoming New Moon on 5th July, both with the Sun in Cancer. This is a good time to check in with the releasing of old energies that we intended to do with the Full Moon and to adjust our intentions if needed. Mercury and Chiron square on this day, highlighting an old karmic wound connected to the mind or communication whilst Saturn comes to a standstill. Jupiter niggles with the Sun early on 29th whilst Venus and Mars have a balancing energy that we can tap into, so it is a very mixed bag of energies.

The connection between Venus and Mars, the masculine and feminine archetypes of the chart is where we have the most help but we do have to tap into it. If we allow ourselves to get caught in old, negative thought patterns we can disappear down a black hole and childhood family hurts could be a part of this. This is a key theme this month and I will repeat what I said at the Full Moon.

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Saturn goes retrograde on 29th June and with its energies concentrated we can feel its characteristics more acutely. Often this is through a slowing down of energies which can be felt as limitation and it can be difficult to maintain an upbeat state of mind when its more pessimistic or realistic nature is strong. Saturn is not the dampener of joy but brings many strengths and ultimately a deep wisdom from our experiences. If you want to create a new habit, build something or organise something, call on Saturn. In its current home of Pisces, ruled by Neptune, we have a meeting of the spiritual and mundane that are perfect for blending these two worlds which are often seen as separate and can be difficult to integrate in our everyday lives.

Saturn is where our fears will show up and its retrograde will give us the chance to review these and what we perceive as limitation. In a world where we rush and fill every minute of the day, slowing down is not such a bad thing and gives us the opportunity to take in the scenery, to settle the nervous system and maybe even relax a little. If there is a delay in something, trust that the Universe knows what it is doing and it just needs a little more time to align the cogs in the right way. Maybe you have changed so much and so quickly that what you originally thought was right for you, won't be in alignment with the future you and the Universe is getting a new solution ready for you.

Trust is a key word here, and with Saturn's placement in Pisces, we can gain greater alignment with the Universe/God/Source and also start new spiritual habits like reading or meditating more regularly. If you are a person who gets a rash at the mention of the word 'structure', think more

in terms of habit or intention and take the pressure off of potentially 'failing' by building in rest days, non-active days, days off and see how different that feels. Rather than saying that you are 'trying' to do something every day, say that you are aiming to do it more days than not.

Rigid structure suits very few people and we set ourselves up for failure if we feel we have to stick to something weekly or daily. Giving ourselves some flexibility and building that into our aims is much kinder to ourselves and more in keeping with our busy, modern lives.

Responsibility and duties are other Saturnian themes that might surface for us to look at during its retrograde.

Saturn retrogrades back from its current position of 19° 25" Pisces to 12° 41" Pisces on 15th November when it turns direct.

If things feel a bit heavy, serious or limiting whilst Saturn is stationary, there is some help on 29th from a connection between Mercury and Uranus but we will need to seek this energy out and actively work with it. Ask yourself, if I were to turn these thoughts around 180 degrees and view them completely differently, what would I see? What is the antidote to the stuck thoughts I now have?

Looking ahead to July, the energies begin to get a bit mixed up. We start the month with Pluto and Saturn retrograde and Neptune joins them on 2nd and then Chiron on 26th. Mercury enters its shadow on 17th as Pluto gets back to under a degree of Aquarius, a potent point. The New Moon in Cancer on 5th is important as it is sandwiched by two Full Moons in Cancer/Capricorn with the second, a Blue Moon, on 21st. We need to continue releasing hurts from the past that we have been holding onto and old family dramas, traumas and challenges.

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