

Musings on Starlight

***"I should have been a pair of ragged claws
scuttling along the shores of silent seas..." TS Eliot***

It's July and the Sun is in Cancer the sign of the crab. The crab carries her home on her back providing an ever present retreat for protection and security. Cancer natives are often known for their impenetrable outer persona which provides a layer of protection for their sensitive inner natures.

Concerns about security loom large under Cancer's influence. The challenges presented by the food supply, energy and the economy are likely to escalate. Problems are best solved in collaboration with others keeping in mind the common good.

People tend to be more sensitive under this influence so approaching others with more kindness and consideration is indicated.

Much can be accomplished under July's influence as Mars enters Virgo and conjuncts Saturn early in the month. Pragmatics and hard work blossom under this influence. Get clear on what needs to be done, break it down incrementally and get going. There is a tendency to overwork when these two planets combine so provide a healthy balance. Also keep a focus on the long term goals in the midst of their execution.

Conserving resources will lead to success. Get down to the basics of what you really need and go from there.

Breakthroughs related to family-of-origin matters and self esteem are possible from the time of the Full Moon July 18 through the end of the month.

Pluto has slipped back into Sagittarius which governs religion, belief systems and philosophy. Get clear on what it is you really believe and advocate for it. The Sun moves into Leo July 22 closely followed by Mercury on the 26.

***"Though the spring is late and
cold,
though the uproar of greed
and malice shudders in the sky,
pond, stream and treetop raise
their ancient songs;
the robin molds her mud nest
with her breast; the air is bright with breath***

*of bloom, wise loveliness that asks
nothing if the season but to be."* Wendell Berry

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