



Total Solar Eclipse 22nd July 2009

This powerful solar eclipse occurs in the 30th degree of cancer and not only is it presaged by last months' new moon at 2 degrees of cancer but it is also accompanied by 2 lunar eclipses 2 weeks each side of it. This year we experience the phenomenon of 6 eclipses in total compared to the usual 4. Solar eclipses tend to emphasise external affairs and lunar eclipses tend to focus on our inner landscapes (emotional worlds).

This is considered to be a very long eclipse of almost 7 minutes in duration and we will not experience another one of such magnitude for nearly another 130 years. So what does this all mean for us? Firstly we can look at the overall collective influence of having 2 new moons at each end of Cancer.

The new moon, June 22nd (EST) opens us to the birth and fruition of what has already been initiated, countries and ourselves personally can look to our natal charts to see where the emphasis is likely to occur, taking into account other astrological influences at this time. This new moon has an opposition to Pluto which indicates it is time for rebirth, to regenerate what has decayed and gone back to the earth. Pluto is sojourning through Capricorn which is the energy of the status quo and the establishment, rules etc and Pluto will annihilate that which is outgrown, stagnant, corrupt and in decay, but will also enrich and strengthen that which is ethical and good. Uranus (the awakener, unstable, unpredictable energy) comes into the picture creating a T square which is challenges of great difficulty, does not auger an ease with the toppling of old worn out structures...we are probably going to have a deepening of global struggle as Uranus ensures that the Piscean age comes to its final ends to allow the new age of Aquarius to be born. The sabian symbol for this degree "A man suspended over a vast place" alludes to a levelling, down to the lowest common denominator...The theme behind the age of Pisces was to teach us compassion though suffering..The Age of Aquarius over the next 2,000 years or so will teach us about brotherhood, equality and self responsibility.

The solar eclipse July 22nd heralds a new moon of massive proportions, fuelled by the previous new moon, the fermentation and realization will unfold over the next few months...Eclipses can be likened to a new moon ten times over in emphasis and crisis... The eclipse path travels from the west coast of India across Nepal, Bangladesh, China, Tibet, the southern islands of Japan and across the Pacific Ocean impacting on the lives of millions of people. (20 million alone in Shangri-La). The ancients viewed eclipses as challenging heads of state (toppling) and as omens and harbingers of great cultural shifts. This eclipse at 30 degrees of cancer is an unstable degree; it is karmic in nature and alludes to the necessary finalisation and completion of the purging to be done to create a new world order. It is an eclipse of the past, where the memories of the past may come to haunt us. The sabian

symbol of this eclipse is “A daughter of the American Revolution” , perhaps this suggests we are being visited by the sins of our fathers, a time to change and regenerate our belief systems, government control and our reticence to claiming back our responsibility instead of blaming government, leaders, bosses, or anyone we feel controls our lives through what we believe is their neglect or abuse..

So look at your own horoscope to see where you are clinging (cancer) to the old secure systems in your world. This eclipse pattern will not be as challenging as it potentially could be if we have prepared ourselves for change by incorporating new ideas, latent skills and the malleability to let go what is outgrown or stagnant globally or personally. Through consciousness we have the opportunity to slip easily into the new thought waves if we just allow ourselves to trust the process and go with the flow, which means to start participating with the unknown future to create a better environment personally and collectively. Alternatively if we ignore the warnings and hope it will just pass we will feel the rod of the Cosmos as we are brought back into integrity, personally and collectively..

This eclipse pattern does suggest that food or nutrition could become an issue or maybe scarce, limited or restricted, this will unfold over the next few months. With Jupiter retrograde during this eclipse period expect a let down in expectation, an abrupt halt to plans. The optimism we have seen lately may not last in the economic or market arenas as Jupiter may bring to our attention more unscrupulous truths about banks, heads, the establishment etc. Early august until mid October do not auger well. Eclipses tend to affect weather patterns so we may experience more severe weather than usual during this the life of this eclipse.

If the eclipse occurs in the

1st - 7th house polarity expect an emphasis on your ability to relate to self/partner.

2nd - 8th house polarity expect an emphasis on your money, earning skills/partner.

3rd - 9th house polarity expect an emphasis on your how you think/beliefs, higher truths.

4th - 10th house polarity expect an emphasis on your home, private self/career, public image.

5th - 11th house polarity expect an emphasis on your love stakes, balance on import/export.

6th - 12th house polarity expect an emphasis on physical/mental health.

We have a down turn in solar flare activity at this time especially between 2010 - 2013 and through history this has occurred when civilisations have tended to collapse it happened at the time of Tutankhamen; during the fall of ancient Greece; and at the time of the collapse of the Mayan Civilisation. The last time the Solar Minimum was this low was in 1913, just before the First World War, so from this we can surely accept that we are standing at the threshold of a whole New World Paradigm.

Generally solar eclipses occur every 6 months in varying degrees of intensity and length. They are a useful tool in understanding where the background dynamics are occurring in our lives. The solar eclipses tend to show emphasise and crisis in the house of our horoscope it occurs. The lunar eclipses which always accompany the solar eclipses give us an indication of what area of our lives is coming up for attention so one is wise to pay attention to that house as it will get the emphasis in 6 months or so to come.

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