

The New Moon takes place in Cancer on July 12th. Cancer is the sign of the Great Mother, of safety, of belonging, connection, family and emotions. Cancer can take us deep into the subconscious and emotional realms. Because there's so much softness and vulnerability in those places, Cancer can also wall up like no other sign. Like its symbol the crab, Cancer can give the impression of hardness and impenetrability, but that hard shell is just a necessary protection for the deep, soft feelings that lie beneath.

With the Sun and Moon in Cancer, don't be surprised if you feel emotional. With Pluto in opposition, there may be a fascination with the darkest of thoughts - of death, abuse of power/sexuality, etc. Although this New Moon may be calling us into the emotional depths, with Pluto there's always the promise of resurrection and rebirth if we're willing to do the work. Both Neptune and Jupiter are trining the Moon. At their best, these two grant huge, spiritual insights and expansion. At their worst, they lead into illusion and self-indulgence.

KEYWORDS FOR THIS MOON:

Safety, security, belonging, family, tribe, mother, subconscious, emotions.

Digging to find the truth, power, attempting to merge, deep honesty, empowerment, sexuality, abuse of power, death.

Surrender, going with the flow, mysticism, altered states of consciousness, merging with non-ordinary reality, suffering, addiction.

Seeking truth, expansion, enthusiasm, faith, belief, risk, greed/gluttony, laziness, travel, publishing.

SYMBOLS FOR THIS CYCLE:

SUN and MOON at 21 Cancer, opposing PLUTO at 21 Capricorn and trine NEPTUNE at 17 Pisces and JUPITER at 14 Scorpio

SUN - ego/conscious self

MOON - emotions/subconscious

"A FAMOUS SINGER IS PROVING HER VIRTUOSITY DURING AN OPERATIC PERFORMANCE."

The emotional reward accompanying cultural excellence. The drive toward individualization by means of concrete forms of cultural activity glorified in social and financial success. THE PRICE OF SUCCESS — for the individual, as well for as the collectivity acclaiming him or her.

PLUTO - empowerment/ sexuality/abuse of power/truth

"A RELAY RACE."

The value of competition in developing group-consciousness. The value of group cooperation and of necessary give-and-take. One must seek to relate and adjust one's strength to the challenge presented by competitors in DYNAMIC INTERCHANGE.

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NEPTUNE - spirituality/addiction/altered states of consciousness

"AN EASTER PARADE."

The capacity inherent in all great sociocultural images to unite the members of a community in a display of excellence. The unifying power of great myths and symbols in truly organic and self-perpetuating culture. The Collective dominates the Individual, Yin overpowers Yang. It is a time for conformity to what constitutes the highest ideals of one's culture and for PARTICIPATION IN COLLECTIVE PEAK EXPERIENCES.

JUPITER - abundance/religion/spirituality/
expansion

"TELEPHONE LINEMEN AT WORK INSTALLING NEW CONNECTIONS."

The need to establish new channels of communication. The essential value of communicating with our fellow men and even our close associates — with whom such a communication may not always be easy. There can be no communion without communication at some level, including the level of biological attunement. THE WILL TO ASSOCIATION or COMPREHENSION.