

**Pamela Cucinell's
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*All times are for ET***

Mercury goes retrograde on 7/2, so ideally you have backed up your files and completed any important correspondence. This month's forecast needs to be considered with the awareness of Mercury's backward motion, because it is not the best time for initiating contracts or communications. Nonetheless, if something needs to start, choose the best day possible.

8/1 The Moon is VOC* from 2:20 to 4:42 am in Leo. It then goes VOC** again from 7:38 pm through the next day in Virgo. Once it enters Virgo (but before it goes VOC again) it is an excellent time to initiate an exercise or diet program. You can begin a volunteer or service project. Any enterprise benefits from critical thinking and attention to details. "Luck" is in the outcome, especially when you let go of any perfectionist tendencies that can hamper growth.

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8/2 The Moon is VOC* all day. If you have a major cleaning or organizing project to attend to, today's the day. This does not include an email purge or computer work, unless you have already back-upped your files. Mercury turns retrograde to our perspective here on Earth, which means a few weeks of possible mishaps in communications, contracts and appointments. The antidote is humor when the Trickster planet is poking fun at our 24/7 society. Pay attention to what's being said, assume nothing and double-check your schedule. Avoid electronic purchases if possible and make time to meditate.

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8/3 Mars enters Cancer at 5:22 am, which can set up a cycle of increased passion for the home and beach, especially for water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces). The moon enters Libra at 6:04 am, creating a couple of days emphasizing time for relationships and the arts. There may be some bumps in the road, especially today as you try to relate to someone about anything important. Keep things in perspective; negotiation is about compromise and listening encourages resolution. This evening a Moon/Venus picture smiles on animated conversation, beautiful music and happy connections.

8/4 Yesterday's mood continues without the strife. People can be highly cooperative, especially when united with a common goal that has a spiritual or cultural component to it. Although Mercury is retrograde, you might be able to cut through some quagmire and get to the heart of a communication. It's not so much about direct conversation, as reaching out to a place that is bigger than that.

8/5 The moon is VOC* from 7:57 to 7:58 am; most people won't notice anything, but perhaps an increase in attachment to outcome. Because the moon is now in Scorpio, focus snaps into a laser intensity, and those who relate to living a passionate life will flex their muscles. You may notice an overdrive thrust to accomplish tasks, either in yourself or people around you. This is not, however a great day to begin a project that requires cooperation. You can however, map out strategies and get clear of your goals. There

can be great focus and application for projects already in motion.

8/6 Similar energies to yesterday. Good day for research. Crack into a mystery or watch a movie that puzzles or excites you, depending on your threshold for suspense.

8/7 Conversations can be somewhat confused this morning. The best course is to drift into the things that make you feel safe and restored, while avoiding anything that has a high performance mandate. The Moon is VOC* from 11:15 to 11:21 am. Once the moon enters Sagittarius, a desire for movement may increase, even though it may be clumsy. As the day goes on, exuberance increases, and people can be creative, excited and/or silly but the unexpected abounds. Make good choices and this will be a high-wired and stimulating day. A Venus/Saturn picture indicates that seeds planted at this time have great potential for follow-through.

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Scorpio, you may find a lost object when you clean or if you're trying to finish something up you may have trouble ending it.... might be better to curl up with a mystery, if possible.*

8/8 The Sagittarian moon continues to stimulate vision and promise. Mercury enters Leo increasing a sense of play, but be extra careful that communications are clearly understood and articulated. Enthusiasm builds as the day goes on so plan activities where you can burn some energy. Otherwise, it may be difficult to sleep tonight.

8/9 Another high energy day, but signals can cross especially midday. Pay attention on the road or even walking down the hall. Pull in any "mind wanderings" so that your body knows where you are or find a place you can safely "space out". The moon is VOC* from 4:25 to 4:38 pm.

Once the moon enters Capricorn, it is time to hunker down and take stock. What needs to be done to give you a sense of accomplishment. You don't have to do it all tonight, but the desire to winnow down to priorities increases.

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Sagittarius you may want to explore but don't expect to find anything... keep your eye on the gas tank if you go for a long ramble.*

8/10 You may feel that everything is hard today; but you can choose what you must do and what you can do- well enough. At times the wind is on your back and a glimmer of potential shines. Seize it when you see it, because the overall tone may be tough. Nonetheless, this is a time to work through the muck. "Mama said there'd be days like this". Avoid power struggles; channel any frustration into a martial art, athletic activity or make love with a trusted partner.

The Moon is VOC* as of 4:34 pm until the next day.

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Capricorn, organizing and filing is like a well-oiled clock. You might also like to garden or finish up some loose ends from work.*

8/11 The last sentence of yesterday's post (plus the VOC info) still applies; this is the Mars/Pluto opposition in the sky. If you are born with this configuration, or are a Plutonic person (strong Scorpio or Pluto), you may be feeling this acutely: the desire to drive forward full throttle at any costs. This might be appropriate, or you might want to release this intensity into a safe physical act. Whatever you do, don't try to contain it, because that's when it comes at you through an outside situation. The Moon is VOC* all day until 11:47 pm.

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8/12 Today has an Aquarius moon, which encourages friendship and community activities. You might feel a call to activism. Projects begun at this time can have a great deal of power behind them, in spite of Mercury retrograde. They are especially blessed if they have a mandate of social responsibility or spiritual motivation behind them.

8/13 The Aquarius Full Moon projects some erratic energy this year. These two signs

(Aquarius Moon/ Leo Sun) are classic opposites, true of any full moon. But these two signs have a magnetism unlike any other polarity. When you think of Leo, charisma (at times insufferable) may be what springs to mind. Madonna, Presidents Clinton, Obama and Mick Jagger are a few. And Aquarians with their intelligence and perspective (sometimes maddening) like Oprah Winfrey, Vanessa Redgrave and Presidents Lincoln and Reagan. These two signs tend to attract one other initially or for a lifetime because of a compelling dance: the Leo wants to be loved by everyone in the room and it's the Aquarius who seems the least interested. Conversely, the Aquarian wants everyone to follow his/her way of thinking (because it's the logical course) and is therefore fascinated by the shameless way the Leo will court attention.

With this full moon, any confusion you may feel in what you want versus how you're comfortable expressing yourself could hit a point of intensity. It will pass, but it offers an opportunity to push through discomfort and into greater self-expression.

The Full Moon occurs at 2:57 pm at 20°Aquarius 41". The Sabian symbol for the moon point is: *"A woman disappointed and disillusioned"* This poignant image needs to be read in tandem with the Leo Sun degree (which sheds the light on the moon) *"Chickens intoxicated"*. At first this image made me laugh, like seeing an old Warner Brothers cartoon, but on deeper reflection it conjures so many thoughts. First, the two images conjure the reality of our poisoned food sources; the woman could be Gaia, Earth Mother as she gazes at the waste and our compromised fowl. Secondly, it shows the paralysis that occurs when we feel "chicken" and unable to do something because we have drunk from the cup that tells us we can't. This leads of course to disillusionment. With this full moon energy, we can see where we have succumbed to cowardice and lethargy. It is not realistic to expect to wipe the slate clean (although that may be achievable for some). The coach Laura Biering encourages people to take a risk a day. It might be as banal as balancing a checkbook or as adventurous as skateboarding. It all depends what is a real risk for you within the frame of safety. Taking a risk is a way you sober up the chicken. What is a risk for you? and are you feeling the full moon glow to do it?

8/14 The moon is **VOC* for a blink from 8:26 to 8:54 am**. Once the moon enters Pisces, you may feel anything is possible. Even if the weather is rainy, there is great serendipity afoot today. You may connect with powerful people or find a lead that clarifies an investment or travel opportunity. If you are a creative person, make time to make art. Regardless of whether you're the artist or an audience participant, senses are heightened and pleasure in music, tactile or visual arts expands.

Moon VOC/Void-of-Course:... in **Aquarius you are apt to get caught up in a discussion or a cause which has no resolution. This is an excellent time to visit with friends or bounce around ideas, for pure recreation. If you're trying to solve a problem, you can connect the dots much more effectively once the moon enters Pisces.*

8/15 The moon is **VOC* as of 4:21 am all day... and tomorrow as well!** Avoid making any concrete plans unless they simply involve sensory stimulation. The weather may thwart a beach day, but if you can be by water, it may expand your ability to connect to Spirit.

Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Pisces, creativity may be high, if one is already in the midst of a project. Inspiration is more fluid than electric. This is also an excellent time to meditate and do conscious prayerwork or volunteer activities.*

8/16 The moon is VOC* until 8:01 pm. Although the energy is somewhat similar to yesterday, some other planetary configurations allow connections that may help navigate the floating quality of the day. Like a lighthouse in fog, glimmers of insight flash into consciousness. They can come in the form of conversation with someone you value, a message in a film or something you read. The moon enters Aries at 8:01 pm like

a motorcycle that roars up the driveway. You may want to leap on it and get going. If you have a destination, luck is with you, but if you don't, you might want to plant a wish in your brain before you race out. Definite directions reap greater rewards. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Pisces, creativity may be high, if one is already in the midst of a project. Inspiration is more fluid than electric. This is also an excellent time to meditate and do conscious prayerwork or volunteer activities.*

8/17 The Aries moon creates the friction that can start a fire. Although it's challenging, especially for cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) if you can keep your eye on the big vision, consider these hurdles to cross. Tempers are short in the afternoon, so keep alert when driving. There is nothing worse than a driver distracted by an argument or feeling late. By evening you may feel it's insurmountable, but keep your vision even if you're standing still or stepping backwards. Believe it or not, the promise is stronger than the obstacles.

8/18 Today the roads are clear and doors open. If you know where you're going, you can make connections and headway. If your direction is not clear, helpful people may point the way. Your job is to find the part of yourself that knows which opportunity to embrace. Travel is full of fortunate encounters even if it's only a day-trip. Terrific day to burn away ghosts and energize.

8/19 The moon is **VOC* from 7:50 to 8:36 am.** Once the moon enters Taurus, the desire to rest and rejuvenate increases. Nonetheless, focus is good for a project already in motion; get it off your desk early so you can enjoy a leisurely dinner. It's a great pleasure to be where you are if the aromas and ambiance suit your tastes; don't over-plan your evening but make it sensual. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Aries, do some movement- either exercise, walk or drive... because the desire to move forward can be thwarted by the VOC. If you're going somewhere new make sure you have clear directions and a map because fast movement can miss turns.*

8/20 Lovely day to garden or simply gaze at one. Take your time making meals, art and/or love. Instead of trying to start something new, concentrate on what you already have. You can fine-tune or discard or procrastinate to another day. Today is about living in the moment and appreciating the present. Any moves to control or force a situation will end in confusion and regret.

8/21 Confusion may cause a chaotic morning; stay clear and direct to avoid hurt feelings. Energy is very prickly, in the way a picador weakens a bull in a bullfight. Even the most stalwart may succumb when goaded many times. Venus enters Virgo, creating a cycle of celebration of service. As a result, you may feel a sense of healing in spite of the heaviness of the day. The antidote is meditation, prayer and/or pulling yourself away from a hurt ego and into a place of blissed detachment. The moon is **VOC* at 8 pm until 8:53.** Once it enters Gemini the mood may shift entirely. Conversations may spill out and grievances aired. On the other hand, an overall silliness can lift a serious tone and loosen up the hold on old problems.

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Taurus, relaxation is demanded. You can try to accomplish a big task, but that couch looks awfully inviting. Give in and let yourself enjoy a leisurely lunch and your productivity will increase afterwards.*

8/22 You may hit the ground running this morning, as messages and connections fly in increasing frequency. Keep in mind Mercury is still retrograde, and with the Gemini moon, gossip can lead to a disorienting cul-de-sac. Consider all sides and keep the door open for more information. Keep any serious conversations for another day; instead have a relaxed evening with humor and/or heart expansion.

8/23 The Sun enters Virgo at 7:21 am, beginning the last cycle of summer in the northern hemisphere. This is mutable energy, when we start to smell the changes in the

air but pack in the last bursts of events and plans until we're ready to move into the next season. This is an easy day to have fun if you respond to the playful suggestions around you. Step away from illusion unless it's only a game. Good day for childlike enthusiasm, spiritual exploration and traveling without time constraints.

8/24 The moon is **VOC* from 5:34 to 6:31 am.** Once it enters the sign of Cancer, the desire to stay home or be poolside may be at odds with other obligations. There's a limit to what can be done electronically, and you may feel a real need to draw the line as to your obligations. This may work out well for you, but not if you shirk something that is expected and required. If you need to re-negotiate a job's expectations, wait until after Mercury goes direct on Friday. This is a good day for you to become aware of whatever may be limiting you, but angry words are never the way to win compromise. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Gemini**, conversations can be particularly misunderstood; avoid important correspondence or phone calls. Great time to clean out old emails and tidy up your desktop.*

8/25 Do your best to avoid confrontations in the early morning. People are cranky, especially water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces- but they may not thank you for pointing that out). Good advice at this time comes from EFT coach Melinda Martin: "is it better to be right or in a relationship?" Know when to back off and let be. The **moon is VOC* as of 9:04 am - all day!** **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Cancer**, be by the water, time with family or sifting through memorabilia. Lovely time to enjoy a picnic or meal with no time constraints.*

8/26 The moon is **VOC* until 12:09 pm** when it enters Leo.... and the party begins! Make sure fun is planned this weekend or your *inner child* will think you're a poop. Dress up and go out if that's fun for you, or watch some movies that thrill. **Mercury goes direct at 6:03 pm.** Pay attention because the shift coupled with Uranian energy makes for electric and unexpected jolts. Don't be surprised by what comes in, but be ready. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Cancer**, be by the water, time with family or sifting through memorabilia. Lovely time to enjoy a picnic or meal with no time constraints.*

8/27 A playful day; enjoy children and/or play games, create theatre, go to performances. This is the day before the Virgo New Moon. Evaluate what you need to move from or finish up as you think about what you'd like to bring to prominence. Don't worry it too much; the important thing is to have fun.

8/28 Loose ends don't tie up neatly this morning; if you don't aim to accomplish much you won't be frustrated. The moon is **VOC* from 1:12 pm to 2:13 pm.** Once it enters Virgo, the thrust to accomplish tasks increases. You can party today, but you may also be cleaning up on the side (not a bad thing!) If the weather allows it, enjoy a night of stars with the dark **New Moon in Virgo** at 11:04 pm. Now is the time to plant the seeds for goals related to diet, health, service, organization, design and details. It's a "back to school" orientation to life. This might actually involve education, or it may be another plan to methodically reach an achievement. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Leo**, you do well to play: window-shop, go to a museum or performance, flirt, make some artwork.*

8/29 Terrific day to initiate an endeavor, whether for health, home or business. Exercise any way that gives you pleasure and the results give you a good return. Good day to shop for a home or move. Any research that benefits from a keen eye for details is well positioned today. Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn) may feel particularly blessed, although water signs benefit as well (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces). Once the moon goes **VOC* at 6:15 pm** however, all bets are off. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Virgo**, it's great for organizing, finessing a project or exercise routine and clearing out closets.*

8/30 Jupiter goes retrograde in the morning, beginning a period when speculative enterprises are best put on hold. The moon is **VOC* until 2:25 pm.** Once the moon enters Libra, concentration is shattered by communication which can be disruptive or

distracting. Consider it an opportunity to work out ideas. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Virgo**, it's great for organizing, finessing a project or exercise routine and clearing out closets.*

8/31 Resolution may be achieved in the afternoon, and even if it's short-lived, something constructive comes out of it. A Libra moon encourages conversation and mitigation, even if at times people get belligerent. Try not to succumb to angry exchanges and even when you do, take a breath and dance out of it as quickly as possible. No one can stay in it for long unless all parties are engaged.