

# *The Starfire Messenger*



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### ***Corrections to Starfire Messenger #130***

Two errors were made in last week's issue. They are corrected here.

1. Full Moon on September 2 occurred at 12:22 **AM** CDT, not pm.
2. On September 3, Mercury made the trine to **Saturn**, not Pluto. The effect is similar, however, both being a trine in the earth element. Mercury trine Saturn aids in organizing mind and matter.

## **Passages on Virgo from the Esoteric Writings of Alice Bailey**

With the Sun in Virgo from August 22 – September 22, the time is right to reflect on the issues connected with this sign.

### **Virgo Veils the Inner Christ Principle**

*Esoteric Astrology*, 252 - 253

“The sign Virgo is one of the most significant in the zodiac for its symbology concerns the whole goal of the evolutionary process which is to shield, nurture and finally reveal the hidden spiritual reality. This every form veils...[just as] the mother protects the germ of the Christ life; matter guards, cherishes and nurtures the hidden soul. **The keynote which embodies the truth as to the mission of Virgo most accurately is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." There is no clearer or more adequate definition of this sign than that...."**

### **Virgo Symbolizes the Virgin Goddesses of Ancient Religion**

*Esoteric Astrology*, 252 – 254

‘In all the great world religions, the Virgin Mother appears and....four of the names whereby the Virgin is called are familiar to all of us, and tell us much as a whole concerning the form nature of which the Virgin is the symbol. **The word Virgo itself is a descendant of and a corruption of an ancient Atlantean root name which was applied to the mother principle in those far off times.** This Virgin was the founder of the matriarchate which then dominated civilisation and to which various myths and legends bear evidence and which have come down to us concerning Lilith, the last of the Virgin Goddesses of Atlantean times; the same thought is also to be found in the traditionary accounts of the ancient Amazons, whose queen Hercules defeated, wresting from her what he sought. This is an allegory,

teaching the emergence of the spiritual man from the control of matter. **Three of these goddesses are Eve, Isis, and Mary.** They are of peculiar and significant importance where our civilisation is concerned for they embody in themselves **the symbology of the entire form nature**, which, when integrated and functioning as a whole person, we call the personality. This personality is (as far as humanity is concerned) the developed and qualified expression of **the third aspect of divinity**, that of God the Holy Spirit, the active intelligent and nurturing principle of the universe. This aspect we shall study in Leo and see there the unfoldment of that self-conscious entity and personality which in Virgo becomes the mother of the Christ child. **Eve is the symbol of the mental nature**, and of the mind of man attracted by the lure of knowledge to be gained through the experience of incarnation. Eve, therefore, took the apple of knowledge from the serpent of matter and started the long human undertaking of experiment, experience and expression which was initiated — from the mental angle — in our Aryan times. **Isis stands for this same expression down on to the emotional or astral plane.** Eve has no child in her arms; the germ of the Christ life is as yet too small to make its presence felt; the involutory process is yet too close; but in Isis the midway point is reached; the quickening of that which is desired (the Desire of all nations, as it is called in the Bible) has taken place and Isis consequently stands in the ancient zodiacs for fertility, for motherhood and as the guardian of the child. **Mary carries the process down to the plane or place of incarnation, the physical plane, and there gives birth to the Christ child.** In these three Virgins and these three Mothers of the Christ, you have the history of the formation and the function of the three aspects of the personality through which the Christ must find expression. **The sign of Virgo itself stands for a synthesis of these three feminine aspects — Eve, Isis and Mary. She is the Virgin Mother, providing that which is needed for the mental, emotional and physical expression of the hidden but ever present divinity."**

## **Virgo, the Previous Solar System, and the Ray of Active Intelligence**

*Esoteric Astrology*, 280

“As I have told you, Virgo is regarded by the esoteric teachers of the Hierarchy to be identified with the third aspect of divinity, with the mother principle and is believed to be the director of the energies, developed and recognised in the first solar system.”

### **Virgo as The Mother of the World**

*Esoteric Healing*, 362 – 363, On the Phrase *Mother of the World*

“The various ways in which the phrase can be used can mean quite a number of differing things. It can mean:

1. The feminine aspect in manifestation, symbolised for us in many of the world religions as a **virgin mother** and in the Christian religion as the Virgin Mary. **It is that substance which enables Deity to manifest.**
2. Nature itself, the mother of all forms.
3. **The moon** also, who is the symbol of the generative, creative life which gives birth to forms and is therefore the symbol of the form nature.
4. The concentration of the feminine force in nature in some individual in female form who is then called **the "World Mother."** Such an individual has never existed in our particular planetary life, though **the avatars of a previous solar system, expressing itself through planetary life, always took this form.** But not in this solar system. The tradition of such appearances is purely symbolic, inherited from the previous solar system from which we inherited the matter of which all manifested forms are made. This symbolism has come down from the far-off period of the Matriarchate, which had a religion that recalled the ancient ways of the earlier system and in which period of time Lilith symbolised **the World Mother**, until Eve took her place.”

## **The Constellation Virgo Rising at the Birth of Christ**

*From Bethlehem to Calvary, 63*

**“At the time of the birth of Christ, Sirius, the Star in the East, was on the meridian line, [while] Orion, called "The Three Kings" by oriental astronomers, was in proximity; therefore the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, was rising in the east, and the line of the ecliptic, of the equator and of the horizon all met in that constellation.”**

## **The Moon as Esoteric Ruler of Virgo**

*Esoteric Astrology, 273*

“It is in this sign [Virgo] also that the Moon in its own right of antiquity and of ancient thoughtform control, and also as veiling both Vulcan and Neptune, connects the force of Virgo with the energies of Taurus, of Cancer and of Aquarius. This is of peculiar importance for it relates the form building aspect with the consciousness aspect which, at a high stage of development, produces the manifestation of the Christ principle or Christ-child.”

## **The Moon as Esoteric Ruler of Virgo Veils Vulcan**

*Esoteric Astrology, 263*

“The Moon ([veiling] Vulcan). This is the esoteric ruler. The significance of this is similar to that of the orthodox ruler. The Moon (or fourth ray energy) is here seen as an expression of first ray energy, manifesting through Vulcan. The Moon rules the form and it is the will of God to manifest through the medium of form.”

## **Esoteric Ruler of Virgo and the Etheric Vehicle**

*Esoteric Healing*, 143

“The **etheric vehicle** from the circulatory angle, is **governed by the Moon**, as it veils **Vulcan**.”

## **Venus Falls in Virgo**

*Esoteric Astrology*, 281 - 282

“Venus, pure love-wisdom, falls into generation in this sign and occultly ‘descends to earth’ and stands (as *The Secret Doctrine* has so carefully pointed out) for the gift of mind and of divinity, embodied in the Son of Mind and thus for the descent of the Christ principle into generation or into matter. **Virgo and Venus are together two aspects of intelligence**. The symbolism of the descent of Spirit into the womb of the virgin mother is preserved for us in the astrological fact that Venus falls in this sign; esoterically, she disappears from view and vanishes into the darkness.”

## **Daily Analysis and Prediction**

**for the Week of September 7 – 13, 2020**

Throughout the week, the Moon wanes, thus softening all emotional and sentimental intensities experienced during the previous couple of weeks. Even so, major astrological happenings arrive in the form of two planetary stations: Mars retrograde on September 9, and Jupiter direct on September 12. Planetary stations are the strongest application of energies, according to many astrological theorists. Given that, this week is sure to be imbued with potent versions of belligerent Mars and idealistic Jupiter, both of which archetypes are given to bold, uninhibited, extraverted expression, whether through the individual or the collective. As a result, it can be

expected that this week will bring forceful and even fearless statements and actions from all quarters.

At the same time, the Sun opposes Neptune this week on September 11, the anniversary of the World Trade Center Disaster. Always a time of painful remembrance, this September 11 receives additional sensitivity due to the fact that the Sun-Neptune opposition falls right on this day. Even events and matters not connected with this remembrance will be saturated with the empathy, compassion, and psychic identification which flow from Neptune. Right along with that, the collective of Humanity is challenged to examine illusory appearances and diversionary tactics, goaded in that direction by the opposition of the exacting, no-nonsense Virgo Sun to fluidic Neptune in sometimes vague and evasive Pisces. A temporary feeling of disorientation results. Evident throughout all these influences is the presence of the Sixth Ray, distributed by both Mars and Neptune. Acting through Mars and Neptune this week, the Sixth Ray can both elevate and inspire as well as agitate and irritate. The palpable Second Ray emanating from the Jupiter station will be part of the mix, an encouraging sign which suggests that wisdom may prevail. All signs point toward bold and confident moves based on deeply felt spiritual commitments.

**Monday September 7** opens the week with the waning Moon in Taurus, where it conjuncts innovative Uranus in the Bull's resourceful domain at 1 am CDT, sparking intense ideation about future productive ways and means. Then the settled, security-oriented Taurus Moon trines the Sun, Jupiter, Pluto, and Saturn in methodical Capricorn from 10 am CDT until 8 am CDT on Tuesday, creating a smooth period conducive to a steady stream of accomplishments made in the personal and professional spheres.

**Tuesday September 8** sees the Moon enter inquisitive Gemini at 4:28 pm CDT, generating a mild wave of mental activation, curiosity, and desire to learn. Connection with gratifying sources of feedback and encouragement shapes up 10 – 11 pm CDT as the loquacious Gemini Moon strikes up conversation with the appreciative Venus in laudatory Leo. Even so, the

fast-approaching Mars station stirs up intense passions about personal autonomy and civil liberties. Major actions are in the making.

**Wednesday September 9** brings an exact trine between the Sun at 17 degrees of Virgo and Jupiter at 17 degrees of Capricorn. The resulting sense of support and encouragement is a helpful backdrop to the much more strident and urgent concerns emerging with the station of Mars at 28 degrees of impetuous Aries, which takes place at 5:22 pm CDT. Flashpoints of pent-up angers about recent civil oppressions are certain to erupt. Now is a time to seek safety for anyone who wishes to avoid potentially dangerous conflicts. Even so, there's no stopping the emergence of powerful assertions of life and liberty at this time.

**Thursday September 10** represents a continuation of yesterday's major themes, with elements of uncertainty, hesitation, and befuddlement added in as the easily distracted Gemini Moon gets tangled up in a square with the Sun and Neptune in mutable and hence easily fragmented Virgo and Pisces. Further, the forming opposition of Sun and Neptune exacerbates the tendency to wander, forget the point, blankly meander, and in general lose focus. A center of clarity and organization is needed today to combat the tendency to dissipate, go to pieces, run in several directions at once, cover too much territory, or thrash about aimlessly.

**Friday September 11** arrives with the exact Sun-Neptune opposition, the Sun at 20 degrees of Virgo and Neptune at 20 degrees of Pisces, yet another close encounter with mutable signs and the fluctuations for which they are legendary. Yet the unsettled feelings generated by mutable signs is not the sum total of the challenge to be met today, for the fluidity of the Neptune influence is intensified when the Moon enters water sign Cancer at 3:23 am CDT, adding to the general atmosphere of emotionality and sentimentality. It all adds up to foggy feelings and concomitant mismanaged communication 9 – 11 pm CDT when the Moon squares Mercury. Again, it's another day in which a definite focus and set of pre-determined priorities can help navigate through the fog of current happenings.



**Saturday September 12** ushers in more high drama as the Moon in Cancer opposes Jupiter and Pluto in Capricorn throughout the day, leading right up to the moment Jupiter goes direct at 17 degrees Capricorn at 7:41 pm CDT. Here's a formula for compelling developments in national and international politics and events. The sign of Cancer symbolizes the masses of Humanity. The Moon in this sign opposite stationing Jupiter and always powerful Pluto indicate that today the feelings of resentment caused by rigid lockdown and social control measures will expand and move throughout the psyche of the planet. Large crowds and mass demonstrations are likely. Governmental efforts to hold back the wave of sentiment will struggle against large odds.

**Sunday September 13** shows more of the same, as the Cancerian Moon opposes restrictive Saturn and squares irascible Mars 2 am – 8 am CDT, agitating the waters of the astral plane and goading large groups into action. Public mood reigns. Then the focus shifts around 10:32 am CDT when the Moon enters leadership-oriented Leo, giving rise to the appearance of magnetic, charismatic figures who can function as focalizers in the midst of upheaval and demonstration.

**Next week:**

Mercury in legalistic Libra squares Jupiter and Pluto in punitive Capricorn, making a fight in the courts; the Sun trines Pluto and Saturn in the same sign, stimulating the impulse toward lenience in governing circles. Venus in glamorous Leo squares radical Uranus in hidebound Taurus and surprises those who thought they had it sewn up. The status-quo is rattled. Law suits pushing for civil liberties gain ground, though they will do so amidst turmoil, unrest, and increasingly strident demonstrations.

Retrograde Mars turns the tables and those who cowered in fear only weeks ago now turn and face their oppressors. Goliath is surprised to see that little David has come out from behind his rock standing a breathtaking twelve feet tall and toting an extraordinarily accurate sling-shot.