



June Newsletter

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Important June Dates

(All times are CDT)

June 7, 6:56 am to July 1, 7:50 am - Mercury Retrograde

By the end of May 2014, Mercury slows down and prepares to go retrograde. Similarly, human beings should slow down, be more deliberate, tie up loose ends and otherwise prepare for the introspective 3-week Mercury retrograde period.

The day Mercury turns retrograde, June 7, will likely be a day of "getting it," getting that you need to slow down, that you've been moving too fast and skipping over important details. During the Mercury retrograde period you will find yourself wanting to clean out closets (actually or metaphorically) and resolve old issues rather than create new ones or make strict deadlines. Why not start early to prepare for this natural time of inner searching? It's a great time to retreat into your shell. It's a great time to re-examine yourself, your life and your values in any area that comes up for you at present. It's also a great time to clear up old messy communications between yourself and others, so be prepared, because people in your life who need to do that with you may present themselves. Mercury retrograde happens only three times a year, so pull out some large garbage bags and get ready to move a mountain or two. Imagine how sleek and streamlined your life will be after this purge.

Each Mercury retrograde period has a theme based on the sign or signs Mercury is moving through at the time. This time Mercury begins his backwards journey in Cancer, then moves into Gemini.

Mercury retrograde in Cancer can be a highly emotional time, when everything that happens triggers strong responses in yourself and the people around you. You may feel more emotionally sensitive for the duration and you may have to choose your words carefully when you communicate your feelings to others. On the plus side, you may find that the pressure to engage in better self-care is something from which you can benefit. Either way, the chaos may remind you that you need to take better care of yourself and family members.

As Mercury backs up into Gemini, the communication atmosphere becomes drier and more intellectual. You may get caught up in finding exactly the right word to express what you need to say. Don't lose the nuances in your quest for articulation, rationality or correctness. The mental clarity that descends on your mind may be sharp, but also very black-and-white. You may have to remind yourself to stay warm in your communications. Gemini is an Air sign, so stay on top of everything electronic in your office: check your backup systems, keep software updates current, and be ready with a replacement system if your fax or copier should suddenly break down.

All should be well and running smoothly again by the time Mercury returns to the degree in Cancer where it turned retrograde in the first place. That's 3^o Cancer and it happens on July 15.

Every time Mercury goes retrograde it will also cross over the Sun, conjuncting it. The day this happens, June 19, will be rife with epiphany. Let your mind build up to it slowly and intuitively and you may find that on this day you become possessed with an idea which solves the greater problem you've been ruminating on for weeks or it might even solve a problem that got you stuck months ago. Alternately, it may be a day when you connect with or meet exactly the right person to help you solve that problem. Look for this kind of epiphany or connection anytime from June 17-21.

The last day of Mercury retrograde is July 1. That day and the days leading up to it may be characterized by a kind of urgency to finish up any closet-clearing you haven't done yet. When Mercury turns direct we leave this introspective period behind. So take advantage of it while it's happening!

In Mercury retrograde, there is purging. Cleanse your soul of all those things you've needed to say, wanted to say, dreamed of saying. Don't forget that there are good things you've wanted to say! Be kind about how you do it, and you'll find Mercury brings you closer to, not further from, others.

Mercury's cycle impacts each individual in a personal way, according to the house it's traveling through in that person's chart. This personalizes its effect on you, because while Mercury's passage affects everyone, one person may have it activating the area of

sexuality while another is experiencing it in the area of money or home. If you find out exactly where Mercury is affecting you, you can target your purging and get much better results.

June 12, 11:11 pm - Full Moon

Rose Moon

This month of Midsummer frequently called the Strong Sun Moon was also referred to at the Rose Moon. During this lush month, roses reach their peak. Old ramblers and newer hybrids bloom abundantly. It is a Moon of romance, weddings and handfastings. The fairies are also active during the Rose Moon. Celebrate the Rose Moon with love spells to draw love or rekindle an existing relationship. Before moonrise, gather love-attracting herbs--yarrow, roses, and lavender. Tie them together with pink ribbon and place on your altar. Dab your forehead and wrists with rose water and light a red candle. If you can perform this ritual outside, let the light of the Rose Moon wash over you. After speaking this charm, leave your bouquet outside as a token to the Rose Moon and as a gift to the fairy-folk:

*On this gentle night as the fairy-folk sing and dance,
Rose Moon, empower this spell I speak for romance.
With the power of the Full Moon, my spell is fed,
Bring me the perfect One who will turn my head.*

~ James Kambos in Llewellyn's 2014 Witches' Datebook -

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June 15 - Father's Day

Daddy, I Love You

Daddy, I love you
For all that you do.
I'll kiss you and hug you
'Cause you love me, too.

You feed me and need me
To teach you to play,
So smile 'cause I love you
On this Father's Day.

~ Author Unknown

June 21, 5:51 am - Litha/Midsummer/Summer Solstice

Litha

Animals/Mythical Creatures - wren, robin, horses, cattle, satyrs, faeries, firebird, dragon, thunderbird

Gemstones - lapis lazuli, diamond, tiger's eye, all green gemstones, especially emerald and jade

Incense/Oil - heliotrope, saffron, orange, frankincense & myrrh, wisteria, cinnamon, mint, rose, lemon, lavender, sandalwood, pine

Colors/Candles - blue, green, gold, yellow and red

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - the Sun, oak, birch & fir branches, sun flowers, lilies, red/maize/yellow or gold flower, love amulets, seashells, summer fruits & flowers, feather/flower door wreath, sun wheel, fire, circles of stone, sun dials and swords/blades, bird feathers, Witches' ladder

Goddesses - Mother Earth, Mother Nature, Venus, Aphrodite, Yemaya, Astarte, Freya, Hathor, Ishtar, all Goddesses of love, passion, beauty and the Sea, and Pregnant, lusty Goddesses, Green Forest Mother; Great One of the Stars, Goddess of the Wells

Gods - Father Sun/Sky, Oak King, Holly King, Arthur, Gods at peak power and strength.

Essence - humility, fire, partnership, nourishment, relationships, fertilization, nurturing

Dynamics/Meaning - crowning of the Sun God, death of the Oak King, assumption of the Holly King, end the ordeal of the Green Man

Purpose - rededication to the Lord and Lady, beginning of the harvest, honoring the Sun God, honoring the pregnant Goddess

Rituals/Magick - nature spirit/fey communion, planet healing, divination, love & protection magick. The battle between Oak King, God of the waxing year & Holly King, God of the waning year (can be a ritual play), or act out scenes from the Bard's (an incarnation of Merlin) "A Midsummer Night's Dream," rededication of faith, rites of inspiration

Customs - bonfires, processions, all-night vigil, singing, feasting, celebrating with others, cutting divining rods, dowsing rods & wands, herb gathering, handfastings, weddings, Druidic gathering of mistletoe in oak groves, needfires, leaping between two fires, mistletoe (without berries, use as a protection amulet), women walking naked through gardens to ensure continued fertility, enjoying the seasonal fruits & vegetables, honor the Mother's fullness, richness and abundance, put garlands of St. John's Wort placed over doors/ windows & a sprig in the car for protection

Foods - honey, fresh vegetables, lemons, oranges, summer fruits, summer squash, pumpkin bread, ale, carrot drinks, mead

Herbs - anise, mugwort, chamomile, rose, wild rose, oak blossoms, lily, cinquefoil, lavender, fennel, elder, mistletoe, hemp, thyme, larkspur, nettle, wisteria, vervain, verbena, St. John's Wort, heartsease, rue, fern, wormwood, pine, heather, yarrow, oak & holly trees

Element/Gender - fire/male

Threshold - evening/dawn

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June 27, 3:08 am - New Moon

Abundance checks are a tool we can use to create more abundance in our lives. They are written within 24 hours after a New Moon.

Surprisingly, you don't need to believe that the check will work when you write it.

You will see increased abundance in your life, in some life area. It is not always financial, but certainly in an area that you need. If you do not have a bank account you can draw a check on a piece of paper and fill it out the same way - the results will be the same, more abundance for you.

1. Within 24 hours after a New Moon, take a check from your checkbook. Where it says "Pay to," write your name.
2. In the little box on the same line where you would fill in a numeric amount write "Paid in full."
3. On the line underneath your name, where you would write out the amount in letters, write "Paid in full."
4. Sign the check: "The Law of Abundance."

Do not put a date on the check. Do not write a specific amount in the check. Put it in a safe place and forget about it. The Universe will take it from there. If you don't have a checkbook, or don't want to use up a check, you can write the information on any piece of paper; it is the intent which counts.

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Herb of the Month

Frankincense - Fire/Sun; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - Gum; Magickal Properties - Protection, Purification, Consecration, Exorcism; Uses - Burned to raise vibrations, purify, consecrate, protect and exorcise, carried in sachets or charms.

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Stone of the Month

Jacinth - From the Latin jacintus meaning hyacinth or precious stone, Jacinth is the sacred blue gem mentioned in the Bible as a stone in the wall of the New Jerusalem. Also reddish-orange in color, Jacinth has many powerful healing properties, including its ability to relieve pain, improve self-esteem and provide the wearer with wisdom, spiritual wealth and self-respect. Jacinth is especially helpful at night when the seeker is unsettled and requires a deep and tranquil sleep free of nightmares.

Rune of the Month

▶ **Berkano** (B: Berchta, the birch-goddess.) - Birth, general fertility, both mental and physical and personal growth, liberation; Regenerative power and light of spring, renewal, promise of new beginnings, new growth; Arousal of desire; A love affair or new birth; The prospering of an enterprise or venture; Berkano Reversed or Merkstave: Family problems and or domestic troubles; Anxiety about someone close to you; Carelessness, abandon, loss of control; Blurring of consciousness, deceit, sterility, stagnation.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The World - The World can signify that you are figuratively feeling the weight of the world on your shoulders, which is not an easy place to be. It's an excellent time to review how well you do at "asking for help" when you need it. Remember you don't have to do everything on your own.

This can often be a card of completion. You've worked hard, and you are almost to the "finish line" in some way. Don't quit now that you're almost finished! You're almost definitely in need of some well-deserved rest and relaxation; don't be afraid to take it. You are getting closer to "who you really are," at your deepest levels.

In terms of work, there's a very good chance that you are working far too hard for far too little recognition and money. It's important if this is the case to "toot your own horn" a little, to make sure that the powers that be don't "accidentally" overlook your many positive accomplishments. You may need to look outside your own country for helpful information in how the work you do is done elsewhere - this could lead to some very interesting realizations.

If you travel during this time period, and if you are "in the market" for a relationship, you may well meet someone while you are away. Conversely, if you have been in a long-term committed relationship for some time, you are likely to find it rising to "new and better heights." Things in the love department should be quite interesting, in a good way. Don't be afraid to mingle or talk to strangers.

If money has been a bit stagnant for you - this is a good sign that this "blockage" will soon break and you'll find yourself "flush" once again. Don't go mad with spending, when it breaks though. This is an important time to begin saving and protecting yourself so that if hard times come again, that you'll be more prepared. But for now, you should be able to rest easier about money.

Your health should be on the upswing. You may be helped by finding a healer who works with something besides traditional Western Medicine. This is not to replace medical therapy, but to work in concert with it. Your doctor may not be happy about this, if he tells you, for example, that it's not possible for you to study yoga and that it would "get in the way" of his treatment of your arthritis, in that case, you may be best served by locating a different medical doctor as well. Follow your "instincts" about what is best for your health. Seek out mentors with more information than you have. Educate as much as you can. Advocate for yourself.

You are likely to have several clear flashes of important spiritual insights during this time. Keep a notebook handy and record these. Share and discuss them with others (even if your only outlet for that is online). We are all on a spiritual journey, and your insights are likely to be valuable for others as well.

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Correspondence of the Month

Stones

Amber - protection, magickal workings, solar energy (fire)

Amethyst - dreams, astral work, relieves stress, imagination, meditation (air)

Aquamarine - divination, relaxation, protects from drowning, creative imagination, removes blocks energy (water)

Aventurine - prosperity, abundance, fertility, optimism, healing old emotional wounds (earth)

Beryl - scrying, crystal gazing, intellect (air)

Bloodstone - confidence, strength, control over your life, luck (fire)

Blue Lace Agate - feminine energy, peace, soothes headaches, relaxation (water)

Carnelian - intuitive talents, astral travel, sexual energy, prevent miscarriage (fire)

Chrysocolla - balances emotions, relieves depression, emotional healing (water)

Citrine - healing, increased physical energy, hope, encourages new beginnings (fire)

Emerald - love, protects against violence, communication (earth)

Fluorite - creativity, mental abilities, meditation, astral travel, confidence, inspiration (air)

Garnet - passion, courage, fertility, prosperity (fire)

Hematite - absorbing and grounding negative energy, healing, balances energy flow (earth)

Jade - long life, prosperity, dragons, good fortune, health and longevity (water)

Jet - protection, divination, Goddess energy (earth)

Labradorite - imagination, releasing inhibitions, self-confidence, communication with spiritual beings (air)

Lapis Lazuli - psychic protection, love, peace of mind (water)

Malachite - good fortune, business success, protection from accidents (water)

Moonstone - lunar energy, psychic matters, clarity of thought (water)

Moss Agate - plant magick, new friends, reveals deceit (earth)

Obsidian - inner strength, protection (earth)

Onyx - protection, hope, endurance, acquiring knowledge (earth)

Peridot - astral work, protection from nightmares, emotional healing, inspiration (earth)

Quartz - focusing energy for any purpose (air)

Red Jasper - passion, blood magick, protection from nightmares (fire)

Rose Quartz - love, friendship, joy, self-healing (water)

Sodalite - courage, intellect, creativity, protection on journeys (water)

Tiger Eye - protection, balance, mediation, starting new business (earth)

Turquoise - protection from psychic attacks, reconciliation, divination (water)

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Spell of the Month

Strength Ceremony

We all have times in our lives when things are hard and we don't have much faith in ourselves. Do this ritual whenever the feelings of doubt or fear start clouding your thoughts. This is a group ritual, but it is possible to modify it for a solitary practitioner.

Cast the circle and then go around the circle so everyone can say how they became strong.

"I became strong through facing my fears.
I became strong through my friends.
I became strong through my family.
I became strong through making mistakes.
I became strong through taking a stand.
I became strong through dreaming."

Chant and raise power. The above can be modified to be more personal.

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