

## **August 4 2024 Leo New Moon:**

On August 4th 2024, we have a Leo New Moon, and Leo is the sign of love, romance, affection, creativity, fun, and play. This means Leo New Moons are traditionally nice times of the year where we want to connect with our hearts, be joyful, and focus on the good. We're not so wrapped up in the serious, or the mundane, or the practical, and want to bring some happiness to our lives. We make more time for creative ventures, for our hobbies, for loved ones, and for romance. We can be in good moods and want to keep everything light.

But this New Moon is complicated because less than 24 hours after it occurs, Mercury turns retrograde! A planet or body is called retrograde in astrology when it appears to be moving backward through the Zodiac. This tends to throw it off, and this is strong with Mercury retrograde, which occurs roughly 3-4 times each year for a few weeks at a time. This retrograde starts in Virgo, one of the signs Mercury naturally rules, and we're likely to feel extra stressed out, worried about things, and might be overwhelmed by all of the little things we have to deal with.

The start of Mercury retrograde tends to slow things down, and then everything changes direction as the retrograde kicks in. With the start of the retrograde coming so close to the New Moon, this might mean we're not focusing on anything brand new, which is usually the case with New Moons. Instead, we look backward, and pick back up projects and ideas

that we didn't follow through with or finish. Mercury retrograde combined with New Moons is often a time of second chances, so this is one of the times of the year to focus on a second chance or do over.

This can be stronger when Mercury retrogrades back to Leo on August 14th, the sign of the New Moon. This connects with the New Moon, and we may get ideas for that second chance or do over as the retrograde starts, but may not take action with it until Mercury goes to Leo. At that point, energy can be supercharged for taking the initiative and getting things off of the ground quickly. But if we encounter blocks and issues, we may become obstinate and dramatic, so we have to avoid that and stay focused.

The Leo New Moon is widely sextile, which is a beneficial aspect, both Mars and Jupiter in Gemini. This helps with energy and enthusiasm for what we take action with and want to pursue, but also adds to the potential for a second chance or do over since Gemini is naturally ruled by Mercury. Mars and Jupiter also conjunct, or align, on the same day Mercury retrogrades back to Leo, so on August 14th. Their conjunction is usually beneficial, so it adds to all of the existing energy, making it a good time for a second chance or do over.

I also want to remind you that we're coming off of the very hot Capricorn Full Moon July 21st, the second Full Moon in Capricorn in a row and at the anaretic degree, which is 29 degrees. The first Capricorn Full Moon

in June ushered us into a challenging period for the year, and we're in the middle of it with this Leo New Moon. The second chances and do overs we make embark on with this New Moon can help us with any blocks and issues being brought up with all of this energy, so choose wisely.

For everyone, look at any Leo parts of your natal chart to gauge the impact of the Leo New Moon. For those who are a little more advanced, also consider your progressed and return charts, and if in a relationship, your composite chart.

By sign, Aries may want to reconnect with your heart with the Leo New Moon, and remind yourself to have fun, even when you've got a packed schedule and plenty on your plate. You can make more time for what you enjoy, and you can spend more time with who you love most or doing what you love most in healthy ways. You may want to pick back up an old hobby, an old creative project, or reconnect with an old flame. Issues of the heart can get more attention.

Taurus can tend to your emotional needs with the Leo New Moon, and want to make yourself feel more emotionally secure. This might mean making more time to spend at home or in the places that are most comfortable, strengthening your support system, or giving yourself more emotional support on your own. You can become more aware of emotional issues, and this can prompt you to work on improvements.

You might work to strengthen yourself internally, or pick back up something from the ground up.

Gemini may have an active mind with the Leo New Moon, and there can be so much on your mind that you become easily scattered and unfocused. Mercury is your ruler, so you can get thrown off, and Mars and Jupiter in your sign might feel like too much energy to control, but it is in your control. Try to focus on picking back up an old idea or project that excites you, and make strides quickly. At the same time, make sure to give yourself breaks so you don't get overwhelmed.

Cancer can feel a little stuck with the Leo New Moon, and you may not want to budge in response to something. Taking your time with decisions can be smart, however stalling is likely just a way of trying to get out of it. Pinpoint areas of insecurity and work on that. Focus on grounding yourself instead of slowing to a crawl, and this can help you keep going at a steady pace. Reconnect with old resources, or get creative with existing resources to improve stability and security.

Leo may need to focus more on yourself with the New Moon in your sign, and with Mercury retrograde coming for your sign, you can take time to set yourself up and prepare. You can take care of little things to get them out of the way so you're not worried about them later. This is also excellent energy for a second chance for you specifically, so focus

on something that you'd like to give another try. This can be an excellent time to do that, and you can pick up speed once Mercury enters Leo.

Virgo can feel this is a time to work on your own with the Leo New Moon, and the Mercury retrograde is starting in your sign, so you can have a lot of little things to work on at the onset. Try to get little things out of the way, and give yourself the chance to work on your own once Mercury goes back to Leo. If you deal with too many people, you might get drained and burned out. Take time to dig into your subconscious, to reconnect with someone or something from the past, or to do something creative.

Libra may want to get more independence to pursue a dream with the Leo New Moon, and this might be an old dream that you pick back up again and feel inspired by again. You can make strides with your dreams, and work toward the future you hope for. This can be a time for major changes in your life, and you can work on making them happen quickly. You can do things in different ways that have worked for you before, and can work again.

Scorpio can focus on your goals with the Leo New Moon, and you can make strides if you've done things the right way and for the right reasons, though the Mercury retrograde might divert your attention back toward old goals that you'd like to give another shot as well as the existing ones you have. You can experience success using methods that

have worked for you before, or by reconnecting with old bosses or mentors. You may have extra responsibilities, so try to give yourself some space to avoid being crushed by them.

Sagittarius may want to give yourself more space with the Leo New Moon, and you can generally be more optimistic and open to the big picture. This can help you navigate the Mercury retrograde, and you can pick back up old projects that were big and exciting, and give old big ideas a try. You may share knowledge you have as well, or reconnect with a mentor. You may want to travel, teach, write, or speak up about something. You can also give more attention to your beliefs.

Capricorn can work on getting to the heart of something with the Leo New Moon, and this can be something serious that requires intense research. You can channel your passionate energy into it, and can take control and transform. Issues might come out with the Mercury retrograde, and you have to work through and address them directly. This can require a serious outlook, but you can emerge more resilient and with a better hold on what you want to achieve.

Aquarius may focus more on your connections with others with the Leo New Moon, and you can pursue opportunities with a partner, or become more supportive of someone in your life. Balance can also be more important for you, especially with the Mercury retrograde, and you can focus on trying to restore balance where it's been all wonky. You may

also reconnect with someone from the past, recommit to someone or something, or restore peace in some part of life.

Pisces can focus on what needs to be done with the Leo New Moon, and you can feel extra productive. There can be tons of little tasks, chores, and projects to tackle, and you can feel that you must get them all done now. Being productive can be good, but you might ask too much of yourself thanks to the Mercury retrograde, so try to leave room in your schedule for breaks to recharge. This can be a good time to pick back up an old project, do some editing, or perform routine maintenance.

So that's it! Wishing you love, luck, and pixie dust with the Leo New Moon!

## **August 19th 2024 Aquarius Full Moon:**

On August 19th 2024, we have an Aquarius Full Moon, and Aquarius Full Moons are times where we want to break out from the norm, push way outside of our comfort zones, and challenge the status quo. We don't want to leave things as they are, and feel everything needs to be shaken up. If we feel like we've been boxed in lately, we can rebel in a big way.

The problem with this is we may be too impatient, too impulsive, and too rash with our choices and actions. We don't think it through to the end, and this lands us in hot water. We may not realize it right away, but we come to regret not exercising a little caution and being smarter about it later. So, try to avoid doing that. If you need to break out in some way, that's fine, but you need to do your homework first and take action in a smart way, not a haphazard one.

Aquarius rules the future, our hopes and dreams, and we can focus on this more emotionally since Full Moons are more emotional. Aquarius isn't a highly emotional sign in and of itself, so this Full Moon can be a little more tamped down on emotion, but the emotion we do have, we're likely focusing on what we hope for and dream about. For some, you might make strides and achieve in some way with a dream you've already been working on and have done the right way. For others, you might opt to let go of a dream that no longer serves you anymore.

Aquarius rules change, so the Aquarius Full Moon can bring the culmination of changes in our lives individually as well as around the world. Changes that have been long in the making can reach an end, a result, or new heights, and we can be invested in the outcome. Again, we need to be smart with any changes we're working on to avoid creating more drama for ourselves.

Aquarius rules our friends, groups, and the masses, so we can grow closer with a friend or group we belong to, or we may decide to get some distance if it hasn't been going well and isn't good for us. We may see groups more invested in causes and pushing for something en masse, especially with charitable ventures and humanitarian pursuits as Aquarius rules these.

This Full Moon comes with Mercury retrograde, or appearing to move backward through the Zodiac, and Mercury retrograde enters Leo 5 days before the Full Moon on August 14th. The Full Moon is in opposition to Mercury retrograde, and it's square, which is a challenging aspect, Uranus in Taurus, as Mercury retrograde squares Taurus the day before the Full Moon on August 18th. Oh, and Uranus is the natural ruler of Aquarius as well. This is wildly wonky energy!

This feels like energy that is pushing for a major change, major upheaval, and if we're not careful, it could blow up in our faces. This energy is absolutely fan-freaking-tastic for getting out of a rut you've

been stuck in for a really long time, because the energy is SO strong for making the push that is necessary against all odds. But what am I going to say again? We have to be smart! Just rushing to do things won't work out well in the end.

Remember that Mercury is retrograde for this Full Moon, and this ends on August 28th, just a couple days after Ceres retrograde also ends. So how things look and how we feel with this Full Moon might end up being very different from how things look and how we feel after the Mercury and Ceres retrogrades ends, especially since shortly afterward, Uranus will turn retrograde, Pluto will go back to Capricorn, and Neptune will no longer be anaretic. Things shift pretty rapidly as we move into September and toward the Pisces Lunar Eclipse.

We need to keep this in mind since the Full Moon opposite Mercury retrograde and square Uranus are all in the fixed signs of Aquarius, Leo, and Taurus, and these signs aren't well-known for flexibility. They're literally fixed! So what we do with this Full Moon, we may think we want permanently, but we actually don't. This is the danger of being impulsive, impatient, and rash. Have a little patience, think it through, and go over your options first. The sign missing in this fixed squad is Scorpio, so we need to do more research and investigation, get to the heart of matters, take it seriously, and get control over our passion.

I've been warning all of you about the wild and wacky energy we've got cooking since the June Full Moon in Capricorn, that led to the crisis July Full Moon anaretic in Capricorn, and now we come to the Aquarius Full Moon that's pushing for big change, shaking things up, and trying to make us jump without looking where we're jumping first. This can lead to blocks to the work we've been doing internally since the June Full Moon and that we took action with for the July Full Moon. Don't cancel out all of the progress you've made thus far! Be smart and continue to build on the progress instead of setting yourself back. Don't be your own worst enemy, be your own best champion!

For everyone, look at any Aquarius parts of your natal chart to gauge the impact of the Aquarius Full Moon. For those who are a little more advanced, also consider your progressed and return charts, and if in a relationship, your composite chart.

By sign, Aries may focus more on what you need to change to create the future you want to have with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you can be willing to step outside of your comfort zone. Make sure you're not doing this from a place of insecurity though, or simply trying to get attention. Be confident in your choices, and go forth from there. This can help you find more independence to shape your future.

Taurus can focus on where you're going and how you'll get there with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you can give priority to the goals you're

most invested in. The foundation of yourself or your life might be feeling a little shaky, and it can be tempting to let that make you give in to impulsive decisions, so try to avoid that. Keep focusing on building yourself up internally and externally in smart, steady, healthy ways.

Gemini may want to get more space with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you want the freedom to do things your own way. You may push too hard though, so try to keep in mind the big picture and how you can utilize your ideas and plans to your benefit. Think creatively and strike a balance between your immediate environment and focuses with the larger landscape.

Cancer can work on a transformation with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you can take a serious approach and focus on it passionately, but this might go too far if you get obsessive and end up causing more chaos. This leads to insecurity and instability, which doesn't help you at all. Try to maintain control over your passion and intensity with this Full Moon, and be smart with how you make strides with the transformation you seek.

Leo may feel more invested in your connections with others and the commitments you've made with the Aquarius Full Moon. This may come at odds with the focus on yourself thanks to the Mercury retrograde in your sign, and you've likely got a lot to deal with at the moment, but the Full Moon urges you to find some balance. Without that, you can start to

get uncertain. You may need to opt for more peace and less chaos as well.

Virgo can have a lot to get done with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you may feel you need to get it done fast and in just the right way. The Mercury retrograde may have zapped your energy levels lately, and you want to make up for that with the Full Moon, but this might just cause a lot of extra stress you don't need. Focus on tweaking your schedule to balance getting enough breaks to decompress while also getting enough time to tackle the little things.

Libra may feel guided by your heart with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you may want more attention to help yourself feel more emotionally secure. You may feel the need to avoid the chaos that you may have had to deal with lately, but acting like it doesn't exist isn't the right call. Work on finding solutions, and this may come in creative ways that you hadn't thought of before.

Scorpio can tend to your emotional needs and inner self with the Aquarius Full Moon, and your emotions can be really strong. This might get in the way of what you're building externally, and you may feel the foundation of something is shaky and causes you to worry. Try to work on tending to the foundation of yourself to help with everything else, and give yourself some comfort and familiarity for now.

Sagittarius may have a lot on your mind with the Aquarius Full Moon, and you may want to sort through ideas, finalize plans, and gather information. This can help, but you may need something to use up excess mental energy, otherwise you can think yourself into anxiety. Picking back up a big project could be of help, and you can utilize the ideas and plans now to make strides.

Capricorn can crave more stability with the Aquarius Full Moon, and something might be causing you to feel insecure. It's likely something intense and chaotic is taking up much of your time thanks to the Mercury retrograde, so you can work to ground yourself and reconnect with the moment with the Full Moon. You may need to get resourceful, and work on believing in what you're capable of.

Aquarius may feel everything a lot stronger than usual thanks to the Full Moon in your sign, and you can direct your attention to your own wants and needs. The Mercury retrograde has likely been siphoning your attention away to others, and this may come at the expense of yourself. Try to focus on what you need right now, which can help you feel more secure, how you can feel more in control, and what you can do to support yourself.

Pisces can struggle with low energy with the Aquarius Full Moon, and the Mercury retrograde has likely been trying you, forcing you to get as much done as possible, and maybe pushing you over the edge. Take the

time with the Full Moon to rest, recharge, and recover. It's not failure to need a break, it's natural, normal, and necessary, so don't be hard on yourself for that. Get some time alone when you can, and work to clear something out or let something go.

So that's it! Wishing you love, luck, and pixie dust with the Aquarius Full Moon!