

## ***Moon Saturn Occultations***

Since July 16, 2005 Saturn has been in the sign of Leo. Saturn will begin its transit into Virgo on September 2, 2007. Before Saturn leaves Leo, we want to make sure we get all the valuable lessons Saturn in Leo has been teaching us. Did we ground into an everyday framework the wisdom from our hearts? Saturn has been transiting through the Leo area of your chart. Each house has a theme and as Leo wraps up its final sojourn through Leo, the area of your chart that is highlighted is the house where you find the Leo glyph ♌. We might feel that we were or are now having a test of the heart in this area of our lives. T.H. White, the author of the Book of Beasts wrote this about the lion – *"Their courage is seated in their hearts, while their constancy is in their heads...a lion...is proud in the strength of his own nature..."* Can we recognize our own strength and courage? Begin to see our own true nature?

♌ The Astrological symbol for Leo is based upon the symbol used by the Egyptians. They saw in the constellation of Leo, a lion's form with the lion's tale hanging over the Nile River.

The anatomy governed by Leo in Medical Astrology is the heart, the blood, the cardio-vascular system, the back, the spinal chord and sides of the body.

☉ The Ruler of Leo is the Sun. The Sun symbol also comes from the Egyptian's symbol for their Sun god, Ra. They considered Ra, the Lord of Light. Ra was their most essential, most important god. They deemed the Sun dependable - a source of constancy. It did not go through phases as they observed like the other planets just as the light that is held within our own hearts is there as a constant source of re-sourcing energy.

♄ The Saturn symbol holds the cross of matter or manifestation intersecting the crescent. Saturn works well with the Moon to ground formlessness into form. In the Lunar phase, the Crescent Moon is a waxing (building) energy. A time to organize into the practical world your intentions set at the time of the New Moon.

Saturn goes by many names - The Teacher, The Taskmaster, the Lord of Karma, Father Time, the Crystallizer, the Wise Elder. Saturn is often considered a signature of the health of the body. In the Saturn classroom on Earth, we face hurdles, hard lessons and pain wherever you find Saturn in natal position as well as in transit. Saturn's purpose is to bring all of what we see as painful into self-knowledge. What have we been learning about the health of our own hearts? What happens when we continue to do work or stay in relationships that our hearts are not fully invested in?

The Moon is transiting over Saturn in Leo on the following dates and times.

It is thought to be an auspicious time since the Moon is said to occult Saturn. When an occultation occurs, the Moon covers the planet. The Moon in astrology represents our subconscious and emotions, our past, and our lineage. Saturn wishes to bring into form what is held in our hearts. These times then become an opportunity to uncover more of your essence. To bring out the wisdom from your heart into your everyday experiences to live happier lives.

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Feb. 2, 2007	6:34 p.m.	22° 16' ♀
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:12 p.m.	20° 08' ♀
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	0:55 a.m.	18° 34' ♀
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:14 a.m.	18° 11'
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3:26 a.m.	19° 06'
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:03 a.m.	21° 10'
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:32 p.m.	24° 05'

James Hillman, in his Eranos Lecture, "The Thought of the Heart" describes lion cubs born as stillborn. "They must be awakened to life by a roar. That is why the lion has such a roar - to awaken the young lions asleep, as they sleep in our hearts. Evidently, the thought of the heart is not simply given - a spontaneous reaction - always ready and always there. Rather, the heart must be provoked, called forth..." It is time for all of us to call forth our hearts. Where is your own inner lion held and what makes you roar?

Be intentional about discovering within the intelligence, wisdom and sacredness of your heart. Sit within your heart and ask how to bring more pleasure into your life. How do you let your own heart light shine through to others? How do you nurture your inner child? Where are the blocks in your heart that keeps you from finding your own joy with life?

Leo holds an essential child-like, playful, fun energy. The heart's intelligence also holds a different intelligence from the head. Can you align your heart with your head? Saturn in Leo, at this time in the last degrees, is still teaching we have time to learn the deeper spaces and places found within our hearts.

*"I believe in the immortality of the soul because I have within me immortal longings. I believe the state we enter after death is wrought of our own motives, thoughts, and deeds. I believe that in the life to come I shall have the sense I have not had here, and that my home there will be beautiful with color, music, speech of flowers and faces I love.*

*Without this faith there would be little meaning in my life. I should be "a mere pillar of darkness in the dark." Observers in the full enjoyment of their bodily senses pity me, but it is because they do not see the golden chamber in my life where I dwell delighted; for, dark as my path may seem to them, I carry a magic light in my heart. Faith, the spiritual strong searchlight, illumines the way, and although sinister doubts lurk in the shadow, I walk unafraid towards the Enchanted Wood where the foliage is always green, where joy abides, where nightingales nest and sing, and where life and death are in the Presence of the Lord."*

Helen Keller, from *Midstream*, *My Later Life*

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