

## Total Solar Eclipse of July 22, 2009

22 July is Mary Magdalene's feast day, when the sun is on the cusp of the sign of the moon - Cancer and the sign of the sun - Leo. This July 22, 2009 date is extra special, numerologically, as well as, being the day of a total solar eclipse. This solar eclipse will be the longest solar eclipse experienced in the 21st century!

Solar eclipses occur when the sun and moon make a shadow on the earth. The sun & moon come together and they hide something, create something new and take something away which is no longer needed.

Solar eclipses are potent new moon energies. At the time of a solar eclipse, when the seeds or prayers of our intentions are planted, they take on an additional global significance for personal growth, as well as planetary evolution.

The brilliant astrologer, Bernadette Brady in her book "Predictive Astrology" writes about this eclipse cycle known as saros series 11 south: "this family of eclipses is concerned with the need to make sudden reforms. Old ideas or methods will fail and new systems are required to deal with events brought by the eclipse. As a consequence the person will need to think of new ways of handling issues. Any blocks could be removed violently or tragically."

Another special occurrence in 2009 is that in most years there are a total of 2 lunar eclipse cycles, one every six months apart. However, this year there will be 4 lunar eclipse cycles.

Lunar eclipse cycles are at the full moon, when the sun (father) and moon (grandmother) are opposite one another with mother earth (child) right in between. One of the lunar eclipses will be 2 weeks before the July 22 solar eclipse, and another lunar eclipse will be 2 weeks after.

Lunar eclipses are times that bring much light, awareness and insight. They are the culmination of a cycle and usher in a transitional time period, clearing things out of our lives from the past. A time of completion and finishing up, that will have significance in the future. I perceive this year to represent a very important time of healing and completing the old in order to bring in the new energies.

January 26, 2009 was the first solar eclipse of this year.. This ignited the Aquarian energy. The sun, moon, Jupiter, Chiron and Neptune were all in Aquarius. The 3 planets Jupiter, Chiron and Neptune will continue to station in Aquarius throughout 2009. They will align with the powerful Aquarian stars known as the 3 lucky stars of "hidden secrets", of the "foundation" and the "kingdom" located in Aquarius, the sign of the water bearer, the one who pours forth the pure water of life that feeds and nourishes humanitarian endeavors that support life, light and love.

The other important star aspecting the 3 planets in Aquarius, is the star Deneb in the constellation Cygnus the swan, which is the Northern Cross. Deneb is the main star along the evolutionary path of the Milky Way who guides us home, to the knowledge of our galactic inheritance, our soul star origin and to our unity consciousness.