A Reading for the
2020-2021 School Year

The 2020-2021 School year will undoubtedly be like no other. The school year commences near a New Moon, which may add to the nervous energy, but it is also an ideal time for starting new things. It will be important for teachers to hold a strong and clear vision of their top priorities and revisit those priorities frequently as winds change.

With many planets in earth signs and cardinal signs, the tone could be very active, heated, and focused on physical resources. With Mars in Aries, there could be a general combative mood, but when channeled properly, Mars in Aries will get things done. Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto square to Mars will likely mean that things won't get done without some confrontations which will be full of their own challenges.

Channeling the nervous energy of Mercury in Leo and trying to listen to our constituent communities, could go a long way to helping people feel heard when concerns of equity arise.

Sun in Leo shows an old, familiar tendency to rely on pride, or lording over others. Authoritarian structures are undergoing transformation with Pluto in Capricorn, and top-down models may no longer be effective. Unfortunately, much of the authoritarianism may be unconscious, shown by the placement in the 12th house.

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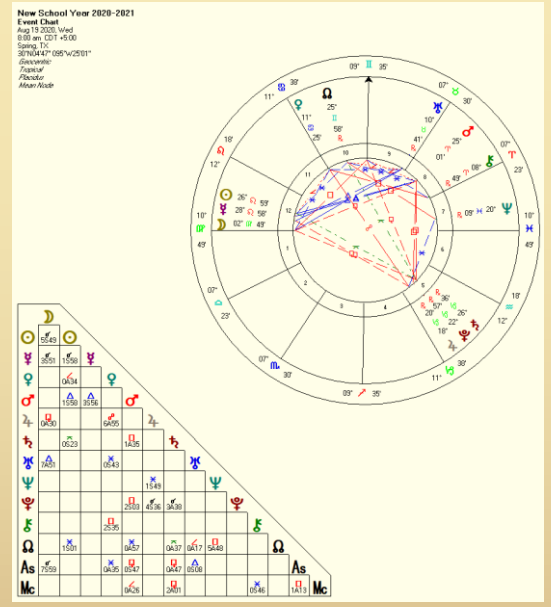

Venus' placement in opposition to Jupiter may indicate that perhaps we are unable to see the simple things and are being overcome by complexity of our institutional structures. This seems to show the overloading of the innocent with burdens (perhaps manifesting as children having to learn everything online by themselves.) Perhaps it shows overloading the inexperienced without the thought of the consequences. It could also take the form of parents having to neglect their jobs to serve as inexperienced teachers, or teachers having to teach in unfamiliar ways, using technology they are inexperienced with. Either way, we will need to find healthy ways to unload these burdens.

Overindulgence, perhaps in the form of bribery could be at play behind the scenes. Not much will be helped by conforming to what others want, by simply being tied to apron strings. Mars and Chiron in Aries seems to ask for standing up for what is right.

Schools are expected to live up to the expectations of society, but the pressures of the Covid-19 teaching environment may be overwhelming to the emotions. With Moon at 2 Virgo so close to the Ascendant, acts as a reminder that spiritual help is always available. Remember to find ways to express gratitude and connect with the forms of spirituality that are most powerful to you in these challenging times of stress.