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FROM THE EDITOR

As we move into August, the sun transitions from bright and proud Leo into meticulous and detail-oriented Virgo. These qualities have much to teach us in terms of realising our personal aims — be they romantic, professional or even financial. The more we learn that spiritual growth is really about balance, the more we see the world transformed around us.

Tom Ford truly represents a unique set of psychic and astrological qualities. His journey from University dropout to fashion icon and filmmaker have inspired our psychic team to take a closer look, and find out what makes him tick.

Psychic Andrea (pin 7726) then takes us on a journey into the traits of Leo — another fascinating and vital sign, the qualities of which are well-worth understanding. Andrea also discusses the various gemstones of August, exploring their various psychic and spiritual histories.

We're thrilled to bring you another inspiration-packed edition of our monthly magazine, and we're proud to be your choice for talented, genuine psychic readings for guidance on this wonderful and mysterious path of life.

Love and Light,

Lauren X

FEATURED PSYCHIC



Greta PIN 7832

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WHAT PSYCHIC TOOLS DO YOU USE?

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TOM FORD



In many ways, Tom Ford has the typical beginnings of an influential and enigmatic figure. He was born in Texas on 27th August, 1961, making him a Virgo in the Chinese Year of the Ox. The son of two realtors, he graduated high school in New Mexico in 1979. Eager for a taste of the wider world, he moved to New York City and attended New York University, studying art history. This, he soon realized, was not the right school or field of study for him. He dropped out of NYU after one year, but remained in New York City. He pursued a career as an actor, took jobs in TV adverts, and eventually enrolled at Parsons New School for Design.

Here is where Tom Ford began to find his calling. As he advanced in his study of architecture, he was surrounded by the glamour of disco-era New York City. His interests moved steadily in the direction of fashion — but when he graduated, it was with a degree in architecture.

Ford's Virgo energy supported him through these years. Virgo is a hard-working and diligent sign, and is less likely than other signs to get caught up in too much reverie. Ford was a regular face at the famed Studio 54, but he would have projected a stylish and reserved persona, keeping his focus on education and career.

But what would that career be? It was becoming obvious that fashion was his thing, yet his education was in buildings. The answer turned out to be Parsons New School for Design.

As the story goes, Ford interviewed for jobs following graduation, stating that he had graduated from Parsons New School, which was (and is) famous for fashion. Carefully omitting the fact that he was trained in architecture, he relentlessly pursued an opening into the industry — going so far as to call the designer Cathy Hardwick every day for a month until he finally agreed to interview him. At the interview, she asked about his favorite European designers. He answered Armani and Chanel, but not because it was the truth. He had noticed that Hardwick herself was wearing Armani, and tailored

his response accordingly. Ford was hired, and worked under Cathy Hardwick for two years.

The idea of concealing the truth in order to reach professional goals is common to strong astrological configurations involving water. Water is a fluid element that isn't always wedded to absolute honesty, so long as the goal is adequately defensible and no one is hurt in the process. In Tom's case, you have the moon sitting on the ascendent in watery Pisces, making a beneficial trine to Venus in 5th house Cancer. This would have given him a diaphanous charm — and a unique ability to get his foot in the door.

Ford's Mars in Libra is another telling aspect of his astrological signature. It conveys a strong physical beauty — a masculinity which is inherently stylish and social. That kind of charm would have served him well as he continued to climb the fashion ranks in New York and Milan.

By 1993, at the tender age of 32, Tom Ford was hired as the Creative Director of Gucci. At the time, the house was in a period of deep financial struggle. It was a major opportunity to prove himself, and his sun and Mercury in 6th house Virgo were up to the task. These aspects gave him a meticulous work ethic and razor sharp eye for detail. Combined with his intuitive watery elements, these qualities enabled Ford to make a stunning turnaround at Gucci. Sales increased more than 90% during the mid-90s. By the time Tom Ford left Gucci in 2004, the company was valued at greater than \$10b. According to documentation at the time, four people had to be hired in order to fill the gap left by one ambitious man.

We all know the Tom Ford of today — fashion icon, notable film director, and pop culture reference. Those achievements did not come easy. There was heartbreak. There were long hours, and there was huge pressure. Ford's unique combination of fluid watery elements and hard-working earth signs — including the Chinese symbol of Ox — have truly served him well on his path.

August Horoscopes



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Aries

This can be an incredibly powerful month for you Aries. Why? Well, there are two eclipses which are going to be affecting you in a very direct way. These can be absolutely superb for your creative output but also for your relationships too. Over the next six months you have an opportunity to really dazzle people with your talents. However, attention to detail will also be important.



Cancer

Both Uranus and Mercury go into retrogrades this month, and it's going to be important therefore not to take issues around your worldly interactions or everyday communications for granted. Yet anything linked to property could well turn out to be very positive. But remaining flexible and open-minded is going to be key in all that you do. Energy will also revive from the 23rd.



Taurus

Patience is going to be important this month, particularly once Mercury goes into retrograde on the 13th. Balancing your worldly involvements with the needs of home, family and loved ones, may take some doing. However, as Saturn begins a direct motion on the 25th, your long-term financial situation can stabilize, as can shared resources or business interests, Taurus.



Leo

On the 21st of this month, there's a stunning Solar Eclipse in your zodiac sign. This Black Moon means that you have received two lightning bolts of energy within one month that can help to rejuvenate ongoing strands, or see you initiate new ones. With Uranus also angling well to this Eclipse, there really is a sense of out with the old and in with the new, and it can feel very exciting.



Gemini

For most of this month Venus is travelling through a superb part of your situation, and this can see you enjoying all the good things in life to the max, and perhaps also a slice of good financial fortune. The eclipses this August can also be very positive for you, encouraging you to communicate at every turn. Your upbeat and radiant personality, will win many more fans, Gemini.



Virgo

Your ruler Mercury is in a very sensitive location this month, and from the 13th goes into a retrograde. It's going to be important not to get isolated from people that you are close to. There can be a sense of you just focusing on your everyday needs or one special person, to the exclusion of others. Your energy is set to improve hugely once the Sun enters your sign on the 23rd.



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Libra

With Uranus going retrograde from the 3rd, the restlessness you have experienced around relationships since 2010, can become a feature in the next half year. But see this as an opportunity, and an opportunity to network and connect with other bright minded beings. Both eclipses this month can be so powerfully good for you. Seize the opportunity to reach out to others.



Capricorn

Shared finances and property matters have something of a split dimension this month. On one hand this can be an area of great potential, whilst on the other, there is the potential for some misunderstandings. Work hard to avoid this. You may make some surprising decisions around where you live, who with and how, in the last half of this year, and it could even mean moving altogether.



Scorpio

There's little doubt that your role in life can go through some big changes through to the end of this year, particularly as far as your professional and worldly involvements are concerned. Think big and aim high, but this may mean that you will have to embrace new ways of being and working. If you can have the confidence to go for this, despite any little snags, a brighter future beckons.



Aquarius

Whilst your modern guide Uranus, and Mercury, both go into retrogrades this month, this still can prove to be a very powerful and special month for your zodiac sign, Aquarius. The Lunar Eclipse in your sign on the 7th links brilliantly to luck bringer Jupiter, and the Solar Eclipse of the 21st to Uranus. All this means that your moves around relationships can be truly life changing.



Sagittarius

Your ruler Jupiter forges a magnificent angle to the Lunar eclipse on the 7th. This can bring a greater vibrancy to your friendships and the communications you enjoy with them. There's a sense that your natural desire to experience new frontiers is coming more strongly back into focus. In fact, by the time Saturn goes forwards in your sign on the 25th, it can prove to be irresistible.



Pisces

Some issues may surface this month which to begin with can seem a little disconcerting. Actually, what they're going to do is enlighten you with a much greater understanding of a key issue. With the Solar Eclipse of the 21st, along with Mercury's retrograde, you will be grappling with some nitty-gritty issues, but one relationship can truly hearten you all of this month, Pisces.

Taming the Lion



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Those born under the Leo Star sign have a very independent streak and a need to push forward — however, they still need something to control and someone to admire and appreciate them fully. They are driven by this desire to be loved and adored. Why? Because Leo has an air of royalty about it. Natives of this sign are much happier with an audience (or people) to admire and look up to them. Quite simply, they prefer not to be alone.

Leo has a passion and zest for life, along with a generous warm spirit. Natives have a tremendous ability to lift the spirits and moods of those around them, and provide encouragement when times are rough. Their enthusiasm attracts people like a moth to a flame. This fire sign is naturally a social butterfly — not always because they want to be, but because people naturally gravitate towards them.

Generally speaking, Leos are very difficult people not to like. They are warm, balanced and realistic. They tend to not dwell on the past, and struggle to understand those who do. They have a tendency to pamper friends and family, treating them well and even showering them with gifts. A Leo is the ultimate friend — they will not hold a grudge and are forgiving to those around them. On the flipside, some natives can have a strong self-centred streak.

Leo is a natural born leader. Business

dealings come easy, and they radiate confidence. This can be an issue if a Leo is not in the position of authority or management. Most Leos eventually reach this level due to their powerful drive to succeed, making them excellent leaders with natural people skills. The work place is a natural kingdom that a Leo can control. They always give orders with enthusiasm and cheerfulness, allowing other people to take direction easily. They treat others with respect and equality.

‘A secret of a Leo is they need to be needed.’

Leo can also be temperamental. They love the new and extraordinary, get bored easily with a dull regular routine, and have been known to create their own drama and excitement to spice things up. Because of this, Leo will sometimes stir up a situation just for something to do. They have an amazing ability to bounce back from feelings of despair, and diffuse an awkward situation.

As a strong personality, Leos will often find themselves conflicted with other leaders or powerful people. They will understand and accept opinions of others, but they do not like others encroaching on their beliefs.

Another element of Leo is its extremely sensitive side — which it strives to hide at all costs. Natives often keep their warm heart under wraps, feeling this to be a weakness. If a Leo’s audience

or friends do not provide the necessary adoration, Leo will be too proud to ask for it outright, and will suffer in silence.

The symbol Leo is the lion, which suits it very well. They seek to build a kingdom around that they protect and cherish — whether it’s work, family, a partner or a home. You will find them centre stage and basking in the spotlight, and they will do whatever it takes to protect their own reputation. Public image is everything to a Leo. Do not however, misjudge a Leo for being selfish. They are very generous and kind-hearted people. It’s true if a Leo is crossed, they will extend their claws and strike back with force. But once the situation is dealt with, they never hold a grudge. A great partner and provider and a need to protect is a must with a Leo, but remember inside every person born under this sign, there is a giant egotistical cat lurking and waiting, with their claws never far from the surface.

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Gemstones of August



Peridot



Sardonyx



Spinel

Most of us are aware that each individual calendar month has its very own birthstone which corresponds to a particular precious or semi-precious stone — which in turn holds meaning for those born in that month. But did you know that that some months can be associated with more than one stone? The month of August has three birthstones: Peridot, Sardonyx and Spindel.

Each of these birthstones has a very distinctive look, rich in unique history and symbolism. Anyone that is born in the month of August is in luck, with three beautiful birthstones to choose from.

Peridot is the most commonly recognised of the three. This brilliant green stone is formed beneath the earth's crust in the upper mantle, and is brought to the earth's surface through volcanoes or tectonic plate shifts. As green Peridot crystals are found in volcanic ash, ancient Hawaiians believed them to be tears of the volcano goddess, Pele. Peridot has been worn for centuries and has been used to protect and heal.

Peridot is the national gemstone of Egypt; ancient Egyptians called it the gem of the sun, and it was used by Pharaohs as an amulet to ward off evil. When set in gold, Peridot is said to protect the wearer from nightmares, increase strength, and ward off anxiety. Peridot has the ability to reduce stress, anger and guilt. It can sharpen and open the wearer's mind, dissipate lethargy, and inspire passion. It is also believed to strengthen the immune system and bring healthy benefits to the skin.

Sardonyx is a form of onyx known for its reddish-brown hue, banded with white or other light colours. This stone is commonplace and affordable, but still highly sought-after. It's a popular choice for cameo jewellery and was carried into battle by ancient Greeks and Romans in the form of heroic talismans with carved images of Mars and Hercules. It stands for protection and strength and encourages virtuous conduct and mental discipline in the wearer.

Sardonyx favours luck, friendship, happiness and good fortune. It is a stone of strength and protection. It enhances willpower, integrity, stamina, self-control and vigour. It will help to ease depression and overcome hesitancy. This is also a good stone for marriage and can be used to protect the house. From a health point of view, Sardonyx has many positive properties. It helps to repair bones and lungs. It heals the sensory organs: Touch, smell, hearing and eyes. It regulates fluid within the body and increases cell metabolism. It even strengthens the immune system.

Spinel gemstones are often confused with sapphires and rubies, but they do have a character of their own. Spindle stones are rarer than rubies, although they come in bigger sizes with colours ranging from vivid blue to a deep red, including orange and light pink. Spinel's name derives from 'spina' which is Greek for 'thorns' — this is very fitting since it contains sharp edges in its natural form. People who wear this gemstone are believed to gain high energy and mental power.

Spinel is very much associated with energy renewal, overcoming difficult circumstances and rejuvenation. When used it opens up the Chakras due to the wide colour range, and helps Kundalini energy move up the spine. This gemstone enhances all positive aspects of your personality, and can help the wearer achieve and accept success with humility.

As well as Spinel's rejuvenating and detoxifying abilities, this gemstone lengthens life by balancing Chi energy and removing blocks to energy flow. It promotes physical vitality and eases exhaustion.

To be born in the Month of August certainly seems to be lucky. Linked to these powerful gemstones, rich in healing properties, can only go towards the strength of one's character and personality. But with such help benefits these birthstones should be not only used but cherished by us all.

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