

The Power of Choice

A Cosmic Look at the Fourth of July

“The world will persist in exhibiting before you what you persist in affirming the world is.”

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Every year we mark the Fourth of July with fireworks and flags, with backyard gatherings and the smell of something on the grill. Beneath the celebration, though, lives a deeper story — one written not only in ink on parchment, but in the Heavens themselves. This year, that story is especially loud.

THE SKY ON THE FOURTH

On July 4th, 2026, the cosmos delivers a signature that astrologers do not take lightly: Mars conjunct Uranus at the early degrees of Gemini. Picture the meaning of it. Mars is the will — the spark of action, the courage to move, the sword we lift when we decide. Uranus is the Awakener — sudden freedom, the lightning that splits an old pattern wide open. When these two meet, you get ignition. You get revolution. You get the precise frequency of a people declaring, *we will choose for ourselves*.

It is a fitting sky for a holiday built on independence. The energy is electric, a little restless, unwilling to be told how things must be. Mercury is retrograde in Cancer that day, which asks us to slow down and revisit, to feel into home and belonging before we leap. The Sun shines in Cancer too, lighting the themes of roots, family, and the tender question of what we are truly loyal to.

THE FOUNDERS CHOSE THEIR MOMENT

Here is where the tale grows richer. As the astrological tradition tells it, the founders did not stumble into the Fourth by accident. The vote for independence was cast on July 2nd, 1776 — John Adams himself believed the Second would be the date remembered through the ages. The Fourth, though, became the nation’s birthday — the day the wording was adopted and the declaration proclaimed.

Astrologers have long pointed to the Moon as the quiet reason. On the Second, the Moon sat in cautious, contracted Capricorn. By the Fourth, she had moved into people-loving, freedom-minded territory, far better suited to the launch of something audacious and new. Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were men of the Enlightenment, students of the natural order, attuned to timing in ways our modern world has nearly forgotten. Whether by design or by grace, the nation was born under a sky that matched its mission.

The point for us is not the historical footnote. The point is the principle underneath it: *the moment you choose is itself a creative act*. When you select your timing with intention, you align your will with the larger current. You stop pushing against the river and let it carry you.

A NATION OF SEEKERS

The most widely used chart for the United States rises in Sagittarius — the sign of the seeker, the philosopher, the one who must be free to roam, to question, to believe. It is no surprise that a country born under that ascendant would build its whole identity

around liberty. Sagittarius does not do well in a cage.

This year's Mars-Uranus meeting falls in Gemini, lighting up the very part of the nation's chart that governs voice, ideas, and the restless exchange of thought. The collective conversation is being electrified. Old assumptions are up for revision. Into that charged field, each of us brings our own small, mighty vote.

YOUR CHOICE IS THE MICROCOSM

Here is the teaching I keep returning to. *As above, so below; as within, so without.* You are not separate from the great cosmic cycle turning overhead. You are a microcosm of the macrocosm, and every decision you make ripples outward through the field of consciousness we all share. When you choose courage over fear, presence over distraction, alignment over the easy compromise, you are not only changing your own day. You are raising the frequency of the whole.

This is the quieter independence the Fourth invites — not only the freedom won on a battlefield, but the freedom we reclaim each morning in the privacy of our own minds. What am I affirming today? What am I declaring true? Where am I spending the precious currency of my time and my creativity?

Your life is your declaration. You sign it new with every choice.

AN INVITATION

As this Fourth approaches, sit for a moment with the sky's electric question: *What am I ready to liberate myself from?* Name it. Then name what you are choosing instead.

Let this be your affirmation:

Today I choose freedom — and the world reflects it back to me. I move with intention, I create with joy, and the frequency of my choosing blesses all of life.

And so it is.

With love and reverence,

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