

April 2024 Astrological Outlook

GREETINGS:

Welcome to April, the most power packed month of 2024. With 14 planetary connections, we are having whiplash with constant change and surprises where anything can happen. People and situations may be unusually volatile and somewhat chaotic. Since no planets were retrograde in February and March, April begins with Mercury going retrograde (**4/1-4/25**) in fiery Aries, where risk taking and impulsivity and impatience are guaranteed to throw us all off balance. I think everyone is aware of the total eclipse that will occur on **4/8** as a Supermoon in Aries takes us to a new level of possibility. It is called the Great American Eclipse because it is visible from Maine to Texas and as a New Moon eclipse will propel us forward with new thoughts and goals and with the firepower of the Aries energy life will shift rapidly. The eclipse opens a door through which there are huge beginnings and exciting opportunities, particularly for the next 6 months. Aries energy symbolizes the warrior mentality, the need to choose our own path, take the lead and be assertive and courageous. ***The Full Moon in Aries occurs on 10/17/24, allowing us to see how far we have come.*** The second most important event in April occurs on **4/20**, when Jupiter and Uranus finally join together in Taurus. Jupiter and Uranus merge every 14 years bringing shocks, surprises, innovations, and disruptions. When the two largest planets in the Solar System conjunct the energy of expansion and adventure are sure to arrive: think 1776 and 1968!

MAJOR TRENDS IN APRIL:

MERCURY MOVES BACKWARD IN ARIES FROM 4/1-25:

With no planets moving backward for the last two months, Mercury is the first planet to shake us up a bit. Communication is problematic for most of us and all of us will remember that electronics don't work well, travel is an adventure, not a great time for major purchases and with Mercury in Aries, aggression, impatience, frustration and misunderstanding in communications is likely. On **4/19** Mercury and Venus align with the Sun, increasing clarity and opportunity.

ARIES SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8:

The total darkness of the Aries total eclipse will be seen in the United States and symbolizes a new beginning with the Sun, Moon, and Mercury in Aries, the first sign

of the zodiac. The energy of Aries brings powerful new beginnings, encouraging leadership, independence, and passion. It represents a time to begin a new journey with the firepower to shift our lives rapidly. A door opens to new chapters, huge beginnings, and exciting opportunities. The warrior mentality is leading us to choose our own path and take the lead in our lives. With Mars and Saturn moving close to one another on 4/10 the energy of strength and determination is part of the equation and keeps us moving forward.

SUN MOVES INTO TAURUS (4/19) AS JUPITER AND URANUS MOVE IN TANDEM INTO TAURUS:

On **4/19** the Sun leaves Aries for earthy fixed sign Taurus, slowing the pace so we can breathe while Mercury and Venus blend in Aries. The pace picks up on **4/20** as giant Jupiter and Uranus, the planet of genius begins to blend. This combination, which occurs every 14 years, expands opportunity and creativity, urging us to develop a progressive mindset and enjoy a life full of good fortune and embrace change.

Energy moves very rapidly during this period and for some of us it will feel like chaos. Chaos is the mother of creativity and genius and brings unlimited beneficial innovation. With the expansive planets in Taurus, the first earth sign, we can welcome the celebration of Beltane which occurs on **5/1**. This is a celebration of the earth and nature and the beginning of the planting season. Jupiter will move with Uranus until the end of April. Look forward to expansion and creativity as nature's gift to all of us.

FULL MOON IN SCORPIO (4/23/24):

The Full Moon in Scorpio (the pink moon) urges observation of deeply buried aspects of our nature, including darker thoughts and feelings. Pluto, the ruler of Scorpio, is a strong influence on this full moon. When what has been unconscious comes to the surface, it is time to process and release the pain of the past, catalyzing profound change. Stabilizing Saturn is making a triangle to the Moon, allowing maturation to support our growth.

MERCURY MOVES FORWARD (4/25); VENUS COMES HOME TO TAURUS (4/29); MARS COMES HOME TO ARIES (4/30)

The last week of April brings us a Full Moon, Mercury moving back into forward motion, Venus coming home to Taurus **4/29-5/23**, and Mars joins Neptune (**4/28**) as he moves home to Aries (**4/30-6/8**). This will be a period of slower, easier energy, allowing us to absorb the energy that April brought us. Time to take a vacation and/or use the three r's of wellness: rest, regeneration, and recreation.

This is a once in a lifetime energy vortex for all of us in the month of April. This is a once in a life energy pattern for all of us in 2024. We will look backward on April and see the patterns that emerged and understand their meaning. If I can support or guide you as you transform your life, I will be available for consultations in person or virtually this month when I am not doing landscaping.

WISHING YOU AN OPEN HEART, BRAVERY, CREATIVITY, THE LIGHTNESS OF BEING AND MIRACLES OF PROGRESS,

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