

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I hope you had a thankful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the end of 2020. We have a lot to celebrate this month as the force is with us as the ending of cycles gives birth to the beginning of new cycles. December's energy began in later November with the beginning of the Eclipse Season on 11/30 with a lunar eclipse at a Full Moon in Gemini which I sent out on Monday 11/30. Eclipse seasons let us know what's important to us and offers a guide to our transformation possibilities. The eclipses of the seasons occur in the signs Gemini and Sagittarius, the signs that the Moon's nodes occupy until January 2022. It is interesting to look at the themes of these signs as we turn a corner in December. Gemini asks us to determine if we can be aware of our thought patterns, as well as our ability to communicate and collaborate with others in the most truthful and authentic way. Sagittarius asks us to trust life to provide us with the flexibility and optimism to meet the everchanging tides of life. These ideas are highlighted between November 30 and December 14, the total eclipse of the Sun and the New Moon in Sagittarius.

Before I go into a more detailed discussion of December 2020, I want to remind all of us of the power of the Winter Solstice on December 21. The Winter Solstice has been celebrated worldwide as long as there has been civilization. The day before the Winter Solstice rituals arise, including fires that burn all night as a symbol of the return of the light of the Sun. December 20 is the longest night and the shortest day of the year, a true crossroads of direction and clarity. I will send out an email on how to prepare a personal ritual for this timely event. If you wish to be on my email list for this and other additional information, you can email me at nan@nanhallinke.com.

Since this is a landmark event astrologically and in every other way you can imagine, this is an important year to have your astrological chart updated. I have GIFT CERTIFICATES available for 30 minute and 1-hour consultations for you, your friends and family.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 2020:

JUPITER AND SATURN COMBINE IN AQUARIUS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES:

This is the major astrological and astronomical event of 2020. The inevitability of this blend and its chaos leading to creative change for all of us began in January 2020 as Saturn and Pluto combined in Capricorn, signaling the destruction of the world we have lived in. In March 2020, Saturn moved into Aquarius upping the ante for chaos and change. The end of this cycle occurs on December 21, 2020. Many of us believe and hope that this turbulent cycle will end with a breath of fresh air in the air sign Aquarius. It has been 30 years since Saturn visited Aquarius and 12 years since Jupiter spent a year in the sign. The last time we had these two planets together in Aquarius with such a tight conjunction was in 1623. This combination symbolizes a flowering of culture, science and social justice for all people. As we say goodbye to 2020, we will experience a mixture of hope and sorrow. This begins a big change period of several years where we are encouraged to use our compassion and creativity to develop new strategies and beliefs. It is a true paradigm shift. Expect sure and steady progress, increased optimism and rapid change and growth. Since this great conjunction occurs in the sign Aquarius it emphasizes future technological advances, a more enlightened society and greater freedom to become and celebrate who we are, the essential task of 2020. This is a huge opportunity for humanity to grow, mature and advance. **FEAR NOT.**

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE NEW MOON IN SAGITTARIUS (DECEMBER 14):

Prior to the New Moon eclipse, on 12/13 Mercury in Sagittarius squares Neptune in Pisces as it drops into the South Node of the Moon so make sure you don't engage in fear, unhelpful fantasies and catastrophizing. Your mind will be given a shot of optimism as the New Moon Solar Eclipse emerges on 12/14, bringing a bolt of fiery optimism and lucid dreams for your future. Mercury makes a strong aspect with persistent Mars in the evening of 12/14, bringing strong feelings of optimism and belief in success moving forward. On 12/15 Venus enters the optimism zone of Sagittarius, adding to our collective and personal imagination of a positive future.

SATURN AND JUPITER CHANGE SIGNS FROM CAPRICORN TO AQUARIUS:

Every one of us will breathe a collective sigh of relief as Saturn leaves Capricorn and enters air sign Aquarius on 12/16. The almost 3 years (12/21/2017-12/15/2021) has been torture for many of us (myself included). When Saturn returns to its home sign of Capricorn it is the great tester and teacher and brings us face to face with our shadow. It is truly the DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL time for many. We get a 3 year never ending pop quiz of life challenges that is designed to have us emerge stronger, like the pressure that produces a diamond, or the aggravation which produces a pearl. As Ernest Hemmingway wisely said, "Life breaks us, and some of us become stronger in the broken places". Saturn moved into Aquarius on the following dates in the past 60 years: 2/6/91—1/29/94, age of the internet, and 1/4/62-12/16/64, the space age. We should all be excited about the amazing changes that we will experience in the next 3 years. I believe the quick formulation of the several vaccines is part of this period.

FULL MOON IN CANCER (12/29/20):

As this topsy turvy year ends, we have a Full Moon with the Sun in Capricorn and the Moon at home in Cancer. I for one am going to burn my 2020 calendar and make a list of all I have learned and become throughout this challenging year. This a welcome pattern at year's end. On 12/23 Mars made its final charge at Pluto for the year, reigniting and releasing the tensions of this year. We have been building to this release since August so enjoy the feeling of release it brings, even though it may deconstruct our momentum and necessitate a change in direction. On 12/25 Mercury and the planet of surprise Uranus make a pleasant trine and on 12/27 the Sun and Uranus create a pact which leads to changes in our thinking and development goals. The Full Moon in Cancer (12/29-30) is the first Full Moon of winter and shines on the needs of the Moon in Cancer, emotional balance, attachment, home, family, intuition, and what connects us to our feelings and deep needs. For most of us this will be a time of nostalgia and a great time to release the feelings of loss and challenge we have experienced during this crazy year. I always make a list of what I want to release and make another list of what I have learned and aspire to in the following year. I burn the past and put the future into a beautiful box of possibility and gifts of the spirit.

A PERSONAL THANK YOU:

I wish to express my gratitude to all of you who have given me support over the past 50 years of my practice of astrology and psychotherapy. The year 2020 allowed me to begin my 50th year as a helping professional, a true honor. Last year I decided to do my Winter Solstice ritual on JOY, something I have never experienced consistently. I am happy to report that the red JOY jar that now sits on my altar to JOY, a gift from my great friend Janet, the sweater that says JOY from my long term friend Sue, and all the pictures and candle that I received from my friend Janice got me started. Imagine my surprise that when I decided to begin a 6 day a week rehab in water from June 1 - November 30 at sunrise that JOY was

waiting for me in the water at dawn. My inner mermaid emerged, and I am finally **JOYFUL. IT IS TRULY A MIRACLE.**

WISHING YOU LOVE, KINDNESS, JOY, ABUNDANCE, GRATITUDE, AND A MIRACLE,

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