

## May 2023 Astrological Outlook

### **GREETINGS:**

May begins with the powerful planet Pluto starting his retrograde phase as he backs out of Aquarius and into Capricorn on 6/11, remaining in Capricorn until he joins the Sun in Aquarius on 1/21/24. This begins a new cycle of Pluto power, a time of destiny and fate for all of us. Pluto will allow all of us to release what no longer serves us and remind us of our fragility and need for surrender rather than struggle. Pluto joins Mercury in the long line of retrograde planets we will adjust to for the remainder of 2023. To add to the intensity of this time period, Mercury joins Pluto on **5/1** forming a cazimi as it enters the heart of the Sun.

### **MAJOR ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS IN MAY:**

#### **FULL MOON LUNAR ECLIPSE IN SCORPIO:**

On **5/5** the second eclipse of 2023 occurs with a Full Moon in Scorpio, ruled by Pluto, intensifying this period of endings, and turning points. Since this is a Lunar Eclipse the days before and after may be extremely emotional for many of us, with our minds overpowered by our feeling function. During this period of change and shakeups, anything can happen. We are entering a period that helps us slow down and take extra time for self-care and remember that the energetic message of Taurus planets is to find peace and grounding. Since Taurus is ruled by Venus, it is time to seek pleasure and sensual delight.

This powerful Full Moon occupies the south node of the Moon allowing us to have deeper understanding of our need for change and transformation. Lunar eclipses are ramped up Full Moons. The lunar eclipse in Scorpio may dredge up old issues around intimacy, bonding, shared resources, fears, obsessions, secrets, and addictions: truth is revealing itself. This awareness will be intensified as the Sun in Taurus joins Uranus, the planet of awakening on **5/9**.

#### **MERCURY MOVES FORWARD: JUPITER ENTERS TAURUS FOR 1 YEAR:**

On **5/14** Mercury begins forward movement, emerging from a cocoon of self-reflection. It is wise to move slowly until Mercury is out of his shadow on **5/31**. Thereafter we can sign contracts, buy electronics, plan trips, and think straight again. After Jupiter's entry into Aries in May 2022, we all can slow down

and dig into a new expansion plan as Jupiter enters Taurus on **5/16**. The shift from fiery, cardinal Aries into earthy fixed sign Taurus will bring a more stable, relaxing period of expansion and opportunity for the next year. Jupiter's move into Taurus will bring growth, expansion, good fortune and maybe some miracles for the things Taurus rules: wealth, resources, real estate, possessions, pleasure, sensuality, and art. I believe we will feel like we are heading toward a better year where it is time to smell the roses, be more practical, realistic, and pragmatic about building our lives. This is a time to find peace and enjoy the good life again. The year that Jupiter was in Aries amplified our ambition, courage, and determination. Jupiter in Taurus brings growth and expansion of a quieter optimism allowing the expansion of patience which allows us to build our greatest hopes and dreams personally and professionally. It is time to reap the benefits of our hard work in the past year.

### **TWO POWERFUL TRENDS AS SUN ENTERS GEMINI:**

On **5/17** a rare event occurs which can be felt weeks before and after, as Jupiter in Taurus squares off with Pluto, now in Aquarius. This is the first occurrence since 2017. The result we may feel is the deep desire to succeed at all costs, i.e., calling Scarlet O'Hara. On **5/19** the Sun and Moon join together in Taurus, creating a powerful New Moon which helps us stand firm and make concrete plans, particularly in areas where we have not succeeded. Under the revitalizing energy of the Taurus New Moon a new avenue opens allowing us the fresh energy to succeed. This New Moon is supported by Mars in Cancer and Neptune in Pisces, both water signs, which allow for an easier flow of physical energy and inspired action. There is also a supportive triangle from Pluto in Aquarius which adds clarity and speed as we build something more solid in our lives. Since Venus is also in Cancer, intensifying caring, empathy, compassion, and initiative. Thereafter the Sun shines in mutable air sign Gemini and it is time to socialize, laugh and remain open minded and curious.

As May comes to an end Mars and Jupiter square off (**5/23**), bringing possible financial breakthroughs and on **5/28** the Sun in Gemini squares off with Saturn in Pisces imposing order and reality. I for one, am looking forward to a more grounded, peaceful time to recover from the dramas of 2023. A slower pace with more enjoyment and hopefulness is upon us if we choose that path. I will be working all of May to accomplish that plan. If I can help you in any way, I am

available in person and virtually, including your personal astrological trends. **REMEMBER**, June brings the Summer Solstice, a powerful time of release and change. I am considering resuming a ritual class to celebrate the positive vision we all share. Stay tuned and I will decide when Mercury releases all of us.

**WISHING YOU A MONTH OF PATIENCE, PROGRESS, EASE AND PEACE,**

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