

October 2023 Astrological Outlook

GREETINGS:

The Full Moon in Aries set the tone for the fast-moving month of October, one of the most intense months of 2023. With the Sun, Mars and Mercury occupying air sign Libra in the early days of October, relationships, balance, and peace are where all of us should focus. Libra is ruled by Venus and is a Cardinal air sign which speeds up the pace of life. With two eclipses in October, expect that significant beginnings, turning points, breakthroughs and endings may occur. As the cyclone known as eclipse season emerges on **10/14** with a Ring of Fire New Moon in Libra we will zoom ahead and bolt the doors to the past. We are receiving additional change energy due to the inner planets changing signs: Mercury now in Virgo as the month begins, will move into Libra on **10/4** and move on to Scorpio on **10/22**: from earth to air to water, for some of us a wild ride of differences between our thinking and communication functions. Venus and Mars also change signs as you will read below.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGE AND GROWTH AS A GIFT FROM TO US FROM THE PLANETARY PATTERNS IN OCTOBER:

MERCURY, VENUS AND MARS CHANGE SIGNS:

The personal planets moved forward (Mercury and Venus) and Mars moved into Scorpio and out of Libra. When Mercury moved out of his shadow on the last day of September, opening the door to his entry from Virgo into Libra (**10/4**), the focus moved from tidying up our lives to relationships, peace and balance. On **10/23** Mercury joins the Sun in Scorpio, deepening our mental focus and emotionality for the next 4 weeks as the intensity for the truth becomes unavoidable.

Venus remained in Leo from 6/5-10/9 when she entered Virgo, bringing more focus on making life more orderly and intensifying the practical needs in our lives, rather than our desires. As she enters Virgo, Saturn was staring at Venus, pointing out what is and what is not working in our lives, making it clear that we have new choices which will honor a more sensible approach to relationship issues.

Mars moves into Scorpio out of Libra on **10/12** and is supported by Saturn in Pisces, bringing greater self-control and ability to work independently.

Another benefit from the movement into Scorpio brings additional willpower and courage, and life may take on a sense of urgency and intensity.

NEW MOON ECLIPSE IN LIBRA: A RING OF FIRE SEEN IN TEXAS

After Pluto begins his slow flow out of Capricorn (**10/10**) the New Moon in Libra coincides with the first of 2 eclipses in October. This Ring of Fire eclipse pattern requires special glasses to protect your eyes and it will be visible in Texas so get prepared. The eclipse season is the time of the year where we watch the sands of time twist, twirl, and rock with our lives spinning at its mercy. This eclipse is a Solar Eclipse which will shine light on how to upgrade our relationships and move back into balance. Since this New Moon is squared by Pluto, now intensifying his power, pay attention to where you are resistant in your relationships. This is a big clue that you need to address whatever you resist.

GROWING INTENSITY AS OCTOBER ENDS (10/21-10/31): SUN IN SCORPIO, PLUTO SQUARE THE SUN AND FULL MOON ECLIPSE:

On **10/21** the Sun in Libra struggles with Pluto in Capricorn for the next to the last time in our lives (last time is 10/21&22/2024). When the Sun encounters Pluto, the Lord of the Underworld, and shines his light into the hidden worlds of darkness, it is more than an aha moment in time. If there is a problem you want to correct with your relationship life, pay attention during these dates for clues. This October brings the second Eclipse of the month with the Full Moon in Taurus and the Sun in Scorpio on **10/28/23**, bringing practicalities to the fore: we need to pay attention to what absolutely must be addressed to assist our physical wellbeing and material security. Emotional considerations must be balanced against basic needs. The Full Moon frequently emphasizes where something needs to give. With Mercury and Mars in Scorpio opposing the Moon and Jupiter in Taurus, stand your ground over anything that feels vital. With Mars in Scorpio, we should think twice about taking on any of our opponents fully and manage our own wellbeing in the best way possible

As you may imagine, a month full of changing energies and two eclipses will be unimaginable for most of us. If there is an event or a shift that you need to process and receive guidance about, I am happy to meet with you in person or virtually on the telephone. No more eclipses until 2024 so we have lots of thoughts and feelings to digest until then.

Wishing you cooler weather and rain if you live in Texas, and if you already have cooler weather and reasonable rainfall, I suggest a book I read last week and went to a workshop on over the weekend: ***The Journey Toward Wholeness*** by Suzanne Stabile. It is the best book on the Enneagram that I have ever read. I believe all of us should learn what our number (1-9) is in the Enneagram so we can grow to our better selves. Enjoy your growth as you read and understand this essential tool.

Wishing you enjoyment on October's wild ride, so keep your sense of humor handy and slow down you can digest your life,

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