

## GREETINGS;

After the longest coldest winter in 26 years, Spring is most welcome this year. The warmth and hopefulness we all feel in April as the Sun moves through the "starting over" sign of Aries, we all benefit from the strength of Mars moving through Leo, with passion, creativity and heart centeredness. Keep that in mind as the temporary frustrations and distractions of Mercury moving backward begin around midnight on 4/18.

On 4/20, the Sun moves into fixed earth sign Taurus, signifying the importance of being grounded and retaining awareness of what we truly value for peace and security. Mark your calendar for 4/26, as the powerful planets Saturn and Uranus once again oppose one another from signs Virgo and Pisces, respectively. You may remember that the first of these patterns occurred on election day 2008 as the forces of "change" (Uranus) overturned the forces of the status quo (Saturn). I can only guess what this will do for our political process. This will be especially significant for you if you have planets in Pisces, Virgo, Aquarius and/or Capricorn.

The New Moon in Aries occurs on the morning of 4/14 which signifies a period of renewal and optimism for all of us, particularly those born at a New Moon and those with planets in Aries. The Full Moon for April occurs on the morning of 4/28 and brings with it a pattern of emotional volatility, as the Sun in Taurus opposes the Moon in Scorpio. This pattern, following the Saturn/Uranus opposition, suggests we should all find a peaceful place and try to maintain balance. Avoid difficult people and difficult situations if at all possible.

On April 6, Pluto, the supposed non-planet, moves into resting status until September. In my experience, we all will breathe easier without its pressure cooker energy. This is especially true for those with planets in Capricorn, who have experienced never ending permanent change in the past few years.

Once again Mercury moves backward this month for its 3 week rollercoaster ride, beginning around midnight 4/18 and ending 5/11. Remember, this can cause confusion in communications, decision making and travel. This is always more true for those with planets in Gemini and Virgo, and since Mercury is moving through Taurus, for those with planets in Taurus, and for the rest of us in financial matters. This is not a good time to make major financial decisions, wait until May or get busy the first two weeks of April. Mercury moves out of Aries and into Taurus on 4/2. On 4/5 Mars over energizes the mind and clear thinking is not the result. Some people may have trouble not losing their temper this day. Fortunately, on 4/6 Pluto acts as a strong stabilizer, bringing us back into reality. From 4/6-4/25, Mercury makes no important contacts with other planets, so developing more introversion and introspection is recommended for everyone. On 4/25, another burst of Mars energy occurs, warning us not to speak impulsively or with anger.

Venus spends most of April in Taurus beckoning us to enjoy the pleasures of earth and to develop our sensual side. On 4/3, Mars adds some spice to our lives, especially for those with planets in Taurus, Libra, Aries and Leo. On 4/4 Pluto and Venus form a stabilizing, clarifying pattern. This is a good day to make decisions about money and relationships. On 4/23 Venus and Neptune try to connect, not always with realistic results. For those who are creative, this could be a great day to receive inspiration. On 4/24 Venus and Saturn again make a strong pattern of reality and stability, especially for those with planets in Taurus, Libra, Capricorn and Virgo. On 4/25 Venus enters light hearted Gemini, encouraging us to play more and laugh more. For those with planets in Gemini, this begins a month of opportunity and increasing good fortune.

Mars moves through the first half of the sign Leo in April, energizing those with fire planets, intensifying creative ideas and making it easier to assert our beliefs with passion. All those with planets in Leo are on a roll. The rest of us are along for the ride.

Jupiter continues its movement through Pisces, bringing unbelievable opportunity and ease to those with planets in Pisces.

Uranus moves into the last degrees of the sign Pisces, speeding up the change factors for those with Pisces planets and to a lesser degree to those with Virgo planets. We are all experiencing change beyond our control, so making inner adjustments and establishing patterns of balance and gratitude with ourselves and others is a necessity. It has been 84 years since this pattern has been experienced, and for most of us this is an unimaginable time of change.

As always, if you are confused, or need help in planning or navigating these energetic patterns, I am in my office to help you find peace and meaning. Please call my office at 713/520-1551 if you need to schedule an appointment.

ENJOY THE WARMER WEATHER.

NAN