

## GREETINGS;

I hope you are enjoying our green, warm and beautiful Spring. The pollen is the only down side to this beauty. After over 2 years of Hurricane, winter freeze, drought and too wet winter, the trees are very distressed and the hyper pollination is the result.

For those who were unable to attend Anita Ricca's seminar on 3/17, she is offering you the opportunity to call her at 713.528-6004 and schedule an appointment for a brief consultation about your skin issues and questions. Call her to schedule your time in April.

LANDSCAPING; We have lots of great plant choices available to perk up your garden, as well as building and design of structures, tree work and tree consultation, clean up and irrigation services. Please contact me to schedule your desired services. I am available to consult with you about doing it yourself for a one hour fee of \$95. I am trained in horticulture, a Texas Master Gardener, a certified organic specialist and love to be outside making exterior decorating decisions with you about your needs. You can call my office at 713/520-1551 to set up an appointment.

## APRIL ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

I am sure we are all are looking forward to the end of Mercury retrograde on April 4 around dawn. Communication, transportation and general nuisance will lessen as things get back on track, particularly at month's end (4/23) as Mercury returns to the point it went off the grid in a spinning motion. Plan to take action this month as the Sun, Mercury, and Uranus vibrate to the decisive traits of action sign Aries. This trend is further enhanced by the presence of Mars, Jupiter and Pluto grinding away in earth signs Virgo, Taurus and Capricorn, respectively. The combination of so much fire and earth energy is like a steam roller. Plan your new construction of life changes with that in mind.

For those who have had less energy and been irritable since 1/23, the good news is that Mars reverses position to forward gear on 4/13. For those with planets in Aries and Virgo, this is especially good news. For the rest of us, life should offer greater opportunity for harmony and reduced conflict. It should also facilitate healing of health conditions that have been aggravating us for the past 6 months.

Venus moves from its comfortable home in Taurus on 4/3 into Gemini, increasing the pleasure energy for those with planets in Gemini, as well as encouraging all of us to lighten up and have a great time more often. Conversation should be entertaining for the next month. On June 6 there is the second Venus cycle which encourages our creative pursuits and gives us a great dose of Sun/Venus energy which we have not experienced since 6/8/2004. These cycles, 8 years apart do not reoccur until December 2117, 121.5 years from now. Take advantage of this fabulous opportunity and get your creative juices flowing.

Another important cycle we are moving toward is the challenge from Uranus in Aries to Pluto in Capricorn which occurs 7 times between 6/2012 and 3/2015. The challenge from individuals to the power structures which have disempowered their progress with become more intense over the next 3 years. We have seen it occurring all over the world and in the US as well. It is hard to believe it is just beginning, but those of us who remember 1968 and the years preceding this time, will not be surprised at the intensity of this time. Now that we have the internet to feed change like a virus, predicting outcomes is a fool's game. Personally, we are all asked to move beyond our comfort level and experience growing pains so we can bring new energy into our lives.

The Full Moon in April occurs on 4/6, just before Passover and Easter with the Moon between Pluto and Saturn. As you might guess, this is not the happiest time for those with planets in Libra, but on June 25 Saturn starts its move out of Libra and finishes on October 5, 2012. The pressure of the past 3 years will lift and the lessons, properly learned and remembered will bring about a new stability and wisdom. This is the final phase of a 3 year period and this is the final 6 months.

The New Moon in April occurs on 4/21 in Taurus, which is a wonderful pattern for all of us, especially those with planets in Taurus, as the Moon joins generous, jovial Jupiter on 4/22 which is a wonderful time to celebrate and enjoy life. Please plan something fabulous for this weekend.

We begin April with Mercury standing still in Pisces, either in daydream or paranoid mode, depending on your mindset. As Mercury moves forward on the morning of 4/4, life begins to slowly come back into focus. On 4/16 Mercury moves into Aries where confident decision making and visionary perception are the norm. On 4/22 Mercury joins Uranus for a jolt of brilliance and sudden intuitive consciousness and the following day 4/23 Mercury returns to the point where it went off the path in March. For those who have decided to be capable of progress, this is the point of upward movement. On 4/25 Mercury encounters Pluto in Capricorn for a deeper understanding of reality and power and how to achieve more of both. These are very important times for those with planets in Aries, Gemini, Virgo, Scorpio and Capricorn. Life is changing at a profound rate for all of us at this time.

Mars, which is the energy, action trigger of life is getting back into the game on 4/13, which is a lucky Friday the 13th. After 2-1/2 months of Mars backing up, many of us feel like the energy has drained out of our minds and bodies. It will now come back with enthusiasm. Mars normally stays a month or so in a sign, but this will turn out to be a 9 month birth cycle as Mars gets back up and running in Virgo on 4/13. My observation has been that many people have encountered health conditions that have been challenging. As Mars moves forward and out of Virgo on 7/3, we can all improve our lifestyles and feel better than ever. On 4/23 Mars and the Sun in Taurus make a strong triangle of wellness. Look forward to this energy opportunity. All those with planets in Virgo and Aries will be especially relieved.

As mentioned above, the movements of Venus are heading to a very rare astronomical pattern on 6/6/2012. Increased creativity and a desire for peace and harmony are part of this pattern. Please make this a priority in your life so you can align with this energy pattern, as it is your last chance in this lifetime. Venus enters Gemini on 4/3, adding incentive to all those with planets in Gemini to have an even better time than they already do. We should all join in as they know how to play. On 4/5 Venus and Neptune inspire and confuse us a bit, especially for those with planets in Gemini, Pisces, Taurus and Libra. This is not a decision making day, just a time for musing. On 4/7 Venus and Mars run into each other, which can cause sparks that excite or incite, depending upon the people and circumstances. On 4/24, Venus joins the Moon in Gemini. This is a great time for a party or fun loving gathering. Don't miss this opportunity. The last week of April is especially wonderful for all of us, a bonus for the challenges that preceded it.

Jupiter continues to move through Taurus, bringing benefit to those with planets in Taurus, Scorpio, Aquarius and Leo, and for anyone else who can live the real world of pleasure.

Saturn is still rolling backward in Libra, playing havoc with relationships that need a tune up or to be released.

Uranus is beginning its 6 year journey in Aries, uninterrupted, which will leave us all more decisive, brave and brilliant.

Neptune is settling into a 14 year voyage home in Pisces, ushering in a creative time like we have not seen in centuries.

Pluto remains in Capricorn, moving retrograde on 4/10, which will lessen the pressure and increase the opportunity for those with planets in Capricorn and Cancer.

As you can see if this makes any sense to you, life is mending itself and bringing increased opportunity for all of us who choose it. If you need help in unraveling your own mystery, or need a practical mind to problem solve with you, call my office to schedule an appointment.

Enjoy the beauty of the earth.

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