

GREETINGS;

As we approach April 2014, the first full month of Spring, we need to be rested, regenerated and balanced as we ride the biggest wave of change of 2014. In case you have read or heard about the extraordinary energy patterns of April, remember anything this rare affects all of us collectively and most of us will not be affected personally. I believe astrology is a tool of understanding so we can expand, not a tool to scare us to death so we can hide or fail to participate. That said, the big wheel of fate and action are activated continually in April, so get ready to rock and roll since there is a lot of shaking going on in the cosmos, and as we know, as above, so below.

LANDSCAPING: Finally warm weather has returned so we can clean up and plant our yards. If I can help you with any of your landscaping projects, including irrigation, tree work, landscape design and hardscapes let me know. If you are a do it yourself person, I can consult with you at the rate of \$95 per hour. I am a Texas Master Gardener and have had years of horticulture training and have maintained a small landscape company of experts for over 10 years. To see pictures of my work and learn about my company, please visit my website at www.nanhallinke.com and click on the Landscape tab.

APRIL ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

The prevailing rhythm of April begins with a New Moon in Aries on March 30 joining Uranus. This combination urges us forward and is a wakeup call to take the next big step on our path offering our unique gifts to all we know and in all we do. Uranus is a call to our future and invites us to take risk and become more accepting of the uncertainty in our lives. This is the "Let Go and Let God" moment for each of us.

On April 2 the Sun joins Uranus increasing a desire for innovation and freedom. Nervous energy is a consequence of this jolting combination, so expect to be surprised in all you do. On April 3 the Sun in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn square off in what could be a struggle between Power vs. Force. The result is greater clarity about what we need to release to move forward. On April 7 mental Mercury moves into Aries and joins the team Aries planets as decisiveness, assertiveness and action prevail mentally as well as physically. On April 11 Venus and Neptune join together in Pisces and feelings prevail. This is a great time for love and connection, as well as a time to meditate and deepen your spiritual connection with yourself. On April 14 Mercury joins Uranus and a lightning bolt of brilliant insights and new solutions seems shock us out of our old way of thinking. This is the day to have a flash of genius about old issues and new solutions.

Also on April 14, Mercury and Pluto square off bringing a depth of our understanding of what does and does not serve our purposes. Finally, on April 14, Pluto changes direction until September 22, which can and does often rock our world in ways we expect and cannot imagine, and this is just the first 2 weeks of April

On April 15 relationship reassessment is on the calendar as we experience a total eclipse of the Moon in Libra at the Full Moon. The task before us is to realign ourselves with others so we give and receive in all our dealings with others. Self-sacrifice is no longer possible and our ability to communicate is the key to success in this task. For many of us this will be a clarifying Full Moon as it is a total lunar eclipse. Lunar eclipses occur when the Sun, Moon and Earth align more precisely affecting us through the change in the electromagnetic field. It is a time to ask what we really want and what is holding us back. As we change, what we look at changes as well.

The most important time of April occurs the last week of April as the 5th of 7th squares between Uranus and Pluto occurs on April 21, asking us to release our resistance to self-actualization and move beyond the limits that are no longer set in stone. Joining this pattern are Mars and Jupiter, which energize this pattern intensely. We need to review the four corners of our life: home and work and relationships with others and self, in order to more accurately assess our needs. It is past time for a change and the pressure to let go and move forward is speeding up at this time so pay attention to your heart and mind. The period between April 21-23 is a time of breakthrough instead of breakdown, through the

development and use of the character traits of courage, collaboration, ingenuity and integrity. This is the time of crossroads (Cardinal Cross), where we are clear what is working and what is not. It is part 2 of the crossroads pattern which occurred from 12/25-30 2013. The last reorganization of this phase occurs from June 14-25 2014. Get used to embracing uncertainty and hanging loose. It is Part 2 of the 1960's revisited. Nothing in ourselves or in our lives will remain static thereafter. For many of us this is a relief, others a fear.

Lest you think it is time for a rest, another big event occurs on 4/28-29 with a Solar Eclipse/New Moon in Taurus at this super powerful New Moon a healthy relationship with the physical/material world will be our focus. Mercury joins this New Moon which allows the development of new understandings about how to take care of our bodies, manage our money, and realign our value systems so we can find inner happiness no matter what the outer appearance.

Mercury, our mental catalyst moves quickly from Pisces (water) to Aries (fire) on 4/7. On 4/23, as mentioned above Mercury enters Taurus (earth) and joins the Solar Eclipse on 4/28-29. In my experience, when the mind is moving from feeling to imagination/intuition and finally to reality, it is a helpful pattern. On 4/2 Mercury and Saturn are very balanced and on 4/14 Mercury expands with Jupiter and lands on Uranus. Both of these times bring excellent resources for problem solving and initiating new projects and new relationships. On 4/15 Mercury and Pluto did deep into life and on 4/16 Mars energizing our thinking and tempts us with conflict, which is never a good idea to engage in. On 4/29 Mercury and Pluto dig deep once more and calmer heads should prevail.

Venus leaves Aquarius on 4/5 and spends the rest of the month in Pisces, which reminds us that we are all one and are spiritual beings in physical bodies. This is a month to deepen your spiritual practices and seek more tools for relaxation and release. Venus joining with Neptune on 4/11 brings magic to all we see and do. On 4/17 Jupiter and Venus give us a burst of pleasure and self-assurance. On 4/25 as Venus and Saturn move into balance, practical solutions to unusual conditions seem possible.

Mars is a bit of a trigger and can be a troublemaker in April. Mars is the god of war and rules Aries. In the remaining 2 months of retrograde (backwards) motion, it is not the time to try to resolve problems with difficult people. I would advise you to do an end run around them. Mars is messing with the Cardinal Cross and anger and impulse are tempting all of us to push and not wait for answers and solutions. This is particularly true from 4/22-23 as Mars runs into Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto and turns up the volume and the heat on all of us. Normally, I do not believe in times of difficulty but this is a two day period to play it safe and hunker down unless you are sure you know what you will be facing.

The dance of Jupiter continues in Cancer, urging all of us to feel our feelings and value our families and heal all the relationships associated with them. It is also a great time to spend time at home and upgrade your comfort there.

Saturn is drifting backward in Scorpio and giving us all a break.

Uranus moves forward in Aries keeping many of us from sleeping through life or taking anything for granted. It is a lesson in Gratitude when things go well.

Neptune continues operating in the dream time in Pisces.

Once this month ends, things will return to a new normal.

My take on April is that it has happened before, but not to all of us and in the past 50 years society has changed and the changes will be different than any of us can imagine. I do believe the task is to be centered, relaxed, connected to others, and to practice optimism. If you need new tools or someone to talk issues through in April, this will be a good time to schedule a personal consultation with me or someone else you feel comfortable with. Do not be driven by fear when change is near, rather look forward with optimism to learning something new and gaining in wisdom and experience.

For those of us who remember the 1960's Part 1, it was an amazing time and we wouldn't have missed it, as it reshaped all of us in ways we could not imagine. Enjoy the first full month of Spring and enjoy the beauty of the earth!

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