

## GREETINGS;

Hope you had a marvelous March, a lovely holiday weekend and are ready for the energy of a dynamic, dramatic high energy month with unlimited opportunity for change and progress. I got a surprise invitation to join the delightful Deborah Duncan on her TV show Great Day Houston to discuss the meaning and usefulness of dreams while sharing a bed with her - it was indeed a "dream assignment"! I hope you enjoy it. The link is [here](#).

Shortly after April begins we have a dynamic New Moon in Aries on 4/7 which is energized by revolutionary change agent Uranus. This begins a fast moving period of change which may feel like a spinning wheel of never ending surprises. Pack your courage for this journey. The Full Moon in dramatic Scorpio arrives on 4/22. By month's end 3 more planets (including pesky Mercury), will join the retrograde motion train, and we are all urged to look inward as we discover a deeper level of awareness in ourselves and others. Mars in fiery Sagittarius moves backwards on 4/17 and Pluto joins on 4/18. From 4/28-5/22 Mercury urges us to carefully review and revise the important thoughts and actions in our lives for the second time this year. With so many planets in fire and earth, life will be dynamic and dramatic and seem at times like a steamroller is chasing us as well as giving us momentum.

LANDSCAPING: With the arrival of an early Spring, there is much to do to clean up and make our outdoor lives more lush and colorful. Let me know if you need a consultation to help, or if I can bring one of my crews with me to create a better landscape for you to enjoy. I have a great irrigator and tree/fence builder who can help you if needed. The flowers of Spring/Summer are spectacular. I am enjoying the new plantings in my yard with great anticipation of a blooming new life. I even bought a key which I painted gold to open the door to my new future. The energy of April is creativity on steroids.

## APRIL ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

As April begins, we are in the final week of the powerful Lunar Cycle created by the two eclipses in March, 2016. The March eclipses have compelled us to revisit important issues which were central to us in the Fall of 2015. In the past 6 months we have gained new perspectives and we are now ready to apply our new insights to manage new opportunities and/or resolve remaining challenges. The outer planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Pluto and Uranus continue to stretch and reshape our lives both personally and collectively, as we revisit energy patterns which were last this active in 1968. Retrograde planets dominate the sky in April, drawing our attention inward as we take stock of the direction our lives have taken. Jupiter and Saturn are currently retrograde and Pluto, Mars and Mercury join them in April. As we enter May, half of the primary planets are moving backward, offering us the opportunity to reflect on where we have been, complete unfinished business and gain increased self-awareness before venturing into new territory.

Prior to the powerful Super New Moon of 4/7 the Sun in Aries is beautifully balanced by Saturn in Sagittarius on 4/5, aiding our ability to integrate the personal with the universal as we move into the New Moon cycle. Venus enters Aries and Mercury enters Taurus on that day as well, shifting our values and thoughts into new patterns just prior to the New Moon. On 4/6 and 4/7 the Sun in Aries joins revolutionary change planet Uranus and pushes against Pluto in Capricorn for a growing momentum against the status quo, both personally and collectively. The strong New Moon of 4/7 energizes leadership. Self-actualization, courage and true power. This provides a tremendous energy source for revolutionary change and is not a time for half measures. We are all called to action with enthusiasm, authenticity and courage. At this New Moon Mars joins Saturn and Jupiter urging us to be pragmatic and practical, as well as visionary, focused and flexible. This is a no time like now time. We are all more capable than we imagine so it is time to plant seeds and go for it.

On 4/9 the Mars, Jupiter, Saturn T-Square begins in earnest driving each of us deep into spiritual searching and practices, opening the door to the meaning of life. It is a time to share your wisdom and open yourself to adventure and foreign travels literally and figuratively. Our lives will move rapidly and we will all be asked to juggle and find the humor in life and all of its challenges. The Sun in Aries joins Uranus on 4/9 and none of us will have the power and willingness to resist our original selves. This is a flash of genius day so take

time to meditate on your challenges and opportunities. On 4/12 Venus in Aries and Mars in Sagittarius form a creative pattern for improving relationship and money issues, as well as increasing harmony and creative flow. Enjoy this vibrant time. On 4/14 Jupiter in Virgo and Pluto in Capricorn form a balancing triangle of expansion and consolidation of power. Mercury in Taurus joins the mix and loads the bases in expanding the possibility of practical thinking leading to success with short term and long term goals.

On 4/17 Mars begins a 10-week period of moving backward through Sagittarius into the late degrees of Scorpio. During this time it is important to assess whether we are acting in alignment with what we most believe in and value and to reflect on our deepest desires and motivations. It is tempting to worry and have conflict with anger issues during this period. Find a way to harness your aggression to make change within yourself so you can move forward with greater ease in 10 weeks. With Mars retrograde, and shortly Mercury joining in (4/28), this is a surefire formula for mechanical and electrical malfunctions. It is a terrible time to buy cars and other mechanical items. Postpone if possible and where necessary buy a warranty. Be unusually cautious driving and move more slowly to avoid accidents. Resist fighting with anyone. Some people implode with this pattern.

On 4/18 Pluto boards the retrograde train for a 5-month journey providing each of an opportunity to delve more deeply into our own psychological issues, helping us to overcome patterns that create feelings of powerless and inferiority. Venus and Saturn form a strong fire pattern, providing stability and inspiration as we begin this task.

On 4/22 we will have a powerful Full Moon in Scorpio, which will illuminate our progress in the past 2 weeks. Since the Sun resides in earth sign Taurus, this is an opportunity to ascertain how well we are relating to our bodies, our wealth and our relationship with the earth. Taurus instills the importance of realizing our intrinsic, divine worth, how we as spirit are playing with form and molding and being molded in the clay of our lives. With the Moon opposing the Sun from the depths of water sign Scorpio, always obsessed with uncovering the true motivation beneath our feelings. The questions surrounding our deepest hungers and greatest fears will appear in our conscious mind effortlessly, begging to be answered. At this Full Moon Venus joins Uranus in Aries, increasing the desire for pleasure and novelty. At this time the T-square between Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune is highly active. Since this 3 legged table is stabilized by the energy of Gemini, we are pointed to the way out of our difficulties by the development of curiosity rather than criticism, and learning to listen as well as speaking up. This mutable T-square of 2016 urges us to question our biases and beliefs and be open to new ideas and solutions to old problems and conditions. As Mercury moves backward on 4/28 for 3 weeks, we are urged to rethink our priorities and bottom lines. With Mercury in Taurus, we need to ask ourselves what would make us happier, simpler and more satisfying. Use the light of this Full Moon to imagine how you could create more beauty, peace and joy in your life. Give away what you no longer need, enjoy and go toward what makes you smile.

After the Full Moon passes, Venus and Uranus join forces in fiery Aries urging us to seek freedom and autonomy, allowing relationships to develop with new people and groups, even those somewhat out of our comfort zone. On 4/27 The Sun in Taurus and the Moon in Capricorn form a pattern of stability which is parallel to a need for freedom and movement. The challenge is to let the two needs co-exist with stability and openness. On 4/28 Mercury begins his retrograde period where the Trickster energy is hard to ignore. On 4/29 Venus enters Taurus where the urge for peace and beauty feel at home.

As you can see, April is a time of increasing change and opportunity for each of us personally, as well as collectively. If I can help you process your feelings, understand your patterns of thinking and behaving, or make a plan for your future, please let me know.

With all the fire of Cardinal sign Aries, we are all in for a high energy time. Enjoy the ride.

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