

GREETINGS:

I hope you are ready for the next two-week period, which may turn out to be the most turbulent and transformative of 2018. The period begins with a dynamic New Moon in Aries, preceded to the welcome relief of Mercury out of retrograde and both Saturn and Pluto turning retrograde in earth sign Capricorn. In addition, solar winds continue to flow. This highly ionized cosmic energy affects not only our heart, breathing and digestion, but also our psyche, restructuring our consciousness by activating trauma residues, clearing cellular memories, and facilitating connection with our higher self.

The radiant royal energy of the Sun in the last degrees of Aries (4/15-20) illuminate the creativity and glory which is designed to reshape what lies within us. As the Sun and Moon join together early evening on 4/15 the combination of energies in Aries touch Uranus and its lightning bolts which always bring a bit of the unexpected and unimaginable. Surprises, revelations, breakdowns and breakthroughs are part of its promise. New patterns occur as Mercury moves slowly forward just prior to the New Moon. With Mercury in Aries our minds are aflame and ready to conceive, discover and create new patterns of thought.

On 4/16 Venus in its home sign of Taurus opposes Jupiter in Scorpio and a supportive triangle with Pluto on 4/17, helping to clarify our bottom line and realize new truths. On 4/17 Saturn takes its yearly retrograde backward journey urging us to pay attention to areas where we are out of integrity with our inner needs. It is time to see who and what is driving us and learn to say no to some things, leaving us space to say yes to other possibilities.

On 4/18 the Sun in Aries makes its annual trip over the planet Uranus, the last time for 84 years as Uranus begins a 7-year rumble in peaceful Taurus beginning on 5/15. This energy provides a release from constraints, especially personal ones, as well as a need for expression of our needs, often as something of a surprise and sudden shift in perspective.

On 4/22 it is time for truth or consequences as Pluto, Lord of the Underworld and the Shadow begins to compel to see what has died in our lives, urging us to face our worst fears and note where we are held back by guilt, shame and/or blame. Pay attention to what needs to be forgiven, healed and released.

The powerful joining of Mars and Pluto occurs on 4/26, just 3 days before the powerful Full Moon in Scorpio. Both struggle and release occur at month's end, challenging us to be mindful of our reality and not reach the breaking point. We may be confronted at this time from many unexpected sources. This is a time for tenacity and hard work. It is time to stand on solid ground and be an energetic planner and builder. This is an especially strong Mars pattern and a great time for unleashing unbounded creative projects full of innovation.

I wish you much success and awareness in navigating the energies of the last 2 weeks of April. If I can do anything to help you and help to plan the shift from fire to earth energy, please let me know.

In honor of my continued optimism and love of flowers, I include the pictures of my yard as it continues to flower with new possibility.

WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE,

NAN

