

GREETINGS;

I want to thank all of you who sent me birthday wishes for my 70th birthday. I realize I have spent 50 of those years paying people to help me grow and change, something that would have been unthinkable and unacceptable in my family of origin. It has been time and money well spent as I feel very fortunate to have had such good support from professional helpers. Please do not struggle with your issues alone. It is called Compulsive Self Sufficiency (self-sufficient in an insufficient way).

As the Summer of Manifestation of 2013 continues, the energy which entered our lives in June from air sign Gemini, then moved into a grand water triangle in July with planets in Cancer, Pisces and Scorpio, is now in August heating up from fire sign Leo. It will end the month of August with planets in Virgo, Taurus and Capricorn. This winding current of ideas, feelings, and creative energy leading to practical change has provided each of us with a unique opportunity to become aware of what does and does not serve us and to remove the obstacles to the development of our greatest potential which in August is greatly accelerated by the presence of the Sun, Mercury and Mars becoming energized by the alchemical fire of Leo.

As many of you may know, on July 29 a very rare pattern of astrological energy occurred called a Star of David. It last occurred on February 27, 1945. Shortly thereafter peace occurred in May and August and World War II officially ended. We can only hope this multidimensional mandala which occupied the earth and water signs, as 6 planets were positioned exactly 60 degrees apart will bring about the peaceful embrace of the qualities associated with the Sacred Feminine: emotional intelligence, harmony and cooperation, gentleness and kindness and the nurturing grace of caring for one another.

This summer is a time to get serious about what we want, need and make a plan to actualize our desires by getting serious about what to focus our attention on. It is like wishing on the 6 pointed Star of David, which is considered very fortunate for all who align with its intention.

LANDSCAPING; Unbelievably in the heat of Houston, as the hurricane season and the inevitable storms of summer and early Fall approach, it is time to get all your trees trimmed and clean up any weeds and debris. It is not too late to mulch and to prune some plants. If you don't have an irrigation system, you may want to invest in one. Let me know if I can help you in any of these areas.

ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK FOR AUGUST 2013

In this third month of a summer which is providing a golden opportunity to manifest our deepest desires, part of our past must be left behind to open the door to self-renewal. We are asked to move from competition to cooperation so we are in alignment with the energy patterns of the Star of David. In June 2012 we had a rare Venus/Sun eclipse which began the manifestation of desire process in earnest. The Grand Water pattern from June-August is an enhanced period of feeling, creating and releasing what stands in our way of developing our full potential. Most of the people I know have been cleaning out and releasing without cessation. For those who have noticed how crazy many people have been in their behavior in recent months, the non-rational nature of the feeling function has been a destabilizing feature. For those of us who welcome Feeling as Healing, it has been a gift. To feel we must slow down and allow the unconscious to present us with gifts of knowing without understanding how we know. In other words, INTUITION rules this summer more than ever.

As August begins, we are still reeling from the backwashing nature of July and seeking to redirect our lives with courage and clarity. On 8/3 Mercury moves back onto the path it left in late June straightening out the mess it made for many of us. On 8/6 a New Moon in Leo beckons, bringing passion and creativity back into our lives. The day afterwards, on 8/7 Jupiter in Cancer opposes Pluto in Capricorn bringing a spotlight to the areas where we are still struggling. On 8/20 we have the second Full Moon in Aquarius this summer (which seldom happens) and for those with planets in Aquarius this can be a time of great change and opportunity. The day after the Full Moon, 8/21, Jupiter in Cancer rocks Uranus in Aries, making us all aware of where our expansion of self-expression needs some development.

Mercury makes up for the months of June and July in August, moving from Cancer (water, feeling) to Leo (fire, intuition) and finally entering Virgo (earth, sensation). On 8/8 Mercury in Leo squares off with Saturn in Scorpio, which is not the time to argue about money and/or power. On 8/28 Mercury in Virgo moves in harmony with Pluto in Capricorn. This is a great time to start a business or make plans to fix what is broken in your life.

Venus moves from practical Virgo into relationship focused Libra on 8/16, and all of us will want to share as much time with others as we can. The last week of August will provide a review course in our relationship life. On 8/24 Venus and Pluto square off from Libra to Capricorn – this is not a great time to struggle with money issues. On 8/26 Venus in Libra will oppose Uranus in Aries and can provide relationship surprises as well as unexpected opportunities to grow and change. On 8/27 Venus in Libra and Jupiter in Cancer provide a chance to travel or have quality time with family or those who share your values.

Mars stirs the emotional pot while remaining in watery Cancer till 8/27, at which time it moves into Leo. Wherever we have felt the lack of rationality or noticed it in our dealings with others, there will be a positive shift into greater balance.

With the slow moving planets Uranus in Aries, Pluto in Capricorn and Neptune in Pisces slowing down even more, the planets of change Jupiter in Cancer and Saturn in Scorpio have the strongest effect on our lives. Jupiter will be in Cancer until July 2014, and it is a great time for making a nest and creating better relationships with family and allowing the introspective more introverted part of our nature to expand. With Saturn in Scorpio till late 2014, it is wise to handle your money frugally and get out of debt and not take financial risk unless you can afford it. It is also time to get a budget and come to an agreement with those whom you share financial commitments. We will all become excessively clear about what we value and what we do not value during this time. Many things we felt were essential to our well-being no longer seem desirable.

On 8/25-26 the Moon occupies Taurus, and makes a triangle with Pluto in Capricorn and the Sun and Mercury in Virgo. With 4 planets in earth this is a period of great productivity and actualization of all that we have thought, felt and imagined in this amazing summer. This is a period of harmonizing and actualizing. This is the time to launch what we value into practical actualization. At this time the astrological patterns are supporting our efforts to build a new way of life.

If I can help you clarify your direction in this time of incredible opportunity, please let me know. This is the time to find some new insights and new tools for your tool box of life. Enjoy this Summer of Manifestation and look forward to a peaceful Fall.

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