

GREETINGS;

I hope you are moving forward in this world of chaos in magic. When I was thinking about the energetic changes of November and now December, the words "Fate Train coming" popped out. I will hit the highlights in December so you can rearrange your expectations and goals accordingly. Prepare to be surprised as this unpredictable year comes to an end. I hope you have made time for yourself so you can answer the following questions:

Who am I, how can I be who I am with others, who and what affects me in a negative way, and do I have the courage to take care of myself, so I can move forward.

As Victor Hugo said: "The future has many names. For the weak it is unattainable. For the fearful it is the unknown. For the bold it is opportunity". Another timely statement I heard recently is that there are two ways to live your life: the right way and the easy way. With Saturn (the maturing and teaching agent for all of us) moving into Capricorn on 12/19, we are all moving up a notch in ways that have not occurred for 30 years. Get ready: there is a Fate Train coming.

GIFT CERTIFICATES:

I have gift certificates available for you and your loved ones in the amount of \$95 (30 min.) and \$185 (one hour). I started on my journey to consciousness in December 1968 when I went to a professional Astrologer. It was a life changing experience for me to see how I feared and hoped I was more clearly. I have been growing toward that reality ever since. The young people I have seen in my office lately are as hungry for this experience of being and growing into their potential as I was in 1968. They are ripe for change and appreciate experiences more than material goods. In my opinion, they have their priorities straight in that area. Let me know if you want to purchase an experiential gift for yourself or your loved ones. I will be in town all of December and in the office before and after Christmas.

ENERGY PATTERNS HIGHLIGHTED IN DECEMBER:

SATURN REMAINS AT THE GALACTIC CENTER WEEK 1:

As Saturn nears its journey through Sagittarius, it spends the first week of December at or near the Galactic Center, the black hole at the center of our Universe providing grounding for information enabling us to access higher level insights and solutions, especially if we have to work for them harder than usual. Saturn was at this position early in 2017 (late February through late May) which provided the first stage of this process. Some people believe that this energy opportunity pushes out mentally/emotionally stored data to make space for new information in the unconscious/conscious mind. It is sort of a high colonic, or an abscess of a deep wound from our past - long forgotten but still impacting us. To have greater benefit of this new insight and awareness, it becomes necessary to overcome old mindsets, beliefs and people who have blocked our progress.

FULL MOON IN GEMINI; MERCURY RETROGRADE

Before the beginning of Mercury turning retrograde (12/3) and the powerful Full Moon in Gemini later that morning, we will experience the blending in harmony of the planets Jupiter and Neptune in water signs Scorpio and Pisces (12/2), a gift that supports our evolution through the development of emotional intelligence, releasing old resentments and allowing a more optimistic view of life to unfold. (I recommend reading "Learned Optimism", subscribing to AND reading The Daily Word (www.dailyword.com/subscribe) and finding a trusted counselor to talk your feelings through with so you can build a bridge to acceptance and understanding. I have used talk therapy to my advantage since 1965 and the Daily Word since 1970. It would be helpful to try both avenues of learning.

Mercury, the ruler of thinking, communication and transportation, as well as mechanical and electrical machines, goes against its normal rhythm while we are sleeping on 12/3. People always ask me what is Mercury retrograde good for since it is such a trickster trouble making energy for many of us. It is great for

organizing, purging, finding lost objects and people, and making discoveries of what has been hidden to you. No surgeries, lab tests, new cars or other mechanical items, as well as, and especially electronics. Many people, myself included, do not enjoy travel at this time. Mercury goes direct on the evening of 12/23, just before the Christmas holiday (THANK GOD), so the last week of December can be a period of rest, regeneration and relaxation--which we will all need to get ready for 2018 which begins with a Full Moon in Cancer on January 1, 2018.

TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MERCURY TO JOIN SATURN

As I mentioned in the email describing the need for a ritual at the Winter Solstice, I mentioned that Mercury would join Saturn on 11/28. This combining energy pattern slows down the mind and makes it more careful and thoughtful. It is possible to get paranoid with this pattern, as I well know since I was born with it. There are 2 more acts to this three-act play occurring in December. On 12/6 and 12/13 Mercury retrogrades backwards and joins Saturn. There are possible confusion, delays and slowness with life. Take your time, plan ahead and do not be overly analytical. Sing out loud, take a walk, go to yoga, breathe and find something to laugh at in order to break the spell of such deep thinking. It has a tendency to hijack reason at times, which comes from brain lock from over thinking. In between these serious patterns (12/7) we get a boost as the Sun and Moon form a soothing triangle and the Moon joins its North Node in Leo, reminding us that it takes courage and willpower to pursue our heart's desire, bringing us joy from daily progress.

WEEK OF RELIEF (12/9-12/16)

This week of less intensity begins with Mars leaving Libra where it has created relationship drama since 10/22. Now, with Mars entering the deeper, darker waters of Scorpio, where it is more at home, we are allowed greater access to our feelings and our courage in our journey to face reality more honestly. As the fire and air die down somewhat, the trend to earth and water (reality and feeling) emerges. On 12/10 Mercury and Uranus form a supportive triangle to one another from fire signs Sagittarius and Aries, respectively. This often brings exciting new insights into awareness, what Oprah calls "an AHA moment". Boy will they be welcome as we navigate the December maze without the gift of hindsight. If doubts arise blame it on the energy of Venus and Neptune squaring off in non-rational signs of creative imagination Sagittarius and Pisces, respectively. Not to worry, the Sun and Mercury join together in a happy pairing in optimistic Sagittarius on 12/12. This combo may shed light on the meaning of recent events, especially if we ask for and pay attention to the synchronicity of symbols and feelings that surround us on this day. Even better Mercury and Venus join together in Sagittarius on 12/15 at dawn, giving us a more than pleasing day and a break in our madness of planning and worry. This is a great time to clear up anything that has troubled you and watch yourself be high functioning in your communication assignments. On 12/16 the Sun and Uranus flow into a strong fire pattern which radiates powerful energy, promising an invigorating start to the weekend. This an optimum time to release attitudes and beliefs that have closed our hearts to one another.

THIRD WEEK OF DECEMBER (12/17-23)

This is where the Fate Train picks up steam and rounds the corner of change. A New Moon in Sagittarius precedes the entry of Saturn into Capricorn for the first time in 30 years and the Winter Solstice of 12/22 begins the changing of the light from night to day for the next 6 months. This is truly the curtain coming down on 2017. As the Sun enters Capricorn on 12/21 we are on a 3-month journey which will require maturity, good discipline, and a clear understanding of what we want to achieve. With Mercury going direct on the evening of 12/22, we slowly return to a new normal of believing we have what it takes to achieve our goals and it is well worth the effort. Ever the scholar of the meaning of life, the journey of Mercury forward and backward in the philosophical sign of Sagittarius is ending shortly (1/11), just before the first New Moon of 2018 on 1/16/18.

FINALLY, THE JOURNEY IS OVER (12/24-31)

Our perception of what is real improves as Venus enters Capricorn on 12/24, joining Saturn on 12/25. Don't be surprised if you would prefer a "Home Holiday", rather than the madness of the previous 3-weeks. We

all need it if we are to climb the mountains to come. This is a period of deconstruction and reflection. It is a time to clarify our intentions and to get serious about what we require in our relationships, either renewing commitments or facing the need to call it a day and move on. On 12/27, after most of us are in bed Mars and Neptune move into a supportive trine, calling us to align with the deepest intentions of our soul, knowing we have more access to the courage to allow our dreams to come into reality in 2018. The last few days of December are uneventful astrologically. Enjoy the break as 2018 begins with a powerfully energetic Full Moon in Cancer. In other words, it will not be long enough, as we are called back into action.

I wish you a marvelous month of realization and accomplish beyond what you can imagine. I hope the progressive ideas that have come to each of us while the planets move in and out of the Galactic Center leave seeds of amazing grace in the new year. This is a time of surrender and a time to take yourself out of the way of your ego's map for you. Ask, instead for insight and information. I will be sending additional shorter emails about the lunar cycles and the Winter Solstice. If there is any way I can help you through the final stage of the birth of the better you, please let me know. It is not for nothing that someone labeled me "the midwife of transformation".

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