

GREETINGS;

As we begin this shortest of months, we finish the 3 week trickster pattern of Mercury retrograde on 2/1 and have a lunar eclipse on 2/9. With so many of the planets in the chaos/creativity pattern of Aquarius, change is guaranteed to be interesting, as well as challenging.

One event which will make your heart glad and keep your life circumstances in perspective is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 at 7 PM at St. Francis Episcopal Day School, 335 Piney Point Rd. For a love offering you have the rare opportunity to experience the African Children's Choir, www.africanchildrenschoir.com. Don't miss this wonderful evening. Please round up all the children you know and let them sing and dance with these wonderful kids.

I'm expecting an early spring, so February will no doubt be the month I spend a lot of time in my office before taking up more time with my outside job. If you have landscape needs emerging, please check out my website www.nanhallinke.com and visit the landscape section.

FEBRUARY 2009 ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

I hope your machinery, communications and transportation didn't totally give out last month. My electronics were seizing most of the time Mercury was retrograde. The most interesting event to me was the Mercury retrograde swearing it, where Justice Roberts flubbed the lines and President Obama had to take the oath of office again the next day. That is classic Mercury retrograde. Mercury goes direct on 2/1 and moves out of serious Capricorn into freer, more inventive Aquarius 2/14. On 2/20 Mercury gets to the degree it went out of order and smoother sailing is sure to follow, particularly on 2/24 when Mercury joins with Jupiter for an expansive mental energy pattern, making it so much easier to understand and communicate with others. For those who had jolts during January, this is a great time to make progress. Since Mercury makes only one pattern this month, and it is with Jupiter, we should all practice optimism constantly.

The Lunar Eclipse of 2/9 occurs at the Full Moon and will especially affect those with planets in Leo. For a great website to view pictures of eclipses, please check out www.shadowandsubstance.com. The seeds planted during the Solar Eclipse of 1/26 will bear fruit at this time. Even though most of us are in shock over the events of the last few months of 2008, the energy of this year is that of keeping optimistic, working hard, and having a great outcome.

Venus leaves Pisces and enters Aries on 2/2 where it will remain until June 6. Even though it has a period of retrograde motion (3/6-4/17), it should benefit those with planets in Aries. On 2/5 Venus is challenged by Pluto, which should be a challenging day for the economy, as the second phase of the Saturn/Uranus opposition occurs. This is the pattern which was complete on Election Day, and symbolized the rebellion of the old vs. the new. Don't be surprised if there is a lot of political fall out this day. It is a day not to push yourself and to find some rest, particularly if you have planets in Capricorn, Aquarius, Virgo and Pisces. The final phase of this unusual generational pattern occurs 9/15. Life should get easier after this pattern dissolves.

Mars leaves Capricorn and enters Aquarius on 2/4, stirring up the lives of those with planets in Aquarius. On 2/17 Mars joins Jupiter in Aquarius, which should bring about fast moving, unimaginable change in the lives of those with planets in Leo, Aquarius, Aries and Sagittarius. The fire signs may feel a bit out of sync at this time, as the majority of energy is in the rational earth and air signs.

Jupiter is moving swiftly into Aquarius, which it will remain until 1/17/2010. This period favors scientific inventiveness, creative solutions and success through community, collaboration and all other group activities. It also favors social change and greater freedom of expression and a

general feeling of connectedness. Jupiter hasn't been in Aquarius for 12 years, so if you can recall what expanded for you in 1997, there is more of the same to come.

Saturn continues its backwards motion in Virgo, making it more important than ever not to give into a negative mind set or bad habits. This is a once every 30 year challenge period that will end on October 29 as Saturn leaves Virgo and enters Libra.

In general, this month should present challenges early in the month and gradually improve. The major improvement for this year should occur this fall.

If you need help dealing with your life situations, you can call my office at 713/520-1551 to schedule an appointment.

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