

## GREETINGS;

I hope the longer days and warmer temperatures are reducing your stress and increasing your optimism. We all survived the two eclipses and the Mercury retrograde madness of January, so life should be moving forward with less restriction in February.

**LANDSCAPING;** For the first time in over two decades we had days of freezing temperatures, which has devastated much of the plant material in our area. It is best to wait till mid to late February to clean up and replant. If you need help with either or both, call my office and I can put you on my schedule (713/520-1551). Please pay attention to the plants which were unaffected, and make a note to use them in the future. We will know by mid-March what has survived.

## FEBRUARY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

As planets move into Aquarius and Pisces this month, life should get more interesting, creative and for some, more peaceful and joyful. The last week of January had an intense Full Moon in Leo which should have been a great cause for celebration, and on 1/31 we completed our second Saturn/Pluto square, which means we don't have another struggle to establish new boundaries and new realities till the final pattern on August 21. This is like a play in three acts, thematically the same, but with new twists and turns. Saturn demands reality and maturity, while Pluto commands power and depth. As we all know, we only grow in this direction with pressure.

The mental planet Mercury begins the month in Capricorn enticing us to think clearly about our professional life. Fortunately, on 2/3 Mercury regains the territory lost since December 26, which is a welcome condition for all of us, particularly those with planets in Capricorn, Cancer, Gemini and Virgo. On 2/10 Mercury enters Aquarius for the rest of the month, freeing mental energy and enticing us to spend more time with friends and those with like minded ideas and interests. On 2/10 Mercury and the Moon join together for a great time of communication with feeling. All Aquarians will feel this magical time intently. This is a great time for working on problems, misunderstandings and conflict resolution. On 2/12, the day before the New Moon, Saturn and Mercury come into balance, stabilizing the mind and creating clarity and maturity. The New Moon, which is a time of new beginnings, has Mars agitating Mercury, so this is not a time for confrontation or impatience. On 2/17 Mercury joins Neptune for a most creative, imaginative and intuitive day.

Venus, the planet which symbolizes what we love and value begins the month in Aquarius, urging us to spend time with friends and in groups where our values are mirrored. On 2/8 Venus joins Neptune for a mystic pattern which can be unforgettable and unbelievably romantic for those in strong love relationships. On 2/11 Venus enters Pisces, where feelings of spiritual connectedness and love of beauty and kindness to others are emphasized, particularly for those with planets in Pisces, Libra and Taurus. On 2/16, following a magical Valentine's Day pattern, Venus joins with Jupiter for unlimited opportunity, prosperity and relationship improvement.

Mars, which symbolizes aggression moving at the correct speed to be converted into right action, remains backwards and out of sync for all of February. This is the last full month of Mars running amuck in Leo, which should make those with planets in Leo and Aries especially grateful. In mid-March, things get back in flow so try not to be impatient or too frustrated.

Jupiter, which brings growth, opportunity and good fortune is moving steadily through Pisces benefiting all of us who think outside the box when solving problems and understand that Earth is a spiritual laboratory of learning and growth. Those with planets in water signs Pisces, Cancer and Scorpio will be especially affected, as will those with planets in Virgo, who will see their life open up in amazing ways, especially in improved relationships and "too good to be true" circumstances.

Saturn remains slowly retracing steps in Libra, causing us all to reexamine our relationships with others so we can be clearer about our needs.

Uranus, the rebellious planet of chaos and the unexpected remains in Pisces until the Full Moon of May 27, at which time it will move into Aries for a preview of a new 7 year phase for all of us, particularly those with planets in Aries and Libra. Uranus remains in a sign for 7 years, which allows us to change fully. As we all know, in a 7-year cycle, all the cells of our body are exchanged for new ones, so it is a good time to review what we have experienced in the past 7 years, what we have learned, and how we have redirected our course of action.

The outer planets Neptune and Pluto remain slowly moving in Aquarius and Capricorn respectively.

In general, most of the planets are energizing the air and water signs, increasing our thought and feeling functions at the same time. Those with planets in fire may find this month too peaceful, and those with planets in earth may experience this month as not full of enough concrete progress.

If you need assistance in understanding and/or maximizing your life circumstances, I am available for personal consultations. Please call my office at 713/520-1551 to schedule your appointment.

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