

GREETINGS AND HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR;

As 2012 winds down and 2013 begins, I don't know anyone who wants to repeat the experiences of 2012. The lessons were amazing and the clarity of who is real and who is not was worth the growing pains. Thankfully we will not repeat the experiences of 2012 in our lifetime.

If January could get a grade for possibilities and opportunities, it would be an A, especially after the last quarter of 2012, as we ended our journey to the Galactic Center and let the Mayan Calendar alert us to the changing of the ages on 12/21/2012. As we begin the transition time, remember: when a door closes, another opens, it is just Hell in the hallway.

I hope each of you rested, recreated and regenerated yourself and your life activities so you can be prepared for a fast start to 2013.

ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK JANUARY 2013

As January begins, the purposeful energy of planets in Capricorn: (Sun, Mercury, Pluto and Venus in the first 3 weeks,) should provide sharp, stark focus about our boundaries, limits (real and perceived), purpose and goals. When a majority of planets energize the cardinal signs, in this case the two goats Aries and Capricorn, it is time to get moving with enthusiasm. When fire and earth join together it is like a steam roller, or earth mover if we have made plans and are prepared. Fortunately, by month's end, the last of the planets to move back into the mix (Jupiter in Gemini), will join the team. For some of us, the lack of motivation or forward progress will be greatly assisted by the largest, loudest planet as it moves the mind forward in creative expansive new patterns. Jupiter started its retrograde (rest) period on October 4, 2012 and begins its rapid movement through Gemini on 1/30. Everyone looks forward to this change as it adds to our collective optimism and increases our opportunities as well. Hopefully you will have made time to get your attitude adjusted to its highest level of optimism and anticipation of unimaginable good fortune before 1/30.

The New Moon in January occurs on 1/11 and it brings great problem solving opportunities, as well as new ideas. Plant all new seed projects at this time and the 2 weeks thereafter. This is particularly true for those with planets in Capricorn, Cancer, Aries and Libra. The Full Moon occurs on 1/26 with the Moon in extraverted Leo. This is a particularly vital energy period as the ruling planet of the Sun's sign Aquarius is in a strong supportive relationship with the Moon in Leo and the Sun in air sign Aquarius has been in a supportive triangle with soon to be moving forward Jupiter in Gemini poised to make life better. Plan something wonderful on this celebratory weekend.

The first week of January finds Mercury and Uranus squaring off on 1/3. This is not the time to reveal your plans and it is a time to implement some spyware for your tendency to overshare impulsively. Conflict is to be avoided at all cost. You should be aware of who and what drives you crazy, so avoid both with careful planning. On 1/4 Mars in Aquarius and Jupiter in Gemini make a wonderful balancing pattern of active optimism, particularly for those with planets in Aries, Sagittarius, Gemini and Aquarius. This day is made for the air and fire signs. Those with planets in earth and water need to lighten up and play more at this time. On 1/6 Mercury joins Pluto in Capricorn for a serious time of realistic reflection, particularly concerning your work goals. For those who have been over functioning, it is time to stop. For those who have been freeloading, it is time to stop. On 1/7 Mars and Saturn collide which is a very uncomfortable power struggle pattern. Do not push the envelope with those in power at this time. All the difficult people you know should be avoided on this day. These planets in Aquarius and Scorpio respectively provide two very different beliefs: Mars in Aquarius encourages freedom of thought and action while being part of a global village in which we all help one another. Saturn in Scorpio increases our feelings of painful limits and loss and makes it hard to see the light coming toward us. It is the archetype of the Dark Night of the South written about by St John of the Cross. Those who are in pain may want to nurse their pain longer. Those who are experiencing their freedom may want to celebrate with those who mirror them. Both positions are valid.

As the second week of January begins Venus enters practical Capricorn on 1/8 and joins the Moon on

1/10. This is a great time to clean up and organize your life, purging all that is not useful or desirable in your physical life. Holding on to possessions not useful or necessary holds us back in ways we cannot always understand. On 1/11 the dynamic New Moon in Capricorn invites us all to be on a determined to succeed path so be productive and watch life bloom On 1/12 Venus in Capricorn (conservative and realistic) goes to war with Uranus in Aries (impulsive and demanding). This can be an inner condition between you and your shadow, or a real event between you and those in your support system. Our more mature self should get the green light on this day, as on 1/16 Venus joins Pluto for a lesson in transformation depending upon whether we have taken the path of accepting our limits or being destroyed by our desires.

In the third week of January both the Sun and Mercury enter air sign Aquarius, and our need to connect with likeminded people becomes overwhelming, so make plans to honor this need. On 1/22 Mercury in Aquarius and Jupiter in Gemini dance together with magical results. If you need to get someone to hear you clearly, this is the day to plan it. If you are trying to figure out the solution to a problem, this is the mental pattern you are looking for. Each of us may feel more cheerful than we have in months. Plan to enjoy it.

In the final week of January on 1/ 24, just prior to the Full Moon, the Moon in Cancer makes a cardinal T-square with Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn. This is like a table with three legs that wobbles. If you feel more emotion than you are comfortable with, find a kind person to talk your feelings through with. The solution to these patterns is to see where the missing hole in the pattern is and integrate the missing function in your solution. In this case Libra is the missing leg of the pattern, and their kind, comforting, fair minded nature is just what we need if this occurs. This type of intensity just before a Full Moon may front load the feeling function, so be warned if you find this happening to you. Another factor which may add to this mix is that Mercury and Saturn collide on 1/25. This is the signature for depression and negativity, so if you are prone to these conditions and you were affected by the T-Square, spend some time alone letting yourself come back into balance, just as our animals do instinctively, when they are wounded. . As mentioned above, the Full Moon in Leo on 1 26 is a marvelous time for social activity. Please plan many wonderful activities with wonderful people of like mind.

After the challenging year, the dramatic events of December, the labor pains of a new era, it will be a relief to move forward in January. Many of you shared with me that you could feel the change in your frequency during 2012 as you eliminated habits, thoughts, feelings and people that didn't contribute to your wellbeing. This is a period of serious new beginnings. The task of this period is to balance the inner life with the outer, the masculine with the feminine, the spiritual with the physical. Later this year, from 7/9-27 we have a rare pattern of supportive energy as the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune make a triangle in water signs Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces respectively. For all of us and those with planets in those signs particularly, this is a most peaceful, creative and joyous time to look forward to. Prepare for it with consistent attention and action it would be a shame to miss this opportunity for amazing grace. As this pattern occurs in the water signs, it is important to slow down so you can feel and heal. Creativity and opportunity will be unlimited at this time. Plan to be amazed.

WOMAN STRONG is the name of the blog I am creating for 2013. I will turn 70 years young on July 3 and after a full life of living and learning, I am sure this is what I know best and wish to share. Many of you were my students in the past 30 years at either The Jung Center or Spectrum Center and at that time I taught courses on development and healing of the feminine. It is time to present this material in a new, more accessible way for more people to have the opportunity to integrate ideas, tools and concepts so their feminine components can grow. This is not a female only idea, as men have a feminine component (Anima) according to Carl Jung. When a man's feminine is supporting his conscious masculine parts, he is more balanced, whole and human. For women, as this era of balancing the masculine and feminine begins, developing a strong, mature feminine is essential to our nature. As the great Ashley Montague said, and I paraphrase: "ladies, we are called mammals, not peniles for a reason". It is time for men and women to become stronger in the mature feminine.

I will be in the office on January 2 and look forward to helping you grow and make sense of your changes so you can progress.

BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS 2013.

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