

GREETINGS;

Best wishes for a safe, peaceful, end of year celebration and a much better, easier, faster moving 2015. As I mentioned, I am burning my 2014 calendar on New Year's Eve, as I don't want to take the challenges of 2014 into the new year. For many, or most of us, the challenge of being with family from Thanksgiving to Christmas, is at the very least de-stabilizing and we need time to regain our balance before we move forward. The manager of the frame store I recently used said we need a New Year's Eve celebration as a reward for the holiday events with family. I got a laugh out of that thought, but she may be correct. The need to be mirrored and be in resonance with those of similar frequency is innate, and I hope you are with those people at your yearend celebration of the success of survival, leading to a thriving 2015.

LANDSCAPING: I am sure you are looking at the cold, wet, bleak weather and thinking there is nothing to do outside. However, this is the best time to prune and plant trees. I always totally reshape mine at this time so they will be beautiful in the Spring. This is the only month there is a dormant season in Houston and the perfect time to prune for shape and allow sun through the trees in Spring and Summer. I have used the same sub-contractor for 14 years and he is a master at shaping. If you need a referral, let me know.

ASTROLOGICAL LECTURE: I will be giving a lecture on Tuesday, January 13 at the After Hours Network which will be a brief overview of the astrological trends of 2015. Please check their website for details, I hope to see you there, as we always have a great time. <http://www.afterhoursnetwork.com/>

JANUARY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

January begins with a strong burst of energy as Jupiter in Leo expands as Mars moves past it in Aquarius on January 1. The theme of expansion and strong creative impulses will be at work all of 2015. In numerology 2015 is an 8 year, which brings potential for material gains and unlimited manifestation. It is a time for those who are brave, bold and brilliant to step forward with their creative fire and limitless imagination as fuel. Our focus on a well-conceived plan, coupled with wise action and passion, will result in tangible gains in this year of bountiful harvest. The planets Saturn, Jupiter and Uranus spend most of the year in balance in fire signs Sagittarius, Leo and Aries, respectively. This is a bases are loaded pattern for those who follow their intuition and passion and move themselves past their discomfort into self-realization. As the structured approach and grounded discipline of Saturn combines with the optimism and magnanimous nature of Sagittarius, dreams can become reality.

We have a dynamic Full Moon on 1/4 with the Moon in Cancer and the Sun in Capricorn, joined by Pluto and Uranus, further emphasizes that this is a turning point in our personal and professional lives. Pay close attention to your feelings at this time, and expect events to reveal what has been hidden from your awareness. It is also a great time to be with others of like mind and celebrate the oneness of all life. We are all moving toward greater accomplishment and success as we step into the unknown. The thermals that eagles fly on are available to each of us who will spread our wings and trust life again. Also on 1/4, Mercury, our mental energy moves into Aquarius until 3/12. This is double the time we usually experience the influence of Mercury downloading the creative, originality of this block buster air sign. It is our opportunity to be a 900 watt light bulb in a 100 watt world. If you have a question to answer or a problem to solve, you have 2-plus months to find your answers. Mercury is retrograde from 1/21-2/11, which is not the best time for signing contracts, having surgery or lab tests, taking vacations or making permanent decisions. Timing and communication are challenging for most of us during that time. The electronics and the machines reflect this disruptive pattern as well. It is best to slow down, think before you speak, and review your life and make tentative plans. It also helps to keep your sense of humor at your side.

Venus starts the month in Capricorn and moves into the Aquarian vibration from 1/3-27, which leads us to new friendships and healthier, more satisfying relationships and increases our creativity in brilliant new ways. This is a time to experience the benefit of collaborative relationships and time with friends. Remember, our closest relative is the chimpanzee, and they live in a 50-person support community and

so should we for best results. On 1/19 Venus and Jupiter expand our options in relationships and new financial endeavors. This is a time for all of us to shine.

Mars is active this month as it moves through Aquarius till 1/12 when it enters watery Pisces for a change of pace. Make a note to have a peaceful, patient persona on 1/15 as Mars and Saturn collide and overstimulate our frustration factor. This is not the time to attempt reconciliation or successful problem solving as power struggles are looming large. On 1/19 Mars and Neptune join together in Pisces which is a major pattern of creativity and/or illusion. Plan a day of restful activities so you can enter the dreamtime and return with new symbols of success.

On 1/20 the Sun enters Aquarius, which provides a strong impetus to all of us to be more authentic, creative and collaborative. The first of 2 New Moons in Aquarius in 2015, which emphasize the need to start over in a new way on a new path. This is a great time to get everything in your life as settled as possible before Mercury goes retrograde on 1/21. Plan to get your life in order for the two days of the New Moon in Aquarius in January and know that you get a second act in February when the New Moon in Aquarius returns on 2/18. The period between 1/21-2/11 is a more reflective time and excellent for completing projects and bringing greater organization into your life. If you didn't feel the urge to purge last year, use this 3-week period to survey the objects and ideas in your life and remove anything that no longer serves you. With the opportunities that exist in 2015 for each of us, we need to make room for life to bloom in Springtime and thereafter.

January is named for the Roman God Janus who had 2 faces. January 2015 has two rhythms: the first half of the month is dominated by the earth and fire energy which is like a steam roller of change and accomplishment. The second half of the month adds the element of air, which is lighter and more stimulating at the same time. With the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars dancing by abundant, expansive Jupiter in Leo, we all have the opportunity to move beyond our self-imposed limits and our self-deceptive thoughts and fears. January is a great first act in the drama of our lives in 2015. In 2014 we were pushed to our limits by loss, trauma and difficulty. In 2015 we will have the opportunity to practice resilience in mind, body and spirit.

If I can help you make sense of the nonsense of life and learn to trick the tricksters in your life and yourself, I am happy to do so. I love my new office at 19 Briar Hollow Lane Suite 263, and if you visit with me there, you will see I got rid of everything from my old office: furniture, books, bookcases, file cabinets, rug and most of the art so I can start over in peace and beauty this year. As you know, I am answering my own phone and booking my own appointments now for the first time in 30 years, and in spite of being out of practice, it allows me to be more accommodating to my clients as well as my own needs. I was able to keep my phone number 713/520-1551 and when I am in session it is forwarded to my cell. Hopefully this arrangement is better for all of us.

Wishing you a year of peace, wellness, prosperity, love and spiritual growth in 2015.

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