

GREETINGS:

I hope the lessons of 2017 are becoming clear to you as you rest, recreate and regenerate so you can begin 2018 with high hopes and ready to start over. My prayer is that you have found peace within no matter what you survived this past year. The past 2 months (November and December) were particularly brutal for many of us, myself included, and nothing prepared me for the shock and loss which occurred during these two months. Since I use a paper planner, they are burning on 12/31 and the ashes are going into my flower garden so something beautiful can be fertilized by the hard lessons of planets at the Galactic Center. All of us had blind spots that life cleared up for us, a painful gift of consciousness.

So much will change in 2018 and I will continue to write the astrological GPS emails more often as I did in late 2017. Many of you thanked me for the breakdowns as it made it easier to move through the swamps we encountered, some of us quite literally. Having survived 2017 sets us up to thrive in 2018. We begin 2018 with the first of 2 Full Moons (Blue Moons) in January. The first Full Moon is in Cancer with 6 planets in Capricorn being affected by unexpected feeling triangle of Moon (Cancer), Jupiter and Mars (Scorpio), and Neptune (Pisces). Take time to quietly examine 2017 and look backwards and forward at the same time. Remember January is named for the Roman God Janus, who had the capacity to view the past and the future simultaneously. Our feelings and intuitions are gifts from our non-rational, ready to heal spirit and soul. This Full Moon with the Moon in its own sign Cancer lights up our big dreams and passions that will propel us forward. With 6 planets in Capricorn on the same line as the Moon in Cancer, it is a unique opportunity to structure our creative flow so it can be brought into form. For some fear and doubt appear as a test of the power of transformation which never comes in the package we ordered. Let fear go and powerful insights are possible if we remove our defenses and open our heart, remembering that all emotional states are acceptable, and vulnerability is the hidden side of power.

URANUS MOVES FORWARD IN FIERY ARIES (1/2):

Now that we have opened up, Uranus, the planet which has a lightning bolt of awareness of changes we will make in 2018, catalyzes us into action on behalf of our deepest needs before landing in Taurus on 5/15 of 2018. Uranus has been stirring the pot for 6 1/2 years and is on its last push to take us into a more authentic version of ourselves. I hope you rested since the planets in action (cardinal) signs will rock our world most of January, and to a lesser degree, thereafter. Four days later (1/6) Mercury in Sagittarius moves into a receptive pattern with Uranus and a flash of insight is guaranteed. Coincidentally, energetic Mars in Scorpio joins Jupiter for a burst of energy that is a power surge for deep understanding and forward motion.

POWERFUL ENERGY ON 1/9/2018:

The combining of the energies of the Sun, Venus and Pluto in Capricorn on this day is a once a year event that can benefit each of us if we look honestly at what makes life worth living and becoming the architect of the renovation of our life to include our inner needs. Now is not the time to hide and/or play dead. It is time to soar like the Fire Bird which is the Chinese New Year symbol we are now releasing. On 2/16 we will migrate to the symbol of the Horse, which is grounded, not like the Phoenix which rises stronger from the destruction of its former life. Now is the time to coordinate your plan to achieve your heart's intention. This is a great time for a ritual.

MERCURY AND SATURN JOIN TOGETHER FOR THE LAST TIME (1/13/18):

For those with scattered minds and impulsive speech, this is the day for your thinking to slow down and dive deep for the last time this year. Make time to consult those who are wise and helpful. You will be more able to accept and implement their wisdom at this time. Simultaneously, Venus in Capricorn and Uranus in Aries struggle to find agreement between obligation and self-expression. Do some of each at this time and reduce the struggle between these two opposing forces so you can experience greater balance.

NEW MOON IN CAPRICORN (1/16/2018):

The first New Moon of 2018 finds 6 planets in Capricorn challenging us to take charge and commit to a successful plan of action. As the last earth sign, ruled by the Sea Goat Capricornus, a powerful manifestor and master building energy source is at work on all of us, asking us to be more conscious of what we are calling forth and what our motivations are. If we are using fear as a fuel, the end result won't bring satisfaction, even if we reach our goals. Fear symbolizes our lack of authority, and the higher nature of Capricorn is to connect with our inner authority, not assuming a role because of lack. This is the time to reconnect with our inner authority and become the director of our lives, becoming active, rather than proactive. Take time to feel and think things through thoroughly before you speak or act. This task is supported by the two planets in Scorpio (Mars and Jupiter). It will be hard to ignore your deep feelings if you pay attention to your body language as well as your thoughts. This is not a time for "should", but rather for what turns us on. The New Moon is powerfully engaged by revolutionary Uranus, often bringing chaos into our lives so we can risk creative change. This is a permanent fork in our road of life and surrender is necessary for it to become a place where our inner light can shine. This is a unique opportunity to experience divine entanglement within yourself and with others.

THE INCREDIBLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING; VENUS, SUN AND MERCURY IN AQUARIUS:

From 1/17 to the end of January planets Venus (1/17), Sun (1/19), and Mercury (1/31) sail into freedom loving air sign Aquarius and we can all begin to exhale. We will get a taste of freedom on 1/14 as the Sun in Capricorn is affected by Uranus, but it will be like a cascade of more peaceful opportunities as Venus, the Sun and Mercury take us into the less challenging energy of air sign Aquarius, the Water Bearer. Always looking forward and making friends while doing good for others, Aquarian energy arrives not a moment too soon. All of this movement is supported by the movement of energetic Mars out of the watery depths of Scorpio into optimistic fire sign Sagittarius on 1/26. Finally, the culmination of the past 6 months and the eclipses of August 2017 as we have the "Blue Moon" in Leo on 1/31/2018, a Full Moon Lunar Eclipse, the bookend to the eclipse of 8/21/2017. Some of you may remember that I did a radio and television interview on that morning and was asked what the eclipse of August would bring forth. I answered "weather events and turmoil". This Leo Full Moon is a powerful opportunity to heal your heart from what has given you pain the past 6 months, even as you expand your capacity to love yourself and others. Since this is a total Lunar Eclipse, our shadows may be revealed and we can see more clearly everything in our life that is not yet love. The Leo Full Moon is conjunct the Leo North Node, which began its impact on our lives in May 2017 and completes its mission in December 2018. This combination helps us feel the open-hearted state which represents our highest state of being. This is also a time to grieve whatever keeps your heart from truly feeling its fullness, dissolving the past so we can live and love in present time. The Aquarian ideal of truth is available in whatever capacity we can accept it. This is a time to release relationships that are grounded in pain and disappointment, making space for true love.

Have a safe exit from 2017 and joyous expectation for the growth we are all capable of in 2018. I will be back in the office fully rested and tested on January 2, 2018. Let me know if I can help you make sense of your past and make a plan to chart your progress in 2018.

WISHING YOU LOVE, JOY, PEACE AND PATIENCE IN 2018!

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