

GREETINGS:

The New Moon in Gemini, which began the afternoon of May 28, announces the arrival of a Mercury retrograde period in June (6/7-7/1), during which time Mercury (the trickster) plays with our mind. Things often slow down around us (translated that means they go haywire, stop, break down and generally aggravate us) so our thoughts can turn inward. This is our chance to notice how our minds help and hinder the flow of our lives. Once every three months we get three weeks to dance with the Trickster. Our intuition, which often is subtle and speaks softly, should be invited to guide our steps while Mercury is retrograde. As we know, when Mercury is retrograde we need to be more attentive, diligent and responsible for the details of life. Some things may need to be reviewed, revised and revisited more than once to get it right.

This last month of Spring 2014 ends with the beginning of Summer 2014 at the Summer Solstice at sunrise 6/21, followed by a New Moon in Cancer on 6/27. This a time of slowing down and enjoying life with a greater intention. Neptune slows down in Pisces on 6/9, and invites all of us into the dream time of life.

SUMMER SOLSTICE: I invite all of you to celebrate the Summer Solstice on Friday evening June 20th as we say goodbye to Spring and look forward to Summer and the shifting of light. I offer an opportunity to those who have the time and interest to come to my house at 7 PM and share their personal ritual with the group. Each attendee is asked to bring a food or beverage item so we can have a communal meal after the ritual sharing is complete. I will send instructions for creating the ritual on Monday, June 2nd so you have time to prepare. If you are interested in attending, please let me know as space is limited. The cost remains \$25.

LANDSCAPING: We are so blessed in Houston to have experienced an actual Spring so things are blooming and growing beyond what we usually experience. I have been very busy working with my team of Precision Landscape Specialists and can still help you with your planting, cleanup, irrigation and tree work. I have replanted my yard and in a few weeks will send pictures when it is all grown in. If you want to do it yourself, I am available for landscape consultations at the rate of \$95 for one hour.

JUNE ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

As mentioned above, the energy of June began with the New Moon in Gemini on 5/28. This is a time of new beginnings in the way we view the world and our place in it. With Mars finally moving us forward in our relationship activities, it is a month of seeking stimulation, learning and laughter. Venus enters Gemini on 6/23 and Mercury moves backward into Gemini on 6/17. Channel Joan Rivers and you will be on the right frequency to enjoy this month. Although Mercury goes retrograde on 6/7, he makes no aspects at all this month, so mindless would be the way to describe some of us; relaxed would be the goal of the rest of us. Keep laughing and follow your intuition and go slow and you will be in the flow.

Neptune goes retrograde in Pisces on 6/9 and slows down its vibration until 11/15. For many of us this will offer the opportunity to dream big and visualize ourselves in new situations with ease.

The Full Moon on 6/13 is in Sagittarius and may help reveal where we need to complete unfinished business and develop emotional intelligence. There may be flashes of insight as the Moon in Sagittarius gets extra voltage from Uranus in Aries. This pattern favors travel and social gatherings, so don't be home alone if you can help it. The planet Venus in Taurus is exactly opposite Saturn in Scorpio, a pattern which urges us to honor our values and limits. It is also the ideal time to review what challenges you were facing 6 months ago and see what changes still need to be made.

The Summer Solstice arrives with the entry of the Sun into water sign Cancer at sunrise on 6/21. The Moon is in Aries, having just passed Uranus, which gives it extra voltage and originality. The Sun is joining Mercury, promising us some extra mental energy combined with intense feeling. Mars is moving into a faceoff with Pluto, which may bring some of the intensity of this past April into the pattern. This is an important moment in time and sets the pattern for the next 3 months.

The New Moon in Cancer occurs on 6/27 and brings light to what is happening just beneath our awareness. It is a time to pause, reflect and perceive new options in our thinking, feeling and action. Since this New Moon occurs at a critical degree, and is joined by Mars in Libra, Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn, it may have the feel of fate taking over. This is a time to balance the feeling and thinking functions, the masculine and the feminine and ask ourselves what feeds our hearts and our soul: What do we need to grow?

As Mercury slows down this month, Mars picks up speed again. Since Mercury makes no contact with other planets, some of us will have no focus, others may relax. Mars is definite the activating energy for June and we will all have to work on anger management and impulse control and practice nonviolent communication with skill. This is especially true on 6/14 as Pluto tempts us with a power struggle and on 6/25 when Mars and Uranus oppose one another and bring surprising events and communications. This is also a pattern which can make us careless and cause accidents, so use extra caution. Since this is the Dark of the Moon period prior to the New Moon, it would be well advised to lay low if you can.

Venus remains in Taurus until 6/23. This is the time for all of us to review our values, finances and opportunities to create and recreate income. It is a sensual period for all of us and a fertile time as well. On 6/8 Venus and Pluto form a balancing triangle in Earth, so practical matters go well. The Full Moon of 6/13 may create an opportunity to review your love and money issues. On 6/23 Venus enters Gemini which is a much lighter energy for all of us, particularly for those with planets in Gemini and Sagittarius. On 6/29 Venus and Neptune open a path of unlimited creativity so find a way to enjoy and use this time.

Jupiter is spending all of June moving through the sign Cancer, preparing to enter Leo on 7/16. This has been a year of change for all of us, but particularly for those with planets in Cancer, and to a lesser extent Capricorn, Aries and Libra. The feeling function has expanded our understanding of our personal needs and revised our understanding of all of our relationships. The year Jupiter was occupying the sign Cancer brought a clearer understanding of the importance of family as a support system, whether our biological family, or our family of choice.

Uranus continues to awaken us to our true potential as it moves through Aries, preparing to slow down and go retrograde in July (21), resting till 12/21, the powerful day of the Winter Solstice After the opposition with Mars on 6/25, the struggle for balance should get easier, finally.

Saturn is moving slowly through Scorpio, getting ready to move forward in July (20), deepening our understanding of what we truly value and want to share with others.

Pluto remains in Capricorn, only occasionally stirring up trouble. After the collision with Mars on 6/14, we can all breathe easier.

Overall, June seems to me to be a breath of fresh air, literally, after the six months adventure we all have been on. I plan to work all of the month, with the exception of the Tuesdays I will be landscaping. In July I will work shorter days as I have my 14 year old twin granddaughters staying with me so they can enjoy activities in my neighborhood. This means I will pretend to be a working mom again. Wish me luck, as I will turn 71 in July! If I can help you sort out your feelings and increase your understanding of yourself and others, and make plans to grow, that is what I love to do.

Enjoy your first month of summer and celebrate the Summer Solstice with vitality!

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