

GREETINGS:

Who knew that May 2015 was really mayhem mess? We should have known that the possibility existed for extreme tests involving water when we had a powerful Full Moon in Scorpio to begin May on May 3 and Mercury retrograde beginning thereafter on May 18 at the New Moon in late Taurus. Too much water on the earth is what we should have called this past month if we lived in Texas. Thankfully, June is beginning with a Full Moon in Sagittarius tomorrow on June 2 creating movement and change. It is a time to gather and share information and discover the truth. Mercury going retrograde in its own sign Gemini created a confusing month which challenged our ability to balance. Our new theme song should be I survived, now it is time to thrive and grow stronger in the broken places in my life. Mercury moves forward mid-day on June 11, the Moon is again new on June 16, the Summer Solstice occurs on June 21, Father's Day. The days get shorter as we move toward winter so enjoy your day in the Sun. On June 26 Mercury reaches the point it began its regression, so we will mostly be back in good running order. That is good news to all of us since we had so many unexpected events and challenging circumstances in May and early June.

SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL: I hope each of you will plan a ritual to invite the energy of change into your life at the Summer Solstice. I will hold a ritual the evening before the Solstice on Saturday June 20 at my house. If you plan to attend, please let me know. I will re-send the instructions for preparation for the event at the end of the week. This is a powerful time to harness the energy of change and being with others adds to the experience.

LANDSCAPING: There are lots of plants in the wholesale nurseries since none of us could complete Spring planting in late April and May. If you need help with clean up, planting, drainage and/or irrigation, tree work or landscape design, please let me know how I can help you or refer you to someone associated with my landscape company.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR GRADS: If friends or members of your family are graduating, may I suggest a gift certificate for an astrological consultation as a meaningful gift. I wish I hadn't had to wait to know who I was, where I was going, and what my timing options were when I graduated from high school and college. Let me know if I can share my information with those you love so they have extra power in their self knowledge as preparation for a fulfilling life.

JUNE ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK:

As mentioned in the overview of June above, we are beginning the month with a change of energy symbolized by the Full Moon in Sagittarius opposite the Sun in Gemini. Both of these signs are fast moving mutable signs, in fire and air respectively. To add to the mix, Neptune is part of the pattern from water sign Pisces. This 3 legged table falls over and is stabilized by practical, resourceful Virgo, so we should find our Virgo function and get to work and fix what we can and find others to help when we are not sufficient or have sufficient time to be self-sufficient. Some of us may realize we are not designed to process as much information as we are receiving, nor are we doing ourselves any favors by multi-tasking. Switching from one task or topic to another makes us feel more exhausted and disoriented. Research has shown that when we choose to multi-task we take longer to accomplish things, make more mistakes and increase our negative stress levels (distress). With Neptune interrupting this habit, we should be aware that there is a nonlinear process called intuition which can come into play when we slow down and tune inward so we don't miss the signals that come from the inner knowing region of our brains. At this time Neptune activates Mercury, Mars, Saturn, the Sun and Moon, challenging us to switch to a different operating system guided by the heart, not just our head. The busier we are the more we need periods of quiet, meditative restorative soul time. As we become more peaceful we become more productive. An amazing quote by Pico Iyer summarizes this challenge/change reality beautifully:

"In an age of acceleration, nothing can be more exhilarating than going slow. And in an age of distraction, nothing is so luxurious as paying attention. And in an age of constant movement, nothing is so urgent as sitting still"

After the powerful Full Moon discussed above, Venus, our planet of love and beauty leaves Cancer and moves into Leo on 6/5 where it will remain till 10/8. For those with planets in Leo, this is a pivotal time of change, opportunity and abundance. As Venus moves into Leo it is stabilized by Saturn in Sagittarius on 6/6. Plan many wonderful activities from 6/5-7. This is a time of celebration and great for social gatherings and entertainment.

Big shifts in energy occur on 6/11 and 6/12 as Mercury moves back into circulation forward on 6/11 and Neptune moves backward in Pisces on 6/12, increasing the pull for each of us to enter our inner worlds and welcome the dream time. Mars energizes our minds and mouths this month until it leaves Gemini on 6/24. On 6/14 Mars joins the Sun in Gemini making it nearly impossible not to have an opinion or make a decision. Expect to come out of hibernation with assertion and bravery. On 6/16 Mars joins the New Moon in Gemini signifying our readiness for a new expression and image of the Warrior Archetype, asking both men and women to mature their masculine sides. The task is not conflict resolution in the outer world, but rather realization that the true battle lies within urging us to self-mastery and fearlessness. Most of June Jupiter in Leo is balanced by Uranus in Aries, a great help in accomplishing the task of being more inventive, independent and willing to take a leap of faith. Big breakthroughs and quantum leaps forward are possible at this time if we are prepared to change.

Saturn moves backward into Scorpio on June 14 for the first time since 12/23/2014, and will remain until 9/17, the next time Mercury goes retrograde. This is our final review course over the past 3 years of challenge and change. Whatever we have failed to realize will become impossible to ignore during this period.

The Summer Solstice occurs on June 21 (Father's Day) as the Sun moves into the sign Cancer urging us to spend time with family and celebrate our country's birthday on July 4. This is a powerful change time as we feel the powerful energy of the Sun for the next 3 months. Mars moves into Cancer on 6/24 and brings energy to those with planets in Cancer until 8/8. The Sun is at its maximum strength in the Northern Hemisphere at this time and the Sun has moved from air to water and the Moon from fire (Leo) to earth (Virgo). Enjoy a few days of satisfaction and peace and wait for the arrival of Mercury to the point it went out of orbit on 5/18 on June 26. We all should settle down a bit at month's end and enjoy some peace and celebration before the long holiday weekend the first week of July.

Like most of you, I am experiencing the same challenges and changes with you. If I can help you with understanding, knowledge, wisdom and compassion, please let me know. This is a good time to schedule an appointment for an astrological check-up. We are half way through this year at month's end. Most astrologers believe 2015 has some of the same struggles we went through in 1968. That was a Hell of a year for most of us and I came to Houston for a visit at the end of that year and never moved away. Never saw that coming. Life is interesting when you pay attention and get support and understanding. Enjoy the journey.

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