

GREETINGS;

I hope your life has been calm and peaceful. Mine has not been so I decided to march forward into March, which is ruled by the planet Mars, energy source of action, decisiveness and courage. Please come there if you have had a period since 12/21/2012 which life has been full of shock and awe and life has been moving fast and furious. This is a time of opportunity once you can regain and/or improve your balance through understanding and acceptance of the patterns at work. We all know by now that astrology does not cause anything to happen. Instead it reflects what is and what might happen to us and others we share our lives with. I was having a discussion with one of my friends last week about the crazy things that occurred BEFORE Mercury went retrograde on 2/23. She said that was why the Mayans ended their calendar: they didn't know what to tell us about the time thereafter. I laughed and told her I wanted to share this perception with others so we could all have a laugh. As we know, it takes 3 months for a season to complete its timeline, and on March 20 we begin a new season of renewal and rebirth, so looking forward is definitely a plus.

Before I cover the astrological trends for March, I want to share an awareness that has occurred for me during the past 2 months, as it may help you as well. I have spent nearly all of my life (70 years in July) trying to grow, balance and understand the mind/body connection through the balancing of the feeling/thinking functions. When we have an excess of painful feelings, our brain becomes flooded and we cannot think straight. As babies, we are mostly growing through the feeling part of our brain. As we go to school we develop the thinking part of our brain as well. The challenge is to create a way for the two functions to work together for our best interests. As adults, when we have trauma and loss, the feeling part of the brain revs up and overtakes the thinking function. There are many tools to get us back in balance, but I know one of the best is to find people to talk to who understand our feelings, mirror our process, and hopefully in some cases, have worked these types of feelings through personally so they can activate our return to sanity with their inner tuning fork. The message for you, as well as for me, is that we all need people to talk to when we are hurt, sad and confused, so find some therapeutic friends and professionals you can take the time to share with when you need to. It is a priceless investment of time and energy. I have relied greatly on wise people in the past two months and it is beyond helpful.

Just as the Chinese symbol for 2013 is the water snake, we are entering the water time in the water year of 2013. This will open the flood gates of feeling from past events for review, release and forgiveness, particularly while Mercury is retrograde. Have a strategy in place for cleaning out the backwash of unwanted feelings. It is time to move forward without the limitations of unprocessed feelings.

LANDSCAPING; As I am sure you know and I enjoyed yesterday when I was working outside on a job with the cool and sunny weather, we have had the great good fortune to have a very early Spring which is perfect for cleaning and planting so we can enjoy the beauty before our endless summer begins. The robins are here in flocks so get ready to enjoy a plethora of flowers and greenery. If I can help you in any of your planning, planting, cleaning, tree needs or irrigation needs, please let me know.

MARCH ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

As March begins on Friday 3/1, we will have the Sun, Venus, Mercury, Mars and Neptune in Pisces, offering us the opportunity to enter the nebulous, mediumistic psychic energy frequency which brings with it intuitive flashes of insight and creative thought--if you become still and go within. The nature of the water signs Pisces, Scorpio and Cancer is to flow down so we can go within and uncover our feelings. Since we know Mercury, the reflector of our thoughts, is flowing inward and backward, it will be hard to avoid this assignment, particularly since the Moon enters Scorpio, the keeper of our secrets and inner knowledge, joining Saturn on Saturday 3/2. The prevalence of these patterns is why I shared my suggestions for what to do to reintegrate your neural pathways in the beginning of this email. It is a challenge to remain balanced when feelings are flooding in without boundaries, which is what often happens with so much water energy in Pisces. This is a fabulous time for creative pursuits and creative thinking about old issues. The last week of February, just as Mercury was going retrograde the Sun and Venus were energized as they were expanded by their contact with Jupiter in Gemini, the image of a

highly charged thought process at odds with feeling. No wonder some of us have been living in "wacky world".

There are several positive changes coming in March which bode well for improvement and change. The Sun in Pisces and Saturn in Scorpio balance beautifully on 3/1. The Moon and Venus form the same type of support. On 3/2 the Sun in Pisces and the Moon in Scorpio balance beautifully as well. The Moon (feeling) and Mercury (mind) balance that afternoon as well. This is a great weekend for celebrating. On 3/6 we have one of two very astrologically active days. The other occurs on 3/31 as the month ends. There are so many planetary contacts both days that the joint will be jumping for sure. Plan to tackle your problems and then celebrate your success. Easter, the time of rebirth in Christianity, occurs on 3/31, so I am looking forward to that experience for all of us. On 3/11 we have a New Moon in Pisces with Venus shining on us. Time to begin again in earnest. On 3/12 Mars enters its home in Aries for the first time since 2011. This should get us all in the mood to take action and be brave in spite of our fears. On 3/17 Mercury gets moving in a forward direction, returning to full functioning on 4/6 as it passes the point it went backwards for a further boost forward. The Moon and Jupiter join together on 3/17, giving us lots to celebrate. Don't spend this day alone. On 3/20 winter finally ends as Spring begins as the Sun arises. It takes 3 months to make a new neural pathway in the brain, and this is the first day of new opportunities. Don't waste this opportunity to become more optimistic. Venus enters Aries on 3/21 giving us greater awareness of our desires and the will to move toward them decisively. The Full Moon in Aries/Libra occurs on 3/27 with fireworks added by Venus, Uranus, Jupiter, Pluto and Mars. You can either participate or try to hide, but if you want to feel more alive, plan to participate. The spillover of this energy onto 3/28 makes it a two for one experience.

The period before 3/20 has the majority of planets in water signs so those with an affinity for feeling will be in harmony as greater awareness emerges from the depths of the feeling function. After 3/20 the planets move into fire signs which increase intuition and action. We also have a strong combination in action signs Capricorn and Aries, increasing our success with taking out plans forward into action.

As we all know, and I was just reminded of as my computer went crazy as I was carefully writing this email, Mercury is retrograde until 3/17. This affects electronics, cars, communication and is one surprise after another. As mentioned above Mercury and Venus dance together on 3/6, which may give us a temporary break in the struggle. On 3/7 Mercury and Saturn stabilize our thinking and understanding. On 3/9 Jupiter opens the door to more thoughts than we can process. On 3/28 Mercury, now moving in the forward gear revisits Saturn with greater clarity.

Venus begins the month of March in Pisces which increases our desire for peace and beauty and spiritual connection for 3 weeks. This is especially true on 3/4 as Jupiter adds an expansive rhythm to the mix. Doors can open at this time, so don't let the day pass without at least trying. On 3/6 we have a great day for relationships and money as Saturn adds strength to our desires and later Venus joins Mercury to make us all utterly charming or allow us to be in the presence of those who have a charm alarm working for them. On 3/21 Venus enters Aries, the "I want what I want when I want it" energy. On 3/28 Venus joins Uranus for sudden insight into our needs. On 3/31 Venus and Pluto allow us to struggle with our desires and our realities as the two goats Aries and Capricorn lock horns.

The planet Mars is very active in its birth month of March. As the month begins Mars is finishing stirring the pot of Pisces energy. For those with planets in Pisces, there is no room to hide. For those with planets in Aries, it is the last days of a long 2 years of some unplanned insanity. On 3/12 as Mars enters Aries it joins the Moon which is a highly emotional time. On 3/22 Mars and Uranus have a challenging time together and this is NOT the day to discuss any problems with those you are challenged by. This is a time to find a zipper for your mouth and keep it glued shut. Do not rush anywhere this day, as it is a day when accidents can happen. On 3/26 Mars and Pluto create an intense pattern of struggle, so sit on the sidelines and observe rather than be part of any conflict.

With the exception of Saturn, which is now moving backwards in Scorpio, giving us a rest for the next few months, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are moving forward slowly which provides a time of opportunity for growth, change, and initiating new endeavors. As covered above, the challenge for those

who do not have a balance between the thinking and feeling functions will urge greater integration leading to better understanding of how to live more fully and peacefully. If I can help you in this task, call my office and schedule an appointment. As Joel Osteen says so well: "Life doesn't happen to us, but rather for us". Enjoy the arrival of Spring and the increased light it brings.

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