

GREETINGS:

I hope the early Spring in Houston is to your liking. With the birds returning and the plants blooming, we are in for a glorious month of adventure and change in March, 2016. The Vernal Equinox arrives on 3/20 and is preceded by a New Moon Solar Eclipse on 3/8 and a Full Moon Lunar Eclipse on 3/23. As you know this year is initiating a major change of frequencies energetically, and we know we do not grow in linear time, but unevenly, fertilized by chaos. Think about the events of 1968 and if you want to really stimulate your imagination--1776 and you will have a picture of what is in store for all of us in 2016.

Mars moves out of watery Scorpio into fiery Sagittarius on 3/5 and Saturn starts a period of retrograde retreat on 3/25. Generous Jupiter in Virgo creates a strong balancing time on 3/16 as the energy of Pluto in Capricorn forms a complete blend of power and expansive healing of conditions we all are affected by. On 3/23 Jupiter and Saturn form a square asking whether we should expand or contract, a theme of 2016. All in all, March is a telling turning point of opportunity and challenge for each and all of us.

I will cover more of the details of March energy patterns below. Remember, if you are unclear or concerned about your path forward, an astrological consultation is a helpful tool for a reality check on life and your place in your own story.

If you want some enriching entertainment, you are in luck. My friend, award winning producer Patricia Gras has a new show that I made an appearance on. Check out www.lovesmartlivingmedia.com/passion and let her know, and me as well, what you enjoy.

LANDSCAPING: Spring arrives on the calendar on 3/20, but we in Houston have been feeling the effects since February. It is time to plant, prune, fertilize and redo your landscape. The wettest year on record was 2015, and the plants didn't, for the most part, thrive. If you need any landscaping help, please let me know. I do 1-hour consultations for \$95 and have subcontractors whom I can employ and supervise for all your needs in planting, clean up, irrigation and tree work. We are ready to schedule your work in March and April, as it gets hot in May and June and the plants enjoy being installed in the cooler weather of March and April.

MARCH ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

On Sunday, February 28 the Sun in Pisces joins its ruling planet Neptune in an embrace. This is a magical day, so plan something creative and enjoyable with beauty and amazing imagination. Fantasy and reality merge in a very special way on this day. It can be a time of divine inspiration or lost in a fog. The extra February day in this leap year on Monday (2/29) has the Moon and Mars joining together in passionate Scorpio urges us to act on our deepest instincts, The paradox of these two days begins the theme of overwhelming opportunity and challenge which we will encounter in March.

Mercury is the most active planet in March, moving from Aquarius (air), through Pisces (water) and ending up in Aries (fire). This is a clue that our thinking and communication skills will get a thorough work out, and that a Mercury retrograde period in April (4/28-5/22) is sure to follow so we can review and revise our thoughts and plans where necessary. On 3/5 Mercury receives intense energy from Mars, inclining us to impulsive, aggressive thoughts and actions. Time for a pause here, as later that day Mercury moves into Pisces where the mind may cool down. That same day Mars moves into Sagittarius, where it is more concerned with fairness than aggression.

On 3/8-9 the New Moon in Pisces brings a special opportunity to connect more deeply with our inner, higher self. This is the first of 4 eclipses in 2016 and the first of 3 SuperMoons in a row. The closer alignment of the Sun, Moon and Earth focus a greater concentration of cosmic energy. This New Moon is at its closest position to the Earth, enlarges its impact on tides, tectonic plates, and of course, our psyches. All solar eclipses mark major endings and beginnings which occur in 19 year cycles. Review where you were on 3/8/1997 and you will see how far and in what direction you have come. The New Moon in Pisces urges us to become whole, to come full circle into our authentic self, a combination of everything and

nothingness. Following the eclipse closely, on 3/10 Mercury and Neptune join for new insights and strong intuitive awareness of ourselves and our place in this mad, mad world. Since the Sun and Moon join together opposite Jupiter in Virgo our range of perception and grasp of possibilities is expanded. This is especially true of our "sixth sense", which operates best when we slow down and enter the quiet space within. This solar eclipse encourages us to be more spiritually receptive. Take extra time to meditate, be with nature and the arts at this time.

On 3/12 Venus enters Pisces where gentleness and beauty merge with love. Since the earthy Moon in Taurus forms a trine to Jupiter and Pluto, this is a great day to enjoy life and love in peace. Relationships and finances are enhanced at this time. On 3/14 Mercury and Saturn form a struggling with reality versus optimism pattern. This is a grumbling pattern intensified by the aggravation of Venus and Mars. On 3/15 Mercury and Jupiter form an opposition between their two points of view: reality and possibility. Thereafter Mercury moves into Aries on 3/21 for a bold, brave new mindset.

The last week of March brings the Aries Equinox on 3/20 with the Sun, Uranus, Moon, Mars and Saturn in fire signs (50%), which starts the astrological year off in a blaze of energy and activity. This is not a time for the faint of heart or for those who have a habit of procrastination. The Full Moon Libra Lunar Eclipse follows on 3/23. This extra powerful Full Moon illuminates the pull between our own needs and those of others we care about. It is the proverbial tension of opposites in our nature. Mercury is joined with the Sun and opposing the Moon in Libra, asking us to pay attention to feelings as well as our thoughts. It is not a time to become ego driven with others. During this Full Moon Jupiter makes its second of three squares to Saturn asking us to question our assumptions and motivations. Are we making a living or a better, more satisfying life for ourselves. The first of these questioning times occurred on 8/3/2015 and the 3rd period occurs pm 5/26/2016

On 3/25 Venus moves in opposition to Jupiter and later will square Saturn, a combination that is sure to create desire, doubt and frustration in some area of our lives. Saturn begins its retrograde motion on this day, moving forward again on 8/13. This usually causes a short term slowdown in whatever direction life is moving toward. Fortunately Mercury, having moved into courageous, brave, original Aries on 3/21 is embraced by Mars in fellow fire sign Sagittarius on 3/24 and Saturn on 3/29 and slowed down by Pluto in earthy Capricorn on 3/30. The mental force is with us in our journey at this time. There is a challenge between desire and responsibility and the fire will cause alchemical cellular change sooner than later.

As you can see, the first 3 weeks of the month are interesting and formative, but the last week of March is full of energy and quick moving events. Be prepared and have a plan to handle all possibilities. I am available to help you with my many tools and too much life experience.

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