

GREETINGS;

May is a month with an abundance of change energy. For those of you who feel stuck, get ready to move forward. For those who proactively planted change plans earlier, this is your harvest time. Those of us in the Houston area have already experienced this phenomenon as we have had usually pleasant weather this April. Get ready for things to change with a bang in May.

I am wishing all the mothers a very happy mother's day. We are all mothers in some capacity, so plan a celebration to include yourself, as well as those other mothers in your life. For those who are familiar with archetypes, the Mother is one of the strongest archetypes of the feminine, in both men as well as women.

LANDSCAPE ALERT; As I mentioned earlier, my wholesalers are telling me that large numbers of unqualified people are trying to get your landscaping business by giving you rock bottom prices. According to one source I spoke to over the weekend: "These people can hardly fill out our forms, don't know whether plants are to be used in shade or sun, don't know how to plant them correctly. It is driving me crazy". Please ask if they have completed the Texas Master Gardener Certification and if you are not from our area, at least go online to check out the growing season and requirements for what you are planting or having planted. As you know, I completed this certification, as well as the organic certification from Urban Harvest, and have taken classes at Texas A&M University, Rice and Sam Houston State University. I also have an "A" Team consisting of an irrigator, arborist, installer and tree service. Please call me if you need advice or want any feature of your landscape improved or re-done.

MAY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

May begins 4 days into the two week Full Moon cycle which began 4/28, two days after the Saturn/Uranus opposition. This, on top of Mercury being retrograde, causes more than a bit of uneasiness for most people. Look at the financial news which is typical for having so many planets in money sign Taurus, and your personal challenges and questions don't seem out of place. Not only will Saturn get moving again on 5/30, after being in resting gear since early January, but Neptune goes into its resting phase beginning 5/31. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune all reach the 29 degree point this month, with Mars to follow in June. This is much more than a Mercury retrograde phenomenon. The 29th degree of any sign is symbolized by being at the end of a rope, hopefully not hanging. This a time for all of us to rest, reflect and plan anew for our better life.

Uranus moves into Aries on 5/27 at the Full Moon, and to say that this causes volatility would be a gross understatement. Uranus has remained in Pisces for the past 7 years, causing volatility in the health system and the oceans and has changed the lives of many with planets in Pisces permanently. Uranus will flirt with the Aries energy till August 13, at which time Uranus moves back into Pisces till 2011. Those with planets in Aries who love drama and change will welcome this change. Others of us will have to make a greater effort to relax and become more mindless, as Aries rules the head and energizes the instinct of aggression. Meditation and yoga need to become part of our daily routine.

Even though Mercury goes forward in Taurus on the evening of 5/11, there is very little connection between this mental communicator and other planets for the remainder of May. On both 5/3 and 5/19 Mercury and Pluto form a support pattern, so deep thinking and careful communication are possible at this time. On 5/26 Mercury again returns to the position where it went backwards on 4/17. Those with planets in Gemini, Taurus and Virgo will welcome this increasingly stable mental energy. This is truly a month for increased introversion and not so much talking, texting and other forms of connecting.

Venus begins the month in Gemini and enters Cancer on 5/19. While still in Gemini, Jupiter opens the energy of desire and opportunity on 5/17 and is followed by a Saturnine realignment with reality on 5/18. On that same day, 5/18, there is creative opportunity to visualize without restriction. On 5/19, Venus and Uranus form an excitement opportunity for new relationships or sudden endings of old relationships. At the very least values and feelings of attachments may change dramatically and suddenly. After Venus enters Cancer, urging us to look at our attachments to family and spend more time at home or doing whatever activities bring us closer to our deepest self, Pluto makes an opposition to Venus on 5/23 which causes deep self examination and a closer look at money and relationship issues. This is true for all of use, but especially for those with planets in Cancer, Capricorn, Taurus, Libra and Scorpio.

Mars remains rolling through Leo, which adds heart energy to all our endeavors, and revs up the energy of those with planets in Leo. Jupiter is finishing up with its journey in Pisces this month and the first 5 days of June, and will not return from its brief visit in Aries until 9/9. Those with planets in Pisces may be on a fast track this month and the first 5 days of June. Saturn gets going again on 5/30, and those with planets in Capricorn and Virgo will see their lives moving forward slowly but surely.

As we all have become aware of, these are challenging times, personally and in relationship to the events in the world which we have no control of. Taking time for self care, self examination and self development is the best plan for all. If you don't fully understand the nature of these changes and how they specifically apply to you and your life circumstances, consider scheduling an appointment so you have greater clarity. I will be in my office 4 days each week for appointments if you need my help in making sense of your changes and formulating a plan.

ENJOY MEMORIAL DAY.

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