

GREETINGS;

If you are reading this email you survived the Sun/Mars madness and the Saturn/Sun opposition, as well as the Full Moon Lunar Eclipse. I'm sure none of us exactly the same after April, so growing forward on a new path in May is inevitable and desirable. The explosive fire energy of April is moving into a pattern of calming earth energy. As we are moving down our new path, we should trust our gut, pay attention to the green lights of life and not push forward. This is the month of two eclipses and the third of 7 Uranus/Pluto squares which began on 6/24/2012, ending on 3/16/2015. This pattern occurs once in our lifetime and always signifies the end of an era. Revolutionary enlightenment and sudden paradigm shifts signified by Uranus and pushing strongly on patterns of traditional power models with an inordinate amount of resistance as signified by Pluto in Capricorn. If we doubt this, all we have to do is look at how fast trends have come and go in the matter of social issues that were once hidden and now accepted. This is why the Republicans had no chance in 2012, as they took the path of the past which has reached its end whether we agree with it or not. It is a change in the collective consciousness which has occurred as a natural mutation of evolution. Progressive ideas are gaining strength but we should prepare to be surprised. Deepak Chopra said it well when he advised to "embrace uncertainty", and be flexible and spontaneous and appreciate what works well so it will continue to appreciate.

LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES; This is the most marvelous Spring Houston has experienced in my lifetime (70 years). Make your yard beautiful. I have subcontractors available for your tree and irrigation needs and I can design and improve your landscape with my knowledge and experience of horticulture and design, including training in organics. I offer a one hour consultation for \$95, which can be applied to the cost of any landscaping service I provide. Please let me know if I can help you in any way in your "exterior decorating"

SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL; Plan to celebrate the Summer Solstice on Friday June 21. I will host a celebration at my home for all who prepare a ritual for change. More information about how to prepare will follow shortly.

MAY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

The marvelous month of May is a dynamic astrological month beginning with a Mars opposition to Saturn on May 1 and ending with a Grand Trine on 5/30 containing Saturn, Neptune and Mercury. We will also experience the Venus/Jupiter conjunction in Gemini on 5/28, which will provide a pattern of peace, harmony and prosperity. We go from struggle to acceptance in 30 days. If that were not enough we have two eclipses, the first a Solar Eclipse at the New Moon on 5/9 and the second a Lunar eclipse at the Full Moon on 5/25, the start of the Memorial Day weekend holiday. As mentioned above, the 3rd Uranus/Pluto square, the first of 2012 occurs on 5/20. For those with planets in Aquarius, Aries, Scorpio and Capricorn, this will be an especially clarifying month of change. The rest of us will ride the wave of change toward our future whether we want to go or not. Get ready for a rocket ride of change and opportunity.

Mercury is flying through the heavens, beginning in Taurus, entering Gemini on 5/15 and finally moving into Cancer where it will go retrograde next month on 6/26. It will not leave the world of feeling symbolized by Cancer till 8/8. That will give us a long time to look at our personal needs and balance them with the needs of family. It may be a bit of a challenge for some of us to keep our mind focused while Mercury is moving so quickly, but late June and most of July will offer more time of reflection than most of us enjoy. On 5/5 Mercury and Saturn oppose one another from Taurus to Scorpio. This can bring concerns to all of us in financial matters, but especially those with planets in Taurus, Scorpio, Capricorn, Gemini and Virgo. This is a temporary challenge, thankfully, and as the month ends the beautiful triangle that Mercury, Neptune and Saturn begin signify all is well as original and somewhat miraculous solutions appear to calm us down. On 5/7 Mercury and Pluto find balance with a practical look at what has challenged us and joins Mars for the courage and energy to make necessary changes to our thinking and communicate them with others. On 5/15 Mercury flies into home plate in Gemini lightening our mood and allowing quick thinking to enter our reality. A dreamy day follows on 5/18 as Neptune in Pisces throws us off track. This is a great day to find some dream time. On 5/24 Mercury joins Venus and we all are

charm alarms and happy to be alive. On 5/27 Mercury joins Jupiter for an expansive day of gratitude and opportunity, and on 5/31 Mercury enters Cancer which increases our awareness of the importance of self-care and attending to our personal needs.

Venus begins the month at home in pleasure loving, sensual Taurus. Please make plans to enjoy your life in all ways during the first 8 days of May. On 5/9 on the New Moon Solar Eclipse Venus enters Gemini which asks us all to lighten up and laugh more. On 5/13 Neptune takes us off course if we have remained serious, as this is the Spring Fever aspect. Plan something unstructured for this day. On 5/28, Venus joins Jupiter for a great time of ease, pleasure, opportunity, increased joy and anything else wonderful you can imagine.

Mars spends the month in Taurus, which encourages us to work hard to make life orderly and productive and beautiful. The Mars/Saturn opposition of 5/1 warns against risk and conflict on that day, so if you can't control yourself, stay home alone. On 5/5 Mars and Pluto find balance together, and so should we. On 5/31 Mars enters Gemini which should be a great time to begin a fun vacation.

Saturn grinds backward in Scorpio and Uranus rocks our world in Aries. This is a time of bold ideas and strong opportunity, as the forces of conservatism fade and the forces of innovation have no limit. Neptune is beginning to be at home in Pisces and it is time to encourage our spiritual development and trust our intuition. It is also a great time to pursue wellness and creative activities. Pluto is slowly changing all our institutions and bringing forth a Brave New World.

I wish you a month of beautiful, fulfilling growth with so many planets in earth signs the first half of May. It is time to plant seeds of change and revise any habits that are holding you back. The changes that began on 12/21/2012 will come into greater clarity when the Autumnal Equinox occurs on 9/22. This month is an important time of recentering and redevelopment so that we can give birth to a new self in the Fall of the year.

If I can help you with any of your plans or concerns, please let me know. I have a receptionist now (Tamara) who can help you schedule your appointments.

ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND MIND.

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