

## GREETINGS;

If you are reading this email the life changing energy of April has moved into a celebration of life pattern which began this morning with a New Moon in Taurus and a partial Solar Eclipse. This begins a time of sowing new seeds of gratitude, abundance, financial improvement and a general enjoyment of the sensual side of life. This is the time of celebration of Axis Mundi, which many of us remember as a Maypole Dance, which represents the alignment between Heaven and Earth. Now is the time to set an intention so you can bloom with the beauty of the Earth energy of Spring, a season of blooming renewal.

The challenging patterns of April have released and it is time to take more time to smell the flowers and sink deeper into your body, allowing the sensuous delights of Mother Nature to nourish and guide you. The New Moon we are experiencing today takes us on a path of new beginnings related to money, resources, sensuality and persistent consistence. The Uranus/Pluto square which held us in its grip from November 7 to April 21 forced us to release what doesn't serve us and we all are dancing to a more authentic sense of self, surrendering to our inner voice. We are now to use our talents to serve a higher purpose. Any sense of conflict or being held back by unseen forces will lessen, especially when Mars moves forward on 5/19. Breathe easier as we are moving into lighter energy and a period of breakthrough following a period of breaking down and breaking open.

LANDSCAPING: With the temperatures finally warming up, Spring is bursting forth with a vengeance. If I can help you with any of your landscaping needs, please let me know. I have a team of first class professionals who work with me to take care of anything that needs improvement outside. My specialty is horticulture and landscape design and I am trained in native plants and organics. If you wish to have a one hour consultation on your needs, I charge \$95 for that service.

## MAY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

As mentioned above, the energy of May begins April 29 with a New Moon in Taurus, combined with a partial Solar Eclipse. A Solar Eclipse in Taurus symbolizes our readiness for a collective shift in how we interact with the physical world. Mercury joins this New Moon, urging us toward new understandings of nature. Since we are still under the influence of the powerful grand cross, we are feeling compelled to make a quantum leap forward in all aspects of our lives. This New Moon reflects the ability to see the light in darkness, combined with the ability to experience joy in spite of the darkness. Two weeks after the New Moon, on May 14, we will have an even greater energy source when the Moon becomes Full in Scorpio urging us to concentrate on what we do want, not what we do not want. As the Moon joins Saturn in Scorpio, it urges us to face our fears and move forward with confidence. We have come through a Topsy Turvy time. Rumi counsels us: "Try not to resist the changes that come your way. Instead let life live through you, and do not worry that your life is turning upside down. How do you know that the side you are used to is better than the one to come?"

Mercury, our mental messenger, begins May in Taurus, moving into Gemini on 5/7 and ending the month in Cancer at the New Moon of 5/29. That is the second New Moon in a row that has Mercury joining in the dance. The message is that attitude is everything and we should act as if so it can be as if. We have deep energy for solving problems on 5/2 as Mercury and Saturn move opposite one another. This is a great day to make a financial plan or work on your finances. When Mercury enters its home sign of Gemini, it is the beginning of a lighter, less challenging period. On 5/11 Neptune in Pisces ramps up our paranoia/creativity index and on 5/12 Mercury and Mars energize our mental energies to problem solve and be clearer in our communication. This especially true for those with planets in Gemini. On 5/29 Mercury enters Cancer, the sign of home and family at the New Moon in Gemini. Our thoughts will be focused on vacations, taking it easy and enjoying the pleasures of home and family life.

Venus begins May in Pisces, which always draws us to beauty and the mystical side of life. On 5/2 Venus enters Aries which fires us our desire, as well as our impatience, particularly for those with planets in Aries, Taurus and Libra. On 5/11 the energies of Venus and Mars pull in opposite directions, so this is not the day to discuss love and/or money. On 5/14 Venus and Pluto enter into a challenging pattern, just as the Moon is Full. At the very least you may have some difficulty sleeping, handling your feeling life, or

having an attack of panic or self-doubt. It will pass as Venus and Uranus join together in Aries on 5/15, signaling sudden insight into the solving of old patterns or improved relationships with those in our lives. On 5/18 Venus and Jupiter create moves that support our enjoyment of everything in our lives. On 5/24 the 3rd and final Jupiter/Saturn in balance patterns occurs as the Memorial Day weekend begins. This is a fabulous rhythm of expansion and balance which is particularly strong for those with planets in Capricorn, Cancer, Scorpio and Sagittarius. We all will be in a great place to enjoy the holiday. On 5/28 Venus moves with comfort into Taurus and the sensual factor for all of us ramps up, especially for those with planets in Taurus and Libra. Remember, this is also the period of the New Moon in Gemini, which is a lighter fun-loving energy for the 28 days thereafter, so plan wonderful activities with the people you most enjoy being with.

Mars, the planet which stirs the pot, begins to move back into the action with a new perspective on 5/19. For those with planets in Aries and Libra, life will improve dramatically. For all of us the madness of conflictual relationships experienced in the past few months should end.

Jupiter is moving slowly and steadily through the sign Cancer, which allows all of us to be more in touch with our feelings about ourselves and others, and offers those with planets in Cancer a rare growth opportunity.

Saturn remains at rest in Scorpio, thankfully for all of us.

Uranus raises hell in Aries so we cannot go to sleep at the wheel. We are being forced to see who we really are while at the same time renegotiating all of our relationships with others. Only by being fearless and taking risks to be our authentic selves will we find peace.

Neptune slowly moves forward in Pisces, intensifying the connection between creativity and spirituality, particularly for those with planets in Pisces.

Pluto is holding still in Capricorn as we deepen to another level.

Finally, May ends with another energetic New Moon in Gemini, the sign of the mind/brain, our twin functions. The goal of the Gemini energy is the development of perception, thought and communication, spurred on by never ending curiosity. Venus, which joins this New Moon in Spirit, encourages us to develop and use courage, initiative and right action while it remains in Aries. This is a heart/head union to wish for. From mid-May to mid-June there are many patterns which encourage a stronger linking of head and heart. The grand trine in water deepens our capacity for healing, intimacy and intuition, which will greatly aid the resolution of the issues and challenges which appeared during the recent Grand Cross. The symbol of this New Moon urges us to use the power of our mind and heart wisely. George Bernard Shaw states: "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

I hope you are feeling a sense of relief after reading the description of the weather we are welcoming into our life in May. Time to make plans and get going. If I can help you in any way in this process, please let me know. When I am not in the office, I will be working outside with nature in my landscaping projects.

ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH AND BREATHE EASIER.

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