

GREETINGS;

I hope the eruptive, disruptive energy of April is easing as we leap into the marvelous month of May, 2016 with all of its opportunity to attract positive growth and change. The first half of May, in particular, offers unlimited abundance with a Grand Trine in Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn. A majority of planets in these earth signs brings us balance and manifestation in a visible level. With Saturn spending all of May at the point in space known as the Great Attractor, all of us should take time daily to imagine our unlimited potential as tension eases and opportunity increases. I will cover the month of May in greater detail below, but start breathing easier, even with Mercury retrograde till 5/22. It is just a detail and a small fly in the ointment.

LANDSCAPING: May is the best time so far this year for those of us in the Houston area to clean up, replant and take care of our trees and ensure we will enjoy our summertime show of color and lushness. Please let me know how I can help you accomplish your goals and dreams with your outdoor needs, whether they are for fencing, tree planting and/or removal, irrigation and garden building and design.

SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL: On June 20, at a powerful Full Moon, I will host the first Summer Solstice ritual in my new residence. We are moving across the street to bring amazing opportunity into our lives. Mark your calendar. I will send instructions on how to prepare whether you will attend or do your rituals with your friends. This is an important time of change and seeds planted will ripen in the 6 month period thereafter.

MAY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

May is a marvelous month of abundant opportunities. The planet Jupiter moves back into action and leads the pack of influences on 5/9, following a fabulous New Moon in Taurus. To say the prosperity vibe is amplified, is putting it mildly. This is the month to monitor all of your thoughts and speech and Learn Optimism on every level. In May three Grand Trines (luck, transformation, opportunity) in Earth signs include a personal planet in Taurus for a unique and abundant harvest of blessings. Abundant prosperity and transformational spirituality deepen our wisdom and opportunities for a better life, so we are all advised to take advantage of this time of rich opportunities. Aim high and release doubt and dissolve your memories of past trauma and be mindful of what you have learned from your challenging experiences.

On May 3 the radiating energy of the Sun in Taurus expands through its contact with Jupiter in Virgo and on 5/7 adds Pluto in Capricorn to the loaded bases. To hit a home run, make a new intention to be of service to others in new ways, increase your pleasure and gratitude for what you have and you value, and feel empowered to move into a new, better version of yourself.

On May 6, the powerful New Moon in Taurus celebrates the support of Jupiter and Pluto and the energy of Mercury in Taurus so we can think deeply about what we value, make new financial plans and goals and expect results without reservation. As one of my friends told me in April, **ABSOLUTES CHANGE**. The combining of energies at this time supports learning new skills and new ideas, communication and short term travel (yes, I know Mercury is still retrograde), and urges us to be peaceful and void battles with those who have not received the upgrade in consciousness necessary to enjoy this gift of radiating change energy.

On May 7 Venus, Jupiter and Pluto engage in a smooth flow of energy supporting our relationships and our creativity. Challenges which occur in these areas shine light on what and who no longer serve our highest good.

Week 2 of May brings further change as we experience a strong mutable T-square between Jupiter in Virgo, Saturn in Sagittarius and Neptune in Pisces. If you have planets in Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and/or Pisces, of life shaking you loose from the situations and people who you no longer need and reshaping you through fast moving events, feelings and thoughts. These three planets represent visualization (Neptune in Pisces), crystallization (Saturn in Sagittarius) and expansion (Jupiter in Virgo). The result of this combination is intended to be expanded harmony, flow, ease and grace. It is the formula for uniting Heaven and Earth, i.e. what we experience as ecstasy we are not able to bring into our actions with others. This pattern brings

structural disintegration and inspired reconstruction where needed. This gift of change occurs when we are not living in alignment with our Soul's purpose. Where release is necessary, the presence of Jupiter moving forward in practical Virgo allows us to pour new energy into health, service to others, and attending to the details which make a balanced, peaceful life possible.

On May 12 Mercury in Taurus is supported by Pluto in Capricorn assisting us in powerful representation of our values in all of our affairs. Mercury and Venus in Taurus become twin energies as they join on 5/13 forming one mine of creative love and self-expression. If you need to deal with a conflict in the month of May, or present a plan to others, this is the day to do it. On May 15, Saturn returns to the point in space known as the Great Attractor and remains throughout the rest of the month of May. This is one of 3 periods in 2016. The first one occurred mid-January to mid-February, the second period is all of May, and the third is mid-October through mid-November. This is one of many reasons that 2016 is such a fated year of change and opportunity, in ways not seen since 1968. Pay attention and slow down and experience a richer inner life of spiritual depth so you can thoroughly experience these necessary life lessons.

The third week of May continues the theme of turning point of possibilities as the Sun moves into Mercurial Gemini on 5/20 prior to the dynamic Full Moon on 5/21. As the Solar energy shifts from earth to air, the world of the mind encroaches us from the material and pleasure centers which we have been focused on the past 3 weeks. The Full Moon in Sagittarius on May 21 provides light on where we may have been operating under faulty reasoning. The Sun in Gemini deals with facts and information while the Moon in Sagittarius deals with interpretation. Full Moons open our energy full throttle and this Full Moon finds Mars closely conjoining the Moon, fueling our confidence and convictions, as well as our impatience and anger. We need to resist the temptation to jump to conclusions and overreact. Mars is at its brightest and closest to the Earth this year on 5/22 in fire sign Sagittarius as it opposes the Sun. On May 22, Mercury, the ruling planet of Gemini slows down and ends its retrograde period. We should be clearer now about what is really important and fortunately Mercury is still in strong support with Jupiter and Pluto increasing our resourcefulness and practical awareness of reality.

On 5/26 Saturn forms the final of 3 squares to Jupiter in Virgo. The rhythm of this pattern is expansion versus contraction and where the balance lies between them. Saturn in Sagittarius struggles with limits and Jupiter in Virgo becomes more confident of expanding with practicality. This pattern began last year on 8/3/2015, continuing on 3/23/2016, and finally completing on 5/26/2016. The question for each of us is: where have we been stifled by misconceptions and where are we ready to take a leap of faith. This period is one of questioning and searching and finding peace on the journey. On 5/27 Mars backs up into Scorpio to stir the pot of our deepest desires and feelings till he returns to Sagittarius on 8/2/2016 at the New Moon. As the effects of the T-square between Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune wane, we would all be wise to release our need to control, and remember that when a door closes, another one opens, it is just Hell in the hallway.

I will be working all of May and am available for landscaping, astrological consultations and therapy if you need my help. I wish you a Happy Memorial Day holiday and peace and comfort in your journey.

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