

HAPPY MAY DAY!

We have left the energy of awful April and are moving into the magical, marvelous more peaceful, grounded energy of May 2017. The light we saw at the New Moon on 4/26 was the light of moving out of the tunnel of sacrifice and burdens called by many the "Dark Night of the Soul". The Taurus New Moon promoted a return of a feeling of being grounded peacefully and looking forward into a 4-week period of enjoying the earth's beauty and promise. Several planets are changing signs, implying deeper change for all of us. For all of us, the implication of the Moon's Nodes changing signs from Virgo/Pisces into Leo/Aquarius for the next 18 months, beginning 5/9 will end an era of sacrifice and suffering and the return of creative expansion and the desire for joy and celebration. For those who have lost some of the optimism and confidence in the past 2 years, this will be a welcome reunion with our heart's desires. The trickster messenger Mercury moves forward again on 5/3 and we will begin to think straight and make sense of the nonsense of the last 2 years, particularly the first 4 months of 2017 which is at the very least, topsy turvyville.

LANDSCAPING: As you might imagine, this is the best time to plant, redesign and clean up your outdoor space. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. It makes my heart sing to do so. My flowers are so colorful and spectacular, strangers ring my doorbell and taking pictures of the beds. Pictures to come soon.

MAY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

MERCURY GETS IT RIGHT THIS MONTH (5/3)

April was a challenge for many reasons, not the least of which was that Mercury, the mental messenger, and forever trickster went retrograde in Taurus and goes direct on 5/3 in fiery, rebellious Aries. At the Full Moon (5/10) Mercury joins Uranus for a flash of insight and openness to new ideas, stabilized by the presence of Saturn in Sagittarius grounding the soaring originality of the mind. On 5/15 Mercury enters stable, practical Taurus and moves past the point of retrograde on 5/20, on the same day the Sun moves into Gemini, the ruler of Mercury and the most curious of mental energies. From that point on, we will be able to think straight and make decisions and communicate them clearly. On 5/31 Mercury and Pluto form a connection that is stabilizing, realistic, and practical as well. This is a decision-making day.

MARS IS A FAST MOVING, ACTIVATING ENERGY FOR MAY

Mars rushes through Gemini all of May. For those with planets in Gemini, this will provide more energy (including irritation, aggression and impatience), and for the rest of us, panting to keep up. On 5/11, just after the Full Moon, Mars and Neptune attempt to draw a veil over our eyes, making it harder to know exactly which road to take. Later Mercury and Saturn find stability and balance allowing our options to be clearer. On 5/12 Mars and Jupiter and in perfect harmony, which is a great pattern for play, meetings, travel, and any activity of expansion and enjoyment. At month's end (5/29) Mars and Pluto form a very polarizing pattern of possible conflict. This can cause feelings of being misunderstood, frustration and irritation. This is not the time for impulse and aggression, but the time to express our thoughts and feelings in mature ways. This is a classic aspect for accidents, so do not ruin your Memorial Day holiday by taking foolish chances.

ACT 2 OF THE FIERY COMPLEMENTARY MEETING OF SATURN AND URANUS

On 5/19, the second meeting of Saturn in Sagittarius and Uranus in Aries occurs. Act 1 occurred on 12/24/16 and the final Act 3 occurs on 11/11/17. This combination brings out the best qualities of each planet. Steady Saturn helps to stabilize radical Uranus so that changes occur more smoothly, with less disruption. Flexible Uranus allows opinionated Saturn to be less rigid and more inclusive. This is a great period of reinvention for all of us and all of our goals and projects.

VENUS IN FIERY, DECISIVE ARIES IS MOVING US CLOSER TO OUR TRUTH

Now that Venus is moving forward all of May, it will be hard not to notice what our heart desires. On 5/19 Jupiter in Libra will open new doors or opportunity for relationships and money issues which have dogged us in recent months. At the New Moon (5/25) Pluto pushes on Venus and issues with divergent money and values in relationships can reach a crisis. It will be hard to find a compromise position at this time, even though this is the assignment.

FULL MOON IN SCORPIO IS AN EXERCISE IN INTENSITY (5/10)

On 5/9, prior to the Full Moon in Scorpio the Sun in Taurus and Pluto in Capricorn form an earthy stabilizing force. The message should be that we are braver than we know and even more resilient than we can imagine. This is a time to feel a deeper message of our personal goals and the awakening desire to empower ourselves to bring it about. Since this is also the day that the Moon's nodes move into Leo/Aquarius, it is an opening of a deeper level of creativity and desire for community than we have felt for some time. Additionally, this is the same day that the final phase of the Mercury/Uranus conjunction (active for the past 2 weeks) becomes complete. We have reached the point of accepting without reservation our demand for freedom and equality. This is a point of no return for 2017.

On the afternoon of 5/10, the Full Moon becomes complete, adding to the sense of urgency we have already been feeling. This is the final push of the patterns mentioned above. If confrontations occur at this time, they may be necessary to reclaim our personal power as life changes and becomes full of new possibilities. This is especially true for those with planets in Taurus and Scorpio.

NEW MOON IN GEMINI (5/25)

This is a time of new beginnings, as well as new ways of thinking and communicating with others. In addition, it is a time of repressed feelings and core emotions coming to light. Infused by additional energy of Jupiter, Mercury, Neptune and Pluto, we will be working to expand our vision of what is possible during the next 4 weeks. The pressure provided by these planetary patterns motivates us to move beyond limiting beliefs and expand our world view, bringing it into greater alignment with our deeper truth.

As you can see from all the movement described in the paragraphs above, this is a month of opportunity to move forward and progress beyond our limits. If I can be of any help along your path, please let me know. I will be out of the office on Friday, May 19 as I am going to New Orleans to celebrate my oldest granddaughter's graduation from Tulane (with honors!). Hope your May is full of Joy, Celebration and Progress.

CELEBRATE WITH ABANDON!

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