

## GREETINGS:

Since the last day of April is the day in which Buddha received enlightenment, we can only hope some of it streams our way. March and April felt like being compressed in a fiery anvil and losing all your feathers before you flew out of the fire. Last night's Full Moon in Scorpio brought light to what is hiding beneath the surface in our lives, asking us to accept the reality, no matter how painful, and surrender to the changes in our lives. Much of the pressure of the past two months was stimulated by the three harsh planets in Capricorn, Mars, Saturn and Pluto, and finally Mars and Pluto combined and combusted on 4/26. We have another year before we go through that energy pattern again. Hopefully we become stronger like Toledo Steel before this combo reoccurs.

The first 2 weeks of May have a milder rhythm with the Sun in earthy, peaceful Taurus and Venus the lovely ruler of Taurus in lighthearted air sign Gemini. We are ready for laughter and less pressure after the madness of the topsy turvy events of the past 2 months. On 5/3 Mercury moves into the position it occupied when it went off the rails during the Mercury retrograde period from 3/22-4/15. There is a course correction on 5/7 as mental Mercury in Aries runs into a blockade with Pluto in Capricorn so watch out for the clenched fists as our mind finds it difficult to breathe freely. It would be easy to polarize into wishful thinking as Venus in Gemini is tempted to fall into fantasy as it becomes vulnerable to Neptune in Pisces. Mental Mercury is moving quickly in May and takes bounces off Mars in Capricorn on 5/12 as we are tempted to rush into conflict and avoid detachment. On 5/13 Mercury combines with Uranus in Aries in the extremely potent last degree of the sign for the last time for 84 years. Keep your mouth shut and ears open and let a flash of genius enter your consciousness. Life is about to change for all of us BIG TIME on the New Moon of 5/15. Mercury enters Taurus on 5/13 and a more peaceful awareness is available to those who choose peace.

For the first time in 84 years the planet of violent, sudden change enters Taurus, shaking up our value systems, money systems, plans and what we believed was true at the same time as the Sun, Moon and Mercury join together in Taurus, heralding a revolution in our relationship with the material world and its predictable stability. Taurus favors beauty, pleasure and sensuality and now that the Sun was expanded by Jupiter in Scorpio on 5/8, the sky's the limit on all things Taurus. Possible disruptions in the earth's energy as well as changes in our financial system are possible. This could be a very dramatic period in world history, so stay tuned and pay attention. An additional catalyst at this New Moon is the presence of the planet Mars in Capricorn at 29 degrees energizing Uranus at 29 degrees of Aries for one last bonfire. Hope we all survive it with or without our feathers. This is definitely a time to take care of your body and spend time in nature, avoiding unnecessary toxic stress. Fortunately, the Sun in Taurus forms a strong power balance pattern with Pluto in Capricorn on 5/11 so plant your feet firmly in the ground on this day.

On 5/16 after the run in with Uranus, Mars moves into air sign Aquarius where we may not feel so angry and insane. Plan to spend time with friends and enjoy life again. Thereafter Mercury makes a stabilizing pattern with Saturn and our mind can be still again, as well as reasonable on 5/18. Optimism returns on 5/23 as Mercury in Taurus is expanded through its dance with Jupiter in Scorpio. Plan something wonderful with great people on this day. The Sun in Gemini is balanced by Mars in Aquarius so this is a great day to be traveling and enjoying new experiences. Go where curiosity takes you and be surprised and delighted. On 5/25 Mercury in Taurus is empowered by Pluto in Capricorn. This is a great time to plan new endeavors or correct problems that have not seemed to have a solution. On 5/19 Venus moves into Cancer, urging us to take care of family and our home. It is a great time for a staycation. The unsettling pattern of Venus struggling with Saturn in Capricorn on 5/26 needs not to be taken seriously as it is temporary.

Finally, at the end of May we find another Full Moon waiting for us. The Sagittarian Full Moon on 5/29 is a call to adventure and a search for greater truth and freedom. Calling all Seekers: this is your time. It is time to discover a higher perspective on your life path, allowing new possibilities as you create your future. This is also a time to confront our inner demons. We have all just experienced the magic of Jupiter in Scorpio being balanced by Neptune in Pisces on 5/25 opening doorways to higher consciousness. Our receptivity to intuition and dreams is intensified so take time for rest, meditation and study of all spiritual ideas. With

Venus in the third water sign Cancer, this is powerful dream time so float where the current takes you and surrender to the messages in water.

If I can help you in any way through this magic month of May, please let me know. I am going through it as well, and astrology is a helpful tool to make sense of what seems invisible and nonsensical.

Through the looking glass to better days,

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