

GREETINGS;

I am writing the outlook for November as we enter Halloween weekend and approaching All Saints Day and our regional celebration for the Day of the Dead. As less daytime light occurs, darkness increases, which is a natural time for reflection into matters of life, death and meaning. Introverts enjoy this time, extroverts, not so much. With the Sun, Venus and Mercury in deep feeling water sign Scorpio, it is a time when the tension of opposites within and without speak loudly.

WINTER SOLSTICE RITUAL ANNOUNCEMENT; Don't forget the annual Winter Solstice opportunity next month on Monday, December 20, the longest night of the year. I will be holding a ritual at my home, about which I will write more soon. I just wanted you to mark your calendar if you are interested in celebrating the return to light which this annual time period marks.

LANDSCAPING; If you are in the Houston area, you know we are in the best weather month for landscaping till Spring. If you need pruning, planting, cleanup, tree or irrigation work, so you can enjoy the holidays surrounded by beauty and order, please let me know how I or one of my associates can help you. Together we have 100 years of experience. Call me at 713/520-1551 so I can make myself available.

NOVEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

With the Sun, Mercury and Venus occupying the sign of Scorpio, balanced by the planets Uranus and Jupiter in fellow water sign Cancer, this is a hyper-feeling month for all of us. Feeling leads to healing if we follow its current, so make time to slow down and pay attention to your deeper, truer inner self. The Moon is New on 11/6, which is a natural time to begin new activities or projects. This New Moon is dynamite for transformational activities and deep connection within yourself and with others. The following day 11/7 the planet Neptune moves back into motion in air sign Aquarius, allowing for greater creativity in our change activities. Saturn remains in Libra, moving slowly toward a balance pattern with Neptune next year. First the feeling function needs to inform us of our needs and unresolved feelings, so we can build a bridge of rationality and understanding to walk across toward our changing reality.

On 11/18, both Venus and Jupiter move forward, increasing the probability of harmony in our financial and relationship lives. The Full Moon occurs on 11/21 at 29 degrees of Taurus, the second of 5 consecutive Full Moon periods when the Moon was at 29 degrees. Since 29 degrees is the last degree of a sign, it intensifies the experience for all, particularly for those born at a Full Moon, or with a planet in the sign of the Sun and Moon. In October it occurred with the Moon in Aries and the Sun in Libra. November has the Moon in Taurus and the Sun in Scorpio, which definitely is about the balance between money, sex and deeply held values.

November is an interesting month, as all the planets are held in a tight configuration between Libra and Pisces, which is a bit of a locomotive pattern, which although very intense and somewhat unbalancing, brings opportunity for genius. The only planet moving out of this configuration is the ever changing Moon, lighting each of us differently, despite out common condition.

Mercury, our planet of mental expression, moves quickly from Scorpio, through Sagittarius and lands in Capricorn on 11/30. This flurry of activity always proceeds a three week period when Mercury goes backwards (retrograde) in relationship to the other planets. This will happen from 12/10-30, so get as much accomplished as you can before 12/10.

On 11/4 Mercury and Jupiter make a happy triangle, which should lift our spirits, particularly for those with planets in Scorpio, Sagittarius, Gemini, Virgo and Pisces, which as many of you will notice, includes all of the mutable signs. When they are happy, they radiate great mental energy and joy. Spend some time with one or all of them this day.

On 11/6 Mercury and Neptune have the misfortune to join in the creation of misunderstanding or disappointment before dawn, but after dusk Mercury and Uranus form a pattern of sudden awareness of truth, so all is well that ends well.

On 11/8, Mercury moves into the optimistic sign Sagittarius, and we should all feel relieved. On 11/20, Mercury joins Mars, which energizes aggression for all of us, especially those with planets in Sagittarius, Aries, Gemini and Virgo. Hold your tongue, or you will later regret it. On 11/25 Jupiter expands our minds and on 11/27 Uranus gives us sudden awareness of what will make us feel freer.

As I mentioned earlier, Venus begins the month moving backwards in financially intense Scorpio, entering relationship focused Libra on 11/7, and re-enters Scorpio on 11/29. The many weeks we have experienced the reverse position of Venus have made us clearer about our money and relationship issues. Venus hasn't joined up with other planets this month, so this has been a month of introverted thought about these issues. I hope you have taken the time to find your truth.

Mars is running through Sagittarius all month, which energizes travel, optimism, spiritual seeking and all learning experiences. Take full advantage of all of these activities. On 11/29 Mars and Jupiter amplify each other, which can be one really great time, or one really big conflict to resolve. Choose the former, not the latter.

Only Pluto occupies an earth sign this month, until Mercury joins Pluto in Capricorn on 11/30. That makes it somewhat challenging to be grounded, unless you are a Capricorn, and they find it more natural than the rest of us do. Water is the major element for most of this month, which intensifies our feeling function so we can take action to fulfill our needs.

Here's wishing you the beginning of a warm, wonderful, meaningful holiday season. I will be in the office to assist you with your personal and landscaping needs.

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