

GREETINGS;

As October ends, we are moving forward into the most dramatic month of 2013, November. Hopefully we have learned to move through challenge and change with ease and grace. New studies have confirmed that 50% of us are naturally resilient and the rest can change our attitudes so we can learn from the habit of surrender and rebalancing our lives, both inner and outer.

The 4th and final challenge from the meeting of Uranus and Pluto occurs on November 1st, followed by a Solar Eclipse at the New Moon on 11/3. Translated, that means a whole lot of shaking going on, and get ready to rumble. This 4th of 7 meetings is the fulcrum in the middle of the seesaw of life, and if you can release everything and everyone that does not enhance your transformation and evolution, the results will be powerful in ways you never imagined. As the Sun, Saturn and Mercury dance together, we have the opportunity to dive deep into the mysteries of life's many experiences. This is the time of empowerment through release of struggle and acceptance of surrender. If you have not read the book I recommended recently: "Living Beautifully with Uncertainty and Change" by Pema Chodron, now is the time to add it to your list. I am keeping this book with me so I can refer to its wisdom where necessary.

As you may know, I am now writing an astrology column for the new magazine Ciao Bella, which is a beautiful lifestyle magazine for women. My second website www.healingpowerofritual.com is off and running and I am adding material to it with increasing regularity. After a lifetime of using and teaching ritual as a healing process, it is very gratifying to share it with the world. Check it out and enlarge your understanding of yourself. For those of you who have an interest and the time to participate, mark your calendar for the Annual Winter Solstice Ritual at my home on December 20th, the longest night of the year. Instructions will be sent to you soon.

For those of you who enjoy the combination of ideas from astrology and Jungian Psychology, I have made my recent lecture available to you in 7 segments on YouTube – you can view my page by visiting my [YouTube channel](#). I hope you enjoy it as well.

LANDSCAPING: As the weather changes and we enter our marvelous Fall season, it is time to clean, prune, mulch and plant for the wonderful holiday season we will soon enter. If I can help you with any of your needs, please let me know. The trained professionals I collaborate with have a shared experience of over 100 years of experience. I am available for consultations for \$95 per hour if you have your own workers.

NOVEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

The drama of life comes to a climax on November 1st with the 4th Big Bang of Uranus in Aries backing up to confront Pluto in Capricorn. We have been seeing this coming since the Spring of 2013, and we know what it means in the world at large: Stubborn conflict and secrets coming out in the open with consequences for everyone. In our personal lives the challenge is to joyously embrace and celebrate the unique identity you came into life with, and to follow your intuitive flashes of genius which will direct you to a new expression of yourself, in spite of your doubts and fears. We are all dealing with empowerment issues as we navigate the minefield of life. I remember hearing years ago that a group of angels is called a Power. It seems to me that the truth of our spiritual understanding is the current we should follow as we grow through this unbelievable time of change and healing. One thing I know for sure, with Pluto and Saturn so actively involved in our choices this month, everything will become clear, as we move from breakdown to breakthrough. This is a time to be honest with ourselves, and to let go of excess baggage and people who do not serve our goal of making and remaking our lives authentically. The Scorpio time deals with themes of life, death, sex, surrender and shared resources with others, including our patterns of interdependency with others. It is a time for growing up and shedding our old skin.

As we all know Mercury is retrograde and bouncing all over the Sun and Saturn, which is a type of heaviness of being in the world. Please find a way to lighten your burdens and have a good laugh so your mind will not join your feeling function to worry and ruminate. After 11/25 this never ending cycle will end and we will be smarter and wiser. On 11/10 Mercury moves forward, as the bizarre energy it brought during October

moves past its starting point on 11/26 so we can all be thankful as Hanukkah and Thanksgiving coincide on 11/28. The Sun enters Sagittarius on 11/21, which brings a return to optimistic thinking and seeing life as a learning experience rather than a torture chamber of horrors. On 11/9 and 11/11, Mercury and Neptune form a fabulous pattern of creative exchange so schedule time with yourself and others to dream and daydream again. On 11/25, Saturn and Mercury give us a final exam in what we have learned this year, and we all need to plan a graduation celebration, as on 11/28, Mercury and Jupiter bring us a joyous time of celebration and gratitude to share with others.

Venus moves from Sagittarius into Capricorn on 11/5 which will bring us the opportunity to be more realistic about our needs and what others bring into their relationships with us. On 11/14 Venus and Uranus surprise us with new opportunities and unexpected change which will clarify our understanding further. On 11/15 we will dive deep with Pluto into a deeper realization of our true natures and desires. On 11/28 Venus and Jupiter expand all of our options beyond anything we have expected. Do not be alone on this day as life is reaching toward you in new ways.

Mars, the troublemaker of action and aggravation stirs up the sign Virgo, which can bring solutions to old problems, as well as healing opportunities for those in need. For those with planets in Virgo, you will have so much energy this month, you can accomplish anything. For the rest of us, find a Virgo to help you as they are on fire.

Jupiter, our generous growth regulator, slows down on 11/6 so we can rest, review and redesign our plans and get started again in 2014. If the last half of 2013 has been overwhelming to you, this is a welcome change.

Saturn, the principle of testing, learning and growing up to be mature and wise---whether we want to or not, continues its clarifying, maddening movement through the depths of the Scorpio underworld. Secrets no longer exist and feelings are deeper than we are used to. This is the time to understand your true nature and true needs, and accept they may be drastically different than you imagined.

Uranus, the rebel of change is backing up in Aries, which is giving us all time to see our individuality from a new angle. This is the planet of sudden changes and sudden awareness which lead us to our next assignment of developing more of our authentic self, which should bring greater energy through the absence of expression and release of armor.

Neptune is moving back into resonance with our spiritual and creative forces as it swims slowly forward in its home sign of Pisces, the symbol of duality and big dreams. Accept your duality and transcend your tendency to struggle with your many disparate selves.

Pluto is slowly moving forward in Capricorn, removing all of our barriers to becoming powerfully alive.

The month of October ends with a bang as Mercury and Saturn join on 10/29, the moon goes dark on 10/31 with Mars and Pluto connected which always brings a volatile reaction. On November 1 Uranus and Pluto begin the month like symbols announcing a time of beginnings and endings simultaneously. On 11/3 the New Moon Solar Eclipse compels us to start over with enthusiasm balanced with reality. On 11/6 Jupiter slows down our motion, both internally and externally. On 11/10 Mercury moves our mind into a new understanding of reality. On 11/13, Neptune moves back into our lives with new dreams and creative opportunities. On 11/15 Venus and Pluto join together in Capricorn to make us all clear about our desires and needs. On 11/17 a Full Moon in Taurus with the support and energy of Pluto, Venus, Saturn and Mars and the magic of Neptune will bring us into a new resonance with ourselves in our world. On 11/25, we finish the struggle of Mercury with Saturn and it will be easier to practice optimism than it has been all year.

We are designed to grow through this time in spite of our feelings of inadequacy and fear. In 2013 we have experienced a storm of feeling energy which floods us with memories, fears, dreams and opportunities. If I can help you process or make sense of this phenomenon in a meaningful way, I am available for personal appointments. Plan a celebration at months end and be grateful for all you have experienced and learned. This was a once in a lifetime exercise for most of us.

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