

GREETINGS:

Hope you are ready for a time of change: beginnings as well as endings! As you may know, the Nodes of the Moon shifted from Aries/Libra to Virgo/Pisces late last month, bringing a change in focus. For the past 18 months we have been focused on how we can harmonize our personal needs with those of relationships. The shift to Virgo/Pisces will find us more interested in helping others and getting better organized and healthier in our habits. We have a dynamic New Moon late on 11/11 and a powerful Full Moon on 11/25 and the beginning of a cycle which has Saturn in fiery Sagittarius in square to Neptune in watery Pisces on 11/26, 8 days after Neptune starts forward movement after its slow down (retrograde) period in June. This pattern brings our dreams down to earth and makes them real, as well as creating dissolution of old, worn out structures in our lives. Finally, there are 3 meteor showers in November, just before, during and after the New Moon (11/4-5, 12-13 and 17-18). These "shooting stars" are fragments of comets orbiting our Sun and are considered harbingers of transition and catalysts for change.

LANDSCAPING: November is the month to take care of your trees. With the heavy rains, following a drought, all of the limbs that need pruning should be attended to. It is time for tree planting and removal. I have a great resource to share with you if you need help. Let me know and I can send my subcontractor to bid your job. It is a great time to finish your clean up, planting and mulching before winter arrives in December. Let me know if you need to schedule a consultation on what to create. I charge \$95 for an hour consultation to make a planting plan.

NOVEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK:

In the first week of November, Mercury enters perceptive Scorpio (11/1) and Venus and Mars join together for the final of 3 times this year (11/2). Mercury is moving to a conjunction with the Sun on 11/18 and spends the remainder of 2015 leading the Sun, a time for us to take care of our brains and not lose our minds. The Venus/Mars conjunction in Virgo is like a rocket booster to those with planets in Virgo and a reminder for all of us to be more analytical in our creative projects and act with courage to bring our desires into concrete manifestation. This is the end and beginning time of a new cycle.

On 11/2 we are at the halfway point of Autumn, the cross-quarter day, 6 weeks before the Winter Solstice. Please check out an amazing narrative by my friend Donna Henes, Urban Shaman [here](#). Suffice to say, we are on a roller coaster ride of change as the year comes to an end, and as we enter the darkest period of the year, it is the time of Death and Shadow, and we need to learn to see in darkness and make peace with our Shadow.

The second week of November finds Venus entering her second home in Libra, urging all of to enjoy beauty, harmony and civility in our relationship with ourselves, as well as with others. We are drawn to collaboration and sharing our time with kindred spirits. On 11/11-12 we experience the effects of the New Moon in Scorpio, offering us an opportunity to shed old skins. Mental Mercury joins this New Moon, bringing our thoughts in alignment with our feeling function. We are in the second of the three meteor showers during this period, so this is a period of added potential for a new life. Think slowly and deeply about what baffles you. This is a great night for prophetic dreams. On 11/12 Mars enters Libra for 2 months, urging us to use diplomacy and tact and resolve conflicts with a win/win philosophy. The psychological truth of healthy relationships tells us that our ability to resolve conflicts is the key to successful intimacy, and the next 2 months are urging us to successfully complete that assignment.

The third week of November is the beginning of deep change as Mercury joins the Sun on 11/18 as Neptune begins its reintegration period from its home in Pisces. For all those dreamers who have been frustrated in the past few months, now is your wake up time. As Mercury joins the Sun in the morning of 11/17, a "lightbulb moment" may occur as a deeper understanding of the path ahead is possible. On the morning of 11/18, with Mercury in front of the Sun, Neptune moves slowly forward. It feels like we have been standing on the beach, waiting for the tide to take us to the next step of our journey. This will not feel subtle to those who have planets in Pisces. This time of new beginnings gently encourages us to abandon our illusions while embracing the unknown, trusting the current will take us to a place we may have only dreamed about. On 11/20 Mercury moves out of the deep waters of Scorpio and enters optimistic,

philosophical Sagittarius promising us to think big. Venus and Pluto square off at this time so some doors will close while others open. Remember it is Hell in the hallway between.

The last week of November is like the final act of a play or the last movement in a symphony, as the Wow factor cannot be ignored. The Sun enters Sagittarius on 11/22, replacing the life and death theme with a finding meaning and truth and adventure in a life lived well. Life becomes a big adventure, with travel, study, and learning all encouraging an expansion of who we are and what we know and understand. On 11/23 Venus in Libra and Uranus in Aries face off giving us a dose of more excitement than we can enjoy, a period of possible temporary destabilization. Another possibility is a great new relationship or financial opportunity appears. Mental Mercury takes center stage on 11/24/25 prior to the Full Moon, first with a conjunction with realistic Saturn on the evening of 11/24 and later with a square to Neptune before we wake up on 11/25. With Mercury joining Saturn and then Neptune, the challenge is to remain both focused and able to go with the flow. The Full Moon on 11/25 occurs at Sundown so we should have lots of fun activities planned that evening. With the Sun in Sagittarius and the Moon in Gemini, it is party time. Enjoy the evening because on 11/26 we begin the first of 3 life altering squares between Saturn and Neptune. These two planets represent very different side of our nature. Saturn governs the limits of the physical world where we learn to create responsibly within the laws of time and space. Neptune presides over metaphysical domains, where we merge and navigate unified states of consciousness via extrasensory perception. Saturn-Neptune squares challenge us to manifest from our essence rather than our ego, and to follow our intuition and inner guidance rather than external authority and convention. This pattern occurs every 36 years. Count backward to see how far you have come in the past 36 years, 3 cycles of Jupiter, the urge to grow and expand. The other 2 Saturn-Neptune squares occur in 2016 on 6/17 and 9/10. Some people believe that this period offers insight into where the physical and spiritual worlds diverge. It should be interesting at the very least. What may seem like a dark night of the soul may have the potential to bring us to a new level of understanding.

On 11/29 the Sun squares Neptune in the morning bringing our dreams into the light, and then joins Saturn in the evening as we look at reality and make peace with our current situation.

As you can see, we are all at a crossroads. If you are concerned or unclear about what direction to take or what it might mean, I am available to help with a combination of astrology, psychological tools and practical suggestions. Like you, I have been turned inside out AGAIN, over the past 18 months, and am looking forward to a peaceful future. Call for an appointment when it is convenient to you.

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