

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

What a perfect day for Halloween 2016, as we are still in the midst of the New Moon in Scorpio, beginning a mystical, magical time of year when the veils between the visible and invisible worlds lifted and we see the contrast between light and dark, life and death and love and loss more clearly. This is a time of integration as we invite the mythical symbol of Scorpio, the Phoenix bird, to return, dissolve in the fire, and resurrect itself in a new form for another meaningful year. Mental Mercury joined the Sun and Moon on 10/30 and was balanced by Neptune, and support from Mars and Pluto. We can look forward to an interesting month. The powerful Full Moon occurs on 11/14, the third of 4 Super Moons in a row, a power booster to the Moon's pull on the earth and all who inhabit it. As the Sun moves out of water into fire (Sagittarius) on 11/21, we will enter a very interesting time of life at a crossroads, and end the month with another New Moon on 11/29.

If you are anything like me, you are reeling from so much change in the past 12 months. Finding a way to find balance again is a challenge for all of us. Remember: this is the same energetics as we experienced in 1968. All of us who have had our life destabilized are dealing with some form of PTSD brain, and learning to slow down, find meaning in the changes, and make new plans for the future are part of our assignment to move forward.

At the Full Moon this month, I will begin my 46<sup>th</sup> year as a mental health professional. Thank you all for your trust and support for the past 45 years. I have no plans to retire until you read my obituary. Let me know if I can help you with decision making or answer some of your life questions. An astrological consultation allows you to see a more universal picture of your possibilities at this unusual time of changing life direction.

LANDSCAPING: I believe it will finally cool down soon, making it possible to hastily improve your landscape before the holidays. Let me know if I can help you with pruning, planting, tree or irrigation work. I am taking my truck in Friday so I will be ready for what life offers me. If you need my services to help design your landscape, I am available at a rate of \$95 per hour.

## NOVEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

The month of November has a mixed bag of possibilities, as the planets which energize us occupy water, earth, fire and earth, in a similar ratio. What strikes me as interesting, is that all but one of the planets are in the social and transpersonal signs, which means Fate is driving the drama. In my experience, it is best to be especially calm and centered during a time like this. Where possible, we all need to be pro-active, not reactive. Good luck with this, believe me. After Neptune moves back into forward motion on the evening of 11/19, only Uranus, the revolutionary planet of change is in backwards, disruptive motion, which increases our responsibility to manage ourselves with greater skill.

As mentioned before, the New Moon in Scorpio which precedes November is a peaceful energy and on 11/1 the creative energy of Neptune makes the music beautiful. Thereafter, life picks up speed and becomes more interesting than we can imagine. Scorpio is the second water sign and deals with mystery, alchemy and the tension of opposites within and without ourselves. Since we fear what we don't understand, this is the energy which urges us toward greater meaning to life so what is in the dark can be seen more clearly.

Edward Teller says: *When you get to the end of the light, you know it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown. Faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly.*

We may need to re-read this message many times during the month of November. Mercury moves past the Sun/Moon combination and enters Sagittarius on 11/12, adding fiery optimism and spiritual seeking to our mental possibilities. On 11/18 we get a burst of creativity from Neptune and on 11/23, a dose of reality

from Saturn and finally relief from our concerns in a most unusual way as Uranus in Aries balances our thoughts on 11/26.

Venus, our values planet, begins November in travel loving, fun loving, optimistic Sagittarius. On 11/5 plan something wonderful as Venus and Uranus want something unusually fabulous on our calendar. On 11/11 Venus enters practical earth sign Capricorn and makes it easier to appreciate the act of delayed gratification.

As mentioned above, Mercury changes signs on 11/12 from Scorpio to Sagittarius so our mind and heart are poised to move forward in spite of, or in some way because of, our deep feelings. From 11/25-29 Venus is contacting Pluto, Jupiter and Uranus, and this is the time we all need to be realistic, optimistic, and brave as our situations in relationship to love, money and life require all three character traits.

Mars, the militant timer of life events begins November in Capricorn, grinding us down with reality and responsibility and of course, determination. On 11/19 Mars moves into the energetic field of Aquarius, the last of the air signs, and the one with the most creativity. We need it for the crossroads we are all entering.

The powerful Super Moon on 11/14 before dawn has the need to preserve life (Moon in Taurus), opposing the Sun in Scorpio which allows for decay. In other words, what is given form must transform. This Super Moon offers the opportunity to see things in a new light, bringing about integration rather than polarization. Later in the month we will have the incentive to clarify what matters most to us and what we will need to do differently to reach our goals. The powerful pattern of Jupiter and Pluto which begins on 11/24 and ends on 8/14/2017 offers us the potential to enjoy greater freedom and equality in our relationship life as we release our need to struggle with what we cannot control. This is the period when we need to practice the Serenity Prayer without cease. Shortly after this Full Moon, sensitivity and creativity, as well as intuition and imagination are heightened as Neptune joins the Lunar South Node on 11/17, is squared by Mercury on 11/18 and moves into direct motion on 11/19. During this period we are encouraged to release the victim/martyr role, as well as all forms of addition, allow ourselves to feel our next step forward, rather than trying to figure it out, and be open to receive help when offered. The choices we make after this initiation period should support greater truth, health, happiness, wisdom and love.

The next power period occurs from 11/23-29, as the New Moon in Sagittarius functions as a reset button so we can find our path to progress, truth and fulfillment. On 11/23 Mercury joins Saturn in Sagittarius encouraging greater caution expressing our thoughts and making decisions more slowly. All decisions and communication made at this time has long term implications. Go slow and be strategic. On Thanksgiving 11/24 Jupiter and Pluto make the 1st of 3 patterns which challenge some of our deeply held beliefs which are standing in the way of our growth. There is power in vulnerability and openness to change and now is the time to be open to it. Before dawn on 11/25 Venus combines with Pluto and Jupiter and highlights our relationship with money. If we are not confident and clear in our values about money, it leaves us open to greed and bad choices. The door to prosperity opens as we realize our value is separate from our bank balance. This is the time to write down and say aloud all you have to be grateful for. This habit allows joy entry into our lives. Prosperity in all forms follows our feelings.

The New Moon in Sagittarius occurs near month's end on 11/29, symbolizing the appearance of a crossroads as the Nodes axis and Neptune are part of this pattern. The past is beguiling, the future calls and a leap of faith is necessary to move ahead. Years ago, one of my friends referred to this as the invocation for each of us to become a "Leaping Beauty". At this time we are called to question our most fundamental assumptions about love, relationship and life. We need to discard our outdated beliefs and update our standards for progress, truth and fulfillment. These powerful energy patterns require a shift in perception which allows for an evolution from conflict to collaboration. It is time to be in touch with our feelings, including those which allow us to be compassionate of ourselves and others, knowing that we are all part of the whole. This is a time for our truth to shine within and without. On 11/30, the Sun and Neptune combine to ask how the perception of ourselves and our lives has changed in the past 3 months.

As you can see, we are in for an interesting time of change and transformation, myself included. I am using all the tools I have been given in the past 51 years to be sane and balanced, to remain human and

growing. If I can help you at any time this month, please let me know. I am beginning year 46 with new enthusiasm.

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