

GREETINGS;

I hope you are enjoying our quick segue into Fall. For me, this is a symbol of the strong change energy of the season and the upcoming month.

LANDSCAPING: As you might imagine, my phone is ringing off the hook with people who want their yards clean, replanted and redesigned, as well as irrigation repair, tree trimming, planting and doctoring. If you need any of these services, please let me know at 713/520-1551 and I can put you on the list. For pictures of some of my design services, please check out my website at www.nanhallinke.com.

FREE SKIN CARE SEMINAR; Don't forget, this Saturday, October 2, from 10 AM-Noon at my office 1535 West Loop South, Suite 200, the fabulous Anita Ricca will educate us about the newest and best treatments and products. Bring your questions and your curiosity and be amazed at all you will learn. If you haven't let me know that you are attending, please do so, as I will set up the chairs Friday before going home. If you want to talk to Anita personally, her number is 713/628-6004.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

A new, improved month is upon us. With the Sun, Saturn and Mercury in Libra, the sign of balance, we are all well advised to make balance our goal this month. Since Libra is the sign of relating to others, the challenges will come in our closest relationships. Forty-two years ago, when I was first studying astrology, the old astrology books called Libra the sign of "open enemies". That didn't mean much to me until I studied Jung's concepts of the unconscious. He talked about the "Shadow", that part of life which we don't understand and at once drawn to and repelled by. Another way to say it is "Opposites attract, then attack". We all should learn more about what we are and what we are not this month. Since Libra is an air sign, it is well to think about our relationships with others and discuss them with those who are sensible, practical and mature.

The New Moon occurs on 10/7, joined by Mercury and Saturn, the planets of realistic thinking and understanding. Get ready to get real. Thereafter, Venus, our symbol of value and attachment moves backward in intense water sign Scorpio until November 18. In personal matters, there may be challenges with partners over money and debt and one partner may be more attached than the other is. With a plethora of planets urging reality in relationships, all of our relationships must move forward to the next level. When this is not possible, things will become crystal clear and action will be taken. As Venus moves backward for us to review our deepest held beliefs, many of us will be surprised at how we feel. This is especially true for those with planets in Libra, Taurus and Scorpio. On a mundane level, historically, the stock market retreats when Venus is retrograde.

The Full Moon is on 10/22, and it is quite explosive, as the Moon is at the last degree of Aries, a most decisive, aggressive placement. Mars and Neptune are pushing against one another, so aggression and fantasy are having a tug of war as the emotions are heightened. Those with planets in Libra, Aries, Scorpio, Aquarius and Pisces will be most affected at this time.

The planets are clustered in air signs which demand reason, and feelings, which make not feeling virtually impossible. This is definitely a time to have a strategy for allowing the feelings to arise to the surface so the mind can make sense of them and formulate a plan. The planets are not in personal signs, but in social and universal signs, which means all of us are living out our fates in some form. It is best not to ask "why" but "what is this about" and "what is my lesson", as this time unveils our next assignment in development.

Mercury begins the month in the last degrees of Virgo, which inclines the mind to worry about problems to solve, especially on 10/1 and 10/2, as Mercury moves into opposition with Jupiter and Uranus, respectively. These are aspects of mental brilliance, so this is a great couple of days to take life seriously and reflect on the issues that plague you still. On 10/3 Mercury goes into Libra, where it is poised to become more balanced. On 10/5 Mercury and Pluto form a pattern of deep awareness, followed by a joining with Saturn on 10/8. Most of us can get to 10/8 with a clear sense of what is going on in our lives,

what we need to do about it, and who is supportive of us and who is not. On 10/18 Mercury moves into a beautiful arrangement with Neptune, which is a peaceful, creative pattern. On 10/20 Mercury enters deep feeling Scorpio and makes a pattern with Uranus on 10/24 which allows understanding and acceptance of our truest self. On 10/25 Mercury joins Venus, which is a great time to entertain, resolve differences with other, and generally have a great time.

Venus, as noted above, takes a rest in Scorpio, beginning 10/8. Prior to that Venus joins Mars on 10/3 for a passionate connection, one of three in the next several months. If you are single, you definitely want to be visible this day.

Mars, the action trigger, is moving dynamically this month, beginning the month in Scorpio and ending in Sagittarius on 10/28. While in Scorpio, deep, passionate feelings arise for most of us, especially those with planets in Aries and Scorpio. On 10/3 love and money are the focus. On 10/20 Mars and Jupiter dance well together, bringing opportunities for successful expansion and enjoyment. On 10/22 Mars and Neptune produce an exercise in fantasy and imagining, and on 10/24, Mars and Uranus move in perfect rhythm. All in all, October brings opportunities to act on behalf of our needs, celebrate our progress and have a new consciousness of life and our place in it. On 10/28 Mars enters Sagittarius, where it compels us all to travel, look beyond our own limits and take a chance.

Jupiter and Uranus move backwards in Pisces for the final act. As these planets move in tandem in Pisces, a great spiritual awakening and amazing grace are available to all of us.

Saturn, the planet of reality and timing is moving steadily through Libra, asking each of us to examine our relationships and what our part has been in the difficulties we experience.

I hope you can read my optimism in these paragraphs. After the stagnating suffering of the first 9 months of 2010, this is a time of opportunity and change. If you need help with understanding, healing or planning, I am available to assist you.

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