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As we move into the rhythm of a new season, our task is to find balance in ourselves and in our lives in new ways. October will give us a push and pull exercise to strengthen us and increase our flexibility. One of my new tools is a book entitled "Living Beautifully with Uncertainty and Change" by Pema Chodron.

The back and forth motion of the major change pattern of our time: Uranus in Aries squaring off with Pluto in Capricorn is bringing us all to a turning point in our lives. For some of us this is welcome, for others it is an unwelcome guest. The seeds that were planted in the mid 1960's are ready to harvest. For those of us who remember that time, we can see the parallels in today's world events. For those who were not born yet, it may seem to be an unsettling time. The challenges we now face personally and collectively invite us to become bold, creative and more original than we can imagine.

LANDSCAPING: It is time to get your landscaping needs planned and executed now that the light and temperature are changing. If I can help you in any way with any of your needs, please let me know. My team of landscape professionals can assist you with planting, clean-up, tree work and irrigation, as well as design. I am available for personal consultations concerning your needs as well as designing your landscape. My fee for consultations is \$95 an hour.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

As September ends, Mercury enters Scorpio on 9/29, where it will remain until 12/4. From 10/21-11/10 Mercury is in backwards (retrograde) motion, which gives us an opportunity to redesign our plans and re-write our scripts, if it doesn't drive us crazy first. Mercury is the messenger of surprise and tricks, as well as information, so it is important to be careful and succeed at tricking the trickster. The year 2013 is unique for the fact that all three Mercury retrograde periods occur in water signs, increasing our capacity to know our inner needs and feel our intuition more readily. When Mercury is in Scorpio, it is a good time to be a detective, be more introspective, and generally slow down the mind machine. Any project you can get underway before 10/21 will proceed with greater ease. Afterwards, it is three weeks of life in the unexpected lane. Mercury and Uranus do a creative dance together on 10/1. First on 10/8 and later on 10/29 Mercury and Saturn join together to give us a strong dose of reality. Often there is a feeling of sadness during times like this, as illusions leave and reality appears. This is a month to learn a deeper level of the truth.

The New Moon in Libra occurs on 10/4 and brings a time of increased social activity and desire to connect with others. The Full Moon of 10/18 is a Lunar Eclipse that dances with Jupiter, so plan to be out and about with those you enjoy. The following day 10/19 Mars and Neptune clash and creative possibilities are energized in amazing ways. On 10/21 Mercury slows down and dives deeper as we look for truth in all our affairs. This is a period where we are best served to develop our being, rather than doing, selves. On November 1 Uranus and Pluto will again join together to give us new insight into ourselves and our world. As you may remember, Uranus and Pluto reshape our lives together from 2012-2015. The events which followed the last square on 5/20 and our perceptions and decisions thereafter, will be reworked again on 11/1. Many of us will feel, see and experience these changes taking shape throughout October. Remember: if something is ending, something is beginning. As someone told me one day: when a door closes, another one opens, it is just HELL in the hallway. The wheel of life is moving forward whether we embrace it or not.

On a lighter note, Venus the planet of attachment and connection, leaves Scorpio for Sagittarius on 10/7, and a much better time will be had by some. When Venus is energized by the traits of Sagittarius, optimism and opportunity rule our lives. On 10/10, Neptune opens the door to fascination, creativity and confusion simultaneously. On 10/16, Venus and Uranus bring us a surprise package to delight us.

Mars continues to dominate us while moving through Leo till mid-month. This will definitely make life more colorful and entertaining for those who venture into the world. Parties are a must, even if you are an observer of the costumes and theatrics of others. When Mars enters Virgo on 10/15, the need to pay

attention to detail and solve all the irritating problems and conditions of life will accelerate. Those who have the capacity to annoy should be given a rain check to be included in your life. This is particularly true on 10/19, as Neptune and Mars bring an opportunity for paranoia and the ability to aggravate without limit. On 10/31, Mars and Saturn bring about a fierce stillness in the period of the Dark of the Moon. This is a good day to take a time out and reboot yourself.

Saturn continues a slow flow in Scorpio, taking us deeper into ourselves and our needs than we have experienced in 30 years. On 11/6 the Sun joins Saturn and some of the pressure with challenge with finances and shared financial obligations will be released.

Uranus is slowing down in backwards (retrograde) motion in Aries. These periods are designed to review and revise our plans to develop a new version of ourselves. The remodeling is still going on as we learn and grow beyond our expectations. When Uranus and Pluto meet again on 11/1, the transformation will take a new direction.

Joyous Jupiter of the boundless size and energy moves quickly through water sign Cancer, ready to take a rest on 11/6. All of us are feeling the need to nest and clean and redo our homes. Family can be a source of strength and comfort during this extreme time of change and growth. Many of us have families of choice, also called friends. Make time to enjoy time with those kindred spirits you know and will come to know.

Neptune continues to sleep deeply in Pisces, so when we slow down and find our center, new ideas and possibilities emerge.

Pluto is bringing all of us to a crossroads, a turning point in our lives, just as the period of the 1960's did for those of who were alive then. The 1960's brought in an era of extreme change and dynamic growth, just as we are experiencing now. It is important to know who we really are and what we value. I guarantee that we all will experience whatever is necessary to accomplish that task.

In October the only consistent planet in an air sign is the Sun in Libra. The remaining planets are in fire, earth and water. In individuals with that configuration, it is hard to be objective. The weather report for October reflects that caution: it will be hard to be objective, neutral and balanced. Fortunately, this is a period of great opportunity for social interaction, so find the time to be with people whom you trust and whose life experiences and wisdom you can benefit from and have a conversation. Embrace uncertainty and change: they are the source of all creativity. This is a month for developing the habit of extreme self-care. The more we invest in ourselves, the more resources we have to share with ourselves as well as others. When the Sun enters Scorpio on 10/23 the Moon and Jupiter are in Cancer, which combined with Neptune in Pisces, loads the bases with feeling. Follow your heart and a new day will dawn in your life in November.

If I can help you make sense of nonsense, design a strategy for your life, or deal with your feelings, call my office to schedule an appointment.

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