

## GREETINGS;

I hope the shifting Fall energy has rejuvenated you. October brings two eclipses and that pesky Mercury retrograde (10/4-25). To say the least, it is an obstacle course, and for many it will be a bit of a test...Fortunately, there will be extra energy for all we choose to accomplish. With the Sun, Venus, Uranus, Pluto and Mercury in Cardinal signs of action and motion, stillness will be hard to find. Our world will tilt on its axis, and everything that is not firmly attached will fall into our field of vision. The Lunar Eclipse occurs at the Full Moon on 10/8 and it is a powerhouse. The partial Solar Eclipse at the New Moon in Scorpio on 10/23 is joined by Venus, so plan a romantic adventure for that day, or something equally exciting. Mercury gets back in orbit in Libra on 10/25, so whatever has gotten out of balance will require our full attention. The lightness of air gives way to deep feeling as the month ends.

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## OCTOBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

When the Sun entered Libra on September 22, we began a 3 month period, ending December 21, in which the days get shorter and the nights get longer. Fall is the season in which we have less Sunlight and more Moonlight. It is a season designed for deeper introspection and greater awareness of ourselves and our needs. As October begins the Moon in Capricorn joins Pluto for a dive into the depth of our feelings. On October 4, Mercury begins moving inward for 3 weeks. From 10/4-10, Mercury will review the thoughts and decisions made after entering Scorpio on 9/27. This is a good time to review your financial decisions and examine your feelings about those with whom you share life. Life gets very interesting on 10/7, as the Sun in Libra opposes Uranus in Aries. This combination pits rebellion against self-interest. Once a year this pattern emerges, allowing us to see where we are not mirrored or understood by those in relationship with us. This is definitely not the time to have successful problem resolution, so be as much of an observer as you can. The following day 10/8 brings us a total lunar eclipse at the Full Moon in Aries opposite the Sun in Libra. We are best advised to find our mature warrior at this time, blending bravery with love. The Moon in Aries joins rebellious, inventive Uranus, demanding we think outside the box and find a way to create a new way to solve old problems with those we care about. This period is a turning point for most of us as Venus in Libra squares off with Pluto in Capricorn. If it wasn't crowded enough, the ongoing pressure felt by the Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn square gives us the most powerful time of change we have experienced since April when the Cardinal Cross was at its height. This is a review course with our next assignment staring at us clearly. It is time to shift to the power of love, rather than the love of power. Interestingly, Venus, the planet of love is traveling near the Sun throughout October and November reminding us to keep our attention on our heart center.

The first 8 days of October are a reminder of the lessons we have learned in relationships during the past 9 months. It is imperative we know who we are, what we desire, and speak our truth in a clear and peaceful manner. In case we have not finished this journey, we will get new data to input at this time. This is also a period to balance the masculine and feminine functions, a task of maturity. The gift it offers us is the knowledge that we are well designed to look for solutions that satisfy more than one person, based on compromise and cooperation, leading to a win-win result for all.

A very powerful feature of October is the ongoing triangle between Mars in Sagittarius, Uranus in Aries and Jupiter in Leo. We are all subject to greater energy and excitement and unexpected change, all of which can boost our opportunity to move forward quickly. For some this will feel like relief, for others it will feel frightening as we lose control of the known world. With so much energy in fire and air signs, we are in a positive energy pattern that may feel unsettling but will take us further than we can imagine.

On 10/11 Venus in Libra faces Uranus in Aries, a combination which can bring about fireworks and new options in relationships and financial transactions, as well as new situations to deal with. This is the time for cooperation and compromise. On 10/17 Venus and Mercury join together in Libra, a combination which is wonderful for new ideas and conversations that end harmoniously for everyone. If you need to have a serious conversation with anyone during the month of October, this is the best time to schedule it. It is a particularly wonderful day for those with planets in Libra, Taurus, Gemini and Virgo.

On 10/23 a Solar Eclipse occurs at the New Moon in Scorpio, with Venus woven into the pattern to bring peace, harmony and love with this new beginning energy. This extra powerful New Moon signifies a major ending and new beginning in at least one area of our life. This eclipse began on October 23, 1995, 19 years ago. We are all being asked to move to the next level of our understanding and self-expression. Check your memory to see what was happening 19 years ago and it is possible to transcend any limits still in place from that time as we move into deeper understanding of ourselves and our needs in the world we create. The Scorpio energy represents the need to die to an old way of being, to sacrifice our illusions and move toward transformation, using material from our unconscious which has been unknown, feared or repressed. Becoming more conscious gives us the power of choice, the ultimate success formula. As Venus joins this New Moon we are challenged to be fully honest with ourselves and others. The less we withhold, the more intimacy we share with ourselves and others. We are offered a major forgiveness opportunity at this time, toward others and/or ourselves. This is further intensified as Venus and Neptune dance in harmony on 10/27 and the Sun and Neptune form a similar pattern on 10/28. As the energy moves into the sensitive, deep feeling energy of Scorpio, intuition is stronger than usual, so find a still place in yourself and take notes from the impressions you receive. Mercury is moving out of retrograde motion on 10/25, which makes the last week of October a time of greater clarity and opportunity.

Mars, the assertive principal in action, spends much of October in fiery Sagittarius, urging us to travel and live a life of adventure and seeking truth. On 10/5 Mars and Uranus provide a flash of genius, as well as extra courage. On 10/8, at the Full Moon Eclipse discussed above, Mars and Jupiter are in perfect balance as Jupiter moves deeper into Leo, bringing our hearts into greater balance and the generosity of our natures into full flower. On 10/26 Mars moves into earthy Capricorn, the workhorse of the Zodiac. Whatever discoveries and decisions you have made in October, you now have unlimited determination to put them into action.

As you may understand by now, October can be revolutionary for some, dramatic for most, and interesting for all of us. Change requires new skills for living and working with others. Greater self-awareness is essential to navigate turbulent waters. If I can help you in any way, or if you have been waiting to schedule a personal astrological consultation, call my office at 713/520-1551 to schedule your appointment. It is always better to have a map and a weather report when starting on a new journey. Since most of October deals with relationships and their challenges, this is a time when being involved offers the opportunity to become evolved!

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