

GREETINGS:

As you may know, if you received and read my email last week, that we are falling forward to the end of a road full of chaos into a period where life opens us, lightens up, and gives us the opportunity to get our lives back on track after 9 months where it has felt to me that I am stuck in mud, which turns to quicksand, to fill the concrete mixer and wind up in a paint shaker. Today brings the beginning of a new cycle so the challenges of the first 9 months of 2016 have realigned and repositioned us so we can rebuild. If we are all alive, we are Masters of Chaos now. As you may remember, 2016 has similar energetics to that tumultuous year--1968. For those of us who were adults during that time, life was never the same, and it will be the same tipping point now.

At mid-day on September 30 the Moon in Libra joins Jupiter to give us a preview of how we may feel henceforward. This is a time of opportunistic expansion of ourselves in our world. By sundown today the New Moon will herald the arrival of the beginning of a period where the grinding up in our life slows down and we can breathe again in air sign Libra, where the Sun, Moon and Jupiter dance together, urging us forward. Energetic Mars marches through Capricorn bringing tenacity to our endeavors as we realize the true nature of resilience. Our task is to reclaim order in ourselves and our lives, balancing yes with no as we reorient ourselves to a balance between our needs and the needs of others.

LANDSCAPING: With the changing season, this is the time to get your landscape needs attended to so you can enjoy your months of beauty in the celebration season of Fall. Let me know if and how I can help you with your projects. I have subcontractors that can implement my designs, as well as being available to help you with your plans at an hourly rate of \$95.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

October begins early this month, as the energy of the Sun joining Jupiter and then meeting up with the Moon on the evening of September 30 signals a time of focusing on relationships as we grow into more awareness of ourselves and what balances in our relationships with others. This is the most social month of our year and it is tempting to say yes to everything, but since career opportunities are exploding all around us, we must find a new work/life balance.

The New Moon in Libra on 9/30-10/1 invites us to develop the art of relationship so we do not need to dance alone anymore. The first 6 signs of the Zodiac focus on personal development. With the arrival of the New Moon in Libra invites us to embrace who we are and find kindred spirits to learn and grow with. Since Jupiter enhances this energetic task, we are encouraged to be the change we want to see in the world and embrace the beauty in life.

There are 2 patterns emerging as the month begins that strengthen our resilience in important ways. First, after grinding on us mentally with more problems than anyone can solve alone, Mercury leaves Virgo on 10/7 and enters lovely, loving Libra space until it descends into Scorpio waters on 10/24, following the Sun, which enters Scorpio on 10/22 after sundown. Mercury went into Virgo on July 30, and we endured a challenging Mercury retrograde period from August 30-September 21, with its effect fully released on 10/6. This has been a time of problems to solve, and aggravation on steroids for most of us. Open your heart and mind as life becomes more balanced and much easier. On 10/11 Venus joins Jupiter which is an opportunity period on steroids. Now the seesaw is balanced again. On 10/13 Mars and Mercury show us our rough edges mentally and this is not the day to overshare with those who you conflict with. On 10/15 Pluto pulls our mind deeper into awareness and contemplation; and finally on 10/20 Uranus in Aries enlightens us concerning where our blind spots are in relationship to others. On 10/24 Mercury moves into secretive, watery Scorpio, bringing us inward so we can manifest our dreams, helped by magical Neptune on 10/30.

Mars is the fiery planet which gives us energy and boy does October have an abundance of Mars energy. As mentioned before, Mars entered Capricorn to get us going forward on 9/27 and keeps upping the ante till it leaves Capricorn on 11/8-Election Day in the United States! Now is the time to move your ideas into the world with enthusiasm. If you are looking for a new job, new home, new anything, this is the

time to go for it. Mars hits Jupiter on 10/5 and this is the go button, so use the first few days of the month to get prepared and plan strategy. On 10/19 Pluto urges revision of plans and offers a few hurdles to jump, and on 10/29 we have a pre-Halloween surprise as the energy of Mars and Uranus collide. Since Mars and Uranus are visiting the 2 goats Capricorn and Aries, respectively, go slow and don't make mistakes on this day. Get through it and wait for the 2nd New Moon of October on 10/30 to move forward. Be aware: when Mars, Jupiter, Sun and Uranus are in Cardinal signs, life is full of activity and change. Take time to rest and avoid accident and excessive expression of anger.

Venus, the ruling planet of this Libra time is occupying space in Scorpio till 10/17 urging a deep look at our own needs and a plan to get them met. On 10/18 Venus enters Sagittarius and we will feel a time of opening and risk taking approaching. If you want to take a trip in October, you will begin to feel the urge about this time of the month. The energy of Venus in Scorpio begins the month on 10/1 with the beauty and magic of its intertwining with Neptune. Plan something magical for this day and you will not be disappointed. On 10/25 Neptune brings a change in our awareness as it moves the Venus energy into a different shape. Neptune is a water (feeling) planet and Venus is by now occupying space in fire sign Sagittarius, producing a lot of steam for some of us. On 10/29 as we experience the Dark of the Moon, Venus joins Saturn for a lesson in perseverance and/or disappointment. Since this is the day Mars and Uranus butt heads, it may produce an unwelcome surprise. This is not a time to be overexposed.

The Full Moon in October occurs on 10/15, as the Sun in Libra is opposed by the Moon in Aries, highlighting their messages of freedom and fairness, communication and cooperation, and passion and power. Since the Moon is energized by freedom loving Uranus in Aries, this is a clear freedom/closeness dilemma for most of us, challenging us to be true to ourselves while respecting the views and rights of others. We will surely get a taste of where we need to reconcile differences through negotiation rather than coercion. This Full Moon occurs 4 days before the 5th of 8 Mars/Saturn conjunctions in Capricorn (2008-22), opening us up to reveal how we are doing with the responsible use of power and resources. Coincidentally, Mercury and Pluto are also squaring off, exposing where we need to be more honest with ourselves and others. There will be more insights and revelations as Mercury opposes Uranus on 10/20 and Mars squares off with Uranus on 10/28. All of these combustible combinations occur in cardinal signs Aries, Libra and Capricorn, so if you have planets in these signs, your life may reflect more drama and dynamism. If you are feeling frustrated with how little change you experienced this year, you will love this time.

The Sun enters watery Scorpio energy on the evening of 10/22, with Mercury following on 10/24. The dreamy Venus/Neptune energy seduces us into creative relaxation on 10/25, and Mercury joins the Sun for extra intuition on 10/27. As mentioned before Saturday 10/29 is a somewhat wacky day as Mars/Uranus clash and Venus joins Saturn that evening. Fortunately, our nervous systems will get a re-boot on 10/30 with another New Moon, this time in Scorpio. The New Moon in Scorpio, occurring early afternoon, focuses our attention on the mysteries of Scorpio: there is always more to any situation than meets the eye, both life and death are part of an endless cycle of transformation, and we are always on the edge of discovering something new about ourselves and the universe. Scorpio, the second of the water signs, deals with the depths of our psyche and the ecstasy and madness of relationships: the tension of opposites. Scorpio rules dark water, the Shadow, and Alchemy. The word "alchemy" stems from the Arabic word meaning "black lands". In metaphysical language, this is the place where we learn to see the light in darkness, balance the tension of opposites, and get in touch with our root chakra. Mercury joins this New Moon, urging us to develop our communication to a level of greater heart centeredness as we become more conscious. Mercury adds the energy of transformation to this combination. Since Neptune is in a supportive triangle to the New Moon/Mercury conjunction, our intuition is heightened, expanding our compassion, as well as our capacity for forgiveness, understanding and trust. This is an "embrace the dark" New Moon, a time and place where we are more open and receptive to what is beyond our physical body and material world. The great physicist 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 to fly."

On a personal level, I am listening to angelic music and chanting ohm, while drinking herb tea and feeling the breeze of a cooler open window moving all around me by fans, and smelling lavender incense. I want all of my senses open as we leap forward like I did 45 years ago, first starting a family on October 1, 1971 and going into an astrological practice on November 15, 1971. Both of these activities were not on my radar screen and seemed like an overreaching possibility. As I know now, these were the best 2 activities I could have practiced my risk skills with. Now I am ready for the next adventure, for as we all know, things come to us in threes. Please join me in this activity.

Obviously, this is a time of re-launching yourself into a bigger, better life. If there is anything I can do to support you in making plans, understanding your patterns, and/or making sense of the nonsense in your life so you will be ready for change, please let me know. This is one of those times where having a knowledge of astrology is very comforting. I discovered astrology at the end of 1968 after my life exploded and boy, it has helped me immeasurably ever since. If I can share its benefits with you, it would be my pleasure, as I feel it is my calling.

Enjoy the journey.

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