

GREETINGS:

I hope the cooler weather is bringing you the winds of change as the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter stimulate the values of air sign Libra. We will have a powerful Full Moon in Aries at the beginning of the month (10/5) and Jupiter ends its 12-month visit to Libra as it enters Scorpio on 10/10. The planet Pluto's rumbling awakening energy yesterday afternoon (9/29) was hard to miss for many of us. With 7 of the 10 planets winding in and out of Cardinal signs Libra, Capricorn and Aries, the wheel of life is moving forward whether we like it or not. The ins and outs of this drama are covered below.

LANDSCAPING:

Fall is the perfect time to plant, prune and enjoy the outdoors in Houston. The cooler days and nights, and adequate rainfall give us a 6-month blooming cycle, as plants do not go dormant. If you need help with this task, let me know and I will be happy to design an environment for you that will be as enduring as the picture of the home featured in the photos below. As I mentioned before, this yard was planted 10 years ago and has thrived throughout summer, winter and 2 hurricanes.

On the matter of grass: most of it has fungus from the rain. Use a product like MicroLife with fungicide before you fertilize. MicroLife is best for that as well. It is available at [Berings](#) and feed stores and is amazing soil conditioner. Like most of you, I have cut back the damaged parts of my flowerbeds and am watching Lantana, Cora Vinca and Angelonia thrive.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK:

Week 1 (10/1-10/7)

When the calendar moves into October on Sunday, 10/1, we get the power motivators Mars and Pluto in a supportive arrangement as they move together through detail oriented Virgo (Mars) and goal oriented Capricorn (Pluto). If there are things you need to do, you will get more done on this day, as this combination expedites success. This is a great way to begin the month. On 10/2 Venus and Pluto take the same path of supportive interaction, increasing our desire to improve relationships and issues with money management. Use these energies successfully, as the powerful Full Moon in Aries (10/5) is loaded with landmines. I will write a detailed description of its patterns next week. Fortunately, its combustion is offset by a wonderful joining of partners Venus and Mars that occurs at virtually the same period, allowing us to see where our relationships are unbalanced and making us aware of our own needs.

Week 2 (10/8-15)

After the emotional dust settles from the Full Moon/Venus/Mars combustion, there is a hint of pessimism creeping into our life as we release the pain of acceptance. Venus in Virgo receives a shove from Saturn in Sagittarius, resulting in a struggle between facts and faith. Let optimism rule in spite of the facts. Review all the times in your life when you feared the worst and it never arrived. Talk through your fears with friends and trusted confidants and you will build a bridge over your paranoia. The responsibility for our happiness is in our own hands and we can always shift out thoughts to a higher level. On 10/9 mental Mercury and power and truth-seeking Pluto pull us deeper into reality. This is a great time to get to the bottom of what is bothering us and seek solutions, especially since Jupiter, the source of our expansion and opportunities for growth changes signs from Libra to Scorpio on 10/10. The 12 months that Jupiter occupied Libra, encouraged us to evaluate our relationship life for fairness and balance issues. Many of our relationships did not survive this period. For the next 12 months Jupiter expands our awareness of the mysterious world of Scorpio: sex, money and death. The friction which occurs on 10/11 between speedy Mars and slower Saturn can feel like a wall, asking us to pause and wait for our sanity to return before deciding and/or taking action. Fortunately, we have a wonderful Friday the 13th with the Moon in festive, joyous Leo, always looking on the bright side, confidently moving forward and celebrating, always celebrating. The positive mood continues on 10/14 as Venus moves into its home sign of Libra emphasizing harmony, grace and balance in relationships and life in general. On 10/15 we are advised to play more and think less, as

Mercury in harmonious Libra is in opposition to erratic, sometimes shocking Uranus in Aries for the final time this year. My advice, distract yourself for 3 days. That's how long it takes to move back into resonance in case you get a jolt of disappointment with this pattern. Remember: it is what you do with life that matters, not what happens to you.

Week 3 (10/16-23)

Week 3 of October begins a time of transition from the activity inclinations of Cardinal sign Libra into the deeper feeling world of Scorpio. The disciplined approach allows life to move more smoothly and interactions with others, including those in authority, are more productive. Needless to say, this will make us more confident and give us a greater feeling of accomplishment. Plan all important activities for this week, if possible. On 10/17 mental Mercury arrives in Scorpio, with all its psychic energy and the ability to detect subtext where needed. On 10/18 Mercury joins jovial, verbose Jupiter and Pandora's box may open as others may overplay their hand to your advantage. On 10/19 the New Moon in peace loving Libra receives a jolt from eruptive Uranus in Aries bringing up our struggle to be fair and protect ourselves at the same time. If there is unfinished business from the issues which arose at the Full Moon (10/5), now is the time to take care of them. Friday 10/20, is more peaceful so do the three R's of rest, recreation and regeneration to the fullest extent possible. Sunday 10/22 is like a square dance as 3 planets change signs. The Moon blasts forth into optimistic Sagittarius, Mars enters partnership sign Libra, motivating us to seek peace and balance, and the Sun moves into water sign Scorpio indicating that to take our relationships to the next level we need to consider our needs as well as those of others. This is what is called Healthy Narcissism, the task of adolescence and the model of the two-way street we need to drive on to have a happy and successful life.

Week 4(10/24-31)

On 10/24, Mercury and Neptune dance together in water signs Scorpio and Pisces, respectively, heightening our imagination and discernment, as well as increasing our ability to know what we don't know (intuition, which is considered non-rational). On 10/26 a joyous, expansive joining between the Sun and Jupiter in Scorpio invites us all to a celebration of gratitude and self-expression. Plan something amazing for this once in a year opportunity. Our heart's desires are illuminated and it is possible to greet our fears rather than shrinking from them. This is a dose of optimism on steroids. Back to reality as Venus and Pluto show us another more limiting possibility on 10/27. Glance at these ideas, but don't ruminate on them or they will find a home in your heart and mind. On 10/31 the Moon is in Pisces gifting us with amazing energy for celebrating Halloween with originality, creativity and beauty.

I hope you can see that some of the difficulties of August and September are not renewed in October. Now it is time to quit hiding from successful healing and get to work on ourselves and our possibilities and move forward. Remember the planet of fate and hard work Saturn will move toward the Galactic Center in November, making all things possible, in spite of our doubt and past experiences. Review your progress in 1987 and you will get a taste of what I am talking about. If I can help you in any way, please let me know. As I have often said, it is my privilege to be a mid-wife to your transition. This is also a good time to get an astrological update for confirmation of your destination and its timing. I find this a comforting use of astrological timing. You will get 2 more emails from me this month summarizing the energy around the Full Moon (10/5) and the New Moon (10/19). I find it helpful to revisit our possibilities at these times of revision and redirection.

ENJOY THE FALL OPPORTUNITIES!

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