

GREETINGS;

As I write about the energy of September and its new opportunities and challenges, I am saying a fond goodbye to Mars as it leaves Cancer after 6 weeks and moves with greater comfort into royal, creative Leo for the next 6 weeks. We can all close and lock the door to the Madhouse of the past 3 months as the energy of feeling and unlimited and unbearable self expression of those who DO NOT have their acts together has been a never ending symphony of nuttiness. I hope you have a key to lock this door and have spent some time at home alone processing the many lessons of dealing with toxic people. In 70 years, I have never seen nor heard so many crazy stories from those of us trying to grow in spite of their unrealities. Please know if this has been your experience, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Fortunately, as you will see as you read further, we are in a time of repair and redirection as September begins.

LANDSCAPING: If you need help with clean up, planting, irrigation, tree planting and maintenance, or just need a consultation for some guidance, please let me know. I am planting my yard now with native and drought tolerant plants and weeding and mulching so I can enjoy our overlong and wonderful Fall season thoroughly. When things are fabulous in my Fall garden, I will send new pictures.

SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

As the final week of August rolls out with earth energy, FINALLY, life should begin return to its new normal with the Sun and Mercury in problem solving, practical Virgo finding balance with Pluto in Capricorn reaching its completion on 9/1 as the Sun and Pluto make complete triangle of powerful transformation of all that aggravates and irritates us. On 8/27 after Mars makes its evening entrance into creative and energetic Leo, we can prepare for Mercury in Virgo to make a triangle of balance, understanding and empowerment as it reaches the finish line on 8/28. The combination of fire and earth which we will have available in late August and most of September will feel like a steamroller took off in our life, especially after the long period of feeling excess of the summer of 2013.

Mars is the trigger for this change, after dredging up everything that has ever bothered us and encountering everyone who has ever driven us crazy, it is time to move forward with a brave heart and radiant optimism. There will be a slight course correction around 9/9 as we pass the first test of our new path. The brakes may go on, but it should be temporary, as the Mars/Saturn shoving match of 9/9 gives way to the Mars/Uranus creative solution time thereafter on 9/14. For those with planets in Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, this is a time of powerful new beginnings, especially following the New Moon of 9/5. It has been two years since we have had the powerful creative stimulation of Mars in Leo, and hopefully we have become better and wiser people in the past two years and more in touch with our true desires.

Mercury moves quickly through Virgo, Libra and lands in Scorpio at month's end, where it will remain haunting us with questions until 12/4. Mercury enters Libra on 9/9 and is challenged by its contact with Pluto on 9/14, just before Pluto moves faster beginning on 9/20. This is a relationship challenge time as well as clarifying our values and financial needs, especially for those with planets in Libra. On 9/16 Venus in Libra opposes Uranus in Aries, which can be a wonderful change, or a new beginning. Make sure it does not become a war of wills.

Venus begins the month at home in Libra, seeking balance, beauty and peace for all of us. We would be well advised to adopt this Mantra for ourselves, particularly on 9/14 and 9/26 as Venus touches Neptune and then Jupiter for unbelievable opportunity and creativity. Venus enters Scorpio on 9/11 and reminds us of the magic of strong feelings and the need for attachment and supportive communities in all our endeavors. The one possible dark day in this period occurs as Venus joins Saturn in Scorpio on 9/18. The feelings we have this day are temporary, so don't get pessimistic, particularly if you have planets in Libra, Taurus, Capricorn or Scorpio. On 9/28 Venus and Mars light a fire to warm our hearts and minds. Plan something wonderful that day so you won't miss this opportunity.

As August ends and September begins the mutable earth energy of overthinking Virgo is irresistible to all of us so be prepared to solve problems and create new plans. At the Fall Equinox of 9/22, as the Sun enters Libra, we need to move toward others and enjoy life more, a reward we have earned for the

success of surviving the summer of 2013, with all its challenges and opportunities. The non-rational energy of water and fire does prevail so we don't have a change of finding life too predictable. Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune float on in water, and Uranus and Mars heat up the fire so rest when you can and dream with regularity.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER;

September begins with the Sun in Virgo in balance with Pluto in Capricorn on 9/1, which is welcome indeed. On 9/2 the Moon in Leo beckons with a dance with Uranus in Aries, and no one should miss the fun it brings. On 9/4 the Dark Moon in Virgo is taken over by Neptune in Pisces, which is a bit of madness or magic, depending on your perspective. All ends well as Pluto balances the Moon just before midnight. On 9/5 the New Moon in Virgo bids us get going on all that needs correction and action. On 9/7 the Moon enters Libra and touches off a strong Cardinal Square with planets in Capricorn, Aries and Cancer. This is a rhythm that turns the wheels of fate, so do not hesitate or become faint of heart at this time. Please practice courage and optimism. On 9/8 the Moon joins Venus in Libra and all is well and wonderful.

On 9/9 Mars and Saturn grind at one another, slowing all of us down. I always find this somewhat like dragging a ball and chain. This pattern releases suddenly and in unexpected ways on 9/14 as Mars and Uranus break the cycle. On 9/13 the Moon in Capricorn joins Pluto for a powerful day on the Cardinal T-Square ride. This feels to me like a table with 3 legs, which means it is in need of new structure for stability and balance. On 9/14 the second leg of the table appears in Aries and ends up in Cancer, making life on the feeling/attachment plane move forward once again.

On 9/14 Mercury in Libra starts the Grand Square going again with a march toward Pluto in Capricorn. On 9/16 Mercury and Uranus square off, which is not the time to resolve anything with anyone, so restrain all impulses to do so. On 9/19 the Harvest Full Moon joins Jupiter for a feeling of creative and somewhat magical well-being. On 9/20 Pluto makes a forward move in Capricorn and we all will find the march of fate back on course, especially in our careers. The Autumnal Equinox occurs with balanced day to night ratio on 9/20 and the days get shorter thereafter, while the nights get longer. On 9/26 Venus and Jupiter make magic and the rest of the month looks calmer and easier to enjoy.

Embrace the changes and keep your sense of humor. If I can help you in any way, please let me know as I will be working all of September.

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