

## GREETINGS ON THE LAST MONDAY OF AUGUST;

I hope the stillness of the last full month of summer has given you time to review and revise your life and allowed lots of rest, recreation and regeneration time. As September arrives on Thursday with a New Moon Solar Eclipse in Virgo, the first of 2 eclipses in September, and the first of 2 New Moons, life will take on a new rhythm. As you know, Mercury, the messenger of our thoughts and speech, goes retrograde near sunrise on Tuesday 8/30, keeping us all hopping and questioning life and ourselves as participants in the game of life.

There are lots of changes occurring in September, which I will discuss below. The energy of Labor Day is peaceful so plan accordingly and have gratitude for having made it this far. When you return to work and active life on Tuesday, September 6, you will need to be prepared for change to continue in your life. Hopefully you have replaced all your limping electronics before 8/29 so you will miss the Mercury retrograde assault to electronics. I got a new computer and e-reader so I am ready, hopefully.

**LANDSCAPING:** With all of the rain, no one can escape the horror of needing a pruning of their landscape. I took advantage of the cooler temperatures and did mine and the people on my street last week. When you are ready to prune, plant and add mulch, let me know if I can help you. As we go into the Fall, storms intensity and trees need to be pruned before they damage your property. I have a great tree expert to help you with this project, as well as a Master Irrigator to help you with drainage and irrigation needs. If you want me to advise you on your projects, I am available to help you for one hour at \$95. You can call my office at 713/520-1551 to schedule an appointment.

## SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

As mentioned above, the last week of August brings the winds of change into our lives. Venus, the planet of attachment to our desires and people and places we love, moves home to Libra until September 23. We got a taste of the energy of Venus on Saturday 8/27 as Venus in Virgo joined Jupiter in Virgo to expand our desire for expression, particularly in matters that require our attention in matters of healing heart and mind. On Monday 8/29, just before Venus enters Libra, where she rules peacefully and gracefully, Mercury and Venus join together. If you have decisions to make and messages to deliver, this is the day to do it.

On September 1 the New Moon Solar Eclipse in Virgo occurs just before dawn. This occurs every 6 months, bringing us a period of greater downloading of cosmic intelligence. We can all welcome an upgrade and reboot of consciousness. A similar pattern occurred on September 1, 1997. See how far you have come since then and you will look forward eagerly to the next 19 years of growth and development. This eclipse coincides with the strong change pattern involving Saturn and Neptune, which began in November 2015 and completes on 9/10, the completion of a major turning point. Saturn represents the physical realities of time and space which urge us to honor the limits and boundaries, commitments and consequences. Saturn is Father time and the mature masculine energy in action. Neptune represents the nebulous, ever changing world of Spirit with its gifts of intuition and imagination, compassion and all that lies beyond our 5 senses. The combination of Saturn and Neptune bring us the opportunity to trust our inner authority and leave behind fear based beliefs stemming from childhood and gender programming, as well as cultural conditioning. At this New Moon Eclipse, the Sun, Moon, North Node of the Moon, Jupiter and Mercury are all in Virgo, signaling that we need to change is our materialistic and mechanistic view of reality. Years ago we created a bumper sticker which said it best: Live the mystery and trust the magic. The assignment of this New Moon is to integrate body and soul, head and heart. Only a few hours after the eclipse Mercury joins Jupiter inspiring us to explore new perspectives and embrace a more meaningful and holistic way of life. In other words, SAY YES TO LIFE. This is the time to become a Leaping Beauty, not a Sleeping Beauty.

To further emphasize the meaning of this eclipse, on 9/2 the Sun in Virgo opposes the planet Neptune in Pisces, with Mercury joining Jupiter in Virgo shortly thereafter. The message is clear: take control of the circumstances in your life where possible, refocus your intentions, and put your life in order, making space for the new energy by releasing what no longer serves you. The holiday weekend has the Moon in Libra

joining Venus, urging balance and peacefulness in all of our affairs. On 9/4, the Sun in Virgo joins the North Node of the Moon, shedding light on what needs to be done personally and globally to improve, heal and repair what is no longer working well.

Back to structured life on Tuesday 9/6 brings the Sun and Pluto into alignment to get us empowered and furnishes grounding for long term results. On 9/9 Jupiter enters Libra for a 13-month stay, bringing increased opportunities to expand and heal our relationships and relationship issues. On 9/10 the long running script of the Saturn/Neptune opportunity discussed above will complete its lesson, THANKFULLY, and will not test us again for many years. On 9/11 the main event is the only major aspect of Venus this month - the square to Pluto in Capricorn, a potential disruptor to our sense of well-being. Some of the possible effects we may experience are: personal ambition may take over other concerns, causing hurt feelings; For those of us who have a tendency to paranoid lack of trust of others, this is a test pattern for us, and feelings of being manipulated and/or lied to can come to the surface in an uncomfortable way. On the other hand, we may learn a lot about ourselves in relationship with others on that day and shortly thereafter.

Mercury is the chief actor on 9/12 as Mars in Sagittarius and Mercury in Virgo back into one another and it could be conflictual and/or interesting to experience, or both. Thereafter the Sun and Mercury join together for a dose of more solution oriented mental energy.

On 9/16 there is a Lunar Eclipse with the Full Moon in Pisces, propelling us to take big steps on our soul's journey. Lunar eclipses activate us on a more subconscious and emotional level, exposing motivations which have been buried beneath our awareness. On 9/16, 1997, there was a lunar eclipse similar to this one, which may be a demarcation point of our progress, as well as a pointer on our life journey. The Full Moon between the Sun in Virgo and the Moon in Pisces induces us to heal the disconnect between spirit and matter, masculine and feminine, head and heart. This eclipse is energized by Mars in Sagittarius, invoking the sacred masculine, the spiritual warrior, and the mature warrior, the peacemaker. The awareness of body as well as soul, head and heart unified and balanced, allows us to emerge from duality into wholeness. Soon after this eclipse two planets move forward, giving us the green light to move forward. Mercury moves forward on 9/21 and Pluto joins the march on 9/26, allowing the mind and our true power to move into integration with our new awareness of our oneness with all beings. On 9/17 Mars in Sagittarius and Uranus in Aries make a supportive pattern which allows our action and self-expression of our individual self to be in balance. On 9/18 Venus in Libra opposes Uranus in Aries and that will make a dynamic combination of energy to say the very least. This is a major magnet of attraction for love and money so stay tuned to see what follows. The message of this Full Moon eclipse is that we have reached a major milestone and turning point as our next step becomes illuminated and urges us to concentrate on our inner light which illuminates our dark places.

On 9/21 Mercury and Pluto make a supportive triangular pattern which encourages honest communication and the ability to compromise to reach agreement. Since Mercury is virtually standing still, this pattern will be with us for several days. Just after midnight on 9/22 Mercury moves back into action and mid-morning the Sun moves into Libra, bringing with it a change of seasons as summer ends and autumn begins. On 9/23 Venus moves into Scorpio until 10/17. The shift from air sign Libra to water sign Scorpio offers the opportunity to seek deeper fulfillment in our heart's desires. On 9/25 the Sun moves toward Jupiter in Libra as the Moon enters Leo. Plan something wonderful to do this day as our hearts are open and life flows expansively and easily. On Monday 9/26 Pluto moves back into action in earthy, powerful Capricorn, bringing the power of truth into our lives to expand our possibilities. For those with planets in Capricorn and Scorpio, this is a great time to reach out to expand your boundaries. This is a powerful time of transition for many of us. On 9/27 Mars leaves fiery Sagittarius for a 6-week transit of determined earthy Capricorn, allowing us to make slow, steady progress in the realization of our goals. At month's end (9/30), the Moon in Libra joins Jupiter in the morning and brings a beautiful New Moon in Libra with Jupiter uniting the Sun and Moon on a hopeful note. This New Moon will help us move beyond disillusionment, reclaim our ideals, and renew our belief in a generous universe.

The New Moon which begins on 9/30 and ends on 10/1 represents the quest for the reconciliation of opposites within and without; i.e. the acceptance and development of the Shadow which Carl Jung wrote

so much about. In order to become whole, we need to accept and develop the opposites in ourselves. Whatever is denied or disowned will grow deep roots and put a rock in our path. Since Venus, the planet associated with Libra is in Scorpio, we are urged to delve into our passions and patterns so we are not at the mercy of our projections or those of others. This is where true self knowledge and self-acceptance are most needed. Since Jupiter joins this New Moon, we are encouraged to question the roles we play and the beliefs we have about relationship. We are advised to take time around this New Moon to contemplate how all relationships are a reflection of our relationship with ourselves. One of my favorite Rumi poems states that lovers do not find each other along the way, they are in each other all along. This is a great time to state your intention for relationships and see what transpires.

As you may realize by now, the month of September is a time of endings and beginnings, a proverbial "fork in the road" for most of us. If I can help you in your planning, understanding and confusion about this important time in our personal growth, please let me know. I will be working every day in September, with the exception of the Tuesdays I have landscape jobs.

CELEBRATE THE CHANGE AND BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

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