

GREETINGS:

I don't know about you, but March 2019 was a challenge I don't want to remember or repeat. The only good thing is that if you are reading this email, you survived, as I did as well. Fortunately, Spring arrived in spite of Mercury retrograde and I was able to begin landscaping again in earnest after a weird winter with 3 months of never ending rain. I also took a fabulous course from Amazing Place on improving my memory.

April is a month where we have a New Moon on 4/5, a second Full Moon in Libra on 4/19, 3 planets going retrograde, and Pluto digging up our demons as it occupies the South Node of the Moon. April is more forward leaning and even though there are bumps in the road, there will be less frustration and a greater sense of possibility, especially after the New Moon in Aries this Friday (4/5). We can all move forward, but we need to pace ourselves and take time to digest the changes and challenges of the month. The cosmic weather is strong and will test us whether we enjoy it or not. If you have not learned of the energy of the goddess Kali, now is a time to enter her world of power to hold the tension between creation and destruction.

LANDSCAPING: If I can help you with a design, redesign or installation in your landscape, please let me know as this is the best time of the year to clean, clear and beautify your environment and enjoy exterior decorating. Please go to my website www.nanhallinke.com and access the Landscape feature to read about and enjoy the pictures of some of my work. If you are a do it yourselfer and just want my expertise, I am available on weekends for consultations at the rate of \$95 an hour. The nurseries are full of gorgeous plants, so let me know if I can create something new and beautiful for you.

ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS FOR APRIL:

April 1-6:

April begins with fog as Mercury in Pisces again meets up with Neptune for the last time this year. If that was not enough confusion, Pluto joins with the South Node of the Moon in Capricorn, the spot that represents the past and what we are leaving behind. This combination may feel unpleasant but will be valuable in the long run since there is no escape from the consciousness it brings. It is best to face and embrace the awareness which comes in the first 4 days of April and keep your sense of humor as you face the Shadow material you have not dealt with. Pluto occupying the South Node will force us to prioritize, streamline and focus, reminding us that as the ground beneath our feet is shifting chaos is always the mother of creativity if we don't resist the truth. Systems, patterns, rules and dynamics are changing in families, relationships and our goals and intentions. The magnifying glass of consciousness is revealing cracks, rot and decay, as well as lies, deception and betrayal, all the elements ruled by Pluto. This is a period of death and rebirth for all of us, as clarity begins to appear with the powerful New Moon in Aries on 4/5 as action begins in earnest. The first New Moon of Spring 2019 demands self-reliance, standing up for yourself, risking and taking action. It is a period of "just do it", to remove choice and allow ourselves to be kicked further down our life path. We all need to get bold, act with confidence, and go forth and conquer. As Winston Churchill advised, "When you are walking through Hell, keep walking".

April 10-17:

April 10 is an interesting day as Jupiter slows down its mad dash through its home in Sagittarius. Whatever has been moving faster than you can assimilate will slow down. It is the beginning of the retrograde

period of review and release. On this day the Sun in fiery Aries is slowed down by Saturn in Capricorn, inviting us to push through our fears and perceived limits with boldness and a reshaping of your identity where necessary. On 4/10 the planet Venus joins Neptune in Pisces offering us an opportunity to awaken our need for romance, an/or creative pursuits. We need to reality check the decisions made concerning our relationships at this time. It is wise to guard against self-delusion. On 4/12 the Sun squares the Nodes of the Moon which increases the tension of awareness of what needs to be faced and remodeled. We get some help from Mercury in Pisces squaring Jupiter in Sagittarius as our minds are more open and intuitive than usual. These planetary combinations may bring us a few days of turbulence. I plan to wear my shirt that says "nevertheless she persisted" during this week. On 4/13 the Sun is squared by Pluto, further intensifying the awareness of our Shadow material that wants to escape from our unconscious so we can integrate its messages. Fortunately, on 4/14, the Sun moves into a peaceful triangle with Jupiter giving us all a large exhale. On 4/15 Venus and Jupiter stimulate our creativity and healing energy in general. On 4/17 Mercury finally leaves crazy making Pisces after 2 months and one week of shaking up the waters. It is a welcome change for Mercury to dry out in fiery, direct, bold and brave Aries. The deep and turbulent feelings of the past 2 months have stirred up enough pain and trouble for now.

April 19-31:

A second Full Moon in Libra occurs on 4/19. That is a double header in the relationship department. The first Full Moon on 3/20 occurred at 0 degrees of Aries/Libra and the Full Moon on 4/19 occurs at 29 degrees. We have now experienced an unusually long cycle of relationship awareness. If you need to make relationship changes as a result of your awareness, now is the time to do so. Coincidentally it is Good Friday, a powerful symbol for Christianity. Since this Full Moon activates the Nodes and the Saturn/Pluto alignment, our perceptions may foretell much about how our relationships will change. The themes of this 29-degree Full Moon are culmination and crisis, a desire to get things finished. Libra is about equality, balance, and harmony, and anything standing in the way of that goal's fulfillment may now need to be addressed. At this time the Sun is moving toward a joining with Uranus, asking us to be honest about our need for freedom and self-actualization. Where relationships are not a two-way street, something has to give. Since this Full Moon is activated by Pluto, the issue is about power and power sharing. The dynamic energy of this cardinal pattern demands we take action. Power and control issues are rooted in our past where there was not enough awareness to see how we have been affected. With both Uranus and Jupiter involved in this Full Moon combo, the message is not to ignore something vital and life giving, --it could be an open door, an opportunity to see more clearly, speak your truth, or find a new route to freedom.

On 4/20 the Sun enters earthy Taurus, Venus enters fiery Aries, and we can get down to business putting what we are now aware of into concrete action. On 4/22 the Sun joins Uranus for greater awareness of our need for freedom and creative choice. On 4/24 Pluto slows down and intensifies our awareness of what has been hidden from us. On 4/27 Mars in Gemini is in hot water as Neptune in Pisces gives it more tension, so refrain from conflict on this day, if at all possible. Finally, on 4/29 Saturn slows down so we can get a rest. The last part of April is a time for mindfulness, so you can find your cooler center and reboot your authentic self.

I think it is better to have a GPS of planetary activity when it is as volatile and profound as we will experience in April. It is tempting to feel victimized and confused when things you never imagined happen. Since this period is likely to change our awareness of ourselves in relationship with others, we all need support for our feelings and perceptions. The Shadow material which may show up for you in April is necessary for growth and change. It usually does not feel good and is not initially welcome. I, for

one, have benefited from the people who have listened to my pain and given me feedback during the past 18 months of unbelievable loss and shock. If I can help you through any of your journey, it would be an honor. I also suggest a book by Pema Chodrun: "Living Beautifully with Uncertainty and Change".

WITH BLESSINGS FOR YOUR COURAGE, PEACE, LOVE AND JOY THROUGHOUT YOUR JOURNEY;

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