

## GREETINGS:

As we move from the intensity of the Full Moon on March 28 to the trio of planets (Sun, Mercury and Venus) in fiery, determined Aries, we begin the astrological year in earnest, encountering challenges that require both flexibility and stamina to navigate. With all the planets moving forward until April 27, we are on a fast, fierce tract of progress. Just as the crocus pushes itself above the ground to find the light so it can bloom, we are provided with the energy to push forward with courage and determination. With the first half of April energy driven, we experience mental Mercury moving quickly through three signs in succession: Pisces, Aries and Taurus. To say we are getting a boost of mental energy is an understatement. Mars, the ruler of Aries continues his rush through mental Gemini until 4/23, bringing us a shift from thinking into feeling until June 13. There is a New Moon in Aries on 4/12, a Full Moon in Scorpio on 4/26, Pluto slows down on 4/27 and the Sun in Taurus joins Uranus on 4/30.

Let me translate the highlights in this month of significant activity which brings productivity and progress:

**MARS LEADS THE WAY:** With Mars in Gemini running squarely into Neptune in Pisces, we all may be in our blind spot and a path of fog. Watch for confusion, magical thinking, profound creativity and intuition, as well as regret and regression. Since Mars will aspect 4 of the outer planets from 4/12-20, restlessness and anxiety can lead to verbal confrontations and unexpected circumstances that disturb normal pattern of life. This pattern is off and running on 4/9 and picks up steam along the way.

**CONTINUOUS PUSH PULL FROM SATURN VS URANUS:** This is the major aspect affecting all of us collectively in 2021. The cosmic winds push and pull us between freedom and independence and caution and tradition. Independence and freedom will win in the end but shedding the skin as we grow is painful. Throughout April and May this pattern is consistent, leading up to a combustion in mid-June. FYI, Mercury is also retrograde when this combustion occurs. Mercury is moving quickly this month and next as he goes retrograde from 5-29-6/22.

## NEW MOON IN ARIES ON 4/11:

With the Sun and Moon in Aries, this is a time for a reboot for 2021. Time to plan and take action with courage and determination. With Venus and Pluto in square, there may be significant changes in relationships and/or finances. It is a time to take an inventory of your needs and make changes. Following the New Moon (4/13-17) there is an energetic period when communication is activated. The planets Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto urge us to speak our truth.

## PLANETS MOVE FROM FIRE TO EARTH ON 4/19:

With the Sun and Mercury moving into Taurus, there is more grounded energy available for all of us. Life should slow down as we seek more comfort. On 4/22 Venus joins Uranus in Taurus, adding spice to our lives, as we enter a time of openness and experimentation in our relationship life. This is the time to take some risk as you step outside your comfort zone. On 4/23 Mars enters water sign Cancer, bringing a volatile feeling energy into our lives. For some it will feel reactionary, causing us to personalize our reactions and become defensive. Time to self sooth and practice mindfulness and breathe. On 4/24 Mercury joins Uranus in Taurus, bringing brilliant thoughts and out of the box solutions to what no longer serves you. You may find practical applications for long held problems. Thereafter Mercury and Venus move together and are affected by their meeting with Saturn, bringing reality into our lives with a new clarity. The Full Moon in April occurs in deeply feeling water sign Scorpio on 4/25. This can be an

emotional Full Moon, bringing clarity and instilling extra power. On 4/27 Pluto begins a retrograde movement pattern in earthy Capricorn, reminding us that we need to surrender to hidden forces as life moves forward. Finally, on 4/30 the Sun joins Uranus in Taurus and a flash of genius may be waiting for us if we take the time to look for it.

In summation: April is a month of deep alignment and determined effort to find a path forward. We are moving toward greater freedom and a new normal. The contrast between 2020 and 2021 and the lessons we have learned is becoming clearer. Even though our inner wounds are still healing, life is giving us more light. If you are interested in an astrological update or tools of resilience during this interesting time, I am available for consultations in my office and on the telephone. Enjoy the beauty of the earth and celebrate the change it brings.

WISHING YOU PEACE, PROSPERITY, JOY, LAUGHTER AND WELLNESS,

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