

## April 2023 Astrological Outlook

### **GREETINGS:**

I apologize for being late sending the April Astrological Outlook. I was delayed and delighted that I chose to enjoy relaunching my landscape company the last week of March. Click [HERE](#) to view the email I sent out last month offering consultations on your landscape and/or fully getting your landscape refreshed. The early, warm spring weather is offering a welcome invitation to make your external decorating projects a priority. Please let me know if I can help you create or add to your environment. It is my pleasure to make magical environments that heal your heart and mind.

March 2023 was a tumultuous month with so much change that it felt like a swinging door of energy. The outer planets Saturn and Pluto are part of the change: Saturn returned to Pisces for 2 ½ years after a 30-year hiatus. We are all given the opportunity to restructure our inner lives and develop greater intuition and creativity. Pluto, the planet of deep revelation and revolution, has moved into Aquarius for a few months this year (March-June) to give us a taste of what he will create for the next 20 years (2023-2044). Pluto changes life for us in ways we can't imagine since he stays 20 years in a sign so a whole generation has a collective shift in awareness and experience. Pluto has not been in Aquarius for over 240 years, so prepare for surprises, some delightful, others challenging.

April will bring us a Full Moon in Libra in the first week of April (**4/5-4/6**), which will open the door to new awareness. If that is not enough change energy for you, within the last days of March (3/24) there have been two big solar downloads. On **3/24** the most intense geomagnetic storm in 6 years occurred, and on **3/29** the 7<sup>th</sup> X-class solar flare occurred. Together there was a ten-fold increase in energy output. These gigantic bursts of light and energy have been shown to alter our chromosomes, disrupt circadian rhythms and affect our brain, heart and nervous systems causing sleep disturbances, fatigue, confusion and/or anxiety. If March felt like **WACKY WORLD ON STEROIDS**, you didn't imagine it, and now you may understand what was happening to you and others.

April begins with fire planets dancing together in Aries: Sun, Mercury and Jupiter. Thereafter Mercury and the Sun join Venus and Uranus in earthy Taurus. The combination of fire and earth feels like a steam roller in motion. Here are the major trends of the planets in April.

### **MAJOR ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS FOR APRIL:**

#### **FULL MOON IN LIBRA (APRIL 5-6):**

The Full Moon in Libra peaks on **April 5-6**, late in the evening. This Full Moon highlights the polarity of Libra/Aries and our balance between Yang and Yin, being and doing, giving, and receiving, as well as holding on and letting go. In addition to the Sun and Moon, Mercury conjuncts the North Node in Taurus, along with Uranus and Venus, urging us to slow down, explore alternatives and think about how we can bring more peace, beauty and joy into our lives. As this Full Moon reminds us to balance and integrate our inner masculine and feminine qualities, we will be able to be both strong and caring, rational and intuitive and courageous and compassionate.

#### **SUN IN ARIES JOINS JUPITER IN ARIES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS:**

On **April 11** the Sun joins expansive Jupiter for the first and last time in 12 years. These fire planets unite to expand our options and give us what some people believe is **GOOD LUCK**. If this is your belief, this is the best day in 2023 to expect the impossible to occur, as well as a fabulous time to get together with others both for business and pleasure. This is a day of enormous light, energy, and opportunity. Don't let it fly by without a strong intention to be a leaping beauty! It is a fabulous time to travel and enjoy a new season of possibilities. In addition, Venus, now in Gemini, makes a supportive connection with Pluto, bringing energy, excitement and enthusiasm, and a fabulous time to create and enjoy the company of others. It is time to reconnect with what we desire and provide strength to heal old wounds. It is time to leap and cross the threshold into the next version of reality. It is time to move through any fear or uncertainty that is holding us back.

#### **NEW MOON IN ARIES #2 BRINGS THE FIRST ECLIPSE OF 2023:**

On **April 19** we will experience the rare occurrence of a second New Moon in a sign within a 30-day period. As you may remember, the first New Moon in Aries this year occurred on March 21, the second day of Spring. Each sign has a path of 0-29

degrees. The New Moon on March 21 occurred at 0 degrees and the New Moon on April 19 occurs at 29 degrees. The period between March 21 and April 19 provides a rare opportunity to experience a cycle of being. For this New Moon to also be a Solar Eclipse, the first of 2023, we will be open to a powerful subsequent 2 weeks. This new neural pathway provides insight into what is true for our success and wellbeing. The New Moon of March began a new journey, and the April New Moon eclipse brings a deeper awareness of our authentic self. Pay attention to what themes unfold in the next two weeks as desires rise to the surface.

### **SUN AND MERCURY MOVE INTO EARTH SIGN TAURUS:**

On **April 20** the Sun moves into fixed earth sign ruled by Venus, Taurus. We will all have the opportunity to find steadiness for the next 30 days as we connect with sensual pleasure, a welcome relief as the energy moves from the traits of Aries: courage, determination and action, into the world of Taurus, nourishing ourselves with self-care, beauty, peace and kindness, a time for the 3-R's of extreme self-care: **REST, RECREATION AND REGENERATION**. We have all earned it and then some!

### **MERCURY ENTERS TAURUS ON APRIL 3 AND GOES RETROGRADE FROM APRIL 21-MAY 14:**

On **April 21** Mercury stands still and moves retrograde in Taurus. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Mercury retrograde periods in 2023, all of which occur in earth signs. For the next three weeks it is wise to check and recheck your schedule, take more time to get to where you want to go, avoid surgery and signing of documents, and in general postpone major decisions and decide only when you must. It is time to slow down and integrate feelings of change, simplify your thoughts, become more practical and frugal and less dramatic and hasty. This is an opportunity to recalibrate our values and priorities so we can take our next steps in the drama of life. **Mercury will be retrograde until May 14** and return to full functioning on June 1. Time to practice patience and develop your inner observer. While you are practicing patience, here are two quotes from two of my favorite female sages:

***NOTHING IS WORTH MORE THAN LAUGHTER. IT IS STRENGTH TO LAUGH AND TO ABANDON ONESELF, TO BE LIGHT. - FRIDA KAHLO***

***YOU ARE THE SKY. EVERYTHING ELSE IS JUST THE WEATHER. - PEMA CHODRON***

If I can assist you with planning, planting, or making sense of your life, I am available for consultations, either in person or virtually, let me know and I will be honored to share your growth with you.

**WISHING YOU JOY, PEACE, LAUGHTER AND MEANING FOR A FABULOUS APRIL,**

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