

GREETINGS:

I hope your holiday season has begun in earnest with a magnificent gathering with friends and family at Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for: we reached the end of this challenging year and have an astrological gift in December: generous Jupiter came home to its fiery home in Sagittarius and brought many gifts for us to open and share. Before hitting the highlights of our path in December, I have 2 announcements to make:

LAST CALL LANDSCAPE POSSIBILITIES IN DECEMBER: If we get lucky the rain will lessen and the temperatures will be mild. There are many gorgeous flowers that can be added to your flowerbeds that will not freeze if winter comes to Houston in 2019. It is time to mulch, prune and plant this month. I have a limited amount of time to schedule your needs before the holiday, but if I can help you, your family and/or friends, let me know.

HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES: Please let me know if you want to gift yourself, your friends and/or relatives with a look forward into 2019. The cost of a 1 hour session is \$195.00 and 30 minutes is \$100. I will be working all of December, with the exception of 12/24-25 and will be available on limited Saturdays after 12/8, i.e 12/15, 22, and 29).

AND NOW TO THE GOOD NEWS FOR DECEMBER:

DECEMBER ASTROLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS;

After Mercury moves into forward motion on 12/6, all of the planets with the exception of Uranus are in full forward motion, giving us the gift of progress and opportunity. On 11/8, Jupiter came home to its sign Sagittarius where it will remain until 12/2/19. This energetic pattern occurs every 12 years and offers us a different filter with which to view our life so far. If we have felt victimized, it is time to see the gift of struggling well and claim the strength and wisdom we earned by struggling well. What doesn't destroy us makes us stronger and now we get a month of celebration and opportunity to enjoy our progress.

The Sun's presence in fiery Sagittarius from 11/22 (Thanksgiving) through 12.22 brings us a warming trend of optimism and joy. Sometimes when it seems things have gone the right way, they take us to another path we would not have otherwise seen. On 12/2 the Sun in Sagittarius runs into mighty Mars in Pisces urging us to take a plunge into risk and reward, the by-product of an itch we need to scratch. On 12/5 the Sun meets Neptune and urges us to dream big and create new vistas of possibility for our mind and heart. With Mercury and Venus now reflecting the energy of Scorpio as we leave the depths for another year, the epidemic of loneliness and broken hearts all around us and for some of us inside ourselves, is calling us forward to aim higher like the Sagittarian archer does so can have a chance for hitting the mark as our mind opens and our heart expands. The planet Jupiter reflects the hero's journey and the gods of Olympus, especially Zeus. We are mightier than we know.

FINALLY, the trickster Mercury moves back into the game for real on 12/6, just prior to the New Moon in Sagittarius on 12/7 while most of us sleep peacefully with a smile. This New Moon shares space with generous Jupiter, like a Guardian Angel, asking us to aspire to more for ourselves and our relationship with life in general. This is a natural time to set new intentions for 2019 and have powerful opportunities to implement our goals thereafter. Later that day Mars and Neptune join forces for the only time this year. This like a hornet's nest flying into our consciousness. **DO NOT** fight with anyone at this time, especially yourself. It will pass. Between the New Moon and the Solstice/Full Moon period (12/21-22), we have a break in the tension of living and will get a taste of what is possible in 2019 after we finish our pop quiz in January 2019.

With Mercury moving forward and into optimistic, creative Sagittarius on 12/12, our minds are moving into the world of joy and optimism with greater ease. On the Winter Solstice Mercury joins jovial Jupiter, so have plans to spend time with those you love and enjoy at this time. Venus spends the month of December in Scorpio, so you will become increasingly aware of your needs in relationships and find the need to share

them an ever increasing temptation. The best day to deliver your message is 12/17 and the Sun and Moon are in a supportive triangle, asking us to take a leap of faith. On 12/20 the tempo picks up as the Sun and electric Uranus form a supportive triangle of energy urging us toward adventure and a brighter day.

On 12/21 as 2018 circles the drain, the Sun moves into Capricorn and the Winter Solstice brings us a welcome return to light. The past year has been a terrible challenge for most of us, myself included. Be glad if you are reading this that you are still here. I saw on this morning's BAD NEWS that the life expectancy has gone down significantly for the first time in a century to 78.6 years, a big drop which reflects the suicide rate, as well as death from opioid use. This seems to me like we can only go up in 2019. Thankfully the planets are leading us there. On 12/31, for the first time in years courageous Mars goes home to Aries to give us the courage, stamina and determination to move into a better life. The Phoenix has risen finally.

The Full Moon in Cancer on 12/22 finds the Moon in its own sign where it is especially strong. The Sun and Moon are both in the first degree of their signs which increasing the effect of the Full Moon. All of us are asked to begin again and take action to improve ourselves and our relationship with life on earth. Plan to spend this day with those you love.

I hope the good news about December lifts your spirits. It surely has brought a sense of hope and change into our lives. Since I am planning to work virtually all of December, please let me know if I can help you leave the pain of 2018 behind and make a plan for maximizing the opportunities in 2019.

BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU FOR A HOLIDAY SEASON FILLED WITH JOY, PROSPERITY AND WELLNESS.

WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE

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