

“And suddenly you know. It’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings” – **Meister Eckhart**

“Some people dream of doing exciting, adventurous things; others stay awake and do them” - **Unknown**

WELCOME TO JANUARY 2021:

January is named for the Roman God Janus, who could simultaneously look backward and forward. In 2021, the beginning of a new 20-year, 200 year and 800-year cycle, this image is more than true for all of us. The first two weeks of January are fueled by the Full Moon which occurred last month on December 30. As we reflect on our memories and experiences of 2020, the year of perfect vision, the contrast of our experiences in 2020 and the opportunities in 2021 will become clear as the year unfolds. January provides an action-packed month of continual transformation. As the planets move from Capricorn, the path of the past, into Aquarius, the path of the future, we will begin a period of unlimited opportunity, especially from January 14-30, a period without retrograde planets holding us back. Three planets change signs this month: Mars enters Taurus on 1/6 after 6 months in his fiery home Aries, Mercury enters Aquarius to join Jupiter and Saturn on 1/9, as Venus moves into practical, realistic earth sign Capricorn. All of these factors move us forward.

Here are some of the highlights of January:

JANUARY 1 - 13:

In this year when the planets move from earth to air, our thinking function will get a real workout. On 1/4 Mercury will meet Pluto, allowing us to go deep and have greater awareness of our struggles and how to move forward. On 1/6 Mars moves into Taurus and shifts his energies into practical solutions, leading to steady, deliberate progress, particularly in matters of finance. On 1/8 Mercury in Aquarius squares off with Mars in Taurus, bringing bold new ideas to solve old problems. It is not the time to start conflict with others, it is time to get moving. On 1/9 Venus moves from overly optimistic Sagittarius into realistic Capricorn and with the help of the Moon in Taurus, it is a time for peaceful progress. Also on this day Mercury joins Saturn deepening our understanding of reality, as well as new insights to old problems. On 1/11-12 Mercury joins Jupiter for an optimistic day and then squares Uranus for a day of uncommon brilliance.

NEW MOON IN CAPRICORN ON JANUARY 13:

This is a blockbuster New Moon in Capricorn, a time to plant seeds for the future. The New Moon occurs in the same degrees of the Zodiac that brought the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction on January 12/2020, beginning the heaviness of the virus and all that followed, into manifestation. This is the time to accept the reality of what happened and prepare for a successful 2021. It is time to reset and review your life and options going forward. It is also a day when Mars and Saturn go head to head so don't expect this birth of consciousness to be pain free. Nothing of value comes quickly or with ease. On 1/14 the Sun joins Pluto, Lord of the Underworld, for a deeper understanding of who and where you are. For these times, the poet Rumi says: “When your life is calling you, when all the noise is silenced, the meetings adjourned, the lists laid aside, and the wild iris blooms by itself in the dark forest, what still pulls on your soul? On 1/14 Uranus, the ruler of Aquarius, the source of creative change out of chaos in spite of the twists and turns of life, moves forward again for the remainder of 2021.

TRENDS FROM JANUARY 17 - 28:

On January 17 Uranus, now marching slowly forward, squares off with Jupiter, intensifying the need for freedom from restraint and opportunity for all of us. On January 20 Mars and Jupiter square off expanding our desire for opportunity and truth. The Sun leaves Capricorn and enters Aquarius, joining Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn on the freedom train of change and authenticity. It also happens to be inauguration day in the US. As the Sun moves into Aquarius, he joins Saturn on 1/23 bringing order to chaos and maturity to all who seek it. On 1/26 the Sun and Uranus square off, bringing rapid change as progressive ideas abound. This is a fertile time for all of us who are resilient and willing to take risk. On 1/28, the Sun joins expansive, enthusiastic Jupiter for the expansion period that is quickly emerging. Venus joins Pluto as well and reminds us that it is time for relationship decisions and/or dissatisfactions to be addressed. It is truly time for a change and to remove choice and stop making excuses about relationships that are toxic. The Full Moon in Leo occurs on 1/28 as well and it is a powerhouse, connecting with 4 planets in Aquarius, as well as Mars in Taurus. There will be nothing subtle about the energy at this Full Moon as many of us will experience its energy as explosive. With 7 of the 10 planets in fixed signs, the crock pot is poised to boil over, especially for those with planets in Aquarius, Taurus, Leo and Scorpio. It is time for all of us to leap and find our wings. With Saturn, Jupiter, Sun and Mercury in Aquarius, truth will be visible. Sometimes truth arrives in a painful package, but after we open it, life gets better. Pay special attention to your feelings, thoughts and intuitions at this time.

MERCURY GOES RETROGRADE JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 20:

The first Mercury retrograde period of 2021 begins on January 30, offering us a time of reflection and review every 3 months for three weeks, as well as frustration with transportation and communication, and of course, electronics. Mercury retrograde occurs when Mercury's orbit changes in comparison to earth's orbit. During the 3-week period that Mercury is retrograde, the things ruled by Mercury do not play by the rules, therefore phones, computers, electronics, mail, cars and other vehicles we move forward in are unreliable. Information flow is disrupted, misunderstandings occur, and memory sometimes fails. It is not the time to begin new endeavors, sign documents, have medical tests and procedures, and of course, travel goes awry. Getting around and keeping appointments is a challenge. Periods of Mercury retrograde are great for re-dos, finishing old business, cleaning up paperwork, organizing and throwing away what is no longer useful and getting in touch with those you need to catch up with again. With Mercury retrograde in air sign Aquarius, life may feel disruptive, we may experience intellectual detachment, and tech issues. Enjoy the wild ride and take care of repairs to cars and computers before 1/30.

As you can see, we are in for a wild ride in January as the energy of the planets changes the landscape for all of us, both inner and outer. It is probably a good idea to take a look at your astrological chart to be prepared for how these energies will activate your life. Most of us are still processing the issues that came up in 2020, the year of uncertainty and change. If I can be helpful to you in either or both of these issues, I will be working by phone and in the office all of January.

WISHING YOU SUCCESS, ABUNDANCE, ENDURANCE AND PERSISTENCE AS JANUARY OPENS A NEW PATH FORWARD,

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