

GREETINGS:

I hope that your transition between the energy of adaptive, receptive water sign Pisces as the astrological year ends, to fiery, active passionate sign Aries at the Spring Equinox on 3/20, as the astrological year begins once more is an interesting productive journey. After the New Moon in late degrees of Pisces on 3/17, life is heating up and speeding up as well. Since the month of March has such distinctive opposite energies to operate from, I chose, for once, to have a Part 1 and Part 2 to discuss the interesting opportunities and challenges which lie ahead of us.

NEW MOON IN PISCES (3/17/18)

As the Moon and Sun join in Pisces, an important boundary of endings become new beginnings. Pisces is the final archetypal energy of the zodiac and in the late degrees allows the symbol of what causes division within us to become united as one, strengthening our awareness of our authentic self, renewing our relationship with that which is invisible and only known to us through our 6th sense. We are destined to re-align with the flow of life, particularly after the planet Mars has just completed its energizing of the Galactic Center. If you have been feeling shockwaves of awareness recently, particularly connected with the events of last November, Mars is making a last-ditch effort to provide bravery and clarity to our lives. This New Moon joins Chiron, the archetype of the wounded healer who guides us through our deepest pain to access our greatest gifts. This is the final month of the transit of Chiron in Pisces, as it moves into Aries on 4/17. We are asked to reflect on our healing journey of the past 7 years and acknowledge our progress. As Mars leaves fiery Sagittarius and enters earthy Capricorn following the New Moon we might feel restless and impatient. Since Jupiter is strengthening this New Moon, we are invited to dream big and visualize our dreams coming true. We need playtime and dreamtime at this New Moon which coincides with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Mid-day on 3/17 the Moon enters Aries and creates sparks as it comes into a disruptive pattern with Mars in Capricorn. This pattern begins a two-month period where the going gets tough and the tough get going. The nature of Mars is ruthless and hot, while the nature of Saturn is cold and determined. As these planets come together and move toward Pluto in Capricorn we all may have difficult situations which require fierce, powerful action to move forward. In addition Mars is out of bounds until 4/1 when it joins Saturn and joins Pluto on 4/26. Stay tuned for a colorful few weeks. While Mars is out of bounds it will re-invent itself as it is sick of rules and repression of its nature. The goal is to refresh and liberate its energy for a re-orientation of how to use the forces of passion, anger and intensity. Whether invited or not, these feelings offer opportunity for bold creativity vs the pent up destructive forces of rage and resentment. It does not help that rebellious energy from the planet Uranus in Aries is ending its 7-year cycle at the same time.

SPRING EQUINOX PERIOD (3/20)

The new astrological year begins on 3/20 with 5 planets in Aries, so we will start over with a big bang of bold, fierce energy. The day before (3/19) the Moon in Aries joins Uranus, so hold onto your sanity and find something to ground you in reality as your routine gets disrupted. Thereafter Mercury and Venus, both in Aries, join together for some clear, decisive thinking energy. The Moon moves into earthy Taurus and is balanced by Saturn in Capricorn. This is a great time to make plans, decisions and bring others into your alignment with your goals.

Mercury turns retrograde in Aries on 3/22. The old rules apply for the next 3 weeks: don't buy cars or electronics, expect transportation and communication to be disrupted, and make no long-term decisions or sign documents until 4/15. This is a great time for Spring cleaning, removing clutter and finding lost objects. On 3/22 It is not the time to push and force decisions or conversations. Avoid disruption in communication for the next 3 weeks. On 3/23 Venus in Aries gets crosswise with warrior Mars. Don't let your ego take over and try to mark your territory with outbursts of anger. This is also a time when we may look for an easy solution to our difficulties, but without success. Detachment is a better strategy for the time being. The Sun and Mars are also in square today so impulsivity and impatience are added to the mix.

FINAL CHALLENGES TO MARCH (3/28-31)

On 3/28 Venus and Uranus combust in Aries, inviting us to break old patterns and move toward new decisions in relationships. This is the final joining of these energies for most of us for the rest of our lives. Pay attention to any flashes of genius you experience with regard to money matters and new work endeavors. It is a time of great inspiration. On 3/29 the radiant Sun in Aries is square inflexible Saturn in Capricorn. This pattern can create conflict, delays and lack of self-confidence being replaced with self-doubt. Don't give up or struggle with those whose desire is to overpower you and reduce your sense of what is right for you. Forgive yourself for what you perceive of as your faults and make a list of what you have to be grateful for. On 3/29 destabilizing patterns between Mars and Jupiter and Venus and Neptune throw us off balance, but as Venus moves into stable Taurus at days end, we have a better chance at objectivity.

FULL MOON IN LIBRA (BLUE MOON) 3/31

All Full Moons bring life into fullness and fruition as the Sun and Moon face one another creating the tension of opposite points of view on the same issue. The Sun in Aries is a "me" energy and the Moon in Libra is a "we" energy. The former is aggressive and the latter is peaceful. This is where the past few weeks of changes come into full light as relationship changes are highlighted as endings and beginnings intertwine. Since this is the first Full Moon after the Equinox has a go fast ideal operating with a go slow rhythm. Since Mercury in Aries is retrograde and joining the Sun, we are invited to look deeply within ourselves to get a new perspective in all our relationships. Additionally, Mars, the ruler of Aries has joined Saturn in Capricorn and it may feel like we are driving with the brakes on. Mars is youthful and goes fast, and Saturn is older and goes slow. What a confusing time this will be. If possible, take time to rest, reflect and make decisions later, and definitely avoid serious discussions wherever possible. The joining of these 2 planets begins a new 2-year cycle of bringing our desires into reality. It is time to clarify and commit to going after what we really want. This is a powerful time of seed planting as we harness the Capricorn focus, strength and persistence to achieve our goals. As mentioned above, we may be tested in our relationships as we forge new directions in our life. We are being asked to develop greater maturity in our relationship and be closer to our own inner authority. We are the authors of our own life and have no desire to control or be controlled by others. With Venus in Taurus in supportive relationship with Mars and Saturn, we are advised to slow down and enjoy the process of life and remember that the journey is the destination.

With all of these important energy opportunities, if you feel this is a time to see how these energies relate to you, I am available for personal consultations. Remember, I am going through all of this with you so we are all participating in the great adventure of growth and change.

HAPPY SPRING SEASON.

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