

## GREETINGS;

I hope the grounding energy of the Sun in Taurus is bringing peace and abundance to your life. April brought more showers to the Houston area than we could have imagined. On a personal level, I want to thank all of you who sent such kind words to me about my amazing granddarling Catherine Elizabeth Renshaw. We are enjoying her beyond belief. Your response to her picture makes me think she is a future rock star.

## MAY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

There are several noteworthy changes this month. The first, of course, is the 3-week period where Mercury goes retrograde (5/7-30), the changing direction of Saturn in Virgo (5/16) and the retreat of Neptune in Aquarius (5/28). The Full Moon in May is in Scorpio (5/9), which is a 10 on the volatility scale. The New Moon in Gemini (5/24) brings increased curiosity and a lighter energy.

We have 6 days in May (5/1-6) for Mercury to move forward in its home sign Gemini. Enjoy this time and make the most of it in communications, legal matters and decision making. After 5/7, everything will seem different and the playing field of life will tilt in another direction, particularly for those with planets in Gemini, Virgo, and Taurus. This could be in the form of miscommunication, misunderstanding, not having all the facts, or situations changing suddenly. This is temporary, however, so practice patience and detachment. On 5/13 Mercury moves back into Taurus, so matters related to values of security and prosperity may become a priority. On 5/20 Mercury tangles with Neptune and Jupiter in Aquarius, which often causes challenges between the values of freedom, truth and responsibility. The best advice is to know that nothing is as it seems, and nothing is permanent. In previous times when Mercury went retrograde and there were virtually no contacts with other planets, those who are unstable got worse, making it a little too interesting for those of us who are sane and wish to remain that way.

After the period in March and April when Venus was out of orbit, Venus is now moving forward in Aries all of May. This gives us an opportunity to move forward financially and restore harmony in our relationships, especially after 5/19, when Venus moves to the point where things went backward on 3/6. This is particularly true for those with planets in Aries, particularly Venus.

Mars moves through Aries until 5/31 which increases the energy for those with planets in fire signs Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. This is a pattern of action, assertiveness and willingness to confront, so be forewarned to avoid those people and situations which set you off, particularly while Mercury is retrograde (5/7-30). On 5/2, Mars and Pluto form a short conflictual pattern, particularly for those with planets in Aries, Capricorn and Scorpio. This is NOT the day to try to resolve difficulties with those who reflect your shadow. Avoidance is a great strategy at this time.

Jupiter continues to move forward in Aquarius, bringing a once in twelve opportunity period for those with planets in Aquarius and Leo. Jupiter will slow down on 6/15, so enjoy the ride now. On 5/27 Jupiter joins Neptune in Aquarius for a fantasy ride and/or an inflation of paranoia/creativity. Traditionally this signals a rise in the price of oil, so fill up your tank before. It also may be the peak of the current health scare.

Saturn, the Lord of Reality and triumph over adversity through taking responsibility and maturation, gets moving in Virgo on 5/16. This will definitely bring some changes in the lives of those with planets in Virgo, Pisces and Capricorn. The frustration and delays they have experienced since late 2008 will soon become a distant memory. For the rest of us, reality may bite as we move slowly forward to fix our difficulties.

On 5/28, Neptune begins a several month period of energy change in Aquarius, which always changes the circumstances and outlook of those with planets in Pisces, and for now, those with planets in Aquarius.

The first three weeks of May are dominated by planets in fixed signs, which inspires us to regain balance, peace and harmony in all our affairs, particularly with the strongest number of planets in earth signs Capricorn, Virgo and Taurus. It is time to rest, put our affairs in order, reorganize our life and be grateful. The last week of the month finds us longing for more stimulation as the Sun goes into Gemini, Mercury goes direct and Neptune goes retrograde.

As always, this is a time to guard your thoughts and speech, refrain from making permanent decisions, and become more of an observer.

I will be in the office all of May so if you or your friends and relatives need personal appointments, please call my office at 713/520-1551

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