

GREETINGS:

As April winds down and May arrives, we are experiencing a “karma calling” moment as Saturn begins a four month reviewing and revising period in which we take responsibility for what we have learned and release people and possessions that no longer serve our current and future needs. To make this period even more focused, both Saturn and Pluto move into the space of the South Node of the Moon in Capricorn. Translated, that means we can’t escape truth as we are entering a gateway for cleaning up and restoring order in our lives as we prepare to welcome the New Moon in Taurus on 5/3. Saturn urges us to review the past and examine where things went wrong and awaken to new possibilities and better outcomes in the future. It is time to set new long term goals. As we strategize and re-examine our boundaries, it is a perfect time to pause and adopt an attitude of gratitude:

“Gratitude is the capacity to stare doubt, loss, chaos and despair right in the eye and say, I am still here”.

NEW MOON IN TAURUS (5/4)

For the first time in over 80 years, the New Moon in Taurus is joined by the planet of change, disruption and awakening, Uranus begins its 7 year exercise in excitement and expectation of the unexpected. Breakthroughs and many “aha” moments will occur during this period, particularly to those with planets in Taurus, and to a lesser extent, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. With this New Moon relationships may seek greater definition and commitment as Venus in Aries touches Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn. Don’t be surprised if your needs are clear and your ability to communicate them is flowing without restraint. We are being given the opportunity to construct and enjoy the relationships and goals we are now seeking. With planets in earth signs, the path clears and we can find opportunity with greater ease.

MERCURY, THE MESSENGER OF THOUGHT AND SPEECH MOVES QUICKLY FROM ARIES TO GEMINI

Mercury begins May in the last degrees of opinionated, fiery Aries, entering more thoughtful earthy Taurus (5/6) and running into home base sign Gemini (5/21). On 5/2 Mercury struggles with powerful Pluto as our depth of understanding increases, followed by a dance with Jupiter as we release our struggles. On 5/6 as Mercury enters Taurus, he joins with Uranus on 5/8 for a flash of brilliant insight. If you have any problems that need new solutions, this is the day to find a new path. Mid-May the support of Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn stabilizes our plans and moves them forward without struggle. From 5/16-18, set up meetings and solve old problems. The creative days from 5/29-30 bring Neptune and Jupiter into the mix for some well-earned rest and relaxation.

VENUS SHIFTS FROM ARIES TO TAURUS

Venus is the planet of what we love and value and she spends the first two weeks of May asserting herself in “me first” sign Aries, meeting Saturn (5/7), Jupiter (5/9) and Pluto (5/9) before leaving frustration and challenge behind as she moves home to Taurus and encounters surprising new ideas from Uranus (5/18) and the planet of success in all things we don’t give up on, Saturn (5/31).

MARS THE WARRIOR MISCHIEF MAKER BEGINS IN GEMINI AND ENDS MAY IN CANCER

If your mind has been too active and somewhat angry for the past few weeks, Mars in Gemini has brought us all a strong desire to be heard, and finding our opinions, especially our anger, difficult to contain. There is particular temptation on 5/5 as Mars and Jupiter open the door to excess. This tendency will continue for the first 2 weeks of May, so take a breath and find some intentional solitude and peace so you can regain your sanity. When Mars enters watery, personal sign Cancer, know that you will have to police yourself if you spend time with those who push your buttons, particularly if they are family members. Emotions may become more volatile, with the tendency to fight, flight or freeze, rather than self-reflection and conflict resolution.

FULL MOON IN SCORPIO 5/18

With the Sun joining Mercury in Taurus at the Full Moon in Scorpio, nothing can remain hidden if you are seeking answers. This Full Moon is also a “Blue Moon”, the 3rd Full Moon of 4 in a season. It also has a fabulous infusion of the unexpected with Venus in Taurus joining Uranus so please make plans on Saturday evening 5/18 and be prepared to be amazed at the energy you encounter. If the tension of this combination is too much for you, plan a soothing evening with those who do not ruffle your feathers.

As you can see from this summary of cosmic opportunity, we are all still growing, changing and adapting beyond our wildest imaginations. I include myself in this adventure and plan to be in the office all of May, with the exception of days I have landscaping work. If I can share wisdom, tools, or just be an active listener in your life unfolding, I would be honored to help you in any way I can. After the disruption of the past few years, which we all have experienced, the month of May seems more benign to me as we leave the disruption of the past two months with so much Pisces/Aries energy. Pisces is a water sign and Aries is a fire sign, both of which are considered non-rational, hence so much unexpected struggle, growth and adaptation was a consequence.

LANDSCAPING OPTIONS AS SPRING IS IN FULL SWING:

Now is the time for planting, pruning, clean-up, tree-planting and any other form of “exterior decorating” or therapeutic horticulture. I have contractors that I supervise for all outdoor needs. Check out my website www.nanhallinke.com and review the Landscaping feature for ideas. I will send pictures of my most recent work soon. If you want me to consult with you on your needs, I charge \$95 for a one hour consultation. Enjoy the beauty of the earth with the planets in earth Taurus.

WISHING YOU PEACE, JOY, LOVE, PROSPERITY AND BALANCE IN MAY,

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