

## GREETINGS AND HAPPY MAY DAY:

I hope you remaining well, mentally and physically. Astrologers knew we would have major change in 2020, but no one I know predicted the agent of change would be a virus. May brings astrological trends that inch us forward into a new normal (abnormal?). With the exception of a 3-week period of mental Mercury going retrograde (2/17-3/10), all of the 10 major planets have been in forward movement since January 11, when the force of change agent Uranus moved forward leading a parade of change not seen in a century. When planets are moving forward, life doesn't have the brake on, it is full speed ahead. In addition, we experienced the powerful rare Saturn/Pluto conjunction in Capricorn the following day, January 12, and we were off and running toward the precipice of permanent change.

As we begin the month of May 2020, we will experience a slowdown of the energies that have run us ragged. Last month, Pluto began slowing its movement down on April 25. From 5/11-14 Saturn, Venus and Jupiter turn around in their movement forward in the sky. This changes the rhythm of our lives as the January events did, but who knows what that will mean personally and collectively. Saturn, the planet of lessons and fate is the first to reverse itself on 5/11. Saturn moved into air sign Aquarius on March 23 bringing an illness that affects our breathing. Aquarius is the sign of the water bearer, the sign of the collective and group ideals, mass communication and societal issues. Saturn is the voice of authority in the sign of social justice/social control and has evidently brought the loss of personal freedom for the collective good, i.e., social distancing and lockdown, as we are brought into communication with others through the internet and social media.

May is also influenced greatly by the presence of planets Venus and Mercury Out of Bounds a term that has only lately become a focus of astrologers who study personality. I had the great good fortune to attend a seminar last year and the information was shockingly accurate. When planets are out of bounds, as Mars was earlier this year, they are beyond the limits of the Sun and become free agents with no limits and bring out the tendency to be ahead of the norm, forward thinking energy. In the seminar I was introduced to the famous people who were born with out of bounds planets and they are perfect examples of this principle. Think Cher, Liberace, Charlie Chaplin, Lady Gaga, Dolly Parton, Angelina Jolie, Josephine Baker, Cate Blanchett and Dean Martin to name a few. All of them are remarkable for being over the top as their Out of Bounds planets are beyond the declination of the Sun.

Three planets will go retrograde from May 11-14, following the change of the Moon's Nodes from Cancer/Capricorn to Gemini/Sagittarius on March 5. The Moon's nodes change every 2 ½ years roughly. The changes refocus us whether we know or like it or not. For the past two years the Moon's Nodes were in the signs Cancer/Capricorn and the changes in our professional and personal lives were dramatic, especially for those with planets in Cancer and Capricorn. With the nodes in the signs Gemini and Sagittarius, the arrow is pointing in another direction. With the South Node in Sagittarius the world will feel smaller for the next 18 months and we are less likely to travel. The North Node in Gemini brings us closer to home, meeting our neighbors and family members, particularly siblings. We will learn more from those closest to us than academic learning. In conjunction with the nodes changing signs, we have a rare Cazini (good luck and opportunity) pattern when the strong rays of the Sun activate mental Mercury. Pay special attention to creative ideas which come to you on this day.

## POWERFUL ASPECTS IN MAY:

May 7: Full Moon in Scorpio: Many of us will experience this powerful Full Moon in Scorpio, the only one in 2020 as a tense time. You may not sleep well and/or dream fitfully. The powerful energy and

emotionality of this deeply felt watery Flower Moon brings a bit of LUNAcity into our lives. It is expressing the incisive psychic energy associated with Scorpio.

May 11-14: Saturn Jupiter and Venus turn around in their path across the cosmos. On 5/11 Saturn goes first and life may feel stuck and heavy. On 5/13 Venus takes its turn. Remember May and June of 2012 for clues as to how this may affect you. Venus retrograde often brings past relationships back into our lives and brings us into resonance with what we truly value. We will have 40 days to focus on what matters most. This is also not a time to make big purchases or overextend yourself in any way. Finally, the trine brings Jupiter, the giant planet of excess, into a slower movement pattern until 9/13. Hopefully we will get a reprieve from the virus and its effects.

#### Planets Changing Signs:

Mercury: begins the month in Taurus, worried about money and what really matters but on May 12 Mercury enters Gemini where it loves to laugh, talk and spend time with others. On 5/29 Mercury moves into Cancer where it will be living until August 9, an unusually long cycle as it will include a Mercury retrograde period from 6/18-7/12.

Mars: begins May in Aquarius where it has disrupted everyone on the planet. Those protests we all have seen recently are a manifestation of militant Mars on the move in groups. Mars is fearless and determined while it is visiting Aquarius. On 5/14 Mars moves into water sign Pisces, where it turns up the heat on fears, feelings of self-doubt and creativity and compassion. Resist the temptation to self-sabotage (what our Shadow brings to us again and again to tempt us to regress and react) and practice radical courage and common sense. This is a period for the detachment of a Buddha. Mars comes home to Aries in full force on June 29 and does not leave until January 7, 2021. We all will become martial artists and mature warriors during this 6-month period.

#### TIMES OF GREATER EASE:

The Sun in earth sign Taurus is balanced with Pluto in earth sign Capricorn on 5/15 and with Jupiter in earth sign Capricorn on 5/17. This is leading us to a New Moon in Gemini on May 22, also balanced with Saturn in air sign Aquarius. This is a time to get a new attitude and lighten up rather than ruminate. Gemini is the sign of the twins, one dark and one light. Practice being the twin who is a light bearer. The light heart lives longer said William Shakespeare.

I hope this gives you a picture of possibility for May. If you need some inspiration, optimism, counseling or tools for managing stress without distress, healing from loss and trauma, I am available to share the lessons of my tumultuous life. When I took the class last year on out of bounds planet I, or course did not have the out of bounds planets of the famous people I mentioned above. No, I had the out of bounds planet URANUS, the disrupter of constant change. This has given me the opportunity to keep moving forward whether I wanted to or not. I am finally appreciating its gifts and would be honored to share them with you.

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