

GREETINGS:

I hope you are celebrating the end of summer 2018 and welcoming the changes which occur with Fall. Now that Pluto moved back into the mix in earthy Capricorn on 9/30, we all have the opportunity for our business affairs to move forward for the next 7 months. As I will cover below, that is part of a mixed bag, as Venus, our relationship planet moves backward to review and reveal where our relationships need work from October 5-November 16. This especially significant since the Sun shines through the relationship sign Libra, which reflects the quality of balance in our relationships with others.

Before we cover the trends in October: a word about Pluto, the symbol of transformation which is now marching slowly and consistently through Capricorn establishing order in our career in new ways. We have been slowly changing our outlook about work since 2008, some of us because of circumstances beyond our control. Progress is not always easy and surrendering our dreams and illusions is often painful. Hopefully we are all moving forward with greater awareness and increased capacity to surrender to the mysteries of life and love with a sense of humor. Light will reveal what has been in the darkness to what has been in the shadows will be visible as the pace picks up speed for the next 7 months. This is particularly evident to those who have planets in Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn.

MAJOR ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS IN OCTOBER:

October is a month where our minds are flowing freely as mental Mercury begins the month in air sign Libra, moves through water sign Scorpio (10/9-30) and ends the month in fiery Sagittarius on Halloween (10/31), The planet Venus takes us on a review course of our relationship needs and realities from 10/5-11/16 for the first time in nearly 2 years occupying the sign of the investigator Scorpio. We may all feel deeply about our needs and find a way to communicate clearly with ourselves and others about what needs to be transformed in our relationship life. The retrograde period of the planet Venus offers us a chance to face up to problems we have previously avoided, both in love and with money matters.

October 8-12:

The New Moon in Libra (10/8-9) shines a light on our one on one relationships. We are concerned with nourishment as well as fairness and balance and now is the time to take stock and get projects off the ground and into the lightness of air. Since the New Moon is energized by Pluto in earth sign Capricorn, we have the opportunity to get solid results. Skip the power struggle aspect and practice listening and communicating diplomatically. There may be a flash of genius as Mercury is energized by brilliant Uranus at this time as well.

Another component of this pattern is the presence of energizing Mars in Aquarius, the symbol of pulling together as a group to find new solutions. There is a strong fixed energy which includes water (feeling) and air (thinking) and may feel somewhat disruptive until the power of Venus in Scorpio and Neptune in Pisces offer a new vision of what is possible.

On 10/11 Mercury enters a pattern with the North Node asking us to address complex mental blocks that compromise confidence and creativity. Shortly thereafter the Sun in Libra and Pluto in Capricorn ask us to purge anything that has been overpowering us so we can experience more self-expression. This is the time to take responsibility for your life and not blame others.

October 15-19:

Monday October 15 should run smoothly as Venus and Mercury join together to create a "charm alarm" moment for all of us as the mind and heart join together with peace and purpose. Use this energy as it is a rare event. By Friday, October 19, Mercury is between the energy of eruptive Mars and dream time Neptune. This is a great time for brainstorming to create new solutions for old problems and skip the arguing and escapism which can be a tempting escape.

October 23-31:

We take a deep dive into the watery underworld on 10/23 as the Sun enters the sign Scorpio, mistress of mystery. For the next month our focus is on deepening emotional bonds, securing shared resources and uncovering shadow material that interferes with personal self-expression. We are dealing with a huge pattern of unpredictability as the Sun opposes the planet Uranus in Taurus, placing a wild card into the deck of our lives.

On 10/24 we have a dramatic Full Moon in Taurus energized by trickster planet Uranus in Taurus. We are sure to feel the power of our needs at this time. The inner tensions found in this combination could drive us forward to greater things than we imagined as we enter a powerful phase of growth and exploration. We are destined to experience greater self-confidence and independence and continue to follow a path of authenticity and boldness.

10/31/2018:

Halloween is extra fabulous this year as the Moon is in party sign Leo and that means you need a fabulous costume. Both Mercury and Venus change signs on this day so there is lots to celebrate as Mercury enters Sagittarius, the joyful fire energy, and Venus moves backwards into its home in Libra.

As you can see, this is a month of positive possibilities after months of struggle. If I can help you with understanding, timing or tools to optimize your life, please let me know. I will also be returning to my landscaping business part time and will send out an email tomorrow so you can consider your options to MAKE HOUSTON GREEN AGAIN.

MUCH RELIEF, LOVE, GRATITUDE AND JOY FOR CHANGING SEASONS

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