

GREETINGS;

Hope you survived what for many of us (myself included), was 'AWFUL AUGUST'. September has its own challenges, as you will read below, but attitude and habits and supportive people help us through the challenges.

Don't be surprised if you are irritable, a bit depressed and easily agitated this month. Yes, it is a Mercury retrograde time, but it is also the anniversary of Hurricane Ike, which means post traumatic stress memories will come to the surface this month, so take time to count your blessings, note your progress and be generous to yourself and others.

LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES; As Fall arrives this month and temperatures fall both day and night, it is time to prune, plant and plan for a glorious growing season. Fall in Houston is like Spring in the rest of the northern hemisphere. If I can help with your cleanup, tree pruning, planting or other landscape projects, please call my office at 713/520-1551. I have a group of first class associates through my company Precision Landscape Specialists and can assist you with any of your needs. Please check out the landscape feature on my website www.nanhallinke.com.

SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

Major change cycles occur this month as the third and final opposition of Saturn and Uranus complete their struggle on 9/15. The first encounter occurred on election day 2008 when the old beliefs were usurped by a message of hope and change. I would assume the pattern will be somewhat reversed mid-month, and since this aspect occurs between the signs Virgo and Pisces, this will undoubtedly center around health care. For those with planets in Virgo and/or Pisces, it is a time to take very good care of yourself and try to improve your lifestyle.

The Full Moon for September occurs on 9/4 midday, and the New Moon occurs on 9/18 with an explosive combining of the energies of Uranus, Saturn, Mercury and Pluto in that order, within a period of 10 hours. No doubt for many of us this will be a memorable time. It will certainly be difficult to be serene and still on this day.

Mercury goes retrograde early in the morning of 9/7 and remains out of sync for new projects till 9/29. This is the month for the "re's"; redoing, reviewing, rewriting, rewarding, etc. As you know, communication and transportation are always affected by this pattern, so watch your words and thoughts and be more of an observer than usual. During this 3 week period when Mercury backs out of Libra into Virgo (9/17) some people will literally back out of relationships or agreements, possibly due to increased fear and self protection. There are only two patterns during this period. On 9/22 Mercury backs up to Saturn again which slows the mind and thoughts in a much more serious and pragmatic manner. On 9/22, there is a huge reversal as Mercury opposes Uranus in Pisces and may appear to be suddenly creative and/or erratic. On 9/3, before all the fun begins, Mercury squares Mars in Cancer, causing edgy, angry feelings to compete with those of rationality. Make no decisions on this day.

Venus begins the month in Leo where it creates the desire to celebrate, decorate and socialize. This is especially true on 9/11 when the tendency to go to extremes of extravagance and optimism predominate as Jupiter in Aquarius opposes Venus in Leo. Keep your credit cards at home or you may live to regret it. On 9/20 Venus moves into more frugal Virgo and beckons us to be more practical about how we spend. On that day Venus and Pluto are in perfect balance from Virgo to Capricorn. This is a great day for business and financial decisions, in spite of Mercury being backwards.

Mars, which is always the energy magnet, spends September in Cancer, which will energize the water sign Cancer and its opposite sign Capricorn. Others may feel especially emotional, particularly when it comes to family matters. This is a great time to look around your home and

prepare it for the Fall holiday season. It is also a good time to acknowledge, at least to yourself, what issues in the family need to be addressed. Those who are struggling with emotional issues will be somewhat volatile, so be forewarned.

On 9/22 the Fall Equinox occurs at sundown and the days and nights are in balance temporarily. This is a major time of shifting energies, so a period of evaluation and re-evaluation is strongly suggested so the next 6-month period will be one where goals are realized, problems are addressed and resolved, and progress exceeds your expectations.

This month has a majority of planets in earth and water, which is a conservation, regeneration, balancing, healing combination. The outer planets Pluto, Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus reside in the signs Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces, the signs of collective consciousness, while the personal planets Sun, Venus and Mercury, as well as Mars and Saturn, are occupying signs Cancer, Leo, Virgo and Libra. Virtually all of us are having to readjust our outlook based upon circumstances beyond our personal control. The best strategy is to embrace uncertainty and find opportunities for re-invention and re-creation of dreams and plans.

If you need help in understanding these change cycles, I will be in my office to help you. Please call 713/520-1551 to schedule your appointment.

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