

Musings on Starlight

“We are not human beings on a spiritual journey. We are spiritual beings on a human journey.” *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

In the view of many mystics we are now living in a critical time for human and planetary evolution. As we move into December the planets in Sagittarius encourage us to weather difficult times by becoming seekers like the Wise Men.

Many of the significant aspects this month involve the inner planets as opposed the outer planet activity which dominated the previous months. This movement shifts awareness of events in the larger world to a more personal level. Thus the influence of the ongoing Saturn Uranus opposition (breaking down old forms and structures in an unsettling way) and Pluto in Capricorn (revealing corruption and the need for reform in big business and government) continues its trickle down from macro to micro to necessitate changes in our personal lives.

Through the 6th of December a lovely Venus Jupiter conjunction is in effect creating an atmosphere of harmony and pleasure. These two planets are in Capricorn though and the pleasure will be tempered with Saturn's wise advice about restraint.

From the 2nd through the 8th Mercury will square with Uranus creating a challenging time for communication. There also can be surprising events under this influence. Given Uranus rules computers and travel there can be snafus of that nature. In general when these two planets form stressful aspect information comes at us in a way which is difficult to integrate.

From the 3rd through the 10th Mercury will square Saturn. This aspect can create difficulty in communication as well. People tend to be discouraged and discouraging under this influence. If you are looking for support for your ideas another time would be better.

From the 5th through the fifteenth the Sun and Mars will square Uranus shortly followed by Venus. This is an electric combination when nerves can be on edge and tempers can flare. Take extra care with driving. On the positive side Uranus can bring about the desire for freedom from limitation. Revelations can abound. It's best to refrain from impulsive action on any new ideas or perceptions. Time will tell whether they are worthy of implementation.

The Full Moon is on the 12th.

From the 9th through the 15th Mercury squares Pluto. Watch out for power plays in communication with others. Pluto rules war and Mercury rules language. It's a time when it's easy for words to be sharp and for hurt feelings to arise. Take extra care with speech and take any harmful comments which may come your way with a grain of salt.

The Sun will square Pluto from the 18th through the 26th. And Venus will enter the fray on the 30th. Under these aspects power struggles over love and money can be common. Also this aspect is likely to heighten and deepen the awareness of the financial crisis.

From the 15th through the 24 Mars will conjunct Saturn. This aspect is sometimes described as driving with the accelerator and brakes on at the same time. It can be a time of hard work and frustration. Set reasonable goals and give yourself extra time to meet them.

The Winter Solstice signaling the end of the seasonal journey from darkness to light will be celebrated on December 21.

Saturn will station on New Year's Eve when Jupiter and Mercury will be conjunct in Capricorn. This should be a good night for conversation and gatherings as long as Saturn's need for wise restraint is heeded.

The Sun is in Sagittarius through December 21. Sagittarius governs journeys in the outer world as well as the inner one.

"Make of yourself a Light," said the Buddha before he died." *Mary Oliver*