

# Musings on Starlight

“The question is not who is better or more honest, but who will gain more freedom from all fear, who will gain the peace and joy the masters have spoken of.” *George Fowler*

As Mars prepares to station direct mid month, the first two weeks provide an excellent review period about personal empowerment and self esteem. During the retrograde period (since January 24) any obstacles encountered are best seen as a heads up to develop more awareness about how we customarily use our power and what our expectations are about that process. It has been a good time to look at how we create what we desire and to upgrade any assumptions or approaches we have outgrown.

Through midmonth is also a good time to look what role confusion, helplessness or a sense of victimhood have in our relationship to personal power. We live in a time when victimhood can seem to surround us in the world – even the people in power seem helpless. It is better not to buy into this kind of unhealthy paradigm but to look at what is falling away in our perceptions and in our lives which enables us to live from a more healthy and empowered perspective.

Venus enters Gemini on the third making the beginning of the month a good time for socializing – particularly after Mercury stations direct on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Moon waxes full on the 6<sup>th</sup> in Libra. This could be a romantic and sentimental time for relationships. Neptune does blur the lines between illusion and reality so enjoy the moment but it is best not to make any serious long term relationship decisions under this influence.

The Sun will be opposing Saturn from the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Use this time to execute plans and be pragmatic. Goals will be met through perseverance and persistence. Obstacles can occur during this time – make sure to leave extra time to deal with them and keep the focus on the long term.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> Pluto stations retrograde and on the 13<sup>th</sup> Mars stations direct. This is powerful planetary energy and is good for hard work and accomplishment. It is important to get plenty of exercise around this time. Power struggles can arise more easily but it is best to stay focused on the tasks at hand.

A diplomatic approach to others is the best strategy throughout the month. Relationship issues can be on the front burner. We are living in a time of shifting paradigms which can be challenging for relationships with rigid dynamics or expectations as personal growth and development can rock the boat. Keep in mind- not all the information is in until the end of April.

The Sun enters Taurus on the 19<sup>th</sup> followed by the New Moon in Taurus on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The end of the month provides excellent timing for getting energized about new ideas and projects.

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