

Musings on Starlight

“In my beginning is my end. In succession
Houses rise and fall, crumble, are extended,
Are removed, destroyed, restored or in their place
Is an open field, or a factory, or a by-pass.
Old stone to new building, old timber to new fires,
Old fires to ashes, and ashes to the earth....” TS Eliot

The New Years Eve eclipse in Cancer strongly influences the beginning part of January. It asks – where does our support come from? What are the issues around family and karmic inheritance that periodically emerge, begging for a new perspective?

On New Year’s Day Saturn opposes Juno and squares Pluto. This encourages us to evaluate our relationships with others in a loving way. How do these ties connect us? By encouraging us to move forward in constructive ways? By solidifying commonly held fears? By reinforcing early childhood patterns or helping us to break free of them? Very often the choice of associates is important in achieving our aspirations but it can also be a way of locking in old patterns that prevent us from moving forward in a more dynamic way. Early January is a good time to assess – who is our community and what role do they play in supporting our aspirations?

It is time to develop an increased awareness about the internal structures we build and maintain to support our journey in the outer world.

The Jupiter Neptune conjunction encourages us to see other inhabitants of the earth plane as brothers and sisters- in an egalitarian way. In a certain sense each of us holds a key to the puzzle of time in which we live. Encouraging and supporting friends and colleagues on their evolutionary journey is one way to get where we are going.

In a sense we are all in new territory. The forms and structures of our lives are changing fast. Saturn’s retrograde station on January 14 at 4 Libra may bring to light areas of life where we might benefit from a course of study. Saturn is the stern taskmaster and rewards preparation.

The Solar eclipse this month is at 25 Capricorn on January 15. The Sabian symbol for this

degree is “A Nature Spirit Dancing in the Mist of a Waterfall.”* This image reminds me of the Ten of Pentacles in the Tarot card deck which shows a royal family in a courtyard. A magus, dressed in a cloak of magical symbols, stands at the gate. The adults do not see the Magus, but the children and the dogs do. The card is a reminder of the magic present in everyday life if we can be open to it.

Mercury stations direct on 1/16 at 5 degrees of Capricorn – conjunct Pluto and squaring Saturn. This aspect speaks of finding something lost or hidden. It could be about retrieving strength, courage or a valued but forgotten perception or aspiration. Messages may come to us about the nature of this a few days before and a few days after the station.

January 18 Jupiter enters Pisces – a happy place for enthusiastic and ebullient Jupiter. Jupiter in Pisces can give us hope and optimism for spiritual journeys and for growing through a spiritual perspective. Jupiter will be inconjunct retrograde Mars throughout the month and can exacerbate frustration and anger. Jupiter and Mars in difficult aspect can signify overshooting the mark – over reacting or acting impetuously. It is best with Mars retrograde to cultivate patience with ourselves and others. When frustration and anger occur go within to understand the nature and source of it, rather than exacerbating it.

Venus will enter Aquarius on January 18.

The Sun enters Aquarius on January 20 and the Full Moon in Leo is on the 30th.

The world is going through a process of birth or rebirth. Birth is always accompanied by pain and a certain amount of chaos. It is a good idea to keep our focus on the positive aspects of this rather than the resistance to it or the fear based reactions to it.

When there is so much planetary activity there can be information or revelations that come to us all at once. Provide restorative time to contemplate information and cultivate and inner growth and development. Help and guidance will come through an inner process in January.

“This form, this face, this life,
Living to live in a world of time beyond me; let me
Resign my life for this life, my speech for that unspoken,
The awakened, lips parted, the hope, the new ships.” TS Eliot

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All times mentioned are EST.

*Sabian symbol reference *from 360 Degrees of Wisdom* by Lynda Hill

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