

## Musings on Starlight

Metaphysical Ramblings and An Astrological Forecast for March '06 by Amelia Shea

“I grow old ...I grow old

I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled.

Shall I part my hair behind? Do I dare to eat a peach?

I shall wear white flannel trousers and walk upon the beach.

I have heard the mermaids singing each to each.

I do not think they will sing to me.

I have seen them riding seaward on the waves

Combing the white hair of the waves blown back

When the wind blows the water white and black.

We have lingered in the chambers of the sea

By sea girls wreathed in seaweed red and brown

Till human voices wake us and we drown.” T.S Eliot

The Sun entered the mystical sign of Pisces on February 18. Pisces is a water sign governed by the planet Neptune the legendary god of the sea. People born under the sign of Pisces tend to have a mystical or poetic approach to life and can be known for their artistic and sensitive natures.

The month of March promises to be a month of surprises. To start off Mercury stations and turns retrograde March 2 at 26 degrees of Pisces. It will move back to 13 degrees of Pisces when it stations on March 24. Mercury retrograde periods can create snafus with communications and travel. Make sure your computer files are backed up and don't be surprised if tasks need redoing. Extra care with driving and speech are indicated all month.

There are two eclipses in March which are activating the same degrees of the eclipses on Sept 16, 1997 and March 12, 1998. It may be helpful to remember what was going on in your life at the time. Eclipses are evolutionary in nature and have to do with opening doorways into the future.

There's a Lunar Eclipse on March 14 at 26 degrees of the Virgo/Pisces axis. Pisces is the final sign of the zodiac and is a sign often filled with longing. The source of the longing many believe is the desire to return to some kind of Eden or idyllic world where one can reunite with the source of all life. Virgo is also concerned with perfection but being an earth sign is more focused on the material plane in a pragmatic and analytical way. Polarities (opposite signs such as Pisces and Virgo) are individually just the other side of the whole and at this eclipse we have the opportunity to bring the spiritual vision of our lives into closer alignment with our daily routines, work and health. Look at your chart

and see which houses are being activated by this 26 degree Virgo/Pisces eclipse and it will show where the evolution is going on.

The second eclipse this month is on March 29 at 8 degrees of Aries/Libra.. Aries is the sign of action and wherever this eclipse falls in your chart it is showing where you are ready for a new beginning. Aries is also a sign known for its courage and so having the courage to take the next step is indicated. This eclipse falls on the day that Pluto stations on the galactic center. Transits to the galactic center ( the center of the Milky Way ) have coincided with evolutionary leaps in consciousness for humanity. They have also been associated with bad storms and increased war. There are warlike aspects with this station and eclipse. Also indications of increasing dissent over the correct use of power.

With this season of Pisces and the planetary activity it is a good time to come to terms with what our hopes and wishes are for our small planet and for humanity. There was a debate recently on the News Hour on PBS with several prominent people in the media who were discussing the publication of the cartoons which have caused such a crisis in segments of the Muslim community. In the interview some reporters defended the publication of the cartoons under the right to free speech. The editor of the San Francisco Chronicle however when asked replied that they had made the editorial decision not to publish the cartoons because it would be disrespectful and offensive to the religious beliefs of some of the readers in the community .

It might be a wise perspective to apply to the world at this point; to view the world as our community.

“From my own experience in Buddhism, and its teaching of interdependence and mutual belonging, I would say that we are One, like jewels in the Net of Indra- a mythic image of netted jewels where each one reflects the others and the whole so you can look at any one and see everything.”\*

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