

Musings on Starlight

An Astrological Forecast for April '06 by Amelia Shea

In his book Culture, Crisis and Creativity, Dane Rudyhar put forth the idea that "... we're living in an autumnal phase of our current cultural cycle when many social institutions are decaying. At such a moment, he said, it's the task of seed individuals to concentrate their efforts on those projects and visions that will give birth to a new cultural cycle. Those who are aligned with the flow of time can live through difficult historical moments with grace and courage serving as conduits of creative intelligence and of the spiritual energies of wholeness, love and unity."

** Greg Bogart*

Much of the cultural chaos that we have been experiencing has been related to Pluto's journey through Sagittarius which has exposed corruption in government, politics and organized religion. As Pluto enters its long stint in Capricorn starting in January '08, reform will start to get traction.

As for April Saturn stations and turns direct on April 5 at 4 degrees of Leo. Goals and plans that have been fermenting over the past four months may be ready to move into the realm of form. In late August Saturn will move up to an opposition to the mystical planet Neptune. This aspect one of the most important this year continues to emphasize the integration of spiritual dreams and visions into the concrete reality of our everyday lives.

Also on April 5 Venus enters Pisces. This is a spiritual placement for Venus the goddess of love and beauty. Venus in Pisces thrives while living life from a spiritual perspective.

April 13 the Moon is full at 24 degrees of Aries. Where this full moon falls in your chart indicates where you need to summon courage and move forward. This Full Moon echoes the eclipse at 24 Libra last fall. That eclipse emphasized the need for partnership, collaboration and compromise to move projects forward. This full moon in Aries stresses individual initiative.

On April 14 Mars enters Cancer where the war god will travel until early June. Mars is not happy in the domestic sign of Cancer. Cultivating patience during this time is a good idea.

On April 16 Mercury moves into Aries and stays there till May 5. This placement adds energy and impulsiveness to thoughts, communication and travel. Caution is indicated in these areas.

During the week of April 18 Venus the goddess of love and beauty will move up to a

conjunction with Uranus the planet of the unexpected. Venus/Uranus conjunctions are associated with “love at first sight “.Surprising occurrences of this nature are possible under this influence. Venus/Uranus is also liberating in terms of love and relationships-old unresolved issues may fall away quickly or reach resolution in unexpected ways. There’s also the opportunity with this aspect to contact a higher realm or perception of love i.e love in a universal sense.

The Sun enters Taurus on April 19.Many think that the Buddha was a Taurus. The season of Taurus puts us in touch with the enjoyment of the earth, when the gardens come alive and new seeds are planted.

Pluto will continue to move within orb of the galactic center following its station there on March 29.Amid the cultural chaos which is sure to continue under this aspect this influence is also about potential leaps in consciousness for humanity.

A good thing to contemplate this April.

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