

Musings on Starlight

An Astrological Forecast for April '07 by Amelia Shea

The Sun entered Aries on March 20 and will travel in Aries until April 20. Aries is the sign of the initiator and loves to start new things. Planetary aspects in play however stress the importance of keeping the focus on the long term with all new initiatives.

Pluto the planet of deep inner transformation stationed retrograde at 28 degrees of Sagittarius hours before the first of April thus overshadowing this month in a significant way. Pluto will travel down through the late degrees of Sagittarius until its forward station in early September.

Examining outmoded belief systems is indicated under this aspect. What we believe impacts strongly on what happens and how things happen. Letting go of old belief systems will help move forward in a more powerful way. Whatever house Pluto is transiting in your chart will show the area of life which is being affected

Pluto entered Sagittarius in November of 1995 and will enter Capricorn in late January 08.

Uranus is now conjunct the North Node in Pisces. The North Node governs destiny and groups. Uranus is the maverick visionary planet which tends to live in the future. This influence can help bring unexpected change through group efforts. The bill to set an end date to the Iraq war was helped by this influence as members of Congress are responding to their constituent's wishes. Another example is Bill McKibben's grassroots organization <http://www.stepitup2007.org/> which galvanizes citizens in support of action on global warming.

Because the administration has been in denial about climate change many citizens, mayors, governors etc are affecting change from the bottom up. The represents the dawning of the Age of Aquarius for sure.

On April 6 Jupiter turns retrograde at 19 Sagittarius and travels down to 9 degrees until its station in early August. This is an excellent time to review where we have expanded our lives. It's also a time to review priorities.

In general the influence of the planetary activity of Pluto, Jupiter, Uranus and the Nodes closely following an eclipse lends help with making major life changes.

Mars the war god enters Pisces on April 6. Mars isn't happy in the sign of Pisces and may bring up issues related to repressed sadness or fear as an opportunity for healing. Pisces adds compassion and may help with resolving relationship problems and health issues.

Mercury enters Aries on April 10th. This helps with the focus on individual initiatives.

Saturn which entered the sign of Leo in July of 05 stations direct on April 20. Saturn in Leo has been about moving in the direction of greater personal authenticity and the challenges which have occurred in the process. The direct movement on April 20 should help with clarity on these issues.

On April 20 the Sun enters Taurus followed closely by Mercury entering Taurus on 4/27. Taurus is the slow steady builder of the zodiac supporting efforts of this kind.

“With a religious point of view whatever we imagine in some future ideal state is already available if we only have the eyes to see it and the courage to bring it into being.”

Thomas Moore from *The Soul of Religion*.

Friends – Several people have emailed me and asked about how the planetary activity I have mentioned in *Musings* affects their chart. In response I am now offering brief (20 minute) astrology readings on the phone or by email to address the relevance to individual charts. Call or email me if you'd like to book some time to go over this with me. Best,
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