

Musings on Starlight

“Chogyam Trungpa describes the message system like this...If you take steps to accomplish something, that action will have a result- either failure or success...Trust is knowing there will be a message. When you trust in those messages, the reflections of the phenomenal world, the world begins to seem like a bank or reservoir of riches. You feel that you are living in a rich world, one that never runs out of messages...Those messages are regarded neither as punishment or congratulations. You trust, not in success, but in reality.” *Elizabeth Lesser*

There are an abundance of messages available to us during the month of April as the Sun sextiles Jupiter, Chiron and Neptune as well as making a semi sextile to Uranus. These outer planets are very powerful players and are thought of as transcendent. Pay attention to guidance from the higher realms which can illuminate the way to move forward. It can bring concrete success in the future.

Pluto will station retrograde on April 4th as Mars enters the Saturn/Uranus opposition. At the time of the station Mercury is close to the Sun. This is a challenging mix- there's a tendency to overdo it on the work front and in our expectations of ourselves and others. Frustration can abound as well as impulsive action. On Pluto stations there can be a profound release of energy. With the Sun and Mercury in Aries there is a desire for action but it is impeded. Leave extra time when heading out and take extra care when driving or in situations where accidents could occur in early April.

On April 12 Venus will retrograde back into Pisces widely conjuncting Uranus . Surprising, sudden and unexpected love affairs can surface or resurface under this aspect. A word to the wise though – caution is indicated here as love affairs started under the influence of a Venus retrograde often do not last.

Venus will station direct on April 17 ending a period of retrospection and reflection which started on March 6. Under the retrograde influence often we receive messages in the form of memories of happy times in the past. As the retrograde periods draws to an end consider how your life might be made more harmonious by integrating these messages into your life in new forms. And act on it after As Venus stations direct on the 17.

April 22 Mars enters Aries. This can be a time of renewed energy and a desire to move forward in an unfettered way. Best to temper your energy, though and prepare for the long haul. With the intensity of many of the aspects it's easy to overdo all month.

Venus reenters Aries on April 24.

The New Moon is on April 25 at 5 Taurus.

Mercury enters Gemini on April 30

With April's aspects make an effort to cultivate equilibrium and keep energy levels balanced and moderate.

“To find perfect composure in the midst of change
is to find nirvana.” *Shunryu Suzuki*