

# Musings on Starlight

“I must Create a System

Or be enslaved by another Man’s

I will not Reason and Compare

My business is to Create!” *William Blake*

The first week of April from the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> Venus in Taurus will square Mars in Leo. Under this influence Issues may surface related to short vs. long term financial planning. It creates the kind of friction and desire for action that can give birth to new romantic relationships. This aspect is also associated with the creative spark and bodes well for creative projects. In the charts of many well known artists squares and oppositions are a common theme – symbolizing a kind of tension and friction with the challenge to overcome or integrate it.

Saturn the planetary ruler of systems will move back in to Virgo on April 7 EDT. This provides a good time to revisit the structure of our lives to better prepare for the new chapters which lie ahead. . “Build a light ship” by determining what serves your life going forward and let go of what you no longer need. It will pay off in the long term to use this time frame to be organized and efficient in this area.

On April 6 Pluto will station retrograde at 5 degrees of Capricorn .The Sabian symbol for this degree is “Ten logs lie under an archway leading to darker woods.” The next five months provides fertile timing to look at your life as a journey and to identify and let go of what is blocking your way. The logs may represent attitudes or burdens we carry from the past which we may not normally acknowledge in the course of mundane life.

All retrograde stations represent a time to turn inward and this month Mercury will also station retrograde on April 18 at 12 degrees of Taurus and move in retrograde motion until May 12. Mercury governs travel and communication. It is best if possible to sign any legal agreements, nail down travel plans and make repairs to equipment related to communication or travel before or after the retrograde period.

Our ability to tolerate uncertainty is present all month – symbolized by Uranus in Pisces and the Neptune/Chiron conjunction. It is a good time to strengthen the realms of body, mind and spirit.

The Sabian symbol\* for the New Moon at 24 Aries on the 14th is “A double promise reveals its inner and outer meanings.” Especially during a period of retrograde activity it is wise to look carefully and thoroughly at any opportunities that come our way. Mars the ruler of Aries loves action and it is best to guard against hasty or impulsive action under this influence. There can be conflicts between heart and mind and the tendency make choices based on one or the other when there is a need for a broader perspective.

Venus enters Gemini on April 25 bringing a time which is good for learning and education. If there is a course you have been hankering to take, now would be the time to sign on. Venus in Gemini is also a good time for parties and socializing.

In influence all month but exact on April 26, Saturn will oppose Uranus again. This aspect was involved with the financial crisis and symbolizes the collapse of old forms and the need to move in a more evolved direction. Our task individually and collectively is to create new paradigms based on an enlightened view of the future.

The Full Moon is at 8 degrees of Scorpio on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

All times mentioned are EDT.

Sabian symbols from **360 Degrees of Wisdom** by Lynda Hill