

Musings on Starlight

An Astrological Forecast for May '06 by Amelia Shea

“Though the spring is late and cold
though the uproar of greed
and malice shudders in the sky
pond, stream and treetop raise
their ancient songs;
the robin molds her mud nest
with her breast; the air
is bright with breath
of bloom, wise loveliness that asks
nothing of the season but to be.”.....*Wendell Berry*

For much of the month of May the Sun travels through the sign of Taurus. Taurus is the fixed sign associated with sensuality, connectedness to the earth and the management of resources. I have a young Taurus friend who has two bumper stickers on her car one which reads “Expose Exxon” and the other, “Support Organic Farmers.” Despite all the hoopla about the oil companies record profits and the high price of gas, often what is not mentioned is devastation that is caused by accidents such as the massive oil spill from the Exxon Valdez which poured 11 million gallons of oil into the pristine wilderness of Prince William Sound in Alaska. What is not questioned is responsibility of corporations such as Exxon who continue to drag out the costly legal battles over compensation as scientists say that there still remains a high level of toxicity there and that its waters and shores have been altered forever. Often what is overlooked is our connection to the earth and right relationship to it.

My friend’s other bumper sticker which says “Support Organic Farmers” speaks of another Taurean theme – that to care for ourselves we must care for the earth.

May is the season in the northern hemisphere when the earth awakens from her long winter’s sleep. It is when many people plant their gardens and look forward to an abundant nourishing harvest. Taurus is the sign which is associated with the growth, fertility and abundance of the material world. Taureans often excel at planting and harvesting, planning and building. And it is in the season of Taurus that it is wise to turn our thoughts to this area of life and move forward with plans we have developed over the past few months.

There is grand water trine in May involving Jupiter in Scorpio, Uranus in Pisces and Mars in Cancer. The Jupiter Uranus trine widely drawing in Neptune is associated with higher wisdom and awakenings and can lend unusual solutions. It’s a good time to remain optimistic and keep an open ended approach. It’s also an excellent time for creativity, spiritual growth and emotional expression.

Jupiter and Uranus trining Mars can add a desire for assertiveness and independent action which may run into frustration when confronted by the planets in the other fixed signs; Saturn in Leo and Neptune in Aquarius. Anticipating a fair amount of frustration is a good idea.

There are several quincunxes this month and much outer planer activity. Quincunxes are an awkward aspect and can contribute to the constant need for readjustment. When Pluto, Neptune and Uranus are active in the sky as they are this month, much is happening on an evolutionary level for the planet as well as in our individual lives. There can be surprising events and revelations under these types of aspects. It's a good month to cultivate courage and serenity in the face of uncertainty.

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