

# Musings on Starlight

“To make use of the Tao  
is like taking a cup of sea water  
from the ocean  
One cup removed  
does not diminish the whole

A cup of sea water  
can be controlled with no effort  
The ocean itself is influenced only  
by the moon

Such large things  
are beyond the human person  
it is better to let them be

Just examine closely the small amount  
do so with focus and determination  
in this way you will grasp  
what cannot be seen.....”The Tao Te Ching\*

The Sun transits through the constellation of Libra until October 23\*. With the Sun in Libra relationships are on the front burner and by that I mean relationships of all kinds - our relationship with our own spirit and psyche, our relationships with friends, lovers and coworkers as well as our relationship to the environment and the world at large. As we continue our march towards the end of the Mayan calendar many believe this is a time when a paradigm shift is occurring and humanity’s challenge is to perceive the interconnectedness of all life.

This month Jupiter and Uranus will complete their final square. This brings expansion, vision and innovation in the realm of relationships. And helps us to move away from old constricting patterns into a direction of increased wholeness.

Solidify your foundation and be open to opportunities that lead to further success. Be flexible and innovative as opposed to relying on tradition.

Saturn recently entered the sign of Virgo and will transit the South Node throughout the month. This is time for improving daily routines and becoming more efficient. Health is intricately interwoven with the rhythms of our everyday lives and it's a good time to evaluate how to make improvements in this area also. Review old habits that need to be eliminated. Let innovation lead the way.

Venus moves into Virgo on October 8 and will be transiting the Saturn / South Node conjunction. This may bring events which trigger old habits. It can be a somber time but an instructive time as well. Look to where you carry a heavy load of responsibility that seems to go nowhere. Also check which house Virgo rules in your chart to further understand the areas of life being impacted by this.

Mercury goes retrograde October 12 at 9 degrees of Scorpio until until its forward station on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This time the Mercury retrograde is colored by the upcoming Mars retrograde in November and the keywords are prevention and maintenance. Try to get all mechanical things in good running order and back up all important information before Mercury goes retrograde. And during the retrograde period it's good to anticipate delays and snafues.

The Sun enters Scorpio on October 23 .

Friends - If you are curious about where the Saturn/South Node conjunction is occuring in your chart I will be offering brief ( 15 minute ) consults by phone or email on this for \$30. Just give me a call to book an app't.

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