

Musings on Starlight

“ The presence of fear when it is strong disrupts our ability to sense the numinous quality within the things of the world.” *Robert Sardello*

The Christian Festival of St. Michael the Archangel is celebrated on September 29 close to the Autumn Equinox. Both days commemorate the time when the forces of darkness overtake the forces of light in the northern hemisphere. Michaelmas festivals include a play which reenacts the Archangel Michael's courage and eventual victory in battling a dragon. This ritual reminds us of the importance of courage in facing our own inner demons and how we may grow and become victorious through this process.



Michaelmas Daisies which bloom near the Equinox.

This year as we enter the month of October the forces of darkness may feel more pressing than at other times and the need for courage more present. With Venus transiting the sign of Scorpio the importance of financial security may loom large. And there's a tendency to view situations which require pragmatics in an overly emotional way. Keeping a detached perspective will be beneficial.

Mercury the messenger of the gods is in Libra all month. Mercury will aspect the Neptune/North Node /Chiron conjunction in the beginning of the month and towards the end. This aspect provides good timing to reevaluate what has been healed and what still needs to be healed individually and collectively as we move towards the future. Make an extra effort to stay balanced and maintain mental equilibrium all month.

The influence of the direct planetary stations will be felt strongly all month— Neptune (which slows down and stations exact on 11/1) Chiron (10/23) and Mercury (10/16). Neptune and Chiron in Aquarius encourage us to collaborate and work with others to create a better world. The North Node there indicates that timing is critical and destiny is involved.

Pluto continues his long trek through the late degrees of Sagittarius making this an

excellent time to evaluate how your life has evolved in the last twelve years. Also a good time to let go of any beliefs/belief systems that no longer serve you well.

The Uranus/ Saturn opposition which will be direct on election day this year in the US continues to grow in strength and impact on individual as well as collective lives. This aspect illustrates the conflict between tradition and innovation. It's important under this aspect to keep fear in an appropriate perspective and not let it overwhelm more innovative approaches. Also a good time to shed any old expectations that keep you from moving in a more innovative direction.

I will be offering brief (15 minutes for \$30) phone consultations on how the Saturn /Uranus opposition is affecting individual charts. Get in touch if you'd like to book and appointment.

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