

Transformational Astrology

APRIL/MAY 2008

by Henry Seltzer



The astrology of April and May features Mars and Venus, along with Saturn and Pluto, as the powerful series of New Moon configurations continue. Saturn trines Pluto for this entire period, reminding us that right now the organization of our lives, and the surrounding social structure, is changing dramatically. It will take a remarkable transformation of our overall collective intention to get us through the social crises facing us with respect to the earth... ones that need us to work together instead of separately.

The New Moon of April 5th aspects Saturn. The Full Moon, two weeks later, aspects both Saturn and Pluto. As of April 5 New Moon is in Aries, Venus is preparing to enter Aries, squaring Pluto. This means that all during April we will actively seek to transform our relationship energy- one way or another. Mars is truly emphasized now, since the New Moon also squares Mars. His symbolism includes our desires and aggressive urges, and the assertion of our right to stand up for ourselves. All these factors will be in the mix of the psychic energy field during April. (Mars turned retrograde on November 15th. Concerns stemming from last autumn may well come up again for final

resolution as the month gets underway.) Since Mars remains in Cancer where Venus is exalted, relationships are particularly on our minds as we also we make peace with our desire, nature and our animal passions.

At the time of the Taurus New Moon of May 5th, Pluto is again engaged, as Saturn comes closer to a perfect trine with it. Saturn stations in early May and so it is at its closest approach to the Pluto aspect. The numinous and otherworldly energy of Neptune is also emphasized at this time, and contributes to our understanding of the unseen world all around us, finding its highest expression in soul-to-soul connection with others. Venus is also by then in its own sign of Taurus, so that May is again likely to be a relationship-oriented month.

Mercury retrogrades in Gemini, in late May and runs through mid-June. The Mercury retrograde period is famous for mechanical breakdown and missed communication, but it might best be characterized as a chance to look within and to rethink our positions on the important topics of life direction and how our outer world activity matches up with and

supports our highest intention for ourselves.

Since Mercury as it stations squares Uranus and also aspects Jupiter and Chiron, this is sure to be an interesting and thought-provoking period of time when new ideas abound and when we might begin to get a better handle on our patterns of relationship and control.

The revolutionary and transformative energy of Pluto is also available to us now, helping to raze old and outworn psychic structures that have outlived their juiciness in our lives. Pluto stations in early April, appearing to stand still in the sky, meaning that this energy for change will be even stronger than usual during this pivotal month. What we are seeing now is only the beginning of a vast shift that will in time radically alter the structure of our social setting, and our lives in general, bringing us eventually, through all our journeying, closer to the ideals to which we truly aspire.

Astrology



ARIES (MARCH 20-APRIL 19)



You are transforming at the core. This is the time when you capitalize on your recent spiritual momentum. The ideas you have been incubating lately, starting perhaps as long ago as last fall, are now ready to pop. A new form of outer manifestation is in the works for you that more closely matches your evolving inner vision. On into May, you are actively seeking solidity in your mission statement and in the power of new pathways. Initiatives in your life during this period are also likely to involve interpersonal relationships, a huge area of change for you right now, and your connections with home and family, the roots of your being. Everything is blossoming.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 19)



This two-month period is magical for you, as you consolidate your recent ideas for new life directions in this, your birthday time of the year. With the April New Moon occupying your sector of dream imagination, a voice is whispering in your ear that the spiritual grounding for a changed life must come from inside. The mystical focus of these early April days is enhanced by communicating your most important truth to others, which paradoxically helps you to open doors leading inward, to access your Higher Self. On into May, your coming out party is in progress. It gets more thrilling and more insightful as the weeks unfold. You might find yourself rearranging your thinking along the lines of a more active and responsible participation outside of any box.

GEMINI (MAY 20-JUNE 20)



Your roller-coaster ride continues into the present period. This current cycle follows vibrant and exciting advances over the past few weeks in your career and professional life, and represents if possible an even greater sense of movement and expansion. The two weeks following the April 5th New Moon are the best days you'll have all year to vision new possibilities for yourself into being. On into May, your transformation continues apace with also a sober sense of responsibility for your process, especially when you have the courage to honor your deepest instincts. Through it all, you are being challenged to let go of previous assumptions; the sky is the limit.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 20)



This two-month period is a time of doing as well as being. Your ship is leaving for far distant horizons, and you had better be sure to be on it when it does. You are in the process of totally reconceptualizing where your life is taking you, and how significant partners fit into the picture, and that is only the start. Relationship can be amazing for you when you realize that you don't need to make empty compromises with what you really want, and that everyone around you will applaud your refusal to do so. The weeks following the May 5th New Moon bring further life transformation as responsible communication with siblings and with your peers represents a sobering influence. You might as well face up to the new you and begin to enjoy the ride. This just isn't Kansas anymore.

LEO (JULY 21-AUG. 21)



This is a fulcrum period for you, when you are preparing for a more compelling vision to take hold in your life. There are patterns of relationship that you have been carrying for many years now that may have outlived their usefulness for you in the present moment; taking a good hard look at these behaviors is the first step toward moving beyond them. On into May, you are feeling the power of new vision to transform, since your future is really only and exactly what you yourself make of it. Financial limitations may dictate your behavior to an extent, but only so much. You might do best to simply turn it over to your angels. You can always trust your own internal guidance when all others fail you.

VIRGO (AUG. 21-SEPT. 21)



You are poised for success in more ways than one. This two-month period is in some sense a pressure-packed period of time for you, but in some sense, not. There is a mystical acceptance that is possible in the midst of all your striving. You will find that new perspectives on old patterns can make all the difference. The trick is to set your intention firmly and strongly and then let go of your attachment to the outcome just as passionately as you formerly embraced it. You win when you can take that crucial step backward and simply allow the universe to shower its blessing upon you with its own divine timing.

LIBRA (SEPT. 22-OCT. 22)



You are making an important adjustment between inner and outer right now. You are finding during this period of time tremendous impulse toward relationship of all kinds, including business partnerships. Something in the way that you connect with others is in the process of being reborn because of your recent advances in the way that you connect with yourself. Your creative self-expression in this powerful time is numinous and otherworldly, redolent of higher planes. The month of May represents a time for greater intimacy in your life, with partners and with your own dark spaces within. In the best possible outcome, rather than propping you up, partnership with others can be seen more clearly as a means of building your own strength.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)



This is a paint-by-numbers masterpiece that you are creating here. You are very busy at this time connecting the dots of what you truly desire for yourself in the context of others, and how that translates into the way that you plug yourself in with respect to society around you. Your stance has altered over the past several months and now you are reaping the rewards. On into May, partnerships become paramount but in a very different way than you have ever experienced it before. You are beginning to revel in new opportunities to express yourself in your own unique way. Relationship becomes so much less scary when you are centered in yourself as your first but not your only priority.

ASTROLOGY CONTINUED ON PAGE 39...



brought to you by Four Corners Magazine

ADVERTISE YOUR
EVENT
PRODUCT OR SERVICE
WITH US!



Get the hottest weekly event
calendar in the region,
The Sedona Wave!

Advertising with us is the easiest
way in the world to advertise!

We have an extensive Local
and National List
(just under 10,000 op-in names)

Weekly eblasts! Receive them
now, just email us your e-dress

928.282.7233

fourcorners@npgcable.com

The Sedona Wave Network

