



***The Planetary Alchemist Newsletter  
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**Spring is around the corner.** The days are already getting longer - don't miss that because they start getting shorter by June 21<sup>st</sup>. Heads-up to the light! You've discovered "the secret" now you need to learn how to make it work for you!

This fall and winter has been a challenge for most of us. It is as if the Universe wants us to pay attention. If you are paying attention and making the adjustments you will find surfing the current reality a bit easier, until that rogue wave hits without warning. Since the past and the future are a part of the Now of existence, realise you are creating every step of the way. What do you want your now to be? Is the law of attraction working for you? If what is...isn't what you want it to be...and no matter how hard you try you are still hitting that brick wall - you need to either change course or find out why. You can of course ignore the universal signals, but they won't ignore you if they have a message to impart. Astrology is an evolutionary messenger, one that mutates to the needs of the times. Individual messages for the signs can be found in the passages below.

**The skies** have been our messenger since the dawn of existence. If the new order in the solar system hasn't got your attention, then let me bring it to your attention. Pluto is who he always was. We always knew he wasn't a full fledged planet, he didn't act like one. But we waited for the evolutionary marker to be passed and now it has. We are entering a new dynamic relationship to the earth. If your life isn't updated to the millennium energy then you may find yourself falling behind. If your life is built upon the illusion of what life should be then your house of cards is likely to fall apart.

If you have been **trying to promote** something between February 13<sup>th</sup> and now, and finding a lack of response, problems or mistakes, corrections and redrafts necessary, it is because of Mercury's retrograde. It has been more notorious than ever in certain circles {signs} and completely benign in others, depending on how you are wired. Mercury will go direct on March 7<sup>th</sup> allowing for less foul-ups and mis-starts. But it will not regain new terrain until March 28<sup>th</sup>. Then it passes within close proximity of the "great agitator" early April, so things can still be governed by serendipity and happenstance the first few days to a week of that month too.

What to do? You can't make all of life stop during the Mercury retrograde or an unsettling transit! This is especially true when you have some other good transit working for you. It is also true when the cosmos is stirring up events and energies inspiring invention! Not everyone can take the time to stop and take stock some have to keep on moving. But do take note of all the things you want to do that you can't get to doing now because you may not remember later. Go slow, double check yourself, and leave nothing to chance or mishap. Gather your nerve and be one in sinew and heart. That is the best you can do. **If there are hic ups then learn to polka!** Have fun with your mistakes and change form when the occasion arises.

Where are you in this process? If you are a **SAGITTARIAN**, whether you know it or not you are at the forefront of opportunity. This is a crossroads you will not want to make a mistake with, this is your chance,

don't be afraid to take it. But remember, no one is going to do it for you - nor should they. You won't be forced to do what you should have been doing...until the end of the year - when all the momentum has moved on. It isn't likely to be something from your past, your focus will be new and future oriented. There is some way you can make your life bigger and better for yourself. Only look to others long enough to get to know what you need to do for yourself.

The **GEMINI** can receive a great boon from this same energy putting expansive energies into productive empowerment. It is a much more objective process for the Gemini; they can see it apart from themselves whereas the Sagittarian will be much too close to their subject and more intimidated. The Gemini is likely to be benefiting from something they have been involved with for some time, reaping the rewards of their continuous and consistent efforts. The current Mercury retrograde should be helping the Gemini remedy tedious daily impediments to progress. You should be feeling that the conditions of life are building toward achievement and solidification.

Globally, we are in the process of dissolving the paradigms of the past. These are the expectations that were ingrained into people by their parents, culture, tradition and society but also unconscious agreement. In past generations we have been much more likely to do what we were told to do and believe what we were told to believe. The disillusionment that replaces the vanishing of the "appearance of things" can manifest as worry, doubt and fear. You may not even know what you fear but you may be aware of its' grip on you. No one can relate to this process better than the **LEO**. Their disillusionments may be big and they may have to let go of things as they expected them to be and this not an easy thing for Leo to do. The grand plan was not designed by them and they do not have control and this can cause them to temporarily loose their way. It is important for Leo to let the past slip away without attachment but I don't expect them to be happy doing so.

It is what the **AQUARIUS** doesn't know that can cause them the most disappointment this year. It can also be what the Aquarius doesn't want other people to know that may cause their expectations the greatest set back. Mercury has retrograded back into this sign at present so hopefully they can pick up the pieces of what they blazed past during January and February. This sign has the most potential to shoot themselves in the foot over the next few years. The divisive nature of this sign will cause itself to restructure itself because of itself. Those Aquarians following spiritual ideals needn't worry; your restructuring is being witnessed throughout our humanity's evolution of consciousness. What I'm referring to of course is the movie we've all seen "The Secret"! Now we are all familiar with the law of attraction and we have fire too! {Prometheus & <http://www.theseecret.tv> }

It wouldn't be too wise for **AQUARIANS OR LEOS** to take too many steps forward in too much of a hurry. You need to make sure of where you are going and why and you will be better able to figure this out after the first week of April. There is a degree of vagueness surrounding you that can be misleading and the brunt of this should clear up by the end of March. Don't take any actions behind the scenes that could hurt or wound others.

The **PISCES** is experiencing the most degree of change, serendipity, transformation and excitement. This process has been building; you can't get Pisces going too far too fast with too much excitement after all! But just as things are about to change the surge retreats to make sure you are doing everything right. There is no better time to instrument change into your life than now. The Lunar Eclipse <http://www.shadowandsubstance.com/> is focused on your sign, your life is about to change anyway so why not get in step. Once you make up your mind to what and where you want to manifest in your life you will be magnetically drawn to the circumstances that will help you to make it so. This is your year to stimulate the changes you seek, you will get the network of help you need when you need it and in a couple of year's time you will get the momentum to push you over the top. Go for it - you have to start somewhere and it takes a Mars cycle to make something out of nothing {2 ½ years}!

The **TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE** means the Moon will glide through the heart of Earth's shadow on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and turn a beautiful shade of sunset red. Totality can be seen from parts of all seven continents including all of Europe and Africa and the eastern half of North America. Cosmically this event affects the parts of the globe it can be seen from, and the eclipse brings change wherever it lands. Comets are also a historic signal for the governors or ruling class that something is about to change. We have been witnessing another rash of near earth comets of late. Change is good, but what political leaders {and individually ourselves} do during the chaos of mutation is what creates the problem. The problem does not exist in the element of change; it exists in the control of the human.

Where is the **VIRGO**; in the Piscean shadow? Heaven forbid, no the Virgo is being asked to do what it doesn't do well, believe in faith and trust that the details will work out alright. Karmic responsibility for all things rests heavily on this sign, whether it is your sun sign or it is other planets augmented in your chart. But what you think is right doesn't fit the modern mould. In fact that could be what drives Virgo crazy, there are no pigeon holes, no correct procedures, no cross-referenced precedent more to the point it seems that anything and everything goes. The Lunar Eclipse is forcing the Virgo to proceed on impressions only, no details, take a chance and learn how to surf the waves by feel. The Virgo doesn't know it yet but they excel at multi-tasking and multi-disciplines, it is just they aren't used to living outside the box where potentials can be anything vastly different from what is expected. So letting go of the past may be of great importance to Virgo too, letting go of expectations, responsibilities and guilt ridden duty to others.

The **LIBRA** has to make a commitment - you know you cannot vacillate to extremes forever! If there is someone special in your life then you had better get wise about making that commitment to them. It doesn't matter what your philosophies on marriage are, or the definition you uphold of committed relationship, if that special someone is important don't miss the moment. You can always be distracted and entertain a great variety of activities but you can't always find that someone special. This can be a business opportunity too, a partnership, a source of revenue, or an object of art, so don't let it pass you by. Something of value is coming your way.

The polar opposite sign **ARIES** is coming into some pleasant vibrations. You will find other people more enjoyable and them you. Some positive social occasions are coming and if they are business related there can be "contracts" in the works. Charm will work better than wit at present. There is more to come for you as spring sprouts. There are involvements you have already committed to that keep you directed at present but you have to be ready to agree and decide about something important in the near future. If you need input look around you to what other people have learned and increase your own wisdom. Your partner may be a greater contributor to your life than you are giving them credit for. By the way in the longer term; don't you have to plan and prepare for big changes after 2010?

Fate is playing a huge hand in the lives of those born under the sign **SCORPIO**. So what we need to know about fate is; it is to a certain extent malleable. Certainly we have our destiny separate and apart from our fate, but fate is created by how we think, how we speak and how we act. If you change the look on your face, other people think differently when they look at you. If mid-stream of an all out rant you decide to change your "state" to the calm Buddhist acceptance of all things by all means do so. Drama is your instrument, turn anger into laughter and revenge into compassion, play with the energies of life as if it were your theatre, it is. You have the ability to mutate, become multi-dexterous, and less absorbed in that bundled way. Cut lose, become flexible, entertain all possibilities and choose the final result. You can influence the air waves with your thoughts - make them good ones! There is good fortune just waiting for you to be open to it.

**TAURUS** may be my blind spot as it is the sign of my Sun, Mercury and Moon. Blessings to all of you! But it seems like certain aspects of life that you wished to have dealt with just seem to keep on plaguing you. You need to divorce yourself from whatever is not serving your highest good or respecting your worthiness. There

is great work for you to be doing so do not spin your wheels on that which seems to be never ending. While it seems like it just will not go away, there actually is an end just out of sight. Another couple of months and you will understand more. There is good fortune in looking outside of yourself. By applying yourself to other people, or paying attention to what is happening for them, something good can come of it for all of you. Your fate can be helped by the destiny you perceive in others. If you are working on a client or contract and otherwise developing business make sure you have alternate sources of income because your current project looks like it takes forever.

The **CAPRICORNS** are going to find the dissolving process uncomfortable. It will not be possible to "keep up appearances" as easily as it always has been. This is where you feel comfortable, behind the walls of protocol. The standards and procedures are all changing and we do not know exactly how things will be structured in the future. Well what is apparently a Capricornia nightmare should be viewed as a "dream come true". There was never before a time when you could be effective in restructuring whatever you are involved with than now. No sense following the crowd.....they don't know where they are going and the books were written far too long ago to be counted on as the presses cannot work fast enough to get the new precedents pumped out in time. So committing yourself to things when you are flying by the seat of your pants is not your style? Perhaps it is time to get used to surfing too, it is much the same as snow skiing downhill, and it just takes practice. You are going to have to be better at it next year so why not try to get rid of those training wheels now!

Finally, we are left to discern the best for the sign **CANCER**. While Cancer is usually the sign that wants to decide what is best for everyone else, it just isn't possible to protect everyone all the time in this chaotic age of acceleration. It is not enough to put bread on the table and make sure that everyone gets their sleep. The needs of people during these times are multi-faceted and complex which makes the process of mothering even more difficult to comprehend. Are we doing a better job of raising our children, are we really attending to what they need? Taking care of the world has become a much greater job now that we have accepted climate change and our responsibility for it. You may not feel up to the task, but just like any mother before you or caregiver, you will rise to the occasion and do the best you can with what you have at your resources.

Sometimes taking care of others means knowing when you cannot be responsible for them any longer. You have to trust and have the faith that you have done your job and you just have to let go and let your protégée make their own mistakes and find their own way down life's mystery. There is a great plan that has to unfold even though we can play with the mutability of some of its fate in parts. Otherwise, we can safeguard others with our thoughts and in our hearts. Be well with all that is and will be, you nurture your life and others as you think and act, so rephrase any thought or word that would betray a positive end result.

**The past is dissolving.** I don't care what your ages, if you aren't future oriented then you are not on the same page as life and you will feel at odds with everything and everyone. Whatever it is you have to do to get that accomplished do it! You are witnessing the changes on Earth for a reason. Whatever that is, makes it purposeful for your spirit, your inner essence, the spark of who you truly are! Be consciously aware of where everyone else is heading and don't worry, you will know what to do when you need to do it as long as you are awake. If you can't seem to get out of your own way, come and see me to make those obstacles you create for yourself dissolve. Be one with your future; know yourself in the now of existence.

***Be one in heart, nerve and sinew!***



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