Astrological Insights

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PLUTO RISING | FALL 2018

Welcome to the last quarterly newsletter of 2018—what a year it's been and it's not over yet!

Over the course of the summer, we had 6 to 7 planets in retrograde. When planets retrograde, it can take time before things get going. Look at all the rain we experienced recently—it just didn't stop, most of the summer was either wet or hot! On a personal note, you probably experienced slow downs at some point in your life during this time.

While some of the planets have gone direct in their motion, some are still retrograde or just going into retrograde. Venus, for example, started retrograde on October 6th, the day I started typing up this newsletter. Venus will retrograde from Scorpio back into Libra and will go direct on November 16th. You can expect to see more sex scandal surprises in the headlines and your relationships at home and at work will become more challenging.

Uranus is retrograde in Aries. It will go direct in the new year on January 6th and enter Taurus in March 2019. Uranus rules elections and, true to its nature, it brings surprises. When Uranus enters Taurus we'll start to see things happen around us with a better sense of grounding and security.

Pluto is direct in Capricorn, effectively unsettling governments all over the world and clearing out those things that no longer work. You can expect issues of sexuality and gender to gain strength this fall, to see more flip-flopping from politicians under scrutiny and for more secrets to be revealed!

Jupiter in Scorpio intensifies relationships and the power within them. Mars is direct and now conjunct the south node of the U.S. chart, demanding resolution of traumas we have created as a nation and those we have imposed on one another for the last 230 years. A new action plan is on the horizon—thank goodness! Moving forward, it's important we awaken to a new level of selfdetermination and self-responsibility, both collectively and as a society. We have three new planets to help us—Eris, Makemake and Haumea. They are planets for our time. We discover new planets when we are ready in consciousness to experience them. Some young astronomers wish to call these new planets "dwarf" planets. Regardless of their size or the title given, they are still planets.

Well-known astrologer, Henry Seltzer says, "strong is the new pretty." This is a great description of Eris, the spiritual warrior, highlighted in our last newsletter. Eris will be in Aries until the year 2047. That's 120 years in Aries, the sign of the pioneer.

Makemake is neutral in energy and has an environmental quality. Earth is in trouble and we need activism. We must change the way we care for our Mother Earth. Haumea is feminine in nature, a tree hugger, charismatic and an appreciator of the natural world. In April through June of this year, Makemake and Haumea were in Libra (23 and 24 degrees) protecting children and the environment. While we know the recent immigration mess has been harmful to children, the energy of these two planets is helpful and will allow us to start to see things change.

In 2019 there will be an ephemeris emerging on all three of these new planets. An ephemeris gives the positions of astronomical objects in the sky at a given time or times. Stay tuned for more details about the ephemeris in our upcoming 2019 newsletters.

Focusing on what we can each do to make this world a better place and moving forward to help is more important now than ever. In the meantime, please enjoy the holidays and be kind and thankful.

Dates to Remember

Mercury retrogrades happen 3 to 4 times a year. It's a good time for reflection, introspection and study. It's not a good time to try and get things accomplished! Hold off on scheduling appointments, installing new computers, phones, anything electronic or dealing with any type of communications.

Mercury is the communication planet. For those who don't believe in Mercury retrograde -- it's not a belief, it's a fact. Communications do not work well during these times. When in retrograde, it's telling us to slow down, take a breath and spend time contemplating things you would like to occur once it goes direct again.

2018 Mercury Retrograde Dates:

- 03-22-18 to 04-15-18 in Aries
- 07-26-18 to 08-19-18 in Leo
- 11-16-18 to 12-06-18 in Sagittarius

Mark these dates on your calendar! Avoid planning things while Mercury is in retrograde -- they will surely have to be changed. Instead, use this time to work behind the scenes and you will avoid frustration. **Look for Astrological Insights again in 2019!** In the meantime, get your chart done to find out how all of this impacts you and what is important for you this year. In the dialogue that is created in a session with Sara, you'll experience the comfort and confirmation astrology offers. By participating in your private session you'll understand the spiritual significance of astrology.



NATAL CHART

A Natal Chart is the blueprint of the heavens at the time of your birth. This chart reveals your potential, your strengths and your weaknesses. It can help you understand your cycles of growth, your personal journey and your spiritual progress.



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Meet Sara Funk

Sara, in her 45 years of practicing astrology, has studied notable astrologers such as Jeffrey Wolf Green, Liz Greene, Dane Rudyhar, Marc Edmond Jones, Steven Forrest, Robert Hand, psychologist Carl Jung, and many others. She has also attended many astrological conferences and workshops in the United States and published an article "Astrology and the Healthy Psyche" in Common Ground magazine. Sara has clients throughout the United States and Europe.

