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# Astrological Insights

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

We start this quarter with Mercury retrograde in Taurus, which brings up relationships and finances. Take time to tend to your relationships and pay attention to what you are doing financially. Taurus slows us down and so does Mercury retrograde, so use this period wisely, and most of all don't try to force things as they are likely to have to be redone.

We also have Venus retrograde until April 15th. Venus stationed retrograde on March 4th in Aries and will retrograde back to the last degrees of Pisces. This will be a time of turning inward and the ways we relate with others will feel different. This is a time when we will re-evaluate current relationships; people from the past may be on your mind more than usual, and some could even show up and surprise you! This is also a time to look at self-love and believing in yourself. All types of connections, not just romantic relationships, will reveal to us where we have not learned to fully love ourselves – perhaps we are judging or criticizing others. Aries is aggressive so we need to be aware of whether or not we are being gentle with ourselves and others and perhaps tone it down a bit if we are coming on too strong. Venus is moving from evening star to morning star – this takes place March 31st at 1 degree of Aries. This is known as her “Heliacal Rise.” Venus is coming back from underground when things on Earth seem wild. This Venus in Aries energy is spring time, when things turn green again and we go after what we want. When Venus is retrograde we get in touch with what and whom we truly value. Her time in the underground is about accepting our own shadow and opening ourselves up to divine love and compassion as we learn to heal and transform our lives.

By April 2nd Venus moves back into the last few degrees of Pisces and on April 15th Venus goes direct and conjuncts Chiron – another powerful time in this retrograde cycle. Old patterns of relationships come up for re-examination, renewal and healing.

With two planets retrograde: Mercury and Venus, this is an inward-looking period. Uranus and Eris are still partnering in Aries, which is about the activist agenda, and adding Uranus opposing Jupiter and squaring Pluto, we are all in for great changes in our lives. Where in your chart is this showing up for you? This is not a time to resist our own growth, but it does describe the need to resist negative energies and actions and transform them into positive energy, or what we like to call surrendering to a higher power. Look deeply at what truly motivates you. How are you doing spiritually and practically? What do you truly value? How can you contribute to the evolution of society?

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Saturn, the disciplinarian and teacher, is transiting in Sagittarius, which has us looking at the truths that must now be exposed. All the confusion, misdeeds and fake news will be evaporated during this time. What are your beliefs and which ones do you need to give up or release?

We are in one of the most important times in the history of human beings: a time of coming to the truth of life which is that Love is all there is. To do this we must first love ourselves so that we have something to offer others. This is a time of facing our own shadow and seeing the truth of who we truly are. It takes courage and love. We have two choices: we can stay as we are and keep on the same old path and resist this or we can go deeply inside to the place where truth lies and move forward – transformed by the experience and able to truly be an asset to our society. Find out for yourself how this looks for you in this year and next.

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## Dates to Remember

We began the new year with Mercury retrograde in Capricorn until January 8th. 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.

### 2017 Mercury Retrograde Dates:

- 12-19-16 to 01-08-17 in Capricorn
- 04-09-17 to 05-03-17 in Taurus
- 08-12-17 to 09-05-17 in Virgo
- 12-03-17 to 12-23-17 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 July!** 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.



### SOLAR RETURN / UPDATE

Every year the Sun returns to the same position it held at the time of your birth. A chart calculated for this time describes your major experiences in the year ahead combined with the update of Progressions and Transits, revealing the present cycles of activity.



### COMPOSITE CHART

This chart is composed from two natal charts and defines the relationship of the two people. Multiple composites are also available.



### CHILDREN'S CHARTS

These are natal charts and especially helpful for new parents in raising their children, for understanding their potential, strengths and weaknesses.



### BUSINESS / CORPORATE CHART

Think of it as a "birth chart" for your business. This chart is created by using the date, time and place of incorporation for a business.

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### Meet Sara Funk

Sara, in her 40 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.



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