Astrological Insights

PLUTO RISING | SPRING 2018

Spring started with a snowstorm! March came in like a lion and went out like a lion, with three major storms: Riley on March 5th, Quinn on March 7th, and Skylar on March 13th. And the snow didn't really stop there, as we had snow flurries and showers for the rest of March.

Looking at the astrometeorology, which is the astrology of weather, we see the set up for these storms. Riley had Venus and Neptune in Pisces, a water sign, which almost always brings snow. Mercury was in challenging aspect, square Mars, causing gusty winds. Venus was also square Mars, bringing much precipitation. Quinn had Mercury and Venus square Saturn causing cool, damp, cloudy conditions and heavy precipitation, as did Skylar. Skylar also had the Sun square Mars, which usually brings storms and the Sun was also trine (ease) Jupiter, which did bring us some warm days. It's certainly been a wild start for Spring!

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On March 22, Mercury turned retrograde in Aries. As stated before, Mercury retrograde is a good time for reflection and introspection on important values. What are you trying to accomplish in this lifetime? Uranus in Aries will conjunct the New Moon in Aries on April 15– bringing more surprises and enlightenment!

Chiron, the wounded healer, is also in Pisces as was the mid-March New Moon, which brings up our wounds from early childhood the first two weeks in April. If you have a concentration of Mutable signs in your chart– Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces – you may want to check where this is in your chart. The wounds come up for healing so you can become who you are really meant to be. The second half of April is also a powerful time with the Sun and Moon in Aries, square to Pluto in Capricorn – change,

change, change. Letting go so something new can come forth.

As Uranus moves out of Aries for a few months and goes into Taurus, it will no longer square Pluto which will bring some ease, but the challenges it brings will need to be addressed moving forward. Uranus in Taurus will also be in good aspect to Saturn bringing changes that make sense and new ideas that are stable, practical and useful. However, Uranus in Taurus will bring about global banking, economic and currency revolutions. It may start slowly this year. Next year, when Uranus goes into Taurus to stay for seven years, it will create these changes in major ways. Outer planets, Saturn and Uranus, are powerful and want us to grow and be open to change to make our lives better. Moving through these times takes courage to look deeply within ourselves and make the changes the Universe

communicates. The more we become our true selves, the more we have to offer others.

Astrology is a spiritual language, beautifully explaining our place in this journey called life. We are like nature and not separate from it. Nature has its cycles and we have ours. Astrology helps us understand the rhythms of life and our rhythm as we journey on Earth. It's only humans that have a challenge with these rhythms, as our egos get in the way and cause us to believe in separation. In truth, there is

no separation because all of life is connected. If we pay attention to animals, we see they are deeply connected to life's rhythms. Astrology is the art and science for understanding our connection to all that is. Find out what your map (chart) has to show you!

If you have not had your chart done, it's a great time to do so! You'll see where it's indicated for you to make changes during these challenging times. It's also an interesting, inspiring and fun experience. **Be well and see you next quarter!**

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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 the summer!** 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.

