



**ARIES:** Not that you need to be encouraged, but 'letting go' is where it's at this month. Venus (planet of hugs) moves into your sign and you and the world will be exchanging sloppy kisses. Strangers come bearing gifts. Take them. Dreams arise. Listen to them. Life's too important to be taken seriously. When in doubt, consider the parable of the poker night: the hands are short, the game is long.



**TAURUS:** Silly as it seems, your self interest lies in giving. But you have to forget this because if you give to get nothing works. Do your level best to drum up compassion. Speak out on what's right and walk your talk. As yourself what's really important, cut yourself some slack, and take pleasure in small things. Should you fall in love this month, it'll turn out to be more than you bargained for. But then, when isn't it?



**GEMINI:** The focus for Gemini this month (often a contradiction in terms) is work. New professional horizons, that sort of thing. This is not the time to sell yourself short. Make what you know a tool, then build something nice with it. Dress warmly and try not to get sick, especially around the full moon when (don't laugh) you'll be a source of sanity for a friend.



**CANCER:** It's not going to be easy, but this month finally puts you on top of a situation that's been driving you over the edge. Just remember to be gentle when drawing lines. Trust your feelings. Your calm strength is a gift that can be given without strings. Just be sure you know what your true interests are.



**LEO:** Moping a little, are we? Feeling unappreciated? Neglected? Lonely? Get used to it, Bucko, there's more coming. This month's watchword is Old Wounds. It'll be even less fun if you ignore them or get miffed when (not if) they're prodded with a sharp stick. For irony, all this is played on a backdrop of a serious desire to deepen bonds. If a new flame shows, it'll be outside your circle. Go out a lot.



**VIRGO:** Proving once more that the universe has a sense of humor, the worriers and nitpickers of the zodiac will this month be clearing log jams. Go figure. No stranger to taking things apart, you'll for once apply the process to yourself and have some sort of revelation that doesn't involve fussing and pouting. What it does involve is work and relationships. Practice compassion and empathy and don't be surprised by anything.



**LIBRA:** Your mind says be practical, your heart and naughty bits say "Take me, you rascal!" Love, or a reasonable facsimile wins. The first half of the month could easily be spent in bed. When life finally pries you loose with a crowbar, you may wish it hadn't. Over-commitment, power struggles, and worthy causes test your ethical framework. And drive you back to making love and calling in sick.



**SCORPIO:** If you were smart, you'd skip this month. Your main comfort comes from knowing that, without pain, there is no suffering. When the going gets tough, survivors close the blinds and mull things through. Only trust your judgment if you're on the moral high ground. Make friends with your evil twin, but don't return his calls. Never forget that, if you speak from the heart, all they can do is laugh and hurt you.



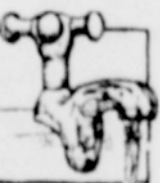
**SAGITTARIUS:** Unpack the bags, dear. For Sagittarians with the brains the universe gave a pet rock, it's time to tend the homefires, some of which are only glowing coals. Any serious quest, and Lord knows you're always on one, begins in the heart and you need to find your center. Flirt with the world but don't misrepresent yourself or make foolish promises. You should also fight the urge to write bad checks.



**CAPRICORN:** In what may come as a shock, you look at practical matters in a new light. This new vision of the machinery of things is right on. The trick is to apply it to benefit both yourself and your fellow humans. Get your eyes out of the rearview mirror and reinvent yourself. Living in the past makes less sense than living for the future. And you only do that in the present.



**AQUARIUS:** No sense kidding yourself, this will not be a red letter month. Don't take it personally and lash out at those who love you enough to take it. Do whatever you have to to get your mind off your problems. They'll pass. Not right away, but eventually. Remember who you are and make peace with it. If you don't do that, you can't light the burdens of others. And an Aquarian not busy doing that is busy dying.



**PISCES:** Unless something in your chart is horribly afflicted, you'll be out of the starting gates fast this month. It pays off quickly. Seeing a brand new day makes you deliciously attractive to others. Some of them bring love, other bring money. Unless of course you blow it by being dishonest with your feelings. Contemplation and empathy are your tools. You should use them.



Prayer of the modern American, "Dear God, I pray for patience. And I want it right now!"

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