



**Aries:** Let's hope for your sake you got the wild oats out of your system last month. Your mantra for January is: Work. Approached with the right attitude, it's not easily distinguished from play. Personal ambition is fine, but remember that when you're lonely, friends are more comforting than career. Play the back court when possible and work smart rather than hard. Painful as it may be to admit, you don't have all the answers. You don't even have all the questions. Remember the human comedy is half mystery.



**Libra:** Time to check the foundations. It's no accident things slow down in January. Use the time to recall what's important and act as if it mattered. This meditation is called, Opening the Taps. The effects can be amazing. Nothing quite compares to understanding and few things are more fun to understand than humans. Yes, it's all music. Yes, it manifests as harmony. And no, nobody wins if anybody loses. On the less esoteric side, there's a good chance for a memorable fling. Unless you're married, in which case the thought will never occur to you.



**Taurus:** The little voice inside your synapses is whispering, "Run away." Do your best to ignore it. Not to be prosaic, but this is the month for beginnings. Take some time to mull things over, check the control panel for flashing lights of inconsistency and questionable karma. Balance work with domestic ritual and make sure that what you're confronting in that charming combative way you have really deserves what you're dishing out. Chances are it doesn't. You'd be better advised to fine-tune your close relationships and check your motives.



**Scorpio:** No one can accuse you of not being tapped in. By anyone else's standards, you'd be dangerously over-wired. One person's short circuit is another's maintenance dose. Ride with it and sort the details later. Ignore domestic responsibilities at your peril. Obsession may not be your partner's idea of quality time. Maintain integrity but don't run a game on somebody who's not a tourist. Just because you manipulate others the way some are born to dance doesn't mean you have to. There is a guileless side to the universe. See if you can spot it.



**Gemini:** You might want to sit down. Call January the month of the bottom line. You may be tempted by sirens offering loans. Resist the urge to go for it like a trout. There's a reason the fine print is so small. Sit down with your partner and look at things like tomorrow. This also applies to infatuations. The grass may be greener elsewhere, but it's still grass. The distinction to make is between short term pleasure and future unhappiness. As any poker player will tell you, the hands are short but the game is long.



**Sagittarius:** Experiencing a little flux, are we? Cash flow either embarrassingly good or fitting the definition of penury? Questioning our values? Forgotten who we are? You are, for better or worse, mutable fire spirit in the broadcast mode. If you're not being an engine of supernatural change, you're dogging it, booblah, and deserve all the angst you get. Focus your attention on your work. Does it come under the heading of right action? If not, why are you doing it? Is there someone who needs their load lightened? If so, why are your hands empty?



**Cancer:** You lucky devil. The time you spent in emotional research and development continues to pay off in your, ahem, intimate relationships. Everything from the lovely naughty bits to professional confidants. As if that weren't enough, there's a better than good chance you'll experience one of those intuitive flashes that separates truth from habit. Pass up opportunities to be a pushover. On the other hand, only a nitwit imagines that the best of all possible worlds is perfect. Seize your reality and let others seize theirs.



**Capricorn:** You're on a roll, Goat People. That feeling of being filled by the winds of karma is no hallucination. Regardless of what the opportunity, it's hard to see how you could turn it into failure. Yes, it's that good. Yes, without discrimination and humility, good fortune turns ugly. Bear in mind the one thing worth owning, another human being, isn't for sale. Use your influence in service to others and what comes to you won't rust, chip, or flake. Play your cards right and the money problems lift like a bad memory.



**Leo:** The tide that shifted last month continues to wash pleasure onto your beach, in fact this month makes last month look like a bad night in Omaha. Winds of love, wine, incense and all that. What a pity you have to ignore most of it for a bit. Stay home, ponder the adventure and your path. Tweak what's necessary, embroider loose ends, and finish the product. You must do this before the full moon. Exciting, but not necessarily pretty. Take the moral high ground and refuse to behave in ways beneath you.



**Aquarius:** A month of homecoming, returning to those portions of your nature easily frightened into selfishness. The water you bear is compassion and you live in a thirsty world. After a three year drought triggered by Saturn (the planet of Go to Your Room), your juices are flowing. Just check your information and your motives, work toward a common good, and smother self-doubt with humility. The universe is not mad at you. It never was. It was only housebreaking your child within. As usual, all you need more of is faith.



**Virgo:** Throw practical matters from your mind. Lay down the forceps with which you nitpick and fuss over life and cultivate an insane giggle. When the phone rings, say yes. Call those you love and accept no excuses. It is the time described by the hexagram: "Touching Base". Just because everyone you know is tragically flawed doesn't mean they can't be fun. There's more to life than unbridled analysis; time's arrow is (as they say) in flight, and those not busy being born are busy being boring. Tend your garden, embrace everyone in sight, and don't keep score.



**Pisces:** Laugh if you want, but group action, perhaps even politics, looms up in the mist of your gypsy poet soul. Just one end of a spectrum that includes connecting with your fellow humans with an urge to help turn reality back into romance. This said, only a fullblown nitwit ignores the real world. Or rushes madcap into complications. The idea is to simplify, not confuse what might be with what is, and to treat the present as the future it is. For most people, this would be an impossible dream. You do it like breathing.

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