



Aries: Fight the temptation to live inside your head. Your left brain only seems to be at home. Dream and fly kites, seek success in small things and keep on keeping on. You'd be an idiot to make sweeping changes in any aspect of your life. Leap at nothing, imagine the tomorrow you want, walk unwaveringly toward it. Should friends lean on you, be honored and cultivate your strengths. Your mantra this month: It's more important to understand than to be understood.



Libra: Stop snivelling. You're not the only bumbling innocent whom retrograde Mercury's having its way with. So what if you feel as unbalanced as a billiard ball on a straw? Remember the basic dictum of astrology: things happen. Fight the urge to drug yourself into a coma by knitting the unravelling sleeves of your personal and professional relationships. It's crucial you not take things personally. Or into your own hands. Little, if anything, will work out as you planned. Take hot baths, read inspirational poetry, and make love often.



Taurus: There's nothing wrong with ambition unless it's ruthless and self-centered. One must love people and use things, not the other way around. Your natural talents for ignoring the opinions of others holds you in good stead this month but open a vein before finalizing anything. It's that part of the cycle called 'Priming the Pump' and patience is the virtue you're looking for. None of which considerations prevent you from gamboling in the daisies with someone of like mind and comely body parts. Yes, you owe it to yourself.



Scorpio: Compared to most everyone else, you make out like a bandit this month. Just be sure you know where the speedboat of your karma is taking you. Velocity is one thing, direction another. Get down with those closest to you and re-examine your goals. Do they fit with what passes for reality? Do they admit the existence of a) right action, b) the feelings of others, c) the need to play? Dummy up and turn down the volume, live as if there was a tomorrow born of today, and laugh whenever possible. Go gently into love and remember it's a long game.



Gemini: If ever there was a moment to remember we're happiest when working without lust for result, this is it. Keep at it, your check's in the mail. What you want now is a good sense of humor and a jaw like flint. And someone who'll tell you to shut up before you hurt yourself. Move slow and scale down your visions to practical tasks. Beginnings and process, not completion. A good chance of alienation from a partner makes for a dandy month to explore fundamentals. Vow to leap from a garage roof before signing any contract.



Sagittarius: If you're looking for things to make sense, you're in for a surprising month. Bear in mind that, by the rules of space/time, you move in one direction only. It won't do you any good, but it's always best to be rational. Whenever possible, behave selflessly and embrace misunderstanding. Your efforts to improve things may turn into a cruel joke but at least your intentions are good. Avoid burning bridges either behind or in front of you and take life a day at a time. Perseverance furthers. So does a cookie and a nice nap.



Cancer: Life chafes a bit. Could, if you let it, render you off-balance. Relationships again. The care and feeding of friends and lovers. Rely only on things which can't be taken from you, and don't confuse someone else's teddy bear for your own. If possible, think about some issue in life larger than your emotional needs. Listen to anyone who tells you the universe is bigger and better than we imagined and the taxi's waiting. Dream without mooning about, lol! without becoming morally unkempt, and get some exercise.



Capricorn: Cosmic fuzziness prevails. Fight the urge to make promises you'll regret and spend money you don't have. Pull the covers over your head and ponder eternal truths. Imagining that nitwit exuberance will win the day only leads to heartbreak, shattered friendships, and litigation. Obsession is the handmaiden of ridicule this month so, if you have a mission, run it by a forum of balance observers (they'll be hard to find this month). Your natural inclination to retire to some crag and plot ways to manipulate reality should be indulged.



Leo: If there's one thing Leos loathe, it's contention. Welcome to purgatory. Add money (the deadliest drug) to the mix and you've got a month you'll be wishing was over long before it is. Stop whining and do what needs doing. Begin by looking at yourself and your motives. Follow this with an inner search for self-righteousness and other priggish traits. All problems are breakdowns in communication, interruptions in the flow of information between two spirits at play in the fields of space/time. No action but right action.



Aquarius: The roll you so richly deserve to be on continues. Of all the signs, you're the one whose tether to the material world is loosest. This is not a disability. First comes spirit, then comes matter. Your charm is the ability to illuminate this truth with behaviors designed to produce win-win situations. Don't fret over loose ends, take risks without being foolish, explore side roads. Play your hand openly and good cards come to you. The trick, as always, is to be in the world but not of it. This month, you manage nicely. Good for you.



Virgo: Poetically put, the threads of life unravel nicely this month. Your mantra: Just Don't Do It. If you're a masochist, keep a journal. It'll make good reading when you stop screaming in frustration. Try to smile. It won't work, but the effort will keep you from weeping openly in front of strangers who don't care. Whatever confidence you feel will only lead to pain and sadness. On the bright side, it's a perfect month to approach matters philosophically. Clean your room, putter without hope of completion, and be glad it's a short month.



Pisces: Happy Birthday, fish people. Good news: your tendency to brood poetically over life's twisted sense of humor has much to encourage it this month. You'll be riddled with self-doubt and crippled by bad lines of communication. Were it not for your genius at embracing confusion and the breakdown of cause and effect, you'd be in big trouble. As it is, you're a fish in water. Money, at least, is no problem, unless you count self-indulgence. And you really should. Ignore details, nourish empathy, and invoke spring.

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