

# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Whenever I hike up to the ridge near my house, I feel a surge of admiration for a certain oak tree I pass. Unlike its companions, which are pointed skyward, it's growing sideways out of the hillside. It's robust and flourishing, yet in staunch rebellion against its community's standards. I call it the Aries oak, because it reminds me of what you're like when you're at your best: unique and healthy; bucking the status quo but never in a way that damages you; not fiercely and fumingly independent, but casually and blithely so. I suggest you aim to strengthen your alignment with this ideal in the coming weeks.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): The self-help book *Women Who Love Too Much* deals with a theme that has gotten a lot of play in the past 15 years: If you're too generous to someone who doesn't appreciate it and at the expense of your own needs, you make yourself sick. An alternative perspective comes from French philosopher Blaise Pascal, who said, "When one does not love too much, one does not love enough." He was primarily addressing psychologically healthy saints, but it's a good ideal for the rest of us to keep in mind. This week, Taurus, your assignment is to explore the middle ground between the extremes represented by those two positions. Experiment and ruminate until you discern what amount of giving is just right for you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): To paraphrase one of Amy Gerstler's poems, this week will taste like cough syrup. Sorry to have to report that, Gemini. But on the other hand, the bitter flavor will be offset by a sweet aftertaste that's lent to the mix by a secret ingredient I'm not yet at liberty to divulge. And the unpleasantness of the medicine going down will be even more compensated for by the tonic effects that will begin rippling through your life as early as next week.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): An Italian law student, Antonella Magnani, was entering the last stages of her pregnancy as her final exams approached. She hoped the two rites of passage would not transpire too close to each other, but fate had other plans. Her labor pains brought her to the hospital at the exact time her test was scheduled. The law school examiners refused a postponement, but agreed to conduct their questioning in the delivery room. I believe this scenario is an apt symbol for the dual challenge you will soon face, Cancerian. In a sense you'll be giving birth as you take a final exam. (P.S. Magnani had a healthy baby and got a good grade.)

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Just in time for zero hour, Leo, I'm happy to add a new term to your vocabulary: *kairos*. It's Greek for "time of destiny, critical turning point, propitious moment for decision or action." Since you're at that exact phase in your cycle, I thought you'd be ripe to learn the word for it. Here are further subtleties you might be interested in. *Kairos* refers to a special season that's charged with significance and in a sense outside of normal time; its opposite is *chronos*, which refers to the drone of the daily rhythm. When you're in *kairos*, you have the power and duty to act like the sovereign of a sacred land.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I predict you will have a lavish amount of composure this week. It won't be tainted by arrogance or feelings of superiority, either. And it won't be fueled by a need to prove anything to anyone. Rather, your poise will flow from your strong new link to your soul's code — the life blueprint you decided on before you were born. One more thing: While you will be calm, you won't be passive or laidback. This will be an electrifying variety of relaxation.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Dear Dr. Brezsnay: Does astrology work differently in Texas? I've lived all over the world, and I've found Libras who live in Texas to be unlike Libras everywhere else. Normal Libras love beautiful things, seek harmony, and see opposing points of view as well as their own. But every Texan Libra I've ever met loves beautiful things only if they're big and loud, seeks harmony only if there's something in it for him, and acknowledges opposing viewpoints only if it helps him win the arguments he loves to start. Your opinion?" -Natural-Born Texan."

Dear Natural-Born: I was born in Texas and have three planets in Libra, so I'm not objective enough to comment. I do know this, though: Many non-Texan Librans will soon exhibit the behavior you described as typical of Lone Star Librans. But I think that's a good thing: an antidote for Libras' sometimes-excessive politeness.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): On those rare occasions when journalists deign to report a UFO sighting, they dutifully and dryly describe eyewitness accounts. But their juices start to flow when they offer the derisive dismissals of skeptics they've interviewed about the incident. This is typical: "Astronomy professor X said that even trained pilots can be fooled into thinking the planet Venus is a flying saucer." I wish this approach were applied to other kinds of news. Imagine a CNN anchorman regurgitating the words he heard at a Pentagon news conference, then calling on leftist scholar Noam Chomsky to provide a skeptic's perspective. This is exactly the approach you should take to *every* story you hear this week, even those told by friends, family, co-workers, and acquaintances: Make it your burning mission to get alternative points of view.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Among his many fine tips for creating poetry, John Hewitt provides one that would be useful for you to apply in your own field of endeavor during the coming week. "Write the worst poem you can possibly write," he advises. "Use clichés and pretentious words, and beat your reader over the head with your point. Felt good, didn't it? Now get back to work. The point is, don't be afraid to write a bad poem. If it takes a hundred bad poems before you can produce a poem you like, fine, get that hundred out of the way." You're entering a phase, Sagittarius, when you may have to wade through a heap of junk you don't care for before you find the gem you really want. (Hewitt's webpage is at <http://www.poe-war.com/articles/poetrytips.htm>)

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Novelist H.G. Wells once said, "If we want to have an educated citizenship in a modern technological society, we need to teach them three things: reading, writing, and statistical thinking." In my own list of essential expertise for today's educated person, I'd include reading and writing but replace statistics with the science of cultivating happiness or the art of carrying on a healthy intimate relationship. I bring this up, Capricorn, because you're now in a phase when you can learn a lot in a short time about those two skills.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Many men believe they'll never find romantic happiness unless they can hook up with a woman who resembles a super-model or film star. Tragically, their libidos were imprinted at a tender age by our culture's narrow definition of what constitutes female beauty. They steer clear of many fine women who don't fit their absurd ideal. This addiction to a physical type is not confined to hetero dudes, however. Many straight women, for instance, wouldn't think of dating a bald, short guy no matter how interesting he is. That's the bad news. The good news is that with sincere effort, anyone can shed the outmoded imprints that prevent them from being turned on by otherwise attractive partners. You, Aquarius, are in a phase when you have increasing power to do just that.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You need the soul medicine that only a wild place can provide. Civilized habits are eating away at your instinct for happiness. The insidious taint of omnipresent commercialism is infecting even your purest desires and noblest ambitions. You owe it to your sanity, Pisces, to run away to a power spot that is immune to human manipulation — a sanctuary where nature is so big and free and intense it will dissolve the petty obsessions your ego has gotten twisted up in. What are you waiting for? Leave as soon as possible, and don't come back until you're scoured clean.

*Homework: If you knew you were going to live to 100 in good health, what three additional careers would you pursue? Testify at [www.freewillastrology.com](http://www.freewillastrology.com).*

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Me: Intelligent, nurturing, honest, mature, secure, fun, charismatic, evolved, fiery, playful & emotionally available. You: 35-50, secure, honest, compassionate & know the true meaning of intimacy. ☎ 8573

**WARNING!!!**  
Flirting alert level has been moved to red. Red hot!!! Email strip poker until time to show royal flush in person. You: PWM, 25-35, no game faces. Frustratingly scrutinizing elimination process ahead. You ready? ☎ 8435

**LADY JOCKEY SEEKS**  
30ish Thoroughbred to saddle & tame. You must be willing to get worked into a lather. Bridle, bit, reins, chaps optional. Boots & sense of humor are not. No Hicks or numbruts. ☎ 8434

**52 DWF.** Bright, outdoorsy, politically progressive, no BS but playful personality. Values integrity, heartfulness. Looking for same in grown-up gentleman for hikes, conversations, fun exploring magnificent NW landscape. ☎ 8422

**52, EYES OF BLUE**  
You can be you, I can be me. As long as you're not out of your tree. Friends first. Walks, movies, music, laughter, scrabble, animal lover. NS. ☎ 8413

**2 SECRETARY** birds, 20, caged up in gloomy office. ISO young "boss-man," 20-30, to provide strong perch for swiveling. Eager to take dictation & bend over desks all day. ☎ 8408

**MORE THAN SKIN DEEP**  
SWF, full-figured, ISO SWM, 38-47. My sense of humor, intellect, generosity & passion should be more important than my non-barbie doll looks. ☎ 8405

**INTUITION IS EVERYTHING**  
You'll ruin me for other men... You: under 40, good taste in music, food, friends. Your aesthetics not so important. Me: liminal, 20s, tall, dog person. LTR possible but not important. Bijou? ☎ 8404

**RAIN GODDESS** seeks gardener. Must be SWM, 30-40, at least 5'11" & 175 lbs. Muscular & rugged, NS, vegetarian. Me: 5'4", 120 lbs., waiting. ☎ 8403

**PLAYFUL, PETITE** pixie seeks NS intelligent communicative playmate 42-52 for hiking, biking, backpacking, skiing, spiritual encounters, cooking, dancing, quiet evenings, romance, growing together, soulmate? LTR? ☎ 8352

**SEEKING MY BEST FRIEND**  
DWE, 51, 5'3". Likes movies, dining out, TV, hanging, touching, dancing, computers, hot-tub, people. Not sports-minded. Seek stable, honest, funny, open-minded, considerate, communicative D/SWM, 41-59, under 200 lbs. ☎ 8351

### READY TO HAVE FUN

Career, great. Children, grown. Marriage, over. Looking for healthy, mature playmate. ☎ 8349

### GET BACK IN THE GAME

Looking to stir it up this summer. If you're not too old, but not too young, for a good time of dance, outdoor adventures, good conversation & romance, call me. ☎ 8348

**ARE YOU** up to par? Do you like the coast? New adventures, get along well with others? Let's call each other first. Take it from there. What do you say? ☎ 8343

### 43 Y.O. WOMAN

Looking for a loving, compassionate, honest man for friendship & romance. ND, NS, light drink. Possible LTR or not. ☎ 8253

**SHE IS** (and being her friends, we would know) a lovely woman with a joyful sense of humor. She loves the sensuous things in life: good wine, good food. She has an ear for good conversation. Also, loves music from jazz to a bit of disco, 'cuz the girl can dance! Looking for SPM, 40-50, with similar likes. NS, ND. Flexibility and warm spirit a must. ☎ 8263

### IN YOUR FACE

I'm looking for a face with: smile lines from belly laughs, crow's feet from compassion, forehead lines from deep thinking & lip creases from extraordinary amounts of kissing. Spirituality = extra points. I'm small, smart & sexy. ☎ 8261

### SEEKING MALE COMPANIONSHIP

I want a Christian male companion with similar interests; a special someone in my life. ☎ 8243

### men seeking women

**WM, 40s, 5'9"**, 200, athletic, outdoorsy. Enjoys funny movies, nice dinners, quiet evenings. Seeking older active sexy female for casual dating. ☎ 8600

### SWM WANTS REDHEAD

Must have natural red hair to meet this SWM, 50, originally from NYC, now in AZ. You could date or possibly marry me? Let me know. ☎ 8594

### YOUR LOVE

I love women because they are very sexy. ☎ 8593

### I KNOW WHAT I WANT

36, 1/2 time daddy to Drama, 3. Educated, multi-talented, sexy, strong libido, affectionate, communicative, solid job. You: similar & very affectionate, not calculated. Not rich...yet. ☎ 8590

### STILL SEARCHING

SWPM, 43, fit, happy, attractive, sensitive, affectionate, outdoorsy type seeks SWF, 35-48, stable, attractive for LTR. Friends first. NS, LD ok. ☎ 8576

**SERIOUS APPLY** only. Tall, SBM, medium build. Seek SWF, slender to medium build, 42-57. Youthful looking, likes outdoors, movies, picnics, dancing. Relocating to Eugene. ☎ 8572

### TALL HANDSOME

Peruvian, 40, educated, hard worker, learning English, divorced - no kids, but likes kids. Seeks sincere woman, 28-40, slim to average build, NS, interested in exploring cross-cultural fun. ☎ 8567

**SPIRITUALLY AWARE**, sensuous, attractive SWM. Looking for same in loving, honest, warm-hearted woman. I'm, 49, 5'6", 130lbs. Dance, healing, music - my passions. Lifetime loving relationship - my goal. ☎ 8566

### VIRTUE

Do you want to meet a really good man? One you can trust has good character, integrity. Realistic, thoughtful, good-looking, strong, healthy. Looking for woman to adore who enjoys many indoor/outdoor activities. Let's talk. ☎ 8430

### BI-MALE SEEKS SAME

BWM, 27, Bro/Bro, semi-hairy, looking for others with same interest. Let's get together. ☎ 8428

**SEEKING A** playtoy. Me: 5'10", 157, virile, intense, artistic, sensitive, swimming, nature, energetic body, breath, massages, dance, home life. Let's play with heart. Got toys too. ☎ 8425

**SWM, 40, ISO SWF, 35-45.** Let's see if we connect. Self-employed. ☎ 8424

**SWM, 43, 5'10"**, 175, NS, ND, healthy, unencumbered. Seek attractive, trustworthy, reflective female companion to share outdoors, culture, ourselves. Dates or soulmates. I'd love to talk & learn gracious living from you. ☎ 8421

**GRUMPY SUGAR** daddy needs sweet younger girlfriend. Come sit on daddy's lap & tell me about your day while I brush your hair. ☎ 8409

**IF YOU** cherish your mind & body, if you enjoy books, movies & travel, if flowers are always necessary, if adventures great & small beckon, write me at BLIND BOX:1947. Please be non-religious, late 40s-50s, HWP, NS. ☎ 8420

**RIDE MY** Harley. Looking for ultimate Harley babe for summer cruising, friendship, maybe more. You: 25-38, trim, athletic, intelligent, sense of humor, self-sufficient. NS. Me: Trim, fit, professional. ☎ 8420

**NATURE, HIKING**, bicycling, XC skiing, music, dining, wine, Bijou... General adventuring indoors & outdoors. SWPM, educated, quirky sense of humor. ISO 30s educated SPF, NS. Possible LTR. ☎ 8415

### ARE YOU THE ONE?

I am a 25 yo. male looking ultimately for some fun. I like to cuddle, enjoy live music, vegetarian cooking, all outdoor activities & massages. For a unique & incredible experience, contact me. ☎ 8406

**HANDSOME WELL-GROOMED** man, 30s, 6'0", 180 lbs. ISO very attractive Asian woman 20-30s for part time fun. Black hair & great body a +. D&D free please. ☎ 8359

**THERE ARE** only two great places to eat in this town - your place & mine. Persistent but underconfident chef, 56, seeks easily pleased woman who looks good in maple syrup. ☎ 8357

**COME FLY** with me. Amateur paraglider, 56, on love's flattest hill. All we need is a strong headwind & a couple of sturdy helmets. And maybe an ambulance on standby. ☎ 8356

### THE SHY YET FUNNY GUY

Who's right for you? I'm looking for a gal, 18-25, tall, slender, to hang out or date or whatever. I'm 6'1", 180 lb., average build, brown hair & hazel eyes. ☎ 8350

### SOBER??

Good man. Attractive, kind, financially secure, seeking LTR with softspoken, honest, intelligent, unpretentious, spiritual, monogamous, affectionate, environmental woman who does NOT use alcohol/drugs. Prefer slender, long hair, no makeup, not employed. ☎ 8344

### 2 MUCH U, 2 LITTLE TIME

You need happy changes, new doors. Bright, free, cute, lively 5'5"-6", 150-190, 35-49, bodaciously curvy, derriered, proud. Me: rich (kidding), nice, athletic, cute, 47, entertaining, unselfish. ☎ 8249

### SMART & FUNNY

SPM ISO bright, low-maintenance SPF who likes to laugh & go to the theatre. ☎ 8246

### SUBSTANCE & ADVENTURE

Eclectic, athletic man with a multitude of interests. Values humor, positive thinking & taking chances. ISO fit, intelligent 40-something woman with sense of adventure. ☎ 8241

### SUBMISSIVE WOMAN WANTED

Not seeking cook or maid. Me: attractive SWM, 6', nicely built, non-balding dark hair, financially independent, health conscious, non-smoker, experienced, safe, gentle, creative, good conversationalist. You: single, unattached, feminine, sensuous, healthy, childless. Write "Resident" POB 25160, Portland 97298. Include phone. ☎ 8234

**THE BACHELOR** in real life - not TV glamour. You: sweet, petite, no gold diggers. SW farm boy, NS, ND, LTR. I care! Don't wait. ☎ 8198 (05/29/2003)

### women seeking women

### FRIED GREEN EGGS

Intelligent, mature, feminist dyke works nights. Do you? Let's enjoy the days within our schedules. Watch the wheels go round & round & have good times. ☎ 8601

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### GERTRUDE SEEKS ALICE

Bi-PWF, 20s. Sick of manic con-nptions. Not needing a mother/sister/partner. Not veggie, not organic, light drinker, NS. I need a youngish, energetic, headstrong lover to take me river swimming during lightning storms. ☎ 8433

### 2GR82BSTR8

Ready to come out of the sexual closet. I want another woman, 21-32, to drive me up the wall. Me: one-of-a-kind, intelligent, Taurus. You: experienced, great sense of humor, not afraid to be you. LTR? ☎ 8432

### BI-CURIOS

**ATTRACTIVE FEMALE**  
Only toyed with the idea, now want to try it! Must be 20s, attractive, feminine & intelligent. Semi-inexperienced a plus. Only casual fun & must be clean. Green & alcohol friendly. ☎ 8416

**FUN, SMART**, cute, single, 38 yr old GWF seeks other dykes in their 30s for camaraderie, breakfast, hiking, movies, poker, working out and other rowdy fun. Xena video library a plus. ☎ 8407

**SBIF, 20s**, looking for nice, open-minded SBIF. I'm going through some emotional stuff and would like to have some fun. Casual or friendship. Please be clean! ☎ 8353

**STILL LOOKING** for that special woman. Feminist lesbian, natural, centered, contemplative, cheerful, huggable & a little fat! Crone? Organic? Time to build a real relationship? Green. ☎ 8233

### men seeking men

### WIFE & I SEARCHING

Formerly experienced bisexual man looking for man to pleasure & be pleased by. We are in our 20s & fit. You: honest, fit, clean & easygoing. ☎ 8597

### LTR

Looking for someone who is sweet, kind, sensitive. If that is you, then call me. ☎ 8584

### 2X AROUND

Just for fun. Gay, str8, bi & married. Must be free of diseases. ☎ 8583

### DBL PLEASURE 4 U !

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