

# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZNY

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): "Nourish beginnings, let us nourish beginnings," says poet Muriel Rukeyser in her poem "Elegy in Joy." "Not all things are blest," she continues, "but the seeds of all things are blest. The blessing is in the seed." I urge you to adopt this perspective in the coming weeks, Aries. Be extra sweet and tender and reverent toward anything that is just sprouting, toward anything that is awakening, toward anything that invokes the sacredness of *right now*. "This moment," sings Rukeyser, "this seed, this wave of the sea, this look, this instant of love."

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): As you seek more insight on your current situation, consider the possibility that the bad guys may not be as bad as they seem. They might simply be so deeply under the spell of their own pain that they can't see straight. And as for the good guys: I wonder if they are as purely good as they would like you to imagine. It might be the case that they are at least partially serving their own self-interest, while pretending to be utterly altruistic. If there's any truth to these speculations, Taurus, you'd be wise to stay uncommitted and undecided for now. Don't get emotionally riled up, don't get embroiled in conflict, and don't burn any bridges.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Here's your mantra: "I get fresher under pressure." Say it 10 times right now, and then repeat it in 10-repetition bursts whenever you need a tune-up. What it means is that you stay cool when the contradictions mount and the ambiguities multiply. And more than that: You actually thrive on the commotion. You get smarter amidst the agitation. You become more perceptive and more creative as the shifts swirl faster and harder. Tattoo these words of power on your imagination: "I get fresher under pressure."

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): "Stories happen to those who tell them," said the ancient Greek historian Thucydides. Modern radio journalist Ira Glass goes even further. "Great stories happen to those who can tell them," he has said. Let's make this strategy a centerpiece of your life plan in the weeks ahead, Cancerian. I have a suspicion that you will need first-hand experience of novel, interesting stories. They will provide the precise nourishment necessary to inspire the blooming of your most soulful ambitions. One way to help ensure that the best stories will flow your way is to regale receptive people with transformative tales from your past.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): *Dear Rob: I'm spreading the word about Beer Week in your town, and I'd love to see you and your beer-loving readers at some of the events. Any chance you can include some coverage of Beer Week celebrations in your upcoming column? Cheers, Patricia.* Dear Patricia: I don't do product placement or other forms of secret advertising in my horoscopes. To allow it would violate the sacred trust I have with my readers, who rely on me to translate the meaning of the cosmic signs without injecting any hidden agendas. It is true that Leos might be prone to imbibing great quantities of beer in the coming week, simply because they'd benefit from lowering their inhibitions, getting in touch with their buried feelings, and expanding their consciousness. But to be frank, I'd rather see them do that without the aid of drugs and alcohol.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Hoping to stir up some fun trouble, I posted the following message on my Facebook page: "Don't judge someone just because they sin differently than you." A torrent of readers left comments in response. My favorite was from Sue Sims, who said, "Yeah, they might be better at your kind of sin and you might learn something!" That advice is just the kind of healing mischief you need right now, Virgo. It's a bit ironic, true, but still: Take it and run with it. Study the people who have mad skills at pulling off the rousing adventures and daring pleasures and interesting "sins" that you'd like to call your own.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The French verb *renverser* can be translated as "to turn upside-down" or "to reverse the flow." The adjectival form is *renversant*, which means "stunning" or "astounding." I think you may soon have experiences that could be described by those words. There's a good chance that a dry, impoverished part of your life will get a juicy, fertile infusion. A deficiency you have worried about might get at least half-filled. An inadequacy that makes you feel sad may be bolstered by reinforcements. Alas, there could also be a slight reversal that's not so gratifying. One of your assets may temporarily become irrelevant. But the trade-off is worth it, Libra. Your gains will outstrip your loss.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Professor Martyn Poliakoff creates short Youtube videos to help teach the public about chemistry. In one video, he explains why an explanation he gave in a previous video was completely mistaken. "It's always good for a scientist to be proved wrong," he confesses cheerfully. Then he moves on to speculate about what the right answer might be. I love humility like that! It's admirable. It's also the best way to find out the truth about reality. I hope you will summon a similar attitude in the coming weeks, Scorpio: a generous curiosity that makes you eager to learn something new about stuff you thought you had all figured out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): On the one hand, menopausal women are no longer able to bear children. On the other hand, they often overflow with fresh possibilities and creative ideas. More time is available to them because their children have moved out of the house or don't require as much care. They can begin new careers, focus on their own development, and devote more attention to their personal needs. So in one way their fertility dries up; in another way it may awaken and expand. I suspect that whether or not you are menopausal, you are on the cusp of a comparable shift in your fecundity: one door closing, another door swinging open.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The TV reality show *Freaky Eaters* profiled a woman named Kelly who had eaten nothing but cheesy potatoes for 30 years. Her average intake: eight pounds of potatoes and four cups of cheese per day. "I love cheesy potatoes," she testified. "They're starchy, gooey and just yum-yum-yummy. They're like crack to me." I'm a bit concerned that you're flirting with behavior comparable to hers. Not in regards to cheesy potatoes, of course, but to some other fetish. I will ask you to make sure that you're not starting to over-specialize. It would be wise to avoid obsessing on a single type of *anything*.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the 17th century, polite people referred to mountains as "warts" and "boils on the earth's complexion." So says Robert Macfarlane in his book *Mountains of the Mind*. Annie Dillard describes the peculiar behavior of educated European tourists in the 18th century. When they visited the Alps, she writes in *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, "they deliberately blindfolded their eyes to shield themselves from the evidence of the earth's horrid irregularity." Don't be anything like those dumb sophisticates, Aquarius. When you spy irregularities in the coming weeks, consider the possibility that they are natural and healthy. This will allow you to perceive their useful beauty.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You are not for sale. Remember? Your scruples and ideals and talents cannot be bought off for any amount of money. You will not be cheated out of your birthright and you will not allow your dreams to be stolen. Although it's true that you may have to temporarily rent your soul from time to time, you will never auction it off for good. I'm sure you know these things, Pisces, but I suspect it's time to renew your fiery commitment to them.

**HOMEWORK:** Describe what you'd be like if you were the opposite of yourself. Write [Freewillastrology.com](http://Freewillastrology.com).

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## WOMEN SEEKING MEN

### REDHAired COUNTRY GIRL

Interested in traveling, art & music. Dancing is a favorite pastime. Loves a good sense of humor & lots of laughter. **Simply Single**, 62, ♀

### POETIC PRAGMATIST

I am a mostly-retired health care professional, attractive, fit, healthy. I was widowed about 3 years ago and am now interested in exploring the world of pal-ship and relationship again. **K Walker**, 65, ♀

### POSITIVE, CURIOUS, SECURE

looking for a travel companion and friend who is honest and trustworthy. I'm ready to enjoy life with someone who is fun to be with. **healthy food and activities. razeberry**, 72, ♀

### LET'S GO HIKING!

I'm happiest out of doors. Liking my life of creativity and friends, but would sure like to add a honey to the mix. Looking for intelligence, humor, compassion and creativity. **magnolia**, 64, ♀

### AT THE BEACH

I run on the beach (weather permitting!) and practice yoga. Singer, songwriter, percussionist, dancer. Seals at sunset, travel and hot springs. The natural world always calls me to return. **yaquinalady**, 61, ♀

### DANCIN AND BLUES

Looking for someone to "hang out with". Open minded, likes to dance and debate. Books/movies that make you think. Irreverent humor. "Semi-home body". Long talks, no sports, art, travel. Family. **dancinlady**, 61, ♀

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

### TIME TO SHARE

Artist. **Thomas**, 64, ♀

### HARLEY SEEKING PASSENGER

Harley rider seeking good humored lady passenger that likes to snuggle. I am retired/live alone and life is to short alone. Roddy Run is coming soon, how about you? **Photomusicman**, 69, ♀

## GENTLEMAN AT HEART

looking for friends first and then a long time relationship maybe marriage. loves games, different movies, music, reading, helping people, beaches, camping, exploring, garage sales or flea markets, window shopping, some crafts, learning new things. **bobobear**, 52, ♀

## THERIOGENOLOGIST

Looking for a, mutually, joyous adventure with a healthy optimistic woman who is financially, emotionally and otherwise secure. Are you open to new ideas and like to have fun? **blueboy**, 58

## OLDER MALE ANIMAL

Tall handsome friendly funny fun loving looking for a friend to do fun things with walk and talk get to know each other. **HoundDog**, 61, ♀

## LIKABLE ROMANTIC INTUITIVE

Sensitive w/ imagination yet realistic too. Seeking LTR with dimensions & mutually enlivening energy. I like dancing, yoga, art, movies, photography, plays and driving. In Friendly-ville since 1978. **Chi4two**, 63, ♀

## MEN SEEKING MEN

### MAPLE, BACON, BROWN

I'm not getting any prettier, nicer, or younger... I WANT MY MAPLE BACON BROWN BOY... Must be able to cook, clean, and follow specific instructions. **mb3**, 43, ♀

## JUST FRIENDS

### GENTLE 2A FAULT

Looking for a dear friend/travel companion. Love dogs, movies, music, reading, art, camping. Too long a widower now looking to explore the wide world alongside a confident and secure woman. **terrier\_fan**, 62, ♀

## MATURE EXPERIENCED HEALTHY

Looking for a Friend to smoke with and pleasure once or twice a week to fill your need and your schedule No relationship required one will develop. SO dancing and Gardening. **waiting4u2**, 64

## SEARCHING: OUTDOOR GIRL

I love outdoor activities, mountain hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing and riding my road bike around Eugene, and the bike paths, early in the morning and the late afternoon. **robark**, 81, ♀

## ACTIVE MATURE FEMALE

I am an active, opinionated, educated woman looking for an active, opinionated, educated man to do fun outdoor activities with. Movies and food OK occasionally. No romance required. **Iris1952**, 60, ♀

## I SAW YOU

### VACATION IS NEAR

19.981047,-155.827551 You would be such a great travel partner. You are truly a remarkable person. Your infectious smile brightens every ones days, making me the luckiest man in the world. **When: Sunday, March 17, 2013. Where: Google the coordinates. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902768**

### DRUNK ON YOU

Girl you make my speakers go "BOOM BOOM, Dancin' on the tailgate in a full moon. That kinda thing makes a man go Mhmm Mhmm. Cant wait for summer!!! **When: Friday, August 2, 2013. Where: 44-02'46"N 123-109'W (8-2/8-4 2013). You: Woman. Me: Man. #902767**

### BLONDE AT GLITTERDICK

John Henry's Saturday night. You :beautiful blonde/black hair, black knee high Dr. Martins, black bandana in your hair, black zip-up roller derby girl hoodie. Me: admiring your beauty, coffee? **When: Saturday, March 9, 2013. Where: John Henry's. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902764**

### RAVE FROM PAST

Went to same rave in forest near veneta 4-5 years back. You went w/ young woman, long-dark hair-runner. You are tall, short blondehair, blue-ish eyes I want to dance with you! **When: Thursday, March 7, 2013. Where: Barmuda, Broadway and Olive. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902763**

### KLR 650

Adobe builder on a bike. Adventure stories? Coffee? Sometimes I'm super shy, but I hope our paths cross again! **When: Saturday, March 2, 2013. Where: Gray's Garden Center. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902760**

### INKED1563

Responding to Caught by surprise! My friend just sent me your ad, very flattered... Not sure how to find you . **When: Friday, February 22, 2013. Where: Jazz Station. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902758**

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