

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An Indian student named Sankalp Sinha has invented the “Good Morning Sing N Shock.” It’s an alarm clock that plays you a song and gives you a small electrical jolt when you hit the snooze button. The voltage applied is far less intense than, say, a Taser, and is designed to energize you rather than disable you. I encourage you to seek out wake-up calls like the kind this device administers, Aries: fairly gentle, yet sufficiently dramatic to get your attention. The alternative would be to wait around for blind fate to provide the wake-up calls. They might be a bit more strenuous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you Google the statement “I can change overnight,” most of the results that come up are negative, like “It’s not something I can change overnight” or “I don’t think I can change overnight.” But there’s one Google link to “I can change overnight.” It’s a declaration made by Taurus painter Willem de Kooning. He was referring to how unattached he was to defining his work and how easy it was for him to mutate his artistic style. I wouldn’t normally advise you Tauruses to use “I can change overnight” as your battle cry. But for the foreseeable future you do have the power to make some rather rapid and thorough transformations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): “The artist is by necessity a collector,” said graphic designer Paul Rand. “He accumulates things with the same ardor and curiosity with which a boy stuffs his pockets. He borrows from the sea and from the scrap heap; he takes snapshots, makes mental notes, and records impressions on tablecloths and newspapers. He has a taste for children’s wall scrawling as appreciative as that for prehistoric cave painting.” Whether or not you’re an artist, Gemini, this would be an excellent approach for you in the coming days. You’re in a phase when you can thrive by being a gatherer of everything that attracts and fascinates you. You don’t need to know yet why you’re assembling all these clues. That will be revealed in good time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Can you remember the last time you bumped up against a limitation caused by your lack of knowledge? What did it feel like? I expect that sometime soon you will have that experience again. You may shiver with worry as you contemplate the potential consequences of your continued ignorance. But you may also feel the thrill of hungry curiosity rising up in you. If all goes well, the fear and curiosity will motivate you to get further educated. You will set to work on a practical plan to make it happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): “My story isn’t sweet and harmonious like invented stories,” wrote novelist Herman Hesse. “It tastes of folly and bewilderment, of madness and dream, like the life of all people who no longer want to lie to themselves.” As interesting as Hesse’s declaration is, let’s not take it as gospel. Let’s instead envision the possibility that when people reduce the number of lies they tell themselves, their lives may become sweeter and more harmonious as a result. I propose that exact scenario for you right now, Leo. There might be a rough adjustment period as you cut back on your self-deceptions, but eventually your folly and bewilderment will diminish as the sweet harmony grows.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Novelist James Joyce once articulated an extreme wish that other writers have probably felt but never actually said. “The demand that I make of my reader,” said Joyce, “is that he should devote his whole life to reading my works.” Was he being mischievous? Maybe. But he never apologized or issued a retraction. Your assignment, Virgo, is to conjure up your own version of that wild desire: a clear statement of exactly what you really, really want in all of its extravagant glory. I think it’ll be healthy for you to identify this pure and naked longing. (P.S. I’m not implying that you should immediately try to get it fulfilled, though. For now, the important thing is knowing what it is.)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Now and then a British Libra named Lloyd Scott dresses up in funny costumes while competing in long-distance races. He does it to raise money for charity. In the 2011 London Marathon, he wore a nine-foot snail outfit for the duration of the course. It took him 27 days to finish. I suggest you draw inspiration from his heroic effort. From a cosmic perspective, it would make sense for you to take your time as you engage in amusing activities that benefit your fellow humans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What will you do now that you have acquired more clout and visibility? Will you mostly just pump up your self-love and bask in the increased attention? There’s nothing wrong with that, of course. But if those are the only ways you cash in on your added power, the power won’t last. I suggest you take advantage of your enhanced influence by engaging in radical acts of magnanimity. Perform good deeds and spread big ideas. The more blessings you bestow on your fellow humans, the more enduring your new perks will be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ve been pretty wild and uncontained lately, and that’s OK. I’ve loved seeing how much permission you’ve given yourself to ramble free, experiment with the improbable, and risk being a fool. I suspect that history will judge a majority of your recent explorations as tonic. But now, Sagittarius, the tenor of the time is shifting. To continue being in alignment with your highest good, I believe you will have to rein in your wanderlust and start attending to the care and cultivation of your power spot. Can you find a way to enjoy taking on more responsibility?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): “The person who can’t visualize a horse galloping on a tomato is an idiot,” said the founder of Surrealism, writer André Breton. I wouldn’t go so far as to call such an imagination-deprived soul an “idiot,” but I do agree with the gist of his declaration. One of the essential facets of intelligence is the ability to conjure up vivid and creative images in one’s mind. When daily life has grown a bit staid or stuck or overly serious, this skill becomes even more crucial. Now is one of those times for you, Capricorn. If you have any trouble visualizing a horse galloping on a tomato, take measures to boost the fertility of your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): “I want to be with those who know the secret things, or else alone,” wrote the eccentric ecstatic poet Rainer Maria Rilke. That wouldn’t be a good rule for you Aquarians to live by all the time. To thrive, you need a variety of cohorts and allies, including those who know and care little about secret things. But I suspect that for the next few weeks, an affinity for those who know secret things might suit you well. More than that, they may be exactly the accomplices who will help you attend to your number one assignment: exploratory holy work in the depths.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): To launch your horoscope, I’ll steal a line from a Thomas Pynchon novel: *A revelation trembles just beyond the threshold of your understanding*. To continue your oracle, I’ll borrow a message I heard in my dream last night: *A breakthrough shivers just beyond the edge of your courage*. Next, I’ll use words I think I heard while eavesdropping on a conversation at Whole Foods: *If you want to cook up the ultimate love feast, you’re still missing one ingredient*. And to finish this oracle, Pisces, I’ll say that if you want to precipitate the trembling revelation, activate the shivering breakthrough, and acquire the missing ingredient, imitate what I’ve done in creating this horoscope. Assume the whole world is offering you useful clues, and listen closely.

HOMEWORK: Do you have a liability that could be turned into an asset with a little (or a lot of) work? Testify at Freewillastrology.com.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

TRUE LOVE

I'm a young, good-looking lady with a good sense of humor. My main interest right now is finding love with a good man and building a family. **AmandaZina**, 25,

FUN TIMES :D

Fun times ahead! Biking,gardening,eating outside,swimming,listening to live music,playing with dogs at the beach! You be an optimist, liberal,have a sense of humor and smile easily. No Egoers, please ! **HappyClam**, 54

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**, 62,

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

FUN LOVING COMPANIONSHIP

warmhearted,fun-loving, viewing sunsets / moon-shadows,& young goats / listening to bubbling creek water, birds,croaking frogs, supporting animal habitat protection, cooking -attending art & music events/hugging and cuddling with my honey. **kenngb**, 74

SEEKING CREATIVE/INTELLIGENT WOMAN

Ok, so if you are not creative that's ok too. I love to get out and travel and have adventures, but it sucks not having anyone to share it with. **SubGeniusBob2**, 33,

SEXY IN RUT

sensual,erotic love everything about sex. hoping to find a steady girl but am open for y type of relationship as long as we have a mutual understanding.let me rock your world. **ineedalover**, 52

EXCENTRIC COMICBOOK GUY

Searching For LOST LIFE FIRST FRIENDSHIPS SECOND LOVE. Will be true & humble , humorous & adventurous, honest & loyal. third times a charm, LIFE AWAITS OLD FRIENDS. **ChrisDC**, 39

HOT LATIN PAPA

Im from Mexico I love to go out for dinner and a movie. Looking for a nice Girl to spend time wit age 33 to 44 for dating or friendship. **ernie**, 42

HAPPY SUN FINDER

lets get out and see oregon and enjoy! all of the sun , hear great music in Town and out .hike ,bike ,beach ,hot springs ,camping. **Coolslice**, 53,

TRAINED IN THERIOGENOLOGY

Looking for a mutually and 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

SEEKING MY SUNNMOON

I'm just me and most people seem to like it. Attractive and very sexual. Funny and very inquisitive. There has to be an animal attraction or it won't work. **Injunajay**, 40

MEN SEEKING MEN

LOOKING FWB

I love sex and men, love to suck & bottom,,std/hiv neg looking to hang out and enjoy life with someone. age, race, size does not matter. **jwbj69er**, 50

A WONDERFUL MAN

I'm a married older man(74) who wants meet someone that would punish me with bar soap. I'm doing the same bad things and I need to be punished for it. **soapy1**, 74

JUST FRIENDS

LAUGHING AND LISTENING

i like watching the simpsons and playing guitar. **wayler zero**, 29,

I SAW YOU

BLINDED BY OURTHOUGHTS

blindwoman whose name I DONOT remember. We sat in a park next 2 ourhomes a decade ago. I taught you everything!knew about theworld&My blindness. Yet,I lost my troubles with U!! **When: Saturday, August 17, 2013. Where: in parks & cities I will never go back 2 but WINK will. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902961**

TIME WILL TELL

If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you. Be Well and Smile. **When: Monday, August 19, 2013. Where: We first met at Saturday Market-you walked from your work nearby.. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902959**

SANTANA

To lie does not make one a grown up...in bed or in words. It only makes one of us a liar. The next coffee or beer will be on you...literally. **When: Monday, August 19, 2013. Where: the alley. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902958**

ETERNAL RETURN

I may be the hardest for you to get to, but you're the hardest for me to contact. **When: Friday, June 12, 2009. Where: the Ladd building. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902957**

MAN OF CHARACTER

I saw you 19 yrs ago. Titian hair, sweet green man smile, gentle kind spirit. Still, a man of character. I love you, Stefano. Marry me. Lushka **When: Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Where: Lane County Courthouse. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902956**

E-BOMB & KOOL-AID

I feel into a trance with you from the beginning. I was your Kool-Aid. Then you went away. I know you are back. I miss you Eric. Find me. **When: Friday, January 15, 2010. Where: lane county community corrections release center. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902955**

SWEET CHEEKS 8/10

You captivating black cocktail dress. the once 'reserved' table. Your long brown hair and poise kept my gaze. When leaving we connected eyes, and you smiled Lets connect again **When: Saturday, August 10, 2013. Where: Sweet Cheeks Winery. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902954**

PAST SCARY PASS

this dizzilyngly tempestuous task...most of o'those many, didn't find supposed promised land... but yet...found, solid ground, clear eyed view...where least they knew... their hearts weren't purchased for fear. Follow me dear... **When: Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Where: ..beyond the impasse. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902953**

PAST SCARY PASS...

We've travelled steep, dodgy terrain..Not in vain I believe!.. A seeming impasse presented... Ever daunting and egoically threatening, but not impassable. Many, though not most have taken to host... **When: Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Where: In clear eyed grounded wonder.... You: Woman. Me: Man. #902952**

30 GOING-ON 50

blindwoman&bff skipping a decade is easy when you know where your going to be and what you are. My life was uncertain and now it has purpose.4 the FUTURE yaaa!! **When: Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Where: in my dreams of the next century thankyou WINK. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902951**

ZEN OR KARMA

blindwoman,karma wrecks friends an makes me a techno-phobe.Zen makes NEWfriends laugh at tragedy of losing the world around us.So smile at my saddness we all need it 4 the nextdecade!!!! **When: Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Where: with every doubter not doing the rightthing in WINK. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902950**

SMILES AND FRIES

Thank you for smiling back at me 9 years ago at Joes. What a night that was of magic. Lets have more adventures and spilled fries together my love. **When: Monday, August 26, 2013. Where: Grateful dead night at joes. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902949**

A MILLION MESSAGES

blindwoman&BFF, I dont give up my idea of utopia is worth millions of words. And a dream doesnt dissappear when we die, we just work harder for it. For TRUTH!! **When: Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Where: in every unanswered flirt I send in WINK. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902948**

READ WITHOUT EYES

blindDREAMwoman why did FORRESTGUMP run. I know! Loss of those you loved sends us searching for ourselves and back 2 those WE care 4!! For a future left unfinished!! **When: Saturday, August 10, 2013. Where: In everyones doubt & fear in WINK. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902947**

MISSING ACOUSTIC GUITAR

from the Whit Block Party. Vintage Aria. \$50 Reward. No questions asked. John 503-739-2290 **When: Saturday, August 3, 2013. Where: ?. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902946**

THE POINT IS...

Not perfection as per protocol. Nor dissection down to gall. But when feeling flushing untoward...s another...Still cast your spell... just have gall to tell...For I'll stand... with you my Love... Well. **When: Saturday, April 20, 2013. Where: Brazen and bravely through passE taboo.... You: Woman. Me: Man. #902945**



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