

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): In her TED talk, science writer Mary Roach made it clear that human beings don't need genital stimulation to experience orgasms. She spoke of a woman who routinely reaches ecstatic climax by having her eyebrows caressed, and another woman who reaches the big O simply by brushing her teeth. Then there's the woman who can simply think herself into coming, no physical touch necessary. I can't guarantee that a similar aptitude will suddenly turn on in you, Aries, but the coming days could bring you as close as you have ever been. Right now you're a connoisseur of deep pleasure — a blessed bliss master.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "The fact that someone else loves you doesn't rescue you from the project of loving yourself," writes blogger Sahaj Kohli. Nothing else rescues you from that quest, either, I would add. Sooner or later, whether it's now or 20 years in the future, you will have to master this fine art. It's not enough to merely feel affection for yourself; not enough to seek pleasure and avoid pain. You've got to make extensive investigations to discover what it means to love yourself; you have to develop rigorous plans for how to accomplish it; and you must fire up a deep commitment as you actually carry out those plans. By the way, the coming weeks will be an excellent time to work on mastering this fine art.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Drunk with my madness, I shouted at him furiously, 'Make life beautiful! Make life beautiful!'" So says a character in a prose poem by Charles Baudelaire. And now, even though I am neither drunk nor furious nor consumed with madness, I am whispering the same command to you. I hope you will respond by embarking on a heroic effort to make life beautiful everywhere you go. The astrological omens suggest that if you do, you will be inundated with practical blessings that are as valuable as money. This will also be an excellent way to drum up the kind of love you crave.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Here's what I wish for you during the Valentine season: to be happily in love with an intimate partner who loves you back. If that's not feasible, here's what I hope: that you are learning provocative lessons about yourself through your growth-inducing relationship with a close ally. And if you're not blessed with either of those experiences, here's a third alternative: that you cherish your fathomless longing for its own sake, feeling wonder and reverence for its wild power even if it's unfulfilled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Making eye contact is essential for building potent links with people you care about. It bypasses rational thought, stimulating chemical reactions in your bodies that enhance empathy and intimacy. In practicing the art of love, it's one of the most potent moves you can make. This Valentine season would be an excellent time for you Leos to explore the frontiers of what's possible through prolonged eye contact. Start here: Cultivate a sincere desire to know what's simmering inside the souls of your dearest allies. With that as your driving force, your gaze won't be clouded by shyness or self-consciousness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "I prefer an ecstatic orgasm to a lot of angst," says Filipino artist David Medalla. I hope you consider making that your battle cry during this Valentine season. It would be in rapt harmony with the current cosmic omens. There really is no need for you to get sidelined by anxiety or distracted by stress when the natural remedy is so easily available. In every way you can imagine, Virgo, fight off sourness and dourness by engaging in acts of joy and pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In her poem "Implications of One Plus One," Marge Piercy marvels at the way she and her long-term partner keep finding new nuances in their love-making. "Ten years of fitting our bodies together / and still they sing wild songs in new keys," she writes. What's their secret? It's "timing, chemistry, magic and will and luck." What I wish for you this Valentine season, Libra, is that you will have access to all five of those ingredients as you reinvigorate your relationship to love. More importantly -- based on the current cosmic omens — I predict you will have access to them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jesuit priest Pedro Arrupe touted the practical value of being totally in love. "What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything," he said. "It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude." Are you in love, Scorpio? With either a person, a beloved animal, a certain patch of land, your creative work, or life itself? If not, there's no excuse! Astrologically speaking, it's an excellent time for you to be stupendously in love with someone or something — anything! If you are already in this state, trust your intuition to make it even smarter and finer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Borrowing the words of Rumi (translated by Coleman Barks), I've prepared a love note for you to use as your own. Give it to a person whose destiny needs to be woven more closely together with yours: "You are the sky my spirit circles in, the love inside love, the resurrection-place." Would you like even more inspirational words to deliver to your chosen one? I hope so. Be greedy for lyrical bonding. Lust for springy intimacy. Feed your churning yearning. Try saying this, lifted from the book *The Last Unicorn*: "We are two sides of the same magic." And be sure to say this, paraphrased from Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh: "I love you in a way that will always make you feel free."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "People think a soul mate is your perfect fit," says author Elizabeth Gilbert. "But a true soul mate is a mirror, the person who shows you everything that is holding you back ... They tear down your walls and smack you awake. ... shake you up, tear apart your ego a little bit, show you your obstacles and addictions, break your heart open so new light can get in, make you ... transform your life." Does that sound like the kind of person you want in your life, Capricorn? Or do you prefer someone who likes what you like, appreciates you just as you are, and makes your life more secure and comfortable? This Valentine season is a good time to make or renew your commitment to one choice or the other. Whatever you decide, you're likely to experience it on a richer, deeper level during the next 12 months.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do you feel oppressed by Valentine's Day? Maybe you're single and reject the cultural bias that says being in an intimate relationship is the healthy norm. Or maybe you're part of a couple but are allergic to the cartoonish caricatures of romance that bombard you during the Valentine marketing assault. If you'd rather consecrate love and intimacy in your own unique way, untainted by the stereotypes flying around, I invite you to rebel. Make this the year you overthrow the old ways and start a new tradition: Valentine's Day 2.0. Mock sappy, sentimental expressions of romance even as you carry out futuristic experiments in radically slaphappy love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "I have come to be fascinated with the messiness of desire," writes novelist Ashley Warlick, "with the ways people fit themselves together, take themselves apart for each other, for want of each other, for want of some parts of each other." Your assignment, Pisces, is to celebrate the messiness of desire; to not just grudgingly accept it as an inconvenience you've got to tolerate, but rather to marvel at it, be amused by it, and appreciate it for all the lessons it provides. Your motto this Valentine season could be, "I bless the messy largesse of my longing."

HOMEWORK: Write yourself a nice long love letter. Send a copy to me if you like: FreeWillAstrology.com.

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I LOVE YOU

BAYBEE,

24 years ago, I passed you a note saying I LOVE YOU. Now another...saying THANKS... for being mine & loving me still. Love Diane

BENGAL BOY: You bring joy to my life, warmth to my heart, and peace to my soul. Hold my hand forever please. I love you! Your Sweetie, Rebecca

FUZZY FACE. You make my brain feel the way bowels do after coffee and a cigarette. In a good way. Glad our faces got on eachother.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, B-DAY, AND V-DAY SIMEON! The love of my life, & my best friend. I love you baby.

I LOVE YOU, just kidding kidding??? seriously I can't live without you. I love you. you'll always be Tonka's Bitch! j/k or am I?

JANE B-CLEOPATRA A few years ago our eyes met & St. Valentine says we may be soul mates. I am Jane, age 29, so beautiful, lets kick it.

JMB MY 0720 LOVE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY MORE. OH YEAH ...FTP; LOVE BLB

JUSTIN

Mr. Wind-up Bird, you are my perfect match. I love you with all my heart.

MALISSA I LOVE YOU.. I'm truly blessed to be celebrating not only Valentines, but another year of our life together. Happy Anniversary!!! Love, Jake

PETER, No words could ever tell you, No action could express the way I feel about you. With you my life is blessed. Michele

SCOTTY

Happy Valentine's Day you cheeky monkey! If we were in kindergarten I'd knock you off the monkey bars! PS. I like you.

TINA, years of smiles and miles of tears, hard times and fun and still one thing unchanged, your still my one. love ya lots, josh

TO MY LINDA

Word on the street is that I "how you say" am in love with you. They are right!

TO MY TRUE LOVE: the one I look forward to seeing first thing in the morning and last at night! Love, Kate

TO OUR LADY ANGEL JUDI, we value your affection we appreciate your friendship and look forward to many more years to come. B&J

ZORRITA,

Te amo mas que digo, mi "corozon" arde para tus besos. Despues tres anos, aun quiero mas y mas. BTW: Chingas mi culo tan bueno carina. Tu Lobito

I SAW YOU

LIMERANCE FOR TRUTH..

Considering basic verbal honesty's seeming unattainability...Apparent paradox pickles when tossing words like conscious and enlightened around..If yacan't face the gross..how then canya taste the subtle?.. You know..like auras nshit..Be Real. When: Saturday, April 20, 2013. Where: Celebrating at Hope's Dashing with a :). You: Man. Me: Man. #903271

SWISS MISS

An Occasional Obsession. I liked the Jimi cover. When: Saturday, February 8, 2014. Where: A fools mirage?. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903270

RADIO SILENCE

Had no intention of chancing a guy, didn't want to complicate your life, wasn't trying to jerk you around. Miss you and hope that you've found what's right for you. When: Monday, February 10, 2014. Where: in the thick of it all. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903269

SHOWIN' PEOPLE HOW

little we care (yeah). or do, depending on whom you ask. dYL, IDM, MB2G, MBN. that part's easy. kids also like "say something, I'm giving up." Let's go ... When: Thursday, February 6, 2014. Where: the question is "where didn't i0". You: Man. Me: Woman. #903268

REMINISCING LAST YEAR

The joy that we had plays constantly in my head. I wonder if you feel the same? Happy V-Day! Thinking of your imperfections and perfection and I still say yes. When: Friday, February 14, 2014. Where: 44' 3' 407" 123' 05' 28.55". You: Woman. Me: Man. #903267

APPROVAL?

"We don't need no stinkin' approval"...to all the lovely(s)..eat my heart out..here it is.. on a platter for you..and Happy Valentine's Day! Yours..I truly am..] When: Monday, February 10, 2014. Where: WINKING 4ever. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903266

GRIDDLECAKES!

Mine hjerterslag kun etter du!!! Lets build the world we want to live in. We are unstoppable. Here's to another year together! Love, your Fjaril When: Sunday, February 2, 2014. Where: everywhere. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903265

FOR MY LINDA

Word on the street is that I "how you say" am in love with you. They are right! When: Friday, February 14, 2014. Where: my dreams. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903264

SLOGGING IN SLUSH....

blindgirl...the weather doesn't stop me from leaving messages for you...just slows me down... When: Friday, February 7, 2014. Where: how far have you walked for a loved one WINK??.... You: Woman. Me: Man. #903263

STUNNING VOCABULARY

interesting dynamic. hmm. in the crossfire 0 again? When: Thursday, February 6, 2014. Where: it has been a while.. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903262

PERHAPS.

Yes, maybe I knew. Reflecting. When: Friday, February 7, 2014. Where: In her eyes.. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903261

BRINGING SMILES ALOUD

I see you almost daily at my work and it's always the highlight of my day. Thank you. :) When: Thursday, February 6, 2014. Where: downtown. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903260

HOWCANIHELP YOU? -S.M.

Did you know I would discover your note today? When: Thursday, February 6, 2014. Where: Reflecting off my skin. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903259

BLAMING THE BETRAYED

Excrucciatingly Exactly Played!..as per paltry pattern of A.bsolutely typical charade..in-terruption meant to be"!..?..For focks sake!.. Fine!..Lovelee!..Dare to Mean It?..In observable Ree-ah-i-tee?..C'mon obtusely sarDONic saint juan!..Your-Subterfuge equals my-manifestation?..WoW..and yawn..What a liefe. When: Saturday, April 20, 2013. Where: Clearly hidden, and yet, wholly confident.... You: Man. Me: Man. #903258

BLIND LEADING BLIND....

blindgirl...we have walked a few roads together..I want to walk with you at our wedding...my mind & eyes see the real you... When: Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Where: whose gonna be at our wedding WINK???.I can't see them... You: Woman. Me: Man. #903257

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