

# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): "Creative people are at greater risk," said psychiatrist R. D. Laing, "just as one who climbs a mountain is more at risk than one who walks along a village lane." I bring this to your attention, Aries, because in the coming weeks you will have the potential to be abundantly creative, as well as extra imaginative, ingenious and innovative. But I should also let you know that if you want to fulfill this potential, you must be willing to work with the extra tests and challenges that life throws your way. For example, you could be asked to drop a pose, renounce lame excuses, or reclaim powers that you gave away once upon a time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Taurus musician Brian Eno has been successful as a composer, producer, singer and visual artist. Among his many collaborators have been David Byrne, David Bowie, U2, Coldplay, Laurie Anderson, Grace Jones and James Blake. Eno's biographer David Sheppard testified that capturing his essence in a book was "like packing a skyscraper into a suitcase." I suspect that description may fit you during the next four weeks, Taurus. You're gearing up for some high-intensity living. But please don't be nervous about it. Although you may be led into intimate contact with unfamiliar themes and mysterious passions, the story you actualize should feel quite natural.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You are free! Or almost free! Or let me put it this way: You could become significantly freer if you choose to be — if you exert your willpower to snatch the liberating experiences that are available. For example, you could be free from a slippery obligation that has driven you to say things you don't mean. You could be free from the temptation to distort your soul in service to your ego. You might even be free to go after what you really want rather than indulging in lazy lust for a gaggle of mediocre thrills. Be brave, Gemini. Define your top three emancipating possibilities and pursue them with vigor and rigor.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Have you been feeling twinges of perplexity? Do you find yourself immersed in meandering meditations that make you doubt your commitments? Are you entertaining weird fantasies that give you odd little shivers and quivers? I hope so! As an analyzer of cycles, I suspect that now is an excellent time to question everything. You could have a lot of fun playing with riddles and wrestling with enigmas. Please note, however, that I'm not advising you to abandon what you've been working on and run away. Now is a time for fertile inquiry, not for rash actions. It's healthy to contemplate adjustments, but not to initiate massive overhauls.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): "Everybody is dealing with how much of their own aliveness they can bear and how much they need to anesthetize themselves," writes psychoanalytic writer Adam Phillips. Where do you fit on this scale, Leo? Whatever your usual place might be, I'm guessing that in the coming weeks you will approach record-breaking levels in your ability to handle your own aliveness. You may even summon and celebrate massive amounts of aliveness that you had previously suppressed. In fact, I'll recklessly speculate that your need to numb yourself will be closer to zero than it has been since you were five years old. (I could be exaggerating a bit; but maybe not!)

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do you periodically turn the volume down on your mind's endless chatter and tune into the still, small voice within you? Have you developed reliable techniques for escaping the daily frenzy so as to make yourself available for the Wild Silence that restores and revitalizes? If so, now would be a good time to make aggressive use of those capacities. And if you haven't attended well to these rituals of self-care, please remedy the situation. Claim more power to commune with your depths. In the coming weeks, most of your best information will flow from the sweet darkness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): One of your vices could at least temporarily act as a virtue. In an odd twist, one of your virtues may also briefly function like a vice. And there's more to this mysterious turn of events. A so-called liability could be useful in your efforts to solve a dilemma, while a reliable asset might cloud your discernment or cause a miscalculation. I'm riffing here, Libra, in the hopes of stimulating your imagination as you work your way through the paradoxical days ahead. Consider this intriguing possibility: An influence that you like and value may hold you back, even as something or someone you've previously been almost allergic to could be quite helpful.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Between now and the solstice on Dec. 21, you will have extraordinary power to transform into a more practical, well-grounded version of yourself. You may surprise yourself with how naturally you can shed beliefs and habits that no longer serve you. Now try saying the following affirmations and see how they feel coming out of your mouth: "I am an earthy realist. I am a fact-lover and an illusion-buster. I love actions that actually work more than I like theories that I wish would work. I'd rather create constructive change than be renowned for my clever dreams."

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Despite your sign's reputation, you Sagittarians don't always require vast expanses to roam in. You aren't ceaselessly restless, on an inexhaustible quest for unexpected experiences and fresh teachings. And no, you are not forever consumed with the primal roar of raw life, obsessed with the naked truth and fiercely devoted to exploration for its own sake. But having said that, I suspect that you may at least be flirting with these extreme states in the coming weeks. Your keynote, lifted from Virginia Woolf's diary: "I need space. I need air. I need the empty fields round me; and my legs pounding along roads; and sleep; and animal existence."

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet," said George Bernard Shaw, "you had best teach it to dance." This advice is worthy of your consideration, Capricorn. You may still be unable to expunge a certain karmic debt and it may be harder than ever to hide, so I suggest you dream up a way to play with it — maybe even have some dark fun with it. And who knows? Your willingness to loosen up might at least alleviate the angst your skeleton causes you — and may ultimately transform it in some unpredictably helpful way.

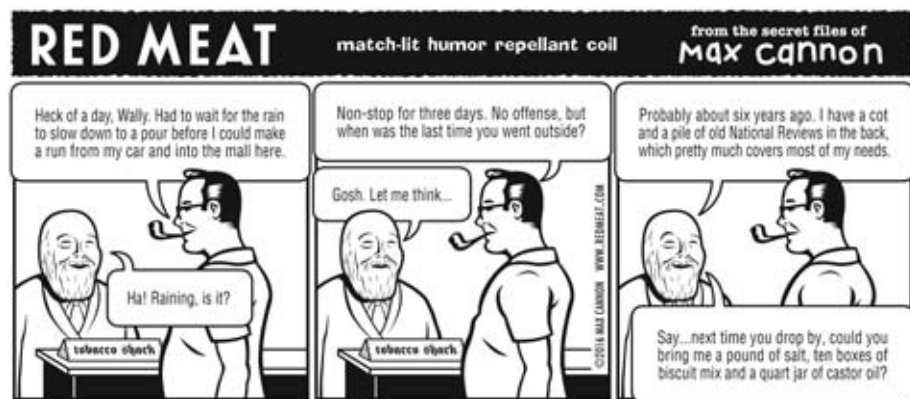
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "No pain, no gain" is a modern expression of an old idea. In a second-century Jewish book of ethics, Rabbi Ben Hei Hei wrote, "According to the pain is the gain." Eighteenth-century English poet Robert Herrick said, "If little labor, little are our gains: Man's fate is according to his pains." But I'm here to tell you, Aquarius, that I don't think this prescription will apply to you in the coming weeks. From what I can surmise, your greatest gains will emerge from the absence of pain. You will learn and improve through release, relaxation, generosity, expansiveness and pleasure.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): The less egotistical you are, the more likely it is that you will attract what you really need. If you do nice things for people without expecting favors in return, your mental and physical health will improve. As you increase your mastery of the art of empathy, your creativity will also thrive. Everything I just said is always true, of course, but it will be intensely, emphatically true for you during the next four weeks. So I suggest you make it a top priority to explore the following cosmic riddle: Practicing unselfishness will serve your selfish goals.

**HOMEWORK:** What famous historical personage were you in your past life? If you don't know or weren't really, make something up. Testify at Freewillastrology.com.

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### I SAW YOU

#### ASSEMBLING

Bigger picture. What a view. I get it, right? Kinda sorta...maybe. Wow. I miss you. How is that?

#### GIRL AT DOLLAR STORE

Hi B, We talked at the Dollar store about your work with special ed. You drove a gray Suzuki and you had a great pair of boots. If you'd like to get a cup of coffee or hang out, I'd be happy to treat. The EW office has my info! Either way, kudos on the work you do - C.

#### GUY WITH THE DARK FLOPPY HAIR READING -

I don't do this but. I made eyes with you reading a book at Tailored and when I went out for a smoke you left. You there?

### MY DEAR SHINBONE

Tibia trickery damages trust. That's what hurts the most. Surely, you can see the logic of it. Reticent? As the saying goes: "Cats don't jump on cold stoves, either." Mirabile dictu, no faucets were harmed in the making of this message.

#### RED HAIR GIRL

at Bier Stein - I saw you sitting at the bar at on Saturday the 12th and I'm pretty sure you saw me looking. I didn't muster up the courage to go talk to you, but now I'm wishing I did.

#### HEY J,

it was a pleasure meeting you thanks for the smoke, I left mine on the job. You seemed cool fun to talk to. Have fun doing everyone's shopping - Q

### STUDENT HOUSE ON OAK

So. I've ridden by this house a few times and like every time I do there are a few insanely cute boys outside. Just wanted to say hey. Do you guys need another roommate? Hope at the very least you read this and get a chuckle. Peace boys!

### VOODOO DONUT ON SUNDAY

Short girl dark hair wears a white Apple Watch. You are beautiful. If I was single I would show you the best time of your life.

### I WAS GETTING TEA

downtown. You were on the couch, talking on your phone about how you're vegetarian but you secretly eat ribs. Be quieter next time.

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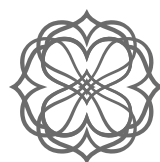


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