and nuance — all abundantly available to you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Emotional labor has

always been a main component of the labor force

that makes the world go around, though this work

today. Today, you'll get props for your contribution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many

things you could take issue with, and you would

with bigger things, too focused on what matters, to

bother with them. It's a sign of how far you've come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe it doesn't

seem like a lot of progress, or harm, is occurring,

as the case may be. But what would happen if this

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What is the point of a

book club where people don't read the book? Many

value the social and identity aspects of a group and

yet don't want to put in the intellectual rigor. This is

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). On a very scientific lev-

el, the world you know is created inside your mind,

as it's the only way our brains can process it. Today

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16). Remember

when you came within inches of victory? The expe-

rience will only serve to make your victory in 2019

someone whose opinion you cherish, a travel plan

and the fun you have circulating in a high-powered

all the sweeter. Other highlights: the approval of

that goes better than your highest expectations

group. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky

works this way: You will yourself to let in more light,

a metaphor for the dynamic you deal with today.

state continued daily? The trajectory will matter

more than net results of any given day.

beauty and joy and so it happens.

numbers are: 26, 30, 35, 2 and 5.

have in past eras, but now you're too occupied

is often invisible and typically unacknowledged. Not

Sister's attitude changed

Dear Annie: I am writing to ask your opinion about the change in my sister's behavior toward me. I have two sisters, and the one I am speaking of is my elder sister, "Ruth."

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Ruth has always been envious of my younger sister and me and resented the close relationship I had with our father.

Until recently, Ruth would call me about once a week to say hello and check on me. I would call and say hello to her. She lives about

2 1/2 hours away from me. Her husband passed away suddenly, and it was some time after that when I noticed a difference in the way she relates to me. Her calls have been less frequent. When I call her, she has very little to say and then says she has to go. I don't believe she has a health problem. She is still working. Her children live nearby.

On her birthday, I sent a card and called her. She was polite but guarded in her conversation.

She has never been a particularly happy person, but her behavior has changed drastically.

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When I called her before Thanksgiving, I commented that I had not heard from her since June, and she said she was staying busy. I have thought and

> not think of anything I could have done to offend her. Family has always meant a great deal to me. What are your thoughts? Puzzled Sister

Dear Puzzled Sister: Consider the possibility that she's acting distant not just toward you but toward

everyone. She may be suffering from depression triggered by her husband's passing — or at the very least be grieving deeply. People can seem to be in perfectly good health on the outside but be hurting badly on the inside. You might try reaching out to her children - not speaking ill of their mother or causing undue concern but simply asking whether all is well with them and with her. Maybe your nieces and nephews have noticed the change in her behavior, too, and will be glad you asked.

Lastly, let go of the idea that

Ruth has always been envious of you and your sister. That kind of baggage is what piles up between family members, preventing real communication.

Dear Annie: In this country, how many young people ever ask for advice from older generations on anything? Almost none. We've been raised to assume that those born in the computer age know everything there is to know about everything. Not true.

The result is that millions of older folks feel invisible, isolated and depressed and that younger folks make some big mistakes.

Turn to an older person in your family today — parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle — and simply ask for the person's input on some plan you are considering. You don't have to take the advice; just ask.

The result will be an elder who still feels respected and valuable for having wisdom. And this person may reveal a story from his or her own past that (surprise, surprise) just might give you some fabulously useful bits of guidance, some pearls of wisdom. At the very least, family bonds will be strengthened. — Sally

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may think that you don't need to be appreciated — that your ego is small enough and your spirit big enough not to require a lot of validation along the way — but appreciation is vital to your momentum. Go where it flows.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You help people make upgrades to their situation whether or not their scene is within your expertise. How? Compassionate inquiry. You ask the questions that get people thinking. You listen well, reflecting back what you hear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You already know that the way to accomplish big things is to do small things on a consistent basis. And today you'll get a better idea about what those small steps really need to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are a few bad influences around. Possibly it can't be helped. These may be forces that aren't going anywhere soon. They're just a part of the landscape right now, giving you good reason to keep yourself in check.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships get a longer look. You'll notice how behaviors change from moment to moment, but what doesn't change is the fundamental dynamic of the relationship, and there are insights to be gained through examining that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider the actions that make up your routine. Habits are like compound interest. They may not seem hugely significant to the bottom line over the course of a day, but over time they are enormously consequential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most problems you encounter get solved with a commonly known solution. Problems that prove resistant to the usual solutions will require patience, awareness, empathy

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