

Inner Beauty by Sally Hoelscher & Brooke Husic

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Woe for a streamer
 - 4 Sign of a Realtor's success?
 - 8 Ancient Andeans
 - 13 Yours and mine
 - 15 "With this ring I ___ wed"
 - 16 Tennis star/activist Osaka
 - 17 Write to
 - 19 On better behavior, to Santa
 - 20 See 10-Down
 - 21 Drain of energy
 - 22 Solo
 - 23 Card-guessing ability, for short
 - 24 Issa of "The Lovebirds"
 - 26 2019 film with "digital fur technology"
 - 28 Gets a head start on the day
 - 33 Hagia ___ (Istanbul mosque)
 - 36 Colorado people
 - 37 Stead
 - 38 Work, as dough
 - 39 Malia, to Sasha, briefly
 - 40 Try to get
 - 41 "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
 - 42 Word before "pal" or "name"
 - 43 Apt-sounding name for a sincere person?
 - 44 Philanthropist who wrote "The Moment of Lift"
 - 47 Fly high
 - 48 ___ Bo
 - 49 Tarnish
 - 52 Ice cream drinks
 - 55 Budget exec
 - 57 "Level Up" singer
 - 59 Honolulu greeting
 - 60 Description in many a travel guide, and a hint to a word concealed in 17-, 28- and 44-Across
 - 62 Busy month for CPAs
 - 63 Little whirlpool
 - 64 Point value of EIGHT in Scrabble
 - 65 Like sweaty palms
 - 66 Prescription amount
 - 67 White Claw or Schweppes container
 - DOWN**
 - 1 File, as a complaint
 - 2 Intangible vibes
 - 3 Pool together
 - 4 City in eastern Mo.
 - 5 "Ah, understood"
 - 6 Emmy winner
 - 7 Singer's lesser-known songs
 - 8 Inherent
 - 9 Places to get manicures
 - 10 With 20-Across, tennis star/activist who upset Venus Williams at age 15
 - 11 "Well said!"
 - 12 Father, as a horse
 - 14 Beach lotion initials
 - 18 Scared
 - 25 Letters before an alias
 - 27 "Great" animal
 - 28 "Could you please explain?!"
 - 29 Seeking damages
 - 30 Teeming
 - 31 Many August babies
 - 32 Round dwelling
 - 33 Look over quickly
 - 34 "___ is enough"
 - 35 Bananagrams shout
 - 39 Googled, say
 - 40 Mykonos' country
 - 42 Kissing on the sidewalk, e.g., briefly
 - 43 Lyft info
 - 45 Margarita option
 - 46 Disagreeing
 - 49 Sorceress's specialty
 - 50 Amway Center, for one
 - 51 Noodle soup that might be topped with an egg
 - 52 Polite address
 - 53 lams competitor
 - 54 Model Harvey
 - 56 Generic dog name
 - 58 Holiday ___
 - 61 Henna, for instance

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 *Lessons from the Frozen Distance*



Pluto has a nitrogen and methane atmosphere that freezes when Pluto is farthest from the sun. This first full day of the Pluto retrograde is a reminder of our power and many freedoms. Perhaps, at times, you've felt stuck in your life. And yet much more movement was available than would be possible if the air itself was frozen around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). After an interaction, you feel charged, drained or neutral. Whether you decide to keep moving forward with a person has a lot to do with which category you most consistently fall into after being around them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The same person who asks terrific questions and helps you along can also miss your point from time to time and/or be unavailable when you need them. It's why you need lots of people on your team. Keep adding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Embrace your inner juvenile delinquent. And if you don't think such a person exists, all the more reason to discover and celebrate that naive rebel who holds the key to your creative genius.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are still discovering how to best project your talents. Right now, this is not about trying new things out. Rather, it's a process of stripping away the excess to reveal the pure essence of what you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Crude resources and tools will force you to reckon with the soundness of an idea. The concept will have to be very strong to shine through. Indeed, when you have a wonderful idea, it doesn't take much to convey it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The important thing sticks. You may not know why it's important, but the picture that lingers in your mind after the situation has long passed is there for a reason. All will be revealed in time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While it is pleasant to spend time with that cheerful and even-tempered someone, you must admit that the troublemaker in your life has an irreplaceable role. To interact with both people in the same day is heavenly!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a danger of getting too stuffy in your approach. What if you were to take things in a direction quite casual, whimsical and anti-intellectual? In a weird way, the scene can be elevated by the seemingly low brow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not always in an environment that is conducive to influence, so don't expect yourself to just know what's current. Observation and research will freshen your perspective and get you thinking ahead of the curve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships aren't always about the sort of connections that can be fallen into. Often these bonds must be created. Though instinct helps, right now it's a downright intellectual enterprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today holds all the fluid fun and challenge of one of those line drawings where you're not allowed to take your pen off the paper for the entirety of the sketch.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are so many worlds inside this world that it would be impossible to reflect on rules that apply to all. You've a gift for visiting other worlds with openness and yet sticking to your own rules.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28). The spotlight swings to your talent for putting people at ease and the many benefits that go with the breezy atmosphere you cultivate. Do not underestimate the power of taking a social risk. A stranger-connection or cold call will be among the year's most lucrative opportunities! A group win will sparkle up a leisurely endeavor. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 22, 1 and 40.

Universal SUDOKU

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Letters of Communication by Adrian Johnson

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- ACROSS**
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 - 5 ___ pal
 - 8 "Austin Powers" genre
 - 13 Diva's showstopper
 - 14 Victoria's Secret garment, informally
 - 15 On the horizon
 - 16 Boating hazard
 - 17 Perched on
 - 18 Circus structures
 - 19 Guns N' Roses power ballad
 - 22 "The ___ is as near as we come to another world" (Anne Stevenson)
 - 23 Mistakes
 - 26 Nail polish brand
 - 29 Leading woman
 - 33 Like futile situations
 - 35 Tupperware tops
 - 36 Looked at
 - 37 Reaches across
 - 38 Pennsylvania, e.g., in D.C.
 - 39 Scottish cattle breed
 - 40 Sicilian volcano
 - 41 Taiwanese computer maker
 - 42 Cook with a little oil, say
 - 43 Class you can't get through alone?
 - 46 Org. with Ducks and Penguins
 - 47 Like some fence wire
 - 48 Cause of restlessness for a princess
 - 50 Galas for movie stars
 - 56 Biggest U.S. lake by volume, after the Great Lakes
 - 59 Tab at a restaurant, or what you might use to pay it
 - 60 Muppet who testified before Congress
 - 61 Serbs or Bosnians
 - 62 Pleasure trips' focuses?
 - 63 Egyptian goddess of life
 - 64 Toys for windy days
 - 65 Parlor image, briefly
 - 66 Grp. spelled using its own alphabet at the starts of 19-, 29-, 43- and 50-Across
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Caution
 - 2 Treat that had a Watermelon flavor
 - 3 Capital of Ukraine
 - 4 Places to keep valuables
 - 5 Suffix meaning "scandal"
 - 6 Love, in Caracas
 - 7 They see what you're saying
 - 8 "South Park" or "The Onion"
 - 9 Extraordinary happenings
 - 10 Japanese currency
 - 11 Blubber
 - 12 Things shown to TSA agents
 - 14 Conspiratorial group
 - 20 Statistical averages
 - 21 Some sounds from a Lab
 - 24 Futuristic weapon
 - 25 Detective
 - 26 Start, as of symptoms
 - 27 Can convenience
 - 28 "Lemme do it!"
 - 30 Did some gambling
 - 31 Queen bees' places
 - 32 Notorious Ford flop
 - 34 Performing well
 - 39 Ed of "Elf"
 - 41 Actor Baldwin
 - 44 Fixate (on)
 - 45 Milky fall birthstones
 - 49 Dined at home
 - 51 Capital of Latvia
 - 52 Need for building a house or story
 - 53 "Casablanca" role for Ingrid
 - 54 Give off
 - 55 Passable
 - 56 Disapproving sound
 - 57 Mahershala of "Moonlight"
 - 58 Fez, e.g.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021 *Mercury Assists Feedback Loop*



The magic questions of the day: How many attempts should you make before you change your approach? The answer lies in nuanced feedback coming from the thing we are attempting to alter. Note that your subject speaks its language. A suggestion from Mercury and Neptune: Turn up your sensitivity and get ready to decipher a code.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you want to make your work the best it can be, you're willing to entertain new ideas. You'll banter, twist and play around with your resources. Changes and add-ons will take it to the next level.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The essence of your attractiveness today is made tangible in the way you approach common activities with uncommon grace. Yes, you're being observed. In fact, you have someone's rapt attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Casual relationships continue to have a profound influence on the path your life takes. Friendships lead to the career opportunities, romantic ties and lifestyle choices that color your world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one likes to feel like the person they are talking to is looking over their shoulder for more interesting engagements. You are careful to devote quality attention to the one you're with and should accept no less from others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've known your nearest and dearest long enough for the relationship to exist within a large margin of predictability, and yet... today will still bring you a surprise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Complex problems may not require complex solutions. However, finding the solution that works may be a long and winding journey that seems complicated indeed! Regardless, stay in it for the long haul and the satisfying end.

the creativity that flows through you when you're designing answers. Your aim is to make something that contributes to an easier, more harmonious and lovelier experience of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are no ideal groups, though it's fun to imagine things being better. Organizational change tends to happen very slowly; changing yourself is relatively quick and doing so will affect the entire group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want something from someone, and this gives a nervy and uncomfortable tension to the relationship. It's hard to subvert such a thing. You'd be better off breaking the tension by calling out your want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd rather make things than own things. You scratch an itch by making something and giving it away. You'll repeat this several times until one day you'll decide to charge for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Enthusiasm is Miracle-Gro for projects, people and bonds. Still, there's such a thing as too much. The wrong dose of excitement makes people uncomfortable. Learn what's appropriate by incrementally testing the waters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Nobody is perfect and those who try and accept everyone's faults are saving themselves from a lot of wasted energy and drama. Busy people living their purpose (read: you) don't have time to mix into pettiness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 29). What is the secret to your good fortune? The same thing that's at the heart of all good manners and best practices: paying attention. You do it thoroughly and with style. As for the professional boon in July; it's not all about the money but it sure will feel good when this allows you to do something special for your people. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 33, 28 and 12.

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