

JANUARY 2012

So we ring in 2012, with all its promise of change and perhaps, the end of time as we know it. We are certainly on the precipice of New Beginnings and irrevocable transition; you don't have to be an astrologer to be aware of this. How we deal with the inevitability of the change has everything to do with the evolution of humankind and our long-range survival. Each individual who steps into this time with the goal of having eyes and heart wide open to make the most of it, steps into the desire of making the most for all on the planet.

1/1 A **Mercury/Mars** picture early New Year's Day, suggests the wisdom in staying put. So if you're not home, be prepared to sleep over or travel with caution and heightened awareness. On the other hand, be aware that arguments can flare over simple things, so channel the fiery energy in positive ways by writing, enjoying a friendly combat game or making love. Once dawn breaks there is tremendous good will in the air, so go with your instincts when you feel like connecting or doing something nice. Although with the moon in Aries, it may come more assertively than necessarily graceful, depending on your personality. Accept overtures of kindness in the spirit they were given without judgment as to the delivery.

This is actually a great way to begin 2012, because action is required for many good-will or transition projects. Sitting idly by or wishing things were different has no place with the changes taking fire and crackling.

1/2 Today all of yesterday's grand ideas may have a little crash to Earth as realities of implementation crop up. Accepting limitations can also be liberating when it frees you from one way of seeing. Sometimes within the limitations, you can construct a solution that would never have occurred to you, had you been able to take the rote path. Open up to spiritual guidance and creative stimuli; don't be afraid to ask for help. The answer may be closer than you think.

The Moon is VOC* from 3:07 pm to 5:16 pm ET. Once the moon enters Taurus, it's time to collect your resources and apply yourself to the task at hand... tomorrow. Tonight calls for a nourishing dinner in a relaxed atmosphere. Give yourself some time to appreciate the feel of your body in some clothes that comfort, or better yet, clean flannel sheets.

Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Aries, do some movement- either exercise, walk or drive... because the desire to move forward can be thwarted by the VOC. If you're going somewhere new make sure you have clear directions and a map because fast movement can miss turns.*

1/3 Savor the moment today; you might as well because things are not going to move any faster simply because you'd like that. People take their time and the

results show this. Shopping, creative endeavors, cooking and any task requiring focus all benefit from thoughtful grazing. Put some time aside for simple pleasures or to celebrate sensual delights; everything magnifies.

1/4 Similar energy to yesterday, although not as tranquil. You can sense the meter running, even though you may not want to pay attention to it. Work on getting things accomplished, but understand that some things have a tendency to slip by you. That doesn't mean they're irretrievable, just that now is not the time to put energy into them. Doing so will continue to thwart you, so choose the obtainable goals and shelve the illusive ones for another time.

1/5 The moon is VOC* from 3:47 am to 5:44 am ET. When the moon enters Gemini, it's as though a signal gets switched, and texts vibrate, and tweets fly; be selective in your verbal distractions. You can cover a great deal of ground today, but a solid game plan will help you from simple wheel spinning. Jot down inspiration, and by all means get outside. There is a flutter of new ideas and things to do which carries an excitement that is infectious if not always productive. But don't be too judgmental; sometimes a breath of fresh air is what's needed to bring in new energy. *Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Taurus**, relaxation is demanded. You can try to accomplish a big task, but that couch looks awfully inviting. Give in and let yourself enjoy a leisurely lunch and your productivity will increase afterwards.

1/6 Great day to meet with co-workers, friends, neighbors or siblings and share ideas. Don't get cocky and assume everything is understood, however. The tendency to *assume* looms large so the art of listening and clarifying intentions is encouraged to avoid misunderstandings. Especially in the evening, words may fly faster than is always prudent. If you can hear what you say in your mind's ear before the words come out, you may catch any that might bruise or cause anger. Take a walk, run or any activity that gives you exercise to release any nervous energy.

1/7 The early day can be very productive especially for writers and editing. The moon is VOC* from 2:52 pm to 4:05 pm ET. Once the moon enters Cancer, the mood quiets and thinking about dinner or cuddling may be the most important thought in your brain. Since there may be some underlying frustration, especially if you have Aries, Cancer, Libra or Capricorn in your natal horoscope, it's best to plan activities that calm the spirit and refresh your soul. Time with family may be beneficial, unless of course there are difficulties in those relationships. Sometimes there is no avoiding the hump, but at least be aware that the only way over it is to keep moving forward.

Tricky weekend for efforts in anything that tries to gather people together for a common goal; everyone may feel put upon. Better to take a bath or paint a watercolor or bake bread instead.

1/8. Mercury enters Capricorn this morning for a cycle of more methodical communication. If this is your preferred method, expect some productive weeks while the more “seat of their pants” communicators may feel a bit star-crossed. There are benefits when we analyze our shorthand in tweets or question cavalier ways of getting a message across. Considering the other pictures in the sky, slowing down with a thought can reap more rewards today than racing to the next. A tendency for power struggles plagues the morning. There's a great deal of enthusiasm racing through which can have you out and about; be aware of people around you who may be more excited than present, especially when driving.

1/9 The Full Moon in Cancer occurs at 2:30 am ET at 18° Cancer 26”. The Sabian symbol is “*A priest performing a marriage ceremony*” for the Moon. For the Sun in Capricorn, the symbol is “*A child of about five with a huge shopping bag*”. These images pull on ideas of what is appropriate for responsibility. Marriage is a hotly debated topic in our present society, as some people consider it a contract they can enter and exit as the mood takes them, others consider it a sober act of spiritual commitment, and still others are fighting for the right to be married.

The other image of a child grappling with a shopping bag conjures images of a hyper-responsible child with the younger ones in tow, or the irresponsible way some people shop or government's spend. Pulling the images together balances a sacred contract between an innocent foray into the material world. Considering the journey the moon is about to come into challenge with Saturn, it is safe to say that balancing your books or drafting out a realistic budget is on the agenda for a restful night. **The moon is VOC* from 9:25 pm to 11:35 pm ET.** Did I say restful night? Once the moon enters Leo, if you're not already in dreamland you might get the urge to sweep you mane over your robe and engage in some theatrics. This can be fun or have consequences larger than the escapade. It all depends on your temperament. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Cancer**, be by the water, time with family or sifting through memorabilia. Lovely time to enjoy a picnic or meal with no time constraints.*

1/10 The moon in Leo indicates small and large drama steals the spotlight for awhile. This can be entertaining or distracting, depending on the players. If you prefer, go see some professionals act or have some good-spirited play. The sign of the child always smiles on activities that open your creativity and youthful spirit.

1/11 Similar to yesterday although the desire may increase to add a “purpose” to the play. If you're around loud and pontificating people, hurl pointed questions;

see how much substance is stuffed in their bravado. If the drama is hitting novella proportions and you're hesitant to sign up for the series, confront the players as to their intent. It's possible you can write the script as they go and create an ending that gives you all satisfaction.

1/12 The moon is VOC from 3:24 am to 4:44 am ET. Once the moon enters Virgo, you can finally step into clear intentions. If someone says they will do something, they will. Today may have an almost magical quality in how life works. Make the most of the ability to organize as circumstances fall into place. It won't last so make the most of it; the cat will probably unravel the yarn ball tomorrow. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Leo, you do well to play: window-shop, go to a museum or performance, flirt, make some artwork.*

1/13 A highly productive day, where communication can have a laser-like delivery and insightful reception. Venus makes a harmonious picture with Saturn and Neptune, which bodes well for investments, creative enterprise and committed love. Nonetheless, these proclivities are transitory, so make any decisions from a solid foundation of knowledge instead of a sudden whim. You can accomplish a great deal today, so don't squander your resources on anyone or anything that does not have the same level of passion. the moon is VOC* from 8:58 pm to the next morning. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Virgo, it's great for organizing, finessing a project or exercise routine and clearing out closets.*

1/14 Just after midnight, Venus enters Pisces, bringing a soft and forgiving tone to the areas of love and how you use money. This may be a cycle where the greatest compassion that is needed is to yourself.

Early risers benefit from exercise of cleansing activities with the VOC* moon. Once the moon enters Libra at 8:28 am ET, you may get a sense of solid direction. Although it may bring an unexpected surprise, the opportunity to build a strong relationship is within your grasp. It doesn't matter if you're already in one or not. This doesn't have to be a romantic relationship; it could be business or a partnership. Anyone you'd like to smooth out the edges with or commit to a stronger union with is in the mix.

Regardless of whether you know who they are or not. It all comes back to the first relationship you have to start with... the one you have with yourself. Tensions increase as the night goes on; it's important that the power is balanced. If you find yourself slipping out of logic and into a struggle, it might be best to step away until another day.

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Virgo, it's great for organizing, finessing a project or exercise routine and clearing out closets.*

1/15 Similar energy to yesterday. If you're awake in the early hours of morning, be vigilant so that you don't slip into a thoughtless dialogue which in the end could bite you. Even if it does, the long range prognosis yields good results, when both parties are willing to work through rough patches and respect one another. The Libra Moon invites art, music, romance and diplomacy.

1/16 If you're looking to get out a peace message, or close any deal with good intentions, get it out first thing in the morning on Martin Luther King Day. The Moon is VOC* from 10:29 am to 11:33 am ET. Once the moon enters Scorpio, it pays to listen carefully and look under the rocks. It is possible that a hidden agenda can change the original concept to one that one or more parties find unrecognizable. There is a great deal of good will around, especially in the later part of the day when conversations go deeper and people feel deeply. *Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Libra**, enjoy a museum, music, dance. It may be lovely to be with someone you love as long as you don't initiate any major discussions.*

1/17 Those who love to dig deeply into research or solve a mystery feel in their element. If intense conversations are not your "cup of tea", you may find yourself in more than one that feels "awkward". Otherwise, enjoy the bonding moments even if they are a quick exchange before you board the #3 train.

Even when you're not trying, you may discovery a piece of news or fragment of a puzzle. It may lead to a dead end or another question, but sooner or later it's up to you to decide when to pursue it.

1/18 People can be so nice. Some mornings seem to hold a promise that anything is possible and today may be one of them. Even if hope gets dashed, it is in the end your sense of fairness and belief in potential that can turn it around. Just because it's not coming together now, doesn't mean it won't. Choose to hold on to that morning glow. The **Moon is *VOC from 1:32 pm to 2:29 pm ET.** Once the moon enters Sagittarius, exuberance bubbles up in even mundane tasks (although some of them may get shelved when a new offer flies in and takes you away). There is merit in following a hunch, since this is a good day to initiate or engage in new pursuits.

Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Scorpio, you may find a lost object when you clean or if you're trying to finish something up you may have trouble ending it.... might be better to curl up with a mystery, if possible.*

1/19 The Sagittarius moon creates a mood of big vision and long range possibilities. This may not sit well with the "powers that be" and the tendency to shrug it off can create more divisiveness. If you work through whatever reservations are presented to you, there is a tremendous opportunity to make things happen.

1/20 The Sun enters Aquarius, adding buoyancy to an overall mood of change and optimism. While some may use this energy to fuel a more militaristic tendency, the dominant vision can be uniting individuals within the collective for a common goal. Terrific day for working an idea, making a proposal or any message where you want the receiver to feel as well as hear. Do something playful, allow yourself some creative flow and/or try something new. **The Moon is VOC* from 4:50 pm to 5:40 pm ET.**

Once the moon enters Capricorn, be prepared for the possibility of an upset. This can be as innocuous as someone cutting in line or a more personal incident; it all depends on if your natal horoscope gets triggered. Best course of action is to expect anything in the early evening, and also keep yourself open to opportunity which can also come knocking. You may be one of the lucky ones who gets an unexpected good event, or you may get an upset followed by good will. Keep in mind that those who are paying attention tend to get the least surprised... and remember, some surprises are good things! **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Sagittarius you may want to explore but don't expect to find anything... keep your eye on the gas tank if you go for a long ramble.*

1/21 The Capricorn moon indicates this is a wonderful day for planning strategies and putting things in place. Organization rules, especially when it's scrutinized to work efficiently. This is not the time to shirk responsibility or procrastinate. Give yourself realistic tasks or you may get thwarted which can knock out confidence. It's better to handle manageable bites. An out-of-the-blue invitation can pull you away from your project, but weigh the value of stopping mid-stream. Whatever you're doing, a rush of energy flows in, especially for air and fire sign people. Enjoy!

1/22 Today can be frustrating if you're trying to get something done or deliver a concept. Although you feel some support and your direction looks clear, the tendency for someone or something to come in and put the kibosh on it is high.

That doesn't mean you shouldn't continue on whatever you're wanting to launch, it just means this may not be the day to do it. This is the day before the New Moon, so it's advisable to clear your desk and finish up old business. You'll find a clean slate easier to work with over the next few days, so cut off the loose ends and prepare to launch tomorrow. **The Moon is VOC* from 8:38 pm to 9:53 pm ET.**

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Capricorn, organizing and filing is like a well-oiled clock. You might also like to garden or finish up some loose ends from work.*

1/23 The **Aquarius New Moon** is exact at 2:39 am ET at 2°42". The Sabian symbol for this degree is: "A deserter from the Navy". Why someone enlisted would desert the military can have more than one explanation. Looking at the

symbolism at this point in time, calls in the Aquarius energy of the collective and celebration of freedom within common goals. Yest the Navy is a militaristic collective, and the “deserter” is the principle player in the symbol. So the conclusion can be that the deserter has separated from the cause and detached from being part of the machine. The planet **Mars**, which symbolizes desire, how you assert yourself, aggression and the libido goes **retrograde** at 7:54 pm ET (until mid-April). It would seem the deserter is back-peddling with Mars, to reassess what is important to fight for or where lies the passion.

Another event is **the Chinese year of the Dragon begins today**. Dragons are the most dynamic animal in the Chinese zodiac (they are, after all mythical creatures). It makes perfect symbolic sense that a Dragon would lead this year of purported change.

Back to the **New Moon in Aquarius**, this is a great day to begin an enterprise that heralds change or supports networking or a cause. Whether or not you take it out the door today, draft out plans for what you truly believe is where you'd like to make a difference. Then get out of your way and trust the invitation to come. Every seed gets planted by first breaking ground, so start somewhere. You may already be very active in visionary or humanitarian work; if this is the case the New Moon is a great time for adjustment to make sure you are indeed on track or if you want to change directions. Every individual who works for change, creates a momentum which in 2012, can reach critical mass.

1/24 Similar energy to yesterday, although it may have a more familiar quality, with less jerky transitions from stasis to movement and back. An overall thrust to work together is the guiding principle behind the scenes and when it's implemented, magic happens. Get in touch with your inner teenager for a fresh take on the present. Put your legs over your head at least once today either in a yoga workout or by lying on the floor with your legs vertical against the wall. Your brain will thank you for it.

1/25 The Moon is VOC* from 3:34 am to 4:11 am ET. Once it enters the sign of Pisces, creative juices flow and the urge to connect increases. This can be mystical for some, romantic for others and unnerving for a few. Although you can have good discussions about finances or future mergers, don't initiate anything today unless you're prepared to change horses in mid-stream. Conversations are fruitful. Make time for the people with whom you enjoy intimacy or would like to know better. Music sounds are heightened, colors more intense, so are all emotions, lovely or painful. Put yourself in supportive situations and this is a life-affirming day. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course:... in **Aquarius** you are apt to get caught up in a discussion or a cause which has no resolution. This is an excellent time to visit with friends or bounce around ideas, for pure recreation.*

1/26 The day may begin with the wind on your back, but finish with an argument;

you don't have to engage and the battle may be with yourself. Nonetheless, you can enjoy creative projects today, social action and any cultural or volunteer activities. Be wary of any financial dealings that look too good because there is a tendency for feelings to turn on anything initiated today. Energy is better spent on tried and true endeavors and the pleasure is in the moment, not in future speculation. The moon is VOC* from 11:52 pm through tomorrow, so don't try to solve anything then. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Pisces, creativity may be high, if one is already in the midst of a project. Inspiration is more fluid than electric. This is also an excellent time to meditate and do conscious prayer-work or volunteer activities.*

1/27 The moon is VOC* until 1:28 pm ET, so plan your exit the night before or you might be late leaving this morning. There is a tendency to drift, so if you're a daydreamer by nature, either set your schedule accordingly or be prepared to keep jogging yourself back on task. Intuition may be heightened, but don't act on impulse; give it time to settle in to a logical place as well.

Mercury enters Aquarius, supplying a wave of a coherent articulation of ideas over the next month. When the moon enters Aries in the early afternoon, it may appear as though business has suddenly come alive. You may notice an increase in communication, offers and overall energy. This is now a terrific time to act on some of those ideas that have been brewing. The weekend overall is action-oriented for those who want to move forward. Whether you're ready to launch a new business or put on a new dress and dance all night, the lights are green to proceed. Keep in mind that **Aries** is one of those "caution" signs, like **Capricorn, Cancer and Libra**- if you have any of those in your horoscope, you may hit some bumps along the way. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands about the wheel... but it's still a powerful time to move ahead. **Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in Pisces, creativity may be high, if one is already in the midst of a project. Inspiration is more fluid than electric. This is also an excellent time to meditate and do conscious prayer-work or volunteer activities.*

1/28 Similar energetically to yesterday afternoon, but with stops and starts. Still, the impetus to take action is stronger than reticence, so enjoy a day of movement. Exercise helps with planning and focus. If you have a project that triggers your spiritual warrior, you can make long this weekend.

1/29 Another vibrant day to take action. The energy wants to move; rest another day. Throw yourself with renewed vigor into a project or a cause. People may move very quickly, which is delicious if you like this and stressful if you don't. Move at a pace that suits your temperament, but by any means- move. You want to get your "chi" going today to take advantage of the inspiration that comes with it.

1/30 The moon is VOC* from 1:09 am to 1:28 am ET. Once it lands in Taurus, you can roll over into a deeper sleep. If you like a fast pace, you may feel a bit

derailed over the next couple of days, or you'll be hopping over those with a slower step. Not only do things seem to take longer, you may not be 100% sure they'll ever get there. Relax, breathe- plan a meal with a friend or business associate. You can get things done, but not through decisive action. This is a time for careful consideration and appreciation of the moment.

Moon VOC/Void-of-Course... in **Aries, do some movement- either exercise, walk or drive... because the desire to move forward can be thwarted by the VOC. If you're going somewhere new make sure you have clear directions and a map because fast movement can miss turns.*

1/31 Similar pace to yesterday, but with a lot of opportunity to connect. People enjoy one another's company. Plan an evening with people you really like or a special someone. Take your time, especially with eating, with dressing and with undressing if you've got company. Wherever you are, savor the environment around you, feel the air as you breathe it and focus on the scent and temperature. Remember to be grateful for everything.