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Mercury is retrograde until April 23. Save files. If you write documents on Google (as do I) be sure you back them up on your hard drive. Yes, you'll see long VOC* periods. These do have value, for reflection and projects that require you enter the zone. They are also rich times for intuitive insight :-)

4/1 Wow... Rachel Maddow and my mom were born on All Fool's Day.... very different ladies, but somehow- I'm not surprised. Both are strong, opinionated and no one can tell them what to do. This April Fools will be full of subtle surprises and/or unraveling revelations. **The moon is VOC* ALL DAY....** and that is not an April Fool statement. We will see more extended VOCs over the next months, so prepare yourself for days where you can utilize that energy to your best advantage. Today, don't expect anything to stick necessarily, which can exasperate those who actually want to push something ahead. Things have a tendency to go differently than your intention, by the same token, they also tend not to have any tangible outcome.

That being said, enjoy a dreamy, meditative day to use in any suspended animation that best serves you. Personally, a walk on the beach sounds great to me.... but the sky may be drizzly, so I won't plan but I will adapt.

4/2 **The VOC in Pisces breaks at 7:16 am ET** when the Aries Moon turns things around. Since Mars enters Aries at 12:01 am, you may leap out of bed with renewed fervor.... time to exercise! Time to drive! Time to run! If you're feeling it's time to get angry, then it's really time to channel that in an appropriate direction, not to explode. Definitely take a walk or run if you're feeling unchecked rage. Then again, you may simply feel amorous which can create a lovely morning. This is the day before the New Moon, so anything that comes up is either on its way out or demanding a reevaluation. Confront any feelings that can steer you in the direction of more effective action. A Venus/Pluto picture can instigate powerful needs for relating and/or acquisition. Use your brain as well as your instinct to clarify the "why" behind the "must".

4/3 The **New Moon in Aries** occurs at 13°30" at 10:32 am ET. The Sabian symbol connected to it is: "*A serpent coiling near a man and a woman*". Depending on your comfort level with snakes, this image could intrigue or upset you. If your reaction is the former, let's talk! If it's the latter, consider this.

I expected JK Rowling would be born in the Chinese year of the Snake because of her depiction of serpents throughout the Harry Potter novels. She paints their venomous, dark quality beautifully, but it's the expression she reveals of the snake's other side that made me know she was a snake woman. For those not familiar with the books, Rowling has the evil Voldemort speak to snakes and employ that seductive, poisonous energy. But the thorn in his side is Harry Potter, the boy who he inadvertently empowered as a baby when his spell to destroy him backfired. So Harry too, can speak to snakes and summon their force.

The image of a man and woman is one of opposites. Yet this yin/yang dance is what

joins to create all human life. The coiling snake symbolizes the desire to conjoin opposites, but like the infinity symbol of the horizontal “8”, this can never be done totally. Yet, there is a vibration that is created when a man and woman join and become a couple, that is not one or the other but something new.

The coiling snake is an active reminder that if you choose to be in a relationship, whether romantic, parental, professional or friendship, you are pulling together two entities to create a sense of wholeness. To complete a yearning, a need, a mandate. Yet in order to move forward, the snake must uncoil, must undulate with its head in front and trust that its tail will follow.

With this New Moon, think about what you'd like to strike out and do on your own, secure in the knowledge that someone has your back. If you can't think of anyone who does, look in the mirror; it's definitely time to move forward.

With a Mars/Uranus picture in the sky, there is tremendous momentum to do something that may surprise you. Reflect on ways that you can initiate desire without an upset or rash move. Don't hesitate to open conversations, but do think about what effects your words may have. Good communication will keep you on track, the same way Harry found greater awareness through listening to snakes.

4/4 The moon is VOC* from 6:04 am to 7:46 pm ET. Yes, that's all day! Since Neptune enters Pisces for its stint through August, today may very well frustrate the action-oriented. *What was that I was doing? Why did I open a new window? Where was I planning to stop on my way to work?*

The best way to deal with this is to write things down! Prioritize, exercise and know the evening is a time to relax, enjoy a good dinner and settle down to creative focus.

4/5 The moon in Taurus indicates a highly focused day, so be sure that whatever you start out doing is where you want to emphasize your energy. Inertia rules; so if you need to move, start early or you may lose any potential of action. However, if you're an artist, chef or someone who produces work by sitting in one place, enjoy the satisfaction that will come from concentration. If you are a professional or committed shopper, combing through stores gleans rewards. If you can stay home and cuddle, lucky you, enjoy! Regardless of your activity in the day, the evening is best played with a well-thought out meal in comfortable surroundings.

4/6 The Moon is VOC* all day! Yesterday's mood continues, but its best to stay with whatever project you've already begun. Shopping will not be productive. A Sun/Jupiter picture in the sky may initiate ideas and enthusiasm, but don't try to put anything in action until tomorrow or another day. Finish up, organize, put things in place so you'll have more spontaneity when the action comes.

4/7 The moon is VOC* until 7:22 am. When the moon enters Gemini, phones ring, texts/emails grab your attention. This may be at odds with some groggy resistance. Give yourself a little meditation time so you can wake up and go. Unexpected news or encounters may bring opportunities. Give yourself the freedom to decide what fits you and what won't work. This is a good day to edit and go over any communications. Publishing options may come through for writers, but keep in mind Mercury is retrograde. Get the conversation going, but keep any contract on the shelf if you can without jeopardizing the outcome.

4/8 Today will offer no more rest than yesterday. Life is busy! Your job is to determine what pieces of the endless stream of information pertains to you. Sometimes it's totally appropriate to turn off your phone and avoid Facebook. Of course, that just may be in the morning, then you can see what opportunities come through in the late afternoon.

This is a fun day for chat, news and gossip. If that revelation makes you want to hide under the covers, make it a more insular day and things will quiet down tomorrow.... eventually. If you're more of a social bee, go out or have the party in... conversations are hopping and the energy is young (even if you're in your 90's) **The moon is VOC* from 10:24 pm onward.**

4/9 **The moon is VOC* all day until 5:02 pm ET.** Since Pluto goes retrograde at 4:49 am, today may be magically charged for the psychically sensitive. Otherwise, you may feel as though you're short-circuiting. Even if you're a doer, type A or people-person, you may feel as though you're in a room of monitors all on different channels in languages you don't speak. Today may require you to take a bit of time with yourself. Take it slower than usual and keep your sense of humor. Once the moon enters Cancer in the early evening, it's time to be home or a place you find equally comfortable. Be kind to yourself and watch how you react to things. You can't control the initial impulse, but you can control if you choose to keep it alive or let it go.

4/10 Most people will want to stay home today or be somewhere peaceful. I'm thinking about making rice pudding and to watch a movie that makes me cry with sentimental joy for the well of humankind. For those of you less comfortable with emotional moods, be aware that people around you may feel vulnerable, fearful, angry or sad. This may or may not have anything to do with you. If you find yourself wrestling with someone's unfamiliar feelings or your own, find a body of water to stare at or go to the aquarium. Emotions have to come up before we can get them out.

4/11 **The moon is VOC* from 8:05 am to 11:37 pm ET.** I know, I know... another day of unfulfilled expectations? Perhaps. The trick is to expect certain things from a VOC day, but not others. After yesterday's emotional minefield, today may feel quiet and reflective. This is the best way to deal with today. Eat nourishing and comforting food, wear blues, be at home if possible and/or talk to the people you love (the ones that don't push your buttons).

A Mars/Pluto picture in the sky activates that energy for anyone born with it. It's essential you know where you'd like to put force and power and plan to do it appropriately. Perfect time for martial arts, weight training or yoga. Writers may get inspired late into the night, so jump off the computer beforehand unless you don't have to rise early or morning may be harsh.

4/12 The moon is in Leo and you may wake up feeling that you've burned off a lot of dead weight. Regardless, this is a glorious day to enjoy play, creativity and take action. You might want to dress glamorously, see a performance or walk in a beautiful blooming garden. Enjoy life.

4/13 Yesterday's enthusiasm continues. Although things may feel too big, too dramatic or too rich for you, speak up and temper the mood to one that sustains you. Everyone has a right to be heard and the opening may be more available than you think.

The moon is VOC* at 3:58 pm ET. If you have evening plans, make sure all the arrangements are in place before this time. Meeting people for the first time may be great fun but go nowhere.

4/14 The moon enters Virgo at 2:40 am, setting up a task-oriented day. Perfect for editing, organizing, finding things in the cracks and research. Also good for seeing a body-worker or doing healing work.

4/15 Similar to yesterday's energy. Disagreements or disconnects may occur especially with women or conversations about money. Any important conversations or litigation today may frustrate instead of satisfy but this doesn't mean you can't eventually come to resolution. Just don't expect it today. Take it home to chew on it.

Once the moon is VOC* at 4:49 pm ET, the weekend in your mind has begun. Clear your desk and enjoy an evening with a workout, a pet's company and/or attending to the details of a project.

4/16 The moon enters Libra at 2:59 am ET, begging for a weekend of cultural enjoyment and relating. However, you may have work to do or the person you'd like to be with most is busy. Or you may be with him/her but disagreements reign. Depending on your temperament, this can be off-putting, devastating or annoying. Try to see it in terms of the see-saw of compromise. By the end of the day you can come to some common ground... but then, there's tomorrow!

4/17 Similar to yesterday, but with more give and take. Definitely make time this weekend for a movie, music or a meal somewhere you can all agree to enjoy!

Relationships are a beautiful gift to us on this planet, but they are also work. This weekend is about your responsibility to the relationships in your life. If they aren't working.... start with the source:you. **The Full Moon hits at 27°Libra 44”.**

The Sabian symbol for this degree is: *“A man in the midst of brightening influences”.* This is a wondrously hopeful picture in the setting of a potentially challenging weekend for relationships. Change is not only possible, but inevitable.

4/18 Those who like to produce with passion take heart, the moon in Scorpio over the next couple of days shines on singular focus, so go for it. A Mars/Saturn picture may indicate some friction if you want to go forward faster than certain obligations or restraints will allow. Patience will reward, so adjust where necessarily but keep moving forward. Excellent day for research, therapeutic arts and creative solutions.

4/19 Yesterday's energy continues with a heightened emphasis in communication. A time to reflect. Writers may yield a highly productive output. Whether or not you celebrate Passover, there is opportunity for relationships to deepen and the meaningfulness of the sacred to intensify.

4/20 The **Moon is VOC* from 12:53 am to 2:50 am ET.** Once it enters Sagittarius, your dreams may turn to flying instead of swimming. Early risers may feel an enthusiasm or restlessness as they ready for their day. The Sun enters Taurus at 6:18 am today. You may experience a conflict between wanting to relax and enjoy the view and wanting to be in motion. Hiking or a long walk may work to satisfy both urges. Then again, a meal in a restaurant that conjures an exotic location might do the trick. Ideas soar, especially when they have solid backing behind them. You can vet out the people who are willing to go the distance and the ones who are only willing to gaze at it.

4/21 The morning may be packed with activities which don't move as fast as you might like. Do the important things first, because as the day progresses, your schedule may change. **The moon is VOC* at 12:57 pm ET.** This sets up an afternoon which can be fun and full of discoveries. They may not be anything of lasting value to your life, but an open mind provides expansion. Any legal discussions are best shelved for another day.

4/22 The moon enters Capricorn at 6:24 am ET on this Earth Day and Good Friday. This indicates a sober mood in the recognition of these holidays, traditional for Good Friday, but not necessarily for Earth Day. Celebrations have an awareness to the practicality of Earth appreciation. There may be a larger corporate presence. On a personal level, you may evaluate certain behaviors in your life. This is the day before Mercury goes direct; tempers can be short and transit confused. Get clear on what you care about and as the phrase goes, *put your money where your mouth is.* A Venus/Uranus picture suggests unusual women, inspired creativity or an attraction to

something very different. This can be liberating or startling, depending on who is involved and how personally it effects you.

4/23 Mercury goes direct at 6:04 am, and it may be a bumpy morning. If you can avoid travel or important communications, you can use the time for meditating or a quiet breakfast. Applying yourself to a task is the most satisfying use of your time. Garden. Purge clutter. Otherwise you may be haunted by something you think you should do, even though you've arranged to have fun. The **moon is VOC* at 8:13 pm.** Overall this is a better day for work, errands and organizing than parties and fun.

4/24 The **moon is VOC* in the morning of Easter Sunday.** Bonnets may be more conservative and traditional on 5th Avenue. The moon enters Aquarius at 1:59 pm. Once this occurs you may feel a lightening of responsibility; a sense that maybe it is OK to take a walk through the park. Some bonnets may appear with eye-catching attachments. The value of the unusual increases. Conversations become more open-ended and ideas seem to offer new potentials.

4/25 Any project that you were editing or perfecting during the retrograde, may now be reading to launch. People you meet and conversations begun have great potential for panning into gold, either financially or emotionally. Keep alert for new thoughts because they're the ones that can re-seed a fallow landscape.

4/26 The **moon is VOC* at 7:28 am and stays that way all day.** If you work on a computer, this may be a terrific day for you to move through data and make headway with a project. Good day to seek insight from an intuitive or psychic source, whether within you or externally.

**Moon VOC/Void-of-Course: Avoid signing contracts, investing in a big purchase or beginning new projects or important conversations. Perfect time for clearing away clutter, finishing up loose ends, meditating or following serendipity. The "mood" of the period will be colored by the sign it is in... 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. If you're trying to solve a problem, you can connect the dots much more effectively once the moon enters Pisces.*

4/27 The moon enters Pisces at 12:57 am ET. Put any projects into action in the early part of the day, especially anything concerning investments. Be aware of your intuition, because there are many opportunities to connect with powerful people or situations that can transform a situation. Once **the moon goes VOC* at 3:52 pm,** any intense feelings may start to quiet. Now you can really reflect and review.

4/28 **The moon is VOC* all day in Pisces!** This can be blissful, or you may wonder what you did all day. Make artwork, write poetry or a song. Sing, listen to music, pray. Visit someone you don't particularly like but have to see. Today can be spiritually uplifting or vaguely numbing; your attitude on how to play with it makes all the difference.

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4/29 The morning is energetically similar to yesterday. Once the moon enters Aries at 1:33 pm, impulses go into overdrive. You may want to burn off the last couple of days quiet contemplation with a roar into the weekend. Things begun over the next couple of

days may have a lot of fire but the sustainability needs to be stoked by continual passion. If you can keep it fresh, it will keep going.

4/30 An Aries Moon in the sky may indicate an impatience throughout the day. Yet there are waves of spontaneous good-will to foster camaraderie. Enjoy a slap of an outstretched hand instead of focusing on what may highlight your differences. You may feel thwarted or limited by funds, but keep the fire of desire burning and you can run the race.