



April Newsletter

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Important April Dates

(All times are CST)

April 1 - All Fool's Day

April Fool's Day Lore

April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day occurs annually on April 1. The day is generally observed by playing a practical joke on a "victim" who soon becomes known as an April Fool. This custom is thought to have started in France during the 16th century but the British are credited with bringing it to the United States.

The commonly accepted origin of April Fool's Day involves changes in the calendar. At one time, the New Year celebration began on March 25 and ended on April 1. However, in 1582, King Charles IX adopted the Gregorian calendar and accepted the beginning of the new year as January 1. Those who refused to acknowledge the new date or simply forgot received foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The butt of such a prank was known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April fish."

April 14, 7:29 am - New Moon

New Moon in Aries

The New Moon is a time of rebirth - a time when we are given a chance to start fresh. The New Moon in the initiating, courageous, and energetic sign of Aries will occur on April 14, 2010 at 7:29 am.

What does this mean for you? The New Moon in Aries presents an excellent time to commit to personal goals that express the positive energies of the sign of the Ram:

- * take action - try something new and innovative, and go at it with gusto and confidence;
- * be assertive without being abrasive - take charge of your life;
- * act on a constructive impulse and follow a hunch, take a risk;
- * discover the benefits of expressing yourself with authenticity - express yourself as you are, without putting on airs;
- * find ways to learn how to rely on yourself and to be happy about doing so - it will go a long way towards finding inner happiness when you know that you can be self-sufficient without blaming others for not helping you out;
- * revitalize yourself through experiences that break the routine and that involve doing something new and fresh;
- * discover your own personal courage
- * start a brand new project.

One of Aries' "lessons" is to show a pure part of ourselves to the world. By acting upon our own inner impulses (constructive ones!) without fear, and by abandoning the need to refine these impulses based on what others might want us to do or what others think we "should" do, we learn more about ourselves. If we learn to depend on ourselves, we exude an all-new aura of strength that comes from personal integrity and confidence, and a pure and innocent charm.

April 17, 11:06 pm until May 11, 5:27 pm - Mercury Retrograde

Mercury Retrograde in Taurus

On Saturday, April 17th, 2010, Mercury the wise communicator—and universal trickster—turns retrograde at 12°37' Taurus, in the sign of the Bull, sending communications, travel, appointments, mail and the www into a general snarlup! The retro period begins some days before the actual turning point (as Mercury slows) and lasts for three weeks or so, until May 11, 2010, when the Winged Messenger reaches his direct station. At this time he halts and begins his return to direct motion through the zodiac.

Everything finally straightens out on May 28, as he passes the point where he first turned retrograde. Mercury normally turns retrograde three times a year, but this year he turns tail four times, which is unusual. The effects of each period differ, according to the sign in which it happens.

A planet is described as retrograde when it appears to be moving backwards through the zodiac. According to modern science, this traditional concept arises in the illusory planetary motion created by the orbital rotation of the earth with relation to other planets in our solar system. It's a bit like traveling on the road watching another car beside you: when the other car slows down, or you speed up, it looks as though the other car is moving backwards. Planets are never actually retrograde or stationary, they just seem that way due to this cosmic shadow-play.

Retrograde periods, although often problematic for us earthlings, are not particularly uncommon. Each planet retrogrades, except the Sun and Moon. Although a powerful astrological influence, Mercury is quite a small planet that travels at a relatively fast speed through the zodiac. Despite being the closest planet in our solar system to the Sun, Mercury is not always in the same sign as the Sun. Mercury turns retrograde this time in Taurus while the Sun is in Aries, but the Sun moves into Taurus on Apr. 20 (with Mercury still in Taurus); however, the Sun enters Gemini on May 21, whilst Mercury, having turned direct, is still gathering speed in Taurus and does not reach his home in Gemini until June 10.

Fated Events

As a rule, retrograde planets mark a period of seemingly inevitable or fated events that relate to their sphere of influence. Unresolved issues from the past tend to rear their heads. Retro phases present us with a series of

events over which we seem to have little or no conscious control, relating especially to the sign in which the retrogradation occurs. For example, Mercury retrograde in Libra (relationships; tastes; harmony) awakened quite different sets of circumstances from those generated when he retrograded into Virgo (analysis; critical ability).

A retrograde period is best seen as a cycle, beginning when a planet begins to slow to a halt before traveling backwards through the zodiac, and ending when it returns to the point where it first paused. However, during the cycle, a planet's energy is most powerful (and more likely to generate critical events of universal importance) when the planet makes a station: appearing motionless in the sky.

These stationary periods occur near the beginning of the cycle (when the planet first halts as it prepares to move backwards) and midway through the cycle when the retrograde planet slows to a stop before moving forward again. The direct station (when the planet halts before moving forward again) is the most powerful and can be used for maximum benefit.

Mercury Shadow Phases

Many astrologers consider that the "Mercury Shadow" begins between two and three weeks before the actual retro station; so the "shadow phase" begins on April 4, when Mercury passes the point of direct station for the first time in this cycle. This view has some justification, but the really noticeable peculiarities begin when Mercury slows significantly, a few days before the retro station.

This period of "Mercury Shadow" extends to the Return date, something under three weeks after the direct station. Bear this in mind, because experience shows that the effects of the retro period are still marked during the shadow phase. Some of the most characteristic annoyances often occur just after Mercury makes the direct station, while he is crawling forward before picking up speed.

What does Mercury affect?

In general, Mercury rules thinking and perception, processing and disseminating information and all means of communication, commerce, education and transportation. By extension, Mercury rules people who work in these areas, especially those who work with their minds or their wits: writers and orators, commentators and critics, gossips and spin doctors, teachers, travelers, tricksters and thieves.

Mercury retrograde gives rise to personal misunderstandings; flawed, disrupted, or delayed communications, negotiations and trade; glitches and breakdowns with phones, computers, cars, buses, and trains. And all of these problems usually arise because some crucial piece of information, or component, has gone astray or awry.

It is not exactly wise to make important decisions while Mercury is retrograde, since it is likely that such decisions will be clouded by misinformation, poor communication and careless thinking. Mercury is all about mental clarity and the power of the mind, so when Mercury is retrograde these intellectual characteristics tend to be less acute than usual, as the critical faculties are dimmed. Make sure you pay attention to the small print!

The Key Issue

The key issue here is one of focus. Mercury's retro phase tends to bring unforeseen changes and blockages, but the aggravation and frustration that many of us experience during these periods is often due to our own inability to roll with the punches. Is this due to our ego-fixation?

Mercury sets out to restructure our thinking processes and for many of us this is painful and frustrating. Unresolved issues from the past tend to push themselves forward. Moreover, these experiences reveal flaws in our internal organization as well as our external planning, which can make us feel foolish and inadequate.

Mercury retrograde, like any cosmic aspect, affects people differently, depending on where it hits their personal charts. Some people actually prosper under a retro Mercury, especially if Mercury is retrograde but otherwise well-aspected in their birth charts. For example, I have heard of some who excel in the way they play roulette under a retrograde Mercury! It is also a time when matters begun under a previous retro period will come to fruition, or completion as the case may be. Firm decisions that have been previously made when Mercury is traveling normally through the zodiac may be implemented or finalized while Mercury is retrograde without too much worry, for experience shows that this can be done without undue problems arising.

Mercury Retrograde in Taurus Taurus, the Bull

When Mercury is retrograde, everyone's thinking is more introspective; we tend to think about issues and concerns that relate to the sign involved. With Mercury retrograde in Taurus, people with this sign prominent in their charts will be especially prone to such introspection. Taurus is a Fixed Sign, so the other Fixed Signs, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius will also receive a touch of the lash!

Mercury turns retro on April 17 at 12°37' Taurus, amidst a welter of planetary aspects, the most notable being the stressful square to Mars, which is certainly aggravating and has been since April 4. This aspect will be particularly strong on the 25th and 26th of April, when trying to get things done is frustrating. Incorrect information or directions may cause you to be too early, or too late. The wretched car may break down, or transportation delays trash your travel schedule. Buying a car or other equipment may be beset by snags. Others may say things, or use methods that provoke you. Avoid rash behavior; make sure you understand any information you receive. No matter what the headaches, you still make measurable progress. You are likely to be more competitive or aggressive, which can help you accomplish more. Protect yourself against airborne colds and fever and take extra precautions when handling electrical equipment and volatile materials.

One aspect on this day tending to moderate the difficulties is a nice sextile between the two benefics, Venus and Jupiter. Venus is in her own sign, Taurus, which is generally favorable, especially as Mercury is there too, and Jupiter is in his own sign, Pisces, so the benefits of the aspect are strengthened. It brings social opportunities, especially in the arts, theatre and publishing. It might bring some good luck, but the impending square from the Moon to Jupiter later in the day suggests that the good fortune it brings may be rather overstated, seeming better than it really is. Still, if you are careful and act quickly, you might strike it lucky. It should be pointed out that Venus rules Mercury during this phase, so matters connected with fashion, money, greed, feasting, love, sex and sensuality will be the flavor of the month. This said, and notwithstanding the nice aspect to Jupiter, Venus is conjunct the decidedly malefic fixed star, Caput Algol, the Gorgon's Head. The conjunction reaches full force on April 22, so expect a wild time. This unfortunate star is a pulsing binary, known for its passionate, intense and even hysterical tendencies. Always a signal that there's something deeper at work. Female sexuality runs rampant and it is also associated with extreme creativity, an expression of the Dark Side.

However, as Venus is applying to the auspicious trine aspect to Saturn (which has just retrograded back across the border into Virgo) it marks a good time to work towards long-term success, and to form substantial, long-lasting relationships based on mutual commitment and respect. The power of womankind, thanks to Algol, is magnified and yet stabilized. This aspect is at its peak on the 24th and 25th of April, so it is surrounded by quite a bit of noise and martial clamor, thanks to the Mercury/Mars square the same weekend. This reinforces the need to tread warily and be sure to pay attention to the details.

Since we are talking of Saturn, the Grim Reaper, we need to pay attention to the opposition between Saturn and Jupiter, which is stimulated during this phase and magnified by Saturn's unfortunate opposition to Uranus. Jupiter is applying to the conjunction with Uranus in Pisces, which is active during this phase, but actually hits harder during the latter half of the year (see my article on Jupiter's Transit through Pisces). Jupiter and Saturn are known to astrologers as the Great Chronocrators, or Time Lords, and their interaction marks big changes in society and in personal lives. The presence of Uranus suggests that even greater societal developments will be stimulated by this opposition, with unfortunate legislation and the collapse of structures, as indeed we have seen in recent times. These will come forward again with a vengeance as Saturn makes his final pass through Virgo over the coming months. Responsibilities, restrictions, rules and regulations will be in direct conflict with freedom, and this situation is apt to be a key factor in blocking your progress, happiness, success, or whatever else you are after, especially if you were born in the years 1949, 1950 and 1951 or in 1978, 1979, or 1980. Resist the promise of something new and hang on to what you have, at least for the time being. It is important to realize that you will probably not be able to remove the forces that oppose you, which only leaves the option of finding a constructive way to work around them, or with them.

Mercury turns retrograde conjunct the Fixed Star Achird, a binary star, orange and violet, in the girdle of Cassiopeia, the Ethiopian Queen, the mother of Andromeda. She is said to have boasted that not only Andromeda but she herself was fairer than the Nereids, and for that reason she was bound to her chair and condemned to circle the pole head downwards as a lesson in humility. According to Ptolemy, this constellation is of the nature of Saturn and Venus. It is said to give haughtiness, boastfulness and exaggerated pride, but at the same time the power of commanding respect. It is associated by the Kabalists with the Hebrew letter Beth and the 2nd Tarot Trump, The High Priestess.

Mercury retro in Taurus, a Venus-ruled sign, is sometimes indicative of stuttering, hoarseness and other vocal disorders, as you would expect. However, symptoms of deafness; asthma and bronchitis; foot pains; arrhythmia; muscle tics and tremors can also arise. Taurus is practical and determined, pleasant, fond of the opposite sex, music, art and all intellectual and refined amusements, and Mercury here does not usually jump to conclusions or easily accept new ideas. The mind is slow to reason, but once a conclusion is reached, does not easily change; hence the retro phase can see stubborn errors with long-term consequences. Stick to practical applications, as flights of imagination are not well-favored.

The obstinacy and stubbornness of the Bull are marked characteristics of this phase, and apply particularly to communication, travel, sales, academia and all mental pursuits. A strong desire for money, possessions and a fixed income may divert our attention from what is really happening. This position can indicate hoarseness and laryngitis from nervousness and talking for too long. Drink adequate amounts of water to offset hoarseness and proneness to asthma and bronchitis. Apple juice, buckwheat, oats and wheatgrass juice may offset the negatives somewhat (no, not necessarily all mixed together!).

Mercury turns direct at 2° Taurus 41' on May 11th, conjunct the Fixed Star Sharatan, a violent star in the Ram's Horn. This star stimulates aggressive behavior, yet was known by the ancient Persians as a protector—but probably the kind of protection we could do without (example: Blackwater, the massive private army still under other names providing "security" in Iraq).

Other fixed stars in Taurus are activated too, by the Mercury and Venus passage through Taurus and by the square from Mars. These are likely to see escalation in military conflict, especially by the West against Muslim forces—and probably not to the benefit of the Muslims. Let us hope that the fixed ideas threatened by Mercury retro in Taurus do not become so entrenched that they extend the conflicts and generate more useless loss of life.

All areas of communication are affected by this phase, especially in matters connected with security, structured thinking, the exposition of traditional ideas and conservative methods; women's rights and obligations and their

role in society; sensual delights, displays of wealth, sexual pleasures and communications connected with such matters. This period brings travel snafus, mail mishaps and missed appointments of all kinds. Documents can go astray. Be sure to carry a diary and refer to it often.

April 28, 7:19 am - Full Moon

The Wind Moon

To the Cherokee, April is the Flower Moon. In the warm southeast, forests and meadows bloom with life and color. The Choctaw call this the Wildcat Moon. Lynxes and bobcats become more active. To the Dakota Sioux, this is the Moon When Geese Return in Scattered Formation. These dramatic birds migrating north mark the return of spring.

April bursts forth with new life. In warmer regions, it is time to plant crops and watch wild plants grow. Birds are nesting; animals often have young beside them. In colder climes, the warmth of spring is just arriving. As natural-food sources emerge, you can taper off most supplemental feeding for wildlife. Observe which animals and birds become active. Bring freshly picked flowers indoors to chase away the dullness of the cold season.

In ritual, this is a good time to honor plant and animal spirits. Work with flower totems and animals associated with spring such as rabbits, ducks, geese, cats and sheep. Cast a circle with flowers, or do spells using the energy of flower seeds or bulbs that will help manifest your desire as the plants grow. Wish on a flock of flying geese to speed your dreams toward reality.

~ Elizabeth Barrette

May 1 - Beltane

Beltane

Animals/Mythical Creatures - the white cow, goats, giants, rabbits, honey bees, faeries, satyrs, pegasus

Gemstones - emerald, orange carnelian, sapphire, rose quartz, lazuli, sapphire, yellow agate, bloodstone

Incense/Oil - passion flower, frankincense, tuberose, vanilla, lilac, rose

Colors/Candles - red & white (symbolizing God and Goddess), dark green, dark yellow, rainbow spectrum, blue, pastels, all colors

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - maypole & ribbons, flower crowns, fires, bowers, fields, May baskets, white flowers and ribbons, daisy chain, flower chaplet, white wine in clear crystal glass, chalice, butter churn, blackthorn & hawthorn branches, seasonal fruit

Goddesses - May Queen, Flora, Maia, Flower Goddesses, Lady of the Greenwood, Divine Couples, and Goddesses of the Hunt, Aphrodite(Greek) Blodewedd (Welsh), Erzulie (Voodun), Baubo (Greek)Rhea (Cretean), Prithvi (Hindu)

Gods - May King, Jack in the Green, Horned God (European), Herne (Greek), Green Man, Bel (Celtic), Baal (Phoenician), Gods of the Hunt,

Essence - compassion, youthful play, exuberance, sensuality, pleasure, action

Dynamics/Meaning - sacred marriage of the Lord and the Lady, arrival of the Tuatha de Dannan in Ireland

Purpose - fertility festival, celebrate 1st day of Celtic summer, 1st day of the light half of the year

Rituals/Magick - The Great Rite, love, romance & fertility magick, elf & faery power, offerings to elementals, crop blessings, relighting sacred fires, divination, building shrines, fire-calling, honoring house guardians, snake dancing, bathing faces in the morning dew of May to retain their youthful beauty

Customs - maypole erection, dancing around the maypole, bonfires, jumping fire, mating, picking flowers, making flower baskets, frolicking throughout the countryside, archery tournaments, sword dances, feasting, drinking and music, moving the herds to high pasture

Foods - dairy, honey, oats, red fruits, herbal salads, red/pink wine punch, large round oatmeal/barley cakes, sweets

Herbs - almond, angelica, damiana, hawthorn, hibiscus, saffron, ash tree, bluebells, cinquefoil, daisy, frankincense, hawthorn, ivy, lilac, marsh marigold, meadowsweet, primrose, roses, woodruff, yellow cowslip, yarrow

Element/Gender - air/male

Threshold - dawn

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Herb of the Month

Peppermint - Air/Venus, Gender - Feminine, Also associated with the element of Fire, Parts Used - The whole Herb, Magickal Properties - Purification, Healing, Sleep, Uses - Some Love and Prosperity Wishes, burn the herb in a new home to clear out all negative sickness energies, carry with other herbs for boosting love and abundance, place on person or their picture for haste in healing, also used when changes are needed in one's life, gives the added push needed, also used in a tea to help ease tensions

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Stone of the Month

Azurite - This is a mineral of intense dark blue color, a close relative of Malachite. Its name is derived from Arabic word "azul", meaning "blue". In old ages Azurite was used to produce a dark blue paint. In Ancient Egypt Azurite was considered a magic stone, that served to increase spiritual powers. Azurite is a gem that expands the limits of the conscious realm. It promotes a healthy re-evaluation of one's life and helps to uncover the hidden abilities and talents. If you are going through a difficult stretch in your life - a time full of anxiety and wasteful decisions - try to wear a jewelry piece with Azurite, as it will calm and streamline your thoughts. It will help you to bring your true aspirations back into the consciousness, making you are again aware of your real values and desires. It awakens psychic ability, insight, intuition and the Third eye. Excellent for clearing the mind in meditation.

Rune of the Month

✧ **Perthro** (P: Lot cup, vagina.) - Uncertain meaning, a secret matter, a mystery, hidden things and occult abilities. Initiation, knowledge of one's destiny, knowledge of future matters, determining the future or your path. Pertaining to things feminine, feminine mysteries including female fertility, and vagina. Good lot, fellowship and joy. Evolutionary change. Perthro Reversed or Merkstave: Addiction, stagnation, loneliness, malaise.

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Tarot Card of the Month

High Priestess - The High Priestess is the card of knowledge, instinctual, supernatural, secret knowledge. She holds scrolls of arcane information that she might, or might not reveal to you. The moon crown on her head as well as the crescent by her foot indicates her willingness to illuminate what you otherwise might not see, reveal the secrets you need to know in order to make a decision about a problem or a job, an investment, love, career, family, etc.

And, finally, there is, behind her throne, the curtain that leads to the deepest, most esoteric and secret knowledge; the pomegranates that decorate it remind us of Persephone, who was taken down into the land of the dead, ate its fruit, and became the only goddess allowed to travel to and from that strange land. This indicates that when you get the High Priestess, you're going to be learning some very odd things. Very odd.

If there is a card that symbolizes the tarot reader it is the High Priestess. A woman (or man!) of psychic powers, intuition and secret knowledge. Where the Magician is about revealing, the High Priestess is about keeping things hidden behind the curtain. Things you know, but don't tell.

If the reader feels the High Priestess stands for the Querent, then this is a time of solitary investigation and the passing on of secret knowledge. The Querent might find themselves spending time in old libraries, reading through dusty documents and letters, or studying old religious texts. Things kept secret will be revealed to them. Likewise, these secrets might come to them psychically by way of visions or powerful instincts. Insights may be found in crystal balls, tea leaves, dreams or conversations with spirits.

Standing for someone other than the Querent, the High Priestess is usually read as a spiritual woman, a nun or astrologer, a teacher of archaic knowledge, or just a reclusive relative who knows many family secrets. She is a repository of obscure knowledge, a walking library with uncanny instincts and insights. She may, as well, come across as cold, unpredictable, even scary.

As a card, the High Priestess is about knowledge. "I've a new idea," says the querent--thanks to the Magician. Maybe they've realized they want to be an painter or run for office or open their own business. But how do they decide what they want to paint? How do they decide which public office to run for? How do they find out where to start their new business? Knowledge - insider knowledge from some old expert being the best. The more secrets the querent knows, the easier it is to know what to do with the idea. This is the job of the High Priestess, to offer secret knowledge, like the moon on a dark night, so that the querent can find their path. She sits between the pillars of dark and light, existence and negation, wax and wane. All secret knowledge is hers.

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Correspondence of the Month

Flowers

Rose Acacia - friendship
Amaryllis - beautiful but timid
Blue Bell - constancy
Buttercup - riches; memories of childhood
Camellia - gratitude; perfect loveliness
Carnation - pure and deep love
White Clover - I promise
Four Leaf Clover - be mine
Red Columbine - anxious and trembling
Dahlia - dignity and elegance
Daffodil - unrequited love
Garden Daisy - I share your feelings
Single Field Daisy - I will think of it
Dandelion - oracle; coquetry
Foxglove - insincerity; occupation
Rose Geranium - I prefer you
Honeysuckle - devoted love; fidelity
Hyacinth - constancy; benevolence
White Jasmine - amiability
Jonquil - desire; affection returned
Lavender - mistrust
Purple Lilac - first emotions of love
White Lily - majesty; purity
Lily of the Valley - return of happiness
Lupine - dejection
Magnolia - love of nature
Marigold - sacred affection
Garden Marigold - grief; chagrin
Mignonette - your qualities surpass your charms
Morning Glory - coquetry; affection
Myrtle - love in absence
Purple Pansy - you occupy my thoughts

Periwinkle - sweet memories
Phlox - our hearts are united
Pimpernel - rendezvous; change
Primrose - modest worth; silent love
Rhododendron - agitation
Rosebud - confession on love
Red Rose - I love you
White Rose - silence
Yellow Rose - infidelity, unfaithfulness
Snapdragon - presumption
Snowball - goodness; thoughts of heaven
Snowdrop - consolation; a friend in adversity
Sunflower - false riches
Sweet Pea - a meeting
Red Tulip - declaration of love
Blue Violet - faithfulness
White Violet - purity; candor; modesty
Zinnia - I mourn your absence

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Spell of the Month

Maiden Healing Ritual

Perform this at the new moon. Decorate the altar with fresh flowers, sprouts, spring water, and images of maiden goddesses. Light some white, pink, and blue candles and some incense of your choice. Prepare a ritual bath with lavender, saffron, and laurel. Say:

"I am Maiden, beautiful,
Renewed, Refreshed, Reborn."

Let the water drain out, and imagine all the negative emotions and thoughts draining away from you. Sit at the altar and light the candles. Say:

"With this flame I ignite within me
The spirit of the maiden."

Now would be a good time to either meditate, or invoke a maiden goddess that you feel close to.

"I am whole unto myself, I am the bright maiden
Strong, invincible, free., I am the dark maiden
Cloaked in veils and mystery., I am the pulse of the sun
And the pull of the moon., Flowing from one to the other
In perfect harmony., Where I walk, no one can hinder me.
I am maiden, forever young and free."

Drink the blessed spring water. Say:

"Maiden Goddesses,, I drink of thy sweetness and strength
And am thus filled with thy spirit."

Eat some sprouts. Say:

"As this seed bursts with new life., So am I filled with vitality."

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