



## VIRGO 2018 NEWSLETTER Compliments of Alice DeVille

This year Labor Day falls on Monday, September 3, the day before many students return to school. Virgo, the Mercury-ruled sign gives a thumbs up to common sense and puts life into tying up loose ends. The holiday honors the American labor movement and those who make contributions to the prosperity of our country. Take time to relax and honor productivity and accomplishments with style. Virgo likes to party so treat your favorite honoree to a feast of healthy, tasty foods from summer's bounty, the perfect fruity punch and a decadent chocolate dessert. Your generous spirit and thoughtfulness appeal to the heart of Virgo's Universe.

### Important Dates

September 3: Labor Day  
September 9: Grandparents' Day, Rosh Hashanah Begins  
September 11: Seventeenth Anniversary of 9/11; Patriot Day  
September 18: Yom Kippur Begins  
September 22: Autumn Begins

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Happy birthday to JB and MB; happy anniversary to M&P

**Security:** Trending this month are scams that are conveniently attaching invoices so that you can pay for the books, materials, drugs, jewelry or other goods you supposedly ordered; if you see this mystery subject line and know you did not order anything, move the message to SPAM. Winner of the July client drawing was MR; August's drawing will be for a \$10 gift certificate to apply to your next consultation. Book a one hour or more consultation to be eligible for the September drawing.

### VIRGO'S BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Happy Birthday, Virgo!** Both Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn trine your Sun this year from your solar 5<sup>th</sup> House giving you greater opportunities to socialize, travel and bond with love connections. Uranus in Taurus chimes in now. Relationships of all types take center stage with emphasis on your 7<sup>th</sup> House of partners. You are the Mercury-ruled sign that has rulership over the 6<sup>th</sup> house of work, daily environments and routines,

health consciousness, medical advice, pets, colleagues, alternative medicine, workouts, nutrition, certain medications, herbs, spices, your kitchen's utility, pets the size of dogs or smaller, vitamins, efficiency of output, body workers and assimilation of facts and information. A Virgo or an individual with well-placed planets in the 6<sup>th</sup> House probably wrote the book on organization. Mercury drives your mental state attracting you to employment in communication-oriented careers, fact-finding and research firms, libraries, think tanks, body working, health fields, publications (writing, editing, journalism and collaborative ventures), problem-solving or administrative support roles. Virgos enjoy taking charge and looking for whatever needs attention, using systems that keep them on top of work and social scheduling. Certain Virgos excel at space management and design while others prefer the healing modalities, massage, nursing, x-ray technician fields and veterinary medicine. Whether creating light fare, a full banquet or family feasts, you can cook with the best of them without sacrificing the nutritional value of food. Many a Virgo owns a restaurant or catering firm. A plus is that your sign understands planning processes and thrives on using them for daily balance. Virgo rules the bowels and intestines; digestion problems may pester you, while some Virgos are hypochondriacs, pop vitamins excessively, or can be germaphobes. You can be picky about select life conditions and won't give those you don't like a break. Although known for preferring an orderly environment, certain Virgos have no interest in domestic chores like cleaning the oven, scrubbing the toilets and general housekeeping. Exhausted from setting milestones in the workplace, you might consider hiring a maid and spending down time relaxing your brain. This year the Sun enters your sign on August 23 at 12:09 AM EDT and leaves on September 22 at 9:54 PM EDT.

Your birthday year starts out with **Jupiter in Scorpio in its final months** in your solar 3<sup>rd</sup> house of mental attitudes, siblings, neighborhoods, communities, transportation, communication, electronics, networks and education. If you have been looking to land a contract, open up serious discussions to iron out differences or make school-related decisions, your time is now. The pressure is on to perform and so is the opportunity for rewards. A work schedule or job change is possible for many Virgos. One reason for this shift is that **Mars in Aquarius has been occupying considerable time in your solar 6<sup>th</sup> house of the daily work environment during 2018 through mid-November**. You will feel it especially from September 10-November 15 as you work through sources of workplace stress. Be sure to check your health and visit the dentist. **Jupiter moves to Sagittarius and your 4<sup>th</sup> House of home, foundation, family, household matters and real estate on November 9, 2018**, indicating your home and the people in it may claim the lion's share of your attention for the next year. What projects need your attention; how about family members? Are you interested in relocating? If so, you have preparation details ahead to get your home ready for the resale market. Your residence may sell quickly so spend time searching for a new home compatible to your commuting and living needs. A family member could leave, come for an extended stay or you may have an unusual number of visitors to your home this year; remodeling or redecorating are also strong possibilities. Enjoy family-related rewards and inheritances. **Saturn in Capricorn is in its early stages of its 2-1/2-year cycle in this sign and occupies your 5<sup>th</sup> House of entertainment, romance, social life, vacations, recreation, fitness programs, sports, children, coaching, taking risks, self-employment and speculative ventures**. You could wind up with so many invitations that you have to say no because work and household commitments have accelerated. Think of the fun you'll have with diverse venues

beckoning you to enjoy them. Be camera ready to capture adventures, family reunions and sporting events. With Saturn in the 5<sup>th</sup> House, you may be working from home more due to transportation snags or because you are starting a home-based business. Virgos born August 22-September 12 see the most action through September 2019. **Enjoy the blessings you encounter.** Fame or recognition for some; hosting events for others. Organization skills set the bar and keep plans fluid. **Jittery Uranus in calculating Taurus stirs the pot favorably for Virgos born August 22-28 in your solar 9<sup>th</sup> House of long-distance travel, higher education, spiritual interests, foreigners and their cultures, in-laws, politics, journalism and career moves.** You may get an inkling of changes that are in the works for spring or later in 2019 due to the nature and frequency of meetings and conversations that become the fabric of key relationships. For some Virgos that can mean moves, mergers or consolidations. It could find you in a graduate program, studying foreign languages or transferring to a new location. **Uranus has not completely played out in Aries due to retrograde motion and a return to your solar 8<sup>th</sup> House of private or intimate relationships, partnership funds, debt load analysis, matters related to wills** and estate matters or retirement accounts, gaining greater insight into death and rebirth, receiving inheritances and deep healing of matters lodged in the subconscious which takes place from November 7, 2018-March 6, 2019. You'll get help from this rambunctious planet in rebellious Aries in completing the probe and assimilating the findings that have shaken loose over the past 7+ years. This period represents paying back debt and settling financial matters. Once Uranus goes back to Taurus, you may be free and clear of old ghosts. Seek advice if you feel shaky; then unload the baggage including the psychological stuff. Fine tune financial plans and welcome solvency. **Neptune in Pisces contacts your Virgo Sun via opposition through the end of your 2018 birthday cycle in your solar 7<sup>th</sup> House of both business and personal partners, the public, marriage and roommate alliances, and cooperative ventures especially if you were born September 5-12.** For many of you it's time to do a relationship check on those already in your romantic life, new entrants vying for your heart or new partners in your business or work world. A little romance is good for you when the vibes are right; when they leave you confused and wondering what you missed, it's time to take a deep breath and ask questions. You can walk away if it is just not the right one for you. On the other hand, you sometimes are just too analytical and don't understand the motives or mind sets of kind souls in your midst. You'll dismiss people who care without a thought for their feelings only to find out much later that your abstract thinking was in the way of understanding them. Take time to dissolve boundaries that attract negative energy and ignite confusion. Neptune's positive mystique creates an opportunity to loosen up and let others into your life. Trust is important to developing meaningful relationships that include spiritual integrity and a clear vision for the future. Get to know the true essence of others. Neptune in Pisces remains active until 2025 influencing your solar 7<sup>th</sup> House. Seek honest advisors and collaborators. **Pluto in Capricorn is in your solar 5<sup>th</sup> House of social and romantic life, sports, children, competition, risk taking, speculation, outdoor activity, vacation destinations and dating and resonates strongly with Virgos born September 11-14 through the next 12 months of your birthday cycle. Keep eliminating old and stale concepts while you embrace ways to increase your personal power. Pluto is in a positive trine aspect to your Sun and reveals ways to enjoy life and appreciate fun and adventure.** Complex Virgos have trouble settling in to new routines. This year they face the challenge of finding space for more fun and games. The 5<sup>th</sup> house represents creativity and play time, yet you make excuses for

not phoning friends and relatives by hiding behind responsibilities. Even if tasks may have increased and will continue to do so with Saturn in Capricorn falling in this house for the next 2+ years, you just don't want to be more inclusive unless it suits you. Here's your chance to build relationships with children and loved ones. Feel what it is like to be on solid ground with your life plan and include the joy that helps you feel love. Be sure you deal with potentially difficult family differences to avoid permanent rifts. You don't buy credibility by acting like an ostrich. If you have met a potential love partner, this relationship could lead to an engagement. While Pluto stays close in the next 7 years, enjoy the adventures and the new insight.

The year 2018 has five eclipses that affect you through January 2019 and you have already experienced all of them; 5 more eclipses affect your chart in 2019; 4 before your 2018-19 cycle ends. The influence of eclipses can last up to 12 months or more and you sometimes experience changes that occur ahead of time. Although two eclipses occurred in January and February of 2018, only three of the remaining 2018 eclipses are still applying to your chart. They highlight several of your solar houses in this order: 11<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and the 2019 eclipses fall in your solar 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> houses in that order. The strongest emphasis is on how you are handling group involvement, friendships, goals and social events. The second New Moon eclipse of 2018 fell on July 12<sup>th</sup> in Cancer in your 11<sup>th</sup> House of groups, friendships, the organization's resources, associations, humanitarian endeavors, goals, wishes, plans and dreams and affects you through January 5. What are the goals or plans that are driving your world now? Those are the areas to look for new relationships and meaningful change because you find people in sync with your ideology and desire to expand your outlook in life. Part of this cycle is fitting in with new groups you may have joined or examining the philosophy of other groups, including your work organization. Some of you may be surprised by reunions and sudden encounters with people from your past - see the quote of the month for clues. A lunar eclipse that affects your feelings about your work and home environment occurred in Aquarius on July 27<sup>th</sup> in your solar 6<sup>th</sup> House of the daily routine and emphasizes behind-the-scenes activity related to health matters, nutrition, organization and group dynamics. Perhaps you received news about stability in the work place, current or shifting assignments, promotions or downsizing. Conditions depend on the positions of planets in your natal chart and how they connect with this eclipse. Be sure to open up communication if in doubt. Many of you are in an expansion mode and may turn part-time work into full-time or start your own business; others take cooking or fitness lessons. Since the February eclipse, many of you have moved to a new home or changed jobs. Stay flexible because you could be surprised by someone you least expect. Enjoy your cozy nest. The last solar eclipse of 2018 occurred on August 11<sup>th</sup> in Leo in your solar 12<sup>th</sup> House of secret activity and plans, confidential matters including others' secrets, hospital and institutional visits, emotional healing, metaphysics and psychic phenomena. You have been keeping secrets and may still want to do so even though you may experience relief if you talk about your challenges. Surgery and sufficient time to recuperate is in the works for certain Virgos, while others recover from traumatic events. Many Virgos visit the sick among family and friends or attend funerals for people in their circle. You may be among the Virgos who receive recognition for a job well done via a promotion or large bonus. By the end of 2019 you will have experienced significant change and met several goals. In 2019, the 5 eclipses fall largely in Capricorn and Cancer; the first four fall before your 2019 birthday. The first solar eclipse of 2019 falls in

**Capricorn on January 5<sup>th</sup> in your Solar 5<sup>th</sup> House in the company of transiting Saturn and Pluto in that House.** This department could be the main seat of action for you in 2019 - decisions to make about children and their interests, business investments, creative ventures, recreational pursuits and your social life and vacations. Single Virgos may marry or get engaged. Limitations related to location or expenses loom calling for reasonable solutions. Bonding with children is a strong priority for a number of Leos by way of school interests and sports. **On January 21<sup>st</sup> the first full Moon eclipse occurs in Leo in your solar 12<sup>th</sup> House of secrets, seclusion, retreat and private issues. This is the last eclipse in the Leo-Aquarius series.** What private material are you working on or which plans are in the works that are not ready for sharing? You should be far enough along with what you developed during 2018 to just put the finishing touches on your work and breathe freely. Share discretely. Some of you may retreat to have surgery or heal your body or mind; others take vacations to recharge batteries after pressing assignments leave you exhausted. Enjoy quiet time and meditate, read and relax. **The second solar eclipse of 2019 falls in Cancer on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in your solar 11<sup>th</sup> House of associations, groups, friendships, humanitarian matters, politics, goals, wishes, plans and leadership roles.** This position adds discretion to your already astute analytical skills. You may meet members of new organizations that pique your interest and will find these unfolding relationships taking up considerable time in the next two years. You're one of those individuals who is cleaning house and choosing new options. This eclipse leads to new professional connections or helps you examine workplace solvency. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Moon eclipse of 2019 falls in Capricorn on July 16 in your solar 5<sup>th</sup> House, currently one of the most important departments in your chart.** Romantic partners seem to come forward with no effort - at work, on vacation, at sport and entertainment events and at the PTA. Children's interests bring fun and adventure while you make plans for recreational opportunities. If you have an entrepreneurial heart, new doors open. If you're game, you can run with creative ideas and inventions or start your own business. Publicity or acknowledgement of performance excellence is likely. Enjoy the exciting shifts these eclipses bring to heal, display happiness, uncover the predicaments and generate soul growth. The final eclipse of 2019 occurs in December 2019 and will be discussed in next year's Virgo update. This section may also be valid if your Ascendant or Rising Sign is in Virgo or you have multiple planets in the signs mentioned.

**Famous Virgos include:** Adam Sandler, River Phoenix, Hugh Grant, Amy Irving, Kobe Bryant, Rick Springfield, Melissa McCarthy, Steve Guttenberg, Dave Chappelle, Billy Ray Cyrus, Claudia Schiffer, Sean Connery, Rupert Grint, Chad Michael Murray, Jack Black, Regis Philbin, Gene Simmons, Rachel Bilson, Elvis Costello, Macaulay Culkin, Sarah Chalke, Paul Reubens, Jason Priestly, LeAnn Rimes, David Arquette, Pink, Colin Firth, Shania Twain, Michael Jackson, Cameron Diaz, Van Morrison, Joan Jett, Faith Hill, Pink, Richard Gere, Gloria Estefan, Mark Harmon, Lily Tomlin, Keanu Reeves, Charlie Sheen, Jada Pinkett Smith, Marc Anthony, Guy Richie, Shannon Elizabeth, Ludacris, Salma Hayek, Beyoncé Knowles, Raquel Welch, Rosie Perez, Rachel Hunter, Michelle Williams, Lance Armstrong, Tyler Perry, Rachel Ward, Fiona Apple, Charles Kuralt, Ryan Phillippe, Virginia Madsen, Rachel Ward, Fiona Apple, Sam Neill, Leonard Cohen, Trisha Yearwood, Amy Poehler, Tommy Lee Jones, David Copperfield, Mickey Rourke, Jeremy Irons, Jimmy Fallon, Sophia Loren, Bill Murray, Luke Wilson, Faith Hill, Rose McGowan, Jason Alexander, Nicole Richie, Ricki Lake, Stephen King, Eric Stoltz and Scott Baio.

## PLANETS POSITIONS AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

Eclipses create opportunities in the houses or departments of life in which they occur. Most of the eclipses in 2018 are in Leo and Aquarius with the exception of the July 12 Cancer Solar eclipse which exudes power through January 2019. If you are a member of any of these signs, be sure you understand the impact of these eclipses in your chart. Capricorn, Taurus, Scorpio, Aries and Libra should also pay attention to the houses these eclipses visit.

The Virgo cycle begins with **Mercury direct as of August 19 in Leo**, moving to Virgo on September 6 and then to Libra on September 21. The messenger planet reminds us to be sincere and upbeat in communication and to cultivate good listening skills. Use good etiquette in creating social media messages. **Venus starts out in partnership-oriented Libra and moves to seductive Scorpio on September 10**. Be cautious in both love and financial dealings - Venus rules both - and this planet is gearing for retrograde motion in early October. You might feel the vibes early. Check the wording in both business and luxury goods contracts as well as in pre-nuptial agreements. Mercury is in harmonious aspect to Venus at least through September 8 and should enhance your social and romantic life; boost confidence and strengthen communication. **Mars turns direct in Capricorn on August 27<sup>th</sup> and moves to Aquarius on September 10 where it begins its next phase of its exceptionally long journey in this sign**. The immediate aspects are tense - Mars is in hard aspect to Uranus from the 10<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> and it goes over old degrees that Mars covered earlier this year from mid-May to early August. If you experienced unexpected occurrences or health setbacks or accidents, be aware of the need to take caution. Check the house in your chart where Mars is traveling; be prepared for heated discussions related to house meanings. Then note that action and energy start to accelerate taking many of the delays you have been experiencing off hold. When the retrograde shifts, things could be unpredictable and confusing. Those with birthdays near these Mars dates have more than the usual amount of activity in their lives. Stay safe. Besides Mars, four other planets are retrograde: Saturn (going direct on September 6<sup>th</sup>), Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Planetoid Chiron is also retrograde. **Jupiter moves ahead in Scorpio during this cycle most affecting those born November 7-12. Wherever you find transiting Jupiter you have opportunities for expansion in the house where it appears in your chart. Enterprises involving research, development, debt management, joint funds, and estate matters may be prominent especially for those born on the above dates as well as Cancers born July 7-13 and Pisces born March 6-12**. Pay attention to the house where Scorpio falls in your chart especially if you have planets at 16-20 degrees of Scorpio. Develop financial plans, enjoy windfalls and distribute funds as necessary. Certain individuals will be challenged to change habits and seek solutions to financial problem, especially Aquarius, Taurus or Leo with planets at 16-20 degrees of their signs. **Saturn in Capricorn is retrograde until September 6, 2018. Currently Saturn challenges Capricorns born December 23-25 as well as Aries born March 22-24, Cancer born June 22-24, and Libra born September 24-26**. Individuals born April 21-23, August 23-25, October 24-26 and February 20-22 get a boost in prosperity, see action that was on hold unfolding especially after September 6, and experience relationship growth. When **Saturn is on your Sun** the best strategy is to take a close look at restrictions at work, with finances, legal matters, and diverse facets of your health including vision, bones or dental work. **Retrograde Uranus in Taurus visits the Sun of those born April 20-22 when it covers 2-1 degrees of Taurus**. Readers should check charts for planets in

those degrees which call attention to disruptive activity, unexpected anger outbursts, testy communication or abrupt decisions. The fixed signs Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius with these early degrees are likely to encounter unexpected conditions. Those with planets in early Capricorn, Cancer, Virgo and Pisces with these degrees may benefit from positive experiences via plans unfolding, bonuses, meeting new people or reunions with old acquaintances, especially unanticipated situations. Disruptive and erratic weather patterns occur as well as the need to be cautious around unsavory predators, perpetrators of consumer crimes and thieves using Internet and telephone scams that attempt to take your hard-earned cash. A calm and caring manner and astute management solutions help to weather planetary and personal storms. If you have identified any tense relationships at work or at home, keep your eye on the hidden anger or hostility. **Neptune now retrograde in Pisces travels at 15-14 degrees, so look at your chart to locate planets or points in Pisces at this degree; the house where Pisces resides shows what type of activity may be occurring. Identify stuck patterns and work on changing them, especially if Neptune is on your Sun, Ascendant, a house cusp or a planet. While it is retrograde Neptune affects those born March 7-5.** Others dealing with eye-opening truths or blocks include Virgos, Geminis and Sagittarians with planets at these degrees. Why are you feeling apprehensive? Do some meditating to examine fears and any anxieties you hold on to, especially looking at the relationship you have with yourself; if you are open to change, the Big Picture emerges adding validity and clarity to the confusion. Individuals born with planets at these degrees of Cancer, Scorpio, Capricorn or Taurus benefit from this transit by identifying opportunities for personal and professional growth, could win small or big bucks in lotteries or achieve recognition for accomplishments. **Retrograde Pluto moves slowly in Capricorn on the Sun of members of the sign born January 11-8 at 19-18 degrees of the sign; those with an Ascendant at that point or other key planets feel the vibes.** The rest of us should look at any planets or houses where we have these degrees opposing or squaring Capricorn, especially Cancer, Aries, and Libra who are undergoing health, relationship, career and financial challenges that are both subtle and intense in nature. Taurus, Virgo, Pisces and Scorpio benefit from positive vibes from the trine or sextile to the Sun or other planets. What karmic conditions have you identified? Addressing them will clear up misunderstandings, improve communication and increase good will. When Pluto makes contact in your chart, a type of transformation affects conditions in the house where Pluto resides. What situations need your personal attention? Watch the dynamics and make note of unfolding shifts through the end of September. **Chiron is retrograde in early Aries at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 0 degrees of the sign** most affecting those born the first few days of Aries. Take a big breath and open your heart to opportunities that help you identify what is eating at you. Dig deeply for old wounds you would like to heal. Use yoga, meditation, relaxation responses and preferred quiet times to reflect on issues. The location of Saturn in Capricorn is affecting healing at this time adding impact and insight. (See problem under Readers Corner for greater perspective.)

## LUNAR/SOLAR CYCLES

**August 23:** Sun Enters Virgo 12:09 AM EDT

**August 26:** Full Moon in Pisces, 7:56 AM EDT, 3° 12'

**September 9:** New Moon in Virgo, 2:02 PM EDT, 17° 20'

**September 22:** Sun Enters Libra, 9:55 PM EDT, Fall Equinox

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND TOPICS IN THE NEWS

Most readers who responded to this section have questions about the White House dynamics, the balance of power that is badly skewed, the standing of the U.S. on the world stage, the future of our Nation, the airing of Omarosa's tapes recorded in The Situation Room of the White House, the outcomes of the trials of Paul Manafort and Michael Cohen and retaliatory action directed against John Brennan in removing his national security clearance. Let's hope that those we sent to Washington will honor their responsibility to provide checks and balances and not allow our precious country to sink into hate, division and corruption. Several readers commented on the segment I wrote about Kilauea. Did you know that since 1983 the Aloha State is growing larger each year by 42 acres as a result of the volcano's eruptions? Hawaii is the only state that honors a king (Kamehameha) and has a palace (Iolani) built in 1882. Additional topics of interest follow.

**America's Got Talent:** The show is in the semi-final stage and the second round of public voting will take place on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch this space next month for emerging details. Contestants compete for a million-dollar grand prize and a chance to appear in Las Vegas. Libra Simon Cowell, the show's Executive Producer is a judge along with Howie Mandell, Heidi Klum and Mel B, and host, Tyra Banks works wonders in keeping things moving, recognizing the incredible talent, and sending positive vibes to contestants. If you have been watching, I hope you are enjoying the abundance of gifted performers appearing on this stage. Vote for your favorite!

**The Great British Baking Show:** Another season of this spectacular baking show wrapped up on PBS last week. The outstanding array of sweet and savory pastries developed by serious bakers kept viewers tempted and inspired to watch every episode intently. How did they do it? Contestants perfect their craft and practice, especially each episode's show stoppers. This enjoyable offering is hosted by **Mary Berry**, an Aries born March 24, in Bath, UK. Mary is a prolific author who has written many books including more than 70 cookbooks and has many TV hosting and cooking shows to her credit. **Paul Hollywood** co-hosts the show with Mary. He is a Pisces born March 1 in Wallasey, Cheshire, England, and began his career as a baker in his father's bakery. Bread is his specialty and he rose to fame becoming head baker at a number of hotels in Britain and international resorts. Paul was named a judge on another show in the U.K, The Great British Bakeoff. His 2005 book, "100 Great Breads", received The Gourmand World Cookbook Award. **Mel Giedroyc** is a television presenter and actress born June 5 in Epsom, U.K. who has co-hosted a series called Light Lunch with her comedy partner, Sue Perkins, who also appears on The Great British Baking Show and The Great British Bakeoff. Mel and Sue make a great comedic duo on the baking show along with focusing their critical eye on bakers' creations, tasting the delightful pastries, keeping the contestants' spirits up and monitoring the bake and presentation time during the show. **Sue Perkins**, a Virgo born September 22 in East Dulwich, London, is a comedian, broadcaster, actress and writer. Her light and humorous tone and appreciation of fine baking are highlights of The Great British Baking Show. The series has not been renewed by PBS in the United States. Perhaps the funding gods will come through to give us many more seasons of this enjoyable bake fest.

**Aretha Franklin** was an American singer, pianist and multi-talented performer rightfully known as The Queen of Soul. Aretha also mastered Pop, R&B, Gospel and

Jazz over her long, inspiring career. Aretha was An Aries born March 25 in Memphis, Tennessee. She achieved commercial success with several songs such as “Respect”, “Chain of Fools”, “A Natural Woman,” and “I Say A Little Prayer.” Aretha was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Other awards included the National Medal of Arts and The Presidential Medal of Freedom and being named “the #1 greatest singer of all time” by “Rolling Stone.” Awards and recognition were legion for this talented woman and nothing was so powerful as her voice when she sounded those unmistakably difficult notes that made listeners cry in joy and amazement. I saw her perform in Philadelphia a number of years ago - what a treat! Aretha left the planet on August 16. Rest In Peace.

## READERS' CORNER

Readers showed a tremendous amount of empathy for the item in last month's newsletter about the woman who moved to a different organization only to find out she was getting a new boss and soon had none of the duties for which she was hired. Several mentioned they had similar disappointments. Recipients also commented on the man who wanted more details about a woman he had met before the two had really jelled as a couple and suggested he pace himself because they said he was not giving himself enough time to determine whether he even liked this person. This month's mailbag brought several questions related to Saturn and Uranus and more on relationships. Thanks to all who participated.

**Q. What gives?** What can you tell me about the planets' activity in my chart starting in late December? I usually handle stress well but that is no longer the case and two things are bothering me. My workplace hired several new people who do not seem able to do the assignments and it is creating extra work for me to have to oversee and correct their material. I have actually thought about quitting but I worked hard for this position and like many aspects of my job. The second is that a man I dated a couple of times but realized was not right for me keeps pursuing me and no matter what I say, keeps calling or showing up. What do you see and when will it go away?

**A.** You are a Capricorn born December 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Moon in Cancer and Saturn in Capricorn on your Sun and opposing your natal Moon in early degrees of its sign. You were born with early Uranus in Capricorn as well, so it brings chaos or turbulence to the mix—lots of planets in play simultaneously, and one of the reasons the person you dated keeps coming back. You are experiencing your first Saturn return since the planet moved to Capricorn in late December 2017. The first Saturn return occurs between age 28 and 30 and often brings new responsibilities, pressures on conditions and relationships, dilemmas and strain along with opportunities for growth. A return seldom leaves the status quo alone. Since the return opposes your Moon, landed on natal Uranus and is currently hitting both, the changes that have arisen have been out of your control, especially at work. No wonder you feel on edge. The good news is that Saturn will leave this distressing position in late October giving you much-needed relief. In the meantime, you might get some workload management assistance from your supervisor by creating a plan for training the new employees and evaluating their performance. Give them at least 6 months. Where are they stuck? Do you see a pattern in the mistakes they make? Are they a bad fit or just not tuned in to the work? Only you can answer that. Do you actually supervise them? If not, who does and why are these individuals not involved? Do you meet with your boss regularly to discuss

goals and deadlines? Time to beef up communication if it is poor. How do you see yourself adding value and performing successfully? Saturn is going to hang around several of your Capricorn planets in 2018 and 2019 so stay alert to problem areas. As for the one-time boyfriend, the asteroid Chiron is retrograde in the heavens and hitting your Sun, Uranus and opposition Moon at the same time that Saturn is right on top of these degrees. Collectively they add to your angst. Chiron points out where wounds exist and beg for release. This man is a Virgo born September 5 with the same Moon in early Cancer that you have so he is feeling the Saturn opposition and possibly thinks it means he is not using the right strategy to win you back. How about inviting him for coffee and laying your cards out on the table - let him know that you feel things did not work out to develop the relationship, that you would like him to stop contacting you and that you wish him much happiness in his pursuit of the right person. Be optimistic.

**Q. Who keeps the gift and how does astrology fit in to this problem? A**

woman in our work group (born July 1) got engaged on April 21. We are a large staff who chipped in generously to buy the couple a high-end kitchen mixing station valued at \$500 to honor the engagement. We learned last week the couple broke up during their recent vacation. What are possible reasons for this occurrence? Should we ask her to return the engagement gift?

**A.** There are two parties in this situation and I don't have birth details for either, nor would I want to analyze the personal pain of this couple without discussing it with them. I'm commenting on the general placement of planets in the heavens and how a few key planets may have affected her chart related to the date of her engagement. Based on her birthday, your co-worker got engaged on the same day that transiting Saturn in Capricorn was opposite her Sun and had just gone retrograde, not the best date to begin an important milestone. On this date, Mercury in Aries (communication, messages, news) was very close to a hard aspect to both transiting Saturn and her natal Sun. More than likely the couple had important life goals and plans to work out and may have jumped the gun prematurely in announcing their engagement. Perhaps on vacation, the couple discovered information about compatibility issues. As for the gift, give her a few more weeks, and if she doesn't approach someone from the work group, ask what plans she has for returning gifts.

Thank you to all who sent in questions and comments about last month's newsletter. I'm glad you enjoyed Leo's issue and welcome your thoughts once again.

**Quote of the Month:** *"Your friends will know you better in the first moment you meet than your acquaintances will know you in a thousand lifetimes."* ...Richard Bach

## OFFICE HOURS

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11am-6 pm.
- Tuesday: 12-6 pm.
- Thursday: 12-6 pm.
- Saturday: 11 am-4 pm.
- All other hours by special arrangement. No Sunday hours.

Information about the sign of the month is general and may not address the actual activity in your chart. If this is your birthday month or if you are interested in learning more about how the current cycles affect your chart, call me to schedule an appointment for a personal consultation or a coaching session. For a unique approach give the gift of a consultation or a written report to a loved one or associate. Gift certificates are available in the amount of your choice. Refer a friend who could use a new perspective and receive a \$15 discount toward your next consultation. I look forward to hearing from you. Make payments through PayPal to [alice.deville27@gmail.com](mailto:alice.deville27@gmail.com).

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