

## Astrology of April 2025



### Overview of April 2025

The start of April has just Mercury and Venus retrograde and both currently in Pisces, having started their retrogrades in Aries. Saturn and the North Node are also in Pisces and these last degrees of Pisces that they are all in, are playing an important role in the clearing of karma and old patterns ready to begin a new chapter. By the 1<sup>st</sup> May just Saturn and the North Node will remain in Pisces with Saturn moving into Aries, joining Neptune there on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Both of these outer planets will retrograde back into Pisces later in the year, giving these end degrees of the zodiac a final activation of old karma for clearing.

Just three days ago we had the New Moon in Aries which was also a Solar Eclipse and two days ago there was a big change with Neptune going in the opposite direction to Mercury and Aries, leaving Pisces at the end of the zodiac and entering pioneering, fiery Aries at the start of the zodiac.

There are no major changes of sign or direction from the outer planets this month but the potent energies of March will take some time to settle and integrate and despite having had the Spring Equinox (20<sup>th</sup> March) and the Aries Sun, it still feels like we have one foot behind the starting line and are continuing to rework and revise old patterns. Mercury and

Venus both retrograde back over the North Node and Venus also goes back over Saturn and these connections are repeated for a third time when both are direct again. There is also a potentially helpful connection between Saturn and Uranus on 4<sup>th</sup> that will greatly assist with these karmic clearings, if we tap into it.

Mercury will go direct on 7<sup>th</sup>, re-enters Aries on 16<sup>th</sup> and comes out of its shadow on 26<sup>th</sup> whilst Venus goes direct on 18<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Sun enters Taurus, and re-enters Aries on 30<sup>th</sup>. From 18<sup>th</sup> until 4<sup>th</sup> May we will have all planets direct but will begin to feel the build up to Pluto's change of direction from the New Moon (27<sup>th</sup>).

From 4<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> we have some helpful connections to tap into whilst after the Full Moon on 13<sup>th</sup> the Sun has a series of niggly ones before it changes signs.

The Full Moon very early on 13<sup>th</sup> has Venus stationary, poised to go direct 40 mins later and then all planets will be direct for three weeks only. Pointing towards the continuation of karma clearing, Venus, Saturn, North Node and Mercury huddle together in Pisces covering only five degrees of this chart with Neptune at the beginning of Aries just another two degrees further on and leading this cluster; it is literally leading the way into the new energies, the new beginnings, almost as if it is a flag bearer showing the way. And another very strong pointer towards karma healing and clearing comes from the Sun and Chiron very close.

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See the daily astrology for more details.

## Daily astrology of April 2025

At the beginning of last month, we had the Sun behind Saturn, Mercury North Node and Neptune, all in Pisces, with Venus having scouted ahead in Aries and the Sun and Mercury passed over the others through the month then Venus (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mercury (15<sup>th</sup>) went retrograde in Aries. They have both now returned to Pisces and as April begins Venus makes its second, now retrograde pass back over the North Node and it will go back over Saturn on 7<sup>th</sup> as Mercury goes direct.

Now, we have Saturn, North Node, Venus and Mercury in the last five, pretty potent degrees of Neptune-ruled Pisces which, at the end of the zodiac, represent the end of a cycle and the clearing of karma. These degrees will continue to be activated; each time is another opportunity to clear old patterns so that we can begin new ones.

Being the second of three connections, there will be a continuation and an evolvment of whatever the first connection on 1<sup>st</sup> brought to our attention, when Neptune was also involved. One thing that I have noticed is that Neptune's cloudy mists have been evaporating and truths are being revealed and seeking clarity and understanding is an on-going need. Venus' areas of influence included finances, self-worth and values as well as its usual association with relationships.

Today's evolving theme will most likely now, show us adjustments and changes that need to be made when Venus and Neptune meet for the third time on 24<sup>th</sup>. Look for the old pattern, the old way of responding which you know, no longer resonates with who you are now and seek the alternative, taking the learning and wisdom forward with you.

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4<sup>th</sup> is one of the best days of the month in terms of potential due to the connections between Saturn, Uranus and Mars with the one between Mars and Saturn bringing a flow of intuition and a positive drive, especially where emotional matters are involved. It will help to lessen fear, bring courage and the knowledge that self-care is not selfish, it is vital and benefits everyone long-term. The other connections are the type that we have to tap into and might take us down the negative route first and then we have to redirect the energies and our focus to the positives and moving forward, not backwards. Routes taken might not be direct, so don't get discouraged if the straight road you envisioned takes a few scenic detours or even seems to be going sideways at times. Early on 5<sup>th</sup> we also have the waxing half Moon in Cancer, the same sign as Mars and it moves on to pass over Mars later that day.

Venus and Mercury were retrograde at the beginning of the month, having started their journey in Aries they are now back in Pisces and also on 4<sup>th</sup> Mercury passes back over the North Node, as Venus did on 1<sup>st</sup>. The Nodes are karmic indicators and this is Mercury's last connection before it goes direct on 7<sup>th</sup>.

The combination of these connections can really assist us with the karma clearing and ending of old cycles that is going on. They can soften the blow of change that needs to be made, showing us the way forward and what steps we can take to get there. It's easy to become



overwhelmed when we realise change is needed and when we are dealing with deeply ingrained patterns, the grooves that they make in our minds, like the needle on a record, are hard to break out of.

Fear is understandable, and often this can be part of the old pattern and what keeps us entrenched in repeating it and if it has been operating unconsciously, that can be difficult to address as we consciously don't recognise that driver. These energies can help to reveal to us how our old patterns of thinking have got stuck in a groove and how they have been adversely affecting our outer and inner communication. Old ideals, romantic perceptions of people and situations need to be sprinkled with a healthy dose of truth dust.

Once you see and know the truth, put a plan in place for healthier interactions in the future. It might not happen overnight, so be patient with yourself too, but just keep your focus on the new version of you that you want to embrace and just keep putting one foot in front of the other and leave the old version of you behind.

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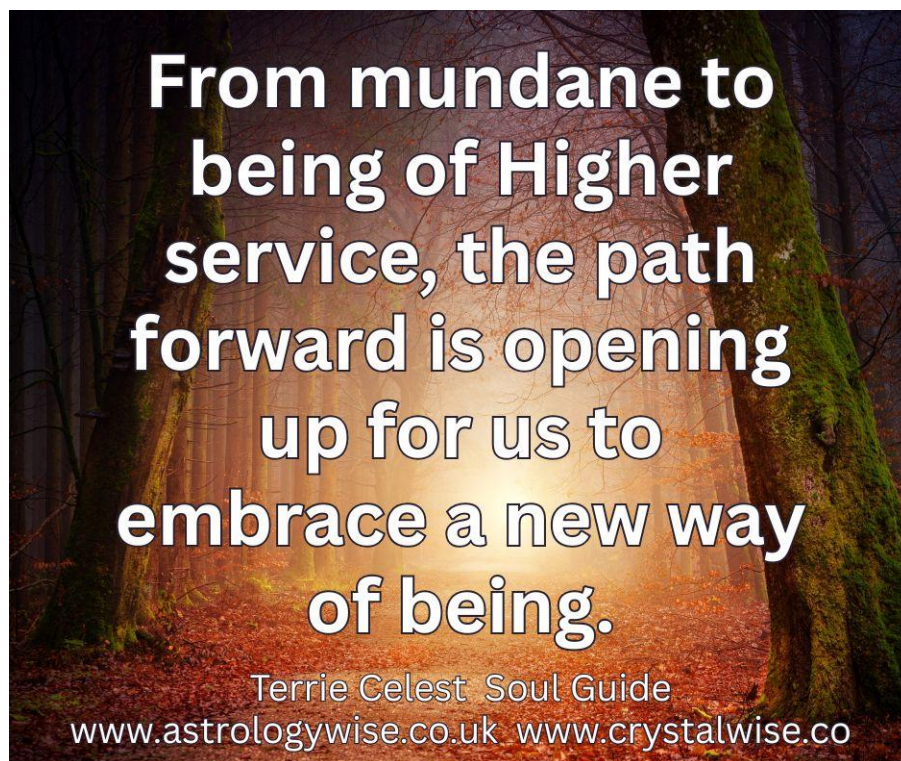
By 6<sup>th</sup> we will begin to feel Mercury slowing, preparing to turn direct on 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be very close to Venus but they don't quite meet up and Mercury has no more connections before its directional change, the last was on 4<sup>th</sup>. Being the planet of the mind and communication, it is in these areas that we can feel this slowing, with a build up of tension which can feel like mental stress; we can get a bit stuck in our heads, mulling things over and with this Pisces influence we could indulge in escapism or feel overwhelmed by sadness, grief, helplessness or hopelessness. Nostalgia could pull us away from the present moment and with the elusiveness of this sign and its ruler, Neptune, we could just feel lost in a misty cloud, ranging anywhere from wistfulness to despair.

Counteracting this, we have some helpful connections on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and in particular a trine between retrograde Venus and Mars, the feminine and masculine archetypes of the chart, with Venus then passing back over Saturn for the second time and a helpful connection between the Sun and Jupiter. There is some obvious rebalancing of feminine and masculine energies which can be outer or inner, between active or passive, war or peace, fight or submit and again I am getting that we need to pick our battles and not just fight out of a base instinct or need to win.

Jupiter is the most important to work with, as it can have a tendency to go over the top and to have no boundaries, and being in Mercury's home sign of Gemini we will need to watch that our minds don't get carried away in some fantasy or unrealistic dream. The Sun can support us to stay in the moment and to take positive action that is not harmful nor rash, nor fuelled by anger.

Mercury goes direct at 12:01 BST on 7<sup>th</sup>, just seven minutes after Venus passes back over Saturn and later Venus has another potentially helpful connection with Uranus, easing necessary change and showing us that we are safe.

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Mercury, now direct, begins to retrace its retrograde steps back over the last few degrees of Pisces and makes its third pass over the North Node very early on 11<sup>th</sup> with Mars also connecting with the Nodes later that day. Now is the time to put into action the changes, the new patterns and new habits that we have been thinking about making for the last few weeks. From mundane to being of Higher service, the path forward is opening up for us to embrace a new way of being.

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The Sun makes its yearly pass over Chiron on 12<sup>th</sup>, the day before the New Moon. Chiron represents karmic wounds in both the collective and on a personal level and the Sun, representing our self-expression, will take the lead, enabling these old karmic patterns to be more readily explored and cleared. This is a positive connection where the two energies can be blended but we might first experience the wound through loneliness, isolation, anger, frustration or overly strong masculine expressions including competitiveness and fighting.

Don't try to go it alone; be empowered, take back control, ask for help and find ways to work in co-operation with others. The power of a group of like-minded Souls working together for the greater good is exponentially greater than their individual numbers. It is time for the old wounds to be healed.

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April's Full Moon is on 13<sup>th</sup> at 01:22 BST with the Sun in Aries and the Moon in Libra. Venus goes direct is stationary at the time of the Full Moon, poised to go direct 40 mins later and then all planets will be direct for three weeks only. Mars, Venus' masculine counterpart, has a testing square to the Sun and Moon and interestingly this will become closer over the coming days but it won't become exact until 21<sup>st</sup> at the next phase of the Moon, the Waning Half Moon, after both have changed

signs; Mars enters Leo on 18<sup>th</sup> and the Sun leaves Aries for Taurus on 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mars is still retracing its steps before its retrograde so we are still reworking its retrograde themes and this is one of the pointers towards the continuation of karma clearing. Another is Venus, Saturn, North Node and Mercury huddled together in Pisces covering only five degrees of this chart with Neptune at the beginning of Aries just another two degrees further on and leading this cluster; it is literally leading the way into the new energies, the new beginnings, almost as if it is a flag bearer showing the way. And another very strong pointer towards karma healing and clearing comes from the Sun and Chiron very close. (See astrology for the previous day).

Leading up to this Full Moon there have been some helpful transits bringing opportunities to assist this karma clearing but the days after the Full Moon, the Sun has a series of niggly connections that feels as if they are further activations that will help, rather than hinder, as they bring things to our attention. It made me think about the saying about the grit to make the pearl, and I remembered that [Edwin Courtenay](#) gave the theme of April as *-The grit of the pearl – the pain of the heart – forms the wisdom and the prize.*

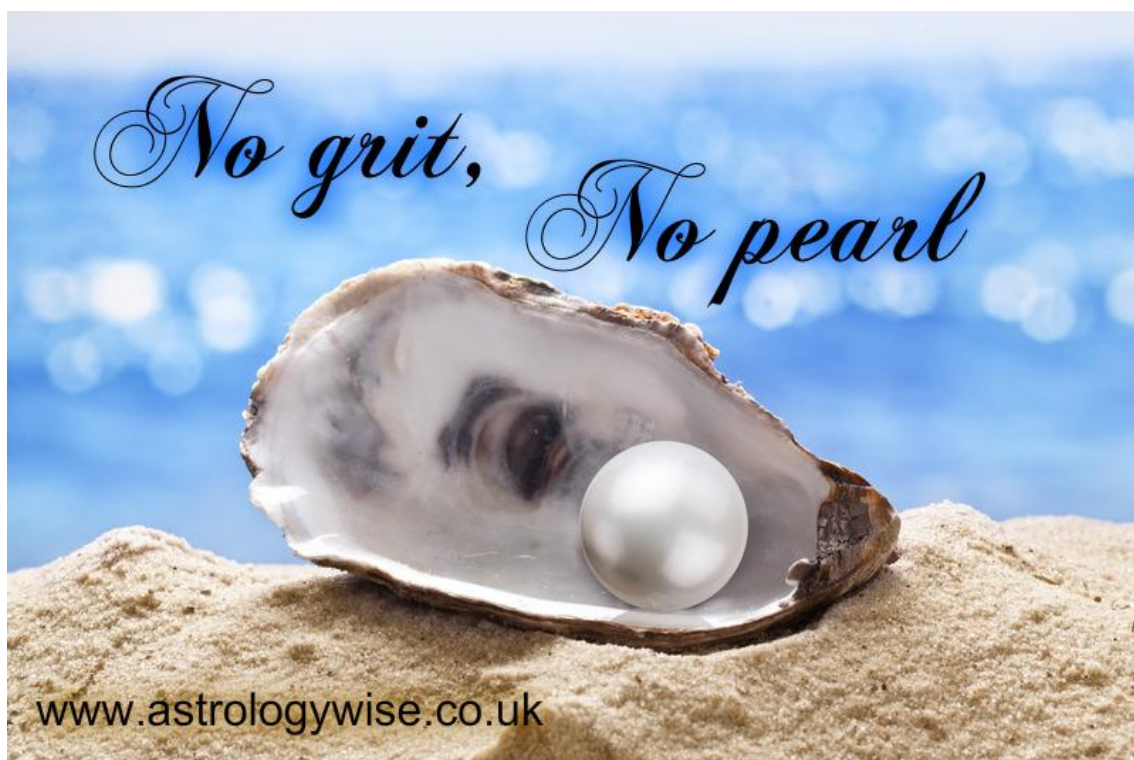
This Aries/Libra axis is about developing our sense of Self, understanding who we are and what is vital to us to enable us to truly express ourselves. Once we know and understand these, we can take ourselves into connection with others (relating), learn the art of compromise without compromising our core values and without losing ourselves, nor being overly independent.

Venus and Mars are the rulers of these two signs so there are often themes and energies around balancing masculine and feminine. Mars is assertive and Venus is more passive and can offer more peaceful solutions than the warrior energies of Mars and these will be more accessible as Venus turns direct and begins to move forwards again.

Again I am repeating another recent theme of knowing when to do battle, when to fight and when to surrender. Picking your battles, was the phrase I used before and that remains apt.

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As I mentioned at the Full Moon, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> the Sun has a series of niggly connections that feel like activations of old energies for release, and part of the grit needed to make the pearl. On 14<sup>th</sup> the Sun niggles with Venus (now direct), on 15<sup>th</sup> with Uranus as Mercury reaches 29° of Pisces and on 16<sup>th</sup>, with Saturn and the Nodes whilst Mercury re-enters Aries. Venus, Saturn and the North Node are still in the last degrees of Pisces and showing us what needs to be released in order for us to fully move forward. These represent the old energies in the last sign of the zodiac whilst the Sun is a sign ahead in Aries, the first sign, representing new beginnings and being reborn. Think of plants growing and reappearing in the spring; this new growth is what is being represented now and is a result of the 'work' and personal growth that we have done over the winter season.

All planets are now direct and fuelling the feeling of being able to move ahead and to initiate plans that the recent retrogrades have sparked within us. Whilst we are still releasing these old patterns we still need to firmly keep our focus on moving forwards and letting go of the old.

In the overview for the month, I said that it still feels like we have one foot behind the starting line and that is still so, but it is as if the weight has shifted firmly onto our front foot and the emphasis is shifting more and more to the future we want to have. We do, of course, have free will, and it is up to us what that future looks like and what it is built on. And it

can be extremely difficult to heal old wounds, release and change old patterns.

But can you see, can you imagine how amazing life would be without them? Imagine that, feel it, see it, taste it, smell it, be it. Feel the positivity, love and freedom of expression that you will have and use that as your fuel to drive you through what needs to be done to leave them behind.

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On 17<sup>th</sup> Mercury passes over Neptune for the third and final time. The first pass was on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 28° Pisces, the second was when Mercury was retrograde on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 29° Pisces, the very last degree of the zodiac and now both Mercury and Neptune have moved into Aries and meet at zero degrees, a truly initiating energy right at the very beginning of the zodiac.

What has Mercury been bringing to your attention during its retrograde, what has been dominating your thoughts and communication? What old patterns have you spotted that you want to change? Are you wanting to speak up for yourself more, to seek and find more truth? Perhaps you have had some truths already revealed or realised where and how you have been naïve, idealistic or overly trusting in the past. Now is the time to instigate the change you seek and want, empowered by your new self-awareness and wisdom.

Mars is back at 29° Cancer and the next day re-enters Leo which it last did on 4<sup>th</sup> November, before it went retrograde (6<sup>th</sup> December) and back into Cancer. It will reach the point at which it went retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and from then on, will be covering 'new' territory, adding to the current ability to move forwards again.

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On 18<sup>th</sup> Mars re-enters Leo, see yesterday's astrology for more details, whilst the Sun reaches the last degree of Aries before entering Taurus on 19<sup>th</sup>. The Sun in this position will bring strong Aries energies which can include a very quick mind and speech, spontaneity and increased sense of inner knowing but can also err into impatience, quick-fire anger, loneliness, being overly-independent and rashness. Fire can motivate and warm but it can also scold and burn, and so we need to channel this energy positively. Ruled by Mars, it could also increase our vitality and

both physical and sexual drive and don't be surprised if you suddenly feel as if either is super-charged!

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On 19<sup>th</sup> Mars makes its third easy connection with Neptune. Their first two were with both planets in Water signs – Mars was in Cancer and Neptune in its own sign of Pisces. Mars has now re-entered Leo and Neptune is now residing in Aries, which is the sign that Mars rules so there is going to be a nice activation and engagement between these two which might help us to better see and understand Neptune's role in Aries, which has, in true Neptunian style been a bit elusive and difficult to understand up until now.

This is a dynamic energy, but not with the scorching or burning energies of Fire, rushing forward with bravado and gusto. Neptune's naturally watery nature should soften the Leo energy. We can take action and might feel embolden to step into the limelight or pop our heads above the parapet where we have been shy or reluctant to be seen before. As long as ego isn't the fuel, we can take positive action and the results should feel more like a gentle warmth and encouragement, an ease and flow like floating on the sea and letting the waves gently deposit us on the shore.

In contrast to this Fire influence, the Sun leaves the Fire sign of Aries and enters slower, more grounded Taurus who has a great affinity with nature as it is an Earth sign. Over the next month we should feel a slower, more mindful pace and an increase in experiencing our world through our senses. One of Taurus's karmic themes is to feel safe and secure and to realise that security is an inside job! No-thing, nor no-one outside of us, can make us feel secure, it is something we have to nurture and develop within ourselves.

Ruled by Venus and with its association with the senses, Taurus has a love of food and drink and we can often find the pounds piling on during this month as we indulge our tastebuds and enjoy eating and drinking! Spending time in nature and in particular, being in touch with the earth, will be a great way to destress if needed.

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20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> are quite busy with a mix of energies. On 20<sup>th</sup>, both Mercury and Venus who have recently turned direct, make a third connection as they move forwards again; Mercury with Pluto and Venus with Uranus.

Both are the type that we need to tap into, to find the gift and the strengths of each planet and to blend those, rather than falling into their more negative expressions. The other connection is between the Sun and Neptune and is niggly in nature. Combining these we have some dissonance between the way things have been done in the past and how they are now, or how we would like them to be. It is time to let go of outdated beliefs and values to find what truly matters to us. Why are we repeating what we were told was 'right' without questioning whether that still aligns with us? There will likely be some nostalgia reinforcing some viewpoints about the past and we need to take off the rose coloured glasses to see things, and people, as they are. There is an air of, *If only I had this, or if only this happened, if only this person did that....*

Time for a reality check and increased groundedness to help us to see things as they truly are and to make necessary changes. The Sun is building to a testing square with Mars early on 21<sup>st</sup> as we have the waxing half Moon which will increase a tendency to dig our heels in or conversely be rebellious, although that could just be stubbornness or deliberately taking the opposite stance. Later on 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturn and the North Node cross which means that Saturn is opposing the South Node and this will bring karmic flavours to limitations that we want to fight against. Rules, structures, discipline or customs could frustrate us and trigger parental and ancestral issues.

20<sup>th</sup> is the best of these two days as there are some positives to tap into and the key is in examining our mindset and firmly steering it in a positive direction. Focusing on the present and what is right, not what is 'wrong', will better help us to navigate the 21<sup>st</sup> and any tetchiness, stubbornness or resistance to change that arises.

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23<sup>rd</sup> April brings a testing square between the Sun and Pluto. Both in Fixed signs, they are most likely to bring out the entrenched nature of each other and there could be a massive digging in of heels, or more accurately, of minds and will! Pluto is the planet of power and control and here there could be a battle for power.

These two are at 3 degrees of their relevant signs and there is quite a big gap in the middle degrees of the current astrology so this is the last connection the Sun has until 14<sup>th</sup> May which takes us through a New Moon (27<sup>th</sup>), Pluto going retrograde (4<sup>th</sup> May) and a Full Moon on 12<sup>th</sup>

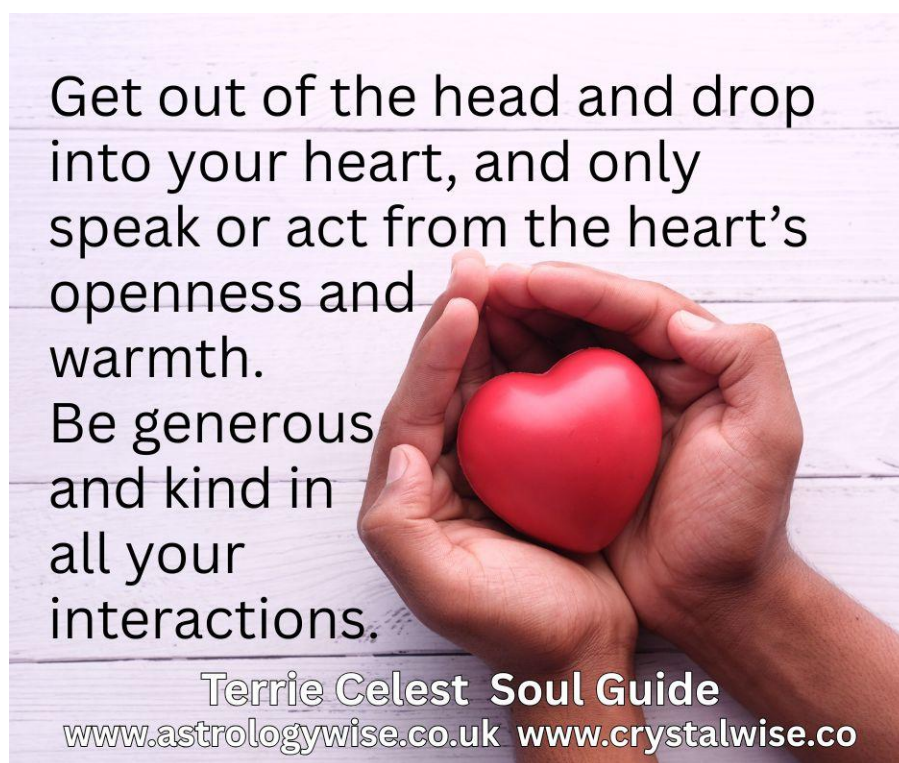


May. This feels a little unsettling and that reflects this lack of connection to anything else in the chart for such a long period of time and we could experience that through struggling to express ourselves, not really knowing who we are anymore or what is really going on, feeling unsettled or that we don't fit in.

If you do feel this, know that it is part of the process of really finding out who we are, what we represent, what is important to us and how we want to be in the future. It is through contrast and duality that we understand. If everything and everyone were the same, we wouldn't be able to find our unique attributes and talents.

Look for your strengths, your authenticity, your natural gifts and what you feel passionate about. Write these down, explore them and work out how you can celebrate these and fully embrace them in your future.

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Venus in its direct motion passes forwards over the North Node, opposing the South Node, on 25<sup>th</sup> and then over Saturn on 26<sup>th</sup>, again activating these last few degrees of Pisces and the zodiac wheel and as they are the third and final connections, they are hopefully marking the end of a cycle or of some karma clearing. Venus is usually thought of as being associated with love, but it is really the planet of connection and

how we relate to others. It also represents finances, values and self-worth.

We cannot exist alone and when we become an adult, we take our ideas, our beliefs and values out into the world and start experiencing the contrast of people with differing viewpoints and beliefs. Many of our values are inherited from our childhood and need unpicking later in life to see if they are still relevant to us or authentic to us. Customs, tradition and family values can make us follow, rather than find our own voice, mind and expression. Look out for shame and guilt placed on you by others. Do you want to carry on living someone else's idea of who you should be or what you should do?

The Moon is waning and on 25<sup>th</sup> we will be in the dark of the Moon with little or no light and this is when shadow emotions like guilt and shame show up most strongly. Mercury finally comes out of its shadow on this day, and that brings a positive injection of fresh energies, fresh ideas and beliefs to move forwards with.

There is a very testing opposition building between Mars and Pluto early on 26<sup>th</sup>, a few hours before the New Moon and this can be felt building beforehand, increasing tension, stress, frustration and anger. Although we could feel like cheerfully giving someone a piece of our mind and won't want to back down if challenged, it is important that we don't act out of anger or a need to win. This is a time to be empowered and to use our power wisely. Get out of the head and drop into your heart, and only speak or act from the heart's openness and warmth. Be generous and kind in all your interactions.

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We sometimes hear that when disagreements have occurred and it has been difficult or impossible to find resolution or common ground. Sometimes we have to draw a line in the sand, let go of the old, the past and begin afresh. That is what I feel with this New Moon. What is done is done, let's just focus on a more positive future!

There has been so much karma clearing in the last few months, trying to clear the old so that we can move forward less encumbered and weighed down by ingrained karma and patterns. Much of that work is done but it feels like it is time to give it a rest, at least for now and to focus more on the present and moving forwards. The bulk is done and what isn't, will arise naturally as planets go retrograde through the year or we experience personal connections to our natural charts.

It's time to let go of resistance, to stop fighting and enjoy life! Take some time off, put your feet up, indulge your senses with a bubble bath, your favourite tippie and food, relax and really experience how good life can be.

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Venus reaches the last degree of the zodiac at the end of Pisces on 29<sup>th</sup>. This point is being activated many times this year and this is the final time Mercury and Venus pass over it. There is one more potent activation from 13<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May as Saturn prepares to move into Aries. Later in the year both Neptune and Saturn who will have entered Aries this year, retrograde back into Pisces and these activations will be powerful times to note and work with on our final phase of karma clearing.

Venus is quite well placed in Pisces but can be overly romantic, a bit naive and self-sacrificing here. She wants roses around the door, the ideal(istic) companion and everything to go well and everyone to get on. The harsh realities of the world and its suffering can be too much for this delicate Soul and these are the themes to look out for. We need to let go of nostalgia, or dreaming of things and people that are unattainable, unreachable or impractical and have a more grounded, realistic viewpoint.

As Venus enters Aries, it is entering Mars' territory so we naturally have a contrast between the masculine and feminine and the feminine represented by Venus, can take on masculine characteristics and be very assertive, competitive and repress their true nature and especially anything that relates to the softer side their nature. They can often think that they have to be that way to be seen or accepted, especially if they are living or working in male dominated areas where a less pushy and assertive nature is seen as a sign of weakness.

Look out for these themes both within your own expression and in situations around you. We are being given the opportunity to examine and rebalance our own masculine and feminine nature.

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