

## Astrology for October 2024



### Overview of October 2024

When I first looked at the astrology for October and the overall movement and connections of the planets I felt really encouraged. We don't dive into the depths that we have in previous years with most planets retrograde and although we start with five (Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto,

Chiron) and add Jupiter to them on 9<sup>th</sup>, just 3 days later, the most potent and the planet of evolutionary change, Pluto, turns direct. That feels hugely significant and to me, indicates that we won't get bogged down in the depths of old karma that we have. Pluto direct becomes empowering and has only five more weeks of clearing the old, once and for all in Capricorn and then enters Aquarius and finally stays there! This also emphasises the need to clear as much of the old Capricornian themes as we can during those five weeks.

Although we won't have the depth of karmic energies arising, it doesn't mean that this month is plain sailing, nor that there is nothing karmic arising, far from it in fact, but it is like we only go so far and then the lights start to come back on and show the way as well as lighten the load.

A key energy of this month is the close connection between retrograde Chiron and direct Jupiter which then turns retrograde on 9<sup>th</sup>. Their connection becomes exact on 12<sup>th</sup> as Pluto turns direct and they provide

a potent background energy with regard to old karmic wounds and working towards healing these. They dance closely all month and the faster moving planets connect to them in turn, creating a series of activations.

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are at 27°, 28° and 29° and are also activators, bringing things to our attention, showing us where to look.

With a Solar Eclipse at the New Moon on 2<sup>nd</sup>, being the 'matching pair' to the Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse that we had on 18<sup>th</sup> September, and being the first New Moon of this astrological quarter which began at the Equinox on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the need to keep seeking hope and the light in the darkness, the doors of opportunity, is emphasised.

Mid-month could get a bit sticky or intense as there is much activity either side of Pluto changing direction with the karmic Jupiter/Chiron pairing mentioned above, being activated and the astrology is very busy and hard to unravel. These are key and potentially powerful days to be aware of.

The Full Moon on 17<sup>th</sup> reiterates the need to nourish tolerance, acceptance, peace and love and to practise those within ourselves and in our close environment to spread out into the world. We need to come together and show what is important to us and what we will no longer tolerate in terms of restrictions, control and power from positions of power in our society. Major changes are coming and the seeds are about to peak their heads through the soil. We then have to nurture them and harvest a more positively empowered future.

The overall theme of the month is to keep love in our heart and to keep reaching for the light.

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## Daily astrology for 2024



### **NEW MOON and SOLAR ECLIPSE**

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As we begin October we are in the dark of the Moon before the New Moon on 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is also a Solar Eclipse. We had a Lunar Eclipse at the Full Moon on 18<sup>th</sup> September and this is the balancing pair, as I usually call it. Both the Moon and Sun are eclipsed as we journey a Moon cycle.

In between, the Sun has left Virgo for Libra at the Equinox on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Mercury has now joined it. There were potent energies around the Full Moon and Equinox and although they hold much potential, these may have literally been eclipsed, such is the energies between eclipses. The cycle is only half complete, we only have half of the picture, half of the components needed, half of the jigsaw puzzle.

I make no apology for repeating below an excerpt from last month's astrology and that for the eclipse, as it cannot be repeated enough. Some will not have read it before whilst those who have, can gain fresh or deeper insights now.

*“Look into the gloom, the darkness, the fear, the despair, the helplessness and hopelessness and see that in the darkness there are doors waiting to be opened and they let the light in and will show you the brighter future that you wish for and why you chose to incarnate at*

*this time. Your Higher purpose can be revealed and a new season of growth, higher service, truth and love awaits.*

*So, we urge you to be aware of your Soul's seasons and that everything is cyclical, everything is constantly moving and there is a brighter future waiting to be birthed. For some, the light is already shining more brightly, for some those doors may not be visible yet but are there, waiting to be discovered.*

*So look through the darkness, seek the doors of opportunity and open them. Do not lose faith, do not give in to the darkness nor fear that these will win. Remember the light shining brightly and nurture the light within you. That never dims, regardless of the outer seasons. This is the light that grows ever brighter and is helping to light the world. Whatever shadows are thrown on you from the outside, within your heart lies your truth, your light, your Soul.*

*Shine brightly dear one, shine ever brightly and hold that light up for the world to see. Shine the light for others to see the path of truth, of love, of acceptance, of tolerance, of joy. No longer allow the duality of separateness to fuel your thoughts and actions.*

*Be the light, shine the light, hold the faith."*

Remember that the doors are there in the darkness, waiting to be discovered, even if you can't see them. Reach out with your senses, your intuition, your inner sight. Imagine them in your mind's eye, imagine opening them and stepping through. Imagine that brighter, more authentic life. Feel it, see it, sense it, be it.

This New Moon and Solar Eclipse brings us a balancing half to the Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse, enabling a further cycle of clearing and healing to make way for the new. And with Pluto going direct this month, things are feeling optimistic and 'opening out', so make sure you take advantage of these energies to clear any blocks on your path, heal old wounds and become empowered for your onward journey.

These next three months feel really significant and feel like a time of preparation for some major growth from the Solstice on December 21st, onwards. The metaphor I'm getting is that of going on a major trip and these three months are the time when you plan that journey, get your suitcases and the right clothes etc ready. You don't want to turn up in the Caribbean with your ski gear and if you are going skiing you might want to do some exercise and get in shape beforehand. You don't have to and can of course, choose to stay as you are. This is about being in the best shape possible (whatever that is for you) to harness the fast moving energies of 2025.

Be prepared!

And for our spiritual journey that means to make sure that we nurture in every way possible, mind, body and spirit! All parts of us, that is very important now.

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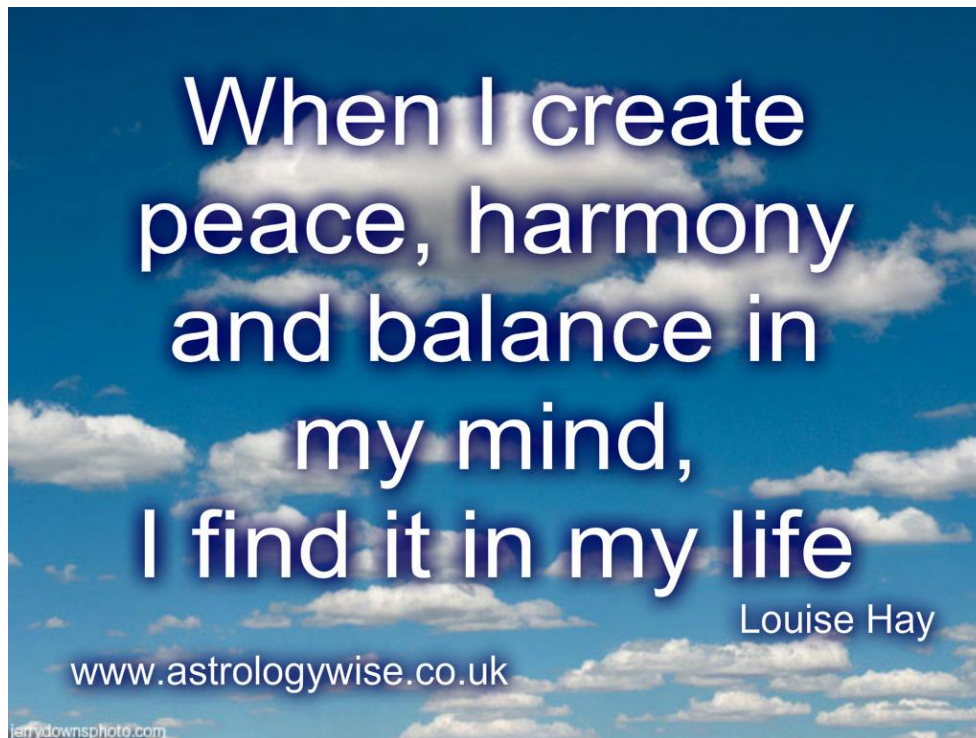
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> have mixed energies with Mercury, Venus and retrograde Saturn connecting in turn. Venus and Mercury are now ahead of the Sun in subsequent signs and whilst Mercury's connection to Saturn is niggly, Venus and Saturn bring the hope and glimmer of light in this trio. The mind is likely to be in conflict with the heart or emotions and pessimism and an inability to see positive outcomes are the pitfall to avoid. Things aren't ideal by any means and there may be some concerns, but there is hope and it important not to get lost in pessimism or to feel that hope is lost.

There are a lot of energies around on the planet of duality, showing us both the dark and the light and it is important to remember that always precedes great change.

Keep love in your heart.

Keep hope and seek the light in the darkness.

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War versus peace, whether internal or external is a likely theme on 5<sup>th</sup> as Mars, the planet of battle, confrontation and war enters its shadow. It is currently in the nurturing sign of Cancer where it is not at all comfortable and will enter Leo on 4<sup>th</sup> November before going retrograde on 6<sup>th</sup> December, so we have a long shadow period over territory that it will retrograde back over and in terms of war, that is the time and process that is needed to review and make changes.

From our personal point of view, Mars also rules motivation, anger and our physical energy so notice what arises over the next two months, particularly any challenges in these areas and note any changes you would like to make.

It will make a challenging connection with Mercury which is in diplomatic and peace-loving Libra so again we are likely to feel a peace and war, positive and negative internal and mental battle. We might feel stuck in the middle of something and unable to take action so the energies get stuck and oscillate in the mind. It is another day where we need to watch the mind and find peace and a settled viewpoint somewhere, even if that is that we can't do anything for the moment and will need to let things unfold. Until we know what we are dealing with or are in a position to take action, there is little point in getting lost in worry or debate.

Do what you can to find peace of mind and to stay there.

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6<sup>th</sup> is another day with a niggly connection which will likely link back to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as the Sun follows on from Mercury and has a niggly connection with Saturn. This can make it difficult to find the positive and can make us focus on what isn't right, what isn't working or lack and limitation that we perceive in our life. With retrograde Saturn currently in Pisces, disappointment could filter through from our expectations not being fulfilled, but we have to ask ourselves if they were based on reality or were idealistic.

Feelings of hardship and lack of hope are other possibilities for this connection to manifest and sometimes it can make our physical energy lethargic, so it is best to listen to our body and rest if we feel the need to and to continue to focus on finding the light in the darkness and keeping hopeful and heart-centred.

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The peak of the Draconids meteor shower occurs on 8<sup>th</sup> October whilst Mercury, Jupiter and retrograde Chiron all reach 21° of their respective signs as Jupiter comes to a standstill before turning retrograde on 9<sup>th</sup>.

A key energy of this month is this close connection between retrograde Chiron and Jupiter. Their connection becomes exact on 12<sup>th</sup> as Pluto turns direct and they provide a potent background energy with regard to old karmic wounds and working towards healing these. Whilst they dance closely all month the faster moving planets connect to them in turn, creating a series of activations and this is the first from Mercury which opposes Chiron and trines Jupiter. There is also a lovely connection between Mars and Venus, the masculine and feminine archetypes of the chart which can also be associated with war and peace, so the combination of all these connections brings much hope that we can break old karmic cycles, especially of destruction and conflict. Jupiter's position in Mercury-ruled Gemini suggests that communication is key whilst Venus' current home of deep-water Scorpio means that we have to dive deep into our emotions.

Jupiter enhances and enlarges everything it comes into contact with and has a boundaryless quality, and its energies will be ramped up as it slows so it will be important to positively direct those and not to let the mind get out of control.

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Jupiter turns retrograde on 9<sup>th</sup> making a total of six planets retrograde in total but the very good news is that Pluto will be turning direct on 12<sup>th</sup> so it is only for a few days. Associated with opportunity and 'luck', when Jupiter turns retrograde we can find that we don't have the same opportunities presented to us and those that do arise are often from the seeds that we have sown in the past, creating our own opportunities.

Like all retrogrades, it is a time for reflection and Jupiter's can feel like we were moving forward, maybe surfing the crest of a wave and looking forward to the future and what that looks like to us, only for the wave to subside into nothing and the forward motion to grind to a halt. Our exciting plans are on hold, if not crumbling before us and the gift of this retrograde is that it offers the time to review and change those plans into something that is ultimately a much better fit for our future. Jupiter remains retrograde until 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and it remains in Gemini throughout, travelling from 21° back to 11°.

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I must admit that when looking at the chart and astrology at this point of the month I was struggling to separate out the mass of lines that show the interactions between the planets. It almost looks like someone has drawn every conceivable line, and although that isn't quite true, it is extremely hectic, almost messy, and that might be how it feels to us.

What is important to remember, is that this mass of connections includes a very good percentage of positive, helpful ones that we need to continue to seek out and embrace.

After Mercury connecting with Jupiter and Chiron on 8<sup>th</sup> it's the turn of Venus on 10<sup>th</sup> at the waxing half Moon and then the Sun and Mars follow suit on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. In between, on 12<sup>th</sup>, Pluto goes direct and Jupiter and Chiron's connection becomes exact with Mercury connecting with Uranus, Neptune and Pluto on consecutive days before changing signs on 13<sup>th</sup>. It makes a karmic pattern with Neptune and Uranus which adds to the mix and brings ancestral karma to the karmic wounds that Chiron can show us

It feels impossible to separate these days out and as I have said about the Jupiter and Chiron connection this month, as the faster moving planets connect with them in turn, it feels like a series of activations. Each takes the energy a little further, opens up the next channel, take us to the next stepping stone forwards. Jupiter magnifies whatever it



touches, ramps its energies up, but is now retrograde and that lessens its impact and old energies that arise don't take off in the same way and we can break the cycle of them getting out of control. Chiron will undoubtedly show us old karma and these activations have steps forward to not go back down the old route again!

Public revelations about people that we have put on pedestals that fuelled their sense of power and control, will start to change our perceptions of them and the industries that they work in.

I have recently come to the conclusion that Chiron works on a collective karmic level as well as a personal one and positively, that means that we can help to break the cycle by looking at how the themes echo within our own lives. There is the feeling that individually we can all make a difference in the way that the recent riots in England were stopped very quickly when counter protests sprung up, supporting not dividing, promoting acceptance, tolerance and love, not division, prejudice and judgement and hate. These are the sorts of situations that might arise and the voice of the people will grow stronger and can be united to say – *No, stop, we aren't accepting that anymore.*

One final thing to say about these days which are likely to feel tense at times, is that Chiron is represented by the symbol of the key, and that is what I believe we are being presented with. A key to unlock the door of a brighter future where these higher vibrations of love, tolerance and peace can flourish.

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After the busyness and intensity of the previous few days, 15<sup>th</sup> is quiet and then we have just one lovely connection on 16<sup>th</sup> October, the day before the Full Moon, between Venus and Neptune.

Venus will go on to connect with Pluto just after the Full Moon and then leave its current home of Scorpio and venture into Sagittarius.



The Full Moon itself with the Sun in Libra and the Moon in Aries, automatically highlights imbalances between masculine and feminine, war and peace. In addition the karmic Nodes are still in these signs too (see recent eclipses), retrograde Chiron is beside the Moon, therefore opposing the Sun, and the recent meeting of Jupiter and Chiron is still pretty active. To list the astrological detail would fill a page by itself and in addition there is a kite, a Grand Square and a Yod, for those of you who know what that means.

Of course, this always raises the question, what does that all mean?

When things are so complicated or seem so, there is only one thing to do, keep it simple. Take off the coatings, the extra layers, peel off the outer distractions and get to the core, the essence.

And that is, that it is time for the scales to tip back to those of tolerance, understanding, love and peace. Wars perpetuate wars as revenge is sought for one's misdeeds to another and the cycle continues. Prejudice,

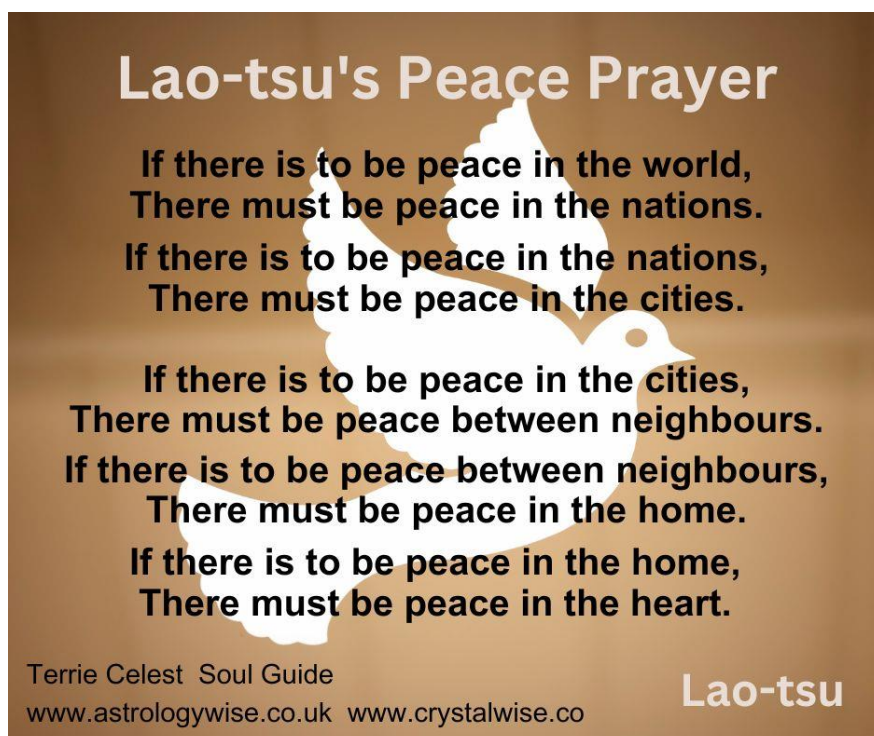
judgement, separation and selfishness are being outed, disclosed, revealed. Misuse of power is also being revealed and this will continue through the next two months at least.

There are some ancient collective wounds that are being healed, including those energies just mentioned and rebalancing of masculine and feminine is a major one, alongside forgiveness, which brings us back to understanding and empathy. Until we have walked in others' shoes we cannot judge them.

Fear lies beneath many of these themes, fear of there not being enough for everyone, fear for life, survival instincts at their most raw and primitive which fuel the unconscious to take desperate action and to fight for that survival. These energies are deeply ingrained and are therefore difficult to heal and change, but the tide is turning.

What we can do, on a personal level, is to heal our own wounds. To practise tolerance, acceptance, to see others points of view and still to like them, if not love them. We can be different AND we can live alongside one another. Maybe this illusion of separateness is the key one to focus on, as if we truly saw each other as the Souls that we are, incarnating in a human body for our Soul learning and understood the roles we play and choose to take in each others' lives, all that would dissipate immediately.

I shared this many times earlier in the year, Lao Tzu's peace prayer.



What would happen, what change would we begin to see, what ripple effect could we cause if we each read this every morning from now until the end of the year and tried our best to embrace it. What if we chose one positive thing to do to spread this energy today?

Smiled at someone in the street?

Helped someone we saw struggling instead of walking by?

Carried out a random act of kindness?

Spent five minutes sending good vibes, love and peace to one person, our community, a land or country?

Now, more than ever before, we need to be the change we want to see in the world.



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The Sun will be leaving Libra on 22<sup>nd</sup> and entering Scorpio and will therefore connect with Uranus, Neptune and Pluto before it does, which are now at 26°, 27° and 29°. It makes a karmic pattern with Uranus and Neptune, both retrograde, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and there are ancestral elements that we are being encouraged to look into. Shock, trauma, sudden events in the past that triggered a flight or fight response or survival instincts, can stay in the energy field and there can be collective energies around war, pogroms and similar incidents. These can leave an

unconscious residue of not feeling safe. Spiritual persecutions, witch hunts, religious and ethnic cleansings leave karmic scars that can be passed down through generations and whilst we might feel these are out of our direct experience, we are touched by it.

There is much in the current and ongoing astrology that is encouraging a deep cleanse of collective trauma and wounds. They need to go in order for us to find peace on both a personal and collective level. Look for the deeper layers, the traumas of the past that might underlie your own insecurities and lack of inner peace and do what you can to send healing to the past and the ancestors, or simply find those echoes within yourself and work on healing them so that the ripples go back to the ancestors.

As we reach 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Sun connects with Pluto before changing signs, we become more empowered and might also be shown where misuse of power has fuelled the past. As the Sun enters Scorpio, it is vital that we don't use the Scorpion's tail for revenge and instead, positively empower ourselves and others towards a better future.

Help comes from a lovely trine between Mercury and Saturn which can soothe our fears and encourage us to talk about deep, emotional, difficult or usually taboo subjects. And Venus also makes a very helpful connection to the karmic Nodes later on which is promoting freedom of expression, but with love and understanding, from a heart-centred and non-judgemental perspective.

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The Moon and Mars can be seen together in the sky early on 24<sup>th</sup> as we reach the waning half Moon, marking the midway point between the Full Moon on 17<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming New Moon in Scorpio on 1<sup>st</sup> November. How are we doing with any releasing of the old that we set intentions for?

With all the recent karmic energies that are being brought to the surface, today we could be shown some buried emotions from our childhood that would benefit from inner child healing. Seek professional help if they are particularly deep and/or painful and talking them through is one way of releasing them. We need to practise self-care and increase our grounding and remind our adult self that we are now safe and secure.

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Facing our skeletons in the closet robs them of the  
power we have been giving them to control us.

It is time to turn and face them,  
forgive ourselves and others and have empathy for the  
old version of ourselves  
that did the best that they could then.

Share the wisdom, love, forgiveness  
and understanding that you now have with that younger  
version of you to help them to heal.

**And leave the past behind.**

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Back on 8<sup>th</sup>, Mercury, then in Libra made a challenging connection with Chiron and a very helpful one to Jupiter which went retrograde the following day. Chiron, and Jupiter are very close all month and met exactly on 12<sup>th</sup> and are helping to bring old collective wounds to the surface for healing. Having moved on now into Scorpio, Mercury again connects with these two on 27<sup>th</sup> and as it does, the trio briefly form an ancestral pattern.

What arose on 8<sup>th</sup> can further evolve and receive more healing and now it is important to talk about unreleased emotional wounds that we have been hanging on to. Or to write them down as a way of releasing them. They are fermenting in the past and unconsciously influencing us. A very simple analogy would be tackling a cupboard in the house that is overdue a good sort out. Maybe the door is a bit dodgy and you avoid opening it as you are afraid that everything will fall out. Every time you glance at it you have quite a negative feeling and look away again, putting it off 'for another day'.

Today is one of the best days to do that, to be brave, open the door, let what falls out fall out, then go through what is left in there, and clean the cupboard and put back only what you need to keep.

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If you avoid conflict  
to keep the peace,  
you start a war  
inside yourself

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Venus and Mars, the feminine and masculine archetypes of the chart are both active on 28<sup>th</sup> with Venus making a challenging connection to retrograde Saturn whilst Mars makes a contrasting and also complementary and helpful one to retrograde Neptune. Venus is the antagonist whilst Mars is trying to find areas of similarity and agreement, rather than difference and fear from a perceived lack of freedom.

Venus also represents finance and values and here we might need to assess what is really of value, of importance to us. Are the things that we are fighting to preserve really of value or is there some old nostalgia, ancestral customs and beliefs that we are unconsciously acting out without assessing if they are valid for us now?

The Sun will go on to have a niggly connection to the Nodes early on 29<sup>th</sup>, fuelling the discontent but helping us to identify old patterns and it can reveal how and why we kept things to ourselves and previously avoided difficult conversations. Likely there was an element of keeping the peace and not wanting to upset others. Some secrets are best kept but there are also those that need to be told.

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Mercury opposes Uranus on 30<sup>th</sup> and this will undoubtedly challenge the mind and our communication. Mercury is in the deep water (emotions) sign of Scorpio which also has a revengeful side and can become

engrossed and even obsessed with something. It brings the skill of a detective mind, enabling us to go beneath the surface and dive deep into a subject but it can become so immersed there that it loses sight of everything else and can become obsession.

Uranus is the kick-ass planet and shakes things up for us, however it is now retrograde and that tones down its lightning strike abilities whilst still stirring the pot where it needs to. Ultimately it is helping us to get to where we need to be and here, it could help us to have some sudden revelations and to reassess how we feel about something or someone. In the past it might have felt unsafe to talk about our emotions or a difficult subject, and Uranus can help us to break out of that and to share what needs to come to the surface and be heard.

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