

ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS FOR APRIL 2007

BIRTHDAY – Aries



by Bev Murray

This is an adventurous sign. Arians often seem to have energy to burn! Enthusiastic and confident in their approach to life they can also become foolhardy and impatient! They need to learn the gentle art of patience and allow their truly pioneering natures to help mankind.

Give them: An adventure holiday, classes in meditation and relaxation, a surprise.....

Aries This month starts slow but during the second week of April, Mercury will enter Aries, and Venus will enter Gemini. This combination highlights your single best chance of the year to gain support for your ideas. Talk to everyone you meet and see what comes of it! This is the month to lay the groundwork for your future, by getting it all planned out in advance and by focusing on thinking strategically.

Taurus In the big picture this month signals a time when you really do need to address your home-related issues and outstanding obligations. On a more subtle level though you also need to figure out how to squeeze a little "you" time into your life. Venus squares Neptune on the 5th and can signal some misunderstandings for the rest of the month so wait before you judge!

Gemini There's a lot of concentrated planetary attention being paid to your relationships this month, all kinds of relationships! Rare and wonderful opportunities and open clashes are all on the cards! Mercury, Mars, and Uranus will all spend time in your solar 10th house of career in April really activating things and at times causing you stress. Decisions need to be made, concentrate on what makes you happy.

Cancer There's a full moon in Libra in your solar 4th house of family on April 3rd. You may be able to use this full moon energy to wrap up some family-related affair that needs completion. If you have to deal with health issues, then deal with them now. The planetary focus will never be more advantageous than it is this month. Creative enterprises fair well after the 5th. Passion will be the key.

Leo The planets are actually giving you a break this month, and hopefully it will feel that way. With Saturn poised to bring many areas of your life to a time of quiet and reflection you can have the rest you deserve or you can mess it all up by pushing and pushing for your five second of fame! It is up to you! Pluto can also this month by encouraging you to let go of what is unnecessary in your life.

Virgo During April there is so much planetary energy flowing through your sign that you feel the need to keep your hands busy so that your mind can sort it all out. Doing things to calm yourself this month is highly recommended! The Moon conjunct Mercury on the 16th can really active your mind and allow you find all the right answers to those big questions you are asking. You can really make things happen for you.

Libra It is to your benefit to give your work situation as much energy and attention as you can this month, because the universe has been trying to get things straightened out in this sector of your life for awhile. During April at least, you can make some progress. The prevailing energies also allow you to communicate in an effective and yet pleasant way about things that are normally difficult to bring up. Use this wisely.

Scorpio Romance is the main area of action until the 12th of the month and after that it is all about work. You are well advised to knuckle down and do whatever it takes to achieve your goals now. Any slacking will only have to be paid for later and those allusive dreams will be put on hold again for quite some time. Retrograde Pluto asks you to be honest with yourself and get down to it.

Sagittarius This month you can access your talents, abilities, and energies in a caring way. From April 7th on, Mars will be in your home and family sector, allowing you to lavish all this compassionate and caring energy on someone you love. In its best manifestation this combination makes you very happy because it gives you a sense of purpose and the feeling that you have the resources to fulfill that purpose.

Capricorn This is a great month generally but it is particularly excellent for selling almost anything... yourself, a new idea, a proposal, A plan to get your kids to clean up their rooms. Anything that requires persuasion, verbal skills, and a dash of ingenuity will be favoured this month. You should feel pretty good so don't be afraid to let go and have fun with it. Your smile should be pretty broad.

Aquarius This month the sun is in your solar 3rd house and Mercury joins him there after the 10th. This is particularly good for Aquarians who happen to work with the media, as the 3rd house deals with media of all kinds. Saturn and Jupiter activity can mean you could be simultaneously very busy and very tired. Don't forget to schedule some play and relaxation time for yourself! You will need it.

Pisces This month brings a mixed bag of influences. A large part of the focus is on money and your material possessions. The New Moon on the 17th favours a period of creative activity and dreaming. The Moon opposition to Neptune on the 26th brings all this lovely stuff to a close and leaves you feeling a little lost. Take it as a signal to rest and relax and you will actually get some benefit out of it.

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2007: a US bear market?

by David McMinn

Probably the most influential stock market cycle during the 20th century was the well known decennial cycle. Under this scenario, the US market bottoms in a year ended in '2' and then progressively rises to a peak in a year ended in a '6' or '7' and experiences a crisis and slump. The market rises to another peak in a 9 or 0 ended year, followed by another market collapse.

During the 2000's, the market has been following the decennial cycle according to plan. It hit a bear market low in October 2002 and then rose to a peak in February 2007, which is what one would expect from the decennial cycle. In May 2006 and February 2007 the US market experienced tremors but no major panic. The decennial cycle can be used effectively for stock market speculating.

According to R W Miller of Triple Screen Trading, "if one were out of the market at the beginning of the '0' year, entered the S&P 500 on June 30 of the '2' year, then were out from August through October of the '7' year, and finally re-entered until the end of the '9' year, the value of \$1 invested in 1900 would be worth \$6,660.86 in 2002 versus just \$148.41 were you instead fully invested over

the entire period of time. An awareness of the 10-year cycle would have produced 44.9 times the return".

Despite the statistical evidence to support the decennial cycle, many sources dismiss it as coincidence. This is the most common response to anything researchers cannot explain, even though the results may look convincing. Coincidence is one of the most abused words in economics and the sciences.

7-Ended Years	DJIA High DJIA Low	% Decline in Market
1887	Dec 3, 1886 Apr 2, 1888	-20.1 BM
1897	Sept 10, 1897 Mar 25, 1898	-24.6 BM
1907	Jan 19, 1906 Nov 15, 1907	-48.5 BM
1917	Nov 21, 1916 Dec 19, 1917	-40.1 BM
1927	Oct 3, 1927 Oct 22, 1927	-10.2 CM
1937	Mar 10, 1937 Mar 31, 1938	-49.1 BM
1947	May 29, 1946 June 13, 1949	-24.0 BM
1957	Apr 6, 1956 Oct 22, 1957	-19.4 CM
1967	Feb 9, 1966 Oct 7, 1966	-25.2 BM
1977	Sept 21, 1976 Feb 28, 1978	-26.9 BM
1987	Aug 25, 1987 Dec 4, 1987	-35.1 BM
1997	Aug 6, 1997 Nov 12, 1997	-13.2 CM

Abbrevs: BM: Bear market fall >20%; CM: Correction market fall >10%<20%.

Market Lows in 7-Ended Years

From the accompanying table, it is evident that the US stock market peaks in years ended in 6 or 7 followed by a major collapse in the stock market. This decline was usually severe (over 20%), but there have been a few years when the fall was quite weak (1927 and 1997) and in the 1960's the market bottom happened a year earlier than expected in October 1966.

Significant DJIA market lows were most often recorded in the 5.5 months beginning October 20 of those years ended in 7. Of the 12 market lows in the ensuing table, only two did not follow this rule – October 1966 and June 1949.

US Market Collapse

To date the US market has been following the decennial pattern very well and there is no reason to presume that a market slump in 2007 can be avoided. There are many possible scenarios. George W has a bad day and attacks Iran to make him feel that he still has some relevance. The US housing bubble completely deflates into a major recession. The Chinese dump their mountains of US\$ reserves, causing a world monetary crisis. Only time will tell.

Samhein Eve – Winter Finding Festival

- Sunset Saturday 28th April, Djambung Gardens, Nimbin -

by Lynne Oldfield (6689-1816)

Robyn Francis and I are organizing a Ritual and Celebration for the night of Samhein Eve.

Samhein Eve, 28th April, is the day before April 29th, the last day of the Celtic year. April 30th is the day of no time and Tuesday 1st May is the first day of Celtic New Year.

In ancient times the Celtic people celebrated the Celtic Feast of the Dead at Samhein to honour the memories of their ancestors: a time when the veils between the worlds is most thin; a potential time to contact ancestors and heal old wounds and divisions between the races of this one planet that is now dependent on people like us for its survival. It can be a time to speak words to put old negative patterns and situations to rest, to make room for a new life.

A special invitation is extended to all Indigenous people, as the purpose is to connect with our ancestors to resolve the deep issues which still divide us. Many terrible things have been done to the land of Australia and the

Aboriginal people by our white ancestors. Many terrible things are still going on today for the sake of exploitation of the land and its resources.

Most of the white people in Australia have Celtic ancestry that is very similar to aboriginal spirituality and interpretation of the land. More than two thousand years ago this was scoured from the face of Europe and driven underground as the patriarchal earth-exploiting culture took over the land, corrupting and transforming the inhabitants. Fear was and still is the tool that divides us from the Earth and each other.

This is my TAFE film project, and I'm really interested in anyone who wants to have input in this film. My idea is to have a short interview with Robyn about Celtic culture, and I would love to involve an Indigenous person who wants to talk about their culture and how it will help us to live in the world. Film of the fire and celebration on the night will also be included. I also need music for the sound track.

Robyn suggested people come in whatever ethnic or indigenous attire they wish to wear.

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