





LIBRA 2018 NEWSLETTER
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Get ready for the arrival of fall on September 22 when it brings new life to your spirit while releasing the season's bounty. What gorgeous landscapes await us arrayed in colorful trees with leaves of orange, red, yellow, green, gold and brown. Our birthday honoree, Libra, enjoys the beauty of fall and recognizes the autumnal equinox by displaying pumpkins, wreaths and gourds. Our favorite social sign hosts tasty barbecues, tailgate parties, or homecoming games showing special loyalty to favorite teams. Libras table work to balance routines with fun and play. Invite your cherished Libra to a festive meal, light their favorite birthday cake with candles and wish them a happy day and year ahead.

CYBERSECURITY: Be especially vigilant during storm season to guard your personal information in case you have to vacate. Cons are at work filling the Internet with fake banking, credit card offers and misleading claims and messages to coax you into giving up personal information. Fly-by-night storm chasers are everywhere. Hackers endanger millions by stealing information. Be sure to check your banking and card balances regularly and report suspicious activity at once. Hit SPAM and keep security software updated. Fake phone calls are back asking for your Social Security number and date of birth - the IRS does not do this - hang up. And a new message is hitting cell phones and e-mail that someone finds you attractive and suggests that you follow the link to see their comments - don't do it. It is actually a trafficking ring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Happy Birthday to J, J, B, C and S; Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to J&J. My website <u>astrologyondemand.com</u>, and Facebook are available to you if you would like to review prior newsletters. You can also follow me on Twitter@AstroOnDemand. The winner of August's client drawing was SG who received a \$10 gift certificate good toward a future session; the winner of the September drawing will also receive this award. Thank you for your displays of confidence.

Important Dates from September 22-October 23

September 22: Fall Begins

October 8: Columbus Day Observed

LIBRA'S BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS: Happy Birthday, Libra! You are juggling a variety of interests that demand your time this year: renovations, money, home base matters, family, sports and relationships. With your diverse networks, you find ways to stay in touch with all your contacts. Libra is the second air sign in the Zodiac with love Goddess Venus ruling your sign. You are partnership-oriented and strongly identify with the 7<sup>th</sup> House of romantic, business, and professional connections, roommates, the public in general, advisors, counselors, diplomats, doctors, lawyers, recruiters, other experts, and your shadow self. Many Libras enter careers that give your social, mediation and diplomatic skills a workout. You possess the asset of providing courteous and thoughtful service to clients and customers. Maybe you're a Libra who thrives on organizing events or heading up social functions; you want everything to gel. Creativity is a strong trait for Libras with artistic tendencies who enjoy pursuits involving the use of hands. Whether you spend a big chunk of time on the Internet or avoid most types of Web communications, you learn much from the information exchange. As an Air sign, many of you relish time saving devices and buy the latest equipment to remain tech savvy. You upgrade your Smart phone regularly and download the newest APPS. You lose patience with slow systems. Libras can be excessively sensitive when criticized for their flaws and will block out messages rather than listen. That's too bad because some of your best assets come to life when you listen to what others are saying and help them work through difficulties. Keep relationships intact. Rewarding careers for many of you include the field of consulting, coaching, design, management, mediating, medicine, psychology, sales, servicing client needs, and teaching. You feel good when absorbing new information to build new skills and enhance your best qualities. Work on creative avoidance, indecision or procrastination in managing tasks. Solve relationship issues that involve others' feelings. Tension responds well to exercise to eliminate stress. Libra rules the kidneys, pancreas, lower back and urethra. This years the Sun enters your sign on September 22 at 9:54 PM EDT and leaves on October 23 at 7:22 AM EDT.

Mars in Aquarius spent an incredibly long time starting May 16 in your solar 5<sup>th</sup> House of romance during 2018 and ends its journey on November 15. With retrograde activity playing a starring role and the planet going back into Capricorn and your solar 10<sup>th</sup> House, Mars finally moved back to Aquarius on September 10 and will energize the Suns of most Aquarians during these dates. These Mars cycles occur once every 20 months. This time around, anger issues may have emerged related to 5<sup>th</sup> House activity in this chart pattern: amusements, children, recreation, romance, social life, vacations, speculation, risk taking and teaching or coaching. Jupiter moved to Scorpio on October 10, 2017 in your solar 2<sup>nd</sup> House of income, assets and self-development and leaves on November 9 to enter Sagittarius through December 3, 2019. While in Scorpio you may have enjoyed raises, bonuses, awards, contest or lottery wins, developmental experiences that put you in competition for a better job or qualify you for a promotion, financial realignment, available cash to complete projects and increased savings. With Jupiter in Sagittarius starting November 10, 2018, your 3<sup>rd</sup> House of communication, contracts, education, equipment, mental outlook, neighborhood activities and groups, siblings and transportation get a workout. For many that can mean attending classes, going on short trips, adding more books to your library, purchasing a new vehicle, hearing more frequently than usual from siblings, cousins or other relatives, increased Internet activity, investing in security systems to protect your home and electronics and more activity with community interests. Some of you experience a rebirth in mental health and release depression, anger or hurt feelings. Saturn in Capricorn began to move

through your 4th House of home, family members, domestic affairs, real estate purchases, sales or improvements, visitors to your home, and landscaping projects. education, siblings, neighborhood activities, contracts, and mental outlook. It entered this space on December 19, 2017 and headed into your solar 4th House of home and family. Those of you born the first week of Libra's sign have a few testy days through February. If born September 24-October 13 Saturn is in hard aspect through the end of your 2019 birthday cycle. Remember that Saturn goes retrograde on June 2 and goes direct on September 18, 2019 and will create an aspect to your Sun more than once. While in the solar 4th House in Capricorn for the next two years, you will be dealing with family matters to include parents or relatives needing care, a home, issues related to household, landscaping, real estate, repairs, nutrition and decisions involving your home. If you haven't already done so you might install or upgrade security systems or replace the roof, windows or doors. Examine children's needs carefully and look objectively at how responsibility is a factor in their lives. Add entertainment venues to your home and childproof it if your children or grandchildren are present. If considering selling or buying a home, be sure to check dates carefully. Uranus in Taurus (now in retrograde motion) is in a quirky aspect to your Sun and contacts the solar 8th House of Libras through November 7 especially if born September 22-24 during 2018-19. For some of you that can mean sexual tension in your love life or disputes over joint funds or over shared property or spaces. Remember that Uranus takes 7 years to go through a sign, so every Libra will get a turn one way or the other to deal with matters in your chart's natal house where Uranus is transiting. If you are born October 21-23, look for unexpected developments that occur from November 7 through March 6 when retrograde Uranus bounces back into Aries and your 7<sup>th</sup> House of partners. While in your solar 7<sup>th</sup>, Uranus unearths a few unsettled matters that you have to address to get lingering challenges out of the way. Certain relationships end or are in some state of upheaval as you move toward the last hurrah - and you will be relieved. While in Taurus for the next few months and for most of 2019, your 8<sup>th</sup> House of joint finances, investments, debts, karma, deep feelings, sex, your psyche and inheritances gets a workout. You are probably undergoing relationships changes and have had lots of new and sometimes quirky people popping into your life - roommates, personal or business partners. Take a break from toxic relationships if that has been a problem and expedite healing of your soul. Be realistic about the truth regarding others' behavior. Seek counsel if necessary. Neptune in Pisces contacts your Libra Sun via the inconjunction aspect in 2018-19 if you are born October 6-12 in your solar 6th House of work, health, daily environment, exercise, co-workers, pets, schedules, and nutrition. Neptune is retrograde as we begin your birthday analysis; be prepared to address some of the issues you are dealing with related to this house more than once in the coming year. The aspect is stress-inducing and may alter the pace of your work environment, the attitude of people you connect with and your coworkers' behavior or makeup. Neptune here also adds creativity and a sense of psychic awareness. How you handle matters contributes to your overall enjoyment and approach to your work. Insight helps you solve problems and address red tape, policies and practices. Certain Libras will go job-hunting for a new adventure that addresses your ideal state and makes use of your talents. If have been perplexed, you may have identified the need for more education and opt to pursue degree or certificate programs that give you the competitive edge. Focus on the Big Picture and eliminate the daydreaming. Perhaps you will take on reorganizing personal space, move your household, or be assigned to a work restructuring initiative. Stay focused on what you enjoy and what you dislike

about the status quo. Understanding it may attract better opportunities and personal satisfaction. When Neptune passes through the 6th House, certain Libras will find romance with a co-worker or collaborator. Get to know new personal partners and determine whether they meet your emotional needs. You are on a quest for more responsibility. Seek advice from a professional to fine tune your personal and professional goals. Look for balance in your cherished endeavors. Although retrograde as the Sun moves into your sign. Pluto in Capricorn is going direct on September 30. Pluto in Capricorn in your solar 4<sup>th</sup> House of home, parents, family structures, family in general, base of operation, domestic affairs, real estate and home improvement matters resonates strongly with Libras born October 10-16 during late 2018-19. Pluto can nag you to insist that you see matters in a new light. As a member of a Cardinal sign you continue to feel the vibes strongly as will Cancer, Aries and Capricorn in terms of these themes. Routines and schedules need a makeover in your base of operation -- living spaces, family dynamics, property care, health and welfare matters, renovation and real estate are likely to dominate. Those born October 18-23 deal with Uranus in Aries making waves from your 7th house of the public and relationships opposing your Sun from November 7-March 6, 2019 while dodging Pluto's desire to dissolve blocks. Pluto puts you in touch with your fears and helps you acknowledge them, examine your emotional makeup, and make firm decisions in areas you have buried deep in your psyche. Certain Libras deal with major emotional adjustments through losses of key people in your lives. Seek renewal and your soul heals more deeply. Shed excess baggage and lighten your load. Work through this demanding cycle with family members and stay positive. Celebrate rebirth in your home base with soothing harmonious vibes and enjoyable makeovers.

Eclipses last from 6 months to a year while their influence plays out. I am covering the last three eclipses of 2018 in this section since they occurred in July and August and will influence your chart through January 2019 and beyond. For the next 18 months eclipses are mostly in Capricorn and Cancer. Get familiar with your chart so you know where to look for action. You may tune in to how eclipses affect your chart for several weeks before they occur. The third eclipse of 2018 occurred on July 12. the year's second solar eclipse, this time in Cancer, and fell in your solar 10th House of career, ambition, employer, leadership, organization and status quo in life and in the family. This eclipse may be influencing your personal direction and aid you in taking a hard look at your professional goals. Many Libras will address family issues, perhaps involving parents and their health. At the very least, you'll be juggling time between the high demands at work as you ascend the ladder of success and the needs of family that compete for your time. Some Libras are working from home these days due to commuting or workplace issues or started a home-based business; others have increased travel on the agenda. If you are born on or around October 12-14 the influence is very strong as transiting Pluto in Capricorn in the 4<sup>th</sup> House is in hard aspect to your Sun and most likely demanded a change of pace, since Pluto also opposed this 10<sup>th</sup> House Cancer eclipse. The second lunar eclipse of 2018 occurred on July 27th in Aquarius in your solar 5th House of romance, adventure, dating and social life, children, risk-taking, sports and creative arts, Its presence may have brought to mind February's Aquarius Solar eclipse and any plans percolating on the back burner or secrets you were keeping. If the truth is out, how has it affected your psyche? Perhaps you were planning a surprise party or trip. How are the plans unfolding? Risktakers may be involved in a new project that evolves between now and early 2019. If so, adhere to frequent timeline checks and plans. Entertainment venues accelerate now. Enjoy! The final Solar Eclipse of 2018 occurred in Leo on August 11

in your solar 11<sup>th</sup> House placing your affiliation with associations, groups, organizations, friendships and your personal goals in the limelight. Those of you born October 9-12 experience a very significant year in terms of meeting new associates and groups, emerging opportunities, promotion, leadership, personal satisfaction, and relationships with others. Whatever you started in January creates additional pressure for you in terms of commitment. How are you adapting? If scattered too thin, you may have to bow out; or if this is something you desire, get ready for a wild ride and high demands on your time. Certain Libras will end both personal and professional relationships while others strengthen new ones. What can you contribute to a favorite group? You may be asked to lead or take on new responsibilities, especially via work. No doubt the commitment has accelerated. Libras crave balance. Remember, eclipses don't wait for a lull in the action; they just land in your life and shake up routines quickly and unexpectedly. During 2019 five eclipses occur, four of them before your next birthday: The first, a solar eclipse takes place in your solar 4th House on January 5 in Capricorn highlighting the department of home, hearth, family, household matters, repairs and remodeling and activity at the base of operation. The influence of this eclipse lasts well into 2020. Information about people and matters connected to this house accelerate and interaction with family members increases. Renovations are part of the cycle for many Libras who enjoy home spaces and comforts. Some Libras may have to use mediation skills to broker deals with contractors or to smooth feelings among family members. The first lunar eclipse of 2019 takes place on January 21st in dramatic Leo in your solar 11th House of groups and friendships. This eclipse assures activity with organizations, associations, humanitarian interests, clubs, goals and wishes and/or one-on-one relationships. A romance could become more permanent or if already in a partnership, strengthens. Collaboration could mean extra assignments as you and a colleague or member of a favorite group work on an important project or goal. You may receive a bonus from your boss or receive a grant to fund an initiative. Certain Libras may be active in political movements or run for office. Educational goals stabilize your future. Job offers emerge for many and some of you play a role in solving human capital disagreements that strengthen teams. On July 2, the 3<sup>rd</sup> eclipse of the year and second Solar Eclipse of 2019 occurs in Cancer in your solar 10th House of career, lifestyle, family status, ambition, organizational changes, recognition or reward for performance and new executives. How's your work life going? That diligence is about to pay off for you in the form of a raise or promotion. Check your love life - either you could get engaged or marry; or if other conditions exist in your chart, the relationship fizzles. If you have been bored or in a career rut, a new offer will take you out of it and give you the prestige you desire. Go to a deep level to figure out your next steps. If the eclipse makes aspects to other planets in your chart, this could be a life-changing year. Seek professional advice if in doubt. The last eclipse in your birthday cycle takes place two weeks later in Capricorn on July 16<sup>th</sup> and takes another look at matters you were dealing with in early January in your solar 4th House of home and foundation. If any hotbeds of activity have escalated, it is time to address them, seek counsel, set a plan of action, and have caring discussions with family members who need help. Be prepared to discuss living arrangements with relatives. Get good advice and up to three estimates from contractors or decorators you are considering for home improvements. Find the best deal in a reasonable price range. Enjoy a beautiful birthday year and celebrate success. Material in this section may apply to those born with a Libra Ascendant or multiple planets in Libra.

Famous Libra birthdays include: Mickey Rooney, Bruce Springsteen, Barbara Walters, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas, Christopher Reeve, Heather Locklear, Will Smith, Olivia Newton-John, Meat Loaf, Shaun Cassidy, Brigitte Bardot, Gwyneth Paltrow, Janeane Garafalo, Mira Sorvino, Naomi Watts, Hilary Duff, Stacey Kiebler, Bryant Gumbel, Fran Drescher, Jenna Elfman, Tony Shaloub, John Lennon, Bruno Mars, Johnny Mathis, Julie Andrews, Jimmy Carter, Donna Karan, Lorraine Bracco, Kevin Richardson, Emeril Lagasse, Ashlee Simpson, Neve Campbell, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Sting, Tommy Lee, Alicia Silverstone, Susan Sarandon, Paul Simon, Kate Winslet, Elisabeth Shue, Yo-Yo Ma, Simon Cowell, Chevy Chase, Matt Damon, Sigourney Weaver, John Lennon, Luke Perry, Hugh Jackman, Luciano Pavarotti, Kelly Preston, Carrie Fisher, Amber Rose, Paul Simon, Ralph Lauren, Usher, Sarah Ferguson, Suzanne Somers, Tim Robbins, Jean-Claude Van Damme, John Lithgow, and Jeff Goldblum.

### **SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 23 PLANETS**

The month begins with Mercury in Libra conjunct the suns of all Libras during this cycle and moves to Scorpio on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Its presence on your Sun reminds you to sharpen your game and be alert to messages and important contractual agreements. While in Libra Mercury communication is witty and charming; when it moves to Scorpio notice a shifting tone which is caustic and probing. Venus is in early Scorpio the entire cycle and goes retrograde on October 10 through the end of this period, indicating a time to review emotional and romantic attachments while understanding the reasons behind delays in action. If you are feeling alienated in a current relationship, you may be more successful in the next few months. Venus retrograde occurs approximately every 18 months and often brings the return of an old love or news about the individual to your attention. Don't get serious about anyone new or renew an acquaintance until after December 17<sup>th</sup> when the retrograde energy clears. Venus aspects highlight the perfect time for socializing and purchasing jewelry, refreshing home décor and adding to your wardrobe. Plan a fall trip to enjoy some much-deserved fun. Mars is in Aquarius through the entire Libra cycle and livens up the charts of all air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) at various points while simultaneously challenging fixed signs Taurus, Leo and Scorpio. It's a great time for fall cleaning, prepping your home for winter, planning gatherings and organizing your life. If you have been dealing with projects you put on hold, now is the time to move forward and sell your ideas. Note that on September 26th, Mars reaches the degree of the July 27<sup>th</sup> Aguarius eclipse accentuating the strength of this Mars transit and highlighting issues for individuals and nations that may have ignored warnings. Notice the levels of egos clashing and the hostile tones that make communication difficult. Mars and Neptune aspects influence weather patterns that include hurricanes, winds, flooding, contamination such as Red Tide and sewage backup in hard hit zones. More to come.

Jupiter wraps up its year in Scorpio on November 8<sup>th</sup> while still making aspect this month to the suns of late degree Scorpios born October 11-18. Put the goals you have to good use by enhancing purchasing power and taking advantage of sales on desired goods. Be sure to schedule surgery to take place before mid-November and make other medical appointments, expand contacts or book travel. Cancers and Pisces born with planets from 18-25 degrees of your signs benefit from successful money transactions while the transit may challenge Taurus, Leo, and Aquarius with planets at these degrees. Jupiter enjoys a harmonious relationship with Pluto now and aids in addressing life's burning issues that find a voice in Scorpio -

think #MeToo, nominations for political positions, and excess baggage that slows down the quest for peace and harmony. Hire a negotiator though, especially if Mercury is in an air sign or a retrograde phase is moving close. Saturn is direct in Capricorn as of September 6 where it remains until March 2020 and then off and on due to retrograde motion for the rest of that year. Currently Saturn makes aspects to individuals born December 23-26; and favorably affects transactions for Taurus individuals born April 22-25, Virgo born August 25-28, Scorpio born October 25-28 and Pisces born February 21-24. Signs that must prepare to meet challenges are Aries born March 24-27, Cancers born June 24-27 and Libras born September 24-27. Check details of important contracts, proposals, and legal matters. Many of you have supplemental responsibility to manage, while others come to grips with health matters and schedule appointments; energy needs a boost so plan accordingly by getting enough rest and eating well. Major political players dominate the news while the U.S. chart syncs with their planets and is dizzy with investigations, a honey pot filled with lies, and key players turning in evidence to bail from the pain that is amassing in DC circles. Investigations continue to reveal painful facts. Uranus in Taurus moves in retrograde motion covering 2-0 degrees of the sign this month. It most affects Taurus born April 23-19 as it stirs up matters you are facing and want to eliminate. How you wish you could bring out the magic wand, yet the "erasure" returns next March to demand your full blown respect. Other signs dueling with Uranus include Aquarius born January 19-23, Leo born July 22-25 and Scorpio born October 22-26. The zodiac's benefactors are Capricorns born December 21-25 and Virgos born August 22-25 especially while transiting Saturn in Capricorn makes favorable aspects all month. Look for a win, a bonus, a great deal on a vehicle, or a smooth household transaction.

Neptune is in its sign ruler Pisces in retrograde motion stationing at 14 degrees through the end of this cycle and affects individuals born March 3-5. Look at your chart - wherever you have this Pisces degree represents the area of your life that needs clarification and a much-needed breakthrough as you confront confusion and work through problems. Work or home base can be focal points along with critical relationships. Those with water sign ascendants around 14 degrees or the Sun at 14 degrees (Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces) have had greater access to your subconscious and may be processing information via dreams, psychic vibes, vivid memory recall and intuition; ditto if your rising sign is earth. Many on the planet need compassion now and have lost loved ones, homes, their health, assets and the will to live. Provide emotional support or point them in the direction of experts who can provide assistance with financial burdens. Give a donation to a worthy or vetted cause: a little goes a long way. Thank the generous people in your lives who show they care in numerous ways. Keep excellent health records and get a check-up and a flu shot this season. Free your worries with entertainment via films, plays and other art forms like music, puzzles and books while the transit passes. Acknowledge your successes to stabilize self-worth. Pluto turns direct in motion in Capricorn on September 30 at 10:03 PM EDT on the Suns of Capricorns born January 8-10 while it stations at 18 degrees. Members of other signs should look at any planets, points or houses where you have 18 degrees of Capricorn, especially those who have Cancer, Libra or Aries at this degree. The closer the planet is to a conjunction (around the same degree) the greater the importance. Those of you struggling with illness-related burdens, financial woes, relationship discord and losses may see a reversal in action during the next few months. The days around the 30th of September may have some irregular energy as though you feel the shoe may drop. Later that week Pluto receives a hit from Mercury, so be sure your plans are firm, and your paperwork is in order to

proceed with activity. Be prepared for another round of earthquakes, floods and hurricanes. On a personal level, identify and heal your anger issues; on a global level, keep your eyes on centers of world conflict, those who get a charge from entertaining hostile language and divulge plans of action that go against the safety and prosperity of the nation and friendly countries. Safety consciousness is important as we move into fall. Enjoy the deeply transformative benefits of transiting Pluto. In this Sun in Libra report Chiron is retrograde in Pisces all through the end of the cycle and most affects individuals born March 18-20 who may be bombarded with revelation at deep levels that affect mental and physical healing while they release old fears. Embrace inner courage and face limitations, freeing up the positive energy that brings greater enjoyment to your life. Don't make drastic changes before assessing the facts. Decide on your future and seek counsel to consider new options. You'll move through the rough waters and identify blind spots. Where are you too rigid? If you feel stuck, this transit may set you free. Schedule time with your astrologer for some strategic insight and favorable timing.

### **LUNAR/SOLAR CYCLES SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH OCTOBER 23**

September 22: Sun enters Libra 9:55 PM EDT Autumn Equinox September 24: Full Moon in Aries, 10:52 PM EDT, 1° ↑ 59' October 8: New Moon in Libra, 11:472 PM EDT, 15° △ 48'

October 23: Sun Enters Scorpio, 7:23 AM EDT

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND TOPICS IN THE NEWS

The news this month has been anything but pretty with few exceptions. The September hurricane activity captured the attention of readers wanting details about the affected states. Remember that eclipses show up on North and South Nodes of the Moon which are currently in the fixed signs Leo and Aquarius and would affect planets or nodes in Taurus and Scorpio as well if the degrees are relative. The closer to the exact degree, the more powerful the impact. The other hot topic is the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment and blatant disregard for the Nation and its people by leaders in power who bend rules, look the other way, malign those who disagree and seem determined to destroy our values, commitment and status in the world. You can read about it or tune in on the hour to hear about the latest breaches.

America's Got Talent (AGT): This highly successful show just completed Season 13 while featuring several incredibly talented performers. This year's winner is Shin Lim, a Libra, born in British Columbia, Canada and now lives in Acton, MA. Shin will celebrate his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 25. What a nice reward for the mesmerizing performances he gave on the show. Runner-up this season was the outstanding acrobatic dance group, Zucaroh, led by Director and Choreographer Peterson da Cruz Hora. The troupe is based in Gotzis, Austria. Congratulations to these performers who captured the hearts of America's Got Talent fans. No doubt all top 10 performers will achieve greater success in future months. Judges: Simon Cowell, a Libra born October 7; Heidi Klum, is a double Gemini born June 1; Mel B is another Gemini born May 29; Comedian Howie Mandel is a Sagittarius born November 29; Host Tyra Banks is a Sagittarius born December 4. Auditions get underway shortly for Season 14. Check the web for cities and dates.

Hurricane Florence: Eclipses in Action. This powerful and long-lasting Cape Verde hurricane came full blast causing severe and extensive damage in North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland. As of this writing, flooding and rising rivers are still occurring leaving 44 dead. North Carolina is a Sagittarius state with Uranus and Mars in Leo, Mercury and the North Node in Scorpio and Pluto in Aquarius at degrees that were in aspect to this year's fixed sign eclipses in Leo and Aquarius. The state also has Saturn in Pisces (heavy rains and floods) and transiting Neptune in Pisces is right on it this year. The upcoming eclipse in Capricorn on January 5 falls at the top of the chart's 10<sup>th</sup> House and is a factor in assessing damages and rebuilding structures. South Carolina is a Gemini state with fixed sign elements that also came up against those eclipses of 2018. The ascendant is Scorpio in hard aspect to the July 27 Aquarius eclipse; Pluto is in Aquarius opposite the degree of the August 11 eclipse in Leo; Mars is in Leo in the state's 10<sup>th</sup> House of power; Venus in Cancer fell directly in the path of the July 12 eclipse in Cancer while simultaneously hitting in hard aspect to the state's Neptune in Libra; lastly, the state's Mercury in Taurus in the very public 7<sup>th</sup> House had vibes from the late degree eclipses of 2017 and came within orb to the August 11 Leo eclipse. Maryland is Taurus state with the Sun in early degrees of the sign and transiting Uranus in Taurus moving through the 9th house and the Moon and Pluto in Aquarius in the 6th house of daily environment, Neptune in Libra in hard aspect to the July 12 Cancer eclipse and Mars in Leo in the chart's 12th House that will have a direct hit from the upcoming Leo eclipse on January 21st. One hurricane-related death occurred in Virginia, a Cancer state.

Political News: I tabled most of what I was going to write here because the OMGs from readers about the daily shocks just don't stop coming. On the chopping block this week is Christine Blasey Ford, an American psychologist and professor of statistics at Palo Alto University in CA (born November 28, a Sagittarius). Dr. Ford came forward with information she wants to share with the FBI about an attempted rape by Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh (Aquarius, born February 12) when they were teenagers in high school and she was attending a party where underage drinking was taking place. She found his nomination appalling and wanted to bring his frightening behavior to light. Subsequently, she received numerous death threats and had to vacate her residence. It is not unusual for victims of rape, date rape or sexual assault to go into denial or to suffer for years from the aftermath of the trauma especially when they have never told their story or dealt with it. Dr. Ford finally dealt with it in therapy a few years ago with her husband and has since taken a lie detector test. Christine Ford came forward on September 18th and her world turned upside down. She was 15 at the time of the assault and Kavanaugh was 17. Over the weekend, Senator Grassley has insisted that voting for the Supreme Court nominee take place on Monday whether or not Dr. Ford comes in to tell her story. He all but said they don't care what happened and they want to put this nomination through - running scared as the November elections loom. Thank you to those who wrote in or sent me information on protests that are emerging. Another crazy weekend. Stay tuned!

## **READERS' CORNER**

Readers shared considerable comments on the problem from last month's column regarding the employee who broke her engagement after the office staff had given her an expensive kitchen mixing station as a gift. I am sorry if there was any confusion over my response; my bad. The letter I received was two pages long and that requires distilling information to fit the allotted space. I want to make clear that

the staff did not want their gift returned. The writer is a close friend of the engaged woman and was more concerned with how her co-worker was handling the break-up. She was trying to find out if individuals in similar circumstances normally return gifts and actually wanted to help her if she was going to do that and wanted to know how soon after a broken engagement would gift returns occur. A few readers felt the gift was too expensive for office staff to give as an engagement present saying it seemed more like a wedding gift and that I should pass that messsage on to the gift givers for future reference. I would not interfere with making suggestions on what to give a co-worker; this seems like a close-knit group who were in favor of pleasing the bride-to-be. Not everyone gives engagement gifts these days, but if you choose to, appropriate gifts are often restaurant or entertainment gift certificates, photo albums, wedding planning guides, gift cards for spas or salons and items that are not too personal the couple may enjoy such as wines, a meal kit or gourmet treats; or even cooking lessons if appropriate. Thank you for writing and sharing your views. I always welcome them.

Q. I am often assigned to project reviews with a co-worker and that entails traveling out-of-town and sharing lodging. I am always relieved when our budget allows us to have our own rooms but if the trip is two days or less we have to share. My co-worker won't leave tips for maids or other hotel workers. I believe she has also gone back to the room and removed the tip I left. One morning I returned to the room after breakfast to retrieve an item and the tip I left was gone yet the room had not been cleaned. After restaurant meals, she doesn't leave tips either. I am embarrassed by this behavior and would like to work around it. Not only that but I have seen her go back to the dining table and remove the cash tip I left meaning the server received nothing. I witnessed this more than once. This also happens when we are not traveling and dine out at lunch during work hours. Do you see anything in her planets that explains why she behaves this way? She is a Capricorn born December 28 and I am a Libra born September 30? I feel that I should do something about this to make the trips more tolerable. What suggestions do you have that won't involve making a scene? Thank you.

A. Your sun signs alone create tension with one another which can alter your perspective about handling expenses. One of the negative traits associated with Capricorn (not every Capricorn has this habit) is being miserly or stingy, which seems to be your colleague's attitude toward tipping. As a Libra, you are more inclined to be fair in giving others what you feel they are due. You were born with Jupiter in Leo and may tend to over tip. A few options to consider are: Always ask for separate checks. Put your meals with tips on your room tab in the hotel. If you prefer to use cash or a credit card, wait for the service provider to pick up the payment and tip so your roommate won't play cleanup after you leave the table. If a time crunch isn't in the picture, wait until the server returns to your table to pick up the payment; hand a cash tip directly to the server. As for the maids' tips, leave an envelope with the maid's name on it with housekeeping services if one has not been provided, or call to find out what you can do to make sure your housekeeper receives your intended tip. By all means talk to your colleague about what you have observed and let her know how you feel about tipping. I am surprised you did not call this behavior to her attention when you saw her go back to the dining table and remove the tip you had left. That would have been the appropriate time to take action. Wishing you success.

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

# QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "No legacy is so rich as honesty." ... William Shakespeare

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11 am-6 pm.

Tuesday: 12-6 pm.Thursday: 12-6 pm.Saturday: 11 am-4 pm.

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