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## The Astrology of Power and Justice

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The astrological energies of October and November 2000 offer a very powerful time of growth and transformation. How we experience this growth process will largely depend upon our choices and attitudes.

It is very intriguing that the theme of this issue of Innerchange is ethics in spirituality, for this is a theme reflected in the astrological influences for the next few months. In the solar cycle, during the month of October, the sun passes through the sign of Libra. The central lessons of Libra deal with justice and fairness on both personal and collective social levels. Balance and equality are the goals. From October 23 on into November, the sun will travel through the sign of Scorpio. One of the core lessons of Scorpio is power and how we use power. Power is energy, and the goal here is to become aware of how we misuse our energy, and then to alter any patterns that are dysfunctional. The sun's passage through Libra and Scorpio illuminates the issues that need our attention. With issues of justice and power being highlighted now, the need for ethical choices and responses is emphasized even more.

In the grand cycle of outer planets around the solar system, these themes are repeated through an alignment of Jupiter in opposition to Pluto. This opposition began in September and will be a prominent influence on the astrological landscape for the next few months and again in May of 2001. Jupiter, mythologically, was the king of the Olympians who acted as the arbitrator of justice. Pluto, as ruler of the underworld, held the keys to power--including life, death and rebirth. In action, Jupiter expands and exaggerates energy, while Pluto intensifies and reveals that which is hidden. Oppositions, by their nature, are mirroring times which offer the opportunity to balance what appear to be dualistic, opposing forces. So with Jupiter opposite Pluto, be careful of projections, the need to control others, or placing blame for the issues that are being expanded and intensified for you now.

Instead, seek out opportunities for growth (symbolized by Jupiter's wisdom) in order to understand the more profound psychological and spiritual motivations (symbolized by Pluto's depth) which may present themselves at this time. Then, see if you can make a choice, based on those insights, that will empower both you and others. Holding onto right vs. wrong, me vs. you, us vs. them attitudes only wastes time and drains your energy.

The planet Mars, which acts as a catalyst and trigger, will be forming a square pattern (90° angle of tension) to both Jupiter and Pluto in early October. This restless energy can stimulate and bring to the surface subconscious fears, anger, and judgments that have become emotionally toxic to the system. Now is the time to honor and acknowledge these feelings, and then to clear and purify our spirits in order to move forward in our growth.

Jupiter is in the sign of Gemini, and Gemini is a communication sign associated with how we think and express ourselves through thoughts and words. Pluto is in the sign of Sagittarius, which influences our spiritual belief systems by asking us to re-evaluate our unconscious assumptions which we take for granted as "common" truths. Jupiter in Gemini opposite Pluto in Sagittarius signals us to choose our words wisely and with conscious intent. Then we have to walk our talk, while staying open-minded enough to invite others' viewpoints in and really listen in our discussions.

For some, the flood of thoughts, information and opinions created by this opposition may be overwhelming at this time, prompting people to say "I don't know what to believe anymore." This is a statement of someone ready to receive truths and enlightenment. When we are conditioned by a belief system, we can be limited in our understanding of the bigger picture of the cosmos around us.

To quote some friends of mine: "Nothing is always as it appears to be." In order to grow, it may be more important to go inside, clear the internal chatter, and trust the more subtle guidance emerging from within. Mercury, the planet of communication and perception will turn retrograde (apparent backward motion) from October 18 until November 7. Mercury retrograde, as the trickster, can often disrupt our routine communications. The key is to



recognize what appears to be an obstacle as an opportunity to go within, re-think, re-evaluate and question our unconscious beliefs and thought patterns.

Mercury will be retrograde for three weeks, but it will remain in the sign of Scorpio for almost all of October and November. Another major lesson of Scorpio is the value of trust. Rather than hiding or holding in your issues now, it is more important to take the risk to share your heart and make the choice to open up and communicate to people you feel you can trust. Learn to ask for accountability from your friends, loved ones and advisors, instead of assuming trust. If they are mature and wise, they will view your request as an acknowledgement of the value you place on your relationship with them.

The astrological currents are urging us to grow into more empowered beings. If you are a very external person, always seeking outside yourself and expressing your feelings, then practice more deep listening within (without judging the process). If you are a more reserved, contemplative person, take the risk to share and express yourself more than ever now.

Mercury in Scorpio and the Jupiter/Pluto opposition invite us to look beyond the veils and re-educate our perceptions of the invisible world of spirit. Strive to be more clear in your intentions and prayers to Spirit, for this shows your acknowledgement of the value that Spirit plays in your life. Trust your process, make responsible choices and know that conscious evolution is in your design. It is your birthright as a human.

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