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Prosperity & Abundance: Astrology For The New Millennium

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Grab your celestial ticket now!! We're about to rocket through to a new millennium in the "wink of an eye!" With the advent of a new second, minute, hour, day, month, year, century, we have a chance to grab the "2001 Brass Ring of Prosperity" on the Celestial Carousel. The Hermetic axiom "as above, so below" is being shown daily here on our humble planet. This "virtual reality" information transformation mirrors the great interplay of the heavens and earth.

The social Sagittarius sun highlights our desire for increased exploration and learning. While Saturn finishes churning through earthy Taurus, it will take discipline to stay focused, practical and steadfast to our goals during this inquisitive period. The final vestige of this ringed-planet's retrograde foray from Gemini back into Taurus has powerful implications. Saturn is retrograde during December through January 24. The turning point is characterized by the 25° Taurus Sabian symbol, which is "a well-kept public park." The keynote is "recreation." As Dr. Marc Edmund Jones states in *The Sabian Symbols in Astrology*, "This is a symbol of the everyday integrity of society at large, and of the community divisions of labor through which each person gains the resources for well-being and self-enjoyment which obviously he could never create for himself through his own isolated efforts." Welfare for everyone is shown through our actions as thought products. This is not a heavy sentence, but one of joy and abundance -- to play, albeit mindfully and respectfully, not only with one another, but also with an increased awareness and opening of senses and sensibility to the stewardship of this lovely planet!

Jupiter retrograde during December further double-checks our levels of discernment. Time management may be a challenge! Update those calendars and address books. Jupiter goes direct at on January 25. Having the "Big Guys" of our solar system both retrograde during these two months has us playing back "old tapes" of doubt. Turning direct in tandem within a 24-hour period marks a surge in ability to join forces and initiate changes that before may have seemed too overwhelming. Having crested the 6 billion mark in population, we are now faced with increasing opportunity coupled with complex necessity of managing our lives well so that we can all prosper. The complexity and dynamics of personal and group responsibility are highlighted as the dynamic duo -- jovial Jupiter and sagacious Saturn -- move into Gemini, fostering new methods and models of communication. This transit means responsibility and fun! Exploring communication styles is crucial. Through heart-centered action and respect, we discover new levels of intimacy and sustainment. As the sun is the center of our galaxy, the human heart chakra and organ holographically repeats the theme of a positive, joy-centered path for human endeavor and fruitfulness.

The millennium shift fuse will be lit on December 25 in a partial eclipse of the sun, visible in most of North America. The sun, the moon and Mercury conjunct at 4/5° Capricorn. This unusual new moon period seeds, creates and hones durable networking frameworks within family and community. Count on it being tested too! Outmoded software on computers and less desirable personality traits can be examined, deleted and "upgraded" easily. That this eclipse is on the celebrated birthday of one of the greatest Masters of our Age is not lost on us either. What an opportune time to contemplate and practice one of His teachings -- to love one another!

Individual responsibility is the millennial focus. The Capricorn sun from December 21 through January 19 promotes societal goals. The 1st day Pisces moon imparts a gentling, emotionally supportive influence. Auld Lang Syne may come to mind. Using faith and compassion, we extol some of the greatest Piscean virtues. The moon moves into Aries at 5:14pm, helping us to move together unafraid into this exciting, complex new era. Knowing and being connected are indeed powerful tools.

Venus, Uranus (through 2003) and Neptune (through 2012) are in collectively focused Aquarius, heralding the blossoming of experimentation and innovation of the Information Age. Women will trailblaze in this century. Informational transference techniques will be at the



forefront, while outmoded, linear-time-line thinking will be replaced with a re-emergence of more cyclical ways of marking frequency through new scientific discoveries of place and time. Just look at the complexity of the NASDAQ and the restructuring/merging of corporations, such as Cellular One and ATT. The Aquarian power of thought plays out in quickened manifestation; the tools of prayer and meditation can assist us in staying focused on this sacred spiral. Time seems more "fluid" than ever, while the advent of "more" is brought to you through an Aquarian acceleration. Information is generated at a much higher volume, while keeping "track" of it skyrockets!

Mars moves quickly through Libra in December, and we juggle equality in relationships. Then feisty Mars holds court on his own turf in Scorpio at midnight's stroke, and stays throughout January, creating some uncomfortable challenges. It will be a wild ride, intensifying everything we think, say and do. So watch your speed -- at the very least, your temper! Pluto, our smallest, most intense collaborator, is still making his sojourn through Sagittarius (until 2008), where we learn about the power of our own spirituality. Factor in the asteroid Chiron (the shaman/wounded healer/teacher), through which we learn how to incorporate our own wholeness or "holiness." This combo stirs much interplay in social justice issues, while having us personally plumb spiritual depths and check our physical health. Through the Jupiter/Saturn opposition to Pluto/Chiron we have many opportunities to critique what philosophically sustains and empowers our associations. Examples of this publicly could be the issue of national health care, or more personally, does my HMO work for me? Group frameworks and our involvement in them are scrutinized.

We also will have home-turf security issues with the full moon eclipse on January 10 at 3:24pm, in Cancer. Nurturing ourselves may be a bit rough; we explore "needs" versus "wants." Cooperative participation is required at this new moon, helping to clear away outdated habits and offset security/privacy issues. Constantly, increasing levels of new Aquarian vibrational frequencies in our environs bombard us. From microwave, wireless phones to satellite, there is nowhere at "home" unaffected. However, these frequencies are here to stay, through our need to connect and "see." Also, we struggle with our personal lives becoming more public as we interface and in turn are interfaced online through every economic transaction. Look for a change in the web, as it continually re-invents itself. Meanwhile, protect your personal information -- back up or shred.

The January 24 new moon at 8:07am hosts a conjunction of the sun, the moon, Mercury, Neptune and Uranus in globally conscious Aquarius trine Gemini Jupiter. This combo shows the multi-faceted importance of "Us/Us," becoming more attuned and aligned with our neighbors. This lunation during the first week of our new Presidency highlights the complexity of creating personal prosperity while acknowledging diversity. Clear communication is key; examining other ways of perceiving and information processing is helpful. East meets West? At sunset on the 24, the lunar-based Chinese New Year of the Snake begins, ending an exciting, tumultuous year. This Year of the Metal Snake is characterized by intensity, but of a flavor different than that of its predecessor, the charismatic, colorful Dragon. The tenor of politics changes in polarity from bold spontaneity to a more careful, shrewd resolve. Caution is an ally; reliance on one's inner instincts "a must." Resurgence of the arts usually takes place during this year. Fashion and words alike are clearly punctuated! This is similar to the interplay of Jupiter and Saturn in Gemini. We are given information through two different viewpoints -- typical duality. Venus changes from electrical Aquarius on January 4 into the emotive/watery sign of Pisces throughout the remainder of January, bringing a pleasant, softer, dreamy quality to this intense month as well as infusing the brass ring of hope.

Blessings for you and yours during this marvelous millennial shift!

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