# Horoscope Guide: Dec. 17 - 23

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A certain amount of escapism or unconventional behavior is acceptable, but do not lose sight of reality. Stay centered and on track to achieve your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Pay attention to a joint financial agreement, arrangement or business account. Compare notes with your spouse or partner and make the necessary changes.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Take steps to avoid betraying an important trust. Guard and protect the secrets of a loved one who needs your compassion, support and guidance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Strive to be more efficient and effective in your work routine. Make a list of assignments or chores and complete them one at a time.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It is your turn to benefit or cash-in on positive deeds performed in the past. Do not hesitate to collect on a favor owed to you by a long-time acquaintance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): It pays to have all the facts before making an important decision that will affect you, your family or your home life. Dig deep to uncover the truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Be willing to think outside of the box and let your imagination run wild this week. Make it a goal to come up with suggestions or solutions to a gnawing dilemma.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Shy away from gambling or speculative ventures and budget your money with care. Start with allotments to cover your immediate needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): What transpires among your peers or associates is not about you. Be aware of your ego and your tendency to stick out in the crowd.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Do not allow anything to disturb your peace of mind. Work behind the scenes in quiet solitude and capture your private thoughts on paper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Nurture your friends in ways that will benefit them in the long run. It may be necessary to say no to an unsafe request and guide them in another direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Focus on achieving a professional or career goal. Rise up and face a challenging dilemma with fortitude and a determination to succeed.

If your birthday is this week, stay on your mental toes during the coming year. There is an active cycle dealing with communication that is likely to affect many areas of your life. You will be exposed to a gamut of information and it will be up to you to decipher and distribute as you see fit. You are entering a new phase in your personal development and there are major changes in store for you. Make every effort to let go of the old and make room for the new.

Also born this week: William Safire, Ty Cobb, Criss Angel, JoJo, Joseph Stalin, Lady Bird Johnson and Eddie Vedder.

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