

Horoscopes by Holiday: Week of April 19

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This is the first week of this year's solar transit through Taurus, and thoughts about how we can make our corner of the world more beautiful start to churn. Aesthetics are important during this transit. Though simple elegance has an appeal, somehow getting to that involves buying more stuff. Through the week, the planets play with our ideas about wealth. Quality trumps quantity. More is not always better – but better is always better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You strongly influence the groups you are a part of. Situations may seem to call for restraint, but that is because no one takes the initiative to make things memorable. Being too appropriate is dull. Show all the exuberance you feel. Dare to smile, to be the first to offer a hug, to stand out as a happy person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you are doing a good deed for someone, pay attention to why you are doing it. Eliminate any motives that have to do with ego gratification because you might not be acknowledged for this one. However, once you follow through for all of the right reasons, the act will bring you great joy and good fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will feel warmly toward mankind in general this week and will be extra fond of your core group. You greet people like long lost friends you haven't seen in years. The special treatment is much appreciated. There is an opportunity that arises from the sense of connection you create. Leo is especially lucky.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your new motto: back to the basics. Projects have become convoluted, with too many cooks in the kitchen. Work has grown more complicated than it has to be, and the same goes for relationships. You'll unravel a problem or two before Wednesday and form a new plan to honor your original intention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll make extraordinary arrangements. There may be a difference of opinion about how the plans should be executed. You are tempted to defer to the wants of others because they seem more urgent than your own. However, this may set a precedent of subtle manipulation. Stand up for yourself to prevent future trouble.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: You are definitely not interested in coasting through this year, though you could if you wanted to. Instead you are compelled by risky ambitions and dreams of transformation. And

though the next three weeks are far from comfortable, you emerge as the person you wanted to be, and that is so worth it. A loyal partner will be by your side. When you make an effort to understand this person's way of communicating, the relationship is stress free. Travel in August and October is wonderful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are committed to a project because the people involved matter to you. They're like family, and they make you want to do your best. When the project wins, you all win. Put in the hours necessary to make it happen and keep up the stellar P.R. You'll be instrumental in attaining a lucky break for the entire team.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a knotty little issue in your personal life. You don't have all the facts. You don't know the whole story. And here's the thing: You never will. You have to go with the feeling that this scenario is giving you. That's better than intellectual knowledge anyway. When in doubt, take the gentle, loving route.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your imagination is vibrant, especially in regard to your view of yourself. Dare to be fanciful and even overly confident in your self-estimation. You'll say something in a moment of pretense that actually sounds true and indeed could be true with a little bit of effort. This is indisputable: You are capable of greatness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your dream is still alive, though it's lying dormant under a blanket of doubt. You will have astounding mental clarity this week. You will shine a light on the untrue beliefs that held you back and build new pathways of logic — a whole belief system that supports you in your pursuit of a fantastic goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Plan a big fete. Celebration is in order. The reason may not be obvious, but when you think about it, you will realize that you have much to be merry about. Let friends in on your good fortune — there will be many who want to be. The joy in your heart multiplies when you have someone to divide it with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are a million things you want to do: projects to finish, places to see, people to meet. You are afraid of being too scattered, but in fact, the wild variations of focus make your life better this week. Stay encouraged. Note: You are not working in a linear fashion so don't expect linear results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can be proud of who you are, the things you've overcome in your life and the relationships you have forged. When it comes to the physical you, you might be more critical. Whatever gripe you have with your body, let it go. Forgive yourself and move on. Your flaws are beautiful, too, if you'll only believe it.

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