

## 12.12.19 BARSTOOL ASTROLOGY

Welcome to December folks. This month's Gemini full moon on December 12<sup>th</sup> marks not only the last full moon of the year, but the last full moon of the decade. The influence of Gemini in this lunar cycle primes us all for communication and collaboration. A word of caution; commune to your heart's content but resist the urge to spill secrets, your own and especially others. Prioritize listening, the oft ignored element of conversation, and offer yourself as a mirror to those that need to be heard. Alternatively, harness the duality of the Gemini moon to communicate with your own internal twin, be it a neglected part of your psyche or your shadow self.

Right around the corner on December 21<sup>st</sup> is the winter solstice and the onset of Capricorn season. Record of solstice celebrations date to the Stone Age and many of the rituals and much of the folklore associate with Christmas can be traced to Pagan celebrations of the longest night of the year. Santa Claus himself is really an amalgamation of Pagan deities including but not limited to the Roman god Saturn, the Norse god Odin, a handful of generous shamans and the Celtic Holly King. The word solstice is a hybrid of the Latin for "Sun" (Sol) and "standing still" (sistere) but the day is ultimately about looking back and moving forward. Seeking your own ritual for the solstice and looking to lean into some light Pagan practices? Let's burn some shit.

Using three pieces of paper, write down what you have learned since last year's winter solstice, what you are leaving behind, and what you are welcoming in the year to come. Set fire to all three and allow the embers to fall into a safe container, preferably a hand thrown ceramic bowl or an emptied animal skull but no one is keeping score here, you do you. Celebrating with friends? Have all parties hold a candle and join you in a silent circle outdoors after sunset or in a darkened room. Light the first candle. Moving in a clockwise direction have each person light their wick from the flame of the person next to them. Watch as the light expands, mirroring the birth of a new solar year. Burn merry and bright.

### ARIES

Your pioneering spirit has been stilted by some roadblocks this year and it seems no amount of battering has led to breakthroughs. Worry not rams, all of that friction will soon lead to fruition and you will see that your horns have been rounded and readied by each and every blockade.

Notable Aries: Herbie Hancock

### TAURUS

Fun fact: Bulls are color blind. In the ring, they charge at the movement of the matador's flag not the color of it. How does this knowledge apply to you Taurus? I urge you to look beyond what's provoking you and see it for the dangerous distraction that it is.

Notable Taurus: Bettie Page

### GEMINI

Part of the chaos of the Gemini mind is the expansive way it allows for all possibilities. I suggest you eliminate the words "or" and "but" from your vernacular and stick with your initial plan. Think of how much time you'll save not agonizing over alternatives.

Notable Gemini: Miles Davis

### CANCER

Fellow moon child Lana Del Rey maintains, "When you keep secrets, your secretes keep you. It's dangerous unless you find the right person to confide in." Fortunately for you Cancer, a confidante will soon appear to share the burden of your darkest truths.

Notable Cancer: Julius Caesar

### LEO

Is your work life increasingly dissatisfying lion heart? I'm not advising you to quit your job but I do suggest you find another avenue for expression. You're at your finest when you lead and lend. Volunteering or some altruistic pursuit may shake the malaise from your mane.

Notable Leo: Hulk Hogan

### VIRGO

You are the wisest and worst behaved sign of the zodiac Virgo. You're great at dispensing advice and incapable of taking it. It is time to alter this pattern and become the sage your own self requires. Bonus: Your personal progress will act as an advertisement to others that your words are worth heeding.

Notable Virgo: Hank Williams

## **LIBRA**

When faced with conflict you tend to overreact or utterly withdraw. Yet, in this time of transition you are learning to abandon failed patterns and adopt new ways to relate and respond to those closest to you. It's unfamiliar terrain but if you are willing to see the process through you are capable, now more than ever, of deepening your relationships and improving your quality of life.

Notable Libra: Juan Domingo Perón

## **SCORPIO**

Artist and professional Scorpio Pablo Picasso advised, "Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone." I hope this parable will inspire immediate action. Stop stalling your legacy.

Notable Scorpio: Bram Stoker

## **SAGGITARIUS**

For the past twelve months, Jupiter, planet of expansion and experimentation, has reigned in Sagittarius. The presence of this planet likely made for a year of extremes; wins and losses, confusion and clarity. Now that you are being called back from your metaphorical walkabout, the task at hand is finding a way to prosper from your findings.

Notable Sagittarius: Nikki Sixx

## **CAPRICORN**

Your elemental earthiness is calling for commitment. This can of course translate to romantic relationships or tattoos, but it is not the sole dominion of them. You could choose to dedicate yourself to an art, aspiration or passion project with the same tender intensity.

Notable Capricorn: Vanna Black

## **AQUARIUS**

In the first months of the New Year your focus will be on solitude and regeneration. To prepare for this hibernation I encourage you to stock up on good times and favored company. Consider this social gluttony to be the fuel you need for your imminent powering down.

Notable Aquarius: Charles Darwin

## **PISCES**

Piscean politician Ralph Nader believes, "Your best teacher is your last mistake." What lesson will you take from your latest failure my fish friends? I suspect if you resist the urge to punish yourself for your falter, the insight you gain will steer you towards your next great victory.

Notable Pisces: Liza Minelli