

A New Moon enters on April 7 and it's important to evaluate our behavior. This week is a good opportunity to reflect on past habits. According to the article New Moon Magic by Molly Hall, "New Moons are a symbolic portal for new beginnings." Madame G suggests using the week leading up to the New Moon, to focus on personal goals. Write down what you want to do and enlist the help of friends to hold you to it.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Dear Aries, your opportunity for personal growth continues this week. Adapting to new environments is sometimes challenging, but it's absolutely necessary. Do your best to listen to others. Honor them by showing empathy. You don't have to agree just listen. Consider this sage advice from Ludwig Wittgenstein: "Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent."

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You may experience emotional pangs for a former relationship. And it may seem easier to continue old habits out of convenience. Madame G urges caution. Follow your heart, if you're ready to accept the consequences. But, avoid apathetic decisions. Socrates said the "unexamined life is not worth living." You might also conclude that passive decisions aren't worth making.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your pursuits are growing out of hand. Use the time of the New Moon to focus your attentions on what truly drives your spirit. Are you physically fit? What about emotionally? You may have stretched yourself too thin this month and moved away from your purpose. Immanuel Kant said: "Happiness is not an ideal of reason but of imagination." What's your happiness? Go out and find it for the time is now.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

As a water sign, introspection comes easily for you. But, your conclusions may not always be reasonable. This likely leads to confrontations with loved ones, friends and co-workers. It's in your best interest to examine your own thoughts and feelings, and more importantly, your actions. Consider Martin Heidegger's wise words: "he who thinks great thoughts, often makes great errors." Apologize when necessary.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

This week it's important to re-examine your goals. What do you want from life? You may have retired, moved from one career to the next, or from one relationship to another. You may have also opted to stay in one place. But, it's important to review what you know and ask yourself: is this for me? If you feel challenged and mobile great, but if you have doubts now is a good time to ask yourself why.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Soren Kierkegaard said: "Life must be understood backward. But it must be lived forward." You don't want to look back on your life and realize you missed gems hidden in plain sight. Madame G suggests learning a new skill or developing new tools for your career. You may have a mentorship opportunity that wasn't obvious to you at first. Sometimes it's hard to see what's in front of us, but don't miss out. Open your eyes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)

Hedonistic tendencies may get the better of you this week. Though you may have your reasons it's important to stay focused on your goals. Thomas Hobbs famously said: "The life of man (in a state of nature) is solitary, poor, brutish, and short." Before you falsely idolize anything you don't fully understand examine your own motives and behaviors.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You may have residual anxiety this week. That upsets Scorpio's sense of control. Take time to re-evaluate goals and strategies. Cultivate peace in your workspace, home, and among acquaintances. Everyday that you practice your craft (whatever that is) gets you closer to mastery. Aristotle said: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Sharpen your blades, practicing your art, and you'll reach excellence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

As the most independent and solitary of the Zodiac signs you may miss out on several obvious social cues. But, it's not always clear if this is intentional or ignorant. If you've accomplished all that you can then by all means give up. Among the living, we realize there is always something to be learned. Consider the wise words of Seneca the Younger a Roman Stoic, "even while they teach, men learn." Give it a try. You may be happy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're a hardheaded and warm-hearted contrast of natures. Your earth sign tendency is to stick firmly to the ground. But, the nimble goat also scales impossible heights both up and down the mountain. Madame G suggests taking Francis of Assisi's advice: "Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you're doing the impossible." Climb mountains literally or figuratively and take on the world.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You have a million and one ideas floating around. Pick the ones that are important to you and write them down. Then consider how you might act upon them. Look up strategies for those who've already succeeded. When your mind is clear and you've created space for clear thoughts allow your mind to wonder, for as Thomas Hobbes said: "Leisure is the mother of

philosophy.” Go forth and create wondrous things.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Human hearts can be fickle and human interaction doubly so. Taking your daughter-in-law to lunch doesn't mean that she'll take your side in a dispute. Mending fences requires more than a \$10 sandwich. Thucydides who is often considered the father of Political Philosophy said: "History is Philosophy teaching by examples." This was true in Ancient Greece and it's true in 21st century America. Learn from your mistakes and move forward or be forgotten.