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PS: I also followed my bliss as a musician in the music business for 20 years. And though my band was managed by rock impresario Bill Graham until he died, and produced by the same producer who worked with the Clash and Blue Oyster Cult, and signed to a contract with a major recording company, I never made much money. So alas, following my bliss in that case didn't work to earn me a living wage.

PS: I've continued to make music since I left the rock and roll business, and plan to keep at it.

Thankfully all my music lives on:

freewillastrology.com/music/listen

and

soundcloud.com/sacreduproar

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GOOD, HOLY DESIRES

Some religious and spiritual traditions preach the value of banishing or renouncing your desires. I do not subscribe to those traditions, so I will never urge you to banish or renounce your desires. I prefer to encourage you to cultivate excellent desires. Here are a few I highly recommend:

- * a desire for interesting riddles and fascinating challenges that excite both your mind and your heart;
- * a desire for comrades who enjoy your specific idiosyncrasies and eccentricities;
- * a desire to attract ongoing encounters with nonstandard beauty so as to always ensure a part of you remains untamed;
- * a desire to help create a world in which everyone gets the food, housing, and health care they need;
- * a desire for good surprises and unpredictable fun;
- * a desire for group collaborations that enhance the intelligence of everyone in the group;
- * a desire to keep outgrowing what worked for you in the past and a desire to ceaselessly explore and invent new approaches to being yourself;
- * a desire to be playful and creative with your libidinous energy;
- * a desire to help cultivate the health and beauty of the natural world;
- * a desire for revelations and experiences that steer you away from thinking and acting like the machines you interact with so much;
- * a desire to keep reinventing and reinvigorating your relationships with those you love;
- * a desire to keep refining and expanding your ability to learn from non-human intelligences;
- * a desire to keep refreshing your quest for freedom and deepening your capacity to be free;
- * a desire to move your body in ways that delight your soul;
- * a desire to help eliminate bigotry, misogyny, plutocracy, racism, and militarism.

Any others you'd like to add?

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TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF LOVE

The transformative power of love is not fully embraced in our society because we often wrongly believe that torment and anguish are our "natural" condition.

—author and activist bell hooks, who writes about the intersectionality of race, capitalism, and gender

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The practice of love is the most powerful antidote to the politics of domination.

—author and activist bell hooks

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WEAR GOOD MASKS, PRACTICE SOCIAL-DISTANCING, MINIMIZE YOUR TIME INSIDE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Some people still downplay the danger of the coronavirus. "It doesn't kill a high percentage of the people it infects," they say. "Most people who get it don't have bad symptoms," they say.

But here are the facts the deniers ignore:

1. As more people contract COVID-19, the virus has more and more chances to mutate into versions that are more contagious, possibly resistant to vaccines, and more dangerous. That is exactly what has been happening.
2. In the US, COVID-19 is now the third leading cause of death, behind heart disease and cancer.
3. Many people who "recover" from COVID-19 continue to have debilitating symptoms for months, and may suffer permanent damage to their hearts, lungs, and brains.

opportunity to solve a problem you have never solved before! Be sure to leave the door to the unknown ajar. Clues and answers may come from unexpected sources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

When we want to get a distinct look at a faint star, we must avert our eyes away from it just a little. If we look at it directly, it fades into invisibility. (There's a scientific explanation for this phenomenon, which I won't go into.) I propose that we make this your metaphor of power for the coming weeks. Proceed on the hypothesis that if you want to get glimpses of what's in the distance or in the future, don't gaze at it directly. Use the psychological version of your peripheral vision. And yes, now is a favorable time to seek those glimpses.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

If the apocalypse happens and you're the last human left on earth, don't worry about getting enough to eat. Just find an intact grocery store and make your new home there. It's stocked with enough non-perishable food to feed you for 55 years—or 63 years if you're willing to dine on pet food. I'M JOKING! JUST KIDDING! In fact, the apocalypse won't happen for another 503 million years. My purpose in imagining such a loopy scenario is to nudge you to dissolve your scarcity thinking. Here's the ironic fact of the matter for us Cancerians: If we indulge in fearful fantasies about running out of stuff—money, resources, love, or time—we undermine our efforts to have enough of what we need. The time is now right for you to stop worrying and instead take robust action to ensure you're well-supplied for a long time.

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VISUALIZE YOUR BEST POSSIBLE FUTURE

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—A. Arrosto, Indianapolis

"You have an amazing aptitude for cutting through the lies I tell myself. Thanks for the gentle shocks."
—T. Preneris, Toronto

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

"Judge a moth by the beauty of its candle," writes Coleman Barks in his rendering of a poem by Rumi. In accordance with astrological omens, I am invoking that thought as a useful metaphor for your life right now. How lovely and noble are the goals you're pursuing? How exalted and bighearted are the dreams you're focused on? If you find there are any less-than-beautiful aspects to your motivating symbols and ideals, now is a good time to make adjustments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

I invite you to try the following experiment. Select two situations in your world that really need to be reinvented, and let every other glitch and annoyance just slide for now. Then meditate with tender ferocity on how best to get the transformations done. Summoning intense focus will generate what amounts to magic! PS: Maybe the desired reinventions would require other people to alter their behavior. But it's also possible that your own behavior may need altering.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Author Marguerite Duras wrote these words: "That she had so completely recovered her sanity was a source of sadness to her. One should never be cured of one's passion." I am spiritually allergic to that idea. It implies that our deepest passions are unavailable unless we're insane, or at least disturbed. But in the world I aspire to live in, the opposite is true: Our passions thrive if we're mentally healthy. We are best able to harness our most inspiring motivations if we're feeling poised and stable. So I'm here to urge you to reject Duras's perspective and embrace mine. The time has arrived for you to explore the mysteries of relaxing passion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Author Karen Barad writes, "The past is never finished. It cannot be wrapped up like a package, or a scrapbook; we never leave it and it never leaves us behind." I agree. That's why I can't understand New Age teachers who advise us to "live in the now." That's impossible! We are always embedded in our histories. Everything we do is conditioned by our life story. I acknowledge that there's value in trying to see the world afresh in each new moment. I'm a hearty advocate of adopting a "beginner's mind." But to pretend we can completely shut off or escape the past is delusional and foolish. Thank you for listening to my rant, Scorpio. Now please spend quality time upgrading your love and appreciation for your own past. It's time to celebrate where you have come from—and meditate on how your history affects who you are now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Luisah Teish is a writer and priestess in the Yoruban Lucumi tradition. She wrote a book called *Jump Up: Seasonal Celebrations from the World's Deep Traditions*. "Jump up" is a Caribbean phrase that refers to festive rituals and parties that feature "joyous music, laughter, food, and dancing." According to my reading of the astrological omens, you're due for a phase infused with the "jump up" spirit. As Teish would say, it's a time for "jumping, jamming, swinging, hopping, and kicking it." I realize that in order to do this, you will have to work around the very necessary limitations imposed on us all by the pandemic. Do the best you can. Maybe make it a virtual or fantasy jump up. Maybe dance alone in the dark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

"Perhaps we should know better," wrote poet Tony Hoagland, "but we keep on looking, thinking, and listening, hunting that singular book, theory, perception, or tonality that will unlock and liberate us." It's my duty to report, Capricorn, that there will most likely be no such singular magnificence for you in 2021. However, I'm happy to tell you that an accumulation of smaller treasures could ultimately lead to a substantial unlocking and liberation. For that to happen, you must be alert for and appreciate the small treasures, and patiently gather them in. (PS: Author Rebecca Solnit says, "We devour heaven in bites too small to be measured." I say: The small bites of heaven you devour in the coming months will ultimately add up to being dramatically measurable.)

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HOMEWORK:

What's the important thing you forgot about that you really do need to remember sometime soon? FreeWillAstrology.com

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