

Rob Brezsny's Astrology Newsletter

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### A PREVIEW OF YOUR DESTINY IN 2017

Want to get a head start on your future? This week my EXPANDED AUDIO HOROSCOPES offer you a sneak-peek at some major themes you'll be working and playing with in 2017. You can access these inspirational clues at <http://RealAstrology.com>.

Start dreaming and scheming about who you're going to be in the new year. Enlist my help as you energize your quest to become your best self.

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Beginning with next week's EXPANDED AUDIO HOROSCOPES, I will devote three consecutive weeks to an in-depth discussion of your long-range outlook for the coming year.

Part One of my BIG-PICTURE FORECASTS FOR 2017 will be available beginning Tuesday, December 27.

Part Two will be available on Tuesday, January 3.

Part Three will be available on Tuesday, January 10.

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### PROMISES TO YOURSELF

Take some paper and write "I am doing everything in my power to attract all the help and resources I need as I accomplish the following goal." Then compose a declaration that crisply describes exactly what satisfying, growth-inducing experiences you want most in 2017 -- and are willing to work hard for and even change yourself to attract, if necessary. Keep a copy of this magic formula under your pillow or in your wallet.

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### MY WISHES FOR YOU

In 2017 I wish you joyous eruptions of profound gratification and gratitude; a constant flow of fluid insights and "ah-ha!" revelations that lead to cathartic integrations; a coming together of several different lucky trends, resulting in an exquisite healing; and captivating yet relaxing adventures that allow you to weave together diverse threads of your experience, inspiring you to feel at home in the world.

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CHOOSE YOUR THOUGHTS?

"You need to learn how to select your thoughts just the same way you select your clothes every day. That's a power you can cultivate. If you want to control things in your life so bad, work on the mind. That's the only thing you should be trying to control."

— Elizabeth Gilbert

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RE-DREAMING CHRIST

Some Christians might be shocked to learn that Jesus Christ is one of the Main High Magicians in the Beauty and Truth Lab's pantheon of deities and avatars.

They may believe that people like us -- Goddess-worshipping tantric Sufi Qabalist pagans who hang around with Zen trickster witches and espouse a socialist libertarian political philosophy -- couldn't possibly have an intimate and vivid relationship with the cosmic hero they claim to own. They act as if they have commandeered the trademark of one of the smartest wild men in history.

Christ was a champion of women's rights, an antidote to the established and corrupt political order, and a radical spiritual activist who worked outside religious institutions.

He was a passionate advocate for the poor and underprivileged. He owned nothing and had no use for the idea of "private property." He was uncompromisingly opposed to violence and war. Besides that, he was a master of love and he devoted his life to serving the Divine Intelligence. He even went so far as to say, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you, and give away all your possessions."

I want to be like Jesus Christ when I grow up!

(But it's quite OK with us if you don't want to be like him. The good thing about adoring Christ's pronoiac glory but not being a Christian is that we don't have any investment in wanting you to do as we do. We want you to do as you do!)

Is there any hijacked hero you'd like to liberate? Any spoiled treasure you hope to redeem? Any detoured savior you want to get back on track?

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"The whole point of Jesus's life was not that we should become exactly like him, but that we should become ourselves in the same way he became himself. Jesus was not the great exception but the great example."

- Carl Jung

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"When Jesus said 'I and the Father are one,' he meant that he was connected to the raw data feed of pure experience."

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MORE PRONOIA RESOURCES:

Teen girl uses crazy strength to lift a burning car off her dad.  
<http://tinyurl.com/h7oshae>

Wealthy investors are launching a fund to fight climate change through energy innovation.  
<http://tinyurl.com/ha5sg3o>

Hero Veterinarian Takes 900-Mile Journey to Help Standing Rock Horses  
<http://tinyurl.com/gmgct35>

(Note: I endorse these because I like them. They aren't advertisements, and I get no kickbacks.)

Please tell me your own nominations for PRONOIA RESOURCES:  
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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY  
Week beginning December 22  
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Capricorn writer Edgar Allan Poe has been an important cultural influence. His work appears on many "must-read" lists of 19th-century American literature. But during the time he was alive, his best-selling book was not his famous poem "The Raven," nor his short story "The Gold-Bug," nor his novel *\*The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket.\** Rather, it was *\*The Conchologist's First Book,\** a textbook about mollusk shells, which he didn't actually write, but merely translated and edited. If I'm reading the astrological omens correctly, 2017 will bring events to help ensure that your fate is different from Poe's. I see the coming months as a time when your best talents will be seen and appreciated better than ever before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "My goal is to create a life that I don't need a vacation from," says motivational author Rob Hill Sr. That's an implausible dream for most people. But in 2017, it will be less implausible than it has ever been for you Aquarians. I don't guarantee that it will happen. But there is a decent chance you'll build a robust foundation for it, and thereby give yourself a head start that enables you to accomplish it by 2019. Here's a tip on how to arouse and cultivate your motivation: Set an intention to drum up and seek out benevolent "shocks" that expand your concepts of who you are and what your life is about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The birds known as winter wrens live in the Puget Sound area of Washington. They weigh barely half an ounce, and their plain brown coloring makes their appearance unremarkable. Yet they are the avian equivalents of the opera star Pavarotti. If they weighed as much as roosters, their call would be ten times as strong as the rooster's cock-a-doodle-doo. Their melodies are rich and complex; one song may have more than 300 notes. When in peak form, the birds can unleash cascades at the rate of 36 notes per second. I propose that we make the winter wren your spirit animal in 2017, Pisces. To a casual observer, you may not look like you can generate so much virtuosity and lyrical power. But according to my analysis, you can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): NPR's Scott Simon interviewed jazz pianist and songwriter Robert Glasper, who has created nine albums, won a Grammy, and collaborated with a range of great musicians. Simon asked him if he had any frustrations -- "grand ambitions" that people discouraged him from pursuing. Glasper said yes. He'd really like to compose and sing hip-hop rhymes. But his bandmates just won't go along with him when he tries that stuff. I hope that Glasper, who's an Aries, will read this horoscope and take heart from what I'm about to predict: In 2017, you may finally get a "Yes!" from people who have previously said "No!" to your grand ambitions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Humans have drunk hot tea for over two millennia. Chinese emperors were enjoying it as far back as the second century B.C. And yet it wasn't until the 20th century that anyone dreamed up the idea of enclosing tea leaves in convenient one-serving bags to be efficiently brewed. I foresee you either generating or stumbling upon comparable breakthroughs in 2017, Taurus. Long-running traditions or customs will undergo simple but dramatic transformations that streamline your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "What you do is what counts and not what you had the intention of doing," said Pablo Picasso. If I had to choose a single piece of advice to serve as your steady flame in 2017, it might be that quote. If you agree, I invite you to conduct this experiment: On the first day of each month, take a piece of paper and write down three key promises you're making to yourself. Add a brief analysis of how well you have lived up to those promises in the previous four weeks. Then describe in strong language how you plan to better fulfill those promises in the coming four weeks.

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## START EXPLORING YOUR LONG-RANGE FUTURE

This week my EXPANDED AUDIO HOROSCOPES offer you a teaser, sneak-peek look of some major themes you'll be working and playing with in 2017.

Who do you want to be in the coming year? What do you want to do? Where do you want to go? Your destiny is more wide-open than you might imagine. You have a lot of power to shape the flow of events.

I hope to inspire you to take advantage of the possibilities!

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**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): During the campaign for U.S. President in 1896, Democratic candidate William Jennings Bryan traveled 18,000 miles as he made speeches all over the country. But the Republican candidate, William McKinley, never left his hometown of Canton, Ohio. He urged people to visit him if they wanted to hear what he had to say. The strategy worked. The speeches he delivered from the front porch of his house drew 750,000 attendees and played an important role in his election. I recommend a comparable approach for you in the coming months, Cancerian. Invoke all your attractive power as you invite interested parties to come see you and deal with you on your home turf.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): "Poetry is a way of knowledge, but most poetry tells us what we already know," writes poet Charles Simic. I would say the same thing about a lot of art, theater, film, music, and fiction: Too often it presents well-crafted repetitions of ideas we have heard before. In my astrological opinion, Leo, 2017 will be a time when you'll need to rebel against that limitation. You will thrive by searching for sources that provide you with novel information and unique understandings. Simic says: "The poem I want to write is impossible: a stone that floats." I say: Be on the lookout for stones that float.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): \*The Economist\* magazine reports that if someone wanted to transport \$10 million in bills, he or she would have to use eight briefcases. Sadly, after evaluating your astrological omens for 2017, I've determined that you won't ever have a need for that many. If you find yourself in a situation where you must carry bundles of money from one place to another, one suitcase will always be sufficient. But I also want to note that a sizable stash of cash can fit into a single suitcase. And it's not out of the question that such a scenario could transpire for you in the coming months. In fact, I foresee a better chance for you to get richer quicker than I've seen in years.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): For a bald eagle in flight, feathers are crucial in maintaining balance. If it inadvertently loses a feather on one wing, it will purposely shed a comparable feather on the other wing. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, this strategy has metaphorical meaning for your life in 2017. Do you want to soar with maximum grace and power? Would you like to ascend and dive, explore and scout, with ease and exuberance? Learn from the eagle's instinctual wisdom.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In August 2012, a group of tourists visited the Eldgja volcanic region in Iceland. After a while, they noticed that a fellow traveler was missing. Guides organized a search party, which worked well into the night trying to track down the lost woman. At 3 a.m., one of the searchers suddenly realized that she herself was the missing person everyone was looking for. The misunderstanding had occurred many hours earlier because she had slipped away to change her clothes, and no one recognized her in her new garb. This is a good teaching story for you to meditate on in 2017, Scorpio. I'd love to see you change so much that you're almost unrecognizable. And I'd love to see you help people go searching for the new you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In 2017, you will be at the peak of your ability to forge new alliances and deepen existing alliances. You'll have a sixth sense for cultivating professional connections that can serve your noble ambitions for years to come. I encourage you to be alert for new possibilities that might be both useful for your career and invigorating for your social life. The words "work" and "fun" will belong together! To achieve the best results, formulate a clear vision of the community and support system you want.

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Homework: Send me predictions for your life in 2017. Where are you headed? Go to [RealAstrology.com](http://RealAstrology.com); click on "Email Rob."

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