

The Lunar Nodes transiting Sagittarius/Gemini: An Ideological Transformation

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Earlier this week I published an article for [The Mountain Astrologer](#) which outlined the rare triple conjunction of Mercury, Venus, and the North Node of the Moon to the Great Attractor, which hasn't happened for hundreds of years. I believe this is a rare opportunity to re-negotiate, re-new, and/or re-affirm your sacred contract, and thereby embrace your dharma, calling or destiny.

One thing I mentioned in the TMA article is that the South Nodes of Venus and Uranus are also near the point we call the Great Attractor. Let's take a closer look at this combination of energies. The Great attractor is basically like a huge super-galactic magnet, sucking numerous galaxies toward the constellation of Centaurus. This will likely be experienced as a pull toward something far away and indefinite, but super strong nonetheless. The South Node of any body is the place where it crosses the ecliptic in a downward fashion, letting go of the objective realm of physical experience and diving into the subjective realm of spirit and instinctive knowing. When we combine these two factors, we can see that a transit (or natal conjunction) to the middle degrees of Sagittarius will likely be experienced as an extremely strong pull or attraction toward the future which requires us to surrender our objective, rational, linear or left brain need to know what it is exactly we are being pulled into. Remember the [Lesson of Swan](#) from the [previous installment of this newsletter](#)? It relates to our ability to see the future, but also to the act of surrendering to the power of Spirit, and accepting and trusting the healing and transformation available in our lives.

Remember how, in an [earlier discussion of the Lunar Nodes](#), we talked about Dabrowski and how he viewed as robotic, dehumanizing, and de-individualizing the role of the social environment (all the "shoulds" of the superego). This is what Shamans call the "conventional slumber" -where a person is on a kind of "automatic pilot" and living according to what they've been told by others. For Dabrowski, and for Shamans, autonomy only begins to form when a person begins to resist their lower impulses and the habitual, politically correct responses characteristic of socialization. Emerging autonomy is reflected in conscious and volitional choices of personally meaningful, 'higher' level choices.

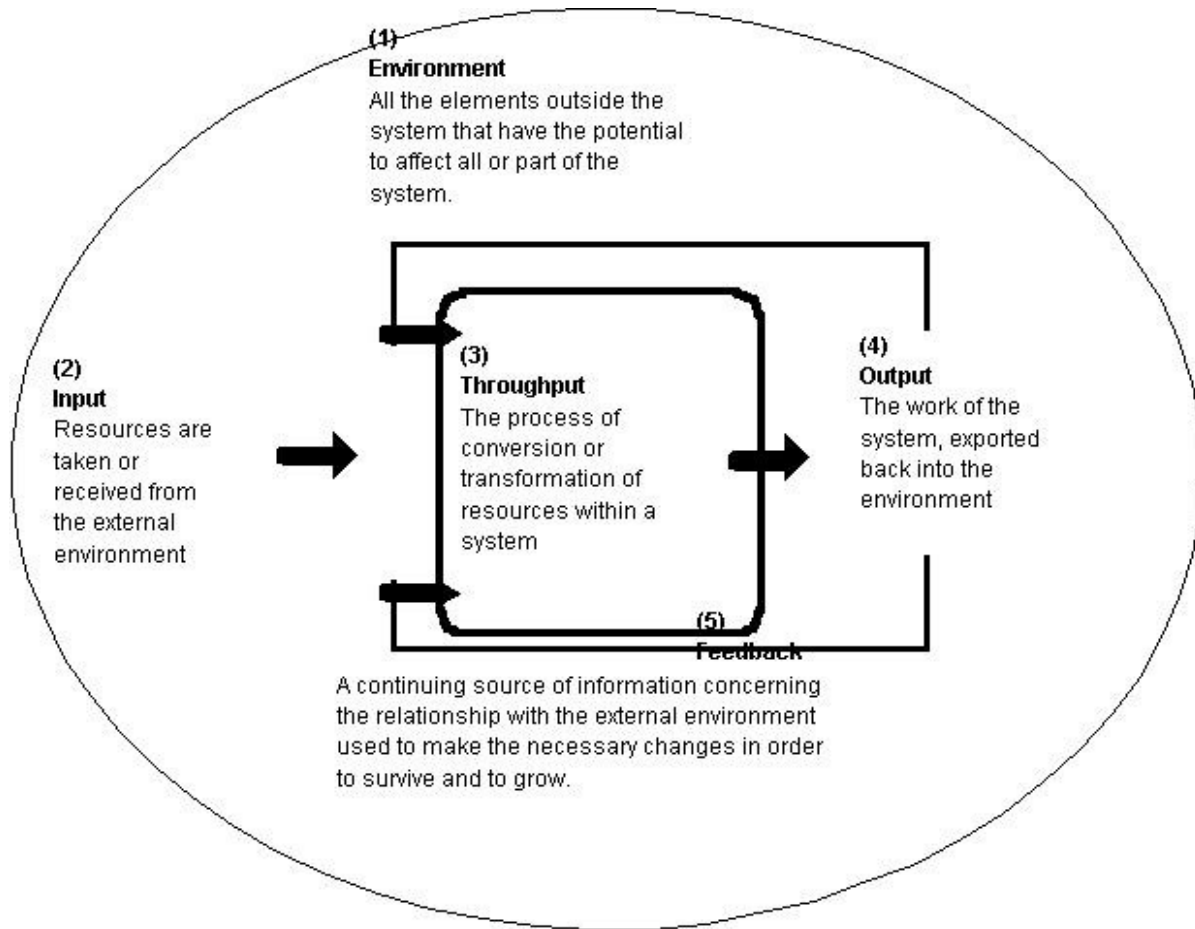
In other words, you have to choose the Red Pill to wake-up! But remember, Neo really had no idea what he was getting into when he took that pill from Morpheus. He only knew he was was irresistibly drawn by something -like the Great Attractor -and he surrendered to that knowing.

As Mercury, Venus and the North Node of the Moon all head for a conjunction we all need to become conscious of these "personally meaningful higher level choices." The North Node representing the Soul's evolutionary path forward. The North Node is also, and more appropriately called the Ascending Node, because it is where the path of the Moon crosses the path of the Sun (ecliptic) going upward. It is thus interpreted as "where we are going or what we are here for" because it represents a place where something previously below (consciousness) now rises up.

Currently something is piercing the main plane of existence (ecliptic) in an upward manner, struggling to become manifest. But first, we have to let go of all that is in the way (S Node of Venus and Uranus) of that something new manifesting!



If we look at this process in terms of Systems Theory, we can perhaps make a little more sense of the chaos. As living organisms people are open systems: they cannot survive without continuously exchanging matter and energy with their environment. This interaction has two components: input, that which enters the system from the outside, and output, that which leaves the system for the environment. The output of a system is in general a direct or indirect result from the input. What comes out, needs to have found a way in first. However, the output is in general quite different from the input: the system (person) is not just a passive tube, but an active processor. For example, the food, drink and oxygen we take in, leave our body as urine, excrements and carbon dioxide. The transformation of input into output by the system is usually called throughput.



Wherever the transiting Nodes are in your chart are areas of life that are going to undergo some change, or at least have your attention more than usual for the next 12 months or so.

Since it is the sign where North Node eclipses occur now, the house Sagittarius falls will be an area where chaos may be trying to enter into your life. This is the input into the system. The input of an eclipse is basically just added psychic energy which stirs the pot and makes any energetic blockages in the organism more apparent.

The throughput is our own personal responsibility to maintain awareness of these blockages as they come up, and to begin the internal processing work required to remove these. If our throughput processing is even minimally successful, the output will be an ability to let go of blockages and live with greater ease within the areas of life denoted by the transit South Node in Gemini, and thus a more healthy and enhanced expression of both houses on the Gemini-Sagittarius axis.

Besides the horoscopes, here's an [excellent article on the basic themes of the Gemini-Sagittarius axis.](#)

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As the Sybils of Sagittarius/Gemini, the transit Nodes currently speak through a particular pair of Oracles -to particular areas of your life. Consider the guidance below for your Sun Sign, your Ascendant Sign and/or your Moon Sign. Opposing houses are closely related, so it is helpful to consider the pair of houses as a unit through which input is being transformed to output.

Sagittarius:

1st House—>7th House.

The throughput process for the next 18 months will be in your relationship to Self/Other.

- The 1st house is your Persona; it is who we are as social individuals. North Node Eclipses in the 1st house denote a period of personal development and growth in terms of the social masks you wear. You may be asked to take on a new role, or to wear several hats at this time.



The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. Trying out and taking on new roles is important at this time.

- The 7th house is how we relate to other individuals. When you change, this also changes how you relate to others and vice versa. South Node Eclipses in the 7th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of how you project your Shadow onto others.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

Wanting people to be a certain way before you accept them is generally not going to yield positive results. Accept people for who they are first, and then if you decide you don't want that energy in your life you can lovingly release them to go on their merry way with your blessings.

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Scorpio:



2nd House—>8th House.

The throughput process for the next 18 months will be in your relationship to resources.

- The 2nd house is our personal resources; our possessions, our skills, our talents, and our self-worth. North Node Eclipses in the 2nd house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of what your personal resources are and how you utilize them.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. This is injecting new energy and asking you to wake up to the

availability of new resources. The 2nd house is not just tangible resources like money and possessions but also intangible resources like self-esteem, which will help you move up Maslow's hierarchy.

- The 8th house is the house of other people's resources, so both joint finances and intimacy. South Node Eclipses in the 8th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your responsibilities to others: both physical and emotional. It could also be an indication of a time to explore what truly belongs to all of us, the collective unconscious, via occult activities.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area. Wanting people to have an obvious or tangible contribution to your own life before you let them in is limiting your options. Try trusting that this is true and then seeing part of the relationship as a treasure hunt to find it.

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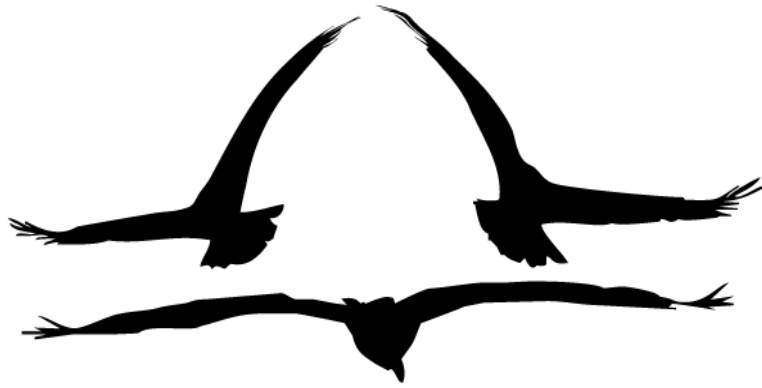


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Libra:

3rd House—>9th House.

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personal spiritual practices. North Node Eclipses in the 3rd house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of how you communicate with others, get around your local environment and engage in personal ritual.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. Movement and variety are important at this time as they will allow the new energies to bounce around a bit and find their natural places. Exploring new places, people, and ideas on a daily basis will show you meaningful synchronicities which you should follow.

- The 9th house is foreign countries, ideas and philosophies, and religion. South Node Eclipses in the 9th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your World-View and how it conditions your experiences.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

Expectation is the Mother of disappointment. Try seeing the World as brand new virgin territory to be explored, rather than a place where certain norms and expectations are to be met. If things don't meet your expectations then it could be a sign to move on, but it could also be an invitation to let go of unrealistic or unnecessary expectations.

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Virgo: 4th House—>10th House.

The throughput process for the next 18 months will be in your relationship to balancing your private life with your public life.

- The 4th house is your home, family and ancestral heritage. North Node Eclipses in the 4th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your roots and the foundations of your life. The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences.

You are being asked to welcome some new energy into the sanctity of your home. This may be via an extended family member or by physical improvements. Feng Shui could help open channels for the energy to flow. You might try a dragon figurine.

- The 10th house is your career and public reputation. South Node Eclipses in the 10th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of the demands of your career or public life and building a solid reputation.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area. All systems have boundaries and healthy boundaries are semi-porous. It is through these pores or opening that toxins leave the body. Somewhat paradoxically, rather than closing down in a protective stance, you may need to open up your boundaries a bit in order to allow some negative energy room to leave.

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Leo: 5th House—>11th House.

The throughput process for the next 18 months will be in your relationship to individual expression and group participation.

- The 5th house is your creative expression, recreation, children, and love affairs. Eclipses in the 5th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of the creative urge, and romantic partners.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this

sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. The message couldn't be clearer for Leo -be yourself. Taken the next step, it is Be more and more of yourself. As you know this involves risks, and in the long run failure is sometime more valuable than success -so be willing to take the risks you are being asked to take

- The 11th house is the house of friendships; this is the house of group participation and shared creativity. Eclipses in the 11th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your peers and social networks.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

Collaboration between artists is a tricky thing. Often the ego gets tangled up in their own

machinations and it can be a big mess. But when it works organically, it works beautifully. If it aint workin organically, try surrendering some of the ego involved, or you might simply need to move on.

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Cancer: 6th House—>12th House.

The throughput process for the next 18 months will be in your relationship to routine, both physical and spiritual.

- Input: The 6th house is all of the things we do on a daily basis, our daily routines, including our jobs. North Node Eclipses in the 6th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your routines, skill sets, and your body's physical needs to avoid illness.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. Disruptions to your daily routine need to be welcomed like you would welcome a strange exotic visitor to your home. Sit with them, have a cup of tea and really try to understand what they are telling you and how it is an invitation to growth.

- Output: The 12th house is our personal unconscious. South Eclipses in the 12th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of needing to spend time alone, exploring your personal unconscious via meditation, journaling, breathwork, shamanic journeying or other spiritual exercise.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area. If you have been relatively isolated in your own shell then you will need to get out and get some fresh air and conversation. If you've been relatively active lately then you may need to find some room for stillness. Whatever your basic routine has been you will need to open up some room for its opposite.

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Gemini:

7th House → 1st House.

The throughput process for the next five months will be in your relationship to Self/Other.

- Input: The 7th house is how we relate to other individuals. When you change, this also changes how you relate to others and vice versa. North Node Eclipses in the 7th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of others and how you meet your Shadow via others.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. You may find yourself irresistibly drawn to someone, or rather forcefully repelled. You need this person in your life in either case, but you will have to surrender something for the relationship to work.

- Output: The 1st house is your Persona; it is who we are as social individuals. Eclipses in the 1st house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in personal development in terms of the social masks you wear.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area. You may have been playing a particular role for too long. Consider for the moment letting go of the need to take on a pre-supposed role entirely. Consider instead what role the events surrounding you requires.

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Taurus: 8th House → 2nd House.

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- **Input:** The 8th house is the house of other people's resources, so both joint finances and intimacy. North Node Eclipses in the 8th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your responsibilities to others: both physical and emotional. It could also be an indication of a time to

explore what truly belongs to all of us, the collective unconscious, via occult activities.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences. You need to trust in someone or something else for this energy to really flow through you. Open up and let it seep through you like the vibrant colors of a Spring morn.

- **Output:** The 2nd house is our personal resources; our possessions, our skills, our talents, and our self-esteem. South Node Eclipses in the 2nd house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of what your personal resources are and how you utilize them.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

You've been thinking you're either not ready, not yet good enough, or not yet powerful enough to lay claim to the collective resources now available to you. But I can assure you that you've earned it. Or perhaps you want to do it all. Let go of stubborn resistance to accepting help or contributions from others. Allowing someone else to give is a gift. Become this gift of acceptance and allow others to give of themselves as you always have. In this way the Circle of Life is completed.

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Aries:

9th House → 3rd House.

The throughput process for the next five months will be in your relationship to communications.

- Input: The 9th house is foreign countries, ideas and philosophies, and religion. North Node Eclipses in the 9th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your World-View and how it conditions your experiences.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences.

Most of all you need to conquer any remaining unreasonable fears of foreigners or strangers or of anything which is foreign or strange. You will not lose your identity by encouraging cross-cultural or inter-group exchanges. Rather you will grow immeasurably.

- Output: The 3rd house is our local community, our communication and our personal spiritual practices. South Node Eclipses in the 3rd house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of how you communicate with others, get around your local environment and engage in personal ritual.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

Release attachments to places you have grown comfortable within your local community, or any patterns of how you move through it. Shed these patterns like a snake sheds its skin. You may come back eventually but for now you need to seek out new corners to explore and new fellows to converse with.

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Pisces: 10th House → 4th House.

The throughput process for the next five months will be in your relationship to balancing your private life with your public life.

- **Input:** The 10th house is your career and public reputation. North Node Eclipses in the 10th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of the demands of your career or public life and building a solid reputation.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are

bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences.

Any opportunities for involvement in public life should be seized upon and pursued with vigor. You need to be visible now. The more you are seen the more comfortable you will become with yourself. Imagine that you are a Tree and you are soaking up the Sunshine and sending its energy deep down into your roots.

- **Output:** The 4th house is your home, family and ancestral heritage. South Node Eclipses in the 4th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your roots and the foundations of your life.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

Contrary to popular belief, the presence of the Divine is not just “above” you. The Emerald Tablet tells us: “It rises from the Earth to Heaven and descends again to Earth, thereby combining within itself the powers of both the Above and Below.” Imagine again that you are a Tree, or a planet, or a star, and your energy is rising and descending.

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Aquarius: 11th House → 5th House.

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- Input: The 11th house is the house of friendships; this is the house of group participation and shared creativity. North Node Eclipses in the 11th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of your peers and social networks.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences.

You have many opportunities to join and merge with new groups and to expand your role within

groups in general. Take the chance and ask to be a part of any gathering you feel drawn toward. Assume that they want you there, because they probably do.

- Output: The 5th house is your creative expression, recreation, children, and love affairs. South node Eclipses in the 5th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of the creative urge, and romantic partners.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

You have an ingrained need for structure and rhythm in your life. Sometimes a little chaos is necessary to clear the air. Seeking to impose order on your creative life is not the answer. Try instead opening up your calendar and schedule and allowing the creative process to organically define itself.

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Capricorn: 12th House → 6th House.

The throughput process for the next five months will be in your relationship to routine, both physical and spiritual.

- Input: The 12th house is our personal unconscious. North node Eclipses in the 12th house denote a period of change and growth in your awareness of need to spend time alone, exploring your personal unconscious via meditation, journaling, breathwork, shamanic journeying or other spiritual exercise.

The Mercury, Venus, N Node conjunctions of Nov 14-15 and the partial Solar eclipse of Nov 25 are bringing new energy into this sector of your chart and asking you to open up and try some new experiences.

Like the Hermit of the Tarot, you may find yourself “standing on a Hill in a Mountain of Dreams.” In addition to allowing quiet time alone for spiritual processing, you may want to consider physically taking up liminal spaces -hanging out in alleys, between hedges, in abandoned lots. All these are metaphors for the unbounded space “between World's” which you need to cultivate.

- Output: The 6th house is all of the things we do on a daily basis, our daily routines, including our jobs. South node Eclipses in the 6th house denote a period of change and releasing blockages in your awareness of your routines, skill sets, and your body's physical needs to avoid illness.

The coming Mercury retrograde of Nov 24-Dec 13 and the total Lunar eclipse of Dec 10 are asking you to release and let go of some attachments in this area.

Let go of your attachments to routine. Try waking up and letting the Day tell you how it wants to arrange itself. Ask questions and listen for the answers. Allow time and space for No-Thing in your life.

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