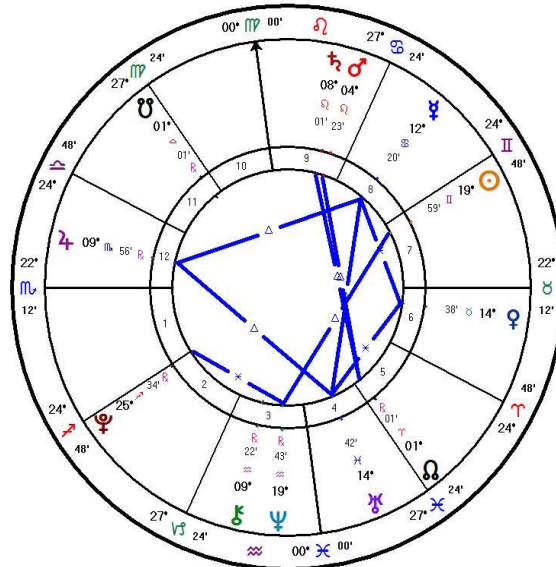


Exceptional Times Hold Great Potential

The June 2006 Forecast

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Sometimes it seems that the universe has a sense of humor. “Kinky Boots”, a British comedy-drama film that was released

this spring, brought a grin to my face when I realized how perfectly it brings Uranus in Pisces to us in living, dare I say iridescent, color. Uranus is the unexpected, the eccentric, the maverick — the kinky things in our lives. Pisces rules the feet. So when “Kinky Boots” hit the theatres, I delighted in the cosmic joke I was privy to. (I highly recommend the movie, by the way.) We will be feeling this theme in our lives during June as perhaps the dominant one, but even though Uranus is often the noisiest kid in the class, it will have to raise a huge clamor to compete with the other planetary kids in the classroom this month. A new planetary highlights grid summarizes what we will experience:

Activate Planet/Position	Dates Activated	Our Experiences
Uranus (about 14° Pisces)	June 3, 5, 10, 17, and 19	living outside the box, even if it seems foolish and self-sacrificing to others; breaking free of old beliefs and behaviors; <i>do you dare release the past and build a breath-taking new future — do something crazy, daring, and original?</i>

Pluto (about 25° Sagittarius)	June 1, 4, 11, 16, and 19	the point of no return (on the 16 th) in transforming our life so we live in truth and meaning; <i>knowing the truth, do you have enough faith in yourself to commit to what you're aching to have?</i>
Mars/Jupiter/Saturn/Chiron (about 9° Leo/Aquarius)	June 4, 6, 7, 15, 18, 19, and 20	a conventional way of seeing things keeps us stuck; letting go of that opens new doors; life is better than you think; <i>once you know that your wounded perspective is the problem, do you dare to solve the problem and be happy?</i>

Uranus and Pluto: Mutation Versus Evolution

There are two forces of change in the universe, one swift, random, and unpredictable; the other slow, total, and inexorable. The former can be likened to mutation - quick, random and free of outside influence. This is precisely the way that we experience Uranus's energies. The more that we can "seize the day" when Uranus is active, the more we can harness the fires that are activated. Two images come to mind: The first is grabbing the lightning bolts thrown from Mt. Olympus. If we can do that, we have mastered this energy. We have to be quick and completely present in the moment to see its true potential. When we do, we will flow perfectly with the prevailing energies to harness Uranus's quick, electrical energies.

The other image that can be associated with Uranus is breaking free from a cage. In the marvelous book, *A Gift from Daniel* (Karen Alexander), they talk of each of us as living in a cage of our own thoughts and preconceptions of how things are. The cage is built up of all the beliefs, conditioning, attitudes, and cultural mindsets that we accept in the process of incarnating and growing to adulthood. To be fully alive, centered, and happy is to be optimally creative; to do this, we have to be truly responsive in each moment to whatever impulse comes our way. This is to live at the perfect balance point between yin and yang, between chaos and order (risk and safety, etc.).

Pluto, on the other hand, is more like a volcano or earthquake. You know it's there; you know it's going to blow sometime. Although it can't be seen until the very moment it occurs (although there are plenty of rumblings and foreshocks before the big event), there is much happening that is hidden beneath the surface. Pluto's change is logical, it is total, and it cannot be avoided. It is a matter of *when*, not *if*. The key to Pluto is to be as truthful with ourselves as possible, then to face what is revealed; next, we must let go of what has become obsoleted by your new version of reality as we create the forms to embody the new meaning that we have discovered. Frequently, we dig our own grave by a) ignoring or burying the truth; b) hiding from it once it is revealed; c) holding on to the past for dear life; and d) stepping away from the courage, creativity and foresight to put the new forms in place. With so many steps to the process and so many places we can go astray, it's little wonder that we face so many challenges in

making changes. Yet, we can rest assured that, no matter where our abilities fail us, Pluto's energies will redirect us back to the path of truth and meaning until we get it right.

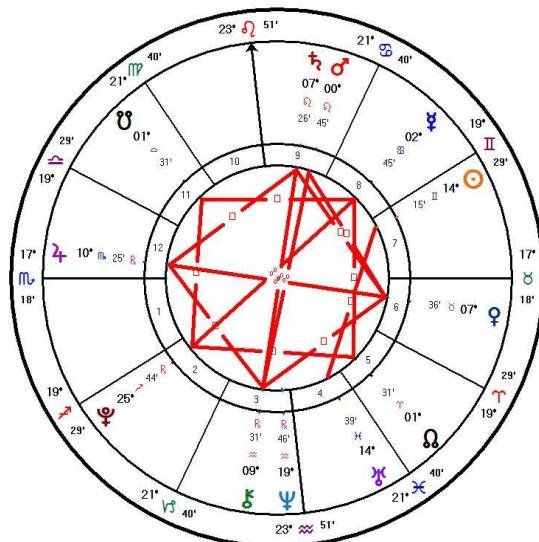
Uranus, we could say, trans-mutes us — lifts us up and out of the old energy into an incredible lightness of being. Pluto trans-forms us — takes us through the down and dirty and leading us to cleanse all that is manifest around us until all we carry with us is meaningful. We are experiencing both of these energies this month. Pluto reaches the halfway point of its yearly cycle on the 16th. This is a culmination, like a Full Moon (could we say a "Full Pluto"?). If we are fully embracing Pluto's directives for our life, we will be busily changing the forms in our life where Pluto is being felt. For instance, let's say it's triggering changes in prosperity and wealth. We should then be very actively pursuing the fulfillment of new ways we've perceived to earn wealth and prosperity based on what's meaningful to us. Your Plutonian experiences this month will tie into events on or around December 15, March 14–17 and 29, and April 16.

Melting the Bars on Our Cage

Uranus, on the other hand, is just 1/3 of the way through its yearly cycle. This is the point where we learn the ways we need more freedom if we're going to live a meaningful and happy life. (Both planets are about creating more meaning.) We encounter the challenge now, and we set our plans for the next five months. Whatever new endeavors you decide to undertake around mid-month will likely take five months to accomplish. (This in contrast to the projects that you already have in progress under Pluto's cycle, which will naturally complete at the beginning of September.) If we're in a cage of thought forms until Uranus breaks us free, it may be more helpful to think of our Uranian process as melting the bars rather than breaking the bars. Melting is a much more graceful process and experience, as well as being more in keeping with the sign that Uranus is in — the watery, oceanic sign of Pisces. Melting is accomplished through persistent, indirect action rather than direct, confrontative action. Melting takes the struggle and fight out of the process, and whenever there is struggle or fight (conflict), a reaction pattern is set up that delays overall progress. So let's melt our troubles away. To illustrate the way this can work in real life, let's say that a serious rift arises in a relationship because you need more freedom in the relationship. Melting the bars of the cage would be to be open and honest about your needs, yet not to press them. Instead, you can stand firm in the fact that you need this greater

independence but move slowly toward the new level of freedom you seek. This gives the other person time to adapt, and it avoids the struggle that trying to "break free" abruptly may generate. What occurs on Uranus's schedule this month ties in with events on or around March 1st.

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Let the Games Continue

Despite Uranus's

and Pluto's milestone events, it's hard to imagine how much we'll feel them in the midst of Mars's clang and clatter. (See the chart at left.) Once it enters Leo on the 3rd, there's a heating up process that will reverberate back to last summer, to events starting around the end of July. You will notice profound and direct correlations, but now the emphasis is more on manifestation and accomplishment. (If you want to see how it applies in your own life, look at your journal/appointment calendar to refresh your memory of what was going on then. Next, correlate those event with what you've been working on and accomplishing since. You'll see a dramatic connection and a just-as-dramatic change!) However, we could get caught up in a perception that others are creating obstacles for us, when what we need to recognize is that all they are doing is *narrowing our choices for us to point us in the right direction*. There's always another alternative, and even if it seems as if the door closing is what was the exact right thing, if it isn't happening, it's time to turn our resources in another direction. If we try to maintain a situation that does not flow of itself, we devalue ourself. That doesn't mean to give up on something that is still open to cultivation, but rather to recognize when a matter is truly closed and move on without regret or rancor.

Much of this planetary pattern has to do with letting go of seeing things in a conventional way, because this pattern leads us to think that things have to be a certain way. This way is usually based on old ideas and traditions rather than the new ones that are created in the moment and truly responsive to the needs of the present. Letting go of conventional ways of seeing things is the first step to breaking through the obstacles we may experience through this energy pattern.

We are likely to experience irony now. That is, the things we were trying to accomplish from last August through the fall can now be accomplished, but in an entirely different way. Ironically, we will be presented with alternatives that we could not have conceived of at that time. Now a whole new vista opens before us to the extent that we've been able to let go of old thought patterns and ideas. The first step is to let go of old ways of seeing ourself. As these blinders drop from our eyes, we begin to see our true potential. Then the true potential of any given moment is more fully revealed to us at the time because we are not limited in our self-beliefs.

Mars to these planets will test us, and those tests may come in the form of opportunities or seeming opportunities. You get to decide if they are right for you to pursue, to negotiate their terms. By setting your course according to your goals and intentions, you'll filter into your life just those opportunities that are right for you. Keep in mind that not every enterprise that presents itself will be right for you. This time will also test your ability to navigate the waters of the new reality that you have been creating for yourself — one that will become a firm foundation next year. You will benefit by testing the waters yourself very thoroughly in whatever way you can. The more you learn your new environment, the better your foundation will support you in the years to come.

The foundation you are creating is one that you will be called upon to rely on for at least several years. This time of energetic flux holds unparalleled potential for growth and development.

Love's Labour's Not Lost

If separation, seeming indifference, and obstacles seem to pervade your partnerships now, don't despair. Working through your issues will lead to the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I know it seems like a long way off, but it will be here in the wink of an eye: I'm talking about

the Venus-Mars conjunction that comes in October 25th. This is the ultimate coming-together energy for relationship, and that's where it's all headed now. Hang in there! (This applies to all relationships, not just love partnerships.)

Looking Ahead: Jupiter and Mercury

In early July, Jupiter ends its four-month period of backward (retrograde) travel. Whatever endeavors you started around March 4 will be substantially completed by then. Mercury's next retrograde starts on July 4. Its thrice-yearly retrograde lasts only three weeks, yet can bring many wondrous events to us during this brief time.

Waves to Ride

We've been stuck without the Venus-Mars and Mercury-Jupiter pairs to work with in forming agreements with others for all of May. However, from the 3rd – 16th, a Mercury-Jupiter harmony can be tapped with the help of a skilled astrologer. Beyond that, there are the eternally present (for this year) harmonious tones coming from Jupiter-Uranus, the combo of innovation and advancement. Science and technology breakthroughs, even if we're not aware of them now, are being created as we speak. We can all create innovations in our lives according to our own needs and talents by tapping these energies.

These times are powerful for the positive results they can bring us if we know how to tap the energies. The key is perspective. We lose when we get caught up in the details of the moment and forget the big picture. That's when we become emotionally involved and lose our sensitivity to the openings that come during such a time as this. As noted above, the way that we think things work is not what will work this time. The unexpected is in play; it can wipe away our troubles in an instant, just as it can land them in our laps with speed and power. We leave ourselves exposed to the misfortunes of the unexpected when we stray from our center/true self, just as we can open ourselves to its benevolent effects when we are true to who we are in attitude, action, and belief. Seize the day!

Planetary Events

Mercury and Venus are in rulership. Mars is in fall. Saturn is in detriment.

Mercury opposes Pluto ☿	25°49' Gemini/Sagittarius	June 1
Mercury enters Cancer	0°00' Cancer	June 3
Mars enters Leo	0°00' Leo	June 3
Mercury squares the Moon's Nodes	0°50' Cancer/Aries	June 3
Venus squares Saturn	7°26' Taurus/Leo	June 4
Sun squares Uranus	14°39' Gemini/Pisces	June 5
Venus enters Aquarius	0°00' Aquarius	June 5

Sun trines Jupiter ☿	18°49' Pisces/Scorpio	June 9
Venus squares Chiron ☿	9°29' Taurus/Aquarius	June 6
Venus opposes Jupiter	10°13' Taurus/Scorpio	June 7
Mercury quincunxes Chiron	9°25' Cancer/Aquarius	June 8
Mercury trines Jupiter ☿	10°03' Cancer/Scorpio	June 9
Sun trines Neptune	19°43' Taurus/Aquarius	June 10
Venus sextiles Uranus	14°42' Taurus/Pisces	June 10
Gemini Full Moon	20°40' Gemini/Sagittarius	June 11
Mercury trines Uranus	14°43' Cancer/Pisces	June 12
Venus squares Neptune	19°40' Taurus/Aquarius	June 15
Sun opposes Pluto ☿	25°25' Gemini/Sagittarius	June 16
Mars conjoins Saturn	8°46' Leo	June 18
Mars opposes Chiron ☿	9°06' Chiron	June 18
Uranus begins backward motion (stationary retrograde)	14°43' Pisces	June 19
Mars squares Jupiter ☿	9°26' Leo/Scorpio	June 19
Moon's Nodes (Transiting Eclipse Points) change signs	0°00' Virgo/Pisces	June 19
Venus quincunxes Pluto ☿	25°20' Taurus/Sagittarius	June 19
Saturn opposes Chiron ☿	9°02' Leo/Aquarius	June 20
Mercury quincunxes Pluto ☿	25°17' Cancer/Sagittarius	June 21
Sun enters Cancer	0°00' Cancer	June 21
Venus enters Gemini	0°00' Gemini	June 23
New Moon	3°58' Cancer	June 25
Mars quincunxes Uranus ☿	14°42' Leo/Pisces	June 27
Mercury enters Leo	0°00' Leo	June 28
Sun trines Jupiter ☿	9°02' Cancer/Scorpio	June 30

All dates are based on Pacific Time.

Blue = harmonious/Red or orange = challenging

Events in bold are more significant.