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2017 is shaping up to be a powerful year for change astrologically. There is the ongoing opposition between Jupiter and Uranus going through until April, where we are challenged to let go of responsibilities and relationships that are holding us back from reaching our true potential through freedom. Saturn the Lord of Time and Karma connects to Uranus by trine through much of this. Saturn also squares Chiron for much of the early part of the year encouraging us to take responsibility for the changes we need to make in order to heal and stop blaming others for our issues. Uranus has moved back to square Uranus by around 3 degrees in January making a T Square to the Jupiter Uranus Opposition so major psychological change is back on the agenda. So the outer planets are all on the march transpiring to make us face up to our issues and make the meaningful changes that are necessary in our lives whether we like it or not. Those with planets from 17 to 23 degrees of the Cardinal signs (Aries. Cancer, Libra and Capricorn), will feel this most, but those degrees are sensitive across all signs

over the next few months so hold onto your hats. The month of January begins with the "Pisces Party" moving into full swing from January 3 when Venus moves into the sign, joining Mars and the Moon with the ongoing trio of Chiron, Neptune and the North Node. Most of us are feeling the need to be introspective and prepare ourselves for the onslaught ahead. Venus and Mars remain in Pisces until just after the Aquarius New Moon on January 28 so while there will be lots of imaginative dreaming going on but not too much action in the love stakes. The Sun moves in for his annual merger with Pluto in Capricorn on January 7, its time to step into your power, fix what needs to be fixed and take steps to achieve your goals regardless of what others try to do to stop you. There is still a need to be careful around misunderstood communications as Mercury doesn't station direct until January 9 and then there is his shadow to contend with until the end of the month. The Cancer



Full Moon falls on 12 January, at 10.35 pm (AEDT), the Moon will be at 22 degrees and 27 minutes, the 23rd degree of Cancer and the Sun opposite in Capricorn. The Sabian Symbol for the Moon, hat 23 degrees of Cancer, is described as: "The meeting of a literary society" this symbol represents *intellectualization* an objective and critical approach to the common factors in our culture and to its psychological problems. Poets, novelists and critics mirror society and at the same time influence and guid its development. It is their job to discuss the significance of what is and visualize what might be. They act as barometers and thermostats, reflecting and projecting what are mostly unconscious images, making concrete what may only be subconscious aspirations or urges.



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The Sun in the 23rd degrees of Capricorn has the Sabian Symbol "A soldier receiving two awards for bravery in combat", it speaks of the need to recompense with both respect and appreciation someone who has discharged hid duty nobly under unusual circumstances, regardless of whether he succeeded or failed. The Sun is flanked by the asteroids Horus and Iris at the time, so whereas Horus represents the courageous hero, Iris challenges us to make sense of things but using our mor feminine integrative thinking abilities. The luminaries are forming a Grand Square in the sky with the Jupiter end of the Jupiter Uranus Opposition helping to shine clarity on just what responsibilities are onerous to us. Uranus is keeping company with the powerful asteroid Ishtar at the time, gradually slipping behind the influence of his disruptive sister Eris. Ishtar inspires more significant change and a disregard for whoever may stand in the way of freedom. However is is a little hard to see the wood for the trees at the time as Venus moves to merge energy with Neptune the following day. In the sign of Neptune's rulership their conjunction casts the most deceptive light possible over decision making particularly involving matters of the heart. Best not to make any significant decisions about your future until further into the month. On January 19 it may be hard to get your plans to materialize as Mars makes a troublesome square to Saturn, obstacles are likely to stand in your way for a couple of days. The Sun moving into Aquarius on January 20 should clarify what needs to be done. On January 25 Venus merges energy with Chiron for a day enabling us to see how our approach to relationships is standing in the way of our future happiness. Then the Aquarius New Moon ushers in the Chinese New Year of the Rooster on January 28 at 11.08 am (AEDT) at 8 degrees and 15 minutes of Aquarius. The Sabian symbol for 9 degrees of Aquarius is "A flag is seen turning into an eagle" it represents the dynamic incorporation of new social values in individuals who exemplify the spiritual potential and greatest significance of these values, in other words acting out the vision. This is one powerful New Moon as the monthly alignment of the luminaries almost exactly merges energy with the conjunction of the two powerhouses of the Egyptian cosmology, the asteroids Isis and Osiris. They meet every couple of years and this is the sixth time their nuptials have spanned the axis of Leo and Aquarius. There is something here to be learned about individuality, being true to yourself and regal responsibility. But overall it tells us that this is a year when our Rooster ego needs to be prepared to mellow and bend to the power of relationship. Extra significant for those with planets or angles from 7 to 7 degrees of Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius).

With the Sun and Moon in the sign of Aquarius, the energy focus that balances this is on:

- Being a humanitarian, concerned about the environment, resources and animals
- Putting the needs of the community above your own
- Challenging conventional thinking, seeking fairness and equality
- Becoming involved in group activities with your tribe of likeminded people
- Seeking freedom and the ability to detach from your emotional patterning
- Being true to your individuality
- Coming up with original and unique inspirational ideas
- Increasing your knowledge in what makes people behave the way they do



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The area most aligned with the position of the New Moon can be best gleaned from your natal horoscope chart, however if you only know your Sun Sign, then affirmations around the areas indicated on the next page are likely to be the most powerful, but some adjustment may be required to the life areas below:

Sun in	House	Life Area	Sun in	House	Life Area
Aquarius	1	Self Development & Appearance	Leo	7	Relationships
Capricorn	2	Self-Esteem, Money, Possessions	Cancer	8	Shared Resources, Transformation
Sagittarius	3	Education, Siblings & Communication	Gemini	9	Travel, Higher Education, Belief Systems
Scorpio	4	Home, Emotional Security	Taurus	10	Career, Public Status
Libra	5	Creative Pursuits, Children & Pleasure	Aries	11	Groups, Associations & Goals
Virgo	6	Health, Work & Daily Routines	Pisces	12	Spiritual Enlightenment, Loose Ends, Body Repair

