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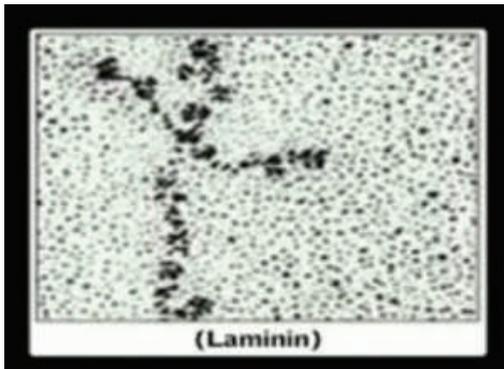
The Cross In Our Body

Louie Giglio talks in a sermon about how inconceivably BIG our God is - how He spoke the universe into being, how He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire, etc., etc. Then he went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe-creating God also knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder.

Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart - how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

And then he talked about Laminin. Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue.' You see, Laminins are what hold us together - LITERALLY.

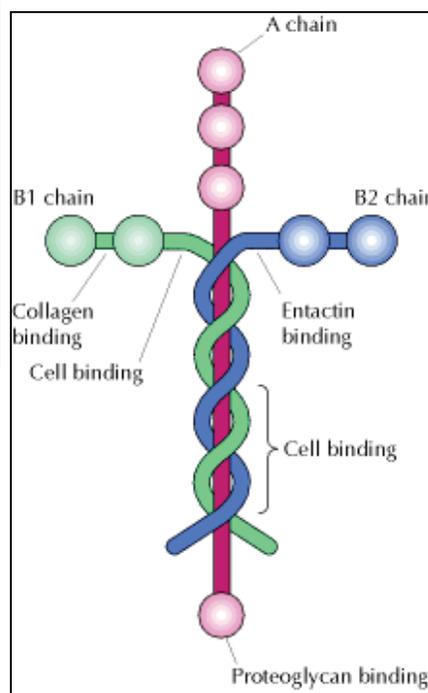
They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. Laminin features four arms, one long and three short. This means that laminin can bind with four different molecules. The short arms act as the binding material to make the sheets of tissue, while the long arm anchors the protein to individual organs. Laminin is also essential to the development of the human neurological system. It acts as the major substrate that provides the necessary environment for nerve axons to grow, both in the womb and after birth. This lays down a path for nerve impulses to be transmitted. It can also heavily influence the way those impulses respond.



Here is what the structure of Laminin looks like. This is not a 'Christian portrayal' of it.

If you look up Laminin in scientific/medical pieces of literature, this is what you will see.

...interesting...



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Quotation from Jeshua

“When Man’s basis of thinking changes from force to attraction, every aspect of technology will change as well.

~Love Without End by Glenda Green



Astrology of 2011 and Beyond ~ from Alice Inoue

Overview

2011 will be a year of great opportunities mixed with strong challenges, all designed to help you move toward what is truly important to you and what you have not consciously acknowledged. If you feel you are moving through a fog in some ways, unsure of exactly where you are going, yet you also feel an underlying sense of urgency driving you toward exploring new paths, you are probably on the right track.

This year starts out with an interesting mix of pioneering and fearless energy that is brought to balance by the emergence of a gentler and more spiritual cycle than we have seen in a long time. Divine feminine energies are combining with potent masculine energies, creating diverse possibilities for your life. Planetary energies are highly focused, allowing you to be more open than ever to new perspectives and increased intuitive insight. 2011 will also feel different because we are getting better at dealing with constant change. Predictions about “what will happen” are pointless these days, as it is our decisions that will lead the way toward what we experience. The natural energies and cycles of 2011 will help you craft the future of your life, depending on where you are inspired to take yourself.

The planetary transits and alignments this year are very powerful, which simply means they hold great potential. It is not a year to rest and resist the energies of change, but rather to ride the wave of personal direction.

Planetary Movement

Pisces and Aries

Sign change happens this year in Pisces and Aries. Pisces represents the completion of a cycle and Aries brings forth new expression. In 2011, Jupiter and Uranus move into Aries, and Chiron and Neptune move into Pisces. These planetary ingresses shine a huge cosmic spotlight on what we are leaving behind and what new personal levels we are moving into.

Jupiter

in Aries Jan 22-June 4, then in Taurus till June 2012

Jupiter represents the principles of expansion. In Pisces, it corresponds to increasing our awareness of spiritual realities. Jupiter moving into Aries this year brings out the pioneer in us, and impatiently urges us toward a new direction. In the second half of the year the focus turns to Taurus, where your ideas need to ground themselves in reality for new growth to take place.

Uranus

in Aries March 11 until March 2019

Uranus represents the principles of change and revolution, and wants to awaken and liberate you from structures that are limiting your current experience of life. Uranus is about independence and freedom. Uranus is not compatible with routine and the “same old same old”. In Aries, Uranus sparks rebellion, and highlights the area of our lives where we must be willing to question the status quo and be an agent of change. Aries has characteristics of impatience, courage, selfishness, and pioneering a new path. With Uranus in Aries, we will continue to feel the urge for action, and experience the effects of sudden changes and transformative events. Be willing to surrender to the authenticity of who you are. There is no “right” or “wrong” – trust what you are feeling and look for where you are not motivated. Listen to yourself when your inner voice says, “Ugh”. Explore new ways to break free from anything that is uninspiring.



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Chiron

in Pisces Feb 8 until Feb 2019

Chiron is known as the “wounded healer” and represents a bridging energy – a link between the physical and the metaphysical. His entry into Pisces represents a necessary bridge of healing between two parts of your life that need to come together. Where are you stuck between a rock and a hard place? Where are you not connected to your heart? What do you need to do to heal? This planetary ingress helps you to see a new vision, and bridge any perceived separations in your life. In Pisces, Chiron helps you overcome any martyr behavior while helping you learn how to open to a new vision in spite of fears and perceived wounds from the past. Chiron’s passage through Pisces will help you to overcome your “suffering” in order to move forward and not hang onto your old stories as your foundation. Start with half-step solutions to get moving in the direction of your dreams.

Neptune

in Pisces 4/4-8/4 and then 2/2012 until 2025

This is one of the more important planetary ingresses due to Neptune’s slow-moving speed and rare entry into Pisces (once every 168 years). The slower the planet, the more importance it takes on when it changes significant positions, as it does this year. Neptune represents the principle of vision, spirituality and intuition. Moving into Pisces, Neptune causes us to look for the bigger picture and see a greater vision for our lives. Now more than ever, your inner vision needs to match your outer reality. Illusions or preconceptions that are holding you back need to be redefined in order for you to reach your highest potentials. Where do you need to “do” less and “be” more? Neptune asks you to reduce the low-priority busyness and tune into your higher self.

Planetary Alignments

“Breakdowns, Breakthroughs and New Perspectives”

When planets align, they “communicate” with each other and express themselves to us through the themes we experience in our lives. The alignment of Uranus and Pluto come to the forefront as we move into this year and those ahead. This rare cycle paves the way for us and shows us that we are truly ready to cross into new frontiers in our lives.

Uranus square Pluto: in effect in 2011, strong in 2012-2015

When planets are at a 90 degree angle to each other, astrologers call this alignment a “square.” Squares mark major turning points personally and in the world, as they urge us to manifest the visions that have been seeded in our lives. As forces of change, Uranus and Pluto come together to disrupt the status quo.

In the global picture, we will see longstanding corruption and inequality become increasingly intolerable and the need for reform more insistent. This will mirror our personal lives as we find that we are being pushed to the front lines of change. All of us will be pressured to let go of what no longer serves our growth, and we will need to more fully embrace the path that allows us to share our unique gifts with the world in a new way. Uranus will turn the light on and expose all that needs to be cleaned out in your room of fears, forcing you to move in new directions. Confrontations with ourselves (our hearts vs. our minds) and others will be more prevalent, stemming from the need to express ourselves and live life more authentically. We will need to examine our fears and step into new arenas of action.



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Still Hanging Around . . .

Remember Pluto and Saturn?

Planetary cycles are sometimes difficult to explain in a neat organized fashion, because they do not follow our calendar years. Due to planetary speed and unique movement, all planetary energies that affect us have different lengths of time in which they influence us. Although I spoke about them in years past, both Saturn and Pluto's influence continue to be on our plate this year.

Saturn in Libra

July 2009 to October 2012

Saturn represents the structures and foundation that we have created in our lives. Libra represents relationships and balance. With Saturn in Libra until 2012, you have opportunities to create a new balance in your life based upon old paradigms falling away. What is out of balance in your life? Are old relationships draining you? Do you need to set new rules and boundaries and change how you operate within certain relationships? Draw the line; set new rules, and reclaim your authority. Remember, there is no right or wrong action – only what is right for you. Be open and ready for all types of relationships to go through change.

Pluto in Capricorn

November 2008-2023

Pluto represents transformation and Capricorn represents structure. We continue to be in the "Era of Structural Transformation." Government, taxes, large corporations, and time, are all ruled by Capricorn. Pluto continues to facilitate the destruction of structures and systems that no longer serve our rapid evolution as a species. On a personal level, we are going through a metamorphosis the likes of which we have never experienced before. Everything that we have attempted to repress or hide will be experienced in a new light. The greater purpose is to show us that our fears are actually limitations that are holding us back. Pluto says to us, "Face your deepest fears and let go. You can do it. There is nothing to hide." Renewal and stepping into your greatest power is the long term theme of Pluto in Capricorn.

Concluding Words

Not every day will bring hair-raising, mind-blowing radical change, but you will find yourself turning over in your mind and being many of the themes discussed in this report. Stay open; listen to your heart, and when the time is right, you will know when to make changes, or you will find that the circumstances in your life help to wake you up to the changes that you need to make.

Remember, no matter what happens, it is helpful to keep the bigger picture in mind, and know that all you experience is there to serve you. Find the benefits in the moment and strive to keep walking the path of your heart. The zodiacal wheel of life keeps turning and sometimes the darkest hour is just before dawn.



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