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This week, as Mars opposes Saturn, imagine a situation akin to a hound, with the scent of a rabbit, straining against a leash. It wriggles, and changes direction, as the red planet is encouraged by changeable Uranus. Although this may feel challenging, it isn't a harness that we need to fight or shrug off. Saturn and Pluto's controlling influences merge with the understanding which is offered by Mercury. And, Venus brings harmony too. In the end, we'll be glad of the planets' guiding hands.



Test your knowledge

- 1 Which singer represented Australia in Eurovision 2015?
- 2 In what year did the American Civil War end?
- 3 Which Australian author won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1973?
- 4 Who directed the Award-winning 2014 film *Birdman*?
- 5 Who is the lead singer of the US band, The Flaming Lips?
- 6 What do the letters of the US cable channel HBO stand for?
- 7 The novel *Good Omens* was co-written by Terry Pratchett and which author?
- 8 Which director produces movies set in the "View Askewiverse"?
- 9 How many Baldwin brothers are there in the famous family?
- 10 In which century did Chaucer write *The Canterbury Tales*?
- 11 Who starred as Popeye in the 1980 live-action adaptation?
- 12 An agal is worn on which part of the body?
- 13 Which driver won the 2015 Australian F1 Grand Prix?
- 14 Which former NRL player appears in *Arrow* as Ra's al Ghul?
- 15 In which city was the finish line of the 2015 Giro d'Italia?
- 16 Who was the final ruler of the Tudor dynasty?
- 17 Which island was formerly known as Formosa?
- 18 Which organ is removed from the body in a cholecystectomy?
- 19 What city is Irvine Welsh's novel *Trainspotting* set in?
- 20 Which card suit has the only non-moustachioed King?
- 21 How many watts are in 1.21 gigawatts?
- 22 In what year did the RMS *Titanic* sink?
- 23 What is the largest known mountain in the solar system?
- 24 Who was the 18th president of the United States?
- 25 How many feet are in a furlong?
- 26 What is the chemical symbol for sodium?
- 27 Who was the first man in space?
- 28 Singer Jessie J joined which reality TV show in 2015?
- 29 Estonia is bordered by Russia to the east and which country to the south?
- 30 What is the term used to describe the artificial humanoids that are the subject of the film *Blade Runner*?

Aries Mar21-Apr20

It's said that "from the mouths of babes" comes truth and wisdom. Perhaps that's because they're exposed to wonderful literature. When reading Dr Seuss to my son recently, I was moved by the following passage: "So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact, And remember that Life's, A Great Balancing Act". It reminds me of your situation this week. You may need to be a little careful. You may even have to sacrifice speed for accuracy. But "will you succeed?" Yes! You will, indeed! Oh the places that you'll go!
Curious to know more? For heart-warming news, call: **1900 957 223**.

Cancer Jun23-Jul23

Sometimes, when we don't know what to do, the best thing to do is to keep on doing whatever we're already doing. There may come a moment when we realise that it's the wrong thing to do - in which case we should stop... or a moment when it's clear that it was right all along, in which case we can well up with self-satisfaction. But while caution is often a fine thing, hesitancy rarely proves to be a wise policy. As driving Mars opposes wary Saturn, if in doubt this week, act as if you're in no doubt at all.
You've got so much to look forward to. For inspiration, call **1900 957 223**.

Libra Sep24-Oct23

It's frustrating when people don't take us seriously. Playing the fool has its advantages, but once a clown takes the mask off, and stops performing, being a constant source of amusement is tiring. This week, remember that some of your ideas and quests aren't quite as easily understood as you might expect. Sometimes, when people are challenged by something new, their first reaction is incredulity. With persistence and patience, there's every chance you'll win someone over to your perspective.
Auspicious alignments suggest good times soon. Call **1900 957 223**.

Capricorn Dec22-Jan20

What will happen if you start to do just a few things a little differently? That rather depends on what those few things are and how differently you do them! You can bring about a small change for the better this week, or you can start to totally transform a big part of your world. Just a word of advice. Start with little steps. As urgent Mars opposes your stoical, slower ruler Saturn, just alter a habit here, or an all-too-familiar formula there. Even such seemingly insignificant moves may prove potent, with long-lasting ramifications.
What's in the sky for you? Helpful planetary alignments! Call **1900 957 223**.

Taurus Apr21-May21

When you've got too much on your plate, the solution isn't to get a bigger plate. You just need to take something off it. You're keen to avoid disappointing someone. You've made promises that you'd like to keep. But what if the only way to keep them, is to break a promise to someone else? Better that, than to break a part of yourself by striving to achieve the impossible. As dynamic Mars opposes restricting Saturn, the person who least understands your predicament, is probably the one you most need to put off.
Live your life to the full. For helpful advice, call **1900 957 223**.

Leo Jul24-Aug23

Scientists have discovered that there are some stickleback fish who know where to find or access food, and show the rest of the shoal where to find it. It seems that "pooling" (if you'll excuse the pun) is a trait not just found in humans and mammals. Where now can your passion for a cause be the inspiration that allows many to prosper? This week, try to remember that true leadership comes from committing yourself to the advancement of not just you, but your companions too. And where you lead, others will follow.
Don't fear the future. Understand it and change it if you wish. Call **1900 957 223**.

Scorpio Oct24-Nov22

We all hate to feel that someone has an unfair advantage over us. But how do we feel when the advantage is ours? Do we exploit it, hoping no-one will notice? Or do we feel overwhelmed by a sense of conscience and the feeling that, somehow, our gains will be ill-gotten and we'll surely pay a penalty? It's never good to fight fire with fire. Or to stoop to low behaviour, just because somebody else is behaving without integrity. But, as dynamic Mars opposes rigid Saturn, a rule can be bent, just a little, this week.
Knowledge is power. Take full advantage of your horoscope. Call **1900 957 223**.

Aquarius Jan21-Feb19

A book, published in 1973, claimed that plants grew better when exposed to classical music. While many scientists dismissed the claims, new studies show that plants can in fact "hear". When played recordings of caterpillars munching on leaves, they respond by flooding their own leaves with toxins. So somehow that information is getting through. It's possible that your efforts to get what you want are falling on deaf ears. But don't give up. If you can find the right way of phrasing your message, you can be heard and understood.
Solve problems. Ease troubles. Find solutions! Call for help: **1900 957 223**.

Gemini May22-Jun22

"Ted, could you pass me my record collection?" asks Dougal. "OK, here it is," replies Father Ted as he passes a single record. "Oh," he says, "and Dougal, you need more than one record for a collection. What you have is a record." Although this moment from the cult comedy, *Father Ted*, makes me giggle, I sympathise with the hapless Dougal. I've just bought a turntable, and I too only have one record. But every collection needs a starting point. Don't let anyone put you off. You're in the right groove.
Change is possible right now. Get some help. Call **1900 957 223**.

Virgo Aug24-Sep23

If something isn't broken, it doesn't need fixing. It's the first rule of survival, in a world full of people who pursue the ideal of change as if it were a kind of Holy Grail. We confuse our own temporary frustrations with a suspicion that perhaps, something really is very badly wrong. Then, we set out to solve a problem that didn't need solving and create, in the process, unnecessary drama. As Mars fuels your ambition opposite Saturn securing your roots, your progress can be desirable, functional and truly worthwhile.
Make the most of your opportunities. For inspiring news, call: **1900 957 223**.

Sagittarius Nov23-Dec21

What's stopping you from fulfilling your desires? We all need seatbelts, but they're only meant to be restricting in cases of emergency. If they inhibit movement at other times, the distraction can almost negate the benefits. I'm not advocating that you start tearing around without the required and appropriate safety precautions. But, there comes a time when all they do is hold you back. Unfasten yourself from a restriction that's no longer necessary, and step forward confidently and boldly into the new.
Nothing is hopeless. If you want good news right now, call: **1900 957 223**.

Pisces Feb20-Mar20

We all want to be the director of our own movie. We all want control over our own destiny. Or, at least, this is what we all think we want. None of us really knows, because none of us has ever experienced this. Even kings, queens and presidents feel helpless when they realise that they'll never be able to influence certain factors. As energetic Mars opposes controlling Saturn, a situation may seem to be running away with itself. Perhaps you feel a little nervous? Don't! You're doing very well with what you've got.
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Today's Solutions

Quiz Solution

1. Guy Sebastian, 2. 1865, 3. Patrick White, 4. Alejandro González Iñárritu, 5. Wayne Coyne, 6. Home Box Office, 7. Neil Gaiman, 8. Kevin Smith, 9. Four, 10. 14th, 11. Robin Williams, 12. Head, 13. Lewis Hamilton, 14. Matthew Nable, 15. Milan, 16. Elizabeth I, 17. Taiwan, 18. Gallbladder, 19. Edinburgh, 20. Hearts, 21. 1,210,000,000, 22. 1912, 23. Olympus Mons, 24. Ulysses 5 Grant, 25. 660, 26. Na, 27. Yuri Gagarin, 28. *The Voice*, 29. Latvia, 30. Replicants

Regular Crossword Solution

45 Cuter, 46 Blip, 47 Tilt.
38 Dawdle, 39 Smug, 40 Tureen, 42 Dread, 33 Northwest, 34 Daintily, 36 Dams, 37 Private, 25 Smoking, 26 Tractor, 27 Cold comfort, 19 Gabriel, 20 Entwined, 22 Grizzle, 24 Dearest, 9 Kaput, 10 Red herrings, 13 Apeel, 15 Cloy, 4 Bees, 5 Echoed, 6 Mine, 7 Guides, 8 Flattery, 12 Handicapped, 14 Scope, 16 Assist, 17 Lee, 18 Entitled, 19 Goddess, 21 Hogmanay, 23 Trader, 27 Clipper, 28 Mowers, 29 Barn, 30 Lazy, 31 Waeber, 32 Confess, 35 Caesar, 36 Doorstep, 38 Dog star, 41 Madonna, 43 Mum, 44 Chichi, 46 Burst, 48 Overindulge, 49 Inertia, 50 Today, 51 Empanel, 52 Three.
Down: 1 Spinach, 2 Numbs, 3 Card-sharp, 4 Burs, 5 Grant, 6 Na, 7 Yuri, 8 Kevin, 9 Four, 10 14th, 11 Robin Williams, 12 Head, 13 Lewis Hamilton, 14 Matthew Nable, 15 Milan, 16 Elizabeth I, 17 Taiwan, 18 Gallbladder, 19 Edinburgh, 20 Hearts, 21 1,210,000,000, 22 1912, 23 Olympus Mons, 24 Ulysses 5 Grant, 25 660, 26 Na, 27 Yuri Gagarin, 28 *The Voice*, 29 Latvia, 30 Replicants

Cryptic Crossword Solution

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Today's Sudoku Solution

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