

Leap year babies are shouting for joy. They'll actually get to celebrate their true birthdays this week. Madame G suggests treating this extra day in February, as a starting point. Consider George Eliot's words: "It's never too late to be what you might have been."

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Aries your soul is full of fire, piss, and vinegar. You're not molded from the virtue, patience. It's in your best interest to seek out gainful activity. Heed these wise words from Shakespeare's Hamlet: "We know what we are but not what we may become." Choose wisely Aries lest the decision be made for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

In Emily Bronte's tragic gothic novel about young lovers, Wuthering Heights, the unreliable narrator said: "Terror made me cruel." Madame G suggests stepping back from a situation and reassessing your judgment and knee-jerk reactions. You could be wrong and your actions could be hurtful. Don't let your fear guide you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Are your daydreams getting the better of you? There's evidence to suggest daydreaming helps the mind. But there's also evidence to suggest too much prevents action and success. You must balance your desires. Try sleeping on it before you take a mad dash trip into the unknown. As H.G. Wells said, "wait for the common sense of the morning."

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

According to Richard Yates, “No one forgets the truth; they just get better at lying.” You abhor all things involving deceit. You’re ready to strike anyone caught lying to you. But, before you judge harshly reflect on your actions. What are the lies you tell yourself and others? You may need to re-think your strategies and assess your own actions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

According to Leo Tolstoy’s novel Anna Karenina, “It’s much better to do good in a way that no one knows anything about it.” In other words, you don’t always have to seek the spotlight. You’ll actually garner more respect from those around you and from yourself by being humble. Let others sing your praises. You don’t have to do it all alone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Madame G suggests using your Virgo fastidiousness to conquer some of that lingering anxiety and self-doubt. You have a tendency to dwell in nostalgia. This can be fun on occasion, but in prolonged stages it’s stagnating. Haruki Murakami said “Memories warm up from the inside. But they also tear you apart.” Don’t let your past define you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)

Dear Libra, your tender heart often takes a beating. Your love for order and glamour may suggest to some that you’re vapid and without feeling, but this isn’t the case. As Charles Dickens said in Great Expectations, “we need never be ashamed of our tears.” Anyone who laughs or mocks your pain is not a friend and doesn’t deserve your heartfelt care.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

George Elliot said, “Pride helps; and pride is not a bad thing when it only urges us to hide our hurts—and not to hurt others.” This is true for you Scorpio. As the proudest of the zodiac signs, you’re liable to damage any who besmirch you. True growth comes from moving forward and using your talents to help rather than hurt those around you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It’s a curse of existence that we often remember and harbor our worst memories the longest. Sometimes one negative comment hurts worse than a multitude of positive ones do you good. Cormac McCarthy said, “you forget what you want to remember, and you remember what you want to forget.” This week, Madame G suggests writing down all your positive memories. You shouldn’t forget them. You’ll be glad you did.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You’re headstrong and resilient, but like the Scorpion, you’ve a tendency to carry a grudge. This takes a greater toll on your heart and soul than the perpetrator. In the wise words of Charlotte Bronte’s immortal classic Jane Eyre, “life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrongs.” Do you want to be happy or right?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It seems that those around you are fairly shallow. This idea really isn’t new. In the nineteenth century Oscar Wilde said, “Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.” It’s up to you Aquarius, to use your intelligence and drive for the betterment of your community. Don’t wait for someone else to step up.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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In James Joyce's *Ulysses* he famously said: "history, Stephen said, is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake." This may ring true for you as well. Election season is in full swing, and however, your political leanings sway—we've still got a ways to go. It may feel like it'll last forever. But, like your past we can't escape it. We must learn to live with it and grow. Madame G suggests taking up a positive hobby such as gardening. It's a good escape.