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2006 the year in review

The real 12 days of Christmas is a year in review

As far back as I can remember, I've always been a strong believer in the importance of cycles. You'd better try to understand them, because all of your timing and often your luck is tied up in them.

-Former Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca

After holiday cheer with family and friends we collectively turn our attention to the New Year. Dear Husband is busy as we speak writing up his business plan and finishing CE credits. Me, I am creating cartoons and making collages. What do you plan to create in 2007? *Did you know that the 12 Days of Christmas starts on December 25th lending support for building the New Year?*

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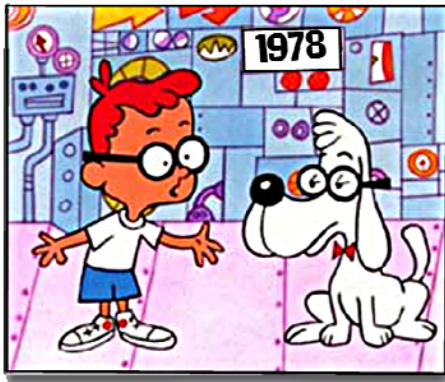


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After presents and holiday cheer comes clean up in more ways than one.

Business cycles: A cycle involves shifts over time between periods of relatively rapid growth of output (recovery and prosperity), alternating with periods of relative stagnation or decline (contraction or recession). **Business cycles require providence (Jupiter) and right timing (Saturn).** The archetype of Saturn could be called "The Planner":

- One who commands discipline, clarity and focus
- One who then lays the foundation to build a new structure in the coming year.



- One who knows how to work with stagnation and contraction periods.
- Saturn rules business cycles and your career. Saturn is still moving through the sign Leo (for the first time in 28 years -1977/78).
- From the WaBac Machine of Mr.

Peabody and his boy Sherman¹: over the next 12 days take time to reflect on those years & the last 12 months, what happened? In September 2007 Saturn moves into Virgo and this Saturn in Leo energy won't be active again until 2034. How are the current conditions in your life related to the Fractured Fairy Tales of that 1977/78 time period?

These 12 days of Christmas² are a time of renewal...a 12 day year in review, a time to recapitulate to seize the coming year. Was there a month your creativity soared? Was there a month your creativity soured?

¹ The WABAC was a time machine which Peabody and Sherman would use to travel back in time to witness various historical events. However, on each visit, they would discover that things didn't happen the way they were supposed to (such as Paul Revere not being able to make his ride due to only having a statue of a horse instead of a real one), and would subsequently wind up working to fix whatever the problem was (using Peabody's great intellect to do so), so that history would be accurate.

² Following the 12 days of Christmas: Aries New Moon/March on December 27th and I plan to be reviewing March 2006 energy in my journal. One day = 1 month of 2006. 12 days = 12 months. If something happened to you in June of 2006 then on December 30 you have the opportunity to look at the experiences again with a fresh perspective. Do you see how this tracks with the 12 days of Christmas? Was there a month your creativity soared? Was there a month your creativity soured? Check in and relate it to the New Moon energy of that month: Aries- I am, Taurus- I have, Gemini- I think, Cancer- I feel,

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By the time of the Full moon in Cancer on January 3rd we will be well into the energies that "really exist outside of linear time. [These days] are in a sense, the fruit of the past year, and one day for each month that has past." (Mathews, p. 173)

January 6th celebrates Epiphany in the Christian faith; the day the three wise men- The Magi- arrived to see the Christ child after their long journey. The Wise Men represent the shaman/priests of their tribes coming to honor a new King. Expect your own Epiphany. By the time we get to the New Moon in Capricorn on January 18 you'll be cooked in these Capricorn energies. Saturn rules Capricorn. Saturn rules responsibility and right timing. Saturn rules business cycles. I build. 10th house career issues.

If I want abundance in my life then I need the archetypal force of my inner Magi (Sun and 7th chakra) and Planner (Saturn and 1st chakra) as the vehicle to drive those hopes, wishes and dreams home.



For the next SoulCollage® challenge we'll drive this energy home by actively engaging the energies of Saturn and Capricorn. Leo and the Sun is about creating your heart's desire. Saturn brings you the structure, the support to create with.

I am the One who....

Here are some of the themes for a Capricorn and/or Saturn collage:

- Fire and Earth. Leo in Saturn.
- 1st Chakra, tribal conditioning, father issues- good father, bad father
- Future Security- time, decisions, maturity, Social Security i.e. - retirement and old-age.
- Handling responsibility- self-discipline, adult behavior, keeping commitments, competency, and public image.
- Goals- ambition, defining goals, using opportunities, professions, hard work.
- Success- accomplishments, recognition, social status, achieving goals.

Leo- I will, Virgo- I analyze, Libra- I balance, Scorpio- I create, Sag- I perceive, Capricorn- I use, Aquarius- I know, Pisces- I believe.

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- Management- following protocol, delegating responsibility, being in charge, respect.
- Authority- issues with authority, people outside of our self where we give our power away.
- Fathers, bosses and other authority figures, tradition, reputation.
- The Shadow energy: obsessive, excessive Control- lack of joy, sternness, fear of new approaches, pessimism, inflexibility, self-justification, fear, obsession with power, status and appearance
- Restoring health of the bones and joints, Arthritis and rheumatism, gall bladder and gallstones, Knees, Skin- psoriasis and itching.

The SoulCollage® challenge for the next new moon is due January 8th. Online you'll see I opened up the New Moon Yahoo group as a community to talk about this process- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/newmoonjournal> . You are invited to join in, share your SoulCollage® cards, ask questions and take these new moon teachings deeper.

Part 2: Are you a responsibility addict? Do you lose sight of what gives you joy? That's too much Saturn working you.

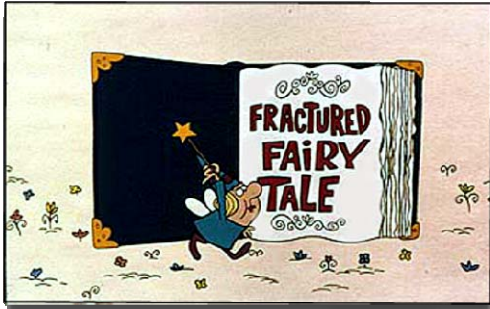
Do you create and create but nothing gets accomplished? Do you have inspirations but nothing manifests? There's not enough Saturn working you. Since July of 2005 Saturn's worked your hopes, wishes and dreams in the Leo area of your chart, and there is another nine months of "Saturn in Leo" to go. Saturn is retrograde until April, 2007:

From November 22nd until April 4th, 2006, Saturn will be retrograde in Leo. This period will give us an opportunity to review issues surrounding responsibility in our lives, with a focus on issues arising between August 18th and November 22nd. This is a fertile time to analyze what you have been creating in your life and clear out what has been standing in your way. Look at where you have either taken on shame, blame, guilt, or put it on others, and ask yourself what you can do to learn and grow in that area. Also, look at where you have stepped up in your life and what you can do to build upon your positive actions.

The retrograde will most influence those going through a Saturn return, those

with Leo or Aquarius prominent in your chart, and those with planets at about 11 degrees in the fixed or fire signs.

[-know it all astrologer posted 11.5.2006](#)



One last time: Saturn in Leo highlights issues of soul loss related to your creative life, lack of spontaneity, failure to take risks because of insecurity and/or fear. **Your Fractured Fairy Tales.** This retrograde period (11/22-4/4) may bring out shadow issues you stuffed into that psychic closet of

yours back in 1977/78 because you didn't have the skill set or emotional strength to deal with the experiences. Now we are standing naked in the light with the energy of it all, trust you have the tools and the courage to do things differently. It's a choice. Find out where Saturn in Leo is in your chart and then [read this post from the archives.](#)

How much joy can you stand NOW? Saturn's energy squeezed you last summer to make sure you are ready to move outward. Take a risk with the person you are now, not the ghosts from your past. Listen to your intuition. Get out those paints, clay and colors. Put on the music and 'let's dance.

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Winter is a time to go inward before the growth of spring, release the baggage. When we greet the New Moon in Aries (4/17/07), Saturn goes direct in Leo you'll see results. That's why we are working with the SoulCollage® "I am the One who builds." The structure is now here to support your work. If you are still kicking and screaming, or find yourself in a funk then get some support from a trusted friend, therapist or coach. Birthing a new idea or creative venture can be messy and complicated.

In the Christian Mysteries the Wise Men bow down in humility and grace, meeting their equal and honoring the divinity they saw in one another. These mystical shamans followed the star light- said to be conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter. This journey is rich in metaphor and symbolism for our hero's journey through life at this time of year. Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter. Capricorn is ruled by Saturn. Through our darkness (the shadow) we find the Light to birth the divine child within, and are gifted the graces of humility, charity and honor to find our own gold. The three kings brought Myrrh, Frankincense and Gold. We birth our own Christ energy when we live and honor the place of divinity within each living soul, whether we agree with them or not.

[We] are not a fragmented ego who suffers addictions, neuroses, and low self esteem. You are a complete spiritual being learning to be human. [This is a time of year] to travel the journey, learn the skills; discover who you truly are. – Jacquelyn Small from book The Sacred Purpose of Being Human

From that divinity within contemplate what you want to create for the coming year. Cycles: If you are a shamanic practitioner now is a good time to journey- go to your helping allies and ask to be shown what action is necessary.

While you put these plans into motion, understand that the seed thoughts are following the natural rhythms of the earth within you. The inspiration and intentions seek a time of stillness to germinate, the soil needs to be prepared- the season of winter is upon us as we get ready for planting in the spring 2007. Many of my readers live in sunny south Florida, and while we don't experience the darkness of winter, we can go within to activate this energy. Now is the time to recharge, renew

and restore yourself so you can move into the coming year without the baggage of 2007. Happy Holidays!!

RESOURCES: John Mathews quoted from his book The Winter Solstice: The Sacred Traditions of Christmas (Paperback) ISBN-10: 0835608344

Mr. Peabody image from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mr._Peabody

Here is a Christian perspective about the symbology of the 12 days in the Christian Mysteries <http://www.crivoice.org/cy12days.html>

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