



**The restlessness was starting to creep into my veins when I decided that enough was enough and it was time that I began on my new adventure. As I searched the recesses of my mind and deep within my heart as to what this new adventure would entail, I found myself eager for another trip or travel afar. I followed the direction of my mind and my heart and found myself making travel arrangements to the beautiful land of Malaysia.**

**As it turned out, Moon, the Star that rules the third house (aka third lord) was transiting in the 4<sup>th</sup> house during this very time. Moon, the third lord, explained my likely feelings and preferences for travel. When interpreted with its positioning in the 4<sup>th</sup> house, it revealed that I was likely to travel to a neighbouring country where I would catch up with close ones or relatives. This was exactly as I had felt at the time, and it had only reaffirmed my decision to travel.**

**I then went on to look at the other planets to grasp a complete picture of my astrological outlook and moved on to analyse Saturn. Known as the stabilizer, Saturn, the ruler of the ninth (ruling travel) and tenth (ruling work) house of my chart (aka ninth and tenth lord) was placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> house (governing close ones or relatives). As Saturn was retrograding at this time, the influence that it brought to the fourth house (ruling close ones or relatives)**

was wrought with complications. Combined with the influence with Moon in the fourth house, the alignment of the two cautioned me that issues relating to travel, work and matters relating to close ones or relatives were going to be sensitive and needed to be dealt with great care.

On a brighter note, Venus was to save the day by opening the gates to the social activities and fun that I was about to have. This Lord of the first house (governing my personality) was placed in the 11<sup>th</sup> house of excitement, unexpected development and loads of group activities. It indicated to me that I would meet up with people along the way and through these meetings find lots of enjoyment during my journey, indicating many good times ahead and happy social bonding.

My lucky star Jupiter was also shining good fortune my way. It showed that friends would contact me to join in their groups and this would present many opportunities for learning especially in relation to investment and money. It also hinted at the revelation of certain secrets which lurked within the lives of one or two of these friends. This was attributed to Jupiter, the Lord of the 8<sup>th</sup> house of secrets, changes, private development and security, and the 11<sup>th</sup> house of participation in group activities with friends, hope, and luck being in the 9<sup>th</sup> house (House of learning) at this time.

Onto the communicative planet Mercury which was the Lord of the second house (House of positions and possessions) and Lord of the fifth house (House of thinking and dealing with loved ones and friends), I found that there were further indication that this was also time for learning and self-reflection. As Mercury was placed in the 10<sup>th</sup> house, it meant that the learning and reflection would be mainly in relation to work and the plans that I had for the future. It was therefore a time for me to sit back and think about these issues and formulate effective strategies in dealing with them.

The trigger for the spur of actions that I was about to take resided in the fast activeness influenced by the planet Mars. This planet alerted me to the quick onslaught of rash and bull-headed approach that I was likely to take in situations before me. Due to Mars transiting in the tenth house of the chart, this related to matters in relation to my work and future. Therefore, though I was going to have to make quick decisions and take fast action in these matters, it was a caution that I would also have think fast before I take these actions..

In a nutshell, when analysed altogether, these planetary positioning show that:

1. I will be travelling and this would bring me into contact with some close friends/family or issues relating to them;
2. best approach for me would be to go with the flow rather than assume high expectations to bring about the most enjoyment;
3. There would be heaps of groups activities and loads of fun;
4. It is a time for me to allow for learning and self-reflection; and
5. it is important for me to take quick action in doing the things I want to do or opportunities will just pass by me.

With this analysis in hand, I then planned to make my trip to Malaysia and chose Ipoh as my destination of choice due to my particular fondness for this place. To my surprise, the very morning that I had made these plans, I received a phone call from an old client/close friend of mine who was then residing in..... who would have thought, the very town of Ipoh

itself. It was like I had put out my idea into the universe and it was naturally fulfilling my plans in the form of this welcoming call from my friend. My friend had called me to catch up on the recent happenings in my life and when he had found that I was going to Ipoh, offered me a place to stay whilst I was there.

When he had asked me this, I felt honoured to be treated in such a way by this dear friend of mine. However, not wanting to trouble him during my stay there, I politely told him that I was planning to book into a hotel. My friend would have none of that and asked me to cancel the hotel booking if I had made any. He emphasized that we have known each other for years now and were almost like family and he would be more than privileged to have my company when I was there. When put like that, I felt deep gratitude for his kindness and accepted his offer to stay at his place.

The next day, when I had arrived at Ipoh, my dear friend was waiting for me at the coach arrival port. He had come to welcome me to his place and bring me to his home and did so with open arms the moment that I had arrived there. The extent of his hospitality was simply endearing. I was excited to see him again and even more thrilled that this trip of mine was starting out to be pretty fantastic.

We then went to his home where I was star-struck by the beauty and elegance of the lovely apartment that he was living in. He also had an indoor garden that I was taken to as it was filled with beautiful flowers which were in bloom. One could tell that he had put much love and care into his home and in the process had made it like a five-star hotel to live in luxuriously and love.

My friend showed me around his house and introduced me to his wife where we exchanged pleasantries and made small talk before he brought me into his office for a private chat. If I was ever asked if I had seen a home office with real class, his one would be it. This room of his was filled with a grand oak desk, leather couches, scores of bookcases, several high tech computer technology equipment around the room not to mention a large Plasma TV for his viewing pleasure. One could live in this room I thought to myself and was enjoying the magnificence of the room.

As we sat down for our private chat, I told my friend how lucky he was to have it all, a good career, a beautiful wife who adores him, a successful son and this beautiful home. My friend broke into a soft smile and said, "Yes, I am very fortunate in many ways." Then there was a pause, and he had seemed to become somewhat somber when he said, "But at present, all these beauty in my life seems somewhat like a façade. I am faced with quite a few family issues that I am having difficulty dealing with. My son has just married someone from a local race with a different religious background from us and my wife is struggling to come to terms with the adjustments it has made in our family. The tension between them is reaching a point where it is affecting all the rest of the family and I don't know what to do."

Trying to comprehend what he meant with the situation with his wife, I asked him as tactfully as I could, "What do you mean when you say your wife has been struggling to come to terms with your sons marriage?"

He then went on to explain to me the situation between his daughter in law and his wife. He told me that his wife loved her daughter-in-law but is having difficulty facing the changes in the living arrangements and standards that her son and daughter-in-law has now imposed on the family. He says that whenever the whole family decides to go to a restaurant, the daughter-in-law requires that they go to special halal restaurants due to her religion and

refuses to go to dinner with them if they chose any other restaurants. Then at home, they have had to prepare two sets of dishware, cooking utensils and cutlery so as to accommodate her needs in the home. As his wife loved being organized and preserving the status quo, this was causing her to become somewhat annoyed. He said, "I need your advice as to what to do in this situation."

As a new visitor and needing to get some perspective of the issue at this point before I committed to any comments of this, I asked my friend for some time to observe the situation for myself so that I got a better idea of it. My friend understood where I was coming from and agreed that I should see the situation for myself. He then invited me for an afternoon lunch with him and his family. Along the way to lunch, my friend went over to his son's house to pick his son and daughter in law for lunch. We parked at the car park near his sons house and my friend, his wife and I sat in the car, whilst his son and daughter-in-law took what was like 30 minutes to get ready and meet us at the car.

Though the son and daughter-in-law hadn't had much notice about this lunch date, the very fact that they took so long to get ready infuriated my friend's wife. She was so angry that when we were having lunch, she wore a gloomy look and left even before the course of lunch was complete. Embarrassed by the situation but still trying to keep happy and calm, the daughter-in-law took it in her stride and maintained her composure.

As the days went by, I noticed other occurrences between the two women. For instance, there was much competition between the two as to who was the most stylish. If the daughter-in-law wore an impressive diamond ring, the mother-in-law would wear a bigger one to counter the other ring. They also competed for the son's affection, mother wanting to have more time to her son and wife also wanting the same thing. It was pretty interesting to note these happenings between the two yet at the same time, one wished that there was a way that something could be done to bring about a more harmonious existence.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of my stay there, and ready to deal with the issue that my friend had put to me, I asked him for a private chat in his office once again. I had told him that I could understand where he was coming from and that the situation can only be solved between and only by him and his family members. However, on my part, I suggested that he gets the ball rolling by getting his family together and trying to calmly talk things out between themselves with the goal of reaching solutions rather than avoiding the topic altogether. Further, the earlier they talked about these issues and resolved them, the better it would be for them. The fact of the matter was that they have now gained a daughter-in-law and there would be some changes in their lives. However, with proper cooperation from each family member, they can all be able to live harmoniously and happily with each other.

My friend said that he had understood that that was what they had had to do and thanked me for my perspective on the issue. He said that he would definitely try to get the family together and talk about how they could address the niggling issues between them.

Soon, it was time for me to head back to Singapore. Before I left I offered a listening ear to my friend told him that he could reach me on any day at any time if he needed me. I was hopeful that they would be able to reach an agreement as to their living arrangements and all reach an equitable outcome for each and everyone. It was what I had wanted for a beautiful family who had been so kind for me, a harmonious living environment where all could enjoy the luxury of the gifts that they have been blessed with.

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