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HOROSCOPE...By Soul Vibrations (NNPA)

ARIES

You and your partner can finally see eye to eye this week. Don't let your comments disturb the accord. Hold your tongue. Silence works well. Fun is found in something you refused to do before. Enjoy! Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.

TAURUS

The ideas that you come up with this week are likely to be among the most original you've had in a long time. Make sure you have enough time to make them real. Your habit of biting off more than you can chew could get you overloaded. Be selective. Soul Affirmation: I change the way I look at business this week.

GEMINI

Concentrate on the road and the trees whizzing. Know that love is everywhere not just in the car with you or at the location to which you are bound. Especially this week know that no part of life is a destination. All is a journey and so the beauty of life depends totally on your enjoyment of the scenery along the way. Soul Affirmation: A slowing of pace is just what I need this week.

CANCER

This week is a high-energy week. Don't hold back. Be aggressive. Be active! Others are very receptive to your ideas. Romantic matters can be resolved and an unexpected

blessing is in the resolution. Soul Vibrations: Change is good. I welcome it.

LEO

Don't let your sense of nobility prevent you from asking for help from friends. You'll be in need of someone to talk with this week. If need is too strong a word for your independent nature then think of it as a gift to yourself. Let someone give you comfort. Soul Affirmation: I open myself up to the wealth of the universe.

VIRGO

Revelations can be made through an emotional cleansing. Behold the truths your true feelings provide. Emotional honesty will allow others to truly interpret

how you feel. Soul Affirmation: I am guided by the joy within.

LIBRA

Your self-confidence may be misread this week so push the modesty button around a close friend or business associate. Live and let live. Forgive and forget and spend some time alone to avoid drama. Soul Affirmation: My love for myself is the most important love for me to have.

SCORPIO

The goal that keeps flashing in your mind is a good one. Go for it. If you're feeling the need for a mini-adventure this week's a great week to try something new. Soul Affirmation: When I am clear about who I am, the world becomes clearer.

SAGITTARIUS

Make plans for the young ones this week. Spend some quality time doing it. Get your self out of the way and focus on others. This focus will end up bringing rewards to the self. Keep your eyes open in a romantic situation. Soul Affirmation: Hope is future's way of shining on me this week.

CAPRICORN

Invite the unexpected. You're ready for a change at the office. Rely on your own good judgment about your ideas. Self-confidence is a must this week. Savor memory of a past love. Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.

AQUARIUS

Don't let unusual things that happen on the job upset you. Getting ahead is not the only worthwhile goal in life. Find joy in being what and where you are this week. Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.

PISCES

Change is good. Give it your blessing and you will be blessed by it this week. Be resilient in your response and resourceful in your approach to new ideas and situations. The telephone is your friend this week. Let it work for you concerning family. Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.

ASK GWEN...

Dear Gwendolyn:

Last year my wife was diagnosed with advanced gum disease. We had just canceled our dental insurance and, therefore, didn't have the \$3,000 needed for her dental surgeries. We argued for weeks because I had saved \$3,000 to buy a new SUV. We didn't need another vehicle, but I wanted it. I told her to wait for a year and I would save again solely for that purpose. Now a year later I have lost my job and the odor from her gum disease has become unbearable. I'm thinking of

leaving. Gwendolyn, give me your advice.

Bob

Dear Bob:

I'm not sure what causes couples to stay together when all signs point to "I don't love you." How could you choose a vehicle over gum disease (gingivitis)? You did not indicate your wife having a job. If she did have a job at that time, then she should have paid for the surgeries herself. Although, many married women don't have a dime because they strive to help pay

the bills. If she didn't have a job, then Bob, you know you did a wrong and selfish thing by not giving her the money.

Let me tell you this: Gum disease can be fatal if not treated. For her to wait a year after being diagnosed with an advanced case of gum disease put her life in danger. She is lucky to be alive. I want both of you to read brochures about gingivitis and periodontal disease. I want you and your wife to look into the possibility of receiving services from a health care agency that has grant

funding for individuals unable to pay. Many top oral surgeons also donate a portion of their time servicing the indigent.

I dare you to complain about your wife's foul smelling breath. You had the money, but ignored her need. Regardless of the smell, do not stop showing your love in hugs and kisses, if that's possible, being you have already showed you didn't care. Bob, instead of you thinking about leaving, your wife should be thinking about putting you out.

Got a problem? Don't solve it alone. Write to Gwendolyn

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