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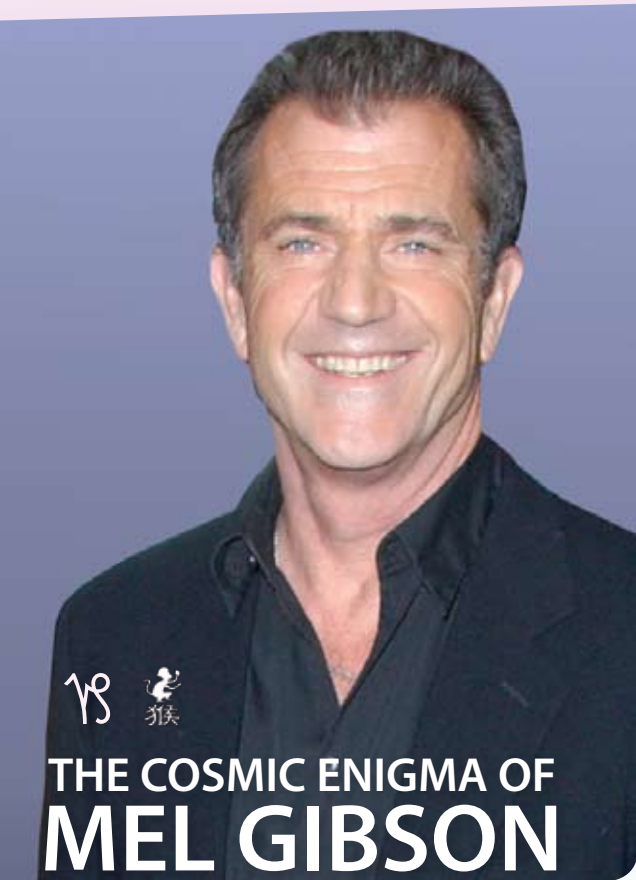
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THE COSMIC ENIGMA OF MEL GIBSON

On the face of it, the astrological influences on Hollywood superstar Mel Gibson have taken him down some rocky roads. A deeper look at his psychic traits reveals an important choice: continue down the self-destructive path, or take the road to positive transformation.

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MEL GIBSON

RECENT PRESS for the star is riddled with alcohol abuse, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour. Could it be that Mel is only using part of his astrological makeup - or is the combination of his Eastern and Western star signs a recipe for self-destruction?



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“ I am a meglomaniac, so I like the position.”

Mel Gibson was born an American on the 3rd January 1956. According to Western astrology, the sign that rules him is **Capricorn**, the mountain goat. Under the Eastern zodiac it is the sign of the **Monkey** that guides him through life.

Both signs are driven towards success. The goat is **sure-footed** and naturally inclined towards climbing to high altitudes. However, it will let nothing stand between itself and the next plateau. Whether the obstacle is a situation or a person, the goat will **trample** over it in order to get where it wants to be. Indeed, if this aspect of Capricorn is left unchecked, it can easily lead to narcissism and a feeling that the world revolves around you. In discussing the film *Apocalypto*, Mel quipped, “What I am doing is creating an action-adventure of mythic proportions...and I am a meglomaniac, so I like the position.”

This confession seems light-hearted, but it sheds light on his recent fall from grace. Like Capricorn, the Chinese sign of Monkey is also renowned for being **egotistical and selfish** – although for the Monkey, these feelings of superiority are hidden under the

vener of a prankster. Gibson is well known as a practical joker on film sets, reputedly having his actors rehearse serious scenes wearing clown noses or ‘mooning’ the cast and crew following scenes of high drama.

While these actions seem like an attempt to diffuse moments of high emotion, they could also be psychic attempts to belittle those around him; to put them in their place. **Helena Bonham-Carter**, who starred alongside Gibson in *Hamlet*, expressed her disapproval, saying: “He has a very basic sense of humour. It’s a bit lavatorial and not very sophisticated.”



However, the notion of a **prankster** driven to succeed is at odds with the image of a drunken, violent brute that the press is currently presenting us with. These qualities are practically alien to Capricorn, as the mountain goat chooses its footings carefully for the purpose of stability. On the other hand, the Monkey prides itself on **adaptability**; it is able to maintain its egotistical standpoint by presenting a bright and cheerful exterior to the rest of the world.

Perhaps the choice of parts that Mel Gibson has chosen to play can give us further insight into what is happening within him.



To be or not to be

Gibson seems to gravitate toward characters that present **one aspect** of themselves whilst **hiding** another. As Riggs in *Lethal Weapon*, Gibson portrayed a tortured cop who hid his grief beneath a facade of recklessness. As Hamlet, Gibson infused the famous prince with similar qualities. Even in his more comedic films, such as *What Women Want*, his characters appear to be at odds with themselves.

The key lies within his star signs. Both signs can often consider themselves **superior** to those around them. They both become quickly frustrated, both professionally and personally, at what they perceive to be other peoples' shortcomings. The Monkey copes by trying to create an alternate persona, one of cheekiness and a devil-may-care attitude. However, this is like putting a cork into a bottle of fizzy drink and shaking it; ultimately the cork will pop.

If Gibson is to find **psychic balance** and harmony, he must tune in to the more gregarious and selfless aspects of his zodiacs, or risk sentencing himself to loneliness and self-imposed psychic exile.



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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)



Walking the talk is the name of January's game. You'll see it clearly when your words and actions

don't link up - not because you're insensitive, but because everything is being refined. You want to start a new project, but despite best intentions your energies are pulled in a different direction. You want to finally take your partner on that special date, but obligations block you. Talk to them about it - be persistent where it matters and make it happen, but anything that can wait, should and probably must wait - and for good reason. On a simple wellness level, the stars meet you halfway when you strive to live better.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)



Big plans need bold moves, so take advantage of an opportunity to skip ahead. Success is a matter

of hard work, but strokes of luck don't hurt either - unless you watch them pass by. You've opened up a lot already in recent months, and this new year is about integrating what you've learned, and realizing just what it is you've let go of. Jupiter will help you do this all the way until June when it finally exits your sign, leaving your energies clearer and more open than they were when Jupiter arrived. In a relationship, the fire of passion tries to overwhelm the fact of faulty communication, but it can only do this for a short while before the issue demands dealing with.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)



Although your sign is famous for being lighthearted and witty, this month (and year) carries a

deeply honest and open feeling. Don't worry - this too can be fun, especially with you at the helm, but it does offer challenges. There's really no easy way to do strong spiritual work, but when the things that are hidden away come to light, everything improves, including your love life and career - absolutely everything. And on that note, whatever you do to seek your highest nature will lead you closer to the love you need. You're likely to have strong dreams and psychic experiences as all this plays out, but friends and familiar places are here to anchor you.

JANUARY

HOROSCOPES

CAREER **LOVE** SPIRIT DESTINY



Chris Odle
Astrologer & Shaman

Venus enters dreamy Pisces on the 14th, while Mars turns retrograde on the 23rd, bringing a host of deep emotions into play as 2012 kicks off.

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Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)



If you're single at the beginning of the month, you may not be by the end; and if you're

attached, you might fall further. So what could be better than steamy love for a brand new year? Nothing at all - except that you're vulnerable to romantic illusions of grandeur. The chemistry may be too strong to fight, but can you stay balanced within it and find what's true? You know by now that bringing your own incompleteness to a relationship doesn't work; it thrives only when you know your own center. Your powers of inquisition are keen this month, and you've got a good chance of finding out secrets, even when you don't mean to. This, too, requires tact.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)



Difficulty with words can mean not knowing what to say or saying too much; either way, this causes

tension in your friendships. Your ruler Mars is having a tense exchange with Mercury, besides turning retrograde later this month. Knowing this helps depersonalize the situation for you, and make it smoother. Sometimes miscommunication is a fact of life, but you would go to great lengths for those closest to you, so don't be too hard on yourself. Whether you're single or not, the stars are moving you toward a clearer realization of what you really want; someone who can support you on a surprising number of levels.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)



Everybody talks about living better come January, but your ruling planet Jupiter is actually in

a position to help you do that. Meeting goals is all about daily practice, and it's much easier when it's actually what you want, rather than a droopy chore. On the level of work and career, you have the kind of energy and determination that can help you advance within the system, if not push your dreams - but your sharp tongue may get you in trouble, even if you mean no harm. Wit is sometimes just too witty to be productive. You've every right to express yourself, but err on the side of caution if you want the best result.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)



The link between your workplace and emotional wellbeing is highly visible this month, and a

friend or lover can see it even more clearly than you can. As they'll point out, uprooting isn't necessarily the answer. Redecorating and resetting your routines is a suave solution to get your happiness up to speed on the job. Besides, when the full moon falls in your sign on the 9th, the universe hits you with a dose of magic and magnetism, and you remember that life is anything but tedious when you're in the flow and being yourself. If you're in need of healthier habits, talking to others and following suggestions will open the right doors.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)



Your passions are in one place and your responsibilities in another, yet they are not at all disconnected. As soon as you own your workaday routine and live it more fully, those far off places you dream about suddenly seem a lot closer. Venus makes your love life dreamy and serendipitous, but this energy shifts after the 14th, so use it wisely. It's frustrating when someone doesn't accept your view, and you'll find imaginative ways to keep pushing, but knowing when to back off is a skill that saves you time and energy in the end. Force of will is often a symptom of blind ego, whereas flow is effortless.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)



Finding a better lifestyle forces a change in your delicately arranged budget, but it can be done, and you know it's worth it! As the world shifts, we can change our plans accordingly, recognizing that when we put too much emphasis on control, we send ourselves a constant message of scarcity. Abundance may be a buzz word on the market, yet feeling it inside yourself is another matter. Love too is a mysterious thing, and if it's been eluding you, know it's for a good reason. Lesser opportunities pass you by in preservation of a greater chance soon to come.

Love may seem elusive, but lesser opportunities are passing you by in preservation of a greater chance soon to come.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)



The Sun and Pluto in your sign make ideal conditions for personal reinvention at the head of 2012. Lucky for you, the best approach is not austerity but luxury. Spending more time (and possibly money) really enjoying life, will increase your ability to see and know yourself clearly, both in terms of where you are and where you are headed. Spiritual reading or a short daily meditation provides the balance. An existing partnership shines when you speak your truth and listen to your partner's - all either of you can be is who you are. If you're single, a suitable object for your affections is hiding close by.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)



Your introspective moods are serious business to you, but they're downright sexy to any number of observers whose moods, you must remember, are completely different. So if you've been looking for a relationship - even if its on the back burner this month as you turn inward - be open to what the stars send your way. Your ruling planet is about to cross into your career zone, where it will stay for some time. Visualise the kind of change you want in that area of your life, because the tables are turning in your favour. Specifically how it all pans out is up to you.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)



The emotional hurt that you feel, and the strength you show in working through it, is of great help to someone watching you. Knowing this will help you heal it. The beauty of retreat and introspection is how it allows us to emerge renewed. Taking time for deep reflection - despite what's in your life right now - is important as you start the new year. New love potential exists at work or in work-related activity, and a good prospect calls for a proper date with a hint of old-fashioned manners. Existing partnerships need strong and structured communication in order to nurture big dreams.

2012

The world is changing — not ending.

2012 is predicted to be a year of great change, and it's finally here. This year - and the Winter Solstice in particular - is often fearfully described as a time of global catastrophe. However, it is far more likely that this catastrophe is symbolises a new beginning in mankind's psychic history. By moving forward consciously, you will be able to see these changes coming into play and better understand your role in the coming dawn.

By looking at events that have taken place in the last two years it is possible to predict some of the events that will unfold in 2012. Many of these events are now part of a chain reaction that could reach their conclusion by year's end. These events may have some bearing on your life, although this may not be apparent right now. Take the time to consider the things that are important to you and use your psychic reserves to help shape the future for yourself and those around you.

A new environmental sensitivity

We have already seen a rise in the number of extraordinary natural phenomena. There are more earthquakes, volcanoes, unusual weather and wildlife anomalies. These are symptomatic of man's disregard for the environment. An increase in such phenomena during 2012 may herald the beginning of a serious and focussed movement to reduce

man's impact on the environment. We may see something of a revolution in green technology and ecologically responsible products as we come to realise that we must live in harmony with our environment.

The world is changing - not ending

The main thing to remember is that the world will not end in 2012. However, we may see certain institutions grinding to a halt. The global economy is teetering on the brink of collapse and 2012 could well be the year in which we could see it finally implode. While this will create chaos on a worldwide scale, it may also be instrumental in restoring the balance of wealth and debt to a more manageable equilibrium.

Perhaps there is little we can do to influence major changes that will take place across the world, but we *can* keep an eye on our individual roles within the collective spiritual journey. In the face of a number of monumental events across the globe, it is our own responsibility to generate as much positive energy as possible. Positive psychic energy has positive physical effects and by ensuring that you are in the best of spiritual health, you're doing your bit to ensure a positive collective outcome.

Respond positively

Consider the warning signs and positive opportunities that surround you right now. The manner in which you respond to these will not only affect you own life, but will have a ripple effect on the lives of those you encounter. By responding to psychic challenges in a positive and proactive way, you communicate a constructive subconscious message that we are all responsible for our own well being and the well being of those around us. It may be that you are aware of certain events that will come to a head in 2012 or you are considering making positive changes to your life right now. By taking charge, you are increasing the levels of positive energy in the ether and contributing to the overall spiritual health of mankind as a whole.

If you find yourself concerned about events unfolding this year, remember - Now is the time to take action. You may want to join an environmental group or involve yourself in your community. Actions such as these can only serve to encourage a greater awareness of the positive roles we can play in each other's lives.

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SPEAK YOUR MIND with GRACE

A keen sense of honesty and respect transforms any situation.

When something or someone riles us, displeases or vexes us, we have a choice of how to react. Some of us are inclined to speak out angrily and vehemently against the perceived insult or controversy. Others may stay silent, through either diplomacy or meekness.

But both of these courses lead to negative outcomes. By getting angry and letting the world know what we jolly well think about the situation, we not only further disrupt our own peace of mind, but may also perpetuate a cycle of animosity and conflict. Anger begets anger, and such anger is detrimental to all involved.

To stay silent meanwhile is to deny the validity and worth of your own opinion. It also does little to remove the emotion from your own mind, which can then fester into something even more negative. Not only that, it can result in you being perceived as weak-willed, or a pushover, and this in turn may result in the situation repeating itself. Few can stay silent forever, and the results of keeping your thoughts to yourself can eventually lead to an explosive and potentially destructive outburst of repressed emotion.

There is however a third, much more positive way of dealing with such situations: to speak your mind with grace.

What does it mean to speak your mind with grace?

We all have within us the ability to speak and act with grace, even if we might deny it. To speak with grace means to do so without anger, without hatred, animosity or other negative emotions which can make situations worse.

By speaking with grace you can express what is on your mind, but do so in a way that is respectful to the views and feelings of others. This avoids the problems of furthering conflict and division, whilst also ensuring that you do not repress or conceal your true emotions.

In speaking with grace, we recognise that other people may have different, even opposite views to our own, and that these are just as important and deeply held to them as ours are to us. This enables us to communicate and work through differences more effectively and constructively, with mutual respect and understanding.

How to speak with grace

Speaking with grace does not just come from the lips, it comes from deep within. In order to speak with grace, you must first cultivate a mental attitude of calm and balance. The unbalanced mind reacts emotionally and at times uncontrollably to situations over which it feels strongly. A balanced mind meanwhile remains tranquil, even in the stormiest of weather.

To speak with grace you must also ensure that when you do speak, the words that come out are based in honesty and respect. Hidden agendas and falsehoods can only harm interpersonal relationships, and lead to more conflict. When you speak with grace, you do so from the perspective of fairness, truth and genuine concern.

Though you may make every effort to speak with grace, it is likely that others will not. Even in these situations however, especially in these situations in fact, it is important to stay calm and speak your mind with integrity and fairness. In doing so, you recognise the universal fact that while you have no control over how others speak and act, you have total control over your own speech and actions. External situations and provocation should not spoil your state of mind and your intentions.

Finally, though we have no control over the way others may react to us, when we speak with grace we may in turn encourage others to the same.

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WHEN DID YOU FIRST REALISE YOU WERE PSYCHIC?

It took me longer than most, I'm afraid. My twin brother, mother, and maternal grandmother were psychic, so it was the norm and not the exception in my household. None of the adults told us we were any different from anyone else, so we had to sort that out for ourselves as we got older through trial...lots of trial and error, as well. In retrospect, I'm glad my family didn't tell me that I was different from anyone else, because quite honestly, I am not. Everyone has psychic ability...it's just to what degree they possess it and if they decide to use it on a professional basis or not.



HAVE YOU HAD ANY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES READING FOR A CLIENT?

I've had many great experiences with customers I've read for. From one client gasping as I told her all about her aspirations, where she wanted to ideally live, and what she ideally wanted to do, to the client I urged to take her power into her own hands and use it finally for her benefit. I'd be hard pressed to find a client I have not had a great experience with! The best bit is when clients ring through to tell me what I've predicted has unfolded. Or is it? I honestly cannot make up my mind. There is nothing in the world like making a solid, tangible connection with someone. I simply cannot describe that feeling anymore than I can the joy that I share with a client who's future has unfolded in the way I predicted.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD PSYCHIC READING?

Reality. I operate from a strict No Fairy Tales Allowed Zone, and what every potential client consulting a psychic needs to keep in mind is that there should be both good and bad in the reading, because both good and bad exist in every situation. One can't simply say: "You are going to have a magnificent six week break coming up within the next three months where you do nothing but lie around and rest," and neglect to mention that rest comes in the form of a broken limb or God forbid, full body cast. We don't live in a fairy tale world, so we must not expect to get that sort of reading, either.



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