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Taurus (April 20–May 20) *****

A new beginning with a partner is imminent. You offer much more than you are aware of. Remain optimistic. Someone responds as you have dreamed. You might decide to indulge and buy yourself something brand new. Negotiations flourish. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

Gemini (May 21–June 20) *****

Listen to others. They have a lot to share. Your energy is positive, and others are drawn to you. Don’t hesitate to ask for what you want. Expect only positive responses, and you will be delighted. Give someone space, and he’ll come running to you. Tonight: Have fun.

Cancer (June 21–July 22) *****

You relax while focusing on work, though you enjoy running errands too. You have a tendency to overdo, and you won’t like the results. It is all under your control; don’t kid yourself. Avoid being oversensitive; stay centered. Tonight: Start a new exercise program.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22) *****

Allow your more playful side to emerge. Choose to infuse more happiness into your work and personal life. Share a favorite pastime with friends. An acquaintance made today could develop into an important relationship. Tonight: Carry on as only you can!

Kansas City Star, July 7, 1998

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1. Astrology begins with the wrong date. Horoscopes are determined by date of birth. All hereditary factors are determined before birth.
2. Astrology is based upon the idea that the stars control our lives. Astrology denies free-will and is based upon the idea that everything is predetermined and set in life.
3. Astrology denies that change can happen. The Bible teaches otherwise. Hezekiah was going to die. He prayed to God. He was allowed to live 15 more years (2 Kg. 20:1-6). With astrology there is no need to pray because everything is determined.
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5. Astrology is driven by the desire to know the unknown. There are some things we do not know:
 - when Jesus is coming (Mt 25:13)
 - when world will end (2 Pet. 3:10)
6. God wants us to walk by faith (trust) and not be sight – or stars (1 Cor. 5:7).
7. Astrology fails scientific testing. *“Study after study has failed to support claims that astrology can predict the future or offer insights into personality. There is absolutely no merit to the basic claims that astrologers make.” He asked 26 respected astrologers to match the personality profiles of 265 people with their astrological charts. They were right only about 1/3 of the time. This is the same percentage as guessing.”* Shawn Carlson Lawrence, Berkeley Laboratories in Berkeley, CA

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10. God condemns the use of sorcery and soothsaying (Ex. 22:18; Rev. 21:8).
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