

Monthly Astrocast

April 2010



Key Events:

New Moon (24:27 Aries): April 14, 2010

Full Moon (08:07 Scorpio): April 28, 2010

Retrograde Planets:

Mercury: April 18, 2010 - May 10, 2010

Saturn: January 13, 2010 - May 30, 2010

Pluto: April 7, 2010 - September 14, 2010

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This month the New Moon on the 14th occurs in neighboring sign, Aries. This is your 12th House of enlightenment, inspiration and dreams on the positive side and confinement, institutions, hidden enemies and self-undoing on the negative. Practical sort that you are, you may not spend too much time pondering this part of your life so you may have to look for its influence a little harder than usual, but something new is likely. While it's generally the house of spirituality, it does actually cover a lot of area so it will be there, albeit subtle, which of course this House does quite well.

One aspect that will color the flavor of this lunation and holds promise is a conjunction between your Sign Ruler, Venus, and Mercury in your 1st House of personality. This will enhance your ability to express yourself in a positive way for a couple weeks, so if you have an important conversation you need to get past that Bull inclination to procrastinate and get to it. Your personal charm will come across in all your communications which will greatly enhance your chances of getting what you want. So, a possible connection with your 12th House may be something you need to do regarding an institution of some sort; give it some thought. It is extremely likely that something new is coming into your life from the 9th House neighborhood, which includes higher education, legal matters, beliefs and expectations, relocation, other cultures and long-distance travel. This should be beneficial and is even more likely for those of you with birthdays between May 5 - 8. It could relate to romance or another one of your favorite things, money, but is likely to relate to the 9th in some way, such as a student loan, legal settlement in your favor, employment transfer, or even winning a trip abroad. As they say in France, *bon chance, mon ami!*

The other three New Moon aspects definitely point toward various changes. First of all there's an opposition between retrograde Saturn and Uranus. These two planets are antithetical anyway, so an opposition fits their character quite well. Saturn, to refresh your memory, is about structure, discipline, responsibility, limitations, boundaries, and authority to name a few. He starts the month in Libra, your 6th House of work, health, service and pets, but by the time of this lunation will be in Virgo, your 5th House of ego definition, children, romance, entertainment and speculation. Saturn retrograde works on your subconscious, stirring up the need for restructuring, the specifics of which will come to light once he goes direct, which will be the end of May, sometime after your birthday. Uranus, planet of sudden change, breaking away, rebellion, and disruptions, is in Pisces, your 11th House of friends, organizations, groups, hopes and wishes. Thus something in this area will be in a tug-o-war with Saturn's inclinations over there regarding something residing in your 5th House. It looks as if you're going to have to let go of something in order to assume more responsibility but your sense of freedom will put up a bit of a fight. Remember, this may all be going on below your conscious mind's awareness but come the end of May it will be apparent what it is. Most Taurus types have a good memory, so sock that away for future reference if it doesn't make sense now.

And that Saturn - Uranus opposition isn't the only indicator that changes are on the horizon since there are two other aspects that reinforce that theme. Saturn is also quincunx Neptune who's in your 10th House of career, reputation, status, and public image. The short definition of "status" is anything that can include a title or label such as student, married or divorced, promoted or fired, winner or loser, etc. We already talked about Saturn's need for structure and discipline, which also has nothing in common with Neptune's propensity for dissolving boundaries, idealism, inspiration and conversely illusions and delusions. A quincunx typically indicates an adjustment or change of course, often due to encountering a Catch-22 situation; justifying your position is another possibility.

There is also a quincunx between Mars and Pluto. Mars is in your 4th House of home environment, indicating a lot of energy in that venue, while Pluto is in fellow Earth Sign, Capricorn, your 9th House of higher learning, legal matters and such as defined above in the second paragraph. Pluto himself is about getting rid of the old to make room for the new. Anything old and worn out, unresolved, or corrupted will be dug up by this zodiacal roto-rooter during his retrograde cycle which begins on April 7. So the implications are that there will be a significant change of direction at home as you rework something which could be as intangible as your beliefs and expectations.

The Full Moon on April 28 occurs in your polar sign, Scorpio, which comprises your 7th House of close relationships. The Full Moon can bring an ending, culmination, or end of one phase as another starts. By this time your Sign Ruler, Venus, has moved into Gemini, your 2nd House of finance, possessions, needs and pleasures, which should bring favorable things to that part of your life.



Venus is quincunx Pluto, discussed earlier, who's doing some remodeling on your beliefs or perhaps something more tangible such as your education, a legal matter or what-have-you. The implications here are that a change of direction there will bring benefits your way. The quincunx between Saturn and Neptune is still in force, which was also active for the New Moon, as is the opposition between Saturn and Uranus, so change and resistance to it continue. The fact that the Sun is in partile, or same degree, conjunction with Mercury retrograde implies that you'll be rethinking or reconsidering something of a personal nature, which of course fits in very well if change is on the horizon. By the way, this lunation will be strongest for those of you with a birthday on April 29. If this Full Moon occurs on your birthday, you'll be feeling its effects for the coming year as it will probably be part of your solar return.

The Sun/Moon are forming a T-square with Mars, still stirring things up in your home environment. This suggests some challenges with regard to your personal interests, those of someone close to you and your home environment. Saturn is also opposing Jupiter at this time, further inflating Uranus' influence which could be of rebellion or a desire to break free. It appears that there is quite a bit of action going on in your life currently

which you need to give careful and heartfelt consideration regarding what the long-term effects will be and which path is truly in your best interest.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

April 2: Something is rumbling around, perhaps below the conscious level, which you may not recognize other than the fact you feel restless. It could be inspiration or it could be a warning; time will tell. It may have something to do with your work or service activities. Mercury goes into Taurus which will help facilitate your communications.

April 3: Tension with members of the opposite sex is likely, possibly over projects at home that clash with your personal needs.

April 4 - 6: A good day for contemplating the past, your core beliefs and whether they are still valid. Conflicts on the home front are possible.

April 7: Saturn backs into Virgo, bringing his restructuring vibes to your self-expression, creativity, love life and children. Pluto goes retrograde, which will be in effect until September 14.

April 10: A change of course relative to your home life is indicated.

April 14: New Moon in Aries as described above.

April 17: Keep an eye out for an opportunity through one of your friends or networking.

April 18: A good day for daydreaming and contemplating where you want to go in life. Find a suitable environment for some peaceful, uninterrupted thought. Mercury goes retrograde until May 10, which will help with rethinking, reconsidering, and re-planning. Just remember not to buy anything of an electronic or mechanical nature unless you enjoy owning items that don't work properly.

April 19: Inspiration is possible, particularly with regard to that restructuring with regard to your children, romance, hobbies or self-expression.

April 20: The Sun goes into your sign, bringing light and emphasis to your personal life.

April 23: Be wary today of delusions or deception. Be honest with yourself and others and expect the same from them. An unexpected opportunity could arise, but make sure you fully understand the implications.

April 24: A favorable day to pursue associations and activities that you enjoy the most. Give some serious thought to those things that bring you the most joy and satisfaction and whether your priorities are in the correct order.

April 25: Your Sign Ruler, Venus, goes into Gemini, which will bode well for your finances, possessions, needs and pleasures. Don't buy anything mechanical or electronic, however, if you decide to indulge yourself. Go for something less tangible, like a massage, instead. Challenges related to home are likely; give more thought to your core beliefs and whether or not they're serving you.

April 26: Expect the unexpected today. This could even manifest as a sudden shift in your personal goals.

April 28: Full Moon in Scorpio today as described above. Brainstorms are possible so give considerable thought to any dilemmas.

April 29: Give some thought to what you value most in life and whether it's time to shift your focus in a slightly different direction.

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