

Monthly Astrocast

January 2010



Key Events:

New Moon/Solar Eclipse (25:01 Capricorn): January 15, 2010

Full Moon (10:15 Leo): January 30, 2010

Retrograde Planets:

Mars: December 20, 2009 - March 10, 2010

Mercury: December 26 - January 14, 2010

Saturn: January 13, 2010 - May 30, 2010

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This month on January 15 the companion solar eclipse to the lunar version that occurred on New Years Eve (or Day, depending on where you live) will come your way from Capricorn, hitting your 8th House of transformations, sex, death, shared resources, and debt. If your birthday is roughly between June 13 - 20 this is likely to be more noticeable and bring about a change of course or direction, though this is certainly possible for any Gemini. Like its counterpart last month, this one is a member of the 12 North family in the Saros Series, the meaning of which is to bring new responsibilities into your life, probably because someone else is no longer able to do so. While lunar eclipses typically have an internal or emotional effect, solar eclipses often bring events or circumstances our way that we did not precipitate. Rest assured, however, that the astrological wheels of fate have been turning for quite some time to bring this about; there are no coincidences.

Venus is conjunct the Sun/Moon pair, which should soften the effects in some way. Venus rules love and money and also can stand for a female in your life, so there's a possibility for one of those elements to show up in one way or another. Capricorn is loaded with planets as well as the North Lunar Node at this time, so there is a lot of energy in your 8th House. The North Node usually indicates something new coming into your life. Pluto is already there for the long-haul, so expect to see a lot of action in that area in the years to come. For the sake of this eclipse, Pluto is conjunct Mercury, who is in the process of coming out of retrograde and returning to direct motion after doing the backstroke for about three weeks. Retrograde Mercury is a favorable time for rethinking, reconsidering, and revising. With him in your 8th House, the conclusions of such activities are likely to have a transformational effect on you, leaving you a slightly different person than you were before. This Pluto - Mercury conjunction has the potential for doing some serious digging about and unearthing old issues that should have been resolved long ago but instead were buried prematurely.

In addition, these two are also squaring Saturn, retrograde as well in Libra, your 5th House of creativity, ego definition, children, romance, speculation and entertainment. Retrograde Saturn begins on January 13 and will last until the end of May. The usual effects are to stir up subconscious rumination relative to something in the House he occupies. If you don't know what this issue may be, you are likely to feel restless or uncomfortable without knowing why. You might want to think about what is going on in your 5th House based on the things it comprises and see if you can figure it out. Saturn is all about structure, boundaries, limitations, delays, authority, responsibilities and obligations, such as those that must be met to be a mature member of society. If these principles are ignored, the price is likely to be high and fall under the category of a hard lesson. Thus, if you've messed up in any of these areas, payback time may be looming on the horizon.

Keep an eye out for something unexpected in your 10th House of career, reputation, public image and status which will bring about an opportunity to effect positive change. "Status" as it applies to the 10th House is a bit vague. One way to think about it is ways

you are viewed by others, such as any titles or labels you possess. For example if you get married or divorced, graduate from school, purchase property, obtain a drivers license, open a business, receive a promotion on the job or get fired, these all affect your status in the community. Thus, any of these types of activities can be affected. So plug them into the eclipse equation and see how they turn up in your life in a transformational way. One possibility with an 8th House lunation, especially an eclipse, is an inheritance.

Another eclipse aspect to think about is retrograde Mars in Leo, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and short journeys. Retrograde Mars works on unresolved issues, those things swept beneath the rug rather than take action. Most of these things don't go away of their own accord, so the Universe nudges us from time to time to clean up past messes. This could thus be old feuds with neighbors or siblings or some thought or idea you had a while back that you never followed through on, but should have. If there are any unfulfilled promises out there, they could be hanging over your head as well. This eclipse has a major "Git 'r' dun" flavor to it, as is somehow appropriate as you start a new year.

The Full Moon on January 30 occurs in Leo, further emphasizing those unresolved issues since the Moon in conjunct Mars. If your birthday is within a few days of May 29 - June 3, an opportunity is likely to present itself for you to resolve whatever it is in a way that will prove very advantageous. This is due to the fact that your natal sun will form a Triangle of Potential with the eclipse, putting you in the driver's seat to control the situation.

Your 9th House is fairly heavy with planets at this time, which will throw a fair amount of energy toward such things as your beliefs and expectations, philosophy of life, higher learning, legal matters, cultural interactions, relocation or long-distance travel. Saturn RX is quincunx Jupiter, implying that a course change, possibly a big one, is due with regard to your career, reputation or status. Remember that Saturn is in your 5th House of ego and speculation, trying to get you to restructure something in that venue and is now saying that this also necessitates a change of course with your public image. The good news is that an opportunity related to this action will derive from that transformational change that awaits your acceptance. Add all this together and see what you come up with.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

January 4 - 5: Pay close attention today for clues relative to what you should be paying attention to with regard to some important, transformational changes in your life. These could pertain to love, money or just about anything else.

January 7 - 8: Take a good hard look at anything that hasn't been properly resolved that may be holding you back in some way. The Universe says that it's time to take a new direction and this relates in some way.

January 11: The possibility for a windfall is out there today or some other event that will have a profound effect on you.

January 13: Saturn turns retrograde today, initiating that rumination process with regard to something that needs to be restructured. This is likely to relate to your 5th House of ego, creativity, children, speculation and entertainment. Be on the lookout also for an opportunity that could appear to come from nowhere that affects your status or reputation.

January 15: New Moon/Solar Eclipse as described above. Your Sign Ruler, Mercury, goes direct today, ending another one of his annoying retrograde cycles and allowing things to move forward once again with regard to those major transformations. This also gives the green light for purchasing such things as mechanical or electronic devices which tend to malfunction if acquired during Mercury RX.

January 18: Venus goes into Aquarius today, your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, relocation and so forth, which will have a beneficial effect on anything you're pursuing in this area. Jupiter also enters Pisces, your 10th House of career and reputation, indicating that an expansive cycle that will last about a year has begun in this part of your life. Make the most of it.

January 20: The Sun goes into Aquarius, bringing further light and influence to your 9th House along with Venus. If you have anything under consideration or in-work in this part of your life, this will help move things along in a favorable way.

January 22 - 24: A lot of positive energy is flowing between your 5th House of creativity, ego, children, romance and such and your 9th which comprises your beliefs, higher learning, long-distance travel, cultural matters and so forth. This should help you identify whatever it is in your 5th House that requires restructuring.

January 25: If you didn't know before what that unresolved issue is, you'll probably figure it out today. A change of course or adjustment is called for and it will work best if you decide what it is rather than someone or something else.

January 26 - 29: This is a day to get your thoughts and ideas in synch with your beliefs. It's also a good day to figure out how you're going to take care of that unresolved issue.

January 30: Full Moon today as described above.

January 31: Saturn squares Pluto today, a rather harsh aspect that will be in force on and off for several months due to the retrograde motion of the two planets. Give some serious thought to what Saturn is trying to tell you. You cannot lie to the planets since they have your number, so listen up. You don't have to figure it all out today, but the sooner you do the sooner you can take care of business and move forward. There's a fairly good chance that this has something to do with your ego, so give it some deep and honest thought.

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