

Monthly Astrocast

January 2011



Key Events:

New Moon/Solar Eclipse (13:39): January 4, 2011

Full Moon (29:27 Cancer): January 19, 2011

Retrograde Planets:

Saturn: January 26, 2011 – June 13, 2011

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The New Moon on January 4th is also a Solar Eclipse, giving it quite a bit more punch. This occurs in Capricorn, your 8th House of transformations, death and regeneration, debt and shared resources. If your birthday is on or right around June 4th expect to make a few adjustments or change course in a significant way. This eclipse is a member of the 13 North family of the Saros Series of eclipses. Its generic meaning relates to major group projects where a separation or break needs to be made prior to its completion. On the personal level, it's likely to involve a separation prior to a major group accomplishment. This specific one has a lot of energy in Capricorn including the Sun, Moon, Mars, Pluto and the Lunar North Node.

Now is a time to exercise caution in whatever you're doing. This is due to Mars being in your 8th House, which can sometimes incline you toward accidents or injury of some sort. Thus, this is a time to avoid any unnecessary risks and be extra safety conscious in everything you do, including such simple things as driving to the store. Pluto in this location will bring various changes with profound and lasting effects. This transit will be in force for years with the current focus on those with birthdays between May 26 - 28. The North Lunar Node is also in your house of transformations, implying that something new is coming into your life which will have a lasting and important affect on you such that it changes you in some way.



This past month should have been favorable as far as your work and health are concerned. Positive career changes are likely and may take you by surprise. If you are doing anything of a public nature such as giving a talk or presentation, this should bring very

favorable things your way as you will be perceived in a very beneficial way with monetary benefits very possible as well. There will be some challenges, however. You may not be able to do things exactly as you'd like and may have to let go of some of your own ideas. You may not be used to doing this as you may typically be the one leading the show. Nonetheless, roll with the punches and you will come out on the other side with numerous new insights. Your existing view of life will change, though this may not come easily or comfortably. Challenges force us to grow, however, which will ultimately be of great benefit.

The Full Moon on January 19 is in your zodiacal nextdoor neighbor, Cancer. This is your 2nd House of finances, income, needs and pleasures so watch for something to end or culminate in that part of your life, remembering that as one cycle ends another begins. Expect to make a few changes or adjustments to your view of life, especially if it's been a bit idealistic. It's certainly a good thing to be optimistic, but keeping your feet on the ground is essential, also, though this is typically something that a logical Air Sign such as Gemini doesn't have much of a problem with. If you have dreams to pursue, this is a

good time to take a look at them and whether you're getting closer to them or deviated your course somewhere such that you're not moving in the right direction. Favorable surprises with regard to your career or status are just waiting for you to grab them so keep an eye out. Unexpected events or breaking free from something that has held you bound for some time can bring substantial opportunities.

During the first three and half weeks of January there will be no retrograde planets, allowing all of their energies to express in an outward manner rather than being internalized. This is a great time to take the direct approach yourself toward something you want; if you don't know what that is, it's also a good time to figure out what it is. Remember, if you don't know where you're going you're not very likely to get there, kind of like driving around randomly without a map. This changes on January 26 when Saturn goes retrograde until the middle of June. With Saturn in your 5th House of self-expression, creativity, children, romance, entertainment and speculations, this will put a damper on anything in that part of your life in the form of delays or other obstacles. Thus, if there is something there that you can get done before that cosmic stumbling block comes into effect, it's in your best interest to get to it right away!

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