

Monthly Astrocast

May 2011


<i>Key Events:</i>
New Moon (12:31 Taurus): May 3, 2011
Full Moon (26:13 Scorpio): May 17, 2011
<i>Retrograde Planets:</i>
Saturn: January 26, 2011 - June 13, 2011 Pluto: April 9, 2011 - September 15, 2011

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The New Moon on May 3rd is in your sign, Taurus, and will particularly influential if that's your birthday since the New Moon will follow you throughout the year via your Solar Return, indicating this will be a very interesting and important year for you. Saturn has been retrograde in Libra, your 6th house of work, service, health and pets for a few months with one more to go, a transit that will effect some restructuring to this part of your life. You may not yet be entirely aware of what this is, but the New Moon is likely to throw a hint or two your way with regard to what it is. It could also bring about an "Aha!" moment where you see something you'd missed before and make some changes or adjustments related to this part of your life. Another possibility is that you'll encounter a Catch-22 situation of some sort.

At the time of this lunation there will be five planets in neighboring Aries, your 12th house of inspiration, enlightenment, spirituality, seclusion, confinement, institutions, hidden enemies and self-undoing. This is your house of "angels and demons" where those things that are not obvious in the general course of your life hang out. As a generally practical Earth Sign you may even tend to ignore or neglect this part of your life. All those planets occupying it, however, are likely to bring a few things to your attention. In particular take a look at what your job situation is.

If there is something in that part of your life that is causing you some problems at this time, Saturn is already trying to flush them out but those planets in Aries are doing their part as well. While inspiration could be a part of this, it's also important to keep an eye out for anyone trying to undermine you and make sure you look at yourself as well for any self-defeating behaviors. There is such a variety of planets that you're likely to see a variety of influences that are going to center on this house. You may have incredibly inspiring experiences coupled with betrayal from someone you trusted. Considering that Saturn is in the 6th house of health there is also a chance this time could involve hospitalization.



Neptune entered Pisces fairly recently, your 11th house of friends, groups, organizations, networking and goals. Neptune rules Pisces so is extremely strong in this placement and will be there for quite a while, though he will return to Aquarius between August this year and February 2012 due to retrograde motion. After that he'll be there for several years, shedding his subtle but important energies on this part of your life. This could connect you with people through mysterious means which turn out to be angels in disguise or it could also lead you to charlatans or deceivers. Much of this will depend on you and the kind of energy you project which will determine the type of people you attract into your life. Inspiration, idealism, being unrealistic or enlightened are all possibilities. Keep an eye out to see if you can identify how this is going to affect you.

Pluto in fellow Earth Sign, Capricorn, is doing some remodeling in your 9th house of higher learning, legal matters, beliefs and expectations, religion, politics, other cultures and travel to unfamiliar places. This, also, will be a long-term influence, but for the sake of this New Moon he's sending some specific message for your consideration. As you examine the current challenges in your life be sure to also take a good, hard look at your belief system or anything else that may be relevant that resides in this house as defined earlier. There is a lesson there that relates to the job situation as well as those angels and demons. Use your inborn practicality to determine if there is something you've been embracing as truth which indeed is not. Since this is also the house of legal matters, there is a chance of involvement with something in that regard as well. again, watch your back.

The Full Moon on May 17 is in your polar sign, Scorpio, your 7th house of close relationships. This includes your significant other, close friends and relatives, business partners, competitors and professionals such as your accountant or financial advisor. A Full Moon typically brings an ending, culmination, or shift to a new phase. If your birthday is within a day or so of May 18th this will have the most influence. By this time there are only two planets left in Aries with the other three joining the Sun in your Sign. These include your sign ruler, Venus, which will be a pleasant transit for all Bulls this month as she connects with your natal Sun. This adds to your physical appearance and charm which can definitely be a good thing. Neptune has snuck into this lunation in such a way that it throws a bit of a warning flag with regard to one of your friends who may stir up some trouble with one of your relationships. However, this is not necessarily not in your favor. This could involve someone whom you would do well to eliminate from your life. Make sure you get all the facts and be prepared to change course if warranted.

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