

Monthly Astrocast

August 2013



Key Events:

New Moon (14:35 Leo): August 6, 2013

Full Moon (28:11 Aquarius): August 20, 2013

Grand Square: August 25, 2013

Retrograde Planets:

Saturn: February 18 - July 7, 2013
(11:32 - 04:49 Scorpio)

Shadow until October 15, 2013

Pluto: April 12 - September 19, 2013
(11:35 - 8:59 Capricorn)

Neptune: June 7 - November 13, 2013
(05:22 - 02:34 Pisces)

Mercury: June 26 - July 19, 2013
(23:06 - 13:30 Cancer)

Shadow until August 4, 2013

Uranus: July 17 - December 17, 2013
(12:31 - 8:35 Aries)

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This is going to be yet another interesting month astrologically. Believe it or not, we actually have another Grand Sextile coming up which also has a Grand Square. But first, the New Moon, which occurs on August 6 in Leo, your 11th house of friends, goals, hopes and wishes, groups, organizations and networking. Of course as an Air Sign, networking is something that comes naturally since you like to talk and exchange information. So this lunation gives you a chance to do it in spades. If your birthday is right around October 8 it has a little extra punch as the lunation will sextile your natal Sun. It's likely that someone close to you is going to be involved, perhaps being the one to introduce you to a key individual. Or it's also possible this person you meet rapidly becomes an important person in your life.

The Grand Water Trine which has been around for quite a while is enjoying its last hurrah, so to speak. It has been parked in your 2nd, 6th and 10th houses, sometimes referred to as the "substance" houses since they relate to your income and finances; work and service; and career/public image respectively. Thus, you should have been seeing something going on in that part of your life, even if it's just an easy flow of energy in that part of your life. Saturn in your 2nd house isn't necessarily an easy transit since it could force greater discipline with regard to your finances and he's going to be there for quite a while longer. Neptune in your 6th of work can bring deception or delusions with regard to your job but also can relate to work in Neptune-ruled venues such as oil, overseas travel, photography or even fantasy-related industries. It can also help you identify your dream job and nudge you in a different direction. Jupiter in your 10th house of career, reputation, public image and status is likely to be quite favorable, especially with that big boy in the sign of his exaltation, i.e. Cancer. Think about what has been going on in this part of your life the past few months and see how much of that fits. It's still in effect until approximately the middle of the month so put it to good use, even if it's no more than doing some daydreaming about what you really want to do for a living.

Mars and Mercury are also in your 10th which imply action and information. Not all of it may be good and during the last month while Jupiter and Mars were conjunct there were quite a few things that went on which were less than fortuitous. Jupiter is generally benefic but when he gets together with a malefic planet he can expand the negative effects. Mars is a bit emotion in Cancer, sometimes manifesting as emotional outbursts that would normally be contained, depending on how he may have hit your chart. He can also represent emotionally motivated action that could be impulsive, so you can see how it could get you into trouble. Currently Uranus is squaring the midpoint between those two from Aries, your 7th house of close relationships. While the 7th is most often associated with your significant other, it also includes business partners, cliental, business professionals you deal with on an one-on-one basis and competitors. So, for example, this could indicate an unexpected move on the part of your competition, or perhaps even an open enemy, causes you to take emotional action which may not turn out as expected, especially if your birthday is right around October 5 - 7 since it will form a T-square with your natal Sun.

Actually, those of you born a few days before that have Pluto squaring your Sun, which is less than enchanting, also, and forms a T-square with your natal Sun, also. Pluto in your 4th is dredging up all sorts of things in your home environment which could mean you're dealing with plumbing and perhaps electrical problems, cockroach invasions, foundation issues and fun things like that. And they may be easier to deal with than other possibilities such as having your nose rubbed in old family issues, unresolved memories or cultural issues. Knowing how Librans hate confrontations, this could be difficult, but after all you are a master communicator so the main thing you need to watch out for is that you don't get tromped since you may be inclined to give in rather than defend yourself due to your concern for others and keeping them happy. If you do, then the issues will continue to raise its potentially ugly head until it's resolved so you'd do best to suck it up and get it over with, just like going to the dentist.

The Full Moon on August 20 is in fellow Air Sign, Aquarius, your 5th house of ego definition, creativity, children, romance, entertainment and speculation. You may think this sounds familiar, and indeed it is, since last month the Full Moon was also in Aquarius. So that gives this house an additional punch. This type of lunation is a culmination, shift to a new phase or ending and forms a Triangle of Potential with your natal Sun if your birthday is right around October 22. The house placement suggests the need for balance between your self-expression and your friends or group interactions but you are in control and can determine the outcome.

Your sign ruler, Venus, has moved into your sign where she is in her dignity. She is parked on your Sun if your birthday is right around September 28. This could bring you a step closer to your dream job, actually, but it's going to take some effort on your part. Perhaps your dream job doesn't pay as well as your budget requires which will mean tightening up the purse strings or perhaps getting rid of something you don't need as badly as job satisfaction or perhaps downsizing. It's up to you to decide how much such an opportunity is literally worth.

There's a Grand Cross in the making and a Cardinal one, at that, which will most likely influence you if your birthday is between October 3 - 7. You folks are certainly getting a workout this month but astrological shifts happen which catch up with everyone sooner or later, so maybe that can bring a measure of fairness to the situation that helps you deal with it more effectively. It's really more of the same mentioned above regarding home or memory or family issues so whatever it is more than likely has already manifested. In other words, this probably won't be anything new, just the escalation of an existing matter. With the Sun in your house of goals, hopes and wishes and conjunct Mercury you should be able to establish a dialog, even if it takes a lot of motivation to do so. Just think about how good it will feel to have this behind you.

This month's Grand Sextile on August 25 is pretty wide and only applicable with wide, medieval orbs but worth mentioning. At this time that Grand Cross is pretty tight and constitutes Venus along with the Uranus, Jupiter, Pluto T-square already mentioned. Venus is on your natal Sun if your birthday is roughly in the usual range, i.e. October 4 - 6. This is good news and can definitely help you handle things in a diplomatic manner.

Whatever it is could spill over into numerous parts of your life including your home life, close relationships, and career or status. You may find a way to solve that budget or financial issue through inspiration so don't discount anything that comes to mind, even if it seems pretty far out. At the least take note of what happens on this day and compare it to last month's Grand Sextile on July 29 for similarities.

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