# Monthly Astrocast

*December 2013*




*Key Events:*

New Moon (11:00 Sagittarius): December 2, 2013

Full Moon (25:36 Gemini): December 17, 2013

*Retrograde Planets:*

**Venus: December 21, 2013 – January 30, 2014**
**(28:58 – 13:37 Capricorn)**
**Shadow until March 5, 2014**
**Neptune: June 7 – November 13, 2013**
**(05:22 – 02:34 Pisces)**
**Shadow until March 5, 2014**
**Uranus: July 17 – December 17, 2013**
**(12:31 - 8:35 Aries)**
**Shadow until April 3, 2014**
**Jupiter: November 7, 2013 – March 6, 2014**
**(20:30 – 10:26 Cancer)**
**Shadow until June 2, 2014**
**Pluto: April 12 – September 19, 2013**
**(11:35 – 8:59 Capricorn)**
**Shadow until January 11, 2014**

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***Lunations and Long-term Aspects***

This month the New Moon is on December 2nd in Sagittarius, your 11th house of friends, networking, goals, organizations, hopes and wishes and sextile your natal Sun if your birthday is right around February 1. This can thus be an excellent time to start mapping out your goals for the coming year, even if you're really not into New Years' Resolutions. This lunation is trining Uranus in Aries, your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and local travel, suggesting the availability of innovative thoughts, breaking away from existing paradigms and perhaps brainstorming with neighbors or siblings about what you hope to accomplish in the coming year. Make your holiday gatherings even more productive and fun talking about future goals instead of the past.

Speaking of the past, Pluto continues to plod through your 12th house of dreams, visions, enlightenment, inspiration, seclusion, confinement, institutions, hidden enemies and self-undoing. Clearly this house is loaded with all sorts of angels and demons which definitely tend to hang out in your subconscious mind, another resident of the 12th. Breaking convention and doing something new and original may depend on letting go of the past. Obviously the past is as complex as your life and you may not even know what's there holding you back. Often it's a confidence issue where you simply don't think you're capable of doing something, doubt your worthiness or some other self-defeating behavior. Venus is also in your 12th house which can help you identify your fondest dreams. She is trining Mars in Virgo, your 8th house of transformations, to help you take the necessary action to move toward your fondest desires. Mars is even sextile Mercury which can assist with gathering the information you need to make it so.

Your traditional sign ruler, Saturn, is in your 10th house of status, reputation, career and public image, exactly the energy you need to build something new in this part of your life with the trine to Jupiter conducive to expansion. Jupiter is in Cancer, your 6th house of work, health, service and pets where he is currently retrograde, a condition that encourages retrospection with regard to your philosophy of life, expectations or sometimes ethics issues. If for any reason you are not happy with your current job, don't let another year go by accepting it. As they always say, life is too short. If you need a little extra help then I recommend Dr. Robert Anthony who has a freebie for you via this link . He's a no-nonsense person who can convince you to pursue your dreams and goals with full confidence. Not to get too commercial, but you may also want to obtain your upcoming solar return report now to assist with planning since it does a great job of mapping out the year ahead. The message for you in this month's New Moon is very clear so don't let this energy go to waste.

The Full Moon on December 17 is in fellow Air Sign, Gemini, your 5th house of creativity, ego definition, children, romance, entertainment and speculation. A Full Moon is typically an ending, culmination or shift to a new phase, so this ties in nicely with making some changes in your life and starting a new phase. If your birthday is right around February 14 you get an extra boost from this lunation. Mercury has gone into Sagittarius, your 11th house of friends, goals, networking and such which suggests using

your connections is favored and may bring about that change of direction you're looking for, particularly if it relates to your work or health. Friends at work may also be useful, perhaps in working out a mutual work-out or diet plan, if that's on your to-do list. Structure, commitment and responsibility are always required for a major change which Saturn can still provide. Changing your expectations, beliefs or attitude can get some assistance from Mars as he and Neptune form a quincunx that can bring some needed inspiration. Neptune is going to be in Pisces, your 2nd house of income, possessions, finances, needs, comforts and pleasures for a long, long time and Neptune has been said to be the planet that can bring big financial gains. This is undoubtedly related to the Law of Attraction because visualizing what you want and fantasizing to the point where you can actually feel what it's like to have it are the key to attaining it. So you have some help in that regard as well.

Venus goes retrograde on December 21, something that only occurs every year and a half or so. The last time was in the May/June 2012 timeframe and involved the "transit of Venus" across the face of the Sun that some of you may have gotten to see. Unfortunately, that won't be possible again this time, since that is quite rare due to astronomical reasons I won't bore you with here. You can learn more about Venus retrograde here as far as the astrological implications are concerned. This stationing in your 12th house can further assist with excavating dreams you've allowed to die. In reality, if they die they take a part of you with them. Seldom is it really too late to do something about them. My personal example for this one is that I went back to college at age 35 with six kids at home to get a physics degree. If I could do something like that, then so can you. To this day I have no idea how I did it but I did, one day at a time, one baby step at a time. Venus rules your 4th house of home environment, memories, cultural roots, endings and new beginnings as well as your 9th house of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, politics, religion, legal matters, other cultures, long-distance travel and relocation so these are areas to focus on as well.

There are numerous very helpful energies out there this month that you should put to good use. Your birthday will be here before you know it so figure out what else you plan to celebrate other than getting a year older and wiser.

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