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

The New Moon on December 2 is in fellow Mutable Sign, Sagittarius, your 10th house of career, reputation, public image and status. The lunation will square your natal Sun if your birthday is right around March 1, which will give it additional influence. With the lunation trining Uranus in your 2nd house of income, finances, possessions, needs, comforts and pleasures you may see a sudden change in this part of your life. This is a favorable time to pursue a career change which could bring a change for the better to your income. This is likely to involve either letting go of an old goal or taking deliberate control of where you want to go. This won't necessarily be easy but possibly required in order to pursue meaningful change.

If your birthday is right around March 8 Saturn is trining your natal Sun from Scorpio, your 9th house of beliefs, expectations, philosophy of life, politics, religion, higher learning, other cultures, long-distance travel and relocation. Jupiter, retrograde in Cancer, is trining Saturn from your 5th house of ego definition, creativity, children, romance, entertainment and speculation, tying these two areas together in a positive way. The implications are that you can get to know yourself better during this time as you examine who and what you are along with how it's expressed through your view of the world. Jupiter retrograde internalizes his expansive energy, making it more philosophical, which will aid greatly in this process while Saturn will restructure it into a new attitude and approach.

Venus is opposing Jupiter from our 11th house of friends, organizations, networking, goals, hopes and wishes which suggests a need for balance between this part of your life and the "new you." Consider how your friends and previous goals shaped your life so far and sort through the favorable and not-so-favorable effects to extract any relevant lessons, which Jupiter will help you understand and apply. The trine from Venus to Mars in Virgo, your 7th house of close relationships, implies that this is a positive time to pursue new relationships through this networking process. Raising your sights to the person you want to be is greatly assisted by associating with people who exemplify where you want to be. Not only can they provide useful information to show you the path to success but associating with those with a positive attitude is contagious. Use this New Moon to initiate positive changes related to your status which will have far-reaching effects.

The Full Moon on December 17 is in Gemini, your 4th house of home environment, memories, cultural roots, endings and new beginnings. A Full Moon typically indicates an ending, culmination or shift to a new phase, which fits in nicely with what the New Moon is telling you, that it's time to go in a new direction. If your birthday is right around March 16 the Sun/Moon system forms a T-square with your natal Sun, providing an additional push, even though it may not feel particularly helpful and appear more like a challenge. Bear in mind that unless you're entirely satisfied with the current state of your life that change is the only way to improve it. It may not be easy but it will be worth it. Balance between home and career or your current status and steps toward change will

be part of the challenge. Think of yourself as walking a tightrope with a balance bar to keep you steady and focused. Mars is now in Libra, your 8th house of transformations, intense experiences, sex, death and rebirth, debt, shared resources and things you suppress. A caution flag always come with Mars in the 8th since this can be a time when you're predisposed to accidents, so don't take any unnecessary chances over the next few months. However, this energy is also favorable for giving you an extra push toward those needed changes for which you can draw inspiration from your modern sign ruler, Neptune. Be wary of overspending during this time and maintain financial reserves as much as possible because an unexpected expense may arise, such as major car or home repairs.

Jupiter and Saturn continue to work together helping you reinvent yourself. News or information related to your status will continue to help you with this quest but don't expect the path to be easy. Changing direction, even slightly, involves a period of instability which requires faith and confidence to pursue and may wane from time to time. Draw from Saturn's discipline to recognize you can do anything you set your mind to accomplish and stay the course. About eight hours following the Full Moon Uranus stations direct which could bring a setback of some sort, perhaps that unexpected expense, which could bring some discouragement. You may wonder whether or not you're on the right path and feel as if you're afloat on a sea of uncertainty. Saturn and Jupiter are still in your court, however, so even if you have to go back to the drawing board in some way, maintain your confidence and strength through discipline and your support system such as close friends and relatives who can be an invaluable source of encouragement at this time.

December 21 is another important day astrologically this month. This is the day the Sun goes into Capricorn, marking the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and summer solstice in the Southern. A change of season affects more than the weather, however, with the chart of this ingress also defining the character of the coming three months in the world around you. Challenges continue and may focus around your job or employment situation or possibly your health but Saturn and Jupiter continue to help you keep the faith. Shortly after the ingress, Venus goes retrograde in Capricorn, your 11th house of friends, goals, networking and so forth. Venus is your sign's exalted ruler and also rules your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and local travel and 8th house of transformations and so forth.

When Venus goes retrograde she changes into the goddess of war as opposed to the goddess of love, when she will pursue what she wants, with a vengeance if necessary, as opposed to simply trying to attract it into her life. You can read more about Venus retrograde here. For further hints regard what the message may be in this period think back to December 2005/January 2006 which is the last time she was retrograde in this house. Any unresolved issues from that time period are likely to appear again, giving you another chance to take care of business. If you are up against some opposition, Venus can provide further impetus to stay the course, learn from the past, and continue along your path of personal evolution.

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