

Monthly Astrocast

March 2013



Key Events:

New Moon (21:24 Pisces): March 11, 2013

Full Moon (06:52 Libra): March 27, 2013

Retrograde Planets:

**Mercury: February 23, - March 17, 2013
(19:52 - 05:48 Pisces)**

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

*Pluto Shadow Period until January 8, 2013
Neptune Shadow Period until March 2, 2013
Uranus Shadow Period until March 30, 2013
Jupiter Shadow Period until April 26, 2013*

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This month's New Moon on March 11 is in your sign, Pisces, and right on your Natal Sun if your birthday is right around March 12, in which case watch for something new to come your way. You have a plethora of planets in your sign at this time bringing you all sorts of energy which you are probably already feeling. This veritable parade includes your sign ruler, Neptune; Mercury, who is also retrograde; Venus; Mars; and the asteroid, Chiron, a.k.a. "the wounded healer." Some planets and such like it in your sign and others are somewhat lost, creating an energy combination which I suspect basically says to take it easy, relax, don't worry, and spend some time in contemplation regarding who and what you are and what you really want in life at your core as opposed to "shoulding" on yourself based on the opinions of others or the world at large who, quite frankly, has no clue what makes a Pisces tick.

Your Sign Ruler, Neptune, entered Pisces a few months ago and is undoubtedly a major contributor to the cosmic energy being felt by so many these days. He is in the sign of his dignity and functioning to full capacity in his home domain. If your birthday is right around February 22 he is parked on your natal Sun. This will essentially put your Pisces nature on steroids and could make you feel as if you have slipped into another dimension. This can provide a major boost to your already-strong intuitive nature but may also deflate your motivation to the point of stagnation. Neptune is more like cosmic valium than caffeine, which is Mars' job, so if you generally have a "so what?" attitude these days and rather sleep or read fantasy novels then you are feeling this energy.

On the positive side (at least as far as the world is concerned) this can be a wonderful time to identify exactly what you want to be when you grow up and conjure up a vision of what that is. The concept of "thoughts become things" has a lot of empirical evidence going for it and this could be the beginning where your thoughts come together with your intentions, allowing you to focus on what you want so that you can draw it toward you. Once you envision it the Universe can deliver but if you don't have a clue what it is then no instructions are being transmitted to the cosmos.

Mercury is currently retrograde which is a time to rethink, redo, reconsider, re-plan, edit, revise and so forth in any sign but in Pisces he is in debility and fall, intuitively obvious descriptions of how he operates in Pisces. Mercury rules Gemini and Virgo, two logical, practical signs based on hard data and concise movement, respectively. Like a typical airplane Mercury does fairly well on the ground and very well in the air but not so well on water, unless significant modifications are made. Focusing through a wall of water is difficult and fraught with deception. At best it's a world of fantasy and delusion which can be enjoyed but is not necessarily the best environment for making sound decisions. With logic suspended, this allows intuition and emotion to surface which is probably more comfortable for you than some other signs. You may actually find logic and practicality annoying at worst and incomprehensible at best. If your birthday is right around February 26 Mercury is conjunct your natal Sun, so if people are accusing you of being a space cadet, they are probably right, even though you may take that as a

compliment. If your birthday is right around March 10 Mercury stationed retrograde on your Sun so you are probably feeling about the same thing. The Universe doesn't make mistakes so there is a reason for this, perhaps to help you get back in touch with your true self, for whom there is a definite place in this messed up world. Inspiration and enlightenment attained at this time should be noted carefully, even though you may feel as if you're in a timewarp.

Venus, unlike Mercury, is fully functional in Pisces, sign of her exaltation where her caring nature can find compassionate expression. If your birthday is right around March 8 she is conjunct your natal Sun for this lunation. During this time you can find great satisfaction in helping others and you will be perceived favorably by those around you. This placement will even make you look your very best, making it an excellent time to indulge yourself by seeing your favorite photographer (a trade ruled by Neptune) for an updated portrait. Venus is the natural ruler of love, money and all sorts of pleasures and she rules your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings and neighbors as well as your 8th of transformations, shared resources, sex, death and rebirth, inheritances and intense experiences. New insights into any and all of these areas can be accessed, probably at will, so put it to good use.

Mars is another planet that is a bit lost in your sign. Think of him as the warrior god stuck on a liferaft in the ocean while a battle rages on shore which he can do absolutely nothing about. He can either be frustrated or chill out and relax until the tide delivers him to the beach. With Mercury retrograde as well as Saturn, starting a new endeavor at this time isn't favored so simply observing what is going on and contemplating its pros and cons is the best bet. Mars in on your Sun if your birthday is right around March 20. He is but a sneeze away from his homebase, Aries, however, where he will be within a day or so when he will hit the ground running, even though he is likely to be running in circles for a while until he gets some cooperation from his fellow planets.

If your birthday is right around March 1st the asteroid, Chiron, is on your Sun. He's a slow mover so will be there for a while, probably a month or so. As the "wounded healer" he can bring disappointment and injuries,



mental, emotional, spiritual and physical, the nature of which is usually determined by his position in your birthchart. You can learn more about him in my ebook, "Asteroid Archetypes: A Primer" which you can find in the website's "store." I also delivered a lecture on Chiron for an online conference in November 2010, a recording of which you can also find in the "store." Other than designating areas where you are likely to be hurt in some way, the other side of his nature is to use your experience, painful though it may be, to help others as they go through similar trials.

With Chiron on your natal Sun this could bring such an opportunity or perhaps simply provide insights into the meaning and lessons associated with such experiences. Pluto

and Saturn are also aspecting your natal Sun which can help you get to the bottom of a few things and change your expectations and general beliefs in a favorable way for yourself and others. This can institute a new beginning or major changes at home with some assistance from your traditional sign ruler, Jupiter. He's in debility in Gemini where he may generate too many ideas or too much to comprehend but using your powers of discernment you should be able to sort things out.

The Full Moon on March 27 is in Libra, your 8th house of transformations and so forth as described above. This could bring a significant ending, culmination or shift to a new phase. By this time the Sun, Venus and Mars have moved into Aries though Mercury is still in Pisces, but out of retrograde. Venus and the Sun are conjunct in your 2nd house of income, possessions, values, needs and pleasures which generally bodes nicely for this part of your life. This can help you get focused on what you want in this part of your life with Mars in that venue helpful for getting started.

True progress may not come for a while, however, since there are a few things to be resolved and redefined as part of the preparation process. Revisit your goals and reconsider the networking and associations you may need to make in order to pursue them. It's okay to be a visionary but there are times when you have to operate according to practical considerations. Expectations of others and your general attitude may require a few tweaks as well. Saturn is helping with this while retrograde but it's at the subconscious level and possibly not quite within your awareness. However, by mid-July you should see things clearly, until which time tune into your instincts and lay the necessary groundwork to pursue what you really want in life..

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