

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

The New Moon this month on March 11 is in Pisces, your 11th house of friends, groups, organizations, goals, and networking. That sign is loaded with astrological entities at that time, providing a huge amount of Piscean energy in a variety of frequencies. The entourage includes Neptune, Mercury, Venus and Mars besides and Sun and Moon as well as the asteroid, Chiron, a.k.a. "the wounded healer." It's highly probable that at least one of them is sextile your Natal Sun, an aspect which usually brings an opportunity so tune in to whichever one it happens to be and get the most out of it while you can. Of course you're probably wondering which one affects your Sun so let's take a look.

First of all the New Moon itself, typically a harbinger of something new, is sextile your natal Sun if your birthday is right around May 12. However, bear in mind that this is not necessarily the best time to initiate a new project with both Mercury and Saturn retrograde. Nonetheless, watch for something, even if it's no more than a new insight. Neptune, ruler of Pisces, is in dignity in that sign where he will be for a long, long time. This combination brings a lot of inspiration, enlightenment, insights, compassionate understanding and charitable inclinations, particularly in your house of groups. He is sextile your Sun if your birthday is right around April 23 and that influence will be in effect for a while.

Next in line is Mercury which could be a bit of a problem. Mercury rules logic and motion and when he's in Pisces he's in debility and fall, intuitively obvious descriptions which reflect how he operates there which obviously isn't very good. Add retrograde motion to that and you have an effect similar to consuming too many of your favorite adult beverage as far as your judgment is concerned. Basically Mercury is on vacation in the South Pacific somewhere and temporarily shirking his duty to provide clear, precise information. Trying to maintain a positive approach to this placement is a bit of a challenge other than to consider it a favorable time to relax, daydream, not worry and enjoy your friends and group activities.

As far as your goals are concerned, accessing your imagination can be enhanced and figuring out what you'd really like to be when you grow up at the subconscious level is also possible. So, if you're not happy with your station in life or more specifically your job, this could be a favorable time to identify what you'd rather do instead and fixing your intent on a vision of whatever that may be. If your birthday is right around April 28 Mercury is sextile your natal Sun for this lunation. If your birthday is right around May 10, however, you are also getting a heavy dose of this influence because Mercury stationed retrograde sextile your Sun.

Venus, your sign ruler, is very happy to be in Pisces, sign of her exaltation. In this sign her sensuous, indulgent, compassionate and loving nature is uninhibited and at full expression. This can be very favorable for enjoying life and showing your affection to others. As the natural ruler of both love and money she can also be useful for goal setting, except there will be a bit of a mixing effect of all the energies occupying that

sign. You may find people drawn to you and your popularity increase during this time. Mars is also in Pisces but he's not in his best environment, either. Think of him as the warrior god stuck on a life raft in the ocean while a battle rages on shore. He may want to take action but can't figure out how. However, he is only a sneeze away from his homebase, Aries, and will hit the ground running at that time. While Mercury is still RX, however, he may not get too far. Mars is sextile your Sun if your birthday is right around May 20.

If your birthday is right around May 2 your Sun is being aspected by Pluto and Saturn which may have implications for one or more relationships. One of the biggest factors in successful relationships lies in having well-defined expectations of each other. This is seldom something which is discussed, even with those who are closest to us, yet that is where the most problems typically arise. Pluto in the 9th house, where your beliefs and expectations reside, can help you decide exactly what they are while Saturn is in a position to rebuild or restructure your relationship accordingly. If there are certain individuals in your life who are detrimental to you Pluto can also help you walk away, if necessary. This is particularly difficult for Fixed Signs such as Taurus but Pluto can help you deal with such situations.

The Full Moon on March 27 is in Libra, your 6th house of work, service, health and pets. By this time Venus and Mars as well as the Sun have entered Aries, changing their energy dramatically. Venus is also conjunct the Sun which



especially in this sign tends to be a bit on the selfish, self-indulgent side. Aries is your 12th house of inspiration, enlightenment, dreams, visions, the collective consciousness, seclusion, confinement, institutions, hidden enemies and self-undoing. The Sun and Venus can help you get in touch with your deepest desires which have been suppressed. Uranus in that house may bring flashes of insight as well as a need for independence and perhaps more solitude than usual. Mars is in his homebase at this time and ready to take direct action, but watch your back because he could also manifest as someone trying to undermine you. Also be aware if you tend to be passive-aggressive and not opening express your feelings. Mercury is still in Pisces, albeit out of retrograde, but nonetheless not contributing very well to clear communications.

With this lunation in your house of work, if you're not happy with your job this may be when you decide to pursue something else, even if you don't take direct action on it at this time. Every action begins with a thought and you like to ruminate on important decisions for a while, which at this time is a good thing. Your birthday is coming up which will begin a new cycle and thus a better time to actually move on anything that comes to mind at this time.

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