

Monthly Astrocast

September 2013



Key Events:

New Moon (13:04 Virgo): September 5, 2013

Full Moon (26:41 Pisces): September 19, 2013

Libra Ingress: September 22, 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)

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

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The New Moon on September 5 is in fellow Mutable sign, Virgo, your polar sign and 7th house of relationship including your significant other, close friends and relatives, business partners, business professionals, competitors and open enemies. Watch for something (or someone) new to come into your life, especially if your birthday is right around March 4. There's a somewhat troublesome T-square out there that this lunation may help mitigate. You're probably aware, perhaps painfully, of that long-term square between Uranus and Pluto. Those bad boys started facing off in June 2012 and will continue on and off until into 2015. Their next exact encounter is November 1. Uranus is in nextdoor neighboring sign, Aries, your 2nd house of income, possessions, finances, needs, comforts, pleasures and what you value. Note your physical body is also in this house as your most important possession.

Uranus in this venue is likely to be very disruptive given his venue includes upsets, disturbances, disruptions, rebellions, explosions, technology, anything unconventional, uniqueness and so forth. If this part of your life has been on a wild ride for a while, say since around March 2011, this is likely at least part of the reason. On the positive side it can indicate income from unusual sources or occupations but more likely things have been unpredictable. Pluto is in Capricorn, your 11th house of friends, goals, groups, organizations, networking, hopes and wishes. His function is typically transformation. He exposes corruption so it can be eliminated, promotes power and control and ultimately completely changes areas he touches.

The implications are thus a complete transformation of your financial goals. Other areas possibly affected could be your group interactions or circle of friends, if they are having a disruptive influence on your income or perhaps not meeting your needs. Sometimes the people or organizations in your life are more of a drain than an uplifting social experience in which case it's worth taking a careful look to see if something needs to change. Pisceans are compassionate and love to rescue people and you may have some friends out there who are psychic vampires who suck out your energy and optimism. Friendships should be a two-way street so if you're not getting something out of it then maybe it's time to give that person the heave-ho. So that is generally what's going on for the next year and a half or so.

However, this month Jupiter is in there, too, squaring Uranus and opposing Pluto and thus forming a T-square, a closed loop of tension involving three signs and houses. Jupiter is in fellow Water sign, Cancer, where he's exalted and your 5th house of creativity, ego definition, entertainment, romance, children and speculation. This is sometimes dubbed the "Fun" house and Jupiter there should be a good thing. However, there's a dirty little secret Jupiter often hides from the uninitiated. He's also your traditional sign ruler, giving him a little more influence on you. While he's typically viewed as benefic, that is not always the case. He expands and inflates what he touches and if that happens to be a good thing already then he makes it better. However, if it's not a good thing, then he makes it worse. For example, I've seen Jupiter involved in various

charts for extreme weather events. In Cancer there are no restrictions and he free to expand and float about like a great white whale in the open ocean. Tie him into that Uranus - Pluto square and there's no telling what you'll get given that now your friends, income and ego are involved. Take that to the worst case scenario for a few ideas what to lookout for. For example, volunteering to take all your friends on a cruise at your expense is probably not a good idea unless your income is up in the Donald Trump range. Fortunately, Jupiter will move on fairly quickly but look out in the meantime, at least until the Full Moon.

The good news is that the New Moon is in friendly aspect to this T-square which helps soften it or at least suggest some ways to deal with it. Coming from your 7th house of relationships it suggests that someone close to you or a business professional may be involved. This person or persons may be able to help you redefine or confirm your goals. They can also validate your as a person and meet your ego needs without breaking the bank as those people over there in the 11th house might do. They may even have some suggestions for how to manage your finances and change a few things there. So seek out someone you trust who knows you well to help with these challenges.

Another aspect worth noting on this lunation chart is a closed loop pattern connecting Mars, Saturn and your modern sign ruler, Neptune. Mars is in Leo, your 6th house of work, health, service and pets where he is providing you with drive and energy to pursue something new in this part of your life. Depending on how he aspects your chart this could be a case where you're under attack at work but hopefully that's not the case. However, if you are you'll know why. Remember that astrological energy is there whether you know it or not and if you don't use it then it will use you. Put it to work to your benefit and it helps keep it from coming at you in unfavorable ways.

Mars is squaring Saturn in fellow Water sign, Scorpio, your 9th house of beliefs, expectations, higher education, legal matters, philosophy of life, religion, politics, other cultures, long-distance travel and relocation. Saturn in this house suggests ambition and hard work achieving something in that area such as going to school. The square suggests this will be a challenge. Saturn is trining Neptune, however, in Pisces, sign of his dignity. This implies some inspiration is out there to help you with this endeavor. Mars is quincunx Neptune which suggests a slight change of course or other adjustment as you gain new insights. Maybe you're trying to proceed too fast or in the wrong direction. The sextile from Saturn to Pluto suggests close scrutiny of this goal and perhaps some major changes to your expectations.

The Full Moon on September 19 is in Pisces and opposite your natal Sun if your birthday is right around March 17. You'll be happy to know the T-square is gone even though the Pluto - Uranus square remains. Nonetheless, there are still a few things out there to watch out for. Jupiter is still in your 5th house of ego, creativity, children, romance and such but now he's squaring Mercury in Libra, your 8th house of transformations, death and rebirth, sex, debt, shared resources, things you suppress and intense experiences. This looks as if it could bring an intense experience of some sort involving a child or

romantic interest or it could simply be an event or situation that brings about a change in how you see yourself.

Saturn, the North Node and Venus are all in Scorpio, your 9th house of higher learning, beliefs, expectations, legal matters, religion, politics, philosophy of life, long-distance travel, other cultures and relocation which brings a lot of energy to this part of your life. This trio is part of another closed loop pattern also involving Mars and Uranus. The quincunx between those three in the 9th with Uranus in the 2nd suggests a change of direction or adjustment related to your income due to whatever is happening in the 9th. If you're involved in school or perhaps a law suit maybe you'll see some money come your way. Uranus is trining Mars, ruler of your 2nd house of income which is in your 6th house of work which suggests taking action in that area, perhaps getting a new job or income source. There are likely to be some challenges involved including an opportunity for important personal changes. Saturn and the North Node are sextile Pluto which suggests an opportunity to take control of a goal but financial issues may still present a challenge.

On September 22 the Sun goes into Libra, marking the autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and vernal equinox in the Southern. Whenever the Sun enters a Cardinal sign it denotes a season change and reflects the Earth's alignment with the Sun. On the equinoxes the Sun rises in due east and sets in due west with night and day of equal length. The astrological chart that reflects these ingresses typically reveals quite a bit about the season to come. They are used for astrometeorology (astrological weather prediction such as what you'll find in The Old Farmer's Almanac) as well as mundane and geopolitical astrology. I don't know how much they relate to individuals so am going to throw some stuff out there and welcome feedback whether or not it made any sense when viewed in retrospect a few months from now.

There's a new T-square in the ingress chart that comprises the Moon, Mars and a conjunction between Saturn and Venus. The Moon is in Taurus, your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and local travel which suggests emotional issues occupying your mind. Mars is still in your house of work and health which suggests conflict of some sort which could be emotionally taxing. Saturn, Venus and the North Node in your 9th imply something new is coming into that part of your life which may be goal related and have an important impact on you. However, there is a certain amount of tension involved, though this is not unusual with a job change or new situation.

Venus and Saturn are also quincunx Uranus, indicating a sudden or unexpected change of course with your finances. Venus is trining Jupiter, a harmonious aspect between two benefic planets which could bring benefits your way that may be career-related since Jupiter rules your 10th house of career and status. It could also indicate simply enjoying yourself through travel. Jupiter and Mercury are still squaring each other which could carry the same meaning as the Full Moon and involve a romantic interest or it could relate to a speculative matter that involves debt or shared resources. Pluto is still sextile Saturn which denotes an opportunity to transform a goal or could even be something like a friend assisting with learning material. Group activities related to politics or religion

are another possibility which can bring emotionally satisfying experiences and perhaps compensate for any job-related stress. This looks like a time when there will be some challenges of an emotional nature as well as significant changes, particularly to your finances. Make sure your needs are being met so you can keep your stress levels under control. Otherwise Mars in your 6th house could result in some health issues.

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