

Monthly Astrocast

April 2014



Key Events:

Lunations

Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse: 15 April 2014 (25:16 Libra)

New Moon/Solar Eclipse: 28/29 April 2014 (08:52 Taurus)

Retrograde Planets:

Pluto: 14 April - 23 September 2014
(13:35 - 10:59 Capricorn)

Shadow until 13 January 2015) -

Mars: 1 March 2014 - 20 May 2014
(27:37 - 09:02 Libra)

Shadow until 22 July 2014

Saturn: 2 March - 21 July 2014
(23:19 - 16:38 Scorpio)

Shadow until 27 October 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

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--Whobeda

Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This month there is as much activity as last with a little more drama attached as we converge on two eclipses and a Cardinal Grand Cross that has one corner in your sign. Just as a reminder, last month I talked about Mars retrograde and some of the key points of that cycle. Remember that Mars opposes the Sun on April 8 so mark your calendar to see if anything worthy of note occurs that day. If your birthday is right around July 11 that opposition will form a T-square with your Natal Sun which may make it even more interesting. Given the houses involved the situation is likely to involve the need to balance home and career which of course is an ongoing conflict for most people, anyway.

Pluto stations retrograde in Capricorn, your polar sign and 7th house of close relationships, on April 14. As noted in previous horos, a station packs a huge wallop of energy that of course will relate to the planet involved. Pluto is all about power, control, resolving past issues, eliminating things you no longer need and ultimately a cleansing and healing effect. If your birthday is right around July 6 you are most likely to notice this energy coming at you, especially since you also have Jupiter parked on your natal Sun as well. This aspect alone could indicate a power struggle between expanding your own interests and personal development versus the wishes of someone close to you. The 7th house includes your significant other, close friends and relatives, business professionals, cliental if you have your own business, competitors and open enemies so this covers quite a few. Thus, that power struggle could be with any of those individuals.

The day after Pluto stations there is a Full Moon that is also a Lunar Eclipse which means it has much more staying power. In other words, you could conceivably see the influence anywhere from before it actually occurs to months afterwards. The Sun/Moon will form a T-square with your Natal Sun if your birthday is right around July 18. The eclipse occurs in your 4th house of home environment, memories, cultural roots, endings and new beginnings. It's likely that lunar eclipses have an even stronger influence on you Crabs given that the Moon is your sign ruler. Often lunar eclipses primarily have an emotional effect with the solar eclipses more prone to bringing events. On the other hand, sometimes the emotional energy imparted by the lunar spurs you to action that reflects in the solar. No telling how it will operate for you but if you have anything you care to share on our [Facebook page](#) feel free! "Likes" are always appreciated, too. Follow us and be the first to know when these monthly horos are posted as well as when various blogs are posted, like the most recent on [Saturn Transits](#) and when my books are on sale in the [Kindle store](#). Reviews are always GREATLY appreciated on Amazon for the books as well.

Sorry for the brief commercial message and digression. The eclipse has a few interesting features worth noting. Whatever Jupiter is trying to expand in your home environment is receiving some assistance from Venus in Pisces, sign of her exaltation, and your 9th house of beliefs, expectations, legal matters, higher learning, politics, religion, long-distance travel, other cultures and relocation. With Neptune there for the long-haul, this part of your life is receiving all sorts of inspirational energy which will help you at this

time at the spiritual level and getting in touch with your higher self. Exploit that to the max, especially if that Grand Cross is causing you any difficulties, which I'll get to in a moment. For the eclipse Uranus, one of the corners of the Grand Cross, is conjunct Mercury, which suggests surprising or disruptive information that could relate to your career, reputation, public image or general status. This could very well kick-off what that Cardinal Grand Cross has in mind for you.

Jupiter, while busily working at expanding your personal growth, is also squaring Uranus. While Jupiter is often thought of as a benefic planet, in reality that is largely because he exaggerates what he touches. When that happens to be a pleasant influence, such as a trine to Venus, all is well, but if it's an aspect to one of the not so nice planets, such as Mars, Saturn, Pluto or Uranus, then their oftentimes malefic energy is also increased. The bad news with this Grand Cross is that Jupiter is in cahoots with Mars, Pluto and Uranus. While the Grand Cross is active all month and then some, all four planets are in the same degree (13 degrees) of their respective signs on April 22. Aspects in the same degree are called partile and have additional strength, as you would expect. There's a lot of talk about this one on the mundane astrology scene since the U.S. Chart has its Sun at 13 degrees Cancer and Vladimir Putin has his natal Sun at 13 degrees Libra. I, for one, will be more surprised if nothing happens as opposed to anything that might. But that's another story and more suitable for another blog post.

So we've talked about Uranus stirring things up on the career or status scene and how that may bring conflict to your personal life. Add to that Mars in your 4th house of home environment, which is opposing Uranus and squaring Jupiter. Mars is retrograde, as discussed last month, which tends to make Mars more passive aggressive. It is also a time to go back, backup, redo or simply experience a case of inertia that makes it hard to get motivated and get anything done. In other words, if you're trying to accomplish anything on the home front it is probably not progressing as you would like. Mars is in Libra, sign of his debility, which inhibits him even more. Think of what it's like to drive with the emergency brake on and you get some idea.

Last but not least is Pluto in your 7th house of relationships as described earlier. Remember the energy boost this bad boy has due to stationing retrograde. In fact, he will be in that degree until the first week of June. Whatever is going on at home and careerwise are tied into him as well so you can see how these four important areas of your life are all in conflict with one another at this time so if your life seems a bit crazy you probably don't have to look any farther than this for the reason.

On the positive side, however, Saturn is trining Venus in your 9th house of beliefs. Saturn is retrograde, a time when your subconscious is processing something that needs to be restructured or rebuilt which is likely to relate to your 5th house which includes your ego definition, children, creativity, romance, entertainment and speculation. Venus, ruler of your 11th house of friends, networking and goals as well as your 4th of home environment, will thus bring you some assistance that could hail from one of those areas. This looks like moral support which is always appreciated, especially when challenges

abound. If your birthday is between July 11 - 14 these two will form a Grand Water Trine with your natal Sun which will tie in nicely with Jupiter's work.

The Solar Eclipse on April 29 still has the Grand Cross in effect with the eclipse itself in Taurus, your 11th house of friends, networking, groups, organizations, hopes, wishes and goals. Mercury is conjunct the eclipse which implies information coming your way that's related to this part of your life. That trio is also trining Pluto, suggesting favorable influences on your relationship issues hailing from this area as well, whether it's good advice from a friend or support moving toward a goal. Saturn and Venus are still in aspect, also, and while Mars is still doing the backstroke until May 20, you may discover what his mission is all about and recognize any course changes that need to be made.

This is very likely to be an interesting month. Astrologically it is loaded with somewhat explosive potential. Already this year has seen a lot of tension and trouble which is likely to reach its peak this month or in the months that follow. Astrologically it wouldn't surprise me if, as the Preppers say, the SHTF. Time will tell.

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