

Monthly Astrocast

March 2014



Key Events:

Lunations

New Moon: 1 March 2014 (10:39 Pisces)

Full Moon: 16 March 2014 (26:02 Virgo)

New Moon: 30 March 2014 (09:59 Aries)

Retrograde Planets:

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

Mercury: February 6 - 27, 2014
(03:20 Pisces - 18:10 Aquarius)

Shadow until March 21, 2014

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

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—Whabeda

Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This month is a very active one as far as astrological events are concerned with three lunations, two retrograde stations, one direct station and the Aries ingress, marking the equinox and start of a new season which also constitutes the astrological "new year." Three of those events occur within a little over 32 hours of one another which means their charts are so similar they can virtually be considered as one with their effects blending amongst varying longevity. They get started appropriately with the New Moon on March 1 which occurs in Pisces, your 11th house of friends, groups, organizations, goals, hopes and wishes suggesting something new is coming your way in that part of your life. Pisces' ruler, Neptune is in that sign as well and conjunct the lunation providing additional Piscean punch which includes inspiration, a sense of other-worldliness, or at worst a total lack of ambition in favor of daydreaming which is not always a bad thing. Sometimes the best thing you can do is sit back and contemplate your life which is likely to be what the Universe has had in mind this year. If your birthday is right around May 1 this should bring an opportunity your way but getting started on it is likely to encounter some delays.

Looking at the features of this lunation it has some reinforcement from Jupiter and Pluto, both of which can be of further benefit. Jupiter is in your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and local travel where he has been retrograde since November which internalizes his energy such that ethics and philosophical issues are emphasized. These ponderings are likely to relate to this lunation in some way and future goals. Pluto in Capricorn, your 9th house of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, long-distance travel, other cultures and relocation, will also be helping you examine this part of your life and get rid of anything that no longer serves you. Think about how you were raised, what cultural or familial norms were instilled in your psyche that you have since found no longer suit you. Pluto's connection with the New Moon suggests the possibility of new friends, associations or goals that reflect ridding yourself of these outmoded beliefs. Pluto is also about power and control which suggests assuming responsibility for this part of your life or perhaps, if you don't, encountering people who will do it for you. If your birthday is right around May 4 this influence is likely to be stronger. At any rate, this New Moon holds opportunities to redefine your beliefs and discover new friends and goals to pursue. Your birthday is only a few months away at this point when you will experience your solar return and start a new personal cycle so this is the perfect time to be thinking about future endeavors.

One thing to bear in mind, however, is that long-term T-square between Pluto, Uranus and Jupiter. It has been there a while and will remain for several months so it's worth pointing out as background noise if nothing else. You may not even be aware of wanting

to break away from old beliefs since this could simply be rumbling around in your subconscious mind. Old thoughts and beliefs don't die easily and as a Fixed sign you hang onto them even tighter than others. Change is not easy for you and you much prefer the status quo which is familiar and gives you a sense of security which you value significantly. There will definitely be some resistance in your conscious mind but your subconscious has other ideas which this New Moon will support. Retrograde planets, both in the recent past and those upcoming will support this change as well, giving you a comfortable amount of time to get things figured out.

Just to recap the planetary Retrograde Relay that's been out there, in December your sign ruler, Venus, started things out near the end of that month and through January. Her message is typically directed at identifying what you value and then going after it as opposed to waiting for it to come to you. This occurred in Capricorn, your 9th house of beliefs and such as noted earlier, so think about any attitude changes you've experienced since then. In February Mercury went retrograde, starting in Pisces, your 11th house as defined earlier, then kept going into Aquarius, your 10th house of career, reputation, public image and status which typically is a time to rethink and redo. So already that process of contemplation and change is active.

A little over 8 hours after the New Moon Mars stations retrograde. The only thing that has changed since the lunation is that the Sun and Moon have moved a little but they're still in the same sign with the same aspects. Mars is the key player now, however, and this is the perfect time to take a break and read more about the Mars RX cycle [here](#). This article explains what to watch for and when with the exception of the Sun - Mars trine that happened February 14, i.e. Valentine's Day, when you may have experienced a burst of energy toward a certain goal. you should mark the dates mentioned in that article on your calendar so you can see what develops at those times and act upon them accordingly. Mars is in Libra, your 6th house of work, service, health and pets so look to this part of your life for hints. However, as Mars stations RX on March 1 you may find your enthusiasm for whatever that may have been is likely to diminish. Venus, your sign ruler, is squaring Mars in the station chart which indicates conflict. If you've been thinking of going after a new job or project, you may now discover that you will need to go back to school in order to qualify or you may doubt your abilities. The good news, however, is that you are patient by nature and understand the concept of obtaining what you want in a slow, methodical manner. Maybe initially you thought you could do it and now you're having doubts but that doesn't mean it can't be done with the correct preparation. Mars RX will help you figure out what that may entail.

Now enter Saturn, who about 4 minutes short of a day later also stations RX on March 2 in your polar sign, Scorpio, which is your 7th house of close relationships including your significant other, close friends and relatives, business partners and professionals, competitors and open enemies. The basic mission of Saturn RX is to stir up something in your subconscious, which is already being acted upon by Uranus as noted earlier. You may not have any idea what this is but it's likely to involve a person who resides in your 7th house. If your birthday is right around May 14 this effect will be more pronounced. When Saturn stations direct (July 21) you are likely to recognize something that needs to

be restructured, probably about one of your relationships. By the time Saturn comes out of his RX shadow period, which means he gets back to the degree of the zodiac where he went retrograde, you will probably have gotten all your ducks in a row with respect to this matter. Your status is likely to be involved in some way and could involve money, your possessions or something else you value. Some restrictions are likely to be involved and also bear in mind that Saturn RX is notorious for delays and obstacles. These are intended to direct your thinking and slow things down as you gradually put things together. Saturn's chart has one change from the others in that by this time the Moon has gone into Aries which can help you further with your subconscious ruminations by tying in your emotions which tend to strengthen your commitment.

On March 6 Jupiter stations direct. As noted earlier when he's RX his influence is usually to point out ethical and philosophical arguments which have probably been bouncing around in your head for quite a while as you observe what's going on around you. Jupiter is generally considered a benefic or good planet but in reality he's quite neutral. He expands upon what he touches but that is not always favorable. Remember he's involved in that ongoing T-square so when he goes direct rather than being contemplative he will expand upon the action going on with eliminating old beliefs at the subconscious level, which can reinforce Saturn's mission as well. On the positive side, Jupiter will also increase any inspiration coming your way as new goals come into view that you want to pursue. Again your emotions are likely to be engaged and provide additional motivation.

The Full Moon on March 16 is in fellow Earth Sign, Virgo, your 5th house of ego definition or how you see yourself, creative expression, children, romance, entertainment and speculation. Typically a Full Moon brings an ending, culmination or shift to a new phase which will be related to this part of your life. This chart has several aspects known as a quincunx which indicate the need for a change of direction, adjustment, justifying your position or perhaps a Catch-22. It tends to be uncomfortable, demand change and is often unpredictable as well. This could mark the shift that nudges you in a new direction all around, even though it may be subtle. It is in support of the retrograde planets and their message so rest assured that it is all part of a larger plan.

On March 20 the Sun enters Aries, throwing light on your subconscious and other matters that reside in the 12th house such as imagination, dreams, visions, enlightenment, seclusion, confinement, institutions, hidden enemies and self-undoing or what I often refer to as the angels and demons house. Since there is a lot going on in that part of your life these days having the Sun in there can be quite helpful as far as bringing these matters to light. If you're hoping for a career or status change you may identify that at this time and start in that direction. Goal setting is favored which will have a strong imaginative component. Thinking clearly may be difficult but sometimes letting your imagination take over in that department is best. Numerous motivational speakers like Dr. Robert Anthony (see the link at the top of the page) talk about the important of visualizing your intentions and how they put the Universe on notice to deliver. If you can visualize it you can attain it so don't let logic get in the way at this point.

The New Moon on March 30 is also in Aries and conjunct Uranus. If there is something in your subconscious you need to break away from this can assist with that process. This lunation does emphasize that ongoing T-square, however, so it's possible that a crisis could arise that draws attention to the matter. There is positive assistance out there, however, which will reinforce the working of Mars and Saturn RX. Remember their work won't be done for a while but it is an iterative process that doesn't happen overnight. Rather it will proceed in the manner of line upon line, precept upon precept, gently guiding you toward where you choose to go.

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