

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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—Whobeda

Lunations and Long-term Aspects

This month there is so much astrological activity to look at that my head is spinning, especially since I'm writing this while Mercury is still retrograde which is always a tough time for me since I have a Virgo ascendant and he rules my chart. Mercury is your sign's ruling planet so these spells probably affect you fairly strongly as well. All that aside, let's see what's coming up.

March 1 has both a New Moon as well as Mars stationing retrograde. These cosmic events occur a little over 8 hours apart so the charts are extremely similar which simplifies things a little as far as explaining their effects. However, it's important to realize that there is a substantial difference in how long they will last. While a New Moon's chart will only last until the next one occurs a month later (or as some astrologers believe until six months later when a Full Moon occurs in the same sign, something I haven't personally investigated), the Mars RX chart will be in effect until he goes direct on 20 May. Station charts are powerful since the planet remains in the same degree for an extended amount of time and if you were to observe it in the sky you could see this is true. In fact, many years ago when I was in college I did a project for an astronomy class that involved photographing Mars as he went through a retrograde cycle and thus documenting the loop it traced in the sky. Mars is currently in Libra, sign of his debility, and you can see him rise in the East (where all the planets as well as Sun and Moon rise) shortly after sunset if you're so inclined. When he's in Libra his self-directed energy is often held back as others are involved in one way or another.

So let's start with the New Moon in your polar sign, Pisces which is likely to initiate something new related to your 7th house of close relationships which includes your significant other, close friends and relatives, business partners, business professionals, competitors and open enemies. If your birthday is right around September 3 this lunation will oppose your natal Sun, giving it a stronger influence. The lunation is in somewhat wide but viable conjunction with Neptune, giving this New Moon even more Piscean energy. Pisces' energy is extremely different than Virgo. While your sign tends to be practical, realistic and detail-oriented to say nothing of critical, Pisces is dreamy, other-worldly, filled with illusions and hard to define. Pisces is also compassionate and the sign of both the martyr and savior. With this sign on your 7th house cusp you may be inclined to rescue people and help those who need assistance, especially since Virgo is the sign that rules service. At any rate, bear in mind that someone new is likely to come your way who is also going to tie into the messages from the retrograde planets. Your friends, group associations and goals are also going to be involved, making this an excellent time to give your goals serious thought, particularly if they relate to your finances.

Your finances are involved because Mars is stationing retrograde in your 2nd house which includes your income, finances, possessions, needs, comforts and pleasures as well as what you value. As you may recall, Venus, who was retrograde back in the end of December through January, was calling attention to what you value as well as providing some motivation to go after what you want. There is quite a relay of retrograde planets in play this year and how each hands off to the next can provide insights toward what you should be considering at this time. At this point it would help this make more sense if you read about Mars retrograde [here](#). That article mentions that when Mars trined the Sun previous to going retrograde, which occurred on February 14, you may have experienced a considerable burst of energy which will now fall flat. Mars retrograde is also often related to redoing something or confronting something you did during the last Mars RX period that you now may learn something from, such as a purchase that may have been a bit impulsive. This is probably not a very good time to make a major purchase. It's different than Mercury RX but could definitely relate to Mars-ruled items such as sporting goods. Venus is squaring Mars which has several implications. For example, something involving your children, any romantic interests, or creative endeavors may conflict with your financial plans. For example, you were planning to buy a new car when you find out one of your kids is going to need braces. Venus rules your house of money so she has a little extra influence from that. If you draw your income from creative endeavors this may not be a particularly lucrative time or if you have an expensive hobby maybe you'll need to put that on hold.

Your sign ruler, Mercury, is in your 6th house of work, health and pets which is favorable for your mental activity in that part of your life but you may find some conflicts with your boss holding you back. This derives from Saturn who's stationing retrograde in your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings and neighbors and being squared by Mercury. Your creative endeavors or anything else associated with your 5th house of children, romance, entertainment, creativity, speculation or self-expression are likely to be stifled somewhat or encounter resistance. Letting go of something such as your ego may be required but then open the way toward a new relationship that will prove helpful. Remember this is something that is likely to be in effect for months and be sure to mark those dates mentioned on the Mars retrograde page on your calendar. If you don't use the astrological energy it will use you so those are times to be aware and put it to work in your favor.

Saturn stations retrograde on March 2 in your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and local travel. Saturn retrograde is notorious of obstacles and delays. This is highly likely to be related to your work and ideas concerning it. If your birthday is right around September 16 this will have a stronger effect but will ultimately work to your advantage through bringing a new opportunity your way. So even though some delays or challenges may ensue, if you play your cards right it's going to be to your benefit and bring about a change of direction. The usual way things play out for Saturn RX involves restructuring something. In your 3rd house this could actually involve how you think about something which of course also brings in your attitude. In my experience Virgo's critical nature can sometimes result in negativity because we are surrounded by an extremely imperfect world. However, that is not going to change anytime soon so you'd

do well to start practicing seeing the cup as half full instead of half empty. Letting go of pride and allowing new people and friends into your life can be beneficial and even life-changing.

Uranus is currently plodding along in your 8th house of transformations which can come about through rapid change or perhaps breaking away from something in your past you need to let go. Much of this will operate at the subconscious level during the retrograde period but when Saturn goes direct 21 July you should be aware of what that restructuring activity is. Then your charge is to actually move toward the restructuring which should be mostly complete by the time Saturn exits the shadow period which is the end of October. By this time you will have had another solar return and be into a new cycle. So you can see that this is a long-term work in progress but it will be to your benefit to elevate your awareness of how these may be playing out in your life so you can go with the cosmic flow.

Jupiter stations direct on March 6. This occurs in Cancer, your 11th house of friends, groups, networking, associations and goals and is sextile your Natal Sun, an aspect that usually brings an opportunity, if your birthday is right around September 3, reinforcing the New Moon. This is definitely a time to pay attention to your relationships and networking activities. Jupiter rules your 4th house of home environment, cultural roots, memories, endings and new beginnings so will have an influence there as well. Those conflict and lack of progress at work may still be a challenge but taking a philosophical view of the situation can help keep it in the proper perspective. There is always something to learn during a retrograde period and progress is usually at a snail's pace so bear that in mind to minimize your frustration level, which tends to be high enough in this imperfect world.

The Full Moon on 16 March is in your sign and on your natal Sun if your birthday happens to be right around September 19. A Full Moon usually brings an ending, culmination or shift to a new phase. This could bring a change of direction at work as well as various other tweaks that are going to relate to what Mars RX and Saturn RX have up their cosmic sleeves. This could bring some favorable job action, possibly through networking, a bit of luck or your own persistence pursuing your goals. These could come as a surprise or bring a certain degree of freedom, even though some effort and challenge will be required on your part. But you have a strong work ethic and aren't afraid of a little work.

The Sun goes into Aries on 20 March, bringing a new flavor of energy that is considerably different than Pisces. This is the sign of the warrior, even though his energy may be a bit inhibited by his sign ruler, Mars, doing the backstroke in the sign of his debility. Whatever change comes about at the Full Moon is likely to get some reinforcement at this time, perhaps giving you some extra motivation to take on new challenges.

The New Moon on March 30 is in Aries and is quincunx your natal Sun if your birthday is right around September 2. A quincunx usually indicates a change of direction, the

need to justify your position or similar situation. It is often a somewhat awkward and uncomfortable energy that requires adjustment or change. Your best bet for dealing with it is some inspiration coupled with optimism, even if it's not obvious what benefit can result. This lunation is conjunct Uranus giving it a strong element of surprise. This is all going on in your 8th house of transformation, sex, death and regeneration, intense experiences, debt, shared resources and things you suppress. Thus, some caution is advised around this time as this is a lot of energy in a house that has a rather inglorious reputation. Your sign ruler is in Pisces at this time, sign of his debility and fall, which means your ability to think clearly may be inhibited. However, you may be able to obtain some inspired advice from someone close to you with regard to how to handle the situation.

Meanwhile, if you haven't marked those dates associated with Mars retrograde as noted [here](#) then please do so now so that you watch for important but possible subtle happenings at that time which you should leverage to your advantage.

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