

Monthly Astrocast



Key Events:

Lunations

Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse: 8 October 2014 (15:05 Aries)

New Moon/Solar Eclipse: 23 October 2014 (00:25 Scorpio)

Retrograde Planets:

Mercury 4 - 25 October 2014

(02:19 Scorpio - 16:46 Libra)

Shadow until 11 November 2014

Uranus 21 July - 20 December 2014

(16:30 Aries - 12:34 Aries)

Shadow until 8 April 2015

Neptune 9 June - 16 November 2014

(07:35 Pisces - 04:48 Pisces)

Shadow until 7 March 2015

Saturn: 2 March - 21 July 2014

(23:19 - 16:38 Scorpio)

Shadow until 27 October 2014

Pluto: 14 April - 23 September 2014

(13:35 - 10:59 Capricorn)

Shadow until 13 January 2015

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—Whobeda

Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The first astrological event this month worthy of note is that your sign ruler, Mercury, goes into another one of his retrograde gigs on October 4 and remains that way until October 25, effectively honking up the better part of the month. Given that Virgo wants and expects things to go right, which I can relate to since I have a Virgo ascendant, this is typically a rather frustrating time. This starts out in Scorpio, your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and local travel then backs into Libra, your 2nd house of income, possessions, finances, needs, comforts and pleasures.

I know, yuck, I agree, I don't like it any more than you do, but I just report on the behavior of the planets and believe me, they don't much give a flip what I think about it. The good news, if there is any, is that there is a purpose designed by the Universe as a whole for these spells and that is to rethink, replan, reconsider, rework, redefine and re about anything which is likely to center upon the houses involved.

The RX station will sextile your natal Sun if your birthday is right around August 26. This being a soft aspect which often brings an opportunity, this could very well turn out to be a good thing. In your 3rd house of thoughts this is a great time to rethink or reconsider something. In your 2nd it's great for repairing and maintaining your various possessions or perhaps reworking your budget. Venus is in Libra, a sign she rules, which is a favorable influence as a rule which should be helpful. Reassessing (there's another re word) your financial situation from time to time is always a good idea and you like to keep things in proper running order so if you go with the flow as opposed to fighting against it you may find it can be a time to look forward to rather than dread.

A year or so ago I had Mercury RX in my solar return which meant it was with me the entire year. I must admit I was less than happy when I saw that but as it turned out I got a lot done, finishing up things I had started previously. Figuring out how to use cosmic energy rather than have it use you is always in your best interest. Mercury is trining Neptune in Pisces, your polar sign and 7th house of close relationships which also suggests relationships may be involved. Neptune can bring inspiration so perhaps someone close to you whether its your significant other, close friend or relative, business partner, business professional or even a competitor may provide some insights you'll find useful.

There's a Grand Fire Trine forming which will last for a little more than the first week of the month to take note of as well. This brings a lot of energy but could be in the form of a virtual brush fire. Mars is in Sagittarius, your 4th house of home environment which suggests a lot of action in that part of your life. Also included here are memories, cultural roots, endings and new beginnings so it may not directly involve your home. Uranus is in Aries, your 8th house of transformations, sex, death and rebirth, intense experiences, shared resources, debt and things you suppress which suggests a variety of surprises and unexpected events in this area, which is actually nothing new because he's been there for a while. However, with him tied into Mars whatever is going on in the 4th is going to have the potential to be life-changing.

Jupiter in Leo is the 3rd component of this aspect pattern with Leo your 12th house which I sometimes dub the house of angels and demons. It includes inspiration, enlightenment, spirituality, confinement, seclusion, institutions, the collective consciousness, your subconscious mind, hidden enemies and self-defeating behaviors. While the 8th and 12th houses tend to have a less than favorable reputation since they include some heavy stuff, they are not really bad *per se*. When I worked at NASA one particular group had the unofficial motto *Mutaceo Mallus*, faux-Latin for "Change is Bad." However, change can also be good. If you're not ecstatic with the status quo then change can be very much what you want. The simplest delineation is that you will take action on a new endeavor which will bring transformational change and new expanded insights.

The Full Moon on October 8 is also a Lunar Eclipse which gives it a lot more oomph and staying power. The Grand Fire Trine is not only still active but being emphasized by the lunation with the Moon conjunct Uranus and the Sun just upstream from Venus in your 2nd house of money. The Sun forms a sextile pattern with Mars and Jupiter, which is likely to bring some opportunities to watch for. Remember that Mercury is doing the backstroke, however, so the emphasis should relate to rethinking or redoing as opposed to an entirely new endeavor. Now could be the time to go back and do something you should have done in the past or redo something you didn't get quite right the first time.

The New Moon on October 23 is also a Solar Eclipse, giving this one a little extra punch as well. This is only a partial eclipse which is unfortunate because its path goes across the United States including Texas where I happen to be, up through the Midwest into Canada, over Alaska and the tip of Russia. You can see the map [here](#). Venus is conjunct the eclipse which makes it interesting but Venus is in debility in Scorpio so not on her best behavior. She can be a bit too possessive, passionate, intense and jealous in this sign which could affect your thinking.

The Sun, Moon and Venus are all trining Neptune, again suggesting input from someone you know. Whether or not you can trust it is up to you to decide since Neptune can inspire but likewise deceive or provide illusions. Saturn is in Scorpio as well with Jupiter moving into a square which suggests a challenge which will increase your sense of structure or responsibility. Trusting your subconscious is suggested as a good source, i.e. your intuition should serve you well. Just make sure you know the difference between intuition and emotion.

Mercury stations direct on October 25 in Libra while opposing Uranus in your 8th house of transformations. This could bring the need for balance as a change settles in relative to your finances or some other 2nd house matter. There could be some issues from the past to deal with which may also involve eliminating something you no longer need or cleaning up some old mess. The shadow period, i.e. the time until Mercury assumes the position where he stationed RX, lasts until November 11. If possible, wait until then to start new endeavors.

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