

Monthly Astrocast

August 2009



Key Events:

Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse (13:43 Aquarius): August 5, 2009

New Moon (27:32 Leo): August 20, 2009

Retrograde Planets:

Pluto: April 4 - September 10, 2009
Neptune: May 29 - November 3, 2009
Jupiter: June 15 - October 12, 2009
Uranus: July 1 - November 30, 2009

Long-term Aspects and Lunations

This month's Full [Moon](#) is another [eclipse](#), further reinforcing the ones from the 11-South family in the Saros series that occurred in July. Their theme comprises sudden reforms, finding new approaches to old problems by thinking outside the box, and the sudden and possibly forceful removal of any obstacles, probably without any intervention on your part. This one occurs in your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors and short journeys, implying numerous new ways of looking at things will definitely be coming your way which will highlight your existing beliefs and expectations and probably challenge them in some way. The effects of an eclipse can appear before it actually occurs or in other cases not for months, but it will be up to something so keep an eye out.

Some of the aspects accompanying this eclipse that will yield further hints toward its effect include a Triangle of Potential that comprises Pluto, Venus and Mercury at the apex. This particular combination implies that your finances or other possessions are under intense scrutiny and in the process of a transformation. In this economy, this is obviously not rocket science. Venus is a "friendly," however, and she's assisting matters in your 8th House of debt and other people's money, so if you have something going on there, such as trying to refinance your house or digging out of debt, she should provide some assistance. Mercury at the apex is the leverage you need to solve whatever dilemma may be out there in this regard and he's in your 10th House of career and reputation, which implies that information and news from this part of your life will provide the data you need to figure things out. It's also possible that your stability or lack thereof in this area will determine your fate if you're trying to get a loan. In other words, if you have a stable career, the rest will work out and vice versa.

Another aspect to watch is that ongoing stellium comprising your Sign Ruler, Jupiter, Neptune, and the asteroid, Chiron. I'm still trying to figure out all the things that this trio could do, for good or for evil. Jupiter is almost always good with the worst he usually does to inspire over-confidence. Neptune and Chiron, however, can go either way so I don't trust them. This trio is hanging out in your 3rd House of thoughts and ideas, the same place as the Full Moon. This is your mental plane as well as your neighborhood and short journeys. Neptune can provide anything from glorious inspiration to harmful delusions, both of which could turn up in your thoughts and ideas at this time. Thus, take advantage of the insights, but realize that what you're seeing may not be real. Think about it as a movie which is very pleasant, inspiring, and looks real, yet really isn't. Until you actually get to that place and see whether its constituents are tangible, take it with the proverbial grain of salt.

Chiron typically involves injury or hurt, though it can be either its infliction or healing. Chiron in your Natal Chart indicates the part of your life where you'll experience wounding with the inherent challenge to take that experience and render assistance to others with similar experiences. How this will operate on your mental plane has a variety of possibilities. For example, you could potentially hurt yourself with unrealistic or idealistic thoughts or you may be able to help someone else by providing some

inspiration to solve their dilemma, possibly all the above. It's a rare and interesting combination and it's up to you how to utilize the energy and direct it in the most positive manifestation. Be aware that it's there and then employ it with full knowledge of its delusional potential.

An aspect pattern to note in this eclipse is a trine between Mars and the Moon. Mars is in your 7th House of relationships, which implies disagreements or conflicts with those close to you, yet he's in favorable aspect to the Moon. Thus, if someone close to you is providing a "Devil's advocate" type of argument, it would behoove you to listen as it is likely to be useful. I would even encourage others to provide you with conflicting views to your own, particularly when you consider that the aforementioned stellium could have a detrimental effect on your ability to see things as they really are. Mars is also squaring Saturn, which implies more conflict, this time with either an authority figure related to your career or reputation or some other type of clash in that area.

The New Moon on the 20th comes trailing a plethora of interesting aspects that will further advance the effects of the eclipse. The Sun/Moon conjunction, the definition of a New Moon, occurs in Leo, your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, legal matters, other cultures, relocation and long-distance travel. The 9th House should be familiar territory for you since Sagittarius comprises the zodiacal 9th House and the New Moon implies something new coming into your life in this area with the attending aspects yielding further hints regarding what it could be.

First of all there's a T-square comprising Saturn, Mercury, Uranus and Mars. The house placement of these planets indicates this will involve a conflict with someone close to you related to your responsibilities associated with your career, status or reputation and also include unexpected events within your home environment. This implies that something on the home front is going to stir things up and the people involved will either be related to your career, close friends, or family members. Also note that the New Moon opposes that stellium comprising Jupiter, Neptune and Chiron, so a tug-o-war may ensue between your thoughts (possibly denial or unrealistic expectations) and whatever it's trying to bring into your life.

There are three ToPs with this lunation as well. Two involve the New Moon itself with the first one pulling in Neptune and Mars. Mars is in the driver's seat from your House of close relationships which includes close friends, relatives, business partners, your significant other and if you're in business for yourself your cliental. This definitely implies that you should listen to what these people close to you have to say. Another one includes Pluto and Mars. Pluto is digging around in your finances and possessions and his opposition to Mars implies that these problems have been one of the sources of conflict with those close to you. Right now you're probably thinking, "Tell me something I don't already know." Try this: That New Moon and whatever it is trying to bring into your life is the key to resolving that conflict. Review those 9th House elements again: higher learning, relocation, long distance travel, beliefs and expectations, foreign cultures. Do you need to go back to school? Move? Change your attitude? Look at foreign investments? Give it some deep, serious thought.

The last ToP involves Saturn, Mercury, Uranus and Venus. This brings your career responsibilities and whatever those unexpected events at home happen to be with the deciding factor something favorable related to your 9th House (see choices above). In other words, if something good is calling your name then you need to listen up because it could resolve whatever that home/career dilemma happens to be. A change of course is indicated in all this that involves those changes at home so don't be afraid to make any necessary adjustments in that area.

The final aspect to consider in this New Moon is a yod, also known as the Finger of God. These typically will point you in a new direction that will necessitate some course changes. In this case the new direction is indicated by that suspicious stellium between Jupiter, Neptune and Chiron. Therefore you should look to some of those inspired ideas for a potential solution, bearing in mind the theme of that eclipse included sudden reforms and finding new solutions; also remember its promise that obstacles would be removed. The foundation for this new direction lies in opportunities developing between your experience and level of responsibility in your career and willingness to trust in the possibility for a positive transformation. Sag's are naturally endowed with a philosophical nature that will serve you well as you wrestle with everything these lunations are throwing your way. Trust in your sense of adventure and natural optimism as you sort through the slew of data, information and opportunities coming your way as well as its long-term effects on you and those close to you.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

August 1 - 3: Financial matters and how to resolve them will be a subject of deep contemplation today. Mercury enters Virgo on the 2nd, your 10th House of career and reputation, stimulating thoughts and ideas and perhaps the receipt of additional data for the next three weeks, so make good use of it.

August 5: The Full Moon/lunar eclipse occurs on this date as described above.

August 7 - 10: Information pertaining to your career as it relates to either your debts or perhaps a significant personal transformation will present an opportunity for your consideration. Someone close to you will present an opposing view; consider what they have to say carefully.

August 13 - 14: A conversation with someone else within your inner circle will provide some new thoughts, encouragement or inspiration that may oppose your current beliefs, but should also be considered as important information.

August 17: This is likely to be a significant day with lots of things converging in preparation for the New Moon a few days later. Some things to watch out for today include some good input from someone close to you that stimulates your beliefs or inclination toward something going on with respect to your 9th House of higher education, long-distance travel, relocation and so forth as described above. Ideas pertaining to your responsibilities and career experience are also likely and giving your

dreams a reality check. A change of course will come to mind, and again someone close to you will reinforce your thoughts in that direction.

August 18 - 19: That change of course is going to affect your home environment in some way and considerations of that will be in the forefront. Someone close to you, probably your significant other, may not be in favor of what you're thinking at this time. Nonetheless, that yod is all lined up and pushing you toward pursuing your dreams.

August 20: The New Moon occurs on this date as noted above.

August 21 - 23: News, thoughts, or information relative to your career could disrupt things at home. Make sure what you're trying to accomplish is realistic. Unexpected events will work in your favor once the Sun goes into Virgo, your House of career, and brings more emphasis to the events in progress. Favorable news of a financial nature, though conflicts with someone close to you will continue over a career, status or reputation issue.

August 25: Mercury goes into Libra, stimulating news and communications from your friends, coworkers and any networking you've done. Mars goes into Cancer as well, reducing the confrontations from those close to you, but don't take any unnecessary chances until mid-October as the chances for accidents will be increased.

August 26 - 27: News of an unfavorable nature relative to your finances is likely and may increase your debt load in some way. Taking a long, hard look at a better way to approach them is advisable. Venus goes into Leo, which will bring some favorable luck to whatever you're trying to accomplish as far as going back to school, relocating, or whatever, but a change of course is required with respect to your finances.

August 28: Opportunities will still be coming your way through friends, organizations, coworkers or the world at large. Keep your eyes and ears open and be prepared to act upon them quickly. Windows of opportunity don't stay open forever.

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