

# Monthly Astrocast

*December 2009*



Full Moon (10:15 Gemini): December 2, 2009  
Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse (10:15 Cancer): December 31, 2009

New Moon (24:40 Sagittarius): December 16, 2009

*Retrograde Planets:*

Mars: December 20, 2009 - March 10, 2010  
Mercury: December 26, 2009 - January 14, 2010

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*--Whobeda*

### *Lunations and Long-Term Aspects*

This month there are some long-term effects that will be active well into next year as well as three lunations, including a New Year's Lunar Eclipse, which should kick-start 2010 in an interesting way. One aspect, that Saturn - Pluto square, was exact on November 15 and was described in [last month's horoscope](#). These two outer planets are slow movers anyway, but it is further protracted by retrograde motion. The aspect will be exact again on January 31 and last until mid-March. It will resume again between July 22 - September 16, however, making this an ongoing theme for a large part of 2010 so you may as well give this some serious thought regarding what the Universe expects you to learn in this regard.

All planets and their aspects have a specific energy and it has both a negative and positive manifestation. Two astrological "bad boys" like Pluto and Saturn can be a bit harder to manage than others, however, and they have been known to kick butt in a less than gentle manner as necessary so that their lessons are learned. Pluto may have been demoted to a dwarf planet, but he continually proves that size does not matter. He is bigger than any person and can definitely have his way with you if you turn a deaf ear to his tutoring.

Saturn is in your 4th House of home environment and Pluto is in your 7th House of relationships. Both of these are angular houses, which give them more energy than the other eight. Thus, a long-term transit that involves them is going to manifest itself more strongly in your life than some of the others. Obviously, these are important areas of your life, particularly for Crabs since Cancer rules the zodiacal 4th House. Home and family are at the top of your list and if there's anything stressful going on there it will have a significant effect. A square is a hard aspect that implies the energies are "squared off" or in conflict, so you can expect various challenges in this area unless everything in these parts of your life are in perfect order. One thing about planetary transits is that you hardly notice them if you don't need them. The Universe is simply trying to help you evolve as a person and provide experiences that will help you progress. If you have a particular area under control in a healthy way, there's no need for tutoring, effectively providing you with immunity.

On the other hand, if you're dysfunctional or ignoring a situation that requires attention, they will rub your nose in it sooner or later. You may ask why some people make it to old age and still have issues if this is the case. We can fight against this energy all we want since we have our free will, but it will not make us happy in the long run. If you know anyone who's getting up there in years who is pretty messed up, chances are they've been ignoring life's lessons and are in a serious state of denial. Resistance is futile and these unfortunate souls will have to deal with it in the next life, like it or not. Obviously you don't want to be one of them or you wouldn't be reading your horoscope and seeking understanding, so here's what the Universe has in mind for you.

Saturn is all about authority figures, responsibility, obligations, delays, structure, hard lessons, and maturity. He can sometimes manifest as an older mentor-type who provides

advice and guidance along the path of life and also represents not only how we feel about authority and responsibility but how well we assume it. For example, if you have Saturn retrograde in your Natal Chart you probably have a difficult time assuming authority, even when it's rightfully yours to wield. With Saturn transiting Libra, which represents your 4th House of home environment, he will bring out lessons along these lines, particularly if you've been letting something slide. This could even show up within your physical home in the form of structural or foundation problems.

Pluto is in Capricorn, your 7th House of close relationships. This includes your significant other, close friends and relatives, business partners, clients if you're in business for yourself and also open enemies, competitors or opponents. The main thing to bear in mind about Pluto is that he's about rebirth. The caveat is that you need to let something die in order to make room for something new. If there is anyone in your life who is not serving a useful purpose, is holding you back in some way, or interacts with you in a dysfunctional way, Pluto will be doing everything he can to expose these issues for resolution. I've often referred to Pluto as the zodiacal roto-rooter and if you've ever had the experience of having to have this done due to clogged sewer lines, then you should have a pretty good idea what to expect. Hidden problems, unresolved issues that have been swept under the rug, power struggles, and so forth are all likely targets.

With Pluto and Saturn in square across these two houses things could get mighty interesting over the next several months. If Saturn is about authority figures and Pluto is about power trips, there's a lot of potential for redefining some boundaries. If you let others walk on you, now is the time to assert yourself, but you can be as sure as God made little green apples that you'll get some resistance. If people have used you as a doormat, they're not going to invite you inside, you're going to have to shake yourself off and step across threshold on your own. Those of you who will be feeling this transit the strongest have birthdays between June 23 - 27. Since this aspect will be exact the end of January, it's likely that something significant will happen at that time related to any related issues.

Another long-term influence is another Mars retrograde cycle which begins December 20 and will last until March 10 with the "shadow period" in effect until May 17, which will be when Mars reaches the zodiacal degree where he originally went RX. Mars is in Leo, your 2nd House of possessions, finances, values, self-worth, needs and pleasures. Your body is also included in this House as your most important possession. Mars RX tends to make you more reactive than assertive and also brings out unresolved conflict. In this particular house this could come in handy for taking a close look at your spending habits. There's also a possibility that your possessions could break down more frequently. It's also a time when any bad health habits could bite you, so if there's anything in that category you should take care of, now would be a productive time to do so.

The Full Moon on December 2 takes place in Gemini, your 12th House of spirituality, dreams, inspiration, enlightenment, hidden enemies, self-undoing, institutions, confinement, institutions and seclusion. Obviously this is quite the woo-woo house the comprises all sorts of things that are hard to put a finger on. A Full Moon indicates an

ending or culmination which can simply mean the completion of a major milestone and beginning of a new phase. This would be a positive time to look at any self-defeating behaviors you may have. There are various other aspects noted above that could have their roots in that area. There could be some news or information related to your work that brings about a sudden change in your beliefs or expectations. This can also bring about some important insights that will help you address any related issues.

The New Moon on December 16 occurs in Sagittarius, your 6th House of work, health and pets. Expect this to bring something new in that part of your life and possibly effect an adjustment or change of course, particularly those of you born right around July 17. Some surprises or disruptions are likely that will be challenging, but there are numerous opportunities there as well which will relate to such things as resolving old issues, perhaps of a financial nature, expanding your credit, or some insight of a transformational nature. Something or someone new is likely to come into your life quite suddenly that will be beneficial, so watch for it.

The Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse on December 31 (January 1 for those of you in Australia or that side of the world) occurs in your sign and will have definite impact if your birthday is within a day or so of July 2. This eclipse is part of the 12 North family in the Saros Series and according to eclipse guru, Bernadette Brady, its usual effect is to bring additional responsibilities into your life unexpectedly due to the fact that someone else is no longer able to handle them.

Overall, the effect is positive, however, often in proving what you're capable of handling and building your self-esteem. This specific eclipse has two retrograde planets, *i.e.* Mercury and Mars, which further emphasize the need to rethink and resolve a few things that could relate to the spending habits of someone or possibly how someone close to you treats you. Adjustments or a change of course that will bring something new into your life (maybe simply a new attitude) are likely. Mercury RX in your 7th House of relationships bodes well for discussing and resolving old issues. With friendly Venus in that house as well, such discussions have a greater than usual chance of being amicable, so take advantage of it anyway you can.

### ***Daily and Short-term Aspects***

December 1: Venus goes into Sagittarius, your 6th House of work, health and pets, which should bring positive things to this part of your life. It's a good time to improve or rededicate yourself to a fitness plan or ask for a raise at work. This will last until Christmas so don't delay. News or information pertaining to your work or health could have an inspiration effect.

December 2: Full Moon today as described above.

December 4: If there's something you'd like to get done around the house, now is a favorable time. Work projects such as remodeling or even making a positive change in

what your family eats have a good chance of success. It's also a favorable time to make some suggestions at work, which are likely to be well received.

December 5: Mercury goes into Capricorn, your 7th House of relationships, which will facilitate communications in that area. Be on the lookout for something to breakdown or get in the way of what you want to do at home.

December 7: Information that has previously been hidden or deep insights into a relationship is likely today. Arguments at home are likely, probably about responsibilities or who's in charge.

December 8: Arguments about money or spending are likely or news from someone close to you about something you need to buy.

December 10: Conversations with one or more individuals who you're close to will have a significant affect on you today and change how you view the world in some way. Expect a lot of energy and enthusiasm to arise relative to some project at work. If it can't be completed before December 20, however, it probably won't ever happen.

December 11: Don't believe everything you hear today as someone may be out to deliberately mislead you.

December 14: Something unexpected or disruptive at work or with regard to your health will change your view of things. You may even determine that a major change such as going back to school or relocating should be considered.

December 15: Inspiration with regard to work or a current project are possible.

December 16: New Moon as described above.

December 17: This is a good day to call attention to yourself at work, including asking for a raise. It's also favorable for interactions with members of the opposite sex.

December 19: Expect the unexpected on the job today. There's a possibility it will relate to school, a trip or even relocation. You could also realize that you're not in the right job as something could clash with your belief system in some way.

December 20: Mars goes retrograde as described above. It's a favorable time to give serious thought to anything about your job you don't like and what your alternatives might be. Inspiration is out there as well as identifying your true beliefs and expectations.

December 21: The Sun goes into Capricorn, marking the winter solstice. Give serious consideration to your core beliefs and expectations and whether they still serve you as they did in the past. Inspiration for expanding them to the next level is out there if you

tune in. Adjustments are likely relative to spending or other financial issues as the result of a conversation with someone close to you.

December 24: If you haven't figured out yet what relationship issues require attention they should become apparent today.

December 25: Venus goes into Capricorn, which will help any of those difficult discussions with those close to you. Home responsibilities are likely to be at least one topic for discussion with spending or taking care of existing possessions another.

December 26: Mercury goes retrograde today, which will help with discussing any old issues you need to resolve with those various relationships. Moving forward to new ground isn't likely to happen until you do.

December 27: Arguments over money are likely again today.

December 28: Old secrets related to previous relationships are likely to surface today. There is a tremendous potential for a high degree of intensity in your relationships today, particularly those of the romantic variety. The male - female energy will be very strong, which could make for a very interesting evening.

December 29: Authority issues, particularly as they relate to your significant other, are likely today.

December 30: Insights into how you relate to others could have a transformational effect. Confusion is also possible.

December 31: Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse today as described above.

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