

Monthly Astrocast

December 2009



Key Events:

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 - January 14, 2010

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The year ends with several long-term aspects and influences that are trying to tell you something regarding the year ahead. First of all, keep an eye on the upcoming Mars retrograde cycle which will be in effect from December 20 until March 10, 2010 with the "shadow period," which is the time it takes to return to the position where it went retrograde and where things will truly resume normalcy, lasting until May 17. This period may be especially difficult for Gemini folks since Mars will be in Leo, your natural 3rd House which comprises thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors and short journeys. Gemini is the Zodiacal ruler of the 3rd House so these elements are deeply engrained in your character. It is extremely likely that you are going to feel at least hindered and at worst brain dead during this period.

Gemini's thrive on mental activity, which drives you and motivates you to pursue and accomplish things that others can only dream of. Your ability to multiplex is astounding and without several irons in the fire you get bored or feel as if you're not getting everything done that you need to. Since Mars entered Leo, which began October 17, you have probably been moving full-speed ahead. Your energy was kicked into high gear and you have been busily pursuing those tasks on your to-do list and making considerable progress. You probably feel as if there's nothing you can't do and may even be taking on additional tasks. You need to do everything you can to complete these tasks before December 20 because after that all that energy and motivation is going to grind to a screeching halt.

You may be inclined to blame the holidays and the distraction it presents, but this is not going to be the cause. Rather, that turbo-charge of energy you've taken for granted for the last month and a half or so is going to burn out. Be especially wary of any new project that takes your fancy right around December 10, unless you can complete it before the 20th. If you can't, then blow it off and use that energy to complete anything you can that you already have in-work. That burst of energy is a temporary flash that will not last, so use it wisely.

During a Mars RX period you are likely to be reactive rather than moving forward feeling as if you're in the driver's seat. If there are any unresolved conflicts they will be simmering away and likely to come to the surface in a potentially explosive way toward the end of January. Around March 21, you will take control once more, hopefully in an assertive as opposed to aggressive manner to resolve the issue. The complete confrontation with the issue will come the first week of May with resolution likely by the end of the shadow period, i.e. mid-May. Since this transit is occurring in your 3rd House, use this period of time to fully examine any ideas you've been pursuing to assure they're on the right track. If you have any unresolved issues with siblings or neighbors, now is also the time to take steps to resolve them, once and for all. Rest assured if you do not do so, it's very likely the other party will, like it or not.

The good news through all this is that Leo is generally speaking in sextile to Gemini, a favorable aspect that typically denotes an opportunity. If your birthday lies between May 21 and June 11, Mars will sextile your natal Sun at some time during this cycle. Thus, if any of your goals have not been on the right track and you've been wasting your time, this will become apparent. This will ultimately save you from frustration and allow you to reexamine your objectives and motivation for more worthwhile endeavors. While frequently we demonize planetary transits when their affects are uncomfortable or downright painful, in reality they help us identify our mistakes, character flaws, and futile efforts and ultimately benefit from them, if we're listening. The benefit of astrology is to understand the dynamics, apply them personally, and then work with the energy such that we learn what the Universe intends as thoroughly and hopefully as painlessly as possible.

Another long-term aspect that is likely to be working in concert with this one is a square between Saturn and Pluto. This was already exact on November 15 but due to the slow-moving characteristics of these two outer planets coupled with retrograde motion, this is going to be messing with you on and off clear through most of 2010. For those of you who want the details, the square will be exact again on January 31 and last until mid-March, then resume between July 22 through September 16, 2010. Saturn is in Libra, your 5th House of ego definition, creativity, children, romance, speculation and entertainment and Pluto is in Capricorn, your 8th House of transformations, shared resources, sex, as well as death and regeneration.

What to expect from this square was explained in [last month's horoscope](#), so I suggest you reread it, then see if you can synthesize it with what may be coming your way with Mars doing the backstroke in your house of thoughts, siblings and neighbors. Our thoughts (3rd House) define who we are, which is contained in our ego (5th House). Major changes in one will affect the other with the transformation itself (8th House) inevitable at some point.

There are three powerful planets often considered "bad boys" at work on everyone right now, but those are the houses where they reside for Gemini; other signs will experience them in a different way. Since you thrive on information, harness this energy to your benefit as opposed to fighting against it, which is always futile when you're dealing with planets. Note those key dates and see what happens at those times. These transits will affect each of you in a slightly different manner, especially as they contact planets in your individual natal chart, but the general theme will be as noted. Forewarned is forearmed.

As if that's not enough to think about, there are also three lunations this month, one of which is an eclipse. Clearly the Universe is doing quite a number on everyone right now, but as noted earlier we can use this to our advantage. The Full Moon on December 2 occurs in your polar sign, Sagittarius, and will have the strongest influence on those of you born between May 30 - June 3 as the Moon will be conjunct your Natal Sun. At this time the Sun will be in your 7th House of relationships, which comprises your significant other, close friends and relatives, your cliental if you're in business for yourself, or any professionals you deal with such as accountants, attorneys, counselors, and so forth. A Full Moon typically indicates an ending or culmination, implying a phase shift. You

shouldn't have to look very far to identify what this might be, but if it's not obvious maybe some of the accompanying aspects can provide a few hints.

First of all note that the Saturn - Pluto square is included. Your Sign Ruler, Mercury, is also in Sagittarius, facilitating communications with those individuals who reside in your 7th House, but he is squaring Uranus in your 10th House of career, reputation, status, and public image. Uranus is the planet of surprises, unexpected events, freedom, disruption, breaking away, and innovation. One possibility with this aspect is that you'll receive unexpected news from someone close to you that will have an affect on your career or status in some way. Remember that "status" has a multitude of interpretations, including anything that involves a title or label. For example, once you graduate from school and become a "graduate" that is a status change. If you get a promotion or, conversely, lose your job, that is, also. When you marry, divorce, become a parent or your last child leaves home, become a property owner, retire, or whatever, those all fall under "status." So do the astrological "mix and match" routine for possibilities, then expect something of that flavor to happen around December 2nd.

While this is a square, which implies a crisis, also note that there is a favorable sextile between the Lunar North Node and Uranus as well, which implies an opportunity for a change of direction resulting from a transformation. There is another sextile between Mercury and Neptune, who's camped out in your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, legal matters, cultural interactions, relocation and long-distance travel. This sextile is very likely to result in some serious inspiration related to this area and be the vehicle for that change of direction. Also take note that this is likely to set the stage for that Mars retrograde period described earlier. All these things ultimately tie together, so if you're looking for clues, they're there if you're paying attention.

The New Moon on December 16 occurs in Sagittarius, your 7th House as noted earlier, implying something new is coming your way with regard to one or more relationships. If your birthday is right around June 15, give or take a few days, this will affect you the most. While some of the aspects associated with this lunation are of the hard variety, Gemini is well-placed such that it should be beneficial for you since the subject planets are forming favorable aspects to your sign generally. For example, there's an opposition between Mars in your 3rd House of thoughts and such and the stellium comprising the asteroid, Chiron, Jupiter and Neptune in Aquarius, your 9th House of beliefs, expectations and so forth, but with respect to Gemini this forms a Triangle of Potential, meaning you're in a position to control these influences to your benefit, especially if your birthday lies between June 9 - 17. This face-off between your most active thoughts and your beliefs will involve considerations of everything from expanding your horizons beyond your wildest fantasy to disappointments you've suffered. This is also likely to be a preamble of sorts to that Mars RX situation on the horizon.

Mars is also trine Venus in your 7th House of relationships, boding well for interactions with the opposite sex and perhaps a new involvement on that front, as well as a quincunx to the Lunar North Node, indicating a shift of direction of a transformational nature. All this implies that you are about to meet someone who will not only change your life but

how you see life itself. This is especially likely because the New Moon is sextile that stellium mentioned above in your House of beliefs and expectations, indicating the opportunity to discover something new in that area. The New Moon is also square Uranus, that loose cannon in your 10th House of career, reputation and status, but overall it looks as if you'll come out of all this smelling like the proverbial rose.

Things continue to get more interesting with the Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse on New Years Eve, or New Years Day for some of you, depending on where you live on the planet. For example, it's December 31 in the United States but January 1 in Australia, but the effects will be the same, regardless. This eclipse is a member of the family known as 12 North in the Saros Series. According to eclipse guru, Bernadette Brady, the affect of this series is usually to bring new responsibilities into your life, which ultimately have a favorable effect on your personal growth and progression. These often come about as the result of someone no longer being able to carry out their obligations for one reason or another.

As far as the specific aspects are concerned and considering that Uranus is still in your 10th House of career and will be for some time to come, one of those unexpected events related to your career could be the catalyst, particularly since Uranus is also still sextile the North Node bringing opportunities for a new direction. Maybe someone will quit, retire or be promoted, opening the way for you. The eclipse Sun is in your 8th House of transformation and for those of you born within a day or so of June 1 this is quincunx your natal Sun, indicating a change of course or adjustment. Venus is there as well, which could mean the deepening of a relationship to the intimate level or it could even mean something like an inheritance, though there are likely to be some complications involved with either. By this time Mars is retrograde so refer to all the implications of that event above for further insights. Also note that, odd as it may seem, the effects of an eclipse sometimes manifest as far advance of its occurrence as a few months! Thus if any of this has a sense of déjà-vu, that would be why.

Needless to say, the stage is being set this month for some interesting events down the road in 2010.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

December 1: News, information or thoughts related to someone you know well will give rise to some interesting thoughts or inspiration. Venus goes into Sagittarius, your house of relationships, today, bringing favor to this area, which could precipitate these insights.

December 2: Full Moon today as described above.

December 4: Responsibilities toward someone you care about will present an opportunity for your consideration.

December 5: Mercury goes into Capricorn, facilitating information and thoughts of a transformational nature, which will come in handy over the next few weeks. Resistance or possibly anger related to looming restrictions are likely.

December 7: Deep insights and understanding, perhaps due to information previously hidden, will further stir up that responsibility issue and any problems it presents.

December 8: More angry thoughts are possible, or the impulse to take total control over the situation. Conflict with neighbors or siblings is likely.

December 10: A brainstorm or flash of understanding is likely today that has a major transformation affect on your core beliefs. This is also that day I warned you about earlier where you're likely to get all fired up about something but it's not likely to go anywhere, kind of like a random bolt of lightning that doesn't herald a storm.

December 11: What may appear as inspiration is likely to be inaccurate or no more than a delusion or possibly even outright deception. Insist on the facts before taking action of any kind.

December 14: That unexpected or disruptive news related to your career and/or someone you know well could surface today. Opportunities to expand your belief system or pursue something such as going back to school, relocating, or something else related to the 9th House are there as well, however, so think positively and be open to inspiration.

December 16: New Moon as described above.

December 17: An excellent day for relating to the opposite sex or pursuing a relationship. Feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with others you trust.

December 19: A female close to you may stir things up that affect your reputation or career. Look beneath the surface to what the underlying message is.

December 20: Mars goes retrograde today, so forward progress is likely to shift gears. Opportunities that can expand your understanding or take you somewhere new intellectually are out there, however, so listen carefully to those around you for clues that provide inspiration. Bear in mind that over the next few months you will probably be changing direction in at least one way, maybe even more.

December 21: The Sun goes into Capricorn today, your 8th House of transformation, shared resources, sex and death, bringing emphasis to that area. Inspiration is out there in droves, but recognize that it isn't necessarily a reflection of reality. Nonetheless, ideas you latch onto at this time will provide clues to where that Mars retrograde cycle will take you. A neighbor or sibling may be in the forefront at this time as well.

December 24: Deep insights, understanding, and/or perceptions are likely that have a profound effect on you. It may be time to let go of something to make room for something new. Expect to see something you hadn't seen before.

December 25: Venus goes into Capricorn, bringing her blessings and good fortune to your 8th House of transformations and so forth. This will bode well for any intimate

relationships or if you're trying to find investors or borrow money. Those responsibilities, possibly new ones, are likely to be looming at this time as well. Resistance is futile.

December 26: Leave it to Mercury to go retrograde in the middle of all this. This typically has a rather deleterious effect on Gemini folks. However, bear in mind that reconsidering what you already know is the theme for the next few months. Trying to move forward isn't what the Universe has in store and the sooner you get onboard with that the better. Mercury RX is excellent for re-planning, rethinking, editing and re-doing, so take a deep breath and do just that. Also don't fall for any of those after-Christmas sales and buy something electronic or mechanical, no matter how good the deal may appear.

December 27: More irritations or incidents related to those increased responsibilities or obligations are out there in one form or another. This may be coming from someone such as a sibling or simply from within your own thoughts.

December 28: If you're trying to borrow money or find investors, insights on how to go about that are out there today. If there's something going on with a neighbor or sibling, expect some revelations of a transformational nature regarding that situation as well.

December 29: Look for a potential course change that may involve a relationship or perhaps your financial situation. The increase in responsibility, perhaps related to a child, speculation or creative effort, will work to your advantage in the long haul.

December 30: Expect to see things differently than before. Insights and inspiration are trying to take you somewhere you haven't been before. Don't forget there are significant long-term astrological effects out there so don't lose sight of the forest for the trees.

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

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