

# Monthly Astrocast

December 2009

 <p>The image is a square graphic with a dark red background. At the top, the text 'Sagittarius the Archer' is written in a light green, slightly curved font. In the center is a golden Sagittarius zodiac symbol. Below the symbol, the dates 'November 23 - December 21' are written in a light green font. At the bottom right, the number '24' is written in a red font, with the text 'Ruled by Jupiter' written in a red, curved font below it.</p>
<p><i>Key Events:</i></p>
<p>Full Moon (10:15 Gemini): December 2, 2009 Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse (10:15 Cancer): December 31, 2009</p>
<p>New Moon (24:40 Sagittarius): December 16, 2009</p>
<p><i>Retrograde Planets:</i></p>
<p>Mars: December 20, 2009 - March 10, 2010 Mercury: December 26, 2009 - January 14, 2010</p>

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*--Whobeda*

### *Long-term Aspects and Lunations*

This month there are two major long-term influences as well as three lunations, including a Lunar Eclipse on New Years Eve (or Day, depending on where you live). The first one, that started last month and was exact for the first time on November 15 is that Saturn - Pluto square. This was discussed to some degree in your November Horoscope but I'll elaborate a bit since it will be in effect for quite a while due to retrograde motion on the part of both parties. The square will be exact again on January 31, then linger on until mid-March, at which time there will be about a four month break until it resumes again right around July 22 through September 16, 2010. Outer planets move slowly, go retrograde for long periods, and thus give you plenty of time to take care of business, which for Archers will be in your 2nd House of finances, possessions, needs, pleasures and self-worth and your 11th House of friends, organizations, goals, hopes and wishes.

If there is one thing that Pluto is likely to motivate as he chugs along in your 2nd House of finances and possessions, it will be to rid yourself of anything you've been hanging onto that needs to go. Archers may not be the worst packrats of the zodiacal set, but everyone tends to accumulate things over the years that no longer serve any useful purpose. Furthermore, to invite abundance into your life the consensus seems to lean toward the philosophy of making room for it by getting rid of anything you don't need. Clean out those closets and certainly your attic, garage, and basement, if you have one. At least this goes for your possessions.

Your finances may be cleaned out by the economy, but whatever you're able to hang onto you will want to manage properly. If you haven't been on much of a budget in the past, Saturn will give you the structure and perseverance you need to set and attain solid goals in this regard, which is a good example of how these two planets can work together in a constructive way. Pluto also tends to provide a strong sense of discernment, so you'll be able to find information others miss to guide you toward good investments.

If you've been careless or irresponsible with your possessions in the past, this transit could be a bit more harsh. The general tendency with astrological transits is that they are usually no more painful than necessary, depending on how badly you need the particular lesson the planet is trying to convey. If you've demonstrated fiscal responsibility and have your life in order, Saturn and Pluto will help you refine it even further. If the converse is true, things could get rather dramatic, depending on how determined these two are to drive the lesson home. Saturn tends to be patient and grind away, albeit painfully, until you get your act together. Pluto, on the other hand, is more inclined to declare "Enough of this crap!" and then zap you, hard. Pluto is the author of natural disasters and other catastrophes that can wipe all your worldly possessions off the face of the Earth. What you need to remember with the god of the Underworld is that he's about death and regeneration, that principle of out with the old and in with the new.

If you're standing there amidst what little remains of your worldly possessions, most of which have been carried away by a tornado, remember that and console yourself that it is all about rebirth. Good luck with that. Hopefully, that won't be the case, but if it is, at

least you know the source, the lesson involved, and that you need to view it as a new beginning as opposed to an ending. I met a family last week who lost everything that wouldn't fit in their car in Hurricane Katrina, but rather than sit around whining at the government like the Katrina victims you see in the news media, these stalwart souls along with a group of others from their church have built a new life by starting up three new restaurants. What we do with these circumstances determines our destiny, not the events themselves. You may not have a totally catastrophic experience, but you may also experience numerous annoyances such as cockroach or termite infestations, plumbing woes, or wiring problems. These are most likely if Pluto is in your 4th House, which might be the case on your natal chart if you have a Libra ascendant. But I digress.

Saturn in your 11th House of groups, friends, organizations, goals, hopes and wishes will bring discipline and structure to that area. If you belong to an organization that is trying to accomplish a major goal, you will be a tremendous help and undoubtedly find opportunities to expand your leadership capabilities. Meeting your responsibilities and obligations will be another opportunity you could gain from such involvement. You may have never been a "joiner" before, but may feel motivated to do so now. As noted, this is also the house of goals, hopes and wishes, and Saturn will definitely help you achieve them.

As far as the Saturn - Pluto square is concerned, there will undoubtedly be some challenges between them. However, they don't look nearly as ominous as they do for some signs, barring that tornado or hurricane, of course. Effort is always necessary for growth, but if you utilize the energy appropriately, the benefits should be obvious and forthcoming. There's a chance that your obligations to your group affiliations may take away time or resources you'd planned to use for your own enjoyment or possibly your financial situation will not cooperate with your goals. However, bear the core lessons in mind and make sure you're pursuing the right course and it should all come out fine in the end. As they say, all's well that ends well and this should.

Another long-term influence starting this month is a Mars retrograde period which begins on December 20 and runs until March 10; the shadow period will last until May 17, which will be when Mars returns to the zodiacal degree where he first went RX. This only occurs every two years and two months and will be taking place in fellow Fire Sign, Leo, your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, long-distance travel, relocation, legal matters, higher learning, and other cultures. Mars RX cycles progress methodically through the zodiac with the last one in Gemini and Cancer and the one two years from now in Virgo.

Sagittarius rules the zodiacal 9th House so this is familiar ground for you and contains elements near and dear to your heart. Mars RX internalizes his energy and tends to make you more reactive versus assertive and also tends to flush out any unresolved conflict. Of course in the house of politics and religions, there's a target-rich environment for unresolved conflicts, some of which will be ongoing ad infinitum. Your beliefs and expectations reside here as well, so perhaps the issue lies with someone not meeting

them. At any rate, be on the lookout for something in that area, a hint of which may arise right around January 29, which I'll remind you of next month.

The Full Moon on December 2 occurs in Gemini, your polar sign and 7th House of relationships. If your birthday is within a day or so of December 3rd this will be particularly notable, especially since it will also be part of your solar return, and thus influencing you for the entire year. A Full Moon heralds an ending or culmination which can be the completion of a phase and shifting to a new one, which in this case would probably involve a relationship.

Remember that relationships in the astrological context include your significant other, close friends and relatives, business partners, cliental if you're in business for yourself, those with whom you have a one-on-one relationship such as your accountant, attorney, insurance agent, or doctor, and also open enemies such as opponents of any variety and competitors, so there are quite a few people to consider here as well for where it will show up. It could be as simple as your accountant retiring. There is likely to be an unexpected event or disruption of some sort associated with this as well that involves your home or a family member. The opportunity for something new in your life is out there so be on the lookout.

The New Moon on December 16 occurs in your sign and will be most significant if your birthday is within a day or so of December 16. There are numerous opportunities associated with this lunation as well though it appears that most of them are on the mental plane. Neighbors or siblings could be involved, however, so see what develops in that area. A change of course or adjustment is there and there is still something going on relative to your home environment that is stirring it all up or perhaps holding you back. Analyze the opportunities carefully before deciding which course to take. There's a bit of luck out there that could pertain to money, but it could disappear as quickly as it comes in.

The Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse on December 31 (or January 1 for those of you who live in Australia or that part of the world) occurs in Cancer, your 8th House of transformations, sex, death and regeneration, shared resources, and debt among other things. An eclipse, as you probably already knows, packs a bit more punch than the typical lunation. If your birthday is around December 3rd this one will hit you again and indicate an adjustment that will have long-term effects on how you see things.

Both Mars and Mercury are retrograde at the time, indicating a time for contemplation and reconsideration as opposed to direct action. This looks like the time to gather as much information as you can to reevaluate your goals and perhaps determine whether or not they're appropriate. There's a chance that you're trying to do something but siblings could be in the way or possibly neighborhood issues. Perhaps you're trying to sell your home and relocate, but wonder whether this is best when the market is far from stellar. You know your circumstances and can surely determine where this applies. The generic meaning of this eclipse, which is part of the 12 North family in the Saros Series, is to assume more responsibility due to the fact that someone is no longer able to do so. Over

all this ends well, however, typically in increased self-esteem as you become aware of capabilities you didn't realize you had.

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

December 1: Venus goes into your sign today and will be there until Christmas, so enjoy her friendly companionship over the next few weeks. This will enhance your natural charm and possibly even provide a bit of money luck. This is a good day to take a break and escape, even for a short time, to a quiet place where you can invite inspiration.

December 2: Full Moon today as described above.

December 4: An excellent day to take a look at your financial goals and your earning capability. It's actually also a favorable day to talk to your boss about a raise. You may not get it, but at least it's unlikely that you'll irritate him or her by asking.

December 5: Mercury goes into Capricorn today, which will facilitate information relative to your finances and possessions and those renovations you need to be identifying in that area. You may encounter some obstacles in that regard or have a brief but annoying encounter with an authority figure, possibly law enforcement, so watch the speed limit.

December 7: Expect some major breakthroughs today with regard to your financial situation. There may be someone you work or associate with who's an authority figure or perhaps just quite a bit older than you that may cause a stir of some sort.

December 8: Lively discussions about philosophical topics are likely as well as the possibility of a major life change such as going back to school, a trip abroad or something that involves legal matters. If you're selling your home, as the example above, this could also be the topic.

December 10: A neighbor or sibling may present a major annoyance today or you may just get tied up in holiday traffic running errands. Whatever plans you have in-work, you're likely to get some major brainstorms associated with it today. If you can't complete them by the 20th, however, they probably won't come to fruition.

December 11: Confusion is likely today along with the possibility for delusion or deception. Avoid making any major decisions at this time.

December 14: Expect the unexpected today on the homefront. Make sure any plans are flexible. On the positive side, your potential for coming up with some excellent ideas is outstanding today.

December 15: More inspiration is out there today, so listen up. If you don't find any, you may just be dreamier than usual.

December 16: New Moon today as described above.

December 17: An excellent day for interactions with members of the opposite sex. It also has potential for being favorable in a monetary sense.

December 19: Another disruption or surprise is likely on the homefront which could involve your wallet. Feelings toward your loved ones will be somewhat eccentric today.

December 20: Mars goes retrograde today as described above. This is a favorable day to present any ideas you've been developing, the more inspired the better.

December 21: The Sun goes into Capricorn today, marking the winter solstice. Another burst of inspiration is likely, though it could also be nothing more than a bubble. If someone is trying to sell you something, be very cautious as deception is likely. New information will necessitate an adjustment to your current plans.

December 24: Another day for flushing out financial information or doing a serious forensic analysis on your spending habits. If they're frivolous, now is the time to tighten them up. If you spent too much shopping, the regrets may be starting already. Maybe you paid too much for a major purchase or discovered something isn't nearly as cool as advertised.

December 25: Venus goes into Capricorn which will provide additional assistance on those financial issues. She will also help motivate you to beautify your home by cleaning out those closets. An excellent day for appreciating what you have. If you're entertaining relatives, there may be a few disagreements, especially with older family members. Heaven help you if religion or politics comes up as a topic for conversation.

December 26: Mercury goes retrograde, which will help you rethink and revise your budget or spending plans. Also remember to not buy anything electronic or mechanical until after January 14, regardless of how good of deal it may be in the after-Christmas sales.

December 27: Obstacles between you and your goals are likely. There is also the potential for disagreements with your friends or coworkers.

December 28: A major breakthrough is possible today with regard to your plans. It's also an excellent day for a hot date with your significant other.

December 29: What you want and what you should get will be at odds today. Remember that Mercury is retrograde if the temptation is to buy something electronic or mechanical.

December 30: Ideas or plans could evaporate today or be folly if they are exposed such that you dismiss them.

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

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