

Monthly Astrocast

December 2009

 <p>The image shows a green square graphic for the Taurus zodiac sign. At the top, the words "TAURUS the BULL" are written in a golden, 3D-style font. In the center is the Taurus symbol, a bull's head. Below the symbol, the dates "April 21 - May 21" are written in a cursive font. To the right of the dates is the Venus symbol, and below it, the text "ruled by Venus" is written in a purple, cursive font.</p>
<i>Key Events:</i>
Full Moon (10:15 Gemini): December 2, 2009 Full Moon/Eclipse (10:15 Cancer): December 31, 2009
New Moon (24:40 Sagittarius): December 16, 2009
<i>Retrograde Planets:</i>
Mars: December 20, 2009 - March 10, 2010 Mercury: December 26, 2009 - January 14, 2010

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The long-term aspect to give some thought to over the next several months is that Saturn - Pluto square which will be most noticeable as it applies to your 6th House of work, projects, health and service and your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, cultural interactions, higher learning, legal matters such as contracts, long distance or foreign travel, and relocation. This aspect was exact November 15, but due to upcoming retrograde motion and the fact that both move relatively slowly, this will be out there for all intents and purposes through mid-March and will then resume in July and be in effect until mid-September.

Thus, it's not going away anytime soon so you may as well be aware of it and work with it as opposed to ignoring it or just wanting it to go away. Even the most obnoxious transits have a purpose in your life and once you understand what that is and apply yourself to learn and incorporate the relevant lesson into your behavior you'll find that the Universe is actually trying to help. Sometimes it may have all the charm of the IRS on your doorstep saying they're there to help, but there again, when you're having trouble of any sort more than likely it's because you messed up somewhere and have something to learn.

A few examples of what this could relate to would be whether you should return to school to improve your job situation or perhaps make a major move for largely the same reasons. Another possibility could be a major renovation of your core beliefs that have until now had a negative effect on your health. The fact that your health is influenced by your attitudes and emotions in a topic in and of itself and if you haven't been aware of the very real connection between the two until now, it may be time that you look into that if you continue to have health issues that don't seem to have any medical explanation.

This is not the same as hypochondria, but simply the connection between our emotions and physical body. Explained in its simplest form, those feelings you experience when you're angry or experiencing some other strong emotion comprise a chemical released into your bloodstream that will ultimately have a detrimental effect on certain organs, predisposing them to illness. As you may already know, the different astrological signs rule different parts of the body, so transits can affect your physical health as much as anything else with accidents and illnesses as apparent in your horoscope as anything else.

Saturn is in Libra, your 6th House of work and health, and his mission while in that particular domain will be to restructure something in that part of your life. Saturn instills discipline and responsibility as well as the ambition to go after a specific goal, regardless of how much effort may be involved. He will give you the determination to succeed and slog through whatever obstacles may lie in your path. He is also the author of hard lessons, guilt, and obligations or he may also represent a mentor or older more experienced person who provides leadership or opportunities for you, particularly here in your house of work.

Pluto is in Capricorn, your 9th House as defined earlier as comprising your core beliefs and expectations, higher learning, other cultures, legal matters, travel over long distances and relocation. Pluto is into forensics so if there is anything unresolved from your past that you've kept carefully swept under the rug, you'd better get out the dust pan and broom. On the positive side, if you don't have any old messes to clean up in this area, this will provide you with a deeper understanding of this part of your life as well as any way in which those elements relate to power and status. It will also provide information that has previously been withheld or kept hidden from you relative to situations in that venue. It is excellent for doing research, solving mysteries, and deepening your understanding. This general theme will be in effect for years to come while for now I'm going to focus primarily on the square with Saturn.

These two planets are generally looked upon as astrological "bad boys" but they both serve an important and useful function. Once you get onboard with that, they can serve as very useful tools. You simply want them on your side, not your opponent's or, heaven forbid, that they turn against you because you refuse to heed their lessons. At this point it's up to you to do the "mix and match" routine between those two houses and figure out where the hits lie for you. This will be a challenge of some sort that gets your attention and it's not too likely you'll be doing cartwheels when it does. However, if you handle it correctly the ultimate result will be to your benefit. Is lack of confidence or education holding you back as far as your job is concerned? Do you really need to consider a major move? Is your work ethic everything it should be? Do you really believe in what you're doing such that it feeds your soul as well as your wallet?

Run the gamut of possibilities and see what gets your attention. Bear in mind this will be a work in progress on and off for the coming year but the sooner you figure out what it is and get on track, the more effective and less uncomfortable this transit will be. Those of you born between April 21 - 27 will be feeling this more strongly than other Bulls but the aspects are favorable, even though they definitely indicate changes are on the way, or that a change of direction is indicated. As a Fixed Sign, change doesn't come easily for you, but considering you have the better part of 2010 to deal with it, you should do just fine once you accept the inevitable.

This is a busy month as far as lunations are concerned being as we have two Full Moons and the second one on New Years Eve (or New Years Day for some of you, depending on where you live) is also an eclipse, which will have an even more significant impact. First of all the Full Moon on December 2 occurs in Gemini, your 2nd House of finance, possessions, values, pleasures and needs. Taurus rules the zodiacal 2nd House so this is a part of your life that is important to you and part of your nature. You aren't the gypsy type who can wander about with few or no worldly possessions and be happy about it. Rather, material and financial security are important, the more the better.

Remember that a Full Moon typically designates an ending or culmination such as something shifting to another level or phase, so look for something comprised by the 2nd House to be drawing to a close or another chapter. If your birthday is within a few days of May 1st or May 9th you're more likely to notice the effects of this lunation. A few

hints may lie in the aspects accompanying this Full Moon, first of all the fact that the Sun is in Sagittarius, your 8th House of sex, death, transformations, and other people's money. The 2nd and 8th Houses are polar signs that are fairly easy to tie together since they both involve money in some form as well as matters related to your physical being; your body is your primary possession, though you may seldom look upon it that way.

At any rate, emphasis will be on those areas. The Saturn - Pluto square discussed earlier is in there, so you can look for shades of that issue, which certainly makes sense since it doesn't take much of a stretch of the imagination to tie your job and finances together. Another thing to be on the lookout for is possible contention on the homefront. This could be the result of selfishness on either your part or a family member, so recognize it for what it is, particularly if you're the guilty party. This is not to say you should let others walk on you, but don't take advantage of them, either. Be as objective as possible to make sure you're being fair. Any contention may relate to your career, particularly if things in that part of your life are not going too well. Maybe the path ahead is strewn with increasing uncertainty or insecurity, which you definitely aren't going to like, and if that is stressing you out chances are you'll be more grumpy than usual, which may splash on family members. Just be aware of that possibility.

Also keep an eye out for unexpected news or information that will have a major effect on you. This may stir up a need for breaking away or freedom or it could come from one of your unconventional friends or coworkers. Perhaps one of these individuals will flat-out make a suggestion, which won't necessarily be done in a tactful way, or you may simply have one of those "Aha!" moments based on something you see going on around you. This could also be something that comes as a result of networking. If you're not deliriously happy in your current position, you may even get a glimpse of your dream job or what you'd really like to be "when you grow up," regardless of your current age. This Full Moon has the potential to mark a turning point, so don't ignore it, even if it's not something you'd wanted to take on at this time.

The New Moon on December 16 is in Sagittarius, your 8th House of transformations, sex, death, and shared resources, a.k.a. other people's money. That potential for contention at home is still there, but if you didn't notice before the need for a course change or that change is inevitable, you probably will now. The good news is that numerous opportunities are out there for new beginnings. Again, this relates to possibly identifying a new career field with more opportunities. There may be opposition from someone at home to what you see, either directly or indirectly. For example, they may be openly opposed to making any changes or you may simply be concerned whether the change is best for your family. It may involve entirely breaking away from friends, organizations, or even long-held goals that suddenly need to change.

It's very important at this time that a certain well-known Taurus trait be held in check and that is stubbornness. As noted earlier, you don't like change and don't like to be told what to do. However, this is not the time to cut off your nose to spite your face. Listen and consider what is going on around you with an open mind and non-judgmental attitude. Remember if you keep on doing what you've always done, you'll keep on getting what

you've always got. Most importantly, don't blind yourself to opportunities that could change the course of your life for the better.

The Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse on December 21 is in Cancer, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings and short journeys. This eclipse is a member of Saros Series 12 North, the general flavor of which according to eclipse guru Bernadette Brady is that it will produce sudden opportunities to assume increased responsibilities, frequently because someone else is unable to do so. Needless to say the circumstances creating opportunities are often difficult, but the end result in personal growth will be of a positive nature. The aspects accompanying this specific eclipse also indicate opportunities for a new life direction resulting from changes to your core beliefs and expectations.

The Full Moon in your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings, and short journeys implies an ending or phase shift in this area, particularly with the Sun in your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, cultural matters, and so forth. There is the possibility for a major move here as well, either physically or philosophically. Attitude adjustments are strongly indicated which could relate to loved ones and/or your finances. Now is a favorable time to reevaluate your priorities and what you deem most important in life, then make adjustments as appropriate.

Mars in your 4th House of home environment is retrograde at this time, the god of war having commenced the backstroke the day before on December 20. Mars RX occurs about every two years and two months, as a rule effectively placing this influence in sequential signs and houses. Mars RX in your 4th House could have a variety of effects. For one thing, if you've been carrying around any suppressed anger relative to your home or family, past or present, events may bring that to the surface during this time. Considering all the action going on with your thoughts and beliefs this month, these shifts are likely to target past experiences anyway.

Another possibility that has less emotion attached would be that any goals you've been pursuing relative to home or family may grind to a screeching halt. The irony here is that right around December 10 you may be extremely fired up about doing something relative to home, whether it relates to a person or a project, but once Mars goes RX all that ambition and drive will evaporate. This is not necessarily a bad thing as it may result from seeing something in a different light, new circumstances, or some other realization where you see the original plans weren't as worthy as you originally thought. Thus, be slightly cautious of any brainstorm, particularly those that may involve money, that strike around the 10th. Knowing how cautious Bulls are, I don't think this will be a concern for you, but in this case you are even more justified in moving ahead slowly since by the end of the month/year, the entire concept may be null and void. At any rate, expect some major shifts this month, especially those of you with birthdays around May 1st since both Full Moons will be hitting your chart harder than others.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

December 1: Your Sign Ruler, Venus, goes into Sagittarius, implying favorable life changing events and transformations. Watch for news, thoughts, or ideas relative to your career, reputation or status that bring opportunities along those lines.

December 2: Full Moon as described above.

December 4: Recognizing favorable opportunities related to work responsibilities are likely. This could provide benefits of a financial nature as well.

December 5: Mercury goes into Capricorn, stimulating thoughts and the information flow relative to your beliefs, expectations, and philosophical views. Expect a minor clash between your ambitions at home and work obligations.

December 7: Watch for deep insights into your core beliefs, their origin, and whether or not they are still valid. If you've been neglecting any of your responsibilities, particularly as they relate to your job or health, this will become readily apparent at this time.

December 8: Philosophical insights will stir things up at home one way or another.

December 10: If you're not "walking the talk," i.e. acting in accordance with your core beliefs, you'll recognize the disparity one way or another. This could be brought to your attention by another person. Another possibility is losing out on an advancement, perhaps due to that same weakness. Today is that day when you may be filled with drive and ambition to pursue something related to home that is going to lose steam when Mars goes retrograde in a little over a week.

December 11: Concentrating or seeing things clearly is not likely. Also beware of deception or delusions.

December 14: Something unexpected will have a strong impact on you today. While this may come initially as a crisis, it will ultimately bring positive attention your way and elevate your status. Remember that "status" includes titles and labels that relate to your accomplishments, associations, relationships, behavior and so forth.

December 15: Inspiration and insights relative to that career, reputation or status issue will be forthcoming today. If you've been trying to find yourself or your life's work, you just might find it.

December 16: New Moon as described above.

December 17: Tremendous positive potential for improving your home situation. Also a very good day for interactions with members of the opposite sex.

December 19: Unexpected events related to your friends or an organizational tie will affect you today which may also involve your finances.

December 20: Mars goes retrograde as described above, throwing a damper on something you'd planned or hoped to achieve related to home or family. Nonetheless, other opportunities are out there for personal expansion of a personal or financial nature. Inspiration, enlightenment or insights that will have a profound affect on you are just waiting for you to tune into them.

December 21: The Sun goes into Capricorn, bringing emphasis to your beliefs and expectations and other philosophical elements of your life. If you haven't connected with that inspirational insight yet, find some quiet time today to look for it. Expect to encounter a Catch-22 or the necessity to make some course changes relative to home or family.

December 24: What is the origin of your deepest and most profound beliefs? Are you sure they're still working? You may see and understand things differently today than ever before, perhaps being aware of them for the first time, even though they were there all along. Hidden information may also come to light.

December 25: Venus goes into Capricorn, bringing her blessings and favor to those beliefs and expectations and other philosophical matters that have been on your mind lately. Take a hard look at your responsibilities and obligations, how well you've been fulfilling them, and look for ways to improve. Take a hard look at what's going on at home and the root cause.

December 26: Mercury goes retrograde today so don't buy anything mechanical or electronic until at least January 15, no matter how good of deal it may be.

December 27: Home and work will clash in some way again today.

December 28: What are your expectations with regard to your relationships with those you love? Remember you can't expect perfection if you can't offer it. Understanding at a deep and philosophical level can be achieved today if you're willing to address the past or any past baggage you've been trying to ignore.

December 29: Change doesn't come easily for you, but if there's something that clearly needs to happen, don't ignore it or it will bite you later.

December 30: If you've been refusing to see reality, it will no longer allow you to do so as something will bring the truth to your attention in a way that's impossible to ignore.

December 31: Full Moon/Eclipse as described above.

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