

# AQUARIUS

January 21 - February 18

## Monthly Astrocast

January 2009

<b>Key Events:</b>
Full Moon : January 11, 2009
New Moon: January 26, 2009
<b>Retrograde Planets:</b>
Saturn: December 31 - May 16, 2009
Mercury: January 11 - February 1, 2009

### *Long Duration Aspects*

The New Year begins with Saturn, your ancient sign ruler (as opposed to Uranus, your modern sign ruler) retrograde in Virgo, your 8<sup>th</sup> House of transformations. This will be in effect until the middle of May, which will be generating major changes in some area of your life. These will relate to your responsibilities, obligations, discipline, and the inevitable authority figures. For example, don't be surprised if you get called for jury duty during this time. Exactly where else it shows up will depend on how Saturn interacts with your individual natal chart, but bear in mind that he's in a long-term opposition with Uranus.

Since both of these planets have personal meaning for Aquarians, you would do well to sit up and take notice. Uranus is in Pisces, your 2<sup>nd</sup> House of possessions, finances, and pleasures. If you're having either an "Aha!" or "Oh, no!" or perhaps "Oh, *<expletive deleted>!*" moment about now, you've probably already seen this happening. Uranus is about sudden change, rebellion, the unexpected, and disruptions. Needless to say, Uranus is the antithesis of structured Saturn. If you've been oscillating between these two principles for a while, this is the impetus behind it. The Readers Digest version is that some major transformations related to how you manage your finances, possessions, and pleasures are in-work.

Pluto moved into Capricorn again in the end of November, this time to stay. Cappy is your 12<sup>th</sup> House of dreams, inspiration, hidden enemies, and transcendence. It also includes various kinds of institutions. I frequently refer to Pluto as the Zodiacal Roto-

Rooter. He excels at unearthing all sorts of hidden crap and forcing us to deal with it. This will be in effect for a long time. A really long time, like until November 2024. So you can expect to uncover all sorts of things in this part of your life during that time. Expect to discover a lot of things you never knew existed in this area and delve deeper than you ever have before. You may become fascinated with the occult or have interesting experiences. You'll be getting to know this side of yourself quite well, so enjoy.

Mercury moves into Aquarius on New Years Day, but will only be there until the 21<sup>st</sup>, when he'll return to Capricorn for a spell, thanks to one of his many retrograde periods. He'll throw it into reverse on January 11<sup>th</sup> and go direct on February 1<sup>st</sup>, so this month will be one of rethinking, re-planning and reconsidering. You can expect that he'll be working in concert with Saturn, bringing your attention to something that is due for a substantial change. From January 1 – 21 he's in your 1<sup>st</sup> House of personality. You'll be able to express yourself in a coherent way and be well-received until the 11<sup>th</sup> when progress will grind to a screeching halt. At that time you'll need to re-think where you're going and perhaps come up with a new plan. This is not necessarily a bad thing. Most accomplishments are a series of fits and starts, so this doesn't mean the time was wasted going in a slightly different direction.

Then, on the 21<sup>st</sup> when Mercury goes back into Capricorn, i.e. your 12<sup>th</sup> House of dreams, inspiration, and transcendence, the rethinking will be more on the spiritual level. If you've been neglecting this part of your life, this will be an excellent time to re-evaluate your priorities. We all need to escape the mundane from time to time through something that takes us to a higher plane. This should be something that serves as a solid foundation that you can return to for renewal as the need arises. Give it some serious consideration during this time and it will serve you well later. Come February 1<sup>st</sup>, the backwards movement will stop, but you'll retrace your steps for about a month before moving forward again.

So Saturn and Mercury retrograde are two of the larger trends this month to consider. Look upon them as taking a short detour or break from the trek of life rather than a lack of progress. The Universe knows what it's doing when it imposes these hiatus' on us imperfect humans. So, that said, let's see what else is going on out there.

### ***Short Term/Daily Aspects***

[NOTE:--On days where a specific aspect isn't mentioned, the Daily Astrocast will apply more than usual.]

January 1: Mercury goes into Aquarius. (See above.)

January 2: This itchy aspect between Mercury and Pluto in your 12<sup>th</sup> House will jump-start those thoughts relative to your spiritual development. Later that day Venus and Jupiter will jump into the act with what could be an ethical dilemma. Something very

tempting may come along, putting you in one of those situations where an angel is on one shoulder, the devil on the other. Good luck with that.

January 3: Venus goes into Pisces, your 2<sup>nd</sup> House. This should bode well for your finances, possessions, and pleasures.

January 4: Now Venus is playing with Pluto. If Jupiter didn't get you to make the right decision, Pluto is going to give you some in-depth information to help things along. You'll also be incredibly sexy during this time, so good luck with that, too.

January 5: Obviously Mercury moves right along, at least until he goes Retrograde, when he'll start doing it all in reverse. Today he's stirring up surprises with Uranus that could be a strange phone call or your computer, TV or other electronic device going on the fritz. Jupiter goes into Aquarius today. Don't let him over-inflate your ego for the coming year. Yes, the entire YEAR.

January 6: Mars and Neptune are at it today. These two are as diametrically opposed as Saturn and Uranus. Keep an eye out for someone you thought you could trust trying to put something over on you. Not a good day to buy a used car. If you must trust, verify.

January 8: Continue to keep an eye out today as well as Mercury and Saturn exchange a few less-than-friendly words. With Mercury in the house of hidden enemies and Saturn in the House of sex, death, and transformations, it looks like a good day to practice abstinence. No, I'm not kidding.

January 9: An unexpected but pleasant experience is possible today, perhaps of the "woo-woo" variety. Cool, but be sure to appoint a designated driver.

January 10: Watch out for devious people today as well, this time in the way of gossip. Don't give them a stick to beat your with.

January 11: Mercury goes retrograde today, as noted earlier; best not to buy anything mechanical or electronic until February. Today is a good one to gain some insights into what major transformations are brewing. Forewarned is forearmed. Full Moon today in Cancer as well. This is your 6<sup>th</sup> House of work, health and pets, so expect something in that area to come to completion.

January 12: Expect to get your sails trimmed today, especially if you didn't listen on the 5<sup>th</sup> regarding your ego. Delusions are possible as well, but probably relate more to who's really your friend. Again, trust but verify.

January 15: More information today on those major transformations. *Listen to the Force, Luke.* You missed something somewhere that you need to reconsider.

January 17: Something is likely to break down today at the most inconvenient time. Have backups in place wherever possible for important events and don't forget to take your blood pressure medication.

January 18: This collision between Mercury and Jupiter looks like a big, fat revelation, perhaps regarding a misconception or misjudging someone or something. It could also be occasion for putting your foot in your mouth. As they say, never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

January 19: Same Mercury – Pluto aspect as January 2<sup>nd</sup>, so more spiritual development. The Sun goes into Aquarius today, making it easier to stand up tall and smile pretty. Don't be tempted to buy anything however, and if you're trying to impress someone, it may not turn out well. That foot may wind up in your mouth again if you're not careful.

January 20: Theoretically today should be a good one to communicate, but with Mercury retrograde it's more likely a good day to rethink whatever you have in mind.

January 21: Stay away from the mall and all other types of stores, including online. You'll be majorly tempted today to indulge yourself way too much; designated driver time again, too. You're not going to get away with anything today, so don't chance it.

January 22: Mars and Uranus are in sextile today, making for a strong energy exchange that blends aggression and the unexpected. Really watch out driving and avoid dark alleys. Keep an eye on your finances as well.

January 23: This is a good day to buy a lotto ticket, but only one. With Venus in conjunction with Uranus there's no telling. It should be good, but you can't trust Uranus. This pair is also opposing Saturn, Mr. Responsibility. Could be a promotion, could be the opposite.

January 24: This is a day when you should be able to accomplish a lot. Luck should be yours and you'll have a lot of confidence. Make sure it isn't too much. [Remember, *all year* (see January 5<sup>th</sup>.)] You should get some idea what your mission in transformation is today. Note that Mars is in your 12<sup>th</sup> House until February 15<sup>th</sup>, which could stir up an aggressive move on the part of unknown opponents. This could also stir you up with the urge to do something new and exciting. In aspect with Saturn, this could spell trouble, so don't be stupid, especially with Uranus frowning at that Aquarius Sun, which could bring some unexpected events or disruptions. Venus throws a little bit of luck in there, but it also could be too much of a good thing. Be careful.

January 26: More events today that will cue you into that transformation business, perhaps in an annoying way. Deal with it. Be careful buying anything today. Not only is Mercury still retrograde, putting a veritable curse on anything electronic or mechanical, but you'll be prone to delusion or being duped as well. Believe me, those \$150 pants (on sale) will NOT make you look twenty pounds lighter. There are other pleasant experiences waiting out there today that are real. New Moon in Aquarius today as well,

which will bring something new your way. This is an excellent time to start something new just for you.

January 27: Another day to watch your back, literally and figuratively. Don't believe everything you see, hear or read today, either. Today is not a good day to do anything stupid that relates to being over-confident that could land you in the Emergency Room.

January 30: Expect more personal insights into that transformation you have in-work. Pay attention to what they're telling you, even if you don't like it. If the truth hurts, then you have work to do.

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