

# GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

## 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-term Aspects*

Gemini's thrive on data and learning new things so I thought you'd enjoy starting a new year with a little bit more information regarding how planetary transits operate. Most people are aware that the outer planets, *i.e.* Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and some of the far-out asteroids such as Chiron and Sedna, move through the Zodiac at a much slower rate than Mercury, Venus, Mars, and obviously the Sun and Moon. This slow movement extends the influence of the outer planets as they move through the various Houses of your Natal Chart.

And speaking of Houses, now is as good of time as any to digress a bit (which most people born under the Sign of Gemini will understand perfectly) and attempt to explain them a bit. First there are far too many different House systems to go into here. What they amount to is a method, usually based on celestial geometry of some description, of dividing up a natal chart into the twelve primary areas of your life. The one thing they all have in common (as far as I know, since people are inventing them all the time) is the Ascendant, which marks the beginning of the 1st House, which comprises your personality.

If you know what time you were born, then the Ascendant is based on which Sign was on the eastern horizon when you were born. Thus, if you were born roughly between 6:00 - 8:00 AM your Ascendant sign will be the same as your Sun Sign. However, in Sun Sign astrology or if you do not know your time of birth, the Sign under which you were born is considered your 1st House. Needless to say, when writing horoscopes for the masses

such as these, I have no idea what time every Gemini reading this was born, so I use your Sun Sign as your 1st House and divide the others according to the various signs in what would be called the Whole Sign House system. It works quite well, actually.

If you know where your Ascendant lies, it's a good idea to read the horoscope for that sign as well. If you don't, but know what time you were born, drop [Whobeda@valkyrieastrology.com](mailto:Whobeda@valkyrieastrology.com) an email to receive a complimentary copy of your birth chart which will not only tell you where your ascendant lies but also the Moon and other planets. What's really fascinating about all this and part of the reason astrologers tolerate and/or invent so many House systems, is that they all seem to work in one way or another. Some are better for transit interpretations, some for synastry (*i.e.*, compatibility) and various other applications. Everyone has their favorites, but there is not one end-all, be-all house system.

In my experience I've found that both using your Sun Sign as the 1st House as well as your Ascendant seems to work. The Sun Sign method seems to cover the general trends in your life quite nicely while specific transit interpretation for individuals benefits from knowing the Ascendant. Both, however, are worth checking. Okay, so that said, here's what's going on with those outer planets (the *outies*). Daily events are triggered by the *innies*, with the influences from them annotated below by the date on which they'll occur.

Pluto is by far the slowest moving and he just settled down in Capricorn at the end of November. And when I say settled down, I mean it, since he's going to be hanging out in that zodiacal neighborhood until November 2024. No, that isn't a typo, I'm talking about the year twenty-twenty-four. Cappy is your 8th House of transformations, which includes sex, death, and other people's money, so over the next 15 years or so a lot is going to be happening in this area of your life. It won't be constant, but will be based on when Pluto makes an aspect to the various other planets and particularly when he makes contact with the planets in your Natal Chart. Pluto is aspecting your natal Sun this month if your birthday is right around May 22 - 25, which will be bringing something to your attention that is going to be undergoing a major remodel sometime soon.

Considering how slowly Pluto moves, it's going to take a while to get to the rest of you, but he may well be still messing with you if he's contacting one of your other planets or the Moon. Remember that Pluto is the zodiacal roto-rooter. He exposes things that are hidden or buried and require some sort of resolution. He's very much at home in the 8th House since he rules Scorpio, which is the Zodiacal 8th House (where Aries is the 1st House). Thus, he invented transformations. Thus, you can expect major changes in your life over the coming years that will make you a slightly different person than you are now.

Neptune is the next planet in and he's currently hanging out in Aquarius, your 9th House of beliefs, higher education, legal matters, relocation, and long-distance travel, which includes our interaction with other cultures; he's been there since the late 1990s, so think about what's been going on in these areas of your life since that time and you'll get some idea what his message for you has been considering that Neptune rules our dreams,

inspiration, spirituality, and hidden enemies. His domain includes transcendence and going places we've never been before in a spiritual or other-worldly sense. (Bear in mind that this also includes drugs and alcohol, so it's not to say that someone with heavy Neptunian influences is going to be an influential religious leader.) This month Neptune will be throwing some inspiration pertaining to these areas of your life if your birthday is around June 12 - 15, so put it to good use. Those born before that have already had your spiritual infusion and those born later will have it to look forward to. Neptune will be in Aquarius until March 2012.

Uranus is the planet of the unexpected including disruptions, surprise events, and rebellions. He is currently in Pisces, your 10th House of career and reputation. (Just for the record, this is how you leave your mark on the world and what you'll be known or remembered for, not necessary how you earn your paycheck, which is work and included in the 6th House.) This planet, which can frequently operate as one of the astrological bad boys, may be up to something disruptive in this area of your life if your birthday is right around June 9 - 12. Those born before that have already been through what may have had all the charm of an astrological IED (incendiary explosive device, for those of you unfamiliar with the war going on in the Middle East). This gets even more interesting during January and February due to the fact that Uranus is opposite Saturn.

Saturn is all about structure, responsibility, obligations, discipline, and delays. He's old and wise and patient and his tutoring can be harsh, particularly if you need a few hard lessons. If something in your life is out of control, Saturn will do a number on it but you'll be better off when all is said and done, for what little consolation that may be. Saturn is in your 4th House of home environment, which includes your physical abode as well as everyone and everything in it, except for your small pets, which are 6th House for some reason that I cannot answer in logical terms.

On a very fundamental level, this puts your home and career in some sort of tug-o-war that is going to result in some major changes. You may be having one of those "Aha!" moments right now as you probably already have some idea what this may be, but rest assured with Uranus involved there's a good chance that it's not going to turn out as you may expect. Also note that Saturn went retrograde on New Years Eve. This is going to commence a remodeling project of some sort that will be in the conception/planning stages until May 16. This actually puts this opposition with Uranus is a slightly more harmonious light since Uranus is about change and Saturn RX is about redefining and rebuilding something.

So that sets the stage astrologically for what is going on in your life, not just today, but over the rest of this year and into several more. File this data away, which you are so adept at doing, and use it as a template for the daily occurrences and events that involve the *innies* and I'll delineate below. And by the way, if you're wondering what happened to Jupiter, he's somewhere in the middle between the *innies* and *outies* and tends to trigger significant events that bridge the long-term and short-term influences.

Also worth noting as a "long term" influence, simply because it comprises a few weeks as opposed to days and involves your Sign Ruler, Mercury will be retrograde between January 11 - February 1. He's also hanging out in your 9th and 8th Houses this month. This is a poor time to purchase things of an electronic or mechanical nature (heaven forbid an auto or major appliance) but a good time to rethink, re-plan, reconsider, edit, re-do, etc. something pertaining to transformations regarding your beliefs and other 9th House elements.

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

*[Please see the Daily Astrocast for days not specifically mentioned. Bear in mind that these influences can occur within a day one way or another of the date mentioned.]*

January 2: Mercury, your Sign Ruler, is interrogating Pluto today which will result in something surfacing that was previously hidden with regard to your 9th House. Take note because this will be a harbinger of things to come, even if not that much comes from it today. It's likely to involve with a relationship or money or maybe even both.

[NOTE:--By the way, there's a lot of action in your 8th and 9th Houses this month and I'm not going to bore you by continually repeating what they comprise. Thus, remember that your 8th is transformations, sex, death, and other people's money (such as taxes) and 9th is higher education, core beliefs (including religion and politics), long-distance travel/relocation, and legal matters (including jury duty, marriage and all sorts of contracts).]

January 4: Something that should be of a positive nature will come your way today that will relate to that long-term transformation regarding your career or reputation. It could relate to money, a relationship, a woman or perhaps simply making a very positive impression on someone who'll be influential in advancing your interests at a later date. Whatever you do, don't isolate yourself today and miss this potentially beneficial encounter.

January 5: Information that takes you by surprise is out there today and will relate to all those career ruminations, like most of what goes on this month. It may appear to be of a derogatory nature, but rest assured that in the long-haul, it's nudging toward that transformation in this area that needs to occur. As a Mutable Sign, Gemini types are usually quite flexible, so see this as some astrological pilates exercises getting you ready for what's to come.

January 6: A dream may appear to be disappearing, but sometimes that's what dreams do in the full light of day. Re-examine it for reality and move on. On the other hand, if something appears from nowhere and seems quite appealing, bear in mind it may be a mirage.

January 8: That career news or information is going to hit home (literally) today and may cause some tension. If you're thinking about going back to school or relocating to enhance your career, this probably won't go over too well with the folks at home.

January 9: The Sun is in Aquarius, that 8th House, throwing a lot of light and emphasis to this area as well. Today he and Uranus are offering you something worth considering that ties into those long-term trends noted above. Sit up and take notice.

January 10: Another irritation is out there today that will either turn up as an annoying individual, more than likely a woman, or a money situation. Mercury is getting ready to go retrograde tomorrow, so something may break down and create an unanticipated expense.

January 11: Busy day today, astrologically. The Full Moon occurs in Cancer, your 2nd House of possessions, finances, and pleasures, indicating something is culminating in this area (possibly the lifetime of whatever appliance or device decided to quit yesterday). This is also the day your Sign Ruler, goes retrograde, so don't expect to move forward with much until after February 1 except to rethink and re-do as noted earlier. On the positive side, there should be some positive news related to your home environment today, so exploit it for all its worth.

January 12: An expansion of your beliefs or something else in your 9th House that you didn't know before is going to push you toward that transformation today, like it or not. Resistance is futile. Maybe something you took as truth evaporated or some other delusion disappeared in the full light of day. Quit kicking and screaming and just let it go.

January 15: An issue at home will come up for discussion today, probably something that's the source of friction or tension of some sort. This has never been properly taken care of and needs a different approach. Time to reconsider and find a way of dealing with it.

January 17: Disruptions or unexpected events related to your career will require further examination of your beliefs or other considerations related to that infamous 9th House. You know, legal stuff, higher education stuff, relocation stuff, fun things like that.

January 18: Pay attention today because a giant hint regarding future transformations and new directions is lurking there somewhere. Be open-minded and confident as it will help resolve some of your existing challenges.

January 19: The Sun goes into Aquarius today, bringing further light to those transformation issues. New information continues to crawl out of the woodwork, some of which is annoying, but requires deep consideration. Money issues are likely to be involved.

January 20: Seeing your beliefs in a new light today will help you identify any problem areas and point the way toward some solutions. Pay attention.

January 21: Expanding on your current beliefs may create a speed-bump in your career or affect your reputation in some manner today. Money could be involved with this as well. If you don't already have some idea regarding what requires some major resolution that has been swept under the rug you should start figuring that out now.

January 22: Be cautious today in everything you do. Expect the unexpected virtually everywhere. Be prepared for anything, but don't overreact. If you're ready to set out in the new direction, the energy is there, but you'll need to control it and proceed carefully, like driving an Indy car in a school zone.

January 23: Whatever you do today regarding your career goals will bring you a surprising amount of positive attention. There's also a possibility for a raise or bonus you weren't expecting.

January 24: Expect today to be a busy and hectic one with multiple things going on. Expansion of your belief system (or other 9th House stuff...) will take a giant leap, possibly due to a significant event on the home front. If you gained a lot of attention yesterday, chances are good that today the folks at home aren't being especially supportive. Remember that Saturn is retrograde in this part of the neighborhood and things are changing, whether or not you're aware of it. Opportunities are out there to advance your career, but now you're having to park that Indy car in your garage. Another day to expect the unexpected.

January 26: New Moon today in your 9th House, as if that's a surprise. This will definitely usher in something new that's been developing all month long. No looking back now. Something is definitely going on there at home and you need to spend some time and deep thought figuring out what it is, if you don't already know what needs to change. Delusions are a possibility today, perhaps about money and perhaps about your popularity. Either that or you're frustrated because you don't have what's required to bankroll that inspirational idea. Don't give up too easily, but go back to the drawing board to find a slightly different approach. Moving toward that new direction is going to create a few disturbances in your dreams, or perhaps an event will do that for you. Keep an open mind and positive attitude that it will all work out.

January 27: Be careful driving or traveling today and avoid it if possible. Thoughts and considerations will be profuse today regarding the changes in your life, that may currently be manifesting as general chaos. Examine your dreams and what you may think is inspiration carefully to make sure it's attainable and/or based on reality. If not, it may be time to let it go. If there's anything about your beliefs that doesn't synch up with your current career direction, give it serious consideration in both directions.

January 30: Irritations between home and career are out there again. You are undoubtedly more progressive than some of those in your household. Saturn is helping you to figure things out by May 16, after which time you should have a plan.

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