

Monthly Astrocast

May 2009



Key Events:

Full Moon (18:41 Scorpio): May 8, 2009

New Moon (03:28 Gemini): May 24, 2009

Retrograde Planets:

Saturn: December 31 - May 16, 2009

Mercury: May 6 - May 30, 2009

Pluto: April 4 - September 10, 2009

Neptune: May 29 - November 3, 2009

Lunations and Long Term Aspects

One thing to file away in the back of your mind regarding this month is that Mercury goes retrograde on May 6th until May 30th. This means that May is probably not going to see much progress, but it will be a favorable time to rethink and replan various areas of your life. This starts out in your 6th House of work, health and small animals for the first half of the month and then he backs into Taurus, your 5th House of children, romance, ego, entertainment, speculation, and creativity.

This fits in quite well with various other astrological influences going on this month as you'll find out below. Meanwhile, however, remember this is not the time to buy anything electronic or mechanical as it will forever be a lemon. Also, anything of that nature is likely to be on bad behavior during that time, so expect computer and cell phone hassles, communication problems, and traffic snarls as well. Anything that "moves" is going to be honked up.

The Full Moon on the 8th this month occurs in Scorpio, Cappies' 11th House of friends, groups, organizations, hopes and wishes, implying a culmination in one of those areas of your life. A culmination may be an ending, but it also could be a shift to a different phase, and it could be good or not-so-good, depending on your individual circumstances. There are some interesting aspects accompanying this lunation which will give it a unique flavor that will be reflected throughout the month.

The most outstanding aspect is a stellium, which is a grouping of three or more astrological entities within a single sign or house. In this case, they're not only all contained within Aquarius but they're in a tight conjunction which involves Jupiter, Neptune and the asteroid, Chiron. This same aspect will be in effect for the New Moon as well, and it will especially noteworthy at that time because all three will be in the same degree, making it even more powerful and unusual. So what does it mean?

Aquarius is your 2nd House of financial matters, possessions, values, needs, and pleasures, so the assumption is that this part of your life will be affected. I'm sure that this got your attention real quick, since Cappies are security freaks and like their bank account and assets to be in good shape (I know because I am one). Thus, if there's something going on in this area of your life you'll certainly want to be aware. The good news is that Jupiter expands and enlarges what he touches, which sounds pretty good in this context.

However, if you've looked at your assets lately, it's apparent that someone forgot to tell them that. Jupiter's traveling companion is Neptune, who is pretty antithetical to everything Cappy represents. Neptune tends to dissolve whatever he touches, and I'm sure that you're nodding your head about now, because that certainly is what we've seen lately, *i.e.*, our profits dissolve. I, like you, am not amused. Another possibility is having a sense of totally unrealistic over-confidence, another bad idea in today's economy.

The third party in this astrological manage à trois, if you'll pardon the expression, is the asteroid, Chiron. Chiron, the wounded healer, is the significator in your birth chart of the part of your life where you'll encounter injury, whether it be physical, mental, spiritual or

emotional; and maybe with Chiron in our 2nd House we need to add "financial" to that list. The philosophy behind Chiron is that we take those things which we have suffered, learn from them, and while the wounds may never heal, we then use our understanding and strength gained through the experience to sustain, comfort and advise others in a similar situation. For example, if you were abused as a child, you may become a counselor for those in a similar situation; or if you had learning disabilities as a child, you may become a special education teacher, etc. Therefore, the implications are that we'll not like what we're seeing with our financial situation, but we can take what we've learned and help others, even if it's only by buying them a beer and commiserating at the local pub.

In all seriousness, I would give this part of your life some serious thought. If you've been ignoring it like some of us have, it's time to take the bull by the horns (or maybe I should say "bear") and decide what we need to do to establish the security we need. There is always a profit to be had somewhere, it's just a matter of looking in the right place. No matter how badly the economy tanks, someone will make money. For example, if crime goes up, then burglar alarm sales go up; if people quit going out to the movies, DVD rentals will go up, etc. If you're not creative, just pay attention to the ads on TV these days rather than going into the kitchen to make some popcorn.

Back to the Full Moon and its attendant aspects, Uranus, who's in your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, short journeys and neighborhood, is prodding that stellium. Uranus is the planet of surprises, unexpected events, disruptions, and rebellion. Thus, you can expect some ideas or information to come your way that will push you in that direction. Mars and Venus are not-quite-in-conjunction in Aries, your 4th House of home environment. This bodes well for some action in that part of your life, of one sort or another. Male-female interactions are going to be more intense than usual, so put that to work in the most positive way possible. Mars also denotes action and Venus not only applies to love and affection but finances as well. Maybe part of the things you should pursue is a way to either make or generate money from or at your home. Think back to previous hard times you've had for ideas on how to hunker down for the long-haul.

Retrograde Mercury, noted above, is in Gemini, your 6th House of work and health, during the Full Moon, and throwing a quincunx to Pluto, who's stirring things up in your 1st House. This aspect usually calls for an adjustment, change of direction, or sometimes indicates a Catch-22 situation. Thus, some deep introspection into your personal situation with regard to your work is called for, which of course fits into all that other financial business. The good news is that the Sun is in your 5th House of creativity, ego, children, romance, speculation and entertainment and throwing a nice, harmonious trine to Saturn in your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, legal matters, contracts, higher learning, long distance travel, and relocation.

Saturn, your Sign Ruler, has been retrograde in Virgo since New Years Eve and has been pushing you toward restructuring something in this part of your life. With the Sun trining Saturn from your rather-pleasant 5th House, maybe you'll discover what that is and be able to start thinking in that direction. Saturn comes out of reverse on May 16, at which point you can start thinking about what you need to do, which should be in place by the end of summer. This is going to require some adjustments at home, whatever it happens to be.

The New Moon on the 24th has many of the same aspects, except the Sun and Moon are throwing a quincunx to Pluto in your 1st House. Remember that a New Moon, by definition, is a conjunction between the Sun and Moon. The Sun typically represents your ego and the Moon your emotions, so the implication is that these two get on the same page. With the New Moon in Gemini, your 6th House, this will relate to your work, health, or small animals. Pluto is all about transformation, death & regeneration, and deep introspection, so a deep change of a personal nature is going to bring about an adjustment or change of course related to your work or health. Saturn is direct at this time, so moving forward with those plans can begin, though re-examining them would be better until the 30th when Mercury goes direct.

Short Term Aspects

The daily aspects this month are all going to tie into those lunations. Between May 1 - 9 Venus is going to be squaring Pluto, which will start some of those deep, personal introspections and potential transformations and apply them to your situation at home, whether it has to do with the people in it or your home itself. Around the 5th is a favorable time to address some of those 9th House issues, e.g. beliefs, expectations, long-distance travel, higher learning, and so forth.

Mercury goes retrograde on the 6th, throwing everything into revision mode. Right around the 11th, something on the home front will motivate you to make some adjustments to whatever is going on in your 9th House, whether it's strictly mental regarding your beliefs or plans for a trip, to go back to school, pursue a lawsuit, or whatever. Saturn goes direct on the 16th, and at that same time you'll be motivated by something unexpected to take a good hard look at those financial matters.

A steady stream of data, or identifying something you need to readdress, will occur on or around the 18th. From May 16 - 25 you'll be reconsidering those financial matters, which will start evoking various changes to your philosophy of life. The Sun enters Gemini, your 6th House of work, health and pets on the 21st with opportunities accompanying it to find some innovative solutions. Personal transformational changes will influence your thoughts regarding your work around the 23rd, just in time for that New Moon on the 24th; remember a new phase of something is beginning at that time. Right around the 26th you'll be motivated to do something about those financial matters, but nothing will probably happen until the 30th when Mercury goes direct.

This looks as if it's going to be a rather intense month. Lots of things that are important to you are up for serious consideration, but with Saturn and Mercury retrograde moving forward is likely to be thwarted. Nonetheless, it's a good time to reassess certain areas of your life, in particular your finances. Take a look where you've been and how it may relate to where you're going, but don't expect to make any serious progress until June.

Be sure to factor in some time for some relaxation and recreation this month, not only for your own benefit but for those around you. Cappies are known for their "spells of gloomy pessimism" anyway and May looks like it will be a target rich environment, so make an effort to lighten up whenever you can. *Bon chance.*

*If you enjoy these monthly horoscopes and find them
helpful, please share them with a friend!*

--Whobeda