# Monthly Astrocast

*October 2009*

| *Key Events:* |
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| Full Moon (11:10 Aries): October 4, 2009 |
| New Moon (24:59 Libra): October 18, 2009 |
| *Retrograde Planets:* |
| Neptune: May 29 - November 3, 2009<br>Jupiter: June 15 - October 12, 2009<br>Uranus: July 1 - November 30, 2009 |

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***Long-term Aspects and Lunations***

This month the Full Moon occurs in fellow Fire Sign, Aries, on October 4th, in your 5th House of creativity, ego-expression, speculation, entertainment, children and romance. A Full Moon indicates a culmination which can be either an ending or in some cases simply shifting to another phase which will be ushered in by the New Moon a few weeks later. Thus, if you have a long-term project in work related to something in the 5th House domain, this month you should complete it or a portion of it with the accompanying aspects giving some clue on what to expect.

One major clue to it all may lie in the Yod, or Finger of God, that is apparent in this lunation. Mercury in Virgo, your 10th House of career, reputation and status, and Mars in Cancer, your 8th House of transformations, sex, death, debt and shared resources, are in sextile at the base. Mars in your 8th House is something to keep an eye on, though fortunately Mars isn't as energetic in soggy Cancer as he can be elsewhere. At any rate, be a bit on the cautious side and don't take any unnecessary chances until after October 16 when he goes into Leo. In the mean time, he is throwing energy and drive toward those 8th House domains that could also translate to aggression if not properly managed.

Mercury facilitates communications and data as well as movement of just about anything and in your 10th House this provides the possibility for a lot of activity. Career and reputation are intuitively obvious but status is a bit more ambiguous and best illustrated with a few examples. In general it frequently relates to something where a title or label applies. When you graduate from school at any level you become a graduate. If you get engaged, marry, get divorced, obtain a job, get promoted or fired, run for public office, buy your first house, become a parent, or any number of other things, it is a status change that is noted by society. Thus all sorts of events of this sort fall in the 10th House.

Mercury and Mars are sextile which is ordinarily indicative of an opportunity. There are some cases, however, where the energy between the two planets is a easy exchange, but its affect isn't particularly fortuitous. In other words if you didn't manage that Mars energy properly and got arrested, this particular encounter being reported in the paper could fit this aspect. However, let's hope in your case it's of a more positive nature, such as you have been actively pursuing something of a transformational nature, or perhaps just trying to obtain a mortgage which succeeds and results in your becoming a homeowner, this would also fit.

Note that this is only the base of the Yod and the true thrust lies in its eye, which is Neptune in Aquarius, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings and short journeys. Neptune is an elusive planet that tends to dissolve what he touches. He can bring inspiration and enlightenment but likewise delusions, illusions, deceptive and idealism. Neptune is the originator of rose-colored glasses and the one who paints rainbows across the sky. He also rules cinema where no matter how real it may seem, what you see on that silver screen is not more than cleverly placed light. He has been resident in your 3rd House for a long time so his presence feels so natural that you don't

even notice he's there. And he's not necessarily a bad thing, but you need to be aware that what you're seeing, or in this case thinking, may not be real.

In the context of this yod, what you need to bear in mind is that if you are being motivated to pursue something that you think will change your life such that you'll be on top of the world, you may want to take another look at whether this is based on facts. Sag is an optimistic sign and very enthusiastic so it may be relatively easy to fall for this sort of thing, especially since your Sign rules the 9th House of beliefs and expectations which tend to make you philosophical by nature. Thus, whatever you're thinking, seeing or hearing, particularly if the source is a neighbor or sibling, may not be entirely accurate. Bear that in mind as you pursue whatever it might be and gauge your energy and public displays accordingly.

Neptune is connected with Mars and Mercury through two quincunxes, which indicate an adjustment or course change. In this case, make sure you're not turning down a dead-end road regardless of what that sign may say to the contrary. Returning to the mortgage scenario as one example, make sure that the home you're buying is everything you think it is, that the neighborhood is sound, and that no one is being deceptive in any way.

Another aspect pattern associated with this Full Moon is a Triangle of Potential (ToP) between Mercury, Mars and Uranus. Notice that Neptune and Uranus swapped places, but the sextile between Mars and Mercury remains. In this case, Uranus, planet of surprises, disruptions, innovation, rebellion and breaking free, is in the mix from Pisces, your 4th House of home environment. This implies that the data flow associated with your career, reputation or status is being disrupted by events or circumstances relates to home. The primary difference between this ToP and the yod is that while the yod is trying to point you toward something, the ToP is giving you some leverage toward controlling that challenge between home and your career or status through your actions, which will have a transformation effect on you in some way, or perhaps achieve whatever it is you're after such as the mortgage mentioned earlier. Uranus can be disruptive but he can also bring innovation and various other useful techniques that rock the boat when that's what you need to do.

There is also a square between Saturn and Pluto which is a hard aspect between two bad boy planets. Saturn is also in your 10th House which is a comfortable place for him as he rules the Zodiacal 10th. He is a stern tutor but gives us the perseverance we need to work hard for something we really want to attain. Since he's been there for a while, he has probably been motivating you to advance in that career/reputation/status part of your life. Pluto is in your 2nd House of possessions, finances, how you earn your living, values, needs and pleasures. The Readers Digest version of this aspect is that the hard work you're putting toward advancing career or status-wise is meeting with conflicts that relate to your financial situation. Maybe you really need a promotion and raise, your expenses have recently increased, but in this economy it's not happened. This doesn't look like a very pleasant situation and it's likely to last for a few months or so. Thus, if you're having career and financial difficulties, these two are probably the culprits.

The good news is that Saturn and Mercury are also making a nice, harmonious trine to the North Node, also in your 2nd House of finances, etc. Tying all this together indicates that you need to take a hard look at your financial past, including your budgeting and spending habits that may have gotten you into a bit of a bind. If you're having to dig your way out of something like this, then you will be happy to know that it looks like the Universe wants you to head in a new direction and will give you the information and discipline you need to get there.

Even if you're in what seems like a veritable desert currently, the chance to get out and progress in a new and better direction is coming your way. Venus and Jupiter, two very benefic planets, are also in the game and these two are directing you toward new and better things. Neptune's inspiration may be just the thing you need, but do be cautious about believing everything you see. The Sun is transiting your 11th House of groups, organizations, friends, goals, hopes and wishes most of the month, which should also help you do any necessary networking to find new paths. You may be in a transition period, but it is taking you in new and better direction so stay the course.

The New Moon on the 18th occurs in Libra, your 11th House of groups and so forth, as noted above, indicating something new is coming your way in this part of your life. This could be new friends and associations that help direct you toward news goals and aspirations. There is one aspect pattern that stands out on this lunation and it's another ToP that comprises Saturn, Uranus and the North Node, with the North Node in the driver's seat. Saturn and Uranus are in opposition which is a classic in that Saturn is all about discipline, structure, and responsibility while Uranus is about breaking free, rebellion, and disruptions. If you're oscillating between the two, your key to manage this one lies in that new direction, which starts in your 2nd House of finances and possessions. Again, if you have anything that requires some attention in this part of your life, it's important that you address it as your future will be quite influenced by it.

The New Moon, which by definition is a conjunction between the Sun and Moon, is quincunx Uranus, once more repeating the theme of course changes and adjustments that are likely to hail in an unexpected and possibly disruptive manner from the home front. Pluto is quincunx Mars, as well, with Mars moved into fellow Fire Sign, Leo, where he is much more functional. This is your 9th House of beliefs and expectations, Sag's home zodiacal ground, and a comfortable place for you. Putting some drive and energy behind your beliefs will feel good; other 9th House components include higher education, other cultures, legal matters, relocation, religion, politics, and long-distance travel. Mars and Pluto seem to be telling you to put it in high gear with regard to going back to school or some other major 9th House matter and this will bring about adjustments and a course change relative to renovating your financial situation. On the dark side, matters could be causing you some trouble from that same astrological vicinity that will cause some major financial forensics. If this is the case, see what you need to do to take control of the situation.

The New Moon is in a nice, harmonious trine with Neptune which could beckon some inspiration or enlightenment for you to use as you define and go after new pursuits.

There's a lot going on for you right now, all of it is probably not very comfortable, but by putting on your thinking cap and paying attention, you'll navigate through it and learn all sorts of useful things along the way.

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

October 1: If you discover something today that is disappointing or unsettling, be sure to look for it's true basis and root cause. There's a message in it that you need to identify and take to heart and it will help direct you toward new paths.

October 4: Full Moon today as described above.

October 8 - 9: Expect news related to your responsibilities or obligations that will affect your status or career on the 8th. Unexpected events at home may have an impact on finances related to your career or status or vice versa. Inspiration awaits, however, so whatever it is take that philosophical view that Sag excels at and look for viable options. Mercury goes into Libra on the 9th, bringing his communication talent to your interactions with others and also to facilitate ideas regarding your goals.

October 10: A good day for networking and interacting with groups of all kinds. Keep your eyes and ears open as you're likely to pick up some useful information or ideas and promote yourself in a way that will come in handy later. News you may not like about your finances or possessions is possible.

October 12: Your Sign Ruler, Jupiter, goes direct today, which will help his energy manifest in a more obvious way that you'll be able to pick up on and utilize. Transformational experiences that may relate to your obligations and responsibilities regarding debt or shared resources may reflect on your status in some way.

October 13: Expect some good news today related to your status or career. It's also a good day to show your stuff as far as your sense of responsibility is concerned. If you have any conversations you need to have with your boss, today is a good one to do so since your energy and enthusiasm is likely to be seen in a very favorable light.

October 14 - 15: Venus goes into Libra on the 14th, bringing her blessings to your 11th House of groups, friends, associations, hopes and wishes. There's also a chance she could find you some financial benefits in this area or perhaps a new relationship that will be useful. Take a hard look at your financial situation and goals for the future as well as what it will take to get there. Be optimistic but realistic.

October 16: Mars goes into Leo today, bringing his drive and energy to your 9th House of beliefs and expectations among other things enumerated above. Something unexpected relative to home will start pointing you toward some new goals or associations. Inspiration is out there, but remember to give it a reality check or at least break it down into incremental steps to make it feasible.

October 18: New Moon today as described above.

October 20: An excellent day for data gathering. There's no problem if your ideas and goals tend to be a bit grandiose provided you look at a logical path to get there. Believing in yourself is as important as anything right now.

October 23: The Sun goes into Scorpio, your 12th House of dreams, enlightenment, inspiration, confinement, institutions, self-undoing, and hidden enemies today. This will further help you access a vision for the future, but remember those reality checks.

October 24: If you need some inspiration relative to navigating that financial mine field, it's out there today. The key is to look to the past and where the root of your problem really lies. If you wonder where the money goes, look for all those little things like going out to lunch that can add up all too quickly. See what bad habits you can ditch and which good ones can take their place. If you feel deprived, dig deeply into your past to find out why it feels like a necessity when it really isn't. What you discover will surprise you if you listen to what the Universe is trying to tell you.

October 28: Mercury goes into Scorpio today, which will further assist you with accessing inspired ideas. If anyone is trying to undermine you, he will also help flush that out. If you feel trapped or confined, again look to your past to discover why. There are some lucky breaks out there today as well as some excellent ideas to incorporate into your goals.

October 29: Saturn goes into Libra today, bringing his discipline and structure to your organizational activities as well as your goals, hopes and wishes. This will prove very useful as you try and pull it all together. This is another day where inspiration is there if you look hard enough. If you've been sabotaging yourself with something like lack of confidence or belief in your ability to achieve your dreams, you can find its source and the required remedy.

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