

Monthly Astrocast

September 2009



Key Events:

Full Moon (12:15 Pisces): September 4, 2009

New Moon (25:59 Virgo): September 18, 2009

Retrograde Planets:

Mercury: September 7 - 28, 2009

Pluto: April 4 - September 10, 2009

Neptune: May 29 - November 3, 2009

Jupiter: June 15 - October 12, 2009

Uranus: July 1 - November 30, 2009

Lunations and Long-Term Aspects

This month the Full Moon is on the 4th and occurs in Pisces, your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, legal matters, relocation, long-distance travel, other cultures, and higher education, thus representing a culmination of something in one of those areas. If your birthday falls right around July 4th this will have a more noticeable effect of a positive nature. This could be as simple as shifting your view of the world in some subtle way that will actually result in positive long-term effects. One of the aspects that will further influence this lunation is an opposition between Pluto and Mars.

Pluto is in your 7th House of close relationships where he's transforming how you relate to one or more people in this category. Any unresolved issues, particularly anything that has been covered up, will be exposed during this time. Mars is in your 1st House of personality which should bring you some additional energy and drive to move forward though fiery Mars is dampened quite a bit by a Water Sign. The implications, nonetheless, are that your attempts or motivation to progress is going to meet some resistance from someone or something from your past. Remember that the most effective way to win a tug-o-war is to let go of the rope and let your opponent fall on their butt.

Another aspect to keep an eye on, one that will be in effect for the entire month due to the slow-moving characteristics of the planets involved, is another opposition, this time between Saturn and Uranus. Saturn is in Virgo, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, and siblings, which will put a damper of seriousness on anything going on in this part of your life. If you've tended to be depressed lately or overwhelmed with your responsibilities, this is undoubtedly the cause since Saturn is the master of hard lessons, delays, obligations, responsibilities, authority and structure. Uranus is in Pisces, your 9th House as described earlier. Saturn and Uranus are quite antithetical in their characteristics making it very logical that they would be opposing one another; no telling what would happen if they got together in an harmonious manner.

In a nutshell, Saturn is about stability and structure while Uranus is about sudden change, rebellion and the unexpected. Much of this is likely to occur on the mental plane, however, since Uranus is in your 9th House of beliefs and so forth while Saturn is in your 3rd of thoughts and such. This could be a clash between your thoughts versus what you see in the world around you. Sudden changes or unexpected events that have an impact on your beliefs, world view, or expectations could be stirring up your thoughts which could pertain to your siblings or neighbors. Your beliefs or expectations will not be in synch with your current thoughts.

Interestingly enough, this applies all too well to one of my grandchildren, a one-year-old who recently gained a newborn sister, displacing her as the family baby. As I watched her expression while she watched "mommy" hold her new sister said it all. In other words, her thoughts about stability will definitely be disruptive to her beliefs.

The Moon is quincunx Venus who's currently blessing your 2nd House of finances, possessions, pleasures and needs. This aspect necessitates an adjustment or course change related to your beliefs about money and material things. That certainly isn't rocket science in today's economy. Venus, however, is a benefic planet and is very much at home in that 2nd House, which she rules on the Zodiacal level. This, of course, implies that these tweaks will ultimately be in your favor.

Yet another quincunx lies between stuffy Saturn, who's burdening your thoughts with an overdeveloped sense of responsibility, and the Neptune/Chiron midpoint in your 8th House of transformations. Neptune and Chiron's energy will blend together in an interesting manner. Neptune can be about inspiration, delusion or anything inbetween while Chiron is about those past hurts you've suffered through. Thus, Neptune could either make them either harder to understand and resolve or, conversely, provide the insights and enlightenment you need to get past them and thus steer you toward more stability, as represented by Saturn.

One last aspect to consider is a square between Mercury and Mars. Mercury is in your 4th House of home environment, bringing new information pertaining to that part of your life and/or increasing the activity level in that particular arena. With Mars in your 1st House, this is likely to be something that stirs you up a bit and is less than convenient; once again, I can't help but think of my displaced granddaughter, who is undoubtedly showing a few Mars traits in that regard, particularly since she has Mars on her ascendant nately. At any rate, thus shines the Full Moon. Remember that a Full Moon can indicate an ending or sometimes simply a culmination, which points to a new phase. This appears to be the case since so many of the themes repeat in the New Moon on the 18th.

The New Moon occurs in Virgo, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings, and short journeys. The New Moon has quite a bit of company in that particular sign, including Saturn, who's in the same degree, and Mercury who by then is retrograde, with that particular state going into effect on September 7; just a reminder that buying anything electronic or mechanical during a Mercury RX period isn't a good idea. Repairs and rethinking something are perfectly acceptable, but acquiring anything, especially in those categories, is not likely to end well. The New Moon's conjunction with these two planets will definitely color its effects. New thoughts and ideas or perhaps a new neighbor (or sibling LOL) are going to be of a serious, perhaps limiting, nature and motivate you to rethink a few things.

There are a bunch rather unfriendly aspects with the New Moon that will emphasize these issues even further. For starters, Uranus, planet of change, surprises, the unexpected, rebellion, and innovation, is opposite the entire package from your 9th House of beliefs. As you can undoubtedly see this means that some new serious thoughts are going to have an impact on your beliefs and expectations or some other 9th House area as defined earlier such as relocation or higher learning. Traditional roles, particularly for women, may be a key element in this as well due to the presence of the asteroid, Juno, in your 9th House as well.

Neptune is opposite Venus, which is going to affect your thoughts about either love or money. Neptune, as noted earlier, can have a strong influence on your imagination, ideals, and dreams, but these will be having a dialog with Venus, who's trying to bring good fortune to your 2nd House of possessions and finances with your needs and pleasures candidates as well. Neptune is in your 8th House of sex, death, transformations, and other people's resources, so be sure to employ enough logic to understand whether he's providing insights or leading you down the Primrose Path. Thus, if you have some highly imaginative brainstorm that you're convinced will bring you no less than a million dollars, think again.

Neptune is also throwing a quincunx toward the New Moon, which by definition includes both the Sun and Moon, as well as Saturn. Neptune, who's about all sorts of illusions, isn't particularly compatible with Saturn. Neptune tends to dissolve what he touches into a watery haze while Saturn is about structure and boundaries. Throw a quincunx between them and you're going to discover some adjustments to your thoughts that will be profound enough to have a transformational effect on you. Pluto is in the game as well, squaring the New Moon system and Mercury.

As you recall, Pluto is busily renovating your relationships and doing a deep, forensic analysis on that part of your life, but this may not be terrifically comfortable with your current thoughts or the information coming your way. With Mercury retrograde, this alone implies that this is a time for rethinking, reconsidering, and reviewing existing data to assure you're heading in the right direction. Buried in this mass of challenges is one, lone trine between Pluto and Venus, which implies that either someone from your past or the resolving of something related to a past relationship will have a positive effect on your finances or bring something pleasant your way. For example, if you have an "ex" out there somewhere who hasn't been paying child support, this could bode well.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

September 1 - 3: News, information, or activities related to home is going to get you stirred up and ultimately have a strong, transformational effect on you. You may have a real urge to buy something you know you can't afford, which you'll probably resist but nonetheless resent, especially if you have any way of blaming it on someone besides yourself. A sense of rebellion or entitlement beyond your usually reasonable mindset is likely.

September 4: Full Moon occurs as annotated above.

September 7: Mercury goes retrograde until September 28. During this time you need to be rethinking and re-planning anything you have in-work. Moving forward is not likely, so make sure you have all your ducks in a row. Also remember not to buy anything mechanical or electronic (heaven forbid, a car) during this timeframe.

September 8 -10: Once again you'll be inclined to blame anyone you can for your financial dilemma. You may even get downright obnoxious and pushy about it. Just

remember how it feels when you realize in the middle of an argument that you are wrong. Pluto goes direct on the 10th which will help you start moving forward on resolving those relationship issues.

September 11: Expanding your finances via someone else's assets will present itself as an option today. Be sure to weigh all the pros and cons. Adjustments to your mindset are advisable. Annoying news related to your home and finances is likely present itself which could play out as open opposition from your significant other.

September 12 - 14: If you're harboring any delusions that are beyond the realm of reality, today is a good one to confront it and make a few course changes as a result. Home and money will be hot topics again as well.

September 15: Resistance to change or rebellion against the status quo will be rumbling around inside your head today. Whether to try and make it on your own or exploit the assets or good-heartedness of someone else will be another consideration. Whatever your philosophy about money, possessions, or the comforts of life may be, be prepared to make a few adjustments today.

September 16 - 17: What you want versus that little voice in your head admonishing you to be responsible will be going back and forth today in a most annoying manner. An attitude adjustment is advisable. Take a good, hard look at all those disruptions or changes in the most logical way you can manner and see if your head has been in the right place or conversely where "the Sun don't shine." If anyone, including yourself, has been harboring any secrets from family members they're likely to be discovered today. Your sense of responsibility will regain control, even it requires a major guilt trip to put you back in line.

September 18: New Moon today as described above. Mercury also backs into Virgo, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, and so forth. Now it's time to really rethink things, particularly if you ignored them before.

September 19 - 21: Thoughts regarding the money situation will be an ongoing annoyance. However, your thoughts may shift to a more positive slant if you'll let them as you see things more clearly and perhaps less emotionally than you have before. You may even uncover the reason why you were so upset and annoyed earlier, making it easier to accept, along with a burst of energy to move forward in a slightly different direction.

September 22 - 23: The Sun goes into Libra today, emphasizing things at home even more. Your sense of responsibility will be enhanced, even though some conflicts with a family member relative to old baggage or problems may be the catalyst. As you continue to rethink your situation your beliefs and expectations are likely to change in a dramatic or sudden way that have a deep and lasting affect.

September 24 - 30: Your drive to pursue a new path will be strong today so put it to good use. The need for some changes is more evident than before, providing the impetus. Mercury goes direct on the 28th, so gather up everything you've been reviewing so you can translate it into a new plan.

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