

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 occurs on September 4th in Pisces, your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings, and short journeys. Typically the Full Moon brings an ending or a shift in phase, which ties in quite nicely with the fact that Mercury will be retrograde from September 7 - 28, giving you the perfect environment to be rethinking or reconsidering something. By the looks of the New Moon it will be a continuation as opposed to an ending, so this all fits together quite nicely. All you need to do now is figure out what it's all about; the accompanying aspects may help.

There is nothing there that is wildly wonderful and worth celebrating. Rather there are challenges, decisions and changes of course. First of all, your Sign Ruler, Saturn, is opposing Uranus. These two planets are about as antithetical as they can get except perhaps for Neptune, whom we'll get to soon enough. Saturn is all about discipline, delays, boundaries, responsibility, structure, and our obligations and he's shedding those restrictive vibes all over your 9th House of higher learning, beliefs, expectations, religion, politics, legal matters, relocation, other cultures and long-distance travel. In other words, it's not too likely that you're having a particularly joyful time with regard to these matters. Rather, if they're stuck in the mud or riddled with one speedbump after another, this is why.

Uranus, on the other hand, who's in your 3rd House along with the Full Moon, is all about disruptions, surprises, unexpected events, rebellion, and innovation. With these two faced off in opposition with one another you're going to be bouncing back and forth between them in one way or another. The good news is that some innovative thought and perhaps even a touch of rebellion may be exactly what you need in order to break free of those shackles Saturn's imposing.

On the other hand, as a Cappie, Saturn is within your comfort zone, so maybe these disruptions won't be particularly welcome. Considering that neighbors and siblings reside in that 3rd House there's every possibility that someone that meets that description will be stirring the pot. However, don't entirely lose sight of the fact that this person, no matter how unconventional, could actually do you a favor or help inspire you in some way. It's important to maintain a positive attitude as something good usually comes from just about everything.

Another opposition to contend with comprises Mars and Pluto. The orb is a bit wide on this one, but close enough to keep an eye on since these two bad boys bear watching. Mars is in your 7th House of relationships whereas Pluto, as you probably already know, is in your 1st House of personality. This could be setting up some power struggles in your relationships that result in various confrontations. Remember that relationships as defined by the 7th House include everyone with whom you relate one-on-one. This includes not only your significant other but close friends and relatives, business partners, and if you're in business for yourself, your cliental. In it's simplest form, you'll be the one trying to exert control or power over someone who is likely to fight back. This is not always the most effective way to get what you want; remember you attract more flies with honey than vinegar. Thus, be aware that you're doing this and purposely tone things down because chances are good that people may be a bit defensive or put off by you even when you don't think you're being

pushy, simply because you're emitting these vibes. This can actually be a positive time to harness that energy and pursue a new partnership of some sort, provided you're both pulling in the same direction.

While you're working on that, also be aware that Mercury and Mars are squaring one another with Mercury in your 10th House of career, public image, and reputation. This could also contribute to you being perceived as being aggressive, confrontational, or combative. Cappies and most Earth Signs tend to be quite direct in their communications anyway, which is usually a good thing, but again, at this time and considering Pluto is also messing with things, be sure to put on some conscious diplomacy. If you smile too much people might get suspicious but it still might be a good idea so they don't view you as the grim reaper.

There are two quincunxes that are trying to send the message that some adjustments need to be made. One lies between the Full Moon and Venus, who's in Leo, your 8th House of transformations, other people's resources, sex, death and taxes. Venus in that locale isn't a bad thing and probably won't exacerbate the situation to a deleterious degree. This implies that a transformation of some sort is in work which is going to change your thoughts, neighborhood or sibling situation or what-have-you in some way. You can always hope that this brings good fortune your way, which it could, in the way of an inheritance or maybe some other windfall. On the other hand you could simply use this to obsess on sex or death or taxes or something equally uplifting. Since so much of this is happening on the mental plane, there's no telling; it's all up to you.

The other quincunx is between Neptune and Saturn. Saturn was described above as the planet that imposes structure, delays, discipline, responsibility and so forth. Neptune does the opposite by dissolving and smearing around anything in his reach, breaking down boundaries and sometimes throwing up a screen that has the same effect as rose-colored glasses. Neptune is in your 2nd House of finances, possessions, pleasures and needs where he's probably been acting like a vial of sulfuric acid gradually eating away at your checkbook or other assets. If this has been the case, then it's time to bring that to a halt by taking a good, hard look at your beliefs and expectations for security.

Neptune is conjunct the asteroid Chiron, which adds a damaging or hurtful element to this and Jupiter, who's also in close proximity, will tend to expand the effect even further. Inspiration is possible as well, but it's important to keep both feet firmly positioned on the ground as you try to figure it out and make any relevant decisions. Maybe you've been doing a bit too much dreaming and it's time for a reality check or, conversely, maybe you've been going through one of those typical Cappie spells of gloomy pessimism for which we're famous and a little enlightenment or inspiration will do you good. Whichever it is, take a good, hard look at the situation and any course changes vying for attention.

The New Moon on September 18th isn't particularly friendly, either, as far as a multitude of pleasant aspects is concerned. For starters, the Sun/Moon conjunction which is the definition of a New Moon, is also conjunct Saturn by degree and not far off from Mercury, who by that time is retrograde. This stellium alone is clearly saying, "Okay, bozo, it's time to get a grip and rethink a few things," particularly since it occurs in your 9th House of

beliefs, expectations, relocation, other cultures, and so forth. Uranus, however, is opposing them all with his propensity for upending things with disruptive circumstances or events which could just well be what triggers the need to reconsider something. On the positive side, maybe, once more, an unconventional, fresh approach is what is required. It's thus in your best interest to maintain an open mind with respect to your possible solutions.

Pluto is squaring the New Moon and its compadres as well, which implies a variety of reactions on your part that could be anything Plutonian in nature from obsession, determination not to budge, the desire to take total control, even if subversive tactics are required, or possibly simply a significant personal transformation related to the entire situation. Pluto is also trining Venus, who's in your 8th House of transformation and thus pairs up rather nicely with Pluto in this respect. There's still that chance she might bring some good fortune your way in the form of a minor windfall, though it's probably not a good idea to hold your breath.

Neptune is in there with more quincunxes to the New Moon and Saturn, once more trying to dissolve and dissipate something or, on the positive side, throw some inspiration in that direction that will help facilitate a change of course, possibly in the financial area. Chiron and Jupiter are still right there as well, though it's hard to tell exactly what their influence will be because there are so many possibilities. Neptune is also opposing Venus, so if you happen to get some sort of windfall you can expect it to disappear quite quickly.

Short Term Aspects

September 1 - 3: If you're thinking of expanding upon your public image or reputation via your checkbook, for whatever reason, perhaps at the prodding of someone close to you, give it a lot of thought. Now is not the time to fall for any delusions. Get it in writing, get the facts, and worry more about being smart than being nice.

September 4: The Full Moon occurs today as described above.

September 7; Mercury goes retrograde today in your 10th House of status, reputation, and public image. Communicating in this capacity will be inhibited so you're highly likely to be misunderstood or misperceived. Remember this is not the time to purchase anything electronic or mechanical. If it's something you can't live without, seriously consider renting a replacement until mid-October unless you're ready to tolerate a lemon.

September 8 - 10: Deep, penetrating thoughts will be on your mind today. They're trying to take you somewhere so pay attention. The result could be a major change in how you see something or someone. There's a slight chance someone close to you may ask to borrow money or try to turn you on to an opportunity that sounds too good to be true. It probably is, so turn up the gain on your radar and get all the facts, in writing. There are some opportunities out there, however, but they're probably more related to transforming your beliefs or pursuing going back to school, relocating, a legal matter, or something along those lines. Pluto comes out of retrograde on the 10th, which will help drive ruminations going on beneath the surface to the light of day in the coming weeks.

September 11: If that windfall comes along, expect to have too many places to spend it. Adjustments to your beliefs relative to your finances are demanding attention.

September 12 - 14: A course change in your approach is on the books today. Whatever you do, don't be a spendthrift. There are worse things in life than people thinking you're cheap; you can laugh all the way to the bank.

September 15: Unexpected events, unconventional ideas, or disruptions of some description will shake things up today. This is where any windfall and/or assets do a disappearing act. Time for yet another course change.

September 16 - 17: Transformations of a personal nature are in effect, whether or not you're aware of them, along with more adjustments that may only affect your attitude. You'll see things more clearly than before and understand what caused that surprise event yesterday. You may not like what you discover, but at least you'll have more data. Your responsibilities are looming and if you've been neglecting them in any manner, that will also be apparent along with the needed remedy.

September 18: New Moon today as described above. Mercury also backs into Virgo, bringing that rethinking energy to your belief system and other actions you've been considering.

September 19 - 21: That transformational energy you feel based on deep, profound insights continues. It's taking you somewhere you haven't been before but this is not a bad thing. This may not go over too well with some of the people in your life, however.

September 22 - 23: The Sun goes into Libra on the 22nd, bringing an emphasis to fairness and balance in the world and even more emphasis to your status and public image. More news related to your responsibilities and those considerations you're bouncing around is due during this timeframe also. You may not like some of what you find out but be grateful for the knowledge and understanding, which is likely to take you by surprise. Ideas related to another course change related to your financial dealing require careful scrutiny.

September 25 - 30: A confrontation with someone close to you is going to have something to do with money or your possessions and require, you guessed it, another adjustment. Expanding your public image or status is possible. Mercury goes direct on the 28th, allowing all those reconsiderations and new plans to come together for execution in the coming weeks though true progress isn't likely until mid-October.

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