

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 in Pisces, your 8th House of transformations which will bring you new experiences that will have a lasting effect on you. A Full Moon typically indicates an ending or culmination, which can mean the completion of a phase and shifting to another but not an ending *per se*. This is more than likely the case since the New Moon later in the month has the same basic theme. If your birthday is within a day or so of August 5 the influence, which will give you a nudge in a slightly different direction, will be stronger. With Venus nearly conjunct your natal Sun this shift will be favorable.

Another aspect in effect is an opposition between Saturn and Uranus. These two planets are about as antithetical as they get with Saturn the planet that imposes structure, discipline, authority and delays while Uranus is the planet of rapid change, disruptions, rebellion and the unexpected. Saturn is in your 2nd house of possessions, finances, pleasures and needs where he's perhaps imposing a few difficult lessons in this area. At the least you will be working hard toward establishing security and practicality, especially if you've been a bit of a spendthrift in the past which Leos are especially prone to do since you have an affinity for luxury and nice things. Only the best will do, but sometimes your wallet doesn't exactly cooperate.

Uranus is in your 8th House of transformations along with that Full Moon. Unexpected events of a disruptive nature are thus something you've probably come to expect for the past several years; since March 2003, to be exact. Just for the record, Uranus will leave Pisces in the end of May 2010, but due to retrograde motion make a comeback mid-August of that same year that will last until March 2011, when the disruptions and unexpected will shift to your 9th House, stirring things up there. So, you have more or less another year and a half of this; hang in there, the end is in sight. Meanwhile, brace yourself because this tug-o-war between stability and shakeups will be fairly strong for the next month.

Another opposition to keep an eye on is one between Mars and Pluto. These two are both considered astrological "bad boys" though they have positive influences as well. When they get together like this they imply power struggles. Mars is in your 12th House of spirituality, enlightenment, inspiration, institutions, confinement, and hidden enemies while Pluto is in your 6th House of work, service, and health. Mars is good for infusing us with drive and energy while Pluto tends to be the Zodiacal backhoe who goes around digging up old issues that have been buried without being properly resolved. With this particular placement there are, as always, numerous interpretations that you can mix and match using the components of those two houses.

For example, you may be actively seeking inspiration that is being inhibited because your job or other activities that keep you occupied also keep you too engaged in the material world to see anything else; hidden enemies may be undermining your efforts to gain more control on the job; discontent with your life could be affecting your health; someone (including yourself, since the 12th is also the house of self-undoing) may be holding you

prisoner in a figurative sense and not allowing you to do the things you really want to pursue. You may also be trapped in a job for reasons that aren't in your best interest as far as finding satisfaction by utilizing your numerous talents. As you can see there are numerous possibilities that all basically reflect a tug-o-war between spiritual satisfaction and how you spend your time. You may not be able to escape this entirely, but be sure to find even small blocks of time to do those things that will bring you peace and inspiration. If you ignore these needs they could surface eventually as health issues.

Another aspect is a square between Mercury and Mars. Mercury is in your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, siblings, neighbors, and short journeys. Since Mercury rules these things his influence will be quite strong and comfortable, increasing your mental activity. This will definitely draw your attention to whatever is going on with that Mars - Pluto opposition described above. The good news is that you will be able to recognize what is going on, identify the problem and thus start thinking about a solution. A few days after the Full Moon, on the 7th, Mercury goes retrograde, which will be a favorable time to rethink and examine these issues. The retrograde period will last until September 28, at which time you should have figured a few things out, but real progress won't come until mid-October. Nonetheless, this will be very helpful in sorting things out. You can't even begin to solve a problem until you know what it is so this is a good thing.

Saturn is also quincunx Neptune, another influence that has two entirely different flavors. Saturn, as noted earlier, is all about structure and discipline while Neptune is a dreamy, boundless planet that tends to hand us a pair of rose-colored glasses. A quincunx suggests a change of course or adjustment, which in this case could go either way. Neptune is in your 7th House of close relationships, which provides at least a clue of what this may be about. This is another long-term placement that isn't going away anytime soon. With Saturn in your house of finances and Neptune in your house of relationships, it implies that you may have an idealistic or unrealistic view of one or more of your relationships that is having an affect on your possessions or finances such that you need to shift your sights a bit.

The New Moon on September 18 is in your 2nd House of finances, possessions, pleasures and needs, so you can already see how these two lunations relate to one another. The Full Moon is trying to shift your sights in a slightly different direction that the New Moon will reinforce. The aspects accompanying the New Moon are very much directed toward change toward more structured financial management. For one thing, Saturn is conjunct the New Moon, which by definition is a conjunction between the Sun and Moon, thus imbuing the lunation with a strong sense of responsibility and obligation. Mercury, who is retrograde at that time, is right in there as well, motivating you to rethink and reconsider how you've managed this part of your life in the past. Uranus, planet of change, is opposing all of them for the *coup de grace*. This could bring an unexpected event that affects your finances and forces the issue or simply lend you a helping hand toward making the changes you decide upon.

Neptune is throwing a quincunx to the New Moon, further indicating a change of course. Any idealistic views regarding someone close to you need to be examined closely to see

if these are holding you back; adjustments are required in this area. This person is someone close to you as indicated by the fact that Neptune is opposing Venus. Thus, these adjustments may not be to your liking and you may not be the initiator. As a Fixed Sign, Leos don't like change, so you may be resisting something that needs to happen. Be honest and look at that possibility very closely before blaming anyone else for your problems.

Pluto is squaring the New Moon as well, further indicating transformational change is in order and he also will help you identify the root cause. The one positive aspect out there is a trine between Pluto and Venus, which indicates that things will get better once you face the problem and resolve to make some changes so that things can improve.

Thus this month's lunations have a definite message that you need to pay attention to. Even if your life seems to be stable and satisfying there is room for improvement. In fact, if things are going too well, I'd keep a cautious eye on that New Moon as there's no telling what may come from it. Uranus is not a planet you can trust to maintain the status quo.

Short-term Aspects

September 1 - 3: Conversations with someone close to you may tend to exaggerate what is really going on, one way or the other, so make a conscious effort to inject reality into the equation. Follow your instincts as they'll guide you, even if you don't particularly like what they're telling you. Annoyances related to your responsibilities are out there and ignoring them isn't going to make them go away. An "Aha!" moment awaits.

September 4: The Full Moon occurs as noted above.

September 7: Mercury goes retrograde until September 28. This is a time to rethink and reconsider issues related to your finances and material possessions. Don't expect to move forward until mid-October, but use this time to sort things out. This is not a favorable time to make any purchases of electronic or mechanical devices. Either wait until after the 28th or rent something to get you through. By all means do NOT buy something major like an appliance or car during this time.

September 8 - 10: Something related to your job, giving service to others, or possibly your health will surface today. Insights into any delusions related to someone close to you may help you see things in a different way. Annoyances with financial implications of some sort are likely. On the 10th Pluto goes direct, which will help you move forward with correcting any old issues.

September 11: Don't fall prey to flattery today. Enjoy it at face value but don't expand upon it beyond what it's worth. Adjustments are called for so keep it between the lines. Some news is likely today that will be irritating, but it won't be a good idea to ignore it.

September 12 - 14: Time to make a few course changes relative to your finances and someone close to you. Keep a close eye on reality.

September 15: Expect the unexpected today that will probably relate to your finances or possessions. Don't overreact without being certain you have all the facts. Be prepared to make a few adjustments or change course.

September 16 - 17: More financial issues again today. Don't allow someone close to you to blow smoke at you and conversely don't look at it through those rose-colored glasses of delusion. Be prepared to see things a lot differently than before. Deep, probing thoughts related to your work or health require attention. Responsibilities and obligations will be quite glaring.

September 18: The New Moon occurs today as described above. Mercury also backs into Virgo, your 2nd House of finance, to help you rethink what needs to be done.

September 19 - 21: More annoyances related to your possessions. Remember that your body is your most important possession and may be the primary subject this month if your finances are in order. This is a positive time to focus on health and fitness. On the 20th important information is likely to come your way. You should start to see some improvement in the days to come along with various insights and possible solutions.

September 22 - 23: The Sun goes into Libra which will assist you with more ideas and the ability to look at all sides of the situation with objectivity. Pay attention to what you come up with or any related news. Hidden information may surface or a new realization regarding how to spend your time that could have a transformational effect. This may relate to how you see a close relationship and shift your opinion in a new direction.

September 24 - 30: Adjustments within a relationship where you may have felt tied down, confined or held back are likely. Mercury goes direct on the 28th, helping you form a few conclusions regarding the path ahead. Look for ideas that present an opportunity to dig your way out of any awkward situations.

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