

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 4 - 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

The [Full Moon](#) this month occurs on September 4th in Pisces, your 11th House of groups, friends, organizations, and goals/hopes/wishes. A Full Moon usually brings a culmination or a shift to another phase, so expect something to draw to a close or milestone in this area of your life. Other aspects in force for this lunation will further influence its effect on you. The Moon is quincunx Venus, your Sign Ruler, in Leo, your 4th House of home environment. A quincunx indicates that a change of course is required and this one is going to involve your home and family as well as your friends or organizational activities with your goals another possibility. Look to both of these areas to see if they're in balance. Reassess your priorities and make sure your scheduling is in synch with them.

Yet another quincunx is in effect between Neptune in your 10th House of career and reputation and Saturn in your 5th House of creativity, children, love interests, ego, entertainment and speculation. Neptune in your house of career is the culprit if you're having difficulty focusing on what you want to be or where you expect to go. The asteroid Chiron isn't helping, either, with his influence possibly to nudge you toward doing things that help those who are hurting in some way. Saturn in your 5th, which is usually a rather happy place, could be putting a damper on things. Saturn is all about responsibility, obligations, authority figures, delays, roadblocks, bureaucracies and fun things like that. The quincunx here has the same implications as the other one described earlier in that you should take a close look at your career and the time to take to enjoy yourself and those generally pleasant items housed in the 5th. An adjustment or course change is required between these two venues as well, so again, take a good look at your priorities and see what you need to do to bring them into balance.

Uranus is opposite Saturn from your 11th House, throwing yet another angle into the game. Uranus is the planet of unexpected events, surprises, rebellion and innovation. There is nothing predictable about Uranus whereas Saturn is the epitome of stability and structure. That these two would be in opposition makes all the sense in the world. If you're involved in any organizations or other groups it's likely you'll see a fair amount of chaos that is going to splash on your 5th House where your creativity, entertainment, children, lovers, and ego reside. One or the other is going to throw disruptions your way so don't be surprised when they occur and don't make any plans that are engraved in stone relative to either one because they're almost certain to be disrupted by something. This is a classic case where the adage about "the best laid plans of mice and men" definitely comes to mind.

Mars and Pluto are faced off as well, both of which are generally considered astrological bad boys. Of course all planets have a positive and negative manifestation, but when they're in opposition you can be quite confident you're going to encounter a challenge. In this case they'll probably relate to issues that are more on the mental plane or perhaps travel since Mars is in your 3rd House of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings and short journeys while Pluto is in your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, legal matters, other

cultures, higher education, long-distance travel and relocation. If you're trying to move forward with a thought or idea there's a good chance that deeply rooted beliefs are holding you back in some manner. For example, you may really want to pursue a new job or career, yet your self-confidence, or beliefs about yourself, is holding you back. If this is the case then Pluto is well-placed because the god of the Underworld is all about transformations and will help you get past that old baggage and worn out beliefs and find a better path to pursue.

Last but not least on the Full Moon is a square between Mercury and Mars. Mercury is in your 6th House of work, at least at this point since he's going to go retrograde on the 7th and back his way into your 5th House on the 18th just in time for the New Moon. This seems to say that news or thoughts related to your job are going to present a challenge as far as moving forward with any new ideas are concerned. Again, take a good, hard look at your priorities and whether they're set in an appropriate manner. You Bulls like to take your time about your decisions and as a Fixed Sign are very cautious about change. What you need to remember is that while this is usually one of your strengths, as is always the case, our strengths and weaknesses are simply opposite poles of the same trait. Thus, your stability and caution can just as easily be stubbornness and procrastination. Windows of opportunity do close so if something good is staring you in the face don't wait until it's too late to go after it.

The New Moon on the 18th is further emphasizing events in your 5th House; in other words, this month's lunations are definitely in cahoots with one another, which tells me that the Full Moon may be a culmination but it's not an ending; rather it's a time to reassess where you are and start a new phase. Just a quick refresher that the 5th House is your creativity, ego, children, lovers, entertainment and speculations. It's time to start something new in this part of your life and the Universe is trying to show you the way. There are some rather interesting aspects associated with it, however, all of which indicate more adjustments and various challenges.

For one thing, the New Moon is conjunct Saturn, right down to the degree, and conjunct Mercury as well. As you recall Saturn is about your responsibilities and obligations and Mercury is about data. Since he's actually retrograde at this time, however, he's telling you to rethink and reconsider something in this part of your life. Uranus, planet of change, disruptions and the unexpected is opposing this grouping, so if you don't figure out what needs to be changed, you're going to get some help. Neptune is in quincunx with them, nudging you toward another adjustment or course change and throwing some inspiration your way as well to help you understand what needs to be done.

Pluto is squared off with them, meaning the Sun, Moon et al, though the orb is a bit wide. Pluto's function is death and regeneration so he's pointing you toward a new direction as well. Pluto is in your 9th House of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, relocation and so forth. It makes perfect sense that whatever is going on is going to require a renovation of your existing beliefs along with who knows what else. Neptune is opposite Venus who as you recall has been blessing your household and everyone in it lately. Neptune can bring enlightenment and dreams but he can also bring delusions, so

make sure that you're not being overly idealistic about something related to your homelife. With all this change and chaos, the good news is a trine between Pluto and Venus. As noted earlier, Venus is in your 4th House of home environment and Pluto in your House of beliefs so this harmonious aspect implies that anything you come up with related to a major transformation in your belief system or possibly a major change like going back to school or a relocation is going to be beneficial to your home life. It's definitely a month that is going to see changes of one sort or another, so keep your eyes open and trust the Universe to guide you toward an even better direction in the month to come.

Daily and Short-term Aspects

September 1 - 3: Expect a lot of thought and possibly some news that relates to your job and career. If these two are not in synch, in other words if your job isn't in the field you'd ultimately like to pursue, there's a lot of energy out there right now to give it serious consideration regarding what your next step should be. A challenge is going to make you think about this long and hard, whether it's something annoying happening on the job or some other revelation that you're not where you should be. Something unexpected is going to disrupt your plans either at home or with friends.

September 4: The Full Moon occurs today.

September 7: Mercury goes retrograde today, so don't expect to move forward, especially relative to work. Now is a time for rethinking and re-planning. Check your data, make sure all the T's and crossed and i's dotted. Also don't buy anything mechanical or electronic as it's likely to be a lemon for as long as you own it. These types of devices, particularly cars, will be especially prone to problems until the 28th.

September 8 - 10: Something at home is going to come to light that will give you a lot to consider. If you haven't yet figured out what you want to "be when you grow up" you may finally begin to figure that out. Pluto comes out of retrograde on the 10th, which will start the reconstruction process on some part of your life.

September 11: Expect conflicts between home and career today. Your ego may undergo an adjustment or two today but it's also a favorable time to start setting your sites on a different career, one that incorporates your creative talents and will build your confidence. Annoying news from work and the friction it causes at home may be the catalyst.

September 12 - 14: Responsibilities toward your children may help you see where a new course of action is required. News and thoughts about work and career, which aren't the same thing, will be on your mind quite heavily.

September 15: Obligations and responsibilities may see some disruptions today as different demands come out of the blue. Either that or you may experience an irresistible urge to blow it all off and do your own thing for a change. You're not usually that

rebellious, but today it will be more tempting than usual. Be careful not to entertain too much idealism, however. Adjustments are required somewhere so start figuring out where.

September 16 - 17: Annoyances related to your children or lover are possible today. Your creativity can be put to good use thinking about what career options offer you what you really want out of life. Look for some inspiration but keep it within your usual bounds of practicality. If you go outside your comfort zone you won't have the motivation you need to continue. Your friends or a group you associate with will have a surprise for you today. News or thoughts related to work are going to affect your beliefs in a deep and lasting way. You're going to understand your responsibilities better than you did before.

September 18: New Moon today as describes above. Mercury also backs into Virgo, your 5th House, where there's already a lot of action related to your ego, creativity, kids, or romantic interests; speculations are another possibility, though Bulls aren't typically the gambling type. Mercury will help stimulate thought in this area to figure out what needs to change.

September 19 - 21: Annoyances or friction at home is likely today. Your thoughts will be clear in retrospect and you'll make progress putting some plans together for a change of direction. Venus goes into Virgo today, bringing her good fortune to this somewhat troubled area of your life, which is a good thing, especially since she's your Sign Ruler. Trust her to show you the way. Expect to see things differently than you had before and feel a change starting in your core beliefs.

September 22 - 23: The Sun goes into Libra on the 22nd. This will help everyone be more willing to listen objectively and consider others' opinions. More information and thoughts about your job will be forthcoming as well. More thoughts or news relative to your responsibilities or perhaps to restructuring something are free for the taking. However, work and your evolving beliefs may not be in agreement. Your friends or a group may influence you to make a sudden change or inspire a touch of rebellion. Career dreams aren't a bad thing as long as you understand what it will take to get there.

September 24 - 30: Your drive to change your current course is strong today. Your focus on the goal is also clear but so are the obstacles. Mercury goes direct on the 28th, which will help tie up those revised plans and set out in that direction.

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