

Monthly Astrocast

October 2011

 A square graphic with a dark blue background. At the top, the text "Aquarius the Water Bearer" is written in a light blue, slightly curved font. Below this is the Aquarius zodiac symbol, consisting of three wavy lines. Underneath the symbol, the dates "January 21 - February 18" are written in a light blue font. At the bottom right, the text "Ruled by Uranus" is written in a light blue font, with a small purple Uranus symbol above it.
<p><i>Key Events:</i></p>
<p>Full Moon (18:24 Aries): October 11, 2011</p>
<p>New Moon (03:03 Scorpio): October 26, 2011</p>
<p><i>Retrograde Planets:</i></p>
<p>Neptune: June 3, 2011 - November 9, 2011 Uranus: July 10, 2011 - December 9, 2011 Jupiter: August 30, 2011 - December 25, 2011</p>

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--Whobeda*

Lunations and Long-term Aspects

Just a reminder that Neptune is back in your sign due to retrograde motion and will be there until next February 4th when he'll go back into his home sign of Pisces, this time for good, or at least until April 2025 which as far as I'm concerned is far enough out there I'm not too concerned with it, one way or the other. Meanwhile, for those of you with a birthday right around February 18 note that he is parked on your Natal Sun. This can have a variety of effects, some good, some not so good.

You may notice that your energy level is low and that you'd rather sit around watching your favorite movie or indulge in other escape-type activities such as reading fantasy novels or playing video games than doing anything productive. This is going to last until the end of the year and continue beyond that for some of you. You can gather inspiration during this time but you may also sometimes get the feeling that you're invisible. This can be an advantage in some cases, but if you're trying to accomplish something probably not. Thus, figure that you're stuck for now and use the time to relax, de-stress, define your dreams, and gather all the inspiration you can in preparation for moving forward in a few months. Trust the Universe that things will unfold in their own due time and that you can't force them, anyway, so sit back and enjoy this transit as much as possible while it lasts. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

The Full Moon on October 11 is in Aries, your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, neighbors, siblings and short journeys such as your daily commute. As you probably recall if you're a regular reader, a Full Moon typically brings an ending, culmination or shift to a new phase. For those of you under the effects of that Neptune transit, this may be particularly important to consider as you shift, albeit temporarily to a different style of thinking. Aquarians tend to be hard, dependable workers as you would expect from their traditional sign ruler, Saturn. However, for everything there is a season and perhaps now is a time of preparation and contemplation. If Neptune is not on your Sun this will not be as noticeable or perhaps undeniable, but still worth considering, especially given that Neptune is trining Mercury, natural ruler of thought, for this lunation.

Speaking of Mercury, he is in fellow Air Sign, Libra, along with Saturn and the Sun, the latter two of which are conjunct. Libra is your 9th house of beliefs, expectations, higher learning, legal matters, other cultures, foreign travel, religion, politics, and so forth and so on. This is where your ideas congeal into your philosophy of life and how you integrate with society as a whole. With your ancient Sign Ruler, Saturn, in this house you can further build and structure this part of your life. For example, if you have any inclination to go back to school or receive additional training, this is an excellent time to do so. If your birthday is right around February 9 this is an even more powerful influence, so take advantage of it. With the Sun conjunct Saturn you may not be able to ignore it even if you want to.

Venus is in Scorpio, your 10th house of career, reputation, status, and public image. This bodes very nicely for anything in this part of your life, especially if you have to do

anything that affects this part of your life. Your natural charm will be further enhanced and people will view you favorably. This is the time to make presentation, ask for a raise, and so forth. Venus is quincunx Uranus in Aries, your 3rd house as noted earlier. Uranus is your modern sign ruler and in this house implies some significant changes whether it relates to your thoughts, ideas, neighbors or siblings. Uranus can bring big surprises, breaking away, disruptions, and so forth. The quincunx with Venus suggests a favorable change of direction with your career which may take you by surprise and considering those 9th house planets may even put you into a training environment.

Pluto is in your 12th house of enlightenment, transcendence, institutions, seclusion, confinement, dreams, hidden enemies and self-undoing a.k.a. your woo-woo house or angels and demons house. Pluto is involved in all these shifts in some way with it up to you to examine exactly how his energy can be best applied. Remember that Pluto is the zodiacal roto-rooter who digs up anything which has been buried and left to rot rather than dealt with in an effective manner. He's about cleaning out your garage or attic in a figurative sense and getting rid of anything you no longer need. This could be self-defeating habits of all varieties, including lack of confidence or being so practical that you forget to dream or imagine what you really want out of life. This all implies that you could go through a fairly major shift in how you see the world and perhaps rid yourself of anything that may have been holding you back heretofore.



Mars is in Leo, your polar sign and 7th house of close relationships which includes your significant other, close friends and relatives, competitors and business professionals. This throws a lot of energy into this part of your life which you need to direct purposely in a favorable way so that it doesn't turn

aggressive. With the Full Moon in your 3rd house of thoughts trining Mars it hints at being more assertive than perhaps you've been in the past and go after what you want with regard to your relationships. If you've been too nice or allowed others to walk on you, now may be the time to recognize that your happiness and needs are as important as anyone else's and you have the right to direct your own life.

The New Moon on October 26 is in Scorpio, your 10th house of career, reputation, public image and status. Of course a New Moon suggests something new coming into your life so this fits in nicely with what the Full Moon was trying to say. Venus and Mercury are conjunct, enhancing your communication skills and further adding to your charm, so if you haven't used it yet, put it to work. The New Moon is quincunx Uranus, further emphasizes a change of direction or adjustment that may come about in a sudden or unexpected manner. There is also more emphasis on your dreams, so give some thought to what they are and how you plan to get there. Jupiter is retrograde in Taurus, your 4th house of home environment. While retrograde his energy is internalized and will encourage introspection with regard to what your beliefs and expectations are in this part of your life. His expansive nature is still active, but perhaps more on the philosophical

level. As the ruler of your 11th house of friends and Aquarius' natural domain, this also implies socializing and perhaps rebuilding your social life, something that usually comes naturally to Aquarians. There may be some challenges associated with this, however, perhaps due to increased responsibilities at work. Nonetheless, don't ignore your social needs.

You may have to deal with a competitor during this time where using all that charm is particularly important. Showing your stuff as far as your intelligence and training are also favored, so don't hesitate to speak up when you have something to contribute to the conversation. There's a lot going on out there this month but it appears to all be heading in a favorable direction.

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