

Monthly Astrocast

March 2013


<i>Key Events:</i>
New Moon (21:24 Pisces): March 11, 2013
Full Moon (06:52 Libra): March 27, 2013
<i>Retrograde Planets:</i>
Mercury: February 23, - March 17, 2013 (19:52 - 05:48 Pisces) Saturn: February 18 - July 7, 2013 (11:32 - 04:49 Scorpio) Pluto Shadow Period until January 8, 2013 Neptune Shadow Period until March 2, 2013 Uranus Shadow Period until March 30, 2013 Jupiter Shadow Period until April 26, 2013

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Lunations and Long-term Aspects

The New Moon this month on March 11 is in fellow Water Sign, Pisces, your 5th house of ego definition, children, romance, entertainment and speculation or what is sometimes dubbed the "fun" house. Pisces has a plethora of planetary energy emanating from that sign due to the presence of Neptune, Mercury, Venus, the Sun and Moon, and your traditional ruler, Mars, as well as the asteroid, Chiron, a.k.a., "the wounded healer." The combined effect achieved through all those planets transmitting their respectively and diverse energies through the Piscean filter is likely to have a dreamy, unmotivated, perhaps unrealistic flavor that could nonetheless be rather pleasant. However, this is not a particularly good time for important decisions while "under the influence" of this particular variety of cosmic energy. While it may be inspirational or enlightening, it could also be delusional or too idealistic, so bear that in mind. Chances are your motivation is low enough you wouldn't move forward, or at least try to, anyway.

With Pisces in a trine position to Scorpio this energy flow will be harmonious which suggests favorable results. Just keep one foot on solid ground, so to speak, as you turn up the gain on your natural discernment and figure out what it is trying to tell you. I'll give you an overview of how the different planets operate in Pisces and you can figure out from there what you are feeling. Neptune, ruler of Pisces, is in dignity and able to operate to his fullest capacity unimpeded by logic, hard data or perhaps even common sense. This is excellent for inspiration, especially for a creative endeavor, and creating a vision for what you want with regard to anything in your 5th house as defined above. At the least you can probably find a lot of enjoyment in fantasy novels or films but if a "real" romance is involved bear in mind you may be viewing it through rose-colored glasses. Having a vision of what you want is important before you can send that intent out to the Universe so this is useful for that but bear in mind that you really have to believe you'll get it for it to be effective.

Mercury is in debility and fall in Pisces, self-explanatory descriptions of how he operates there which is bad enough but he is also retrograde. For all intents and purposes Mercury is on vacation in the Bahamas or South Pacific and not doing much to assist with rationale thought and data collection at this time. I always try to identify something good about a planet's placement and I suppose for this one that would be learning to rely on other means for gathering information such as your intuition, instincts, gut feelings, tuning into your dreams, meditation and so forth. As dual beings it's always a good thing to realize that logic and the "real" world are only part of who and what you are. Inspiration should be free-flowing currently but if you're in a line of work that requires pure logic you may have a difficult time. This is also not good for communications with the possible exception of those conducted via telepathy.

Chiron, the "wounded healer" is well-placed as far as helping others, which is part of his charge. His placement in your natal chart indicates an area where you will suffer in some manner, whether emotionally, mentally or physically. More information on Chiron can be found in the "asteroids" section of this website and you can also purchase a recording

of a conference talk I gave on Chiron a couple years ago for additional information. His placement here, especially if he's aspecting your natal Sun which will be the case if your birthday is right around November 3, may denote the opportunity to help someone else through a similar trial through your wisdom and understanding attained as you went through whatever it happens to be. Pisces is the sign of both the savior and the martyr which can facilitate this reciprocal exchange.

Venus is exalted in Pisces where her nature thrives in the compassionate and charitable environment. This would blend well with Chiron and also lend a bit of luck and pleasure to such endeavors. In the 5th house of romance Venus is usually welcome as well and your appreciation for beauty will be enhanced. Now is a time to seek uplifting entertainment, showing your love for the people in your life and taking good care of yourself as well. Mars in Pisces is a bit misplaced, somewhat as if the god of war were afloat on a liferaft in the ocean while a battle raged on shore. He can either be entirely frustrated or relax and figure out what he will do when the tide delivers him on the beach. As your traditional sign ruler, however, he may dive in and swim to shore, bonking any sharks in the head with his fist, and eventually arriving but possibly too torn up and exhausted to do much good. I would use this time to consider what action you're going to take when the vision comes into focus. Especially with Mercury retrograde it's likely any action will be an exercise in futility anyway.

As far as the other planets are concerned, Uranus is still stirring things up in your 6th house of work, health, service and pets, perhaps causing a hectic pace, delivering daily surprises and possibly making you rebel against



anyone trying to micromanage you or even wanting to break away entirely. Jupiter in your 8th house of transformations, sex, death and regeneration, intense experiences, debt and shared resources is possibly contributing to those vibes and trying to shift you in a new direction. Saturn is retrograde in your sign and on your natal Sun if your birthday is right around November 4. He is operating at the subconscious level with regard to something you need to restructure which will become apparent come July. Pluto in your 3rd house of thoughts, ideas, siblings and neighbors and your modern sign ruler is also assisting with cleaning out your existing databank to make room for new endeavors. If you aren't particularly happy in your current job or career this could be a favorable time to determine what you want to be when you grow up and then take appropriate action in that direction.

The Full Moon on March 27 is in nextdoor neighboring sign, Libra, your 12th house of inspiration, enlightenment, dreams, visions, spirituality, institutions, confinement, seclusion, hidden enemies and self-undoing, suggesting an ending, culmination or shift to a new phase of something in that part of your life. By this time the Sun, Venus and Mars have moved into Aries, shifting their energy significantly, especially Mars who is now in dignity and the Sun who is now exalted. Now is when all the inspiration garnered from

the New Moon can find expression and action. Mercury is still in Pisces but at least now he's out of retrograde, even though still in the shadow period. At least he's on his way back from the Bahamas which can help bring home the vision you need to know where you want to go. The square between your traditional and modern sign rulers, i.e. Mars and Pluto, respectively, however, suggests a conflict or challenge of some sort. It looks as if you are going to have to let an old paradigm or thought pattern go in order to move forward. This is where Saturn's restructuring is probably directed so see if you can figure out what it might be then be ready to make the necessary changes in a few months when Saturn goes direct.

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