

Living by Starlight

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NEW MOON:

On Thursday March 10th at 4:10 A.M. EST the New Moon falls at 19 degrees Pisces 54 minutes.

Matters of faith and religion will play a prominent role this month as we close up the year in this last sign of the zodiac. **On March 20th when the Sun enters Aries**, we begin the new celestial year. Until then you must pay attention and decide what should and should not be finalized in your life. This includes projects, relationships and even attitudes. Be careful not to end things prematurely just for the satisfaction of the ending. In the spring many things that have lain dormant come back to life. Use your intuition more than your intellect and you will make the correct choices.

SUN TRINES SATURN:

Also on Thursday March 10th at 6:54 P.M. EST this useful and potentially productive aspect completes. This aspect will set the pace for the next two weeks and we can expect this to be a creative and fruitful lunar cycle. But as with all energy, if you don't use it you lose it. People will be more attentive to detail and also more readily available to assist.

JUPITER TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Monday March 14th at 2:46 A.M. EST this gloriously spiritual and creative aspect occurs. This should feel like a blast of fresh air, especially for anyone working in the arts or related fields. Those who are on a spiritual quest of some sort will also share in this expansive energy. You may find a new sense of compassion or you may write a wonderful love poem. Whatever you do, use this time productively. There are so many difficult aspects, when a positive one comes along I hate to see it go to waste.

SUN SQUARES PLUTO:

Also on Monday March 14th at 6:15 P.M. EST this very difficult and trying aspect completes. We should all avoid direct confrontation for a day or so unless this is what you need; in which case you will find plenty. There is a black-or-white quality about Pluto that can at times push the individual into a corner where you feel there is no way out but to fight. Try not to get into that type of situation. If possible delay conflict until the next day. Also, avoid dangerous neighborhoods and explosive situations. This could be a very bad day for the stock markets.

VENUS TRINES SATURN:

Also on Monday March 14th at 7:15 P.M. EST this stable but unexciting coupling occurs. Considering the Sun-Pluto connection mentioned above, this looks like a nice evening to stay at home and order pizza. Just remember that karma follows us wherever we go and avoid fights at home as well. This is a good day to plan a budget or set up a retirement account. Your financial common sense is working overtime.

VENUS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Friday March 18th at 1:12 A.M. EST this nasty piece of business completes. You may find people a bit bitchy today, especially if things don't go their way. Patience will be in short supply as will compassion. The more selfish side of us all may show its side, given the slightest provocation. Any love affair begun now will be intense and passionate, however the level of intensity will be difficult to maintain. You also may find that you and your paramour argue more than you would like. Watch your wallet carefully. Compulsive action of all sorts including spending could be the result. Once this passes you may stare in wonder at what you

purchased.

SUN SEXTILES MARS:

On Saturday March 19th at 5:02 P.M. EST this aspect occurs, and there will be no shortage of energy. But like all trines and sextiles it must be used or it will pass uneventfully. The will and the ego are in harmony and for a short time you can use them together to accomplish what needs to be done.

MERCURY RETROGRADES:

On Saturday March 19th at 7:15 P.M. EST our favorite aspect comes around for its thrice a year annoyance. Since the retrograde occurs in Aries you can expect some new projects to stall out before completion. This could be a very difficult retrograde due to its placement in that sign. The Aries desire to start things is often accompanied by a difficulty in completions. Choose your directions carefully while the retrograde is in effect. You don't want to waste time on something that has little chance of fruition. As always on the Mercury retrograde, leave extra time for travel, double check plans and always have a contingency ready. Try not to sign important documents or begin important new projects until the planet goes forward on April 12th. Letters, emails and other communications will be delayed. This is not a good time to buy any object associated with communication or travel, such as; planes, trains and automobiles; computers and motor scooters.

This is a very good aspect for our inner dialogue, as the world slows down for a few weeks allowing us to catch up. If you need to talk deeply and honestly with someone, it may be difficult to get the meeting arranged, but the conversation will be sincere.

SUN ENTERS ARIES:

On Sunday March 20th 7:34 A.M. EST the New Year begins as the Sun crosses the Aries point and begins its journey through the zodiac anew. This is a new beginning, a chance to fix a few of the mistakes of the past year. People will tend to be a bit more assertive than they have been of late. Try to use this time to make a fresh start. Beginning projects when the planets are in a renewal place in their cycle can help push things towards a successful conclusion. The energy of the New Year is one of the best times for beginnings.

MARS ENTERS AQUARIUS:

On Sunday March 20th at 1:02 P.M. EST Mars enters this Uranus ruled sign and the ego becomes electric. Sudden impulses and erratic thoughts and behavior are common with this combination of energies. Tempers tend to run hot and explosive situations abound. Be careful when dealing with others that you don't project this. For the next few weeks, try to avoid impulsive reactions especially if your anger level is elevated.

SATURN GOES DIRECT:

On Monday March 21st at 9:54 P.M. EST the planet of structure and responsibility begins its direct motion after several months in retrograde. Many projects that have been stalled or delayed will begin to move forward again. This is a better time to begin a new business or expand an ongoing concern. Issues of longevity will need to be decided. This may include your retirement plans, a long term relationship or an ongoing scheme you have been struggling with. A logical solution to a difficult problem could finally present itself. Pay attention.

VENUS ENTERS ARIES:

On Tuesday March 22nd at 11:25 A.M. EST the planet of love crosses the Aries point and once again begins its journey through the zodiac. You may find people acting more assertive especially in love relationships. Women in particular tend to show a more aggressive side while Venus is in this Mars dominated sign. Be careful that you don't act without thinking, an Aries trait.

VENUS SEXTILES MARS:

On Friday March 25th at 3:42 A.M. EST the male and female planets create this positive aspect right before the Full Moon in Libra. With both planets in aggressive signs you may be surprised at the suddenness and intensity of any affair begun now. Things may move along very quickly, so be prepared for the quick change. This will not be a slow growing relationship but an abrupt beginning; possibly with the same kind of ending. In any event it will be exciting, and with the Full Moon occurring in the sign ruling relationships, anything goes.

FULL MOON:

Also on Friday March 25th at 3:58 P.M. EST the lunar peak completes at 5 degrees Libra 18 minutes. Libras live for love and relationships. When this energy is dominant there is often an unconscious drive to couple, whether you are married or single. Coming on the heels of the aspect mentioned above there could be much infatuation. Although all Full Moons deserve respect and caution, the Libra energy is much more interested in balance, relationships and peace than, say the Scorpio or Aquarius Full Moon. Any relationship begun near this aspect will be intense and quite demanding. It also may last a long time. Libras hate to divorce.

PLUTO RETROGRADES:

On Saturday March 26th at 9:28 P.M. EST this distant neighbor begins its annual trip backwards. The inner dialogue that goes on in the unconscious takes on a more intense tone. This is the time to clean out your psychic closets. Superficial answers will not work now; we are all looking for the ultimate truth. There could be delays in issues involving partnerships and joint finances. Don't rush things; they will complete in their own time.

SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

On Tuesday March 29th at 11:11 A.M. EST this aspect completes, and you can expect a great deal of willfulness in people's speech. Arguments abound and can be set off by the most mundane of incidences. Energies run high and if directed properly, this can be a very productive aspect. Difficulties are a result of misdirected force. Because Venus will soon conjunct both the Sun and Mercury this aspect will be more gentle than usual. This week is an excellent time for creative work of any sort.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS VENUS:

Also on Tuesday March 29th at 3:30 P.M. EST these two inner planets get together. This is a wonderful day or so for communications of any kind. If you have been meaning to make that phone call or write that important letter, this is a good time to tackle the project. You may find that words flow more easily than usual. For the artist, this is a potentially powerful few days; make the most of it.

SUN CONJUNCTS VENUS:

On Wednesday March 30th at 10:30 P.M. EST this pleasant aspect occurs. This completes the triad of Sun/Mercury/Venus hookups. This should be a nice day with people displaying pleasant attitudes. Go out for dinner or drinks; this holds a great deal of promise for social gatherings of all sorts. In fact, the lunar aspects are wonderful all afternoon and evening. Enjoy it.

MERCURY SEXTILES MARS:

On Thursday March 31st at 3:07 A.M. EST another positive aspect completes. This coupling gives strength and direction to our thoughts and speech. Sextiles and trines must be consciously used or they will pass with little reward. Use this energy to complete any mental tasks that have been weighing heavily on you. Or just enjoy yourself with others. The conversation should be lively and controversial; but in a friendly way.

VENUS OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Saturday April 2nd at 6:52 P.M. EST the lower and higher benefic planets are in opposition. Although this is usually a positive aspect, there is a danger of overindulgences and over expanding. Don't eat, drink or

buy more than you really want. A generous attitude usually accompanies this. As long as it is within your means – give freely. Just don't regret anything tomorrow. Any relationship begun under this aspect will have plenty of room to grow. You may find that you both have a desire to travel that supercedes what you each feel as an individual.

SUN OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Sunday April 3rd at 11:30 A.M. EST this extremely expansive opposition completes. This is a good time to develop plans especially if they involve growth in a project. Travel will be on our minds as our desire for new horizons dominates. There will be a feeling of optimism in the air and this would be a good time to discuss anything that requires the support of others. You will find that people are more open to hearing new suggestions.

VENUS SEXTILES NEPTUNE:

On Tuesday April 5th at 6:12 A.M. EST a nice aspect completes between the planet of personal love and the planet of universal understanding. This is a day when we all will feel more empathic. The desire to help others will supercede the personal needs. Any relationship started now will have the dual role of love and world savior.

MARS TRINES JUPITER:

On Friday April 8th at 1:31 A.M. EST another in a series of positive aspects occurs. Vigor and optimism will abound. Although it is followed closely by a rather negative aspect, the series of positive couplings culminating with this one has set a tone of growth and confidence we all need after so hard a winter. This month has had more than its share of useful astrological partnering. If you have used the energy presented to its fullest, this should be a productive and creative month.

VENUS SQUARES SATURN:

Also on Friday April 8th at 3:45 A.M. EST this wet-blanket comes along. Emotions are restrained. This is not a good time to shop, redecorate or begin a love affair. It won't have much excitement, but it could wind up lasting a long time; often longer than you would want. Occurring as it does on the Dark of the Moon, you can expect this time until the **New Moon at 4:32 P.M. EST** to be extremely low energy. Don't attempt to fix anything or set the record straight. Nobody will want to hear it until after the New Moon.

DARK OF THE MOON:

Because the New Moons have been late in each sign the past few months, the period before has been rather extended and more intense than usual. From Thursday April 7th at 7:28 A.M. EST until the New Moon Friday April 8th at 4:32 P.M. EST will be a particularly low energy period. Spend this time finishing up anything that is incomplete, don't try to initiate new projects on a waning moon, it just won't work out. Once the New Moon hits you begin new projects or attempt a new approach to an existing problem. People often misunderstand this time of the month. If you have been living in a situation or involved in a relationship that is intolerable or has outlived its usefulness this would be the proper time to move on with your life. If you have been working on a project that is almost complete but you seem to lack the energy for the finality, you must push during these low energy days to end the matter once and for all. If you don't, when the New Moon arrives it will bring this "dead" energy along with it and conflict with the newer force being presented. Often people, ideas or situations remain long after they have outlived their usefulness in our lives. Each month we are offered a chance to clean house, so to speak. Take advantage of it by finalizing anything in your life that needs completion.

Below is a list of times this month when the Moon is Void of Course and neither important decisions nor purchases should be made during these periods. The Void of Course Moon is a time when we should try to center ourselves and deal with spiritual matters not materialistic ones. Any decisions made on the VC Moon

will not turn out the way we had expected.

The Moon is Void of Course from the time it makes its last major aspect in a sign until it enters the next sign. For example, if the Moon squares Mars at 27 degrees Aries and then has no more aspects until it enters Taurus it will be Void of Course for three degrees or about 6 hours. The aspects used are the conjunction, sextile, square, trine, and opposition.

All times are Eastern Daylight:

March 10th 11:44 A.M. – 9:03 P.M.

March 12th 3:13 P.M. – March 13th 1:05 A.M.

March 15th 1:10 A.M. – 8:44 A.M.

March 17th 2:19 P.M. – 7:44 P.M.

March 20th 7:49 A.M. – 8:17 A.M.

March 22nd 9:20 A.M. – 8:10 P.M.

March 24th 7:36 P.M. – March 25th 6:00 A.M.

March 27th 3:30 A.M. – 1:29 P.M.

March 29th 2:06 A.M. – 6:56 P.M.

March 31st 1:24 P.M. – 10:48 P.M.

April 2nd 9:34 A.M. – April 3rd 1:31 A.M.

April 4th 7:32 P.M. – April 5th 4:45 A.M.

April 6th 10:03 P.M. – April 7th 7:28 A.M.

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