

New Moon April 2011 – A Walking Stick

This morning, April 3rd, at 7:33 AM (Pacific), the Moon renewed itself in Aries. There are a number of significant astrological events occurring right now, and I believe they are revealing themselves clearly in the energy of this new Moon.

On a personal level, probably the most significant thing that's been going on is "The Great Opposition," with Jupiter in Aries Opposite Saturn in Libra. This manifested as a tension between past and future versions of your Self. It was "partile," or exact on March 28th – meaning there has been a lessening of that tension. You've been feeling something about your Self, with regard to how you are in relationship with others, with regard to how you're fulfilling your destiny, with regard to how you are being pulled back into old patterns.

This sort of astrological energy is designed to teach us about ourselves. Oppositions express themselves through external circumstances. In other words, during the last month especially, you've seen things going on in the world that reminded you of how you are pulled back, and these have helped you see more clearly where you want to go.

This energy culminated about a week ago. We all learned something.

Every year, there is a New Moon in Aries. In a way, it's the true start of the Zodiacal year – when the Sun and the Moon are joined together in the life-bursting-forth energy of spring. Even so, the New Moon in Aries is different each year. I mean, OBVIOUSLY, right? The Earth and all the rest of the planets have been orbiting around, forming aspects, teaching us lessons, showing us how to PROGRESS spiritually.

New Moons are always opportunities for setting intentions, for starting, for letting go of what was. By looking at the charts of each New Moon, we can learn something about what the universe is saying to leave behind, what to move towards, and so on. In every chart, there are dominant energies, different planets expressing themselves more or less strongly. The Art of Astrology is in learning how to recognize what is "up" at any given time.

This New Moon coincides with many astrological events that give it a powerfully Forward Moving expression. The Great Opposition has gone into its waning phase, meaning whatever we learned from it, it is time to bring it forth into the world. At the same time, Neptune is in the last degree of Aquarius, moving into Pisces. This by itself is worthy of a long article, but the quick version of that is that where we've been feeling a need to connect with ourselves in an intellectual capacity, we'll start feeling connected to everyone at a very subconscious level.

Another significant factor in the chart of this New Moon is the fact that there are 6 planets in the sign of Aries. The short story on that – time to go. Get moving. Before the New Moon is the Dark of the Moon. In a way, this particular New Moon is following a long Dark of the Moon period. There is a great sense of the past falling away here. Do you feel it?

Those of my gentle readers who are familiar with my astrology know I like to use degree symbols to help me get an even deeper sense of any horoscopic energy that is expressing itself. There are of course 360 degrees in the zodiac ('cause you know, it's a circle...). And there are 30 degrees in each sign. Ever since people have been doing astrology, they've been working on ways to break the signs down further than those 30 degrees. Dwads and Decans and so on (google those, they're fun).

There are several sets of intuitive symbols that various psychics have developed to express the energies of all 360 degrees of the zodiac. The idea is that each degree has a guardian angel, who teaches a particular karmic lesson. Working with the degrees in your birth chart, for example, can really sharpen up your understanding of just what the heck you're doing here.

Okay.... Long enough digression? We're going to look at some symbols.

The most interesting thing about today's New Moon, to me, is the fact that it occurs exactly opposite Saturn. In other words, the New Moon happens when the Sun and the Moon occupy the same degree of the zodiac, and this morning, when that happened, they were both exactly 180 degrees off of Saturn.

Saturn is currently sitting at the 14th degree of Libra. The Fairchild symbol for that degree is "Crop Circles." The Sun and the Moon are sitting at the 14th degree of Aries. The Fairchild symbol for that degree is "A walking stick." Saturn is the planet that keeps us to our prenatal resolves, and at the same time, ANY New Moon is an opportunity to MOVE.

The way I see Saturn's energy has a lot to say about the intellectual connection to the self that I mentioned earlier. In other words, it feels to me like we've all spent a lot of time spinning around, learning about 87,000 different ways to figure out how to start getting an idea of WHERE TO GO. No one can explain crop circles, but they sure do exist, so we sure do put a lot of energy into creating stories about how they came to be. This in turn reminds me very much of not only a lot of the work I've been doing on myself, but also of a lot of the conversations I've had in the last year or so. So many people spinning circles trying to figure out what the heck is going on.

Well, what's going on is that it's time to be getting' on. Time to get on with what needs to be done. Time for all the ways you've thought about it to become reasons for how you are doing it. SIX PLANETS IN ARIES! And a New Moon with the energy of "A walking stick." Collective forward motion. Do your part, grab your walking stick.

I'm visualizing myself. I've been running around in these mystical circles, getting closer to the center of so many great teachings that can only have come from a higher power. At the middle of the crop circle is this walking stick. I'm not going to try to figure out where I'm going, I'm just going to grab the stick and go. On a path, forward, from here.

Your journey spiraled you in. Now it's time to head out. It's a fine spring morning for a walk, don't you think?

May this Moon take you far!

Jon