

Full Moon in Pisces August 29th 2015

I'm picturing an astrology news channel that looks and feels like a major news network. Talking heads surrounded by ADHD banners streaming by, "Breaking News" alerts and so on.

It's really funny to think about, because anyone with access to the internet can see all the astrological news there will ever be if they take the time. I can run charts for every minute of every day for the next 3000 years with the software I have. Or the previous 3000 years if I want.

I've indulged my curiosity a few times, finding dates for outer planet aspects far in the past and far in the future. And I'm just telling you this because even astrologers can succumb to the pressure to market themselves as reporters of headline news.

The next Full Moon is on August 29th. There will be a plethora of articles about the Full Moon in Pisces. Which by the way happens every year during the month when the Sun is in Virgo, and will happen every year during the month when the Sun is in Virgo.

I guess I'm wondering, do you know that?

There's just this fact that I can't ever get away from: everybody already is an astrologer. If you are alive, you are an astrologer. At least in this sense: you can't be alive and not have the experience of things like the Moon cycle.

Draw a circle, and then bisect that circle, first with a vertical line, and then with a horizontal line. What you get is a circle with a cross in it, right? You've just started drawing a "chart." In two hours, using the simple tool of a circle with a cross in it, I can teach you astrology.

If you live for 80 years, you will experience at least 80 Pisces Full Moons. For most of those 80 years, you most likely won't call it a Full Moon in Pisces, simply because you won't be paying attention to that sort of information.

Here are some basic facts you may or may not know: the Moon passes through all 12 signs every 27.2 days. So whether or not it's Full in Pisces, it is in Pisces every month.

The Moon can only be Full in Pisces when the Sun is in Virgo. That's because Virgo and Pisces are opposite each other in the zodiac. You know how 3 and 9 are opposite each other on a clock dial? That's how Full Moon's work. Whatever sign the Sun is in, the Moon will be Full when it is in the sign opposite that. So that means that over the course of 80 years you will experience at least 80 Full Moons in each sign. (You will actually experience more like 81 or 82 in each sign, because a Lunar month is slightly shorter than a calendar month.)

So I guess the question is, how many times in your life will you read an article about the Full Moon in Pisces without relating your experience of it to the previous years' Full Moon in Pisces? If you are 40, you've experienced at least 40 Pisces Full Moons and at least 40 Pisces New Moons. How many of them do you remember?

Mercury makes a full lap around the Sun every 88 days, and is retrograde 3 times a year. So that means in 80 years you'll experience 240 Mercury retrograde periods. Each of those lasts about 23 days, so in 80 years you will live 5520 days during which Mercury is retrograde. At what point will it become familiar to you? More

importantly, at what point will you realize it means something to you that is different from what it means for everyone else. When it does, you are an astrologer.

Venus takes 224 days to lap the Sun. Mars takes 687 days. Jupiter takes just under 12 years. Jupiter is in Leo now, which it will be 6 or 7 times during your lifetime. Saturn takes about 29.5 years. It's in Sagittarius now, which will happen 3 or 4 times during your lifetime.

There are a lot of cycles a person can track in astrology besides the Moon cycle. But whatever it is you are tracking, it's at the moment you recognize the fact of the cycle that you can call yourself an astrologer. And each of these cycles that I've mentioned can best be understood through the lens of the circle with the cross in it, like the hands of a clock.

We have such a strong tendency to want to look outside ourselves for wisdom, hope, beauty..... The history of religion is the history of how people have capitalized on that tendency to look outside.

When you next read an article that takes a very common astrological event out of the context of its cycle, I hope you'll recognize that what you're reading will serve you best if you read it again next year, or the next time the same aspect of the cycle occurs.

Won't that be interesting? Make a file on your computer to store all your favorite Moon articles in. Then you can go back to them as they recur.

As a start, you can go through articles dating back to November of 2010 on my website, Sense of Vision Astrology. Click on the "latest" tab. There are probably several other astrologers' websites you can use that way.

Of course, there are once-in-a-lifetime events in astrology, even once in millennia events. There have never yet been charts of different moments that were exactly the same. It is very human to want someone to tell us what they "mean."

And it is divine that every single one of us has a unique experience of all of it. You've lived through how many Pisces Full Moons? When will you start making them your own?

This one coming up on the 29th is your next chance.

With very high regards,

Jon