

## Full Moon May, 25<sup>th</sup> 2013.

### Two people calling to each other across a wide, deep canyon.

In my April New Moon column, I mentioned in passing that we were entering into a “six month astrological crescendo.” I posted that article on Facebook and in the comments that I saw there was a line in one that I’ve thought a lot about since. And I think that in the context of the energies of this Sun in Gemini, Full Moon in Sagittarius, I will attempt to address what was said. Which was something like, “... only if they (meaning the retrograding outer planets) are on a key point in your chart.”

There was definitely a part of the conversation that I missed, but I’m imagining that someone read my article, and then posted it on their page with a comment that focused on the “astrological crescendo” phrase – maybe making some assumption that I was saying everyone would be massively stressed or something. So what I saw was the response, and I think the response was written by a person who would call themselves an astrologer.

Technically speaking... a transiting planet going retrograde is likeliest to have a strong effect when it is conjunct, opposite, or square to a personal planet in a person’s birth chart. So in a technical sense, it’s true that during the summer of 2013, only people who, in their natal charts, have personal planets affected strongly by one of the outer planet retrogrades, might find themselves undergoing major transformation. Technically that is true.

And technically it is true that Saturn retrograded in the 12th degree of Scorpio, so only people with a personal planet in the 10th through the 14th of a fixed sign (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius) would be strongly affected by that. It is also true that Pluto retrograded in the 12th degree of Capricorn, so only people with personal planets in the 10th through 14th degree of a cardinal sign (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) would be strongly affected by that. Similarly, when Neptune goes retrograde on June 7th in the 6th degree of Pisces, only people with a personal planet in the 5th through the 7th degree of a mutable sign (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces) would be strongly affected by that.

So, technically speaking, even if you limit the impact of the outer planet retrogrades to a 1 degree orb and only consider birth charts, you still have at least 10% of the zodiac directly affected. If you were to incorporate the direct stations too, and then look at progressed charts, I think there are very few people alive who wouldn’t be affected by this summer’s “astrological crescendo.”

Certainly, there is a technical aspect to astrology, and the astrological mindset is a funny one in the way it attempts to generate empirical evidence within a belief system. People with a Libra Moon have dimpled chins and that kind of thing.

Here are some of the things that I think:

- 1) I am not contained by my birth chart. I have many charts, from prenatal to progressed, and each offers an opportunity for self-awareness and life-wisdom.
- 2) Every second is a new birth, so the chart of every second is an opportunity for rebirth. We can tune into the astrological moment no matter how that moment’s chart sits on our birth chart.
- 3) The impetus to confine people into their birth charts comes from the same place that

science itself comes from – a fear of the unknown. Relying on empirical evidence is a masculine tendency, and the very essence of this time in history is the re-empowering of the feminine. The ability to embrace and act upon feeling, rather than evidence, is the only thing that will lead us into the unknown territory of the rest of our lives.

In my way of thinking, current astrological energies are a way to tune into the state of the morphic field within which all of life experience is happening. The chart of this moment is an expression of the experience that trees are having, that kelp is having, that water is having. So that by tuning into the feeling of the moment, I have an opportunity to experience oneness with all life. And with consciousness, I can creatively add to the frequency of the field in such a way that I can help all other life-forms and energy expressions.

When I look at the chart of the Full Moon of May, 2013, which occurs very early in the morning of the 25th if you're in Eastern Time, what I see is a chart of great potential genius. But the Sun in Gemini and the Moon in Sagittarius are both very often scattered into too many directions to express their genius. So it is with great relief that I look at the intensity of the outer planet retrogrades and the Pluto/Uranus square as a focusing energy for all that vast interest.

This Full Moon offers an intense amount of surface level fun, and I hope you enjoy it – very social, very good for sex and dancing, that kind of thing. And underneath it all, something very deep is happening. May you choose to participate in that level too.

The current news flow, with its myriad loud scandals and catastrophes, is an example of how this time can be scattering. But deep within, you can still feel the transformational power at work. Hard to put your finger on, even harder to state in words. But you can act on that feeling, without knowing exactly what or why.

Step further into the unknown that you have before. Start thinking about the whole of the Earth's experience.

May the Moon save us all!

With Love,

Jon