

# Musings on Starlight

"Mars is the god of desire: eros, feistiness, aggression, heat and action. We draw upon Mars for courage, dynamism, passion and kinship with life." *Carolyn Casey\**

In mythology Mars was a pushy god - wanting his way at all costs. Mars rules the sign of Aries which is a very strong influence throughout the month of April with the Sun, Mars, Mercury and Venus transiting through the war god's sign and aspecting Uranus, Pluto and Jupiter which are also in cardinal signs. The cardinal signs carry initiatory energy - they like to take action.

The New Moon this month is on April 3 at 13 degrees of Aries. This is a volatile time with Mars opposing Uranus. Under this influence tempers can be short and people can act impulsively and sometimes aggressively. It can be a very restless time with a desire to move forward more quickly than we are able. The Sun opposes Saturn on the day of the New Moon indicating that although there may be a strong impetus to take action, Saturn the strict teacher will lend his influence to teach lessons about responsibility, patience and discipline. If plans are thwarted around this time, look to the lessons Saturn has to teach.

On April 4th Neptune, the planet of dreams and visions will enter the sign of Pisces. This influence over time will contribute to a growth and expansion of consciousness and spiritual awareness as well as an increased desire for social justice in the world. It will also help with nonviolent revolutionary endeavors.

Pluto will station on April 9th while squaring Mars. This is a powerful aspect for action and progress if goals are clear and focused. There is a great deal of stamina with this influence as well as a tendency to overdo due to the compulsive nature of this combination. Power struggles are more likely to surface.

Mars opposes Saturn on the Full Moon April 17. It is a good time for hard work but can be frustrating as the Mars energy can be tested by Saturn.

Mercury will station direct on April 23 at 12 degrees of Aries.

With Saturn in Libra relationships are still on the front burner. We live in a time when transformation touches every part of our lives. Towards the end of the month Venus will enter Aries and set off the dynamics of the Pluto/Uranus/ Jupiter configuration. It will be helpful to enter this part of the month with clear intentions and goals about improvements or new endeavors in partnership and relationship.

"Have patience and the mulberry leaf will become silk." *Spanish proverb*

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\* from Carolyn Casey's book , *Making the Gods Work for You*.