

Musings on Starlight

An Astrological Forecast for March 07 by Amelia Shea

“In the past several centuries the symbolic nature – the very soul, if you will-has been removed from most of the sciences. Alchemy was rejected by chemistry, astrology by astronomy;and the inner meaning of numbers and geometric structures found everywhere in nature and creation, was removed from mathematics as having any sacred meaning...The result is the present ecological peril of the planet and all life forms living on it. Science more than anything else in this world needs to reconnect to the spiritual dimensions of its own discoveries...” *The Web in the Sea by Alice O. Howell*

“Pythagoras transformed geometry into a philosophical discipline, which he called historia or inquiry. 'Figures as archetypes not figures for profit.' was one of his favorite sayings. By this he meant that the purpose of studying geometry should be to turn the soul in the direction of higher things, not just to deal with sensory objects for material gain.”

Divine Harmony by Strohmeyer and Westbrook.

Pythagoras often considered the father of mathematics is widely known for the Pythagorean theory. But Pythagoras was also a mystic and philosopher. He was educated in ancient mystery schools, lived and taught in a spiritual community and base his theories about numbers on the ancient Kabbalistic principles.

I was reminded of Pythagoras when I was musing about the astrological activity for the month of March. One of his his important teachings involved unity and duality – the unity of the number one which is the basis of the symbolic meaning of all the numbers. He stressed the importance of remembering the fundamental unity that underlies all of existence.

There are two eclipses in March – one a Lunar eclipse on March 3 at 13 degrees of Virgo and a Solar eclipse at 28 Pisces on 3/18. Virgo is the sign that excels (in its higher nature) at breaking things into small comprehensible parts. Pisces is the sign (in its higher nature) that understands the essential interconnectedness of the whole. When life feels stressful this month it might be helpful to remember the unity which lies beneath the appearance of mundane events.

The eclipses, transiting Lunar nodes and Uranus all in Pisces also speak of a time of awakening in consciousness on the earth plane. The potential for revelations about life may abound. It's a good time to practice consciousness with thoughts – as thoughts can become reality quickly now and we are in an important evolutionary time for the planet. It's good to make choices accordingly.

A good example of this is the field of socially conscious investing. Some financial analysts and investors say that investing this way does not have the returns of investing say, in companies like Exxon Mobil (with its track record of environmental devastation) or companies involved in arms dealing.

It's helpful to look at the returns in a larger sense - how investing in organic farms or sustainable energy can help individual investor as well as the evolution of the planet.

It's a good example of how our individual efforts can be tied to the betterment of the whole. Muhammed Yunus, recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with micro lending was interviewed on PBS this fall. He explained how loans of \$100 have made it possible for many workers (especially women) to start and grow their own businesses and eventually move out of poverty. Combining capitalism with social responsibility his work has "revolutionized rural economic and social development."* When asked by the broadcast journalist the question, "Well why would anyone invest in this fund when they could take their money and put it into a fund that would have a much better return?" Muhammed replied, "We all come here to do good." That humanitarian, spiritual perspective speaks of the kinds of changes which are possible astrologically now - changes which we all can be a part of.

During the lunar eclipse of March 3rd Uranus is closely conjunct the Sun and the Moon. These aspects lay groundwork for the expansion of consciousness and awareness if we are open to it.

Eclipses are evolutionary in nature and tend to have long range ramifications. The time between eclipses (roughly March 1st - the 20th or so) may feel wobbly. The signs most impacted by these eclipses are Pisces, Virgo, Gemini and Sagittarius. Check to see where it falls in your own chart.

At 11:45 pm March 7 EST Mercury stations and moves direct at 25 Aquarius. It will move into Pisces on the 18th of March. From the 18th through the end of the month time may seem to speed up and there may be surprising messages, discoveries and events due to Mercury's proximity to transiting Uranus. Projects which may have been stalled or unresolved situations can make progress now.

Mars is in Aquarius all month making this a good time for intellectual pursuits. Mars here can be impatient but all indications this month indicate progress will be made through steady slow perseverance and diligence.

March 17th Venus moves into Taurus where it will stay through the end of the month. Often financial matters improve under this influence. It is also a good time to acquire things of value and to consider how issues of self esteem are related to finances.

The Solar eclipse is on March 18th at 28 degrees of Pisces. The Moon squares Pluto at this time and Pluto is transiting at the point of the galactic center. Emotions are likely to be high. A good use of this aspect is to focus on unrealistic fears and to release them.

Mercury also enters Pisces on 3/18 where he will remain for the rest of the month. Mercury in Pisces is an excellent time for spiritual and artistic pursuits. It is a placement which is concerned with compassion.

The Vernal Equinox when the Sun enters Aries is on March 20th. When the Sun enters Aries it is a good time to focus on individual plans and goals - to think about where you are going and how you are going to get there.

Pluto stations retrograde on 3/31. We are living in times of great change and transformation.

Included in the ongoing influences this month is the Saturn Neptune opposition. This

brings dreams and visions up against reality in order to make them better integrated in the material world. Interestingly enough it was under this influence that Nixon began withdrawing troops from Vietnam in 1971-1972. Not surprising that there's much talk about withdrawing from Iraq now, although the idea of withdrawal is meeting reality head on with the Bush administration's policies.

Jupiter trines Saturn bringing protection, optimism and progress to work projects.

Jupiter is squaring Uranus which can make for good times – just maintain good judgement in the process.

All in all a very interesting time in personal and planetary evolution.

"Behold the One in all things ; it is the second that leads you astray " Kabir

With all the planetary activity it's a great time to get your chart done or have a Tarot Card reading. I do readings on the phone, by email as well as in person in Peterborough, NH.

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