

March Skies

Mars into Cancer, Saturn into Pisces, Pluto into Aquarius...the big boys are on the move this month and the clock ticks with a different tone as the shifts they bring start to impact the world at large and individuals that make it up. Mars moving on is kind of a relief, since it's been stuck retrograde in a single sign for so long (usually it splits up the backwards sign distribution, this time Gemini alone got brought to a halt).

Anybody with old or new Saturn ruled signs (Capricorn or Aquarius) will be relieved to get the weight off and maybe be able to make even more of that renewed Mars motion. Between the two signs, it's been a long five years, with the earth-shaking Jupiter-Saturn right in the middle of it. Folks who depend on intuition, imagination, or maybe even just delusion will not be happy to see it tear into Pisces and reduce that sign's sometimes-happy wishful and hopeful thinking to hard-time bottom lines of physical reality. Neither Saturn nor Pisces are happy with each other and that's going to take some getting used to. On the positive side, things like psi research may finally be forced to fish or cut bait and the non-illusory parts get recognized while other manifestations get tossed for good. One might throw UFOs into the mix on that one. Seems imminent, on all those fronts.

Pluto in Aquarius is so big that you have to look historically to make sense of it. It's the beginning of a new Pluto cycle for the USA, for better or worse, and if you count back the centuries it often means mass change of unexplainable and lasting sorts. "It was the best of times, and the worst of times" was written to describe the last one, after the fact, and before that cycles of war and plague, the rise and fall of empires, seem to have been the rage, but then aren't they always? Individually, if you've got important stuff at various degrees in Aquarius, get ready to duck and change when it approaches. But for the moment, it's just a moment of the new, yet to be recognized except that it's here. Just look at the new Moon of the astrological new year, at zero of Aries. Can't get newer than that...

Important Milestones

02 Mar ♀ ♂ ♃ 00:36 am EST 12°∞09' Big appetites and a large bite out of life depict the day, and that means dig right in there but don't overdo, whatever need you are satisfying. Spectacular beauty will characterize launches in love or money, but it might be well to take overweening charm with a barrel of salt. Nevertheless, go ahead and revel in it.

02 Mar ♃ ♂ ♃ 09:34 am EST 29°≈25' It may be hard to get your head into gear, but once you do, you can go into great detail. Thoroughness is the watchword and you will not want to be in

the company of scatterbrains. With the Thinker as the model, there is the risk of taking things too seriously, but anything begun now will wind up a heavyweight for sure.

02 Mar ☿ enters ♋ 05:52 pm EST Putting the right phrase to the task is not the focus for the next few weeks - so if you're at a loss for words, join the party. But words aren't everything, and those slippery concepts that emerge right now can yet be pounced upon when the time is right, like a cat on a mouse, and nailed to the ground. Just mind your mind in the meantime.

07 Mar ☽ ♉ ☾ 07:41 am EST Full Moon in Virgo 16°17'40"

This "Worm" Moon has more than the usual craziness of full Moon, it also has an in-and-out-of-focus quality that can change from moment to moment. Just when you think you've got things pinned down, life goes into soft focus and you forget your line and have to wing it. It's really hard to script what's going on, so maybe you shouldn't try too hard, and certainly don't insist others toe the line, as they're having the same issues. What you bring out of this period will be better intuitive communication and a better understanding of just how unreliable preset cues can be. It's less about saying what you mean, more about meaning what you say - even if it isn't all that clear, it can still get across.

07 Mar ♃ enters ♋ 08:35 am EST The next couple of years will produce the end of many illusions and hard times for those who perpetrate them. Matters of unconfirmed belief are likely to be tested, and those who have relied on intuition alone to get by may have to take a more tangible and practical approach. Real and imagined spirituality are set side by side to see which passes the test.

15 Mar ☾ ♉ ♋ 06:39 pm EST 25°17'07" A dreamy atmosphere makes getting down to brass tacks difficult, so put that off to another day. On the other hand, the realm of the imagination opens up and connections to otherworldly things are close at hand. Connections and commitments made now have a haunting, spiritual quality that lingers in the back of the mind.

16 Mar ☿ ♉ ♋ 12:13 pm EST 25°19'09" A mist upon the mind makes ordinary clarity just history for the time being, but the numinous clarity of dreams is at your beck and call. If you can envision it, you can express it, so keep a journal by your bedside. Don't expect things to make sense right away, but in retrospect it will shine like a firefly in the dark.

16 Mar ♀ enters ♋ 05:34 pm EST There's sweetness in simplicity in the air, and the good old pleasures haven't lost their appeal. For the next few weeks, you don't need fancy cuisine to take a nice bite out of life, or so the general opinion seems to run. If that leaves you yawning, just wait it out and live on what's around until things spice up.

17 Mar ♃ ♂ ☉ 05:45 am EST 26°34' High mental energy burns hot, a real brain boiler. The trick is to keep up with everyone without missing a stitch or dropping the ball. Great ideas abound, but don't buy everything you see until you give it a second, cooler look. Everyone can be too close to the subject to realize that what recommends it is only the heat of the moment.

18 Mar ♃ enters ♏ 11:24 pm EST Everybody's going to be quick-witted for a few weeks, or at least will be giving it a try, which means foot-in-mouth syndrome escalates, as people speak before they think. Nevertheless, there's a sharpening of minds that cuts waste and makes for rapidfire unfoldment of ideas. Follow-through after the onrush will be the challenge.

20 Mar ☉ enters ♏ 04:25 pm EST There's a fairly sudden shift of energy as a month of urgency begins, painting a patina of action and purpose on a previously passive environmental palette. Patience and gestation won't do anymore, time to get up and go - but exactly where to may be the puzzle. Preventing premature detonation while delivering a timely bombshell is the challenge of the month ahead.

21 Mar ☽ ♂ ☉ 12:23 pm EST 00°50' New Moon in Ares

This first New Moon of the astrological year is all about bounding out from the starting line the instant the signal is given. The early bird definitely gets the worm and the race is to the fleet, especially those exactly and promptly off the mark. Sharing is fine, but it's leadership that counts right now, let the others fall in line as the race develops. If sudden acceleration isn't your thing, don't pull a muscle trying to sprint, because those who try too hard will find themselves flagging and out of steam all too soon. Being the leader of the pack in the first furlong often means you won't stay there, but impressive starts can make the rest of the run easy if you've got what it takes. Take the initiative, or at least ride the slipstream of the next ahead of you.

23 Mar ♀ enters ♏ 11:44 am EST A generation-long period begins in which spreading equality of opportunity is a prime cultural force, a time to re-forged society and hand it to the common people. Independence of operation is the order of the day, as is great expansion. The resulting generation, however, will have a hard time holding together what results as a unity.

25 Mar ♂ enters ♏ 06:45 am EST People will be exerting themselves with some amount of caution for some time to come, as the inclination is to put all your energy into one, cherished effort and nurture it through, ignoring other prospects or demands. That doesn't make for good team play, but it favors solo artists who know what they're up to.

28 Mar ♃ ♂ ♃ 01:51 am EST 18°14' All kinds of new plans and schemes fill the air, and if you can latch onto one that really works, you can go far. If there is a problem, it is winnowing out the best from the rest and settling on what to do with it. No time for details now, just get the concepts right and lay down big plans for the future.

30 Mar ♀ ♂ ♻ 05:25 pm EST 16°♁45' Original tastes and sudden desires decorate the day, marking a change of pace for anyone with an adventurous heart. Eschew the ordinary and go for something off the wall, not off the shelf. Don't knock it if you haven't tried it. New sensations will be a major focus of startups, leaders in a new sensibility.