

New Moon Chart for USA

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One of the most important tools in mundane astrology for predicting the welfare and prosperity of a country is the chart drawn up each year for the new Moon in Pisces. This occurs usually in March (sometimes in early April), and is the last new Moon of the year before the Sun enters the first sign

of the zodiac, Aries, which occurs in mid April every year.

Before I go on, let's quickly look at the most important factors I mentioned last year regarding the 2011 chart, to see whether or not they actually manifested. In 2011 the last new Moon before Sun entered Aries was actually on April 3rd. We had a Taurus ascendant. The lord of ascendant, Venus, was in a friendly sign (Aquarius) and in the 10th house of the chart. Therefore I predicted that the USA would keep its power and "might", as it were, and that its influence would not wane as many were thinking it would internationally. It also bode well for the markets, which seem to have borne that out.

Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter were all in Pisces in the 11th house of the chart. With Jupiter in his own sign, being the banker, ruler of gold, etc. I predicted that the stock markets would for the most part maintain, that the banks would not go under (as so many doomsday predictions called for in 2011) and that gold would grow ever stronger. In fact, many investments that had lost value have gained lost ground during this year.

With Mercury in his sign of debilitation, Pisces, it did not bode well for many middle class earnings, though, nor any tangible growth for small business. Just the opposite for the most part seemed to be indicated. Except for a few exceptions this has also seemed to be the case nation wide. The wealthy have been able to buy up bargains since they have cash available, yet the middle class have become more oppressed. Saturn was also opposing all these planets in Pisces from Virgo and Ketu was in the 2nd house, putting Rahu in the 8th.

Again we had some major storms wreaking havoc in places, all predicted due to the "pile up" in Pisces of these 5 planets. That was the chart from April 3rd, 2011.

Now let us look at the 2012 USA Moon Chart, which will begin on March 22, 2012 at 10:37 AM. Once again Taurus rises. However, this year the lord of the ascendant, Venus, is situated in the sign of Aries, now the 12th house. This is a whole different picture and not one that seems positive on the whole for the maintenance of peace and prosperity.

Aries is a sign ruled by Mars, also sometimes called the “planet of war” and it is certainly a military sign. Although we have withdrawn troops from some places this hardly seems to indicate a lack of conflict during this year. Were the US to enter a conflict I fear it could bring grave losses, regardless of the final outcome.

Jupiter is also in this 12th house along with Venus, so this implies some financial losses in areas not considered “safe” investments, thereby subject to fluctuation. I am not an expert in stock market trends, but I think the playing field will be narrowed and there will be less competition, for the “big boys” will rule in the business world. Small businesses will not have an easy time competing and many more will fall by the wayside.

Also being a planet of charity and spirituality, and the 12th house also signifying such things as well, there will be a further spiritual “awakening” in the minds and hearts of those people who are ready to do so. Events manifesting in the world will further bring home the realizations that life is short and the greatest duty of a human being is the gaining of spiritual knowledge. As well the higher principles of those on the higher path will become stronger and more focused. One down side is that this same placement can also stir religious fanaticism and intolerance.

Sun and Moon are of course in Pisces, but once again with Mercury, who is in debilitation here. Not good for business and general financial prosperity amongst the middle and worker classes of society in general. Many people will have to live within means that seem ever constricting.

Mars (the planet of conflict/wars, etc) is in Leo, where he is very strong. That also makes me conclude we will be involved in some sort of conflicts, either up front, or behind the scenes, but involved “up to the neck” nevertheless. Mars also is the indicator of real estate so although strength in Leo would be good for some “higher end” properties, the majority of real property will fail to gain in value and may again further lose value. It is also an indicator that more people are likely to lose their homes, a sad trend we have been seeing ever since the crash in late 2007. The navamsha also shows the financial tribulations for the masses with Mars in the 2nd navamsha in Cancer, his sign of debilitation.

Rahu and Ketu are in their signs of debilitation, Scorpio and Taurus, and along the 7th and 1st house axis. This indicates some alliances between the US and other countries, financial and/or political, are in serious disarray, as well. It can also mean health challenges increasing in the general populace.

The only real strength I see, which is enough to tip the balance of power, is Saturn being exalted (in his most powerful sign of Libra) in the 6th house. This house of conflicts, disappointments and challenges has the raja yoga karaka Saturn residing here. Therefore he will bring balance and ultimately triumph over the worst of adversities, albeit not able to counteract the events and resultant effects of the other planetary placements. His opposition to both Jupiter and Venus will hopefully bring some reason to the leaders and

will see that we come out the other end intact, but cannot forestall the events dictated by the chart as a whole.

There are two solar and two lunar eclipses this year. An annular solar eclipse takes place on May 20th, followed by a partial lunar eclipse on June 4th. Note that Jupiter will move into Taurus May 17th with Ketu, Sun and Venus and by the 21st both Mercury and the Moon will also be tenanted the sign. This solar eclipse in Taurus may well indicate the imminent death of someone considered to be a great spiritual or political leader.

June 22nd Mars will enter Virgo, where retrograde Saturn has once again entered. This is not a good omen as although not an exact conjunction by degree when these two great malefics get together they cause conflicts, natural disasters and great suffering for people in whose horoscopes their positions are crossing sensitive points.

On August 14-15 we have an exact conjunction of Mars and Saturn (now having resumed forward motion) in the first degree of Libra. Considering Sun, Moon and Mercury are all tenanted Cancer, where they are now receiving Saturn's aspect, this is a time that may bring a colossal storm, such as a hurricane or other natural disaster.

Saturn and Mars both remain together in Libra through September 27th, so this malefic combination is certain to bring global conflict, natural disasters and much suffering for many. Mars moves on the 28th to Scorpio, where he is extremely powerful since he rules the sign, to join Rahu. On October 2nd Mars and Rahu will be exactly conjunct. Mars being a natural malefic coupled with debilitated Rahu portends very nasty results.

A total solar eclipse occurs November 13th, followed by a penumbral lunar eclipse on November 28th. This has far more ominous ramifications and may be a time when calamity may befall, be it man-made or natural disasters.

Anyone that knows me also knows that I am far from being a doomsday naysayer. I always attempt to find the hidden "silver linings" or the redemption in all negative planetary arrangements, both for individuals and for the world at large. This is going to be pretty significant, my friends. Exactly how these events will affect particular persons will be determined by their individual horoscopes, but one thing is for sure...it is going to be an extremely "interesting" year.

The better we can protect ourselves meaning our physical health, assets and close relationships, the better. It is not a year for "rolling the dice" and taking chances. Give more time to contemplation of the higher spiritual goals of life. Increase your spiritual practice and live by true "yogic" principles in all your actions and dealings in life. At the end of the day, at the end of the line, these are the only things that will endure and that we shall always "take with us" to the next destination.

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