

# UK & Europe's New Moon Charts 2012

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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.

As occurred in the 2011 New moon charts, Leo is again rising in the 2012 charts, which begins on March 22, 2012 at 2:37 PM in the UK, 3:37 PM in Germany, France, Italy & The Netherlands, and 4:36 PM in Greece. In the 2011 chart Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter were all in Pisces in the 8<sup>th</sup> house so it was a very difficult year for most of the populace.

Economically things went from bad to worse for many of the middle class, although with Jupiter in his own sign it kept the markets afloat, as with the US. When the ascendant lord is in such a difficult placement we know that some very appalling events are bound to occur. Certainly there has been a rollercoaster economically with dire pressure on larger countries to bail out smaller ones.

Since this year's chart again has the ascendant in Leo, the lord of the ascendant, Sun, is also in the 8<sup>th</sup> house with Moon and Mercury. This does not bode well economically or politically for the well being of most of the people in the UK and the above-mentioned European countries. Being a water sign, Pisces, it is also likely to bring some unusual weather patterns and disasters, such as floods. Mercury here also once again speaks ill for the growth of small businesses across the region.

Jupiter and Venus in Aries, the sign of the warring planet Mars, indicates political upheaval and conflicts within governments, being that Saturn is also opposing from Libra, where he is extremely powerful. That this is the 9<sup>th</sup> house, one of religion, it may also bring some religious foment, even terror, from within.

Mars in the ascendant in Leo indicates involvement in conflicts, but the overall impression I get is that there is more of a danger here of internal suffering from conflict, than say in the US. Britain and European countries may well also become involved in conflicts abroad in some way, shape or form, but I feel that they are at a greater risk for being hit at home by both "foreign" and domestic elements. This seems to indicate

possible riots amongst certain portions of the population, but more so to me gives the eerie possibility of terror strikes, or at least the attempts.

With Rahu in the 4<sup>th</sup> and Ketu in the 10<sup>th</sup> we won't see any rise in most property values and lending will remain more than restrictive. Banks will want to hold onto their cash as much as possible. With some of the individual economies in worse shape than others it's not hard to see that the Euro will continue to have problems in stability.

Mars is the raja yoga karaka in these charts. He aspects the 8<sup>th</sup> house (with lord of ascendant Sun) meaning spells of great difficulty for the governments and for the peace and prosperity of the nations in general.

The strongest redeeming factor is the raja yoga created by Jupiter and Venus in the 9<sup>th</sup> house. This indicates changes in laws or policies that will ultimately benefit the people, and that some financial sectors will still prosper. This will not have a "trickle down" effect in benefiting the average citizens, though, no matter what the politicians proclaim.

Another strength I see is Saturn being exalted (in his most powerful sign of Libra) in the 3rd house, where a raja yoga is also enacted by the aspect of Jupiter and Venus. Therefore he will bring some balance to dealings between the heads of countries in the EU.

There are two solar and two lunar eclipses this year. An annular solar eclipse takes place on May 20<sup>th</sup>, followed by a partial lunar eclipse on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Note that Jupiter will move into Taurus May 17<sup>th</sup> with Ketu, Sun and Venus and by the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, so this malefic combination is certain to bring global conflict, natural disasters and much suffering for many. Mars moves on the 28<sup>th</sup> to Scorpio, where he is extremely powerful since he rules the sign, to join Rahu. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by a penumbral lunar eclipse on November 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

There must be subtle differences between the charts of these countries and the sub-divisional charts show them. Germany looks stronger than either the UK or France in maintaining their internal strength. Italy and Greece will also squeak through and not roll into utter anarchy and chaos, whatever economic decisions are made by their leaders.

Although Switzerland has the same chart as all of the mentioned European countries, the navamsha (9<sup>th</sup> harmonic sub-divisional chart) is far superior in strength, showing their level of financial strength and internal investment from abroad. This has always been what has made this country's banks a preference for the ultra-wealthy.

Russia also shares the chart, but its navamsha shows far more political power and influence, thus if anyone's “might” in Europe is going to increase, it is theirs. I say this with 100% conviction, seeing navamsh ascendant lord in the 10<sup>th</sup> navamsha with lords of 8<sup>th</sup> (Moon), 9<sup>th</sup> (Sun) and 10<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> navamsha lord Mercury, where the latter is exalted. This constitutes a raja yoga in the 10<sup>th</sup> navamsha for Russia.

As I said at the end of my prognosis for the US this 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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