Some of you have requested more astrological updates, so here is a quick overview of the general large-scale planetary patterns happening right now. While this is somewhat general and does belong to all of us, it may help to put the current state of things into some perspective.

In our immediate life circumstances things appear to be happening. There is perceived direction and drive and this particular New Moon on Monday January 23rd looks to be making a strong start, at least on the personal level. Events are taking place and actually affecting us personally as in: we feel more involved or on the move these days.

However, on the deeper and heart level, things are more tentative, conceptual, and perhaps even a little sketchy. We haven't figured out just where we are at, for in our inner life there is less specifically happening there and we may actually be on pause, somehow waiting to see how we respond to the outer events and what those responsibilities might entail.

Perhaps we are waiting for the other shoe to drop, for some precipitating event to give us clear direction. However we phrase it, we are inwardly more tentative and the more outward circumstantial activity surrounding us may (when all is said and done) fail to really impress us – much ado about nothing. We are a bit on hold, taking it all in, but have probably not been able to draw any real conclusions at this point. The jury is still out.

In summary, outward circumstances are active right now and affect us personally. If we can rest our mind we may find that inwardly things are not so active, but on the contrary more receptive. In other words, outwardly there is drive and direction, while inwardly we are more balanced and listening for clues as to how to proceed.