

## AT LAST, THE NEW MOON AND NEW TIME

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New Moon today (June 19, 2012) at 11:02 AM EDT, bringing closure and some kind of new start to a long series of astronomical events including the double eclipse starting with the New Moon eclipse back on May 20th, the Full Moon eclipse on June 4th, and all kinds of solar flare and CME events during this time, not to mention the rare Transit of Venus. And that is just the astronomy.

Astrology has to do with the cultural and psychological implications of astronomy (how we explain the astronomy to ourselves), and we have had a lot to digest and interpret of late. I make no claims to having covered it well enough and astronomy has always been much more exact than astrology. After all, astronomers pretty much agree on what happens out there, but astrologers only agree very generally as to what all this astronomy means. And it is one thing to abstractly quote the jargon of astrology (i.e. New Moon today) and quite another to unravel that thread of meaning for events in our immediate life. And the events in my immediate life may be eons away from those in another astrologer's life. You get the idea.

When you add in the fact that we just had a double eclipse plus any number of solar-flare events and, as mentioned, the Transit of Venus, what a tangled web we weave as for interpretation. Be that as it may, today's New Moon should help to clear away the debris of cascading interpretations and get us back on the same page, or at least make a first pass at that.

And the planet Venus has not only been prominent in its transit across the face of the Sun, but also by aspect, being conjunct Pluto (helio) and Earth recently and the focus of a T-Square with Uranus and Mercury, but enough astro-jargon.

Venus, as mentioned in a recent blog here, being the planet next inside the orbit of our Earth, is and has always been, the key to life here (astrologically speaking) on Earth. Love and loving we all know is the stuff that holds we earthlings together; just witness all the love songs and love poems over millennia.

Yet Venus also points to our values, what and how we love, what and how we appreciate anything, and perhaps more important 'desire', what and how we desire, and the desire realm in general. And that my friends is a big piece of the pie. Desire and attachment is the glue that holds the Self together, so don't gloss over the power of desire and any shift in emphasis that may occur...

That having been said, having Venus in focus lately really, really means a lot, and will have an effect that we can measure and be aware of. And my point is... look for a shift or reshuffling of

your values and desires as we kind of scramble to come out of this recent very meaningful time and once-again pass single-file through the New Moon gateway, thus articulating a new time. We squeeze off what we have just been through and start a new solunar cycle, gradually distancing ourselves from the recent dual eclipses by overlaying something new. Astrology is the study of cycles, and cycles emphasize and bury each other.

This does not mean that what visions or insights we had from the double-eclipse or the Transit of Venus do not reverberate. They do, and they will surface or come to mind again and again as long as we can suck any sense from them.

But it is my thought that today's New Moon will be a marker that these recent events are now officially in the past, although they may cast their shadow forward for a while. For me, I am going to try and catch this New Moon train to the future and close this recent chapter that has been so interesting indeed. Period and exclamation point!