

ASTROLOGY: NEW MOON TODAY

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The New Moon always marks both the end of one cycle and the beginning of the next. This world can be looked at as nothing but cycles or circles (spirals), some (like the orbit of Pluto) too long for us to keep in mind, and others like the breath, the heartbeat, and atomic cycles too short to keep in mind.

The monthly cycle of the Moon (and Earth) is a cycle long enough to consciously live through and yet short enough to remember. The Moon has always been conceived in astrology to be the handmaiden of Earth in relationship to the Sun, endlessly cycling from between Earth and Sun at New Moon and between the Earth and deep space at Full Moon. Along with the Sun, the Moon is the key influence in astrology. That is why together the Sun and Moon are called "The Lights."

That being said, what about the New Moon happening later today (November 13, 2012) at 5:10 PM EST? As always, I like to contrast what is happening outside in the world around us (our circumstances) to what is happening inside, in our mind and spiritual realms (our dharma). Sometimes these two views reinforce one another and harmonize, and at other times they push back, one against the other. Today's New Moon is of the latter type, where the outside world to some degree contrasts or clashes with the inner sense of our self. There is a disconnect.

On the outside, this particular New Moon may find us a bit at loose ends personally, and perhaps looking for some way to express ourselves, such as some place to go, just to get out and see and be seen. There is a lot of drive and push to relieve tension just now, an urge to find balance.

On the other hand at this time, on the inside, we may feel quite good, but (as mentioned above) have no way to celebrate and express it in our day-to-day life, an "All dressed up, with no place to go" sort of feeling.

Outwardly driven, with urgent needs pushing us, we are trying to get satisfied and be known. In other words, on the outside we are in a bit of a Limbo, not knowing just what to do with ourselves, but feeling the need to do something "special" or different, almost like a need to celebrate our life in some way. This is on the outside.

Inside, if we can peek between the outer rough waters, things are actually pretty balanced. We may even feel good inside, a kind of happy medium. Spiritual and psychological thoughts or moods may float through the mind, although this quiet time of balance will be short-lived, a day or two at most.

It would seem that the mind, like the ocean, has tides of its own, times when we feel the surge of the future, inside if not outwardly, and times when we are more-or-less swept helplessly into our past. This particular New Moon offers a taste of the future rather than the past.

Like the legendary city of Atlantis, at times like these parts of our future rise into our consciousness and can be felt and perhaps dimly seen. Often these are but moments of clarity that snap into view, are seen, and then almost immediately are lost in the shuffle of day-to-day events. At other times, we can rest our minds in this state for some time and know that all is well and that our life is tending in a direction we wish.

Anyway, at this New Moon we are looking forward rather than back. It is an astrological maxim that "future events cast their shadows," but also their light. Sometimes the veil of the future is pulled back enough for us to see the greater landscape of what is to come and find comfort in that. This may be one of those times. It does not often last that long, so let's take a good look while we can.