

AstroUpdate — May 2014

Welcome to the Stella Starwoman May AstroUpdate! I hope you've survived the Grand Cardinal Cross, the Mars retrograde transit and the April Eclipses – for some it's been a month of excitement and liberation, whilst others have been struggling with adversity and seemingly fated events. Remember this a time of reshuffling and re-identifying priorities, so any 'unfortunate' events need to be viewed from that perspective.

Our Practical Spells & Rituals Course started last Tuesday with a great bunch of women – we learned how to cast a circle, held a ritual for Samhain (Southern Hemisphere Hallowe'en) and finished up with some apple crumble and mulled wine to stave off the cold weather – I'm really looking forward to the rest of the course. We've also begun term two of Astrology for Beginners and enjoyed discussing our own experiences under the recent eclipses.

There's still time to sign up for the Tarot Court Card Workshop this Sunday May 4th in Elwood, Melbourne. For more info or to book online click [HERE](#) (six places still available - cost \$125). And there will be another tarot workshop on Sunday June 1st – Tarot Spreads for Every Occasion – click [HERE](#) for details or to book online.

Finally, if you'd like to book in for astrology or tarot reading (I'm based in St Kilda, Melbourne but offer phone readings as well as face to face), just give me a call on 03 9534 5021 – I've included a price list in this newsletter so you can see what's on offer – or visit www.stellastarwoman.com for more info plus testimonials.

Key Astrological Events — May



The energy generated by the partial solar eclipse at the Taurus new moon in late April will bring change and growth in the first half of May with themes arising during this period resonating for the next six months. During a solar eclipse, lunar concerns (gut feelings, emotional patterns, subconscious mind and habits) somehow interfere or block out our outwardly focused yang energy (the sun) bringing new and often sudden insight. The solar eclipse was in Taurus, a practical earth sign concerned with sensuality, comfort, money, wellbeing and security. Ask yourself how you can make your life more secure, comfortable and pleasurable without compromising your ideals.



Love goddess Venus leaves romantic Pisces and enters fiery Aries on the 3rd until the 29th May. Venus in Aries brings assertiveness in relationship coupled with a degree of selfishness.

The 11th May is a key date when Venus in Aries opposes the Moon-Mars conjunction in Libra, helping us see others' point of view. Keep your temper and be prepared to compromise or you might just lose everything! On the same day, the Sun in Taurus opposes Saturn in Scorpio asking us to focus on steady accomplishment and tough decisions.

Communication planet Mercury enters home sign Gemini on the 8th where he will stay for most of the month, leaving Gemini for Cancer on the 29th May. Mercury in Gemini brings clarity of thought and quick decision making. Unfortunately, Mercury can also produce cutting remarks and unwanted truths. Watch your tongue and think carefully before slicing and dicing your opponent or they might do the same to you!

The May full moon falls on the 15th in water sign Scorpio opposite the sun in fertile earth sign Taurus. The Sabian symbol for this full moon shows a crowd returning home after listening to an inspirational sermon. The symbol speaks of the difficulty in assimilating peak spiritual experiences into everyday life and consciousness. The moon is linked with serious and practical Saturn meaning any decisions made at this time will not be made lightly. The May full moon is also known as the Wesak moon, marking Buddha's birth and enlightenment.

Those wanting some excitement and spice in their love life could do worse than arrange a date for the 15th-16th May when Venus meets up with erratic Uranus and powerful Pluto at the Scorpio full moon – seriously anything could happen!

The Cardinal Cross formed by Jupiter, Mars, Pluto and Uranus slowly lessens its grip towards the middle of the month. Mars completes his backwards journey on the 20th May at 9° Libra, offering the chance to get things moving again after two and a half months of introspection, holdups and rerouting. When Mars is retrograde, we are forced to re-assess current projects and commitments, acknowledge our true needs and desires and revise our approach to getting what we want. We can be hesitant about taking action and second-guess our instincts or natural impulses, rather than acting upon them.

The 25th May is a favourable day with practical Saturn trining generous Jupiter, allowing us to complete tasks and projects easily and enjoyably.

Mercury enters Cancer and Venus enters home sign Taurus at the Gemini new moon on the 29th, bringing peace and prosperity and a chance to regroup and gather forces after the turbulent events of April and early May.

New moons are all about new beginnings. The Sabian Symbol for the new moon shows a group of people on strike surrounding a factory, representing industrial unrest, violence and a revolt against privilege. Human beings are constantly seeking to acquire territory and resources in order to increase their power which inevitably leads to conflict. The new moon is exactly square Neptune in Pisces suggesting that we need to incorporate a more spiritual and selfless point of view into decision-making over the next month.



Tony Abbott, Environmental Vandalism & That Grand Cross

It lets down the whole British tradition that a country should have become so selfish about climate change that it's prepared to spoil the efforts of others and to foil what very much less rich countries are doing... It's wholly contrary to the science, it's wholly contradictory to the interests of Australia and I hope that many people in Australia will see when the rest of the world is going in the right direction what nonsense it is for them to be going backwards." Lord Deben – Head of British Committee on Climate Change

With Taurus our featured sign this month, the zodiac sign most closely related to Mother Earth and our environment, I'd like to focus on the activities of our Scorpio Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Scorpio Environment Minister Greg Hunt, whose program to damage environmental interests since coming to power just seven months ago has been both brutal and efficient.

Scorpio is the opposite zodiac sign to Taurus and has a reputation for effective action and efficient removal of old and outworn structures. The problem of course is deciding exactly what is meant by 'old and outworn'. As the Coalition prepared its first legislative bill, to repeal the carbon tax, Abbott (whose birth chart has the Sun and Mercury in secretive Scorpio square erratic Uranus in Leo and the Moon in impulsive and warlike Aries) began rolling out his plan to decimate Australia's environment.

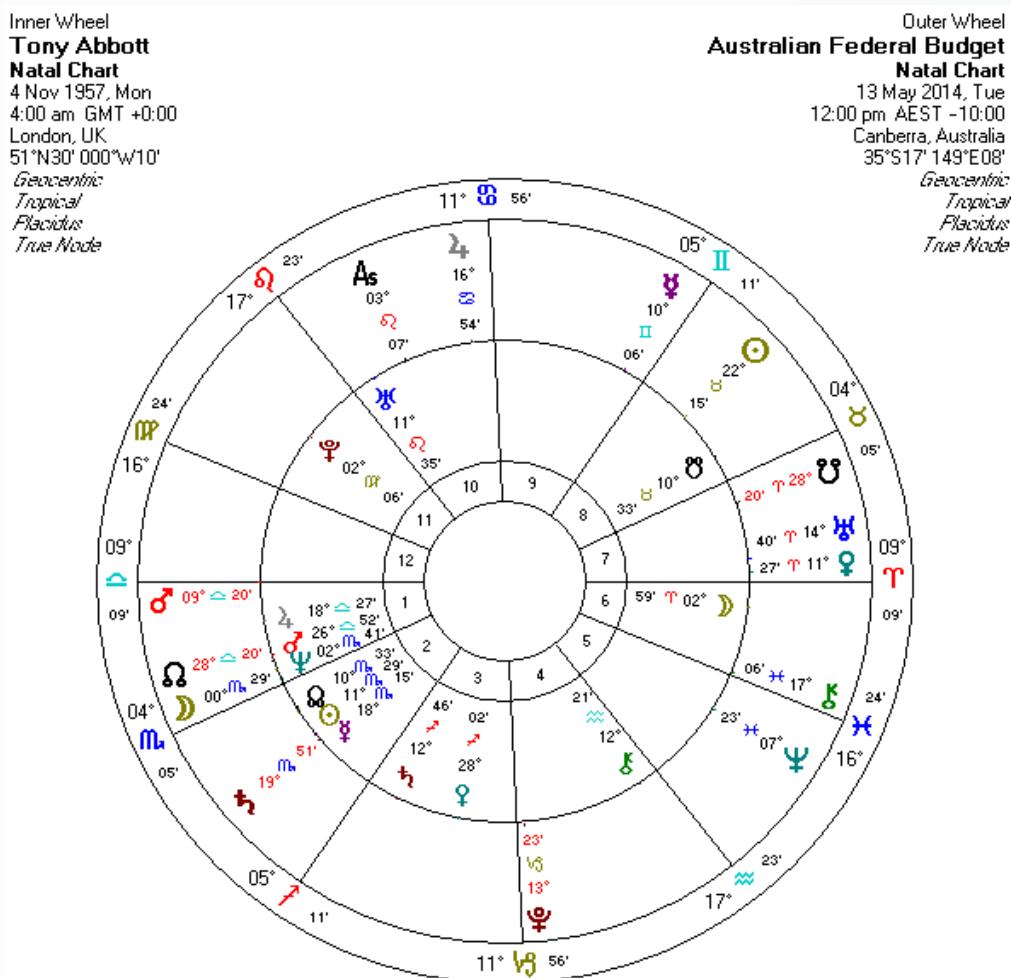
The first surprise was no Science portfolio in the cabinet, yet a new ministry for Border Protection. Then the Climate Commission were told that Australia no longer required its advice on climate change. Next there were funding cuts to the Environmental Defenders Offices, the Caring for Our Country, Low Carbon Communities and Energy Efficiency Opportunities programs. The Environment Ministers' forum was axed after 41 years and the Biodiversity Fund and Climate Change Authority found themselves under threat as part of the carbon tax repeal bill. No Australian government representative attended the UN climate summit in Warsaw.

Next came approval for more coal mining in the Galilee Basin with spoils to be dumped in the Great Barrier Reef; an attack on marine parks (to protect recreational fishers), a shark cull in Western Australia (to protect tourism operators), an inquiry into the health impact of wind farms (to protect those living close by) and the winding back of the World Heritage listing of Tasmania's forests (to protect the timber industry). Abbott stated: "We have quite enough national parks. We have quite enough locked-up forests already. In fact, in an important respect, we have too much locked-up forest ..."

Thirty years ago environmentalists were regarded as hippies or fringe dwellers - today this is no longer the case. With more and more Australians voicing support for climate change science, Abbott could be digging his own grave. Astrologer Ed Tamplin wrote: "With responsible Saturn conjunct his Sun and an elevating Jupiter trine, he emerged the easy winner of last September's Federal Election. He was sworn in as Prime Minister on September 18th at 10.29 am in Canberra. This horoscope, with secretive Neptune opposing the leadership Midheaven, and the Sun in hard aspect to both Mars and Saturn, suggests a short, or one term, tenure."



The grand cardinal cross of 2014 (featured in last month's AstroUpdate) currently sits on the angles of Abbott's birth chart making him an agent for change and revolution, but also bringing change and revolution to his own life. The Mars retrograde transit through Libra stationed direct on his natal Mars in March and will station retrograde in May on his Ascendant at 9° Libra. Mars is the god of war. March was the month that people all over Australia took to the streets in a vote of no-confidence against the Federal government at the 'March in March'. May is budget month when the full extent of Abbott's funding cuts will be revealed (see diagram below for Abbott's chart on the inner wheel and the chart of the 2014 Budget on the outer wheel). The 'March in March' organisers have planned their next rally for the 31st August "to protest against the current government's policy decisions that are against the common good of our nation... against common principles of humanity, decency, fairness social justice and equity, democratic governance, responsible global citizenship and conserving our natural heritage." Abbott will have transiting Pluto opposite his Midheaven and solar arc Uranus on the Ascendant that week. In layman's terms this is make or break. And with Australia hosting the G20 in November, with the eyes of the rest of the world upon us, can we really afford to still be going backwards?



Featured Sign - Taurus



This year from the 20th April to the 21st May, the Sun travels through fixed earth sign Taurus, Taurus is the second sign of the zodiac with keywords “I have” and “I hold”. The zodiac symbol for Taurus is the bull who luxuriates in the lush fields of plenty until aroused! Taureans love sensual and physical pleasure and are caring and affectionate. They are also patient, steadfast and reliable with excellent taste and enjoy financial security and prosperity. Taureans can be very stubborn and take things literally, so proceed slowly and steadily when dealing with one of these individuals. They usually resist change. Their anger can be awesome as it builds up steadily over a long period of time. When Taureans are out of balance they often suffer from sore throats, voice and thyroid problems or a stiff jaw. The Taurus colours are pink, light blue, russet and the warm earthy tones. Taurus also has a strong connection with the arts, particularly music. Many Taureans are excellent singers. With their fine taste and patient hard working qualities, Taureans produce things of beauty that outlive them. With their innate understanding of the physical body and material world, many Taureans work in the financial, food, fitness and health industries. Their greatest lesson is to accept and embrace change and adopt a balanced approach to material life and possessions.

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May Moon Calendar

Launch projects at the New Moon, bring them to completion in the period from just before the Full Moon to the Third Quarter phase and wind them down and reflect on developments in the week before the next New Moon. The period between the New Moon and the Full Moon is the waxing moon (moon getting bigger and fuller). The period between the Full Moon and the New Moon is the waning moon (moon getting smaller and thinner).

You can use this moon table to select the most favourable days to slow or increase hair regrowth. Full instructions can be found in my Lunar Hair Care guidelines at www.stellastarwoman.com/files/LunarHairCare.pdf but to get you started I've marked the best dates for waxing/shaving to slow regrowth in yellow and the best dates to cut hair for thicker, lusher growth in green. If you're serious about Lunar Hair Care - order your own Moon Calendar from the Stella Starwoman Store then you'll know exactly what time of day the moon changes from one zodiac sign to the next meaning you can fine-tune your activities with confidence.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Moon Phase</u>
<u>1st</u>	<u>Taurus</u>	<u>Earth</u>	First Quarter
1 st -3 rd	Gemini	Air	
<u>3rd-6th</u>	<u>Cancer</u>	<u>Water</u>	
6 th -8 th	Leo	Fire	
8 th -11 th	Virgo	Earth	
11 th -13 th	Libra	Air	Full Moon 15 th
<u>13th-15th</u>	<u>Scorpio</u>	<u>Water</u>	
<u>15th-17th</u>	<u>Sagittarius</u>	<u>Fire</u>	
17 th -19 th	Capricorn	Earth	
<u>19th-21st</u>	<u>Aquarius</u>	<u>Air</u>	
21 st -24 th	Pisces	Water	Third Quarter
<u>24th-26th</u>	<u>Aries</u>	<u>Fire</u>	
26 th -28 th	Taurus	Earth	
<u>28th-30th</u>	<u>Gemini</u>	<u>Air</u>	
<u>30th-31st</u>	<u>Cancer</u>	<u>Water</u>	
			New Moon 29 th

Thanks for being part of AstroUpdate. If there's something you'd like to see featured, or have something you think would interest others, please contact me at stellaw@ozemail.com.au

PS – Don't forget to check out your May Monthly Stars at www.stellastarwoman.com to see what's coming up for you this month.

Happy Stargazing
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