

AstroUpdate — October 2015

Welcome to the Stella Starwoman October AstroUpdate! Please make sure you get up early at least once in the next fortnight to check out the amazing planetary display in the two hours before dawn – full details below. This month we take a look at our new Prime Minister's chart plus the new Jupiter/Saturn placements. And if you'd like to give your dreams and goals a kick start this spring, my next [Magic & Manifestation](#) course starts up on Monday 5th October – there are a few places left, so let me know ASAP if you want to join us.

Magic & Manifestation Course Starts Monday 5th October in Melbourne



Magic & Manifestation Class of 2014 with their vision boards and wands....
COULD THIS BE YOU in just a few weeks' time?

Spring is the perfect time to plant dreams and watch them grow and flourish. This nine week course will not only help you identify and focus on your dreams, but send you away with some wonderful and effective magical tools to make them come true in real life. Past students have achieved incredible results – you can read all about them here [MAGIC & MANIFESTATION COURSE](#) We already have 10 students booked into the course, but there are still a few places left, so if you'd like one, please contact me ASAP!

Dates: Mon 5th Oct – Mon 7th Dec 2015 (6.30 – 8.30 pm)
Cost: \$395 (if you can't pay up front, contact me to organise a payment plan)
Venue: Elwood Learning Centre, 87 Tennyson St, Elwood, Melbourne
Bookings: Call Stella on 03 9534 5021 with your CREDIT CARD details or [BOOK ONLINE](#) with PayPal/Visa/MasterCard or BANK TRANSFER to
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October New Moon & Full Moon

The October new moon falls on the 13th in air sign Libra (19-20°) with the Sabian Symbol for the new moon showing a rabbi performing his duties, representing the power of inherited wisdom and ritual. The Sun and Moon in Libra oppose Uranus in Aries introducing a touch of excitement and unpredictability. This new moon encourages us to embrace traditional wisdom in our own unique manner.

The October full moon falls on the 27th in earth sign Taurus (3-4°). Its Sabian Symbol shows a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, representing the riches that come from building bridges between the earthly and the divine. The Sun and Moon are both beautifully aspected by romantic Neptune, inspiring us to reach for the heavens and turn our dreams into reality. A challenging angle between the Moon and Saturn reminds us that dream manifestation requires hard work and a persistent approach.

Character is Destiny – Australia's New PM

Everywhere man blames nature and fate, yet his fate is mostly but the echo of his character and passions, his mistakes and weaknesses. Democritus (5th Century BCE)

Last month's solar eclipse in clinical Virgo delivered a fatal blow to Tony Abbott – he lost his job the following day, due to an internal revolt in the Liberal party - but this short term tenure had long been predicted by astrologers and journalists if not by his own character. In January last year, astrologer Ed Tamplin wrote: "Abbott was sworn in as Prime Minister on September 18th 2013 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." More recently, journalist Peter Brent from The Australian (6/8/15) wrote: "If federal parliament goes the full term, Tony Abbott is unlikely to be prime minister at the next election... Abbott is a special kind of prime minister, so unpopular so quickly, so clearly out of his depth and so stubbornly unable to change his ways."

Tony Abbott was born 4/11/57 at 4 am in London with the Sun in Scorpio and Moon in Aries, both ruled by warrior planet Mars. There's no doubt that Abbott is a warrior – uber-masculine; champion boxer; Iron Man; aggressive and tenacious opponent; but warriors do not necessarily make great politicians – they are lone runners, not team players. The September solar eclipse fell in Abbott's 12th house, the house of endings. In late July the transiting South Node (also representing endings) conjuncted his moon, an event that happens only once every 19 years, while in late August, his secondary progressed moon (a timing indicator) hit his own South Node, representing more endings. But Abbott's rapid demise was not simply the fall of a politician – Australia is now far more liberal and cosmopolitan than during the Howard years and Abbott was simply out of touch with modern day values and concerns.

But what of the new, or not so new, kid on the block? Meet Malcolm Turnbull, Australia's 29th Prime Minister and former leader of the Liberal party, before he lost his leadership to Tony Abbott in 2009 over the Emissions Trading Scheme. Turnbull has promised to deliver a new style of creative and consultative leadership that 'respects the people's intelligence'. Turnbull, like Abbott, is a Scorpio born 24/10/54 in Sydney and both have Mercury in Scorpio. However, depending on his time of birth, Turnbull's Moon is in either service-oriented Virgo or charming and diplomatic Libra, both more suited to 'consultative leadership' than Abbott's Moon in fiery, independent Aries. With retrograde Mercury in Scorpio conjunct practical Saturn, Turnbull is a strategic and clever communicator, admired for his intellect – his background is in law and investment banking. Turnbull has Mars in creative and forward-thinking Aquarius, making him well placed to come up with new solutions to old problems. If character is destiny, Turnbull's track record would seem to promise a brighter future for the Liberal Party.



October Stargazing Spectacle



Diagram of pre-dawn sky on 17th October 2015 – the green line shows the ecliptic – the Earth's orbital plane projected onto the constellations of the zodiac and the apparent path of the Sun from our earthly viewpoint.

The planets are putting on a grand show for us this month – if you're prepared to get up early tomorrow morning you will see beautiful Venus and regal star Regulus shimmering brightly on the eastern horizon in the sky an hour or two before dawn. But the good news is that Mars, Jupiter and Mercury are also increasingly visible. The best dates for viewing this entire cosmic display are 16th and 17th October (see diagram above) when Mars and Jupiter will be conjunct in the sky with Venus and Regulus close by. Regulus will rise first, followed by Venus, the largest and brightest celestial object, then Mars and Jupiter will rise together and Mercury will come up as darkness gives way to dawn.

Jupiter is the second brightest planet after Venus, but it may be difficult to spot Mercury. Try drawing an imaginary line from Venus through Jupiter to the horizon and you should be able to see Mercury about an hour before sunrise. I'll be watching the sky every morning from now on as the planets move closer together, just in case there's cloud cover on the 16th and 17th. If you have binocular or a telescope plus an unobstructed view of the horizon, the spectacle will be even better.

German physician & astrologer Reinhold Ebertin has this to say about the Mars-Jupiter conjunction.

Principle: Successful creative activity, a fortunate decision.

Psychological Correspondence: The power to concentrate upon a particular aim or objective, energy, ambition, the urge for activity, the ability to make a decision quickly, the capability to cope with every situation.

Sounds good to me! Mark that date in your diaries!!



Jupiter & Saturn – New Spring Wardrobe



Jupiter in Virgo



Saturn in Sagittarius

In case you hadn't noticed, Jupiter and Saturn, planetary barometers of social mores and political opinion, are sporting new outfits. Jupiter is clothed in earthy Virgo while Saturn is dressed in outlandish Sagittarius and that's what they'll be wearing for the next 12 months. Jupiter would be far more comfortable in Sagittarius and Saturn in Virgo, but they're not allowed to swap shirts, at least not this year!

Jupiter and Saturn are the cosmic good and bad cops, or as Edward de Bono would say, the yellow vs. black hat approach. Jupiter encourages us to push forward, have faith, expand, take risks, grow, prosper and reach out. He is wealthy, self-indulgent, regal and energetic. But in Virgo he is forced to be humble and offer his expansive gifts to serve and heal humanity. Saturn represents limitations, restrictions, contraction, authority and the illusion of structure. He is the great teacher and lord of karma. Saturn tells us to save our money, research everything, trust no-one and expect the worse. Saturn is lean, mean, reserved and cautious and he knows how to tighten the belt. But this year his teachings are coloured by Sagittarius, the most rebellious, adventurous and free-thinking of all zodiac signs.

On a simplistic level we could say that Virgos will experience good luck and growth this coming year, while Sagittarians will be forced to rein in all that optimism and do the hard yards. On a societal scale however, these two planets have a large bearing on public opinion and political decisions. Jupiter in Virgo offers compassion for those less fortunate, while Saturn in Sagittarius promises structured change on a global level. And the good news about Virgo and Sagittarius is that they are both mutable (flexible) signs and both connected with the creative power of the mind. Sagittarius deals with concepts and big picture, while Virgo focuses on details and practical implementation.

Last month we looked at how Cecil the Lion's untimely and cruel death led to a flurry of new legislation designed to protect wildlife. More recently, we've seen our Federal Government's surprise move to welcome 12,000 Syrian refugees - decision-making that showcases Jupiter in Virgo and Saturn in Sagittarius at their joint best - a growth in public awareness and compassion leads to a practical solution to an international crisis. Hopefully we'll be seeing more of this kind of constructive problem solving over the next year as these two giants work together, keeping us all on the path of creative and compassionate societal change.



Featured Sign - Libra



The Sun travels through air sign Libra from 23rd September until 24th October this year. Libra is the seventh sign of the zodiac with keywords “I balance” and “I seek my other half”. Those born under the sign of the Scales promote love and harmony and teach us about the importance of give and take. They adore relationships, are often cultured or artistic and are experts in charm, diplomacy and negotiation. Negatively, Librans can be superficial, indecisive, manipulative or dependent and because they hate unpleasantness or disagreement, they often avoid conflict and bury their heads in the sand. In medical astrology, Libra rules the kidneys, lumbar region and skin, so when Librans are out of balance they tend to suffer from lower back pain, kidney problems, urinary tract problems and skin diseases such as eczema. The Libra colours are ivory, pink, turquoise and blue. Libra’s greatest lesson is to learn to develop their ‘inner partner’ and become whole rather than seek an outer partner to feel complete.

Mercury Goes Direct



Mercury is the fastest moving planet in our solar system, orbiting very close to the Sun. In Roman mythology, quicksilver Mercury with his magical winged sandals and helmet was the Messenger of the Gods. He carried messages between gods and humans and was even able to communicate with those who dwelled in the underworld. In astrology, Mercury is the planet of commerce and communication, helping us put our thoughts into words; plan our daily activities; interact with one another and explore new ideas and information. On 10th October, Mercury starts moving forward again after a three week

retrograde stint which began on the 18th September. With Mercury moving forwards, we can focus on planning and accomplishment without the needs for constant introspection. Progress comes easily and the mind can operate in a rational, logical and organised manner incorporating insights gained over the past few weeks. Now is a good time to sign contracts and make major purchases especially items connected with travel or communication (cars, phones, computers, bikes etc.)



October 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>
1 st -2 nd	Taurus	Earth	Third Quarter
2 nd -4 th	Gemini	Air	
4 th -6 th	Cancer	Water	
6 th -9 th	Leo	Fire	
9 th -11 th	Virgo	Earth	New Moon 13 th
11 th -14 th	Libra	Air	
14 th -16 th	Scorpio	Water	
16 th -19 th	Sagittarius	Fire	
19 th -21 st	Capricorn	Earth	First Quarter
21 st -23 rd	Aquarius	Air	
23 rd -25 th	Pisces	Water	
25 th -27 th	Aries	Fire	
27 th -29 th	Taurus	Earth	Full Moon 27 th
29 th -31 st	Gemini	Air	
31 st	Cancer	Water	

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 stella@stellastarwoman.com

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

Happy Stargazing

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