

## SOLAR FLAREUPS AND ASTROLOGY UPDATE

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Over the last few weeks, solar activity has been rather quiet, but that has now changed. Solar flare activity has picked up dramatically in the last few days, including an M6-Class flare yesterday and an X1.8 Class flare (the most powerful class) right near the end of Obama/Romney debate last night. There were also four C-Class solar flares in the last (roughly) twenty-four hours.

X1.8 Class Solar flare Monday October 22, 2012 10:17 PM

M6.0 Class Solar flare Monday October 22, 2012 1:51 PM

M1.2 Class Solar flare Sunday October 21, 2012 3:03 PM

I have written about the inner effects of these solar flares and related phenomena many times here, and for those of you who have not read about this, here are two free e-booklets in PDF to get you started:

Solar Flares: Their Inner and Outer Effects  
Sun Storms: The Astrology of Solar Activity

<http://astrologysoftware.com/books/index.asp?orig>

And astrologically, we have strong activity as well. Remember that astrology is only cultural astronomy, an attempt to interpret and understand the meaning of astronomical facts and events. The astronomers define exactly when celestial events like the time of the New and Full Moon take place, or when various planets appear in the sky (and where), or are in angular relations (aspects) with one another. This is pure science, not astrology.

Astrology then, as mentioned, is interpreting the meaning of these astronomical events here on Earth for us. Astronomers predict the events, and astrologers (like myself) attempt to indicate what these events mean in our lives. Astrologers are not prophets or psychics. We don't predict the future, willy-nilly, but if astronomers tell us (for example) that the next Full Moon is on October 29, 2012 at 3:50 PM EST (which it is), that is science, but it is science of an event in the future that has not yet taken place.

If I then describe what that future event might mean for us, that is forecasting. In other words, astrologers are not psychics or seers (like Nostradamus), pulling visions of the future out of the air. Rather, we interpret coming scientific events as best we can. That, to my understanding, is the limit of astrological forecasting. The fact that some astrologers are (or claim to be) seers and psychics muddies the water, but hopefully I have made it clear here how I view the role of astrology, as cultural astronomy – interpreting astronomical events. And now for some current

astrology.

I always try to describe and differentiate what is going on outside in the circumstances and business of life around us from what our internal life is monitoring. Often these are similar or the same thing, but just as often they are not, like right now.

Outer events are kind of a hassle right now, not heavy duty problems, but a steady stream of more than average difficulties that have been building up for a while and that will peak in the next day or so, for better or for worse. For one, our sense of direction (call it life-path or career) has been in focus or at the very least is being tweaked. This is all outward stuff.

Inwardly is where the action is just now, and a bit of tough love it may be. I will just mention two of the more prominent inner events to get us on the same page. For a while now we have had some sensitivity issues, like being probed where we are most vulnerable. This has not been screaming for our attention, but is more like a low-level constant pressure that keeps us from relaxing or just-plain living-easy, more like a stone in our shoe, but in this case we can't quite get clear of feeling uncomfortably sensitive. There it is, something throbbing away somewhere deep in there, just beyond our awareness. We can't really rest.

And secondly, and I am still talking about internal issues here, there has been a gradual buildup of sensing or feeling (being more aware, if you will) inner obstacles (our own problems) or the way we respond to outer problems. We may not have the clearest grasp of them intellectually just now (like a handle on it), but we can feel ourselves coming up against or touching on our own sense of responsibility, like how we respond to what life presents us, our attitude.

We can feel it clearly, even if we can't see the forest for the trees. We may not be able to get the whole picture, but we do sense the trees just now strongly. In fact, we are reaching a kind of intuitive climax, feeling it all happening inside us -- experiencing. This experience is something of a landmark or pivot-point, around which we now will turn. We are living it and, as the smoke clears, we will come to understand intellectually what it is that we are feeling inside so strongly just now.

Anyway, that is a quick overview to catch us up on the astrological goings-on. In summary, all the action is inside more than outside, is intuitive more than analytical, and is sensitive more than not. We are being touched. We are vulnerable just now.