

November New Moon: November 20, 2006

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This New Moon in 28 Scorpio, exactly conjunct Jupiter, is a deep, scintillating, and meaningful moment in time. With the New Moon/Jupiter in the late degrees of Scorpio, fulfillment and completion of many significant Plutonic issues are possible. This beautiful combination comes after the "Scorpio Smash" of October 23/24-Venus/Sun/Mars in early Scorpio and Moon/Mercury/Jupiter in later Scorpio-that occurred right after the previous New Moon in Libra. Five planets were still in Scorpio during the American elections on November 7, which resulted in a major political shift, so there are great movement and change going on. The Sun/Moon/Jupiter in the last degrees of Scorpio during this New Moon signals a great transformation of deep feelings into joy, optimism, and truth. This is because (just like last month when the New Moon and Venus/Mars were in late Libra and shifted right into Scorpio) the Moon, Sun, and Jupiter will dump right into Sagittarius immediately after the New Moon-the Moon goes in a few hours after the New Moon, the Sun goes in on November 22, and then Jupiter in on November 23.

For those of you who are following Calleman's interpretation of the Mayan Calendar, we go into Day Five-*the advanced unifying synthesis* called the Breakthrough-on November 24, when there will be celebrations all over the world. With the movement of major planets into Sagittarius just before the Breakthrough, there is no doubt the celebrations will be expansive, truthful, and truly capable of helping us imagine the new world coming. Also, for those awaiting my next book, *The Mayan Code: Time Acceleration and Awakening the World Mind* (May 2007), the high level of synchronicity between the New Moon qualities with the nature of Breakthrough is significant support for Calleman's Calendar interpretation. As many of you know, I believe Calleman has discovered the meaning of the Calendar-time acceleration--yet, since I am an astrologer, I look for confirmation of his results from our solar system.

To comprehend the awesome joy that is so soon to come, you will be able to absorb this potent force better if you take a moment to think about what was happening in your life during the Scorpio Crunch on October 23/24. During those two days, you probably felt like you were deep in the sea and rising up too fast and fearing the "bends"- when our bodies cramp and spasm because the pounds of pressure per square inch are too much. Then right after that you may have found yourself sailing in an ethereal world, either in your dreams or right in the material world. I talked to a few people who had ascension experiences while they were around and about in ordinary reality. As for me, high realms of life came into my dreamtime, which were unlike anything I've ever felt before.

The point is, we were being shown what we are really capable of feeling *in spite of* the craziness of the world right now. We were being shown some new pathways of possibility when the most intense levels of Scorpionic pressure were annealing us into new alchemical beings. And, the outer events--the November elections--made it possible for many Americans to feel some hope in the future.

Pluto in Sagittarius near the Galactic Center has been squaring the lunar nodes for months now and still is, and so the focus has been deep truth, raw honesty, transforming our character, and learning to be a visionary. These deep and ongoing levels of transformation have sculpted us into well-formed creatures, and now an astonishing shift is coming. So, let's examine the New Moon for how we might take advantage of such a great opportunity. With Jupiter in Scorpio conjunct the New Moon in the very last degrees, this New Moon encourages us to comprehend the true nature of the shadows lurking in all levels of power in the world as well as within our own inner nature. It is highly likely that there will be major exposures of evil in the world during this New Moon and up to the Full Moon in December. As a result of the November elections in the US, heads are starting to roll, such as the fall of Rumsfeld, and many world leaders are losing power such as Tony Blair and the puppet regime in Iraq. I have always loved Plutonic forces (Pluto rules Scorpio) because nobody ever manages to avoid making the changes Pluto demands, unless you just decide to avoid them all and croak. This is why Pluto transits often result in death on some level.

Jupiter went into Scorpio on October 25, 2005, and it moves into Sagittarius on November 23, 2006; and during Jupiter's journey through Scorpio, there have been some very unusual aspects to this great planet that are almost large enough to be a Sun. During December 2005 and January 2006, a series of grand squares formed with Jupiter in Scorpio opposite Mars in Taurus squaring Saturn in Leo opposite Neptune in Aquarius. As Jupiter continued its journey through Scorpio, we experienced more squares and oppositions between Jupiter, Neptune, and Saturn from August through October 2006, and now Jupiter and Saturn are finally moving out of these orbs. The last heavy influence from these energies (before this New Moon) was October 30 through November 1 when Mercury retrograde squared both Jupiter and Saturn, which encouraged us to pull through the last insights from experiencing Jupiter in Scorpio with all these major aspects to it during the year. I'm not going to decode all this because I already have done it many times during the last year, and you can look back to those analyses for the information if you printed those past editions of AstroFlash. No matter what, you are deeper now, you have gone through tremendous stress, and you are a lot more willing to see the shadow side of the world and recognize where it lives within you. Good for you, because now you are going to get a reward! You are about to experience Sagittarian truth after a year of Scorpionic angst. Jupiter is the force that causes us to expand our horizons, and Jupiter struggles and grinds when in Scorpio and flies in Sagittarius.

Mercury and Mars are also in Scorpio with the New Moon and Jupiter, so during the New Moon we are mentally truthful yet tending to be intensely manipulative. Meanwhile, Jupiter conjunct the New Moon makes us philosophical and truthful, and we can hone our wills into better tools because Saturn in Leo squares New Moon/Jupiter. Also, we have to watch Venus because Venus and Mars have been traveling on each side of the Sun for a few months. Venus is still close to the Sun but has moved into early Sagittarius (November 17), and you may have felt on the 17th a grand new awareness about the larger scene as well as its shadow. If you felt this potent intuition, use that knowledge as a guide for the transitions of the other planets into Sagittarius during November 22/23, as well as for the Breakthrough. Ultimately, when it is all said and done, the guide for enlightenment will be feminine because Earth is a female planet. In this case, Venus is in a close sextile to Chiron in Aquarius, thus the healing is definitely feminine during this expansive shift.

Pluto in Sagittarius moving closer to the Galactic Center (27 Sagittarius) still squares the nodes, so Pluto works through human karma. As we evolve into galactocentric humans, our guide is deep truth that comes from exposing the shadows. Since the North Node is in Pisces, spiritual truth is the path while the old orders fall away by means of Virgo cleansing of old wounds on the South Node. It is very auspicious that Saturn trines Pluto exactly, so the will power and structural forces for enduring karmic cleansing are in place this month. Our wills are strong with Saturn squaring Mars/Sun/Moon/Jupiter in Scorpio, which will assist us in transmuting karma during the New Moon. Yet, Neptune in Aquarius squares Mars in Scorpio (exact on Nov. 17 when Mercury went direct), suggesting that we may doubt our dream of a new age coming, but only momentarily.

Newly direct Mercury in 10 Scorpio encourages us to fight hard to utilize newly-attained insights, especially after the November 7th elections. During these elections, five planets in Scorpio with Mercury retrograde created a reckoning for the Bushites; in spite of considerable computer fraud, they still lost a lot of power. The players on the game board are shifting positions, and the movement is opening doors and windows just in time. The movement of planets out of Scorpio into optimistic and truth-seeking Sagittarius is going to encourage exposure of the Bushite faults, and people will be impatient and unwilling to allow the same old agendas. The corruption in Washington is huge, and the American public is going to become extremely impatient as the Sagittarian energy builds and builds.

Uranus in Pisces trines newly direct Mercury in Scorpio (exact on Nov. 22), which can offer us rather astonishing insights about the spiritual world and our access to it. Previously, Mercury trined Uranus on October 10, 2006, so this is a long-lasting influence. For example, there are miracles in the world that are worth noticing, and the deepest transformations of our times are coming from the fall of organized religion.

The Sun goes into Sagittarius on November 22 after the Sun has joined with Jupiter on November 21, so be prepared for a tsunami of optimism and demands for real truth! Saturn in Leo squaring Mars/Sun/Moon during the New Moon will be a tempering effect on these waves, but people will tend to explode after a year of deep Scorpionic work. Jupiter moves into Sagittarius on November 23, where it will stay until December 18, 2007, and this aspect will expand optimistic feelings, especially as it comes to the Galactic Center in early December 2007.

For those working with Calleman's model, using astrology offers great potential during all of Day Five because of Jupiter in Sagittarius, its ruling sign. Jupiter in Sagittarius makes it easier to get high, feel great, and conclude the world is wonderful so we can just grock on reality, like many of us did during the 1960s. But, now the time has come to manifest the potential of the 1960s. It is time to grab a hold of every spiritual insight you have and create things in reality based on these insights. Carl Calleman just taught a wonderful workshop with me in Bellingham, Washington, which was a thrill for me because this was our first meeting. I'd like to clue you in on a few things that Carl and I and our respective partners shared in private. We discussed our dismay over how often students receive the current amazing spiritual teachings (previously only available to rare initiates for thousands of years), but they go home and do little with the cosmic pearls so generously offered. Well, now it is time for the students to manifest this wisdom by engaging in deep study, and the month to begin this process is this New Moon. So, have a lovely time basking in the joy, but please use all this knowledge to transform the world and your personal lives.

Many other astrologers have commented on what a beautiful New Moon this is, including the feelings that will come as the planets move into Sagittarius this year. Yet, the key is using the potential we will have. Stephanie Austin ended her Scorpio New Moon analysis in *The Mountain Astrologer* by quoting Swami Vivekananda: "The wind of God's Grace is always blowing, but you need to raise your sail."