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The third eclipse in the recent cycle is a Lunation tonight after midnight. See what it means to our higher development...



The major event tonight at 12:26 AM EDT is an ascending node penumbral eclipse, the third of a series of eclipse in the last six weeks. The penumbra of the Earth's shadow is cast by the Sun onto the moon. We should be able to see it, but of course we won't around New York, as stormy weather will obscure it. This is an apt metaphor for the time, because things are very hazy, indistinct and confused these days. The darkness of such lunations echoes the idea of emptiness, where our potential meditative wisdom brings light into our life.

The planet Neptune, governing a range of qualities from spirituality, to psychism, to illusions and lies, and including drugs and movies, is in a tense and challenging square aspect to both sun and moon, making for misunderstandings, mixed messages, disagreements and confused spiritual teachings even when we think we are hearing the truth. That Neptune is in its ruling sign Pisces exaggerates the exasperation and lack of direction inherent in such a time, so there is an added injunction to remain compassionate and mindful of what is said and what you think.

Saturn remains in Scorpio in trine with Neptune, further complicating things as Saturn is structures and stability, Neptune dissolves them just as fast, so we are holding onto attachments that might not be in our best interests at the moment. The teaching in this is to examine what we are attached to quite carefully and try and recognize that it is best to lessen the hold of such things/people/ideas/beliefs. It is in the nature of this aspect that the more we hold onto attachments, the weaker we become and the more we empower the mysterious "other." It is like draining our own vital energy just as we believe we are getting stronger. Pull back, restrain holding on, and trust the inner spirit. The only real learning is to actualize positive behavior and catch negative thoughts.

Speaking of which, the positives now include the waltzing conjunction of Venus, Mercury and Jupiter in Gemini, which seem to hover around the horizon in the West just after

sunset. They ask us to play, to be out and about, and want us to keep communications channels open, because in two weeks the Sun will be amidst them and what we put in mind now will come into being shortly.

If your birthday falls towards the last days of any month, you are likely to be affected by this combination of astrological influences, so check in a have an update reading, a life-time chart or even a tarot reading. Also see my new site [atmann4.tumblr.com](http://atmann4.tumblr.com) Be in touch and tune up for the summer. [Make contact here.](#)

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