

The Taurus Scorpio Eclipse Pattern of 2013

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Why do we get so attached to the things we have? Nobody likes the feeling of being broke - being without a cent and having to scratch around in the cushions of the sofa for loose change. These days paying bills is a fright for us all, what with the banks and the pharmaceutical companies taking over the world. And if you don't hit the lottery naturally you get the jitters.

Besides, there's nothing wrong with prosperity. Liberal or Conservative, you have a right to pursue the bluebird of Happiness. And you shouldn't have to kill it for food either.

Prosperity should be an inalienable right. And if the Universe is so bountiful, then where are all those "Pennies From Heaven" we've been hearing about?

The Eclipse in Taurus and Scorpio in 2013 is awakening in all of us the hunger for acquiring whatever we've been feeling deprived of.

This can create a ravenous appetite and a ferocious greediness and desire to fill an un-fillable hole.

There's little point in telling ourselves it's all an illusion - mainly because we all have needs that *must* be satisfied. Of course, moderation and self-restraint are keys to success. But too many people have missed too many meals, literally and figuratively. And we often find substitutes to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

Among other things, Taurus is about the preservation of family. No matter how cold some family members may be or how bloody the battles, we do find ourselves scrambling around to experience a sense of grounding and connection on an intimate level with family.

This year it is unusually complicated, owing to the presence of the South Node of the Moon in Taurus, which of course is the source of the eclipse pattern.

This is the astrological sign for Taurus:



At first it looks just like a big fat bag of money. If you look again, you can see that it resembles a uterus and fallopian tubes. Taurus is not only about the stock market and the bank. It's the 'bank' where life is fertilized, stored, and held.

The presence of the South Node in Taurus now sometimes represents the frenetic need to hold on to what you have, even though you've outgrown it. It's a starvation fear that creates a ravenous hunger for the mother and causes oral fixations of all kinds. You'll probably notice more people smoking, eating, and drinking because of this fear of deprivation that could go back beyond memory.

During 2013 we will also be dealing with issues of territory. Consider the long-standing disputes between Israel and Palestine. The South Node of the Moon in Taurus and the North Node of the Moon in Scorpio indicate that there is likely to be strong world support in favor of some Palestinian territorial claims. It is possible that as a result of international political pressure, Israel may have to make some surprising concessions few people ever thought possible.

On a personal level, in your life, the balance to achieve success and the struggle that goes along with it will involve controlling your appetites, cravings, and addictions.

The South Node in Taurus touches us all, no matter what Sun Sign we were born under, and it symbolizes the conscious reactions we have to the unconscious fear of starvation.

In fact, world hunger now comes to the foreground stronger than ever. As caring and humanitarian as we try to be, here we are having convulsion fits because there is no maple syrup for our pancakes. It is difficult to imagine from where we sit in our comfortable homes, to think about the scrawny babies in refugee camps somewhere where there's hardly even any water. Our personal urges persist.

Fear of starvation is a very literal and real prospect for millions of people on Earth, of course, even in richer regions of the planet. It's just as scary when you lose your job, your wallet gets stolen, benefits are reduced or eliminated, or when any of the other spending cuts threaten not only your prosperity, but your very survival. These are terrifying possibilities that often translate, oddly enough, into extreme eating disorders.

The axis of Taurus/Scorpio then, on the level of physicality, takes places in the areas of the throat and the sexual organs, often encroaching upon and taking control of our appetites. We search ferociously for self-indulgent and sometimes self-destructive ways of satisfying them.

During this Eclipse Pattern, the North Node of the Moon in Scorpio happens to fall within the rays of Saturn in that sign. Instead of being the dark and gloomy boogie man we often consider Saturn, the conjunction of Saturn and the Node actually saves us from ourselves. Granted, it's no picnic, but it gives us the power to go cold turkey if we have to, with a maturity and wisdom that counteracts the infantile behavior that goes along with chasing our own tail. It provides us with a strength to hold back, to be grown-up, to bravely cauterize any wound.

Follow your passion, they say, and the money will follow. Don't we all wish it were that easy. But the secret to this Eclipse Pattern is just that. You've got to resist the temptation to try to turn every idea into a commercial venture. It won't work.

This is the symbol for Scorpio:



It represents erect, persistent drive; the production of life and an endless power of creation. Saturn with the North Node in this sign indicates our ability to focus our desires, channel our primitive instincts and wishes, to let go of things we no longer need, and carve a creative path to the future, regardless of whether some venture or project seems to pay off commercially at the moment. Scorpio is the return to life, the control of our baser unconscious drives and the ability to attract new life and growth upon a blackened landscape.

Immediately after the tragic tornado in Oklahoma, a woman was being interviewed standing in the midst of the rubble, on what once had been her comfortable home. There was hardly a piece of recognizable furniture. Nothing remained of what she considered dear and of what she had been holding on to. When questioned by the TV journalist, she was sobbing with joy and clutching her little puppy to her bosom, while it friskily licked her face. "I found my little dog, my little dog was safe," she said. "After all, it was just a house."
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