

Thursday night/Friday very early morning, a challenging Venus/Uranus aspect will be exact at 12:43am EDT. We started to feel this aspect from Tuesday on; it will be strong until Sunday morning. This "stretch" aspect asks us to grow beyond what we know and have experienced in the past, in regards to our relationships (especially with family or people who feel like family). Priorities may shift at this time and we may experience clashes in taste or values with those we love. As you can imagine, we may feel some instability or restlessness in connection to others.

In general, expect the unexpected. Things may take a different turn now, when it comes to what is truly important. Keep your mind and heart open: if something needs to be eliminated or changed at this time, it was waiting for that shift to happen anyway. This aspect is also part of a T-square with Pluto, so we are going to feel some tension here... but also quite energized. As best as you can, find creative solutions through cooperation and collaboration.

Do you have your Ascendant, Career Point (or any personal planets) in 13-19 degrees of Cancer, Aries, Capricorn or Libra? If so, you may be more affected by this aspect. This is also true for those of us who have our Ascendant or Sun-sign in Taurus, Libra or Aquarius (Venus is the ruler of Taurus and Libra; Uranus rules Aquarius)

Sunday evening at 8:50pm EDT, the first Quarter Moon becomes exact, in 11 degrees of Scorpio. We start to feel this aspect from the moment the Moon enters Scorpio on Saturday late evening. The Moon in passionate, intimate, all-or-nothing Scorpio makes a challenging aspect to the Sun in playful, attention-seeking, self-expressed Leo.

We feel compelled to take action. Last week saw the New Moon, on July 26th. If we began a project or initiative around then, it is probably off the ground by now -- and facing its first obstacles. This is therefore a time to stretch and grow -- and create some forward momentum. We may feel anxious or unusually busy. As best as you can, take it one breath at a time. Allow for changes, remain flexible and find creative solutions in your day-to-day interactions with others.

Do you have your Ascendant, Career Point (or personal planets) in any of the following: 9-14 degrees of Scorpio, Leo, Taurus or Aquarius? If so, you will feel the effects of this first Quarter Moon more strongly than otherwise. This is also true for those of us who have our Ascendant or Sun-sign in Leo or Cancer (the Sun rules Leo; the Moon rules Cancer).