

The Traveler's Well

With Scott Wolfram

*"Move In Harmony With The
Sun, Moon and Stars!"*

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Dear Friends, here in Munich, I was fortunate to just experience the darkening of our skies. Shortly after sunrise, the Sun retreated into darkness and calm.

The full sun shine has now returned and I wanted to share a few notes about the solar eclipses of 2011.

On the heels of our New Year celebrations, on the 4th of January we will have the first of four solar eclipses, energizing the astrological events for 2011.

All solar eclipses share one theme in common: They impact your birth chart by energizing circumstances that are waiting to be brought into the light and life.

So, you might think of an eclipse as the role of the wizard, Gandalf, in the Lord of the Rings, giving first Bilbo and then Frodo Baggins a "nudge out of the door" and energizing their journeys.



How might the eclipse attempt to "nudge" your chart? There are three things to keep in mind:

- First, for each of us, the eclipse will fall into a particular house and energize the circumstances of that house. For example, if the eclipse falls into your 6th house, your work environment, habits and health will become a focus of your attention. Alternatively, if the eclipse falls into your 3rd house, you might begin writing that book you have been thinking of, or starting that blog, or decide to begin to study a new topic.
- Second, eclipses are more powerful when they are either conjunct or oppose a planet or angle in the birth chart. In these cases, the development of the planet is also energized. For example, if the eclipse is conjunct Uranus and in the 3rd house, the topic you choose to study will likely be something that is unique or special about you. You might decide to study astrology, since Uranus rules astrology. In this case, with Uranus, what ever you take up, people you know may be surprised by your choice because it is unique and potentially something that has been laying quietly in reserve.
- Third, eclipses work by supporting the current transits in your birth chart. So, one of the best ways to be prepared for an eclipse is to know and work with your current transits.

Eclipses tend to function in one of two ways:

- First, eclipses bring a need to focus one's attention and efforts on the part of the chart that has been energized. For example, an eclipse conjunct or oppose the natal Sun brings an energy that can re-invigorate, re-inspire and lead to a rebirth of meaning and a renewal of your vitality.
- Second, if the planet affected by the eclipse has been ignored or denied, an eclipse is likely to trigger a crisis. For example, eclipses impacting the Sun in your birth chart can result in a crisis of identity, of meaning and purpose. **If you experience a crisis during an eclipse, it is a message that there is some aspect of life that you have not paid enough attention to.**

January's Solar Eclipse and the United States

On a social level, the eclipse at 13 Capricorn will oppose the natal Sun in the U.S. natal chart. As I have written in previous articles, the United States has been suffering from a sense of hysteria and an identity crisis. This eclipse (and a similar eclipse on July 1, 2011) will energize the nation's sense of purpose and meaning. Will the nation experience a rebirth of its purpose or a deeper crisis and further break down of social structures? This is a topic I will be returning to over the course of 2011. For the time being, however, we will have to wait and see.

The other three solar eclipses this year will occur on June 1, 2011 at 11 Gemini; July 1, 2011 at 9 Cancer; and November 25, 2011 at 2 Sagittarius. For information on a transit forecast, please check out my [web-site](#).

Best wishes for an energizing solar eclipse!

Blessings and peace,

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