

The Traveler's Well

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

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Scorpio - The Sign

The Sun resides in Scorpio from October 22 to November 22



Astrological Symbol:



Characteristics: Feminine, Water, Fixed

House Rulership: Eighth House

Planetary Ruler: Pluto



Marble Carving of Pluto

Scorpio - The Transition From Libra

The Sun has moved into Scorpio, signaling that it is time to turn our attention to our deeper feelings, our needs for trust and our capacity to trust. Since the personal planets of Mercury, Venus and Mars, along with the asteroid Vesta, have all joined the Sun in the deep, dark waters of Scorpio, this month has the potential to be quite potent for Scorpionic growth.

But first, let's consider the progression from the preceding sign of Libra. Libra is an air sign, which seeks to find balance, harmony and beauty in life, particularly through relationships of all kinds. Libra is not a passive sign that gives in to the needs of everyone else, but rather a sign that wants us to embrace enlightened self-interest in order to attain Libran balance.

Libran enlightened self-interest has two components. First, enlightened self-interest implies that we must value and honor our own legitimate wants and needs. This is not achieved by acting in a selfish manner, rather simply we must recognize, assert and insist on having our needs understood and valued by others. This is not easily accomplished for a Libra. Second, enlightened self-interest recognizes that only when both parties have their needs valued and fully recognized can a relationship be truly "in balance". With enlightened self interest, each person values both their own needs and the needs of their partner. **This quality of mutual enlightened self-interest is central to the progression from Libra into Scorpio.**

As we move from Libra to Scorpio, we are compelled to ask how we feel about our relationships. Given we are talking about Scorpio, this is not a light question, but rather a question that requires us to dive deep into the truth about how we feel about our relationships. Scorpio wants, demands, that we ask questions. The theme of Scorpio's questions returns us to Libra and our relationships. Scorpio demands that we ask more than simple questions like "How do I feel about my relationships?" Rather,

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Scorpio's questions connect with our deepest feelings and our ability to find a deeper truth about those feelings:

- Have 'others' acknowledged our needs or do we feel misunderstood, unappreciated or taken for granted?
- Do we feel that others support our needs or that we are manipulated by others?
- Is there a balanced, Libran sense of give and take or do we always only give ourselves away?

Scorpio wants to know whether our relationships are growing toward enlightened self-interest that promotes mutual growth and greater trust or if they are remaining stuck in old patterns where the selfish interest of one party takes advantage of the other. Most importantly, Scorpio wants to know if you have more, or less, trust in your partner, your friends, or your family? **We can not have Scorpionic trust without first establishing true Libran balance through enlightened self-interest.**

At the core of Scorpio, a key phrase is **"the truth that leads to trust"** in a vibrant, growing relationship. Scorpio wants you to know that it is the deeper truth that can take your relationships to a deeper, more soulful bond. Real Scorpionic trust demands an environment that is both safe and empowering. It is important to note, that trust is not something that happens in a month, like during the time when the Sun is moving through Scorpio. Scorpio accepts that trust is a process that deepens over time. Trust does however demand that we have a true partner who is on "our side" as any two people embark on the soul's journey together.

As you embark on your journey this month, I wish that you may ask the deeper questions, acknowledge the truth of your feelings and embrace the courage to build trust - in yourself and in those you love!

Scorpio - Minor Asteroid Connection - Medusa



Medusa conquered (here in marble at The Louvre).

Medusa - fear and dread - a truly frightening image. When we encounter Medusa, our natural reaction is to turn away and definitely not look into her eyes (lest we be turned to stone and frozen in time)! In this regard, Medusa and Scorpio share a common theme, that there is something lurking in the depths of the darkness that needs to be healed.

Myth reveals a favorable outcome to the dark energies of Medusa as she was conquered by Perseus through the courage to both embrace reflection and to take action. The bold symbol of the power to overcome Medusa's life denying quality is found in the breastplate of Athena, which contains the conquered head of Medusa.

The Sun in Scorpio is a time to reflect on that which we find to be ugly, fearful, or dreadful. Scorpio holds that by reflecting on the deeper truths and releasing our fears, we can be healed in the process.

When the Sun moves into Sagittarius, we will explore Medusa in depth, and how through Jupiter and Athena, conquering Medusa leads to a sense of re-birth and new possibilities for life.



Athena with her breast plate of Medusa
(photo taken at a park in Paris).