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AUTHOR'S NOTE:

On October 19th at 6:00 P.M., I will once again be lecturing at the Princeton Club in New York City at the invitation of SIRE; the Society for the Investigation of Recurring Events. The topic of the lecture is: "The Future of America based upon the Two Great Alignments of the 20th century". On October 23rd I will be in Phoenicia New York speaking on the same subject. We are at a crossroads in American politics, and no matter what side of the political fence you sit on, you should find this a fascinating topic. If you live near either venue please drop by.

As we head towards the election on November 2nd I reiterate what I have been saying in this newsletter and on radio for almost a year. Bush gets reelected and will not finish his second term. The house and senate will be in Republican control, although not by much, leading to many bitter and decisive battles. We are heading for a polarization in this country not seen since the Viet Nam War. This is not my political opinion, nor does it necessarily represent my wishes. It is my astrological opinion. All roads point to Texas and I would be surprised if this is not the outcome. Our culture is heading towards the right, as the Great Alignment in Taurus indicates. Events will occur to lead us towards that end just as the Great Alignment in Aquarius in 1962 led us towards the left, leading to social and economic changes, many of which will be undone by this pendulum swing. America's greatest strength is its ability to juggle the two sides of the political coin swinging from the right of center to the left of center without upsetting our system. Once in a while we lean too far to one side or the other causing the collective to react vehemently. The beginning of that is what we saw in New York City during the Republican convention. The overwhelming majority of protestors were neither professional troublemakers nor anti-American anarchists. They were working men and women, housewives and students. In other words: Middle America; most of whom would prefer to stay politically and culturally closely near the center, either a little to the left or a little to the right. But the inner voice of the collective is issuing a warning that many people can not ignore: "we are moving too far right". It is that subtle undercurrent of fear that brought hundreds of thousands of "normal people" into the center of the empire.

October is almost here and Wall Street is asking its annual question: Do we get screwed this year? More major stock market "corrections" have occurred in October than any other month. This of course makes sense to the astrologer. We enter Libra, the sign of the scales, on September 22nd. From then until October 22nd the collective will try to balance anything that is out of whack, which at times implies the stock markets. Following the next New Moon on October 13th which falls in Libra there are several aspects that could indicate a dip in the markets. Of course the Republicans will attempt to delay or play down any negative economic news, while the Democrats will attempt to over state it. In my opinion, despite the best efforts to the contrary there will be a correction this autumn, whether in October or November. If it is delayed until after the election its impact will be that much stronger.

NEW MOON:

This month New Moon falls on Sunday September 14th at 10:29 A.M. EST at 22 degrees Virgo 06 minutes, and this is the first New Moon in months that does not immediately go Void of Course. If projects or relationships begun near recent New Moons have failed to come to a successful climax, there is a better chance of fulfillment this month. Virgo's critical nature demands that we pay attention to details in all things. Virgo rules the assimilation process both in the body and the spirit. It controls the way we digest food as well as ideas, and has a great deal to do with the health of the entity. If you have been particularly health conscious of late and are considering a new regiment in diet or exercise, this would be an excellent time to initiate such changes. This sign also rules our attitude towards service and rules the place and attitude towards our jobs, so if the opportunity presents itself, this could be a good time to begin new employment.

SUN CONJUNCT MARS:

On Wednesday September 15th at 8:55 A.M. EST Mars is combust (conjunct the Sun), and the will and the ego join forces. This is a very powerful aspect with a great deal of energy behind it. If it triggers your chart, the way you deal with it will decide whether it is negative or positive in its influence. You must find creative releases for this energy or it will implode causing conflicts in your life. If you have been avoiding a confrontation this could set up a situation in which avoidance is no longer an option. However, if this creates a positive aspect in your chart this could represent a surge of energy into your life that could release frustrated projects, allowing them to finally come to fruition.

SUN SEXTILE SATURN:

On Friday September 17th at 9:31 A.M. EST this positive and productive aspect completes. This is an opportunity to build structure and stability in a project or relationship. The sextiles and trines must be used or they will pass by without much affect. Try to make use of this energy by working through anything that has been blocked and you may find the extra effort has been worthwhile. If you ignore this transit the day will pass with little resistance, but there won't be much growth.

VENUS OPPOSITE NEPTUNE:

On Saturday September 18th at 1:50 P.M. EST the lower and higher octaves of the love energy oppose each other. This can bring about several possible reactions. First of all, it may create a desire for a deeper understanding about relationships and their purpose in your life. You may find yourself deep in thought and wondering about "the meaning of it all". Second, this can lead to confusion as you try to incorporate esoteric ideas into the mundane events of your day-to-day life. There can be confusion regarding love and financial matters. You must use your rational side and not be swept away by a need for universal love. This is the type of aspect under which people will give generously; sometimes without the wherewithal necessary to afford such gifts. In love one could easily be overwhelmed by a "too good to be true" potential partner. Wait until this passes before committing yourself to a long term relationship, either personal or business.

MARS SEXTILE SATURN:

On Saturday September 18th at 2:31 P.M. EST this aspect will make it easier to incorporate your ego into your work without the usual intrusive feelings. Use this combination to attack any arduous tasks confronting you. For a day or so it will be easier to make changes in pre-existing projects without offending anyone. Try to move things along and don't waste these opportunities. This month is all about work and service, and we are leading up to some other wonderful transits, so let them build upon each other to a lunar climax.

SUN CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

On Tuesday September 21st at 7:48 P.M. EST this terrific once a year aspect hits at the very last degree of Virgo, on the very last day of summer. This is a time for expansion of all sorts, but being placed in the detail mind-oriented sign of Virgo that expansion will be more cerebral than physical. Ideas and plans should be expansive, while paying attention to the smallest of features. This is a good time to enlarge a business or a creative work. Travel is exceptionally rewarding with the transit in play. This could be a couple of positive days for the stock markets, but Gold is the real call. Look for new contract highs this week.

SUN ENTERS LIBRA:

On Wednesday September 22nd at 12:30 P.M. EST we officially enter autumn. The first day of each of the four cardinal signs begins the four seasons, and Libra is one of those sign. It is the sign of the scales, always seeking balance and continuity. Relationships are the main concern of this sign and during this month we will all be more preoccupied with one-on-one affairs, whether or not you are currently involving. Use this time to learn if your life is properly balanced or if there is an unevenness somewhere that could be corrected. Are you paying too much attention to your business and ignoring your personal life? Or are you so involved with your relationship, or lack of, that you are threatening your professional life? Of course if you are perfectly balanced in all things in life, you can call me at 555-2867.

MERCURY SQUARES PLUTO:

On Thursday September 22nd at 7:02 P.M. EST this aggressive aspect occurs, threatening to unleash verbal abuse on any who cross its path. It's not so much what you say today as how you say it. You must curb your tongue and try to avoid the wrath of others. Compulsiveness is one of Pluto's specialties and you could find yourself unable to let go of the simplest of problems. Once this passes you will be more able to handle the situation.

VENUS TRINES PLUTO:

On Friday September 24th at 2:05 P.M. EST you will find it easier to deal with other people's resources. Love will take on a deeper and more realistic tone as you examine your relationship with an honest eye, unburdened by the usual fears such an assessment could produce. Anyone lucky enough to start an affair with this aspect in orb will find themselves able to rejuvenate the romance almost at will. They also will have the potential to earn money together, always a romantic inducement.

JUPITER ENTERS LIBRA:

Also on Friday September 24th at 11:24 P.M. the planet of expansion, growth and optimism enters the sign ruling marriages and partnerships. We may see a lot of mergers in the business world during this year. You may even read articles touting the "return of marriage" to mainstream America. Many of those marriages may even last a long time with Jupiter in this placement. If this planetary transit sets off a major point in your chart you will find growth occurring in that area of life. This is particularly true if it is transiting your 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th house. Any partnership begun with this aspect will have a better than usual chance of succeeding. At the very least there will be an optimistic and friendly attitude about things.

MARS ENTERS LIBRA:

On Sunday September 26th at 5:16 P.M. EST Mars will join the Sun and Jupiter in Libra, followed a few days later by Mercury. With all this Libra energy around people should be trying to get along with each other. There could be a lull in the many non-wars being un-fought throughout the world. Mars doesn't really do that well in this Venus-ruled sign. It actually belongs in the opposite sign of Aries and so is considered in its detriment while transiting here. There is a wishy-washiness that accompanies this journey. It may be difficult to stand up for yourself if Mars is crossing one of your cardinal planets. The desire to fight will be undermined by the desire for peace at all costs. Relationships that begin with this aspect are often the victims of lethargy a few years later.

MARS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

Also on Sunday September 26th at 8:17 P.M. EST one of my favorite transits appears. With the ego energy of Mars traveling together with expansive Jupiter, things could easily get out of hand. Tempers could fly unfettered and fights could occur in abundance. But it could also go the other way. Jupiter is so optimistic that there could be an outpouring of emotions and understanding. It is up to the individual how we respond to these energies.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Tuesday September 28th at 9:09 A.M. EST at 5 degrees Aries 45 minutes. This is the so-called "Harvest Moon", and it is the time of year to gather what we have earned. Take stock in your life; add to the successful projects and cut your losses on the others.

There are several Full Moons that have a greater potential for trouble than others. The Mars-ruled Aries energy certainly fits on that list. I would be careful for a day or so. Avoid confrontations and be careful while driving. If you have planets at 5 degrees in any of the cardinal signs this aspect will set them off. As always with this type of aggressive energy, if you find a constructive release for it there will be no problems. Difficulties occur when we repress these forces and they come out in inappropriate ways.

MERCURY ENTERS LIBRA:

On Tuesday September 28th at 10:13 A.M. EST right after the Full Moon, Mercury joins the Sun, Mars and Jupiter in this cardinal air sign. The abundance of this energy could lead to a period of indecision; one of Libra's most pronounced difficulties. This sign wants peace and balance so much it is willing to bend the point of view just for the sake of tranquility. Don't believe everything you hear, and make sure you are getting the entire picture before committing yourself. The compulsion to discuss relationships could become overbearing, especially with the Mercury - Jupiter conjunct later this day.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

Also on Tuesday September 28th at 9:21 P.M. EST this optimistic, and at times, over expansive aspect completes. With the Sun, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter taking turns coupling there will be a lot of talk about expansion, growth, the future, etc., or in other words, a lot of B.S. floating around. Jupiter gives us great things at times, but due to its nature of expanding everything as large as possible it could also expand the truth to a breaking point. We all may feel a bit better

during this time, as attitude really accounts for much, but wait until these aspects complete before giving your commitment. Make plans and use the great mental capacity this provides. This is a wonderful day to communicate with anyone about anything. You both will be more open and responsive. In fact, there could be an overabundance of communiqués requiring your attention.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS MARS:

On Wednesday September 29th at 3:21 P.M. EST these two complete their dance. Words of war could easily be the result of this conjunction, however being in Libra they will be gentler than usual. In fact, this is the type of aspect that could end in a negotiation of some sort; either in Iraq, or in your own situation. If there is someone you have been fighting with this will either settle the matter in an amiable way or blow it clear out. Usually I suggest avoiding verbal confrontation when these two get together.

VENUS ENTERS VIRGO:

On Sunday October 3rd at 1:20 P.M. EST Venus enters this critical sign. Because it is exalted in the opposite sign of Pisces, Venus is said to be in its "fall" in Virgo. This is a particularly good placement for anyone who does detailed work with their hands, such as a jeweler, artist or piano player. It allows for great exactness and can be quite useful. However Venus' main purposes are to teach us about love and values. It rules Taurus, a most conservative sign, and Libra, the border between the personal and the interpersonal. When we are too careless about these issues or too restricted Venus can not do its work properly. In Virgo it tends to be too serious for love. For the next few weeks we will display those tendencies when dealing with love or money issues. Try not to be too demanding of yourself or others. When Venus enters Libra at the end of October peace will prevail.

SUN TRINES NEPTUNE:

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MERCURY CONJUNCT SUN:

On Tuesday October 5th at 10:59 A.M., 12:30 P.M., and 2:29 P.M. EST respectively these three aspects combine into one. Communication is the defining word. This is a very creative time, with the conscious mind in contact with the unconscious. If you are in the communication business of some sort this could be a very productive time for you. It is a good time to talk things out. You may be surprised at the outcome. In any case intuition will be heightened, so follow your instincts.

VENUS OPPOSITE URANUS:

On Wednesday October 6th at 11:23 A.M. EST expect the unexpected. Under the right circumstances this could signal a new love affair, an unusual creative project or the purchase of something quite different from your normal taste. If you fall in love under this influence it is bound to be exciting and different. Just don't rely on the longevity factor until a strong foundation has been built. Uranus is known for the here today gone tomorrow attitude towards life, often leaving Venus crying at the door. This will be a great day for any type of adventurous activity, so swing baby, swing.

MERCURY SEXTILE PLUTO:

On Saturday October 9th at 5:48 P.M. EST more of this month's positive mental energy gets released. This month is, as I said above, all about communication and relationships. If you need to get to the bottom of things this is a good day to try. Secrets are meant to be shared, and this is a day when people will want to do just that. This is also a good day to connect with your unconscious. Write down your dreams or speak freely with your therapist. There is nothing to hide anyway, it's just fear that keeps the infection festering.

SUN SEXTILE PLUTO:

On Tuesday October 12th at 9:07 P.M. EST there is another chance to connect with the unconscious. As we approach Election Day the collective will go through shifts in its direction. When Pluto becomes activated by the inner planets, but especially the Sun and Mercury, it digs deeply into the muck of our thoughts. Things will be revealed through the media, though ultimately it will do little to change what is going to happen. The fact that this aspect occurs during the Dark of the Moon implies an end to the matter. I think several issues will be laid to rest; including the Viet Nam War (at least until the next election).

MERCURY SQUARE SATURN:

On Wednesday October 13th at 7:14 P.M. EST the final judgment for this lunar cycle will be heard. Again this occurs on the Dark of the Moon and what will be said during these few days will complete, rather than begin a process. Debates, media slams, speeches and rallies will be redundant by this point. Be careful how you talk to people, as this could be the end of some things in your life as well. Tension and frustration accompany the coupling of Saturn and Mercury, and in a 90 degree angle this could add to any stress already in your life.

DARK OF THE MOON:

Because the New Moons have been late in each sign the past few months, the period before has been rather extended and more intense than usual. From Tuesday October 12th from 9:32 A.M. EST until the New Moon Wednesday October 13th at 10:48 P.M. EST will be a particularly low energy period. Spend this time finishing up anything that is incomplete, don't try to initiate new projects on a waning moon, it just won't work out. Once the New Moon hits you begin new projects or attempt a new approach to an existing problem.

People often misunderstand this time of the month. If you have been living in a situation or involved in a relationship that is intolerable or has outlived its usefulness this would be the proper time to move on with your life. If you have been working on a project that is almost complete but you seem to lack the energy for the finality, you must push during these low energy days to end the matter once and for all. If you don't, when the New Moon arrives it will bring this "dead" energy along with it and conflict with the newer force being presented. Often people, ideas or situations remain long after they have outlived their usefulness in our lives. Each month we are offered a chance to clean house, so to speak. Take advantage of it by finalizing anything in your life that needs completion.

Below is a list of times this month when the Moon is Void of Course and neither important decisions nor purchases should be made during these periods. The Void of Course Moon is a time when we should try to center ourselves and deal with spiritual matters not materialistic ones. Any decisions made on the VC Moon will not turn out the way we had expected.

The Moon is Void of Course from the time it makes its last major aspect in a sign until it enters the next sign. For example, if the Moon squares Mars at 27 degrees Aries and then has no more aspects until it enters Taurus it will be Void of Course for three degrees or about 6 hours. The aspects used are the conjunction, sextile, square, trine, and opposition.

All times are Eastern Daylight:

September 14th 8:55 P.M. - September 15th 12:54 A.M.

September 16th 9:31 P.M. - September 17th 6:25 A.M.

September 19th 8:24 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

September 21st 12:19 P.M. - 1:35 P.M.

September 23rd 3:41 P.M. - 4:10 P.M.

September 25th 2:25 P.M. - 6:55 P.M.

September 27th 9:12 P.M. - 10:57 P.M.

September 29th 9:53 P.M. - September 30th 5:24 A.M.

October 2nd 12:34 P.M. - 2:55 P.M.

October 4th 6:27 A.M. - October 5th 2:54 A.M.

October 7th 8:13 A.M. - 3:23 P.M.

October 9th 6:42 A.M. - October 10th 2:00 A.M.

October 12th 3:32 A.M. - 9:32 A.M.

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