

LIVING BY STARLIGHT
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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

I hate to get political, but since you asked...

Pluto rules oil. Why? Well, it rules dead things and things that are hidden or buried; for example dead dinosaurs buried underground... and a bubbling crude: oil that is, black gold, Texas tea... you know the rest.

America has Saturn transiting our 8th house of other people's resources and it will oppose our natal Pluto the end of June. We may see a sudden dip in our oil reserves, or even an event, such as America causing the accidental death of civilians, which would ultimately lead to what I fear, could be one result of the war in Iraq: **AN OIL EMBARGO.** It may happen soon or it may take a year, but it will happen. And then let's discuss the price of a gallon of gasoline. **The World Trade Center was destroyed when Saturn opposed Pluto in the sky, exactly conjunct America's rectified ascendant.** It is reasonable to fear a disruptive occurrence when this happens in our country's horoscope; although it need not occur on our soil. It is equally possible that there will be a severe mishap that unites the Arab world, at least temporarily; forcing even our "allies" such as the Saudi's to rebuke us. **Saturn will dance across our 8th house North Node three times this year.** Our country will be forced to examine what is ours and what we share with others; and where the proper boundaries between them should be.

And yet, at the same time we have expansive Jupiter traveling through our 10th house, which controls our status in the world as well as judges. This planet has been going backwards for 4 months and now turns around. **This is a major transit that will have a tremendous effect on our culture during the next few months. For one thing the change of direction of this planet often denotes a change in the stock market; in either direction.** The markets have been in a tight trading range for a while. This aspect will certainly break it out. It will conjunct our Saturn in August. This is the transit most responsible for the recent pull towards common sense in Washington. We are by nature a centralist nation. As I've said many times before, too far left or right and the masses rebel. **We are certainly too far right, as a result of the Great Alignment in Taurus of May 2000.** As I suggested would occur, the battlefield will be the courts and the struggle will be fought in congress. If the right goes too far the 10th house Saturn will act as judge and jury and eventually eliminate the problem. That is why we tend to find these great leaders, such as Lincoln and F.D.R. seemingly out of nowhere, just when the nation is about to collapse. A well placed Saturn in any chart guarantees stability, even at a great cost.

But once Jupiter is done making this great transit in the fall, things may not look so balanced. It will be much more difficult to find Senators willing to risk careers to "do the right thing".

NEW MOON:

On Monday June 6th at 5:55 P.M. EST the New Moon falls at 16 degrees Gemini 16 minutes. Jupiter went direct yesterday after 4 months of backward motion. This is an important New Moon for all of us, as it will trigger the Jupiter energy that has been partially introverted all these months. Projects that have been delayed or frustrated in some way have a much better chance of moving forward now. Travel will be easier and issues of relationships and communication will be most prominent this month. Take care of paper work and all outstanding correspondences. Things may begin to move quickly after this New Moon and you don't want to be caught playing catch-up with your life.

MERCURY OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Tuesday June 7th at 11:41 P.M. EST this unpleasant aspect completes. People will tend to be

compulsive and more direct than usual. There will be intensity to thoughts and speech. Be careful how you talk to others as they may resent your tone more than the words. This brings things out into the open, so be prepared for some more secrets to be revealed. Whenever there is an affliction to Mercury you must be careful traveling. Drive defensively this day and do not speed or break the law any other way. People will be angry and you should not give them any reason to take that anger out on you, especially in a car.

MERCURY SQUARES MARS:

On Friday June 10th at 5:18 P.M. EST Mercury squares Mars. Be careful of arguments as people will tend to be a bit brusque and insensitive. I wouldn't pick this day for an important discussion. Objectivity will be lacking. Also be careful while driving. If this sets off a sensitive part of your chart you could have trouble. This is the quintessential accident waiting to happen.

VENUS SQUARES JUPITER:

Also on Friday June 10th at 7:38 P.M. EST the lower and higher benefic planets square each other. Although this is not a particularly hard or difficult aspect, there will be a tendency towards overdoing, especially with food and drink. Also, if you go shopping, leave your credit cards at home; you will not be particularly frugal or cost conscious. In a few days you may be disappointed with what you bought. Romance may not be what it seems. The desire to fall in love might be so strong that you are willing to overlook reality for the sake of a fantasy. Coupled with the aspect above I would try to pay attention to details. With all this grandiose energy around today you could miss something very important.

MERCURY ENTERS CANCER:

On Saturday June 11th at 3:03 A.M. EST the planet that rules thoughts and ideas enters this emotional sign. Communications will finally slow down after several weeks of intensity. You will find people's speech a bit gentler, and it will be easier to express emotions. If someone has been a bit snippy of late you might try to communicate now. Expect people to be more emotional this month. Don't expect logic to win out; try to reach others through their feelings. You will have a better chance of changing someone's mind that way.

MARS ENTERS ARIES:

Also on Saturday June 11th at 10:29 P.M. EST Mars enters the sign of its rulership. The planet of war does particularly well in this cardinal fire sign. There is directness about issues, and disagreements are usually out front and thus easier to confront. This isn't an overly emotional transit like Mars through Cancer, rather you can expect people to stand up for themselves in a healthy way and not shy away from a confrontation. Of course, some of them are more than anxious for an excuse to fight; don't give them one.

VENUS TRINES URANUS:

On Sunday June 12th at 6:40 A.M. EST the planet of love creates this positive aspect to the ruler of personal freedom, and unusual activities are what you should seek. You will be bored with the commonplace; this is true about games as well as romance. Look for someone or something different to amuse you. Anything exciting or risky might tempt you; how about a roller coaster?

THE SUN OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Monday June 13th at 11:12 P.M. EST this rather intense aspect completes. Things will be black-or-white today. Everyone will have an opinion and be quite willing to share it. Don't go looking for a fight; it will find you. In fact, try to avoid direct confrontation if you can. If there is hidden tension it will tend to come out now, so don't be surprised if someone tells you what they think. This may be a very bad day for the stock markets.

URANUS RETROGRADES:

On Tuesday June 14th at 6:41 P.M. EST this unusual planet begins its annual backward motion. For the next few months all thing technological will be repressed. You can expect computer trouble, so back up everything

of importance. Because Uranus rules governments of and by the people, this will further effect the European constitution that is currently having a hard time getting ratified. I'm afraid at the very least this transit will delay it if not kill it altogether. Our own government will continue to be polarized as we enter what I believe will be a severe political battle in Washington over several issues including the courts. God help us if we must replace a Supreme Court Justice while this planet is retrograde.

MERCURY SQUARES JUPITER:

On Wednesday June 15th at 3:42 P.M. EST these two planets create a 90 degree angle. Communications will quite intense and active for a day or so. There may be an abundance of emails, letters, phone messages, etc. There will be a tendency towards exaggeration today. Don't believe everything you are told. Wait until tomorrow and double check all the facts.

THE SUN ENTERS CANCER:

On June 21st at 2:46 A.M. EST we enter the cardinal water sign, and summer officially begins. People will be more drawn to family and close friends as we travel through the sign of the home. There will be a desire for security and comfort. Often the past plays an important role when we are in Cancer. You may seem to daydream or "space out" as you look back over your life; judging your successes and failures. This is an emotional time of year. While it's great to reflect, don't let the quicksand of the past pull you down.

FULL MOON:

On Wednesday June 22nd at 12:14 A.M. EST at 0 degrees Capricorn 51 minutes this month's lunar peak hits. Although this is a rather intense Full Moon it doesn't tend to be all that emotional. In fact, there is a tendency towards a bit of a cold or distant attitude. We will be more concerned with reality than flights of fancy. Any issues regarding security or financial matters may come to a head now. As I expect the housing market to begin to show weakness soon, this Full Moon may very well represent the marker that proves my point.

MARS OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Saturday June 25th at 9:02 P.M. EST this opposition occurs. There could be an escalation in any battle including the war in Iraq or in your own household. This is a day of high energy, and if that force isn't directed somewhere it will do the devil's work. Find a physical outlet of some sort. It won't be sufficient to use your mental energies as this is primarily a physical aspect. People may be overly aggressive, so act accordingly. Also, don't be taken in by an overly optimistic idea. There is a tendency to exaggerate. Give yourself a few days before committing to any project, especially if it involves investing.

VENUS CONJUNCTS SATURN:

Also On Saturday June 25th at 10:58 P.M. EST this wet-blanket occurs. The energy level will be quite low. Don't plan any important event or party for tonight, there won't be the necessary oomph you hoped for. This is not a good time to decorate; your ideas will be too conservative and you may not care for your choices in a few weeks. People will also tend to be a bit stingy.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS SATURN:

On Sunday June 26th at 6:58 A.M. EST another Saturn aspect occurs. This weekend doesn't look all that exciting. With so much Saturn putting restrictions on everything this is a time to get some work done or make plans for the future. Don't waste your money taking a vacation unless it is strictly for rest and relaxation; in which case this is the perfect time for such a trip.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS VENUS:

On Monday June 27th at 2:40 P.M. EST things will start to lighten up after that dull weekend. People will be more chatty and easier to communicate with. Now if you want to go shopping for new furniture or wall paper

you will choose more successfully. If you are involved in any sort of artistic venture this will help it along.

MERCURY ENTERS LEO:

On Tuesday June 28th at 12:01 A.M. EST the ruler of communication and thought enters the fixed fire sign. Everyone will be more talkative and you may find a bit more force behind their speech. Leos can be quite stubborn, and you can expect many people to display this tendency through their communications of all sorts.

VENUS ENTERS LEO:

Also on Wednesday June 28th at 1:53 A.M. EST Venus joins Mercury in this fire sign. Romance will become more playful. In fact, everything will. Although the Sun is in the emotional home-oriented sign of Cancer, with Mercury and Venus in Leo there is bound to be more of a childlike attitude about many things. It may become difficult to get your work done, as the desire to run off and play may be quite strong. Well, it is summer. Work out a compromise and enjoy yourself.

THE SUN SQUARES JUPITER:

On Friday July 1st at 1:10 P.M. EST these two planets create a 90 degree angle and everything will be blown out of proportion. Try to keep your plans and schemes logical. Don't allow things to grow too large for you to handle. Although Jupiter squares aren't like the afflictions of other planets, the tendency towards exaggeration is a potential threat. Use common sense; something that is not usually around in abundance when Jupiter comes along. The stock market may have a very volatile day today; which direction? I don't know.

THE SUN TRINES URANUS:

On Saturday July 2nd at 6:38 A.M. EST this wonderful aspect hits. We will all be looking for some excitement, but unlike other Uranus aspects it should come easily and without stress. Make plans for something exciting and unusual today. If you are stuck at home, use your time creatively. You may be surprised by what you are capable of doing.

MERCURY SEXTILES JUPITER:

On Wednesday July 6th at 1:51 A.M. EST this positive aspect hits right on the Dark of the Moon. This is the last major aspect in this lunar month, and it may make this period before the New Moon more productive than usual. Try to complete anything that has been hanging over your head. Communications will be easier than usual. Use this time to make plans and work out future ideas; but wait until that New Moon later this day before implementing anything. You can't accomplish much on a Dark of the Moon except to complete things already begun.

DARK OF THE MOON:

From Tuesday July 5th at 3:07 A.M. until the New Moon Monday July 7th at 8:02 A.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:

June 7th 2:50 P.M. – 8:46 P.M.

June 10th 6:18 A.M. – 8:39 A.M.

June 12th 7:39 A.M. – 9:22 P.M.

June 15th 1:24 A.M. – 8:59 A.M.

June 17th 11:03 A.M. – 5:24 P.M.

June 19th 4:06 P.M. – 9:45 P.M.

June 21st 11:34 A.M. – 10:52 P.M.

June 23rd 6:04 P.M. - 10:36 P.M.

June 25th 11:23 A.M. – 11:03 P.M.

June 28th 1:50 A.M. – 1:51 A.M.

June 30th 3:57 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.

July 2nd 1:02 P.M. – 4:26 P.M.

July 4th 12:35 P.M. – July 5th 3:07 A.M.

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