

LIVING BY STARLIGHT
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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

On August 19th, the Full Moon falls at 26 degrees Aquarius 50 minutes, almost exactly on America's rectified Moon. This may or may not create an event, but as a practicing astrologer for almost 30 years, I would certainly warn my client to avoid dangerous neighborhoods (like Iraq), and to expect the unexpected. Because this is an Aquarian Full Moon, the most unpredictable and explosive of all, I am keeping my eyes open. We could have a falling out with a partner, as the Moon rules our 8th house. The 8th house is also the ruler of all trading markets. I wouldn't be surprised by a mini-crash in the stocks. In fact, the last two weeks of August have a number of potentially negative aspects, so be careful. Since there is a good chance that Bush will not survive his 2nd term I am watching all potentially dangerous aspects in regard to his chart as well.

As Bush's second term continues, we are being pulled further and further to the right. The Great Alignment in Taurus of May 2000 has pretty much been playing itself out just as I predicted. There will be several Supreme Court Justices appointed by this administration. The United Nations is about to face Mr. Bolton, and I wouldn't be buying options on its future.

But we are, by nature, a centralist country. The next election is pre-destined, as is the next administration's success rating. I will be writing about the Democratic president to come (yes, that's right! We will elect a Democrat; to no avail. It will be an ineffectual administration without support from congress.) Events will occur during the next two years that will point this country further to the right, no matter who we elect. The interwoven power structure put into place by Bush and his cronies will take decades to unravel. The minimizing of the federal government in exchange for powerful state's rights is changing the structure of our government. This administration may actually be able to do what 5 years of Civil War and 600,000 casualties could not do; split our nation into several separate parts.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Thursday August 4th at 11:05 P.M. It is a Leo Moon at 12 degrees 48 minutes, and for the next few weeks we will display the qualities of that regal sign. Pride and loyalty, as well as stubbornness and honesty are the most obvious traits. Be careful not to overstate your own importance, especially to the mirror. This is one of the most playful lunar positions. Try to enjoy the dog days of summer, as the Sun and Moon travel through the sign that rules the child in us all. It may be tempered by Saturn's transit here, but only if you don't deal with the responsibilities of life. A vacation must be earned to be enjoyed.

MERCURY SEXTILES JUPITER:

SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

The first few days of this lunar cycle are inundated with positive aspects. **Mercury sextiles Jupiter on Friday August 5th at 8:41 A.M. EST, and the Sun conjuncts Mercury 7:36 P.M. EST.** This adds up to a day of active communications and travels. Mercury is still in retrograde until the 15th, but if you have the time to take a short trip this week you may find it educational as well as enjoyable. Just pay heed to the retrograde; double check all plans and leave extra time for connections. This is a good day for communications of all sorts.

SUN SEXTILES JUPITER:

On Saturday August 6th at 8:08 A.M. EST the Sun sextiles Jupiter, completing this pleasant cycle of

aspects. This weekend holds potential for some good times and maybe even a little luck, if it hits your chart just right. Travel and communication are favored, and people will show a more optimistic and adventurous side than usual. Make use of it and you may be left with some pleasant memories.

THE SUN OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Monday August 8th at 12:18 P.M. EST this confusing and, at times, debilitating aspect occurs. The energy we experienced over the weekend changes radically. Confusion and misdirection take over. This is often a bad day for the stocks. With Mercury still going backwards you can almost count on trouble with computers, cell phones, cars, etc. Planes and trains will be delayed. Control your attitude and reactions, since you can not control the universe.

VENUS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Wednesday August 10th at 4:51 A.M. EST compulsive love affairs and intense encounters of all sorts will abound. Be careful that you see your paramour clearly and not through obsessive eyes. Once this passes you may find the intense energy fading and all you will be left with is a relationship from which it will be difficult to extricate yourself. Watch your money, especially if you tend to be compulsive. You could spend without discretion.

MERCURY SQUARES MARS:

On Saturday August 13th at 3:41 P.M. EST these two ancient gods are at odds, and we all must pay attention. In the old books this is considered one of the most accident prone aspects. However, we now know that those accidents are mostly a matter of pent up energy not being released properly. With Mercury in retrograde, if this sets off a negative aspect to your chart it could result in an event. People will be tense and even nasty. Don't take the bait.

THE SUN TRINES PLUTO:

MERCURY SEXTILES URANUS:

On Sunday August 14th a pair of interesting aspects occurs. **Mars is in sextile to Uranus at 10:41 A.M. EST, and the Sun trines Pluto at 11:00 A.M. EST.** This is a day of innovation and unusual thoughts and events. These are positive aspects, but like all sextiles and trines, if not used pro-actively, they will pass as a pleasant enough time. It will be easier than usual to understand the hidden meaning behind things today.

MERCURY GOES DIRECT:

On Monday August 15th at 11:51 P.M. many things that have been delayed will start to move forward. It is safe to sign papers and complete deals, but if those papers were written while Mercury was in retrograde, they must be carefully scrutinized. Be careful for a few days; most accidents happen as Mercury changes direction either way. Secrets are often revealed as well.

VENUS ENTERS LIBRA:

On Tuesday August 16th at 11:05 P.M. EST, after traveling through picky Virgo for a month, the planet of love returns home. For a few weeks relationships will feel more balanced, and some of the recent criticalness will dissipate. Try to smooth over the rough spots with a little romance. That's what Libras live for. This is a wonderful time to redecorate or complete any creative project that has had you stumped. If you are lucky enough to begin a love affair while this planet is here it will be a loving and balanced tryst. It may even grow into much more.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak hits on Friday August 19th at 1:53 P.M. EST at 26 degrees Aquarius 50 minutes. The energy behind all Full Moons must be respected, and the Aquarian most of all; as this sign rules all things explosive and sudden. **In America's rectified chart, the Moon is at 27 degrees Aquarius**

12 minutes; damn close to this Full Moon. And the Moon goes Void of Course immediately after opposing the Sun. Although this does not guarantee anything, I wouldn't be surprised by an explosive and disrupting event occurring somewhere in our country. Coupled with other aspects hitting America's chart this year, I'm afraid we may see our share of violent situations in the near future. In your own life you should avoid potentially dangerous situations and seek rational and calm solutions to your problems. Don't let things get blown out of proportion.

THE SUN ENTERS VIRGO:

On Monday August 22nd at 8:46 P.M. EST we enter the mutable third of summer; a time of preparation for the next season. Virgo energy tends to be a bit critical; always seeking perfection in an imperfect world. Keep things in perspective. Acceptance of what is, rather than what could be, is one of the lessons of this sign. This is a good time for any activity that demands attention to detail. One should build slowly under Virgo's influence, not over expand.

MERCURY SQUARES MARS:

On Thursday August 25th at 9:30 P.M. EST this quintessential accident waiting to happen, completes. You must be careful. Tempers run high and people tend to be distracted, especially while traveling. Don't get caught up in senseless arguments and drive defensively. If you need to confront someone, this will give you the force to do so. If you are looking for a peaceful solution, wait a day or so; then have the discussion.

MERCURY OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Friday August 26th at 4:30 P.M. EST this confusing aspect occurs. Following the square to Mars mentioned above, this is a difficult week for Mercury. Communication and travel will be difficult. It may even feel like Mercury is retrograde again; but it isn't. You must be careful and watch your tongue. People could get confused and angry if they don't understand what you are saying. This week could bring us some disturbing news on the world front.

MARS SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Sunday August 28th at 3:44 A.M. EST more of this difficult and confusing energy presents itself. Since so many of our children are in uniform and vulnerable, I worry when I see Mars, ruler of armed forces, in conflict with the outer planets. Neptune's square could represent a misunderstanding on the military front; possibly with devastating results. Because of the placement of the Full Moon on America's Moon, the second half of this lunar cycle is fraught with potentially dangerous events. Aspects like the three just mentioned only add to the problem.

MERCURY SEXTILES JUPITER:

Also on Sunday August 28th at 6:28 A.M. EST a bit of optimism will enter the mixture. Following the two days prior, this aspect will help make Sunday a more pleasant and relaxing day. Communication will be easier than it has been of late.

VENUS TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Tuesday August 30th at 4:56 A.M. EST we get another break from the stressful aspects. This is a good day for all creative projects. Inspiration is in the air; take advantage of it. Love will flow more easily, although this isn't a particularly sexual aspect. Any relationship begun under this aspect will tend to have a more compassionate foundation, rather than a passionate one.

MERCURY TRINES PLUTO:

Also on Tuesday August 30th at 9:23 P.M. EST we get a chance to delve deeply into issues without the usual difficulties. Take this opportunity to discuss important things. People will be more susceptible to hearing your side. But do it today. By tomorrow evening the chance will have passed.

THE SUN OPPOSES URANUS:

On Wednesday August 31st at 11:01 P.M. EST this dangerous and potentially violent aspect presents itself. Avoid conflict, if at all possible. Don't take someone's bait. Sudden events are common with this energy, and since oppositions involve other people, it could be someone else who is the impetus behind it. Uranus rules all things explosive, and since we are watching for some event this month, this aspect could set it off. This is often an unstable day on Wall Street. Huge dips in the market have followed this aspect closely.

VENUS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

On Thursday September 1st at 7:30 P.M. EST this most marvelous of aspects hits. Try to enjoy the day. The only warnings have to do with overdoing. Alcohol and food intake should be monitored. Watch your credit card. This is the type of aspect you could overindulge yourself in so many ways. Love is in the air, but make sure you see the truth behind the magnificent illusion being presented to you.

PLUTO GOES DIRECT:

On Friday September 2nd at 6:44 A.M. EST our distant neighbor begins its forward motion. Many things that have been delayed, especially involving partnerships or group activities will begin to move forward. Some hidden truths are exposed when this planet changes direction. Since this occurs at the Dark of the Moon, next month's energy will feel quite different. Because Pluto rules Plutonian, its directional changes are particularly important to note. Events in the world, many that are hidden from view, begin at watershed moments such as this.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Saturday September 3rd at 2:45 P.M. EST. The 2 days leading up to it 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:

August 5th 5:44 P.M. – August 6th 9:54 A.M.
August 8th 6:09 A.M. – 10:08 P.M.
August 10th 5:10 P.M. – August 11th 8:35 A.M.
August 13th 8:06 A.M. – 3:47 P.M.
August 15th 4:43 A.M. – 7:31 P.M.
August 16th 9:02 P.M. – August 17th 7:39 P.M.
August 19th 1:53 P.M. – 6:52 P.M.
August 21st 5:45 A.M. - 7:01 P.M.
August 23rd 7:46 A.M. – 9:58 P.M.
August 25th 2:14 A.M. – August 26th 4:42 A.M.
August 27th 10:49 P.M. – August 28th 2:57 P.M.
August 30th 3:22 P.M. – August 31st 3:14 A.M.
September 2nd 7:44 A.M. – 3:56 P.M.

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