

LIVING BY STARLIGHT
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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

So what the heck is happening to Bush's presidency? Scandals and failures galore; the Democrats couldn't have written a better scenario if they tried. What you are seeing is the power of Saturn transiting Mr. Bush's chart. **G.W. has a Leo ascendant at 07 degrees 7 minutes, Mercury in Leo at 09 degrees 50 minutes, and Pluto at 10 degrees Leo 35 minutes.** Each of these three sensitive points will be conjunct by Saturn three times this year. The first pass began in September. **Because Saturn will begin its retrograde motion at 11 degrees Leo 19 minutes, it is virtually in orb of Bush's planets and ascendant until February. Saturn will then retrograde back to 04 degrees, but will return across Bush's chart next June and July.**

Saturn is called the planet of karma. You can't escape your dues with Saturn. Whatever you have earned will be rewarded. Whatever you have stolen will be discovered. This will be the worst year Bush has experienced in a while. It could represent health issues, legal woes or even the loss of a job. Remember, I have always expected that he would not finish his second term. Let's see just how deep these investigations go. Depression is a common theme with Saturn's aspects, especially when Mercury, the planet of thought, is involved. I wouldn't be surprised if he were suffering that debilitating disease.

Uranus will oppose his Mars late January – February for the last pass while Saturn is conjunct his ascendant. Mars rules his 10th house of career and status in the world and is transiting there now. There could be an event at that time that alters the course of his life radically. **Transiting Mars in the 10th house also squares Mercury and Pluto late November into December.** This could represent an act of violence or vengeance against our president. Caution is called for.

Our economy is in serious trouble. There is a recession coming; sparked first by the rise in oil prices. The other commodities are beginning to explode; a strong indicator that inflation is on the way. Housing will no longer be the safe haven it has been. Equity will cease to rise and it will take longer to sell your home. Stocks are stuck in a trading range that only helps those capable of day-trading. Once the reality of inflation hits the markets will drop appreciatively. Credit card debt is extraordinarily high, but thanks to a Republican congress you can no longer declare bankruptcy and start again. Most of our founding fathers went bankrupt; several more than once.

And finally; the world has caught up. Also about 4 years ago when **Uranus entered Pisces** I began warning of the transmutation of viruses similar to the last time that planet began transiting here; 1918-19. I did a series of lectures during which I made some rather dire predictions, including a coming pandemic. On my website there is a posting of the outline from one of the several lectures I did at the Princeton Club at the invitation of S.I.R.E., the Society for the Investigation of Recurring Events. Unfortunately there have been few surprises since then.

Happy Halloween.

NEW MOON:

This month's New Moon falls on Tuesday November 1st at 8:25 P.M. EST at 9 degrees Scorpio 43 minutes. Scorpios see things in black-and-white. You may notice an extremist attitude about many things this month. People won't be satisfied with superficial or safe answers. It is the ultimate truth that this sign seeks. Anything hidden may very well be exposed. Be careful what secrets you conceal; they may not be secrets for long.

THE SUN SQUARES SATURN:

On Thursday November 3rd at 2:21 A.M. EST this difficult work-oriented aspect occurs. This time should be used to complete whatever has been left unfinished, not for beginning new ventures. People will tend to be withdrawn and sullen for a day or so. I wouldn't plan a party for today.

VENUS ENTERS CAPRICORN:

On Saturday November 5th at 3:11 A.M. EST the goddess of love visits stoic old Capricorn. Relationships begun with this placement will be stable and secure, but may lack some of the excitement and energy we often seek in love. It's a compromise; do you want an erratic and energetic affair that may have the potential to end quickly, or the longevity and security this can offer? People will also tend to be a bit stingy for a few weeks. This is a good time to set down a budget; you'll have a better chance of sticking to it.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

Also on Saturday November 5th at 7:18 P.M. EST the lower and higher octaves of the mental energy conflict. This aspect brings ideas and information at a very high paced level. Often there are misunderstandings as a result of the amount of communiqués we receive. If this hits a sensitive spot in your chart you may react nervously. This could also indicate an accident waiting to happen; use caution.

THE SUN SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Sunday November 6th at 11:18 P.M. EST this second of four very confusing and potentially debilitating aspects completes. Misinformation and mistakes abound. Make absolutely sure you understand what is said to you and, subsequently that you are being completely clear with your words as well. Don't be afraid to ask for clarification.

THE SUN OPPOSED MARS:

On Monday November 7th at 2:58 A.M. EST the collective ego and will are at odds. People will be angry and aggressive, often without understanding why. Try to avoid direct confrontation for a day or so. There will be no subtlety or warning, just a burst of energy. If that energy is directed properly this can be a successful and productive day. If not, it could be a day of disagreements and unfocused anger.

MARS SQUARES NEPTUNE:

Also on Monday November 7th at 1:09 P.M. EST this sometimes debilitating aspect occurs. These two energies do not work well together. The ego force of Mars gets watered down by Neptune, leaving it unattached and unfocused. Be careful of overindulgences, especially with alcohol or drugs. This is not a good few days for confrontations of any sort. There will seem to be no structure, but a lot of confusion. I would wait until the three aspects just mentioned pass before attempting any important project.

VENUS SEXTILES JUPITER:

On Election Day, Tuesday November 8th at 12:46 A.M. EST this very pleasant aspect completes and may help smooth over some of the recent disagreements I am sure have occurred. A social gathering or perhaps a lunch date might go a long way towards making things better. Any relationship begun with this aspect will have plenty of room for growth and compassion.

VENUS SEXTILES URANUS:

On Friday November 12th at 5:27 A.M. EST this interesting aspect comes along. Look for new and exciting activities; you will be bored with the usual events. This would be a good day for a party; just make the theme something unusual.

MERCURY GOES RETROGRADE:

On Monday November 14th at 12:42 A.M. EST this thrice yearly bit of mischief returns to upset our lives. As always try not to sign important documents until this turns around in three week. Leave extra time for travel and double check all plans. Expect delays in communications and travel. You can expect some confusion in communications of all sorts. Troubles abound for computers, cars, cell phones, etc. Plan accordingly and make sure you are understood.

URANUS GOES DIRECT:

On Tuesday November 15th at 7:08 P.M. EST the higher octave of the mental energy goes direct right on the heels of the retrograding Mercury. This will be an interesting month. Certain things will be delayed by the mercury while others may move along at a rapid pace due to the change of direction of Uranus. Because Uranus rules government by and for the people, we will quickly understand the results of our recent elections. Expect some surprises from those results. Projects involving computers or other electronics that have been delayed will begin to move forward once again.

FULL MOON:

Also on Tuesday November 15th at 7:57 P.M. EST the lunar peak occurs at 23 degrees Taurus 46 minutes. This Full Moon is close to a square to America's Moon, ruler of our 8th house. This could be a very bad few days for the stock markets and our economy in general. Taurus rules our values as well as money and possessions. We may be called upon to reevaluate certain things in our society. As always I suggest we give this Full Moon its respect and avoid dangerous or uncertain situations. This is primarily true of financial matters.

MARS SQUARES SATURN:

On Friday November 18th at 3:32 P.M. EST the collective ego gets squashed by restrictive Saturn. This will be a low energy day with a frustrating undercurrent. Try to avoid ego conflicts and don't plan things that require a great deal of vigor; it probably won't be there. The Moon will be in Cancer from 2:42 P.M. on, so you can expect this low energy to last all day and into the night. If you are planning a social gathering make the theme more relaxed and personally oriented, rather than a loud dance party. Your guests will appreciate the conservative atmosphere.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

On Monday November 21st at 1:19 A.M. EST this difficult aspect completes. Because of the retrograding motion of Mercury this is the second pass of this aspect in a few weeks. It first hit on November 5th (see above). This creates a nervous and accident prone energy that will require your attention. Things will move quickly and erratically. Be careful while driving. Also pay heed in conversations. You could say something you will regret later.

THE SUN ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

On Tuesday November 22nd at 12:15 A.M. EST we enter the mutable fire sign. For the next month or so people will be more expansive and eager to make far-reaching plans. We will tend towards optimism and the desire for growth. The only problem is that this sign tends to promise more than it can deliver. Make sure people are for real before putting too much into a scheme.

SATURN RETROGRADES:

Also on Tuesday November 22nd at 4:00 A.M. EST the planet of discipline and responsibility begins its backward motion. There are a lot of planets changing direction this month; more than usual. This will be a pivotal period when many projects reverse direction or no longer seem necessary. While Saturn is going backwards it is more difficult to begin a new business. Real estate deals often get misdirected or delayed. This is a time when we should all deal with the discipline within ourselves and work harder on who we are,

rather than what we own. If your business is causing you angst you may wish to distance yourself as much as possible. You will have a better chance of figuring out what is going wrong.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

On Thursday November 24th at 10:43 A.M. EST this aspect occurs. Because of the retrograde motion of Mercury in Sagittarius this may have more of an affect on some of us than usual. People will tend to be painfully honest, even to the point of causing upsetting situations. If you don't want to know the truth about something, don't ask. The desire to expand ideas and consciousness will prevail. Just be careful that you expand in a controlled manner or you may find yourself out on a limb when the Sun and Mercury are in Capricorn during the winter.

MERCURY ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Saturday November 26th at 6:53 A.M. EST Mercury retrogrades back into Scorpio. For a few weeks we will return to the mind set we were in last month. There will be a tendency towards secrecy, which does not sit well while Mercury is retrograding. Those secrets will be revealed, most likely once Mercury goes direct again December 3rd. Watch your tongue; we will all tend to be a bit nastier with our words.

JUPITER TRINES URANUS:

On Sunday November 27th at 6:48 A.M. EST this wonderful aspect occurs. Look for the unusual today. Try to plan activities that stimulate your imagination. This could be a very productive day for artists. This could be a fun day. Luck is in the air; take advantage of it.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Monday November 28th at 8:16 P.M. EST this upsetting and potentially dangerous aspect hits. Be careful while driving and try to avoid confrontations. People will be edgy and nervous. Be especially careful while driving. This can be a very erratic day in the financial markets; usually towards the down side.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Tuesday December 1st at 9:31 A.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. 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. Each month we are offered a chance to clean house, so to speak.

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:

November 2nd 9:05 A.M. – November 3rd 8:55 A.M.
November 5th 12:58 A.M. – 1:17 P.M.
November 6th 3:18 P.M. – November 7th 4:31 P.M.
November 9th 7:30 A.M. – 7:22 P.M.
November 11th 10:33 A.M. – 10:22 P.M.
November 13th 2:07 P.M. – 3:39 P.M.
November 15th 7:57 P.M. – November 16th 7:10 A.M.
November 18th 2:01 A.M. - 2:42 P.M.
November 20th 11:03 P.M. – November 21st 1:10 A.M.
November 23rd 12:25 A.M. – 1:41 P.M.
November 25th 1:09 P.M. – November 26th 1:58 A.M.
November 27th 11:38 P.M. – November 28th 11:33 A.M.
November 30th 10:16 A.M. – 5:32 P.M.

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