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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

Mars will cross America's Sun May 7th. This happens about once every 2 years, and may represent an escalation of military actions. There could be an increase in terrorist attacks on our troops. Since the Sun rules the 9th house of foreign places I would expect the trouble to be outside the U.S.

Saturn is about to hit America's North Node in the 8th house. When this occurs in an individual's chart it points out places where we may lack structure and support. It will do the same to a country's chart. America is in trouble. We are heading in a direction that even those who supported Bush have finally realized isn't working. But the problem is that once we give power to someone it is difficult to take it back. With an 8th house North Node this country must learn the lessons of sharing and working together with partners to achieve our goals, not to go it alone. We put together these so-called coalitions, which are really nothing more than England and the U.S. with 12 troops from Holland. If we want to change the direction we are heading we must be willing to work in conjunction with the rest of the 'civilized world' to stop nuclear proliferation, poverty, genocide, etc.

On a domestic level Saturn is asking us to respect limitations. Certainly the oil question is the most prominent one facing us at the moment. We are heading for a financial setback. Inflation is showing its ugly head, the oil situation is about to become a crises. We are wholly unprepared for any major shortage. Our nation would come to a screeching halt were the pumps turned off even for a few days. If we don't get our heads out of the sand, and soon, we are facing a disastrous future; and I don't mean in 100 years.

Pluto rules dead things and anything buried or hidden; thus it rules oil, which we believe is the results of buried dead animals. **When Pluto entered Sagittarius** in 1995 I began predicting a minimum \$100 a barrel before things settled down. It was trading about \$32 a barrel at the time. Since this planet moves very slowly it takes years to see the culmination of its travels. Here we are bracing for \$100 a barrel and all the wonderful events that will follow. Pluto has been transiting this expansive sign for 11 years now, and it has about 2 years to go. **Then Pluto will enter Capricorn, and the world will change forever.**

We have about 2 years to make preparations. At that time one of two things will happen with oil prices. Because Capricorn is ruled by Saturn we may find that the prices collapse as a result of some major invention or change that has occurred within our society. Or we may find an oil shortage the likes of which we have never dreamed. Either would be a disaster. If the price of oil were to drop precipitously it would be because the demand had shrunk. Other than someone inventing a car that rides on chicken poop nothing short of a tremendous diminishing of the population will decrease our demand for oil. We don't root for that scenario. The other case would be a shortage of oil of world-wide proportions. This would make more sense. It would also lead to a political tinderbox.

When Pluto enters Capricorn it will begin to oppose Venus and Jupiter in America's chart. It will take several years to complete, but the end result will be a transformation of our financial markets, commodities and oil. We will discuss those transits over the next year as we watch the collective prepare. Because Jupiter rules the ascendant in America's chart, Pluto's opposition will be a period

to watch carefully. I do believe that Pluto entering Capricorn in 2008 will lead to a difficult and tense time in our history. Remember, it was Saturn, ruler of Capricorn, in opposition to Pluto the day the World Trade Center was destroyed.

NEW MOON:

This month's New Moon hits on Thursday April 27th at 3:44 P.M. EST at 7 degrees Taurus 24 minutes. The issues this month will have to do with what we value most. Possessions and physical wealth will be foremost in many people's minds, but this has to do with so much more than money. What do you value most? Taurus is the fixed earth sign, and it seeks solid ground upon which to build. Only things that are stable and structured will satisfy this energy. Whatever you get involved with this month must have that foundation or it will not succeed.

THE SUN SEXTILES MARS AND MERCURY SEXTILES NEPTUNE:

On Saturday April 29th at 5:33 A.M. EST and 9:56 A.M. EST respectively these two positive aspects complete. This is a good day to tackle any hard task you may have been avoiding. This combination of energies will make this a productive day for either physical or mental activities. But if not used proactively, sextiles will simply pass as a pleasant few hours. You must use it or lose it.

VENUS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Sunday April 30th at 3:44 A.M. EST this difficult aspect occurs, and for a day or so people will display a compulsive attitude, especially about love. If this hits a sensitive point in your chart you could fall madly in love with the absolutely worst person. Be careful, there is a tendency with Pluto energies to act first and react later when it's too late.

VENUS ENTERS ARIES:

On Wednesday May 3rd. For the next few weeks people will be more assertive and aggressive in relationships. Venus doesn't do too well in this Mars ruled sign; it is too male oriented. So don't look for the gentle touch; expect the leather glove instead.

THE SUN SEXTILES URANUS:

On Thursday May 4th at 8:19 A.M. EST this interesting and positive aspect completes. The desire to expand and experiment in new and unusual activities will be quite strong today. If you feel cooped up you will rebel against the nature of this energy. You should be out and active. Whatever you become involved with today must be out of the ordinary or it will bore you.

THE SUN OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Thursday May 4th at 10:36 A.M. EST this expansive aspect occurs. There will be a strong desire to see new horizons. The need to expand your consciousness is the driving force today. For this reason, travel is particularly favored. Relationships with others will go smoothly, and this is a good day to present any project or idea. You will be well received and others will listen.

JUPITER TRINES URANUS:

Also on Thursday May 4th at 11:49 P.M. EST the third in this series of positive aspects completes adding to the energy mentioned above. This is a very constructive group of aspects that are all hitting on the same day, giving us all an opportunity to accomplish something. Try to make of this through experience. This is not a day to sit inside and daydream. Do something.

MERCURY ENTERS TAURUS:

On Friday May 5th at 4:28 A.M. EST Mercury begins traveling through the 2nd sign of the zodiac, and for the next few weeks you can expect people to be a bit stubborn. After its blistering journey through fiery Aries, the

planet of communication and short journeys settles into the fixed earth sign. Thoughts will move slower, and trips will be delayed. Taurus teaches the lessons of patience and forethought. This sign doesn't jump first and look later, like Aires.

MARS TRINES JUPITER:

MARS TRINES URANUS:

On Sunday May 7th at 5:13 A.M. EST and 8:36 P.M. EST respectively these two useful aspects occur, giving completion to a "Grand Trine" in water this month that began with the Jupiter – Uranus trine a few days ago. This is another terrific day with some pleasant aspects that must be directed somewhere. Make plans for today; go somewhere and use the energy offered to you. These trines can make for a wonderful memory, and we have a plethora of them this month. But there is more to be learned from a grand trine than just how to pack a picnic lunch. We will all have a chance to get in touch with our emotions, and to take an active hand in fixing whatever has been amiss either within yourself, or in your relationships with others. The water signs rule the emotions on their different levels of consciousness. When all three are vibrating at the same degree it completes the circle and allows us to do the same in our lives.

VENUS TRINES SATURN:

Also on May 7th at 8:36 P.M. E.S.T. yet another trine comes along to aid us. Although this isn't as exciting as the earlier trines, it does create a structured foundation upon which one could build. Love and money matters will be seen very realistically and without the usual illusions. If you need to think about a relationship you will be clearer about things than usual. Since we have just finished the grand trine in water I mentioned above, some of us may have recently begun a new relationship. This aspect will put a solid ground upon which to expand the love.

MERCURY SQUARES THE SATURN:

Also on May 7th at 11:02 P.M. EST this unpleasantness comes a knocking. This will be the end of the pleasant energies of the day. Thoughts will become more stoic and serious. This is not necessarily a negative thing if use this time to complete any tasks left unfinished. Don't dwell on negative thoughts when Saturn gets around Mercury. It will pass by the morning so don't give it much mind.

THE SUN SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday May 10th at 10:03 A.M. EST this confusing and often debilitating aspect occurs; and it should be respected. If you find yourself confused, wait a day or so until you can see clearly before making any important decisions. Neptune doesn't care much about egos and such, so don't try to project yours onto the world, you won't succeed. This is often a very bad day for the stock markets.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Saturday May 13th at 2:51 A.M. EST at 22 degrees Scorpio 23 minutes. I would be particularly careful for a few days surrounding this aspect. Relationships will be especially vulnerable, as the more vengeful side of the matter will be exposed. We will all tend to see things in black-or-white, and compromise will be difficult at best. How any of these aspects affect us as individuals has more to do with where they land in our own charts. A Scorpio Full Moon can work wonders towards rejuvenating any part of your life that it is activating; it need not be a destructive force. In general you should respect all full moons, and especially those in the fixed signs.

MERCURY SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Monday May 15th at 12:15 A.M. EST confusion reigns supreme. For a day or so leading up to this aspect I wouldn't be in a hurry to sign papers or finalize anything of importance. Nobody is thinking too clearly, and distractions of all sorts can lead to serious mistakes. Also be very careful while driving. You may be sober as Judge Judy, but the other guy may not be as disciplined. And since Mercury rules cars and

Neptune rules drugs and booze, you do the math.

MERCURY ENTERS GEMINI:

On Friday May 19th at 4:52 P.M. EST the winged god enters the sign of its rulership. Although Mercury is at home in this mutable air sign, it can bring with it nervousness and irritability. That aside, this is a month for mental tasks and active communications. E-mails, letters, phone calls etc. will be overflowing. You should be buying stock in MySpace.com. If there is a project that requires writing or a great deal of short trips, this would be a good time to plan it.

THE SUN ENTERS GEMINI:

On Sunday May 21st at 12:32 A.M. EST we enter the mutable part of spring. During the fixed part of the season things stayed pretty much the same. In the mutable or changeable section each day will turn more and more summer-like until we cross the threshold on June 21st. With Mercury already in this sign the addition of the Sun will further stimulate our desire to communicate. Family members and neighbors in particular will be active. You may be called upon to make quick decisions. You should have enough mental stimulation to do so. Just pay attention to details.

NEPTUNE RETROGRADES:

On Monday May 22nd at 9:06 A.M. EST this planet begins its yearly trip backwards. For the next few months creativity and spirituality will become more internalized than external. This would be a good time to rewrite anything that requires editing. If you are planning to present a creative project to the world you may want to use this time to polish it or do run-throughs rather than a major presentation. This is often the most creative of times; it just isn't as good for showing it to the world.

VENUS SQUARES MARS:

On Tuesday May 23rd at 6:00 P.M. EST the male and female planets do not see eye to eye. I wouldn't pick today at 6 PM for a blind date; or any date for that matter. Once this passes we can get along again, but for the few hours leading up to this you would do better with a game of 'spin the gun' than 'spin the bottle'.

VENUS TRINES PLUTO:

On Thursday May 25th at 9:41 P.M. EST this aspect will go a long way towards smoothing over the Venus Mars square. It will be easier to delve deeply into a relationship without the usual struggle. People will tend to be more open and direct. This would be a better night for a date. However, it is near the Dark of the Moon, so anything begun now will have a difficult time completing, so you may not want this to be a first date.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

On Friday May 26th at 9:47 A.M. EST this dangerous aspect comes along. If you absolutely must drive this morning please be careful. This is the quintessential accident waiting to happen. Will it happen to you? Only if this sets off your planets. People may be a bit nasty. You can expect some arguments and a quickened pace in everything. People won't be paying attention as they should, so you must.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Saturday May 27th at 1:26 A.M. EST. The day or so 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:

April 28th 9:31 P.M. – April 29th 5:58 A.M.

May 1st 7:13 A.M. – 11:17 A.M.

May 3rd 2:35 P.M. – 8:18 P.M.

May 6th 1:01 A.M. – 8:20 A.M.

May 8th 1:48 P.M. – 9:10 P.M.

May 11th 1:14 A.M. – 8:25 A.M.

May 13th 2:51 A.M. – 4:56 P.M.

May 15th 4:15 P.M. - 10:59 P.M.

May 17th 10:10 P.M. – May 18th 3:19 A.M.

May 20th 5:21 A.M. – 6:39 A.M.

May 22nd 2:45 A.M. – 9:24 A.M.

May 24th 5:16 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

May 26th 6:39 A.M. – 3:19 P.M.

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