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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

In last month's newsletter I warned that the Sun – Neptune square of May 10th would be very bad for the stock market, and in fact it was the very top of this move. Coming so close to the Full Moon in Scorpio this combination of transits simply took its toll on the economy. The DOW has lost hundreds of points since that date and it shows little support; failing to hold rally after rally. We'll be watching closely following this holiday weekend as we are entering a very suspicious looking summer. **We are approaching a very powerful and unsettling aspect; Saturn opposite Neptune.** Its effects are already being felt in the stock market and the world at large. This is the aspect that is underlying the recent dip in stocks. In the worst case scenario, the stocks could continue to deteriorate this summer, possibly even testing support at 10,000 in August. If it takes that out it's going...going...gone. **We may be heading for a mini stock market crash when this aspect is in orb. It first completes August 31st, but because of the retrograde action of Saturn it will hit three times, causing upsetting situations through June 2007.**

Saturn represents reality and structure. It is the root of all foundation in our society, ruling houses, land and long term investments. Neptune rules drugs, confusion, illusions of all sorts and the spiritual side of life. When these two oppose each other they challenge our sense of reality and structure. When it hits a sensitive point in someone's chart they should be aware of a certain vulnerability to their foundation. This can include health, a job, place of residence or a relationship. Now that it is playing out in the world's stage, that sense of structure we all take for granted could be vulnerable for us all. **Neptune also rules infectious diseases. In 1918 Neptune and Saturn traveled together in a conjunct throughout the influenza pandemic.** They first conjoined in July 1917, which is almost exactly when it has been determined that a group of soldiers in Kansas died of flu-like symptoms and the rest of the troop was sent overseas to the trenches where they infected countless others. It is possible that this opposition is creating the foundation upon which Neptune can do its job. It is also quite possible that the bird flu or any other contagion may begin to solidify its ability to infect humans this year while this configuration is in effect. All we can do is watch and pray that the fools who run our government don't screw things up too much.

NEW MOON:

This month's New Moon hits on Saturday May 27th at 1:26 A.M. EST at 5 degrees Gemini 48 minutes. Communications will be active and to the point this month. There is a lot going on in the world, and if we all don't discuss it we shall lost control. We are approaching a very important aspect: Saturn opposing Neptune, which will first compete August 31st. With Saturn ruling all things real and structured, and Neptune ruling illusions and the dissipation of all things real in favor of the spiritual, we are bound to have some major problems. (Please visit my website www.mitchastro.com for more information). The Gemini New Moon, more than any other, allows for new conversations and points of view. We need to listen.

THE SUN TRINES SATURN:

On Sunday May 28th at 12:48 A.M. EST this positive aspect completes. This is a good transit for completing task or making plans. Although this isn't a particularly active or inspirational aspect, it helps put the foundation down upon which you may build later. The sextiles and trines must be used. They do not demand our attention like the squares and oppositions. If you don't actively project this sextile is will not be used to its fullest potential.

MERCURY TRINES NEPTUNE:

Also on Sunday May 28th at 11:37 P.M. EST this aspect might in fact be inspirational, and with the Sun in trine to Saturn at the same time you could produce or complete a piece of work with both structure and spark. But these are quick moving transits, so don't expect to write a novel in a weekend. Intuition is more in tune than intellect today, so go

with your instincts.

VENUS ENTERS TAURUS:

On Monday May 29th at 8:41 A.M. EST the planet of love enters the sign of its rulership. For the next few weeks love will take on a practical, but romantic nature. This is a good time to begin a relationship, decorate your home or make financial plans. Although this is mostly a caring and kind aspect, there is a stubborn side to Taurus than may translate into how we deal with our lovers.

MERCURY OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Thursday June 1st at 1:13 A.M. EST this rather challenging aspect occurs and communications will take on a serious and deep tone. We will not be satisfied with superficial answers and there could be arguments and power struggles. The tendency towards compulsive behavior and thoughts is strong. In a disagreement neither party will want to bend. If you can play against style you be the one to compromise and show others how much can be accomplished with a single step in the right direction. Since Mercury rules short journey and automobiles, be careful while traveling and drive defensively.

MERCURY ENTERS CANCER:

On Saturday June 3rd at 7:21 A.M. EST the planet of communication and travel enters the cardinal water sign. For the next few weeks as it passes through this emotional water sign people will be a bit more expressive in their speech and writings. However, Cancer tends to be a little secretive, and there may be some difficulty in getting the thoughts out. You may be more inclined to keep them to yourself. With Mars about to enter showy Leo there will be a struggle between the desire to be on stage and to keep withdrawing. Once Mercury enters Leo at the end of the month there will no longer be any conflict. Everyone will want to be on A.I.

MARS ENTERS LEO:

Also on Saturday June 3rd at 2:43 P.M. EST the planet of ego begins traveling through Leo until the end of July. Mars does well in the fire signs, and there will be a lot of energy floating around. It is up to the individual to direct and control that energy. It has no conscience, only force. If used properly this power can accomplish much; just watch out for ego conflicts. There can only be one head lion. Any presentation that must be made in front of a public, theatrical or otherwise, should do quite well now.

VENUS SQUARES SATURN:

On Sunday June 4th at 5:08 P.M. EST the planet of love conflicts with the planet of responsibility. This is a restrictive and somewhat unpleasant transit. Love will be more realistic than romantic. You may find yourself examining your current relationship and finding fault with it. If you are alone this could be a very depressing day as you realize what is missing from your life. Either way I wouldn't take it too seriously. When Saturn comes along we tend to see things in a very bad light. Nothing is as bad as it seems, so wait until this passes before considering any major change in your relationship. This is a day for work, not play.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Monday June 5th at 6:52 A.M. EST this potentially volatile aspect completes. Be careful and try to avoid direct confrontations. Some people may have a chip on their shoulder today and would just love for you to knock it off. Accidents, sudden explosive situations and even violence are possible. This is usually a very active day in the stock markets, and since we are heading towards a Sagittarius Full Moon I expect very active and unstable financial markets. As I believe we are heading towards a major problem in our markets, this aspect and the coming Full Moon should be watched carefully. They will be good indicators of whether this market can hold support. If there is going to be a summer rally it should show its face now. If the stocks can't gain steam on this coming Full Moon I doubt they will be able to do much at all until August when they could come tumbling down.

VENUS OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Wednesday June 7th at 2:23 A.M. EST the lower and higher benefic planets create a 180 degree aspect. Except for the strong urge to overindulge in everything, this is a wonderful transit, full of potential and romance. A relationship begun now has a great chance for growth. People will be more generous and outgoing than usual, especially the night

before as this aspect applies. If this sets off your chart you could be lucky with money or love. Just try not to overdo things. There will be a price to pay that could include an upset stomach.

THE SUN TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Saturday June 10th at 2:03 P.M. EST this positive transit completes. This is a very creative and spiritual aspect. People will be a little more compassionate. But it only lasts a day so I wouldn't count on humanity suddenly changing. Creative projects should move along nicely, and this would be a good day to showcase any art. Neptune is still going backwards, and I have found that it is best to save major presentations for when it is moving forward, if possible. But if you can't, then use this aspect to your advantage.

FULL MOON:

On Sunday June 11th at 2:03 P.M. EST we hit our lunar peak at 20 degrees Sagittarius 40 minutes. All Full Moons tend to blow things out of proportion, but none are like this one. Sagittarius and its ruler Jupiter want everything bigger. The energy behind this sign simply doesn't understand limitations and restrictions. For a day or so while the Moon is full in this sign you must assume that things aren't quite as grandiose as they seem. People will exaggerate for any number of reasons. Try not to overdo things. And if someone offers you a contract that's too good to be true, wait until the waning moon and see if the agreement is still on the table. Then answer the question: deal or no deal?

MERCURY TRINES URANUS:

On Monday June 12th at 12:43 P.M. EST this extremely useful aspect occurs. Thoughts and ideas should be flowing, and inventive concepts could come to us all. But as with all trines and sextiles we must use this energy or it will pass unnoticed. If you make plans or are involved in any mental tasks this should help clear your mind. Communications between people should be concise and quite active. You may get more emails and phone calls than usual.

VENUS SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Thursday June 15th at 3:05 A.M. EST this conflicting aspect completes. Venus wants to be personally and selectively loved. Neptune wants you to love everybody. When they are in conflict in a natal chart it is difficult to express personal emotions. There is a strong desire to save the world and the person often suffers defeat in their relationships. For a day or so we will all experience a touch of selfless love. If this sets off your chart you could get involved in helping to take care of someone. Be careful under this influence. You are not seeing clearly and you could be the victim of a scam. Be careful with alcohol and drugs, and watch your purse. When Neptune comes along it somehow seems to empty without you noticing.

THE SUN OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Friday June 16th at 1:22 P.M. EST this bit of nastiness comes around. People will be tense and opinionated. Many could be looking for an argument, and in extreme cases, even a physical confrontation. Act accordingly, and don't give anyone a reason to attack you verbally or otherwise. This could be another testing day in the financial markets. There may even be a world event that would upset the stocks.

MARS CONJUNCTS SATURN:

On Sunday June 18th at 2:03 A.M. EST another unpleasant moment occurs. Mars is the ego drive; Saturn is the most restrictive of energies. Obviously when these two get together there is a feeling of repression. This can be a very frustrating aspect, especially if it sets off your chart. With the Sun – Pluto opposition on Friday and this hitting today I would expect this to be a difficult weekend in some ways. Try to stay out of the way of anyone who seems to be in a really bad mood.

URANUS RETROGRADES:

On Monday June 19th at 3:40 A.M. EST this planet begins its yearly trip backwards. Watch out for your computer! For the next week or so as this planet stations and begins moving backwards there could be a lot of difficulties with all technological devices, especially your little home P.C. Back up the important stuff, and expect the unexpected. When Mercury retrogrades in July while this is also in retrograde we could have some major difficulties; maybe a huge blackout or other problem.

MARS SQUARES JUPITER:

Also on Monday June 19th at 3:41 A.M. EST these two planets come in conflict. There will be a lot of energy floating around. If you direct it this can be a very productive and positive transit. If you do not focus it the energy will run helter-skelter and could cause all sorts of difficulties. People will tend to overdo and exaggerate things. Sift through what you see and hear and try to figure out what is real and what isn't. If the stock markets have been as volatile as I expect, this could be another day of intense activity.

THE SUN ENTERS CANCER:

On Wednesday June 21st at 8:26 A.M. EST we begin summer. For the next month or so many of us will be more family oriented than usual. This is the part of summer you should spend with the family. August is more for romance or getting away from it all. Now people will be more emotional and reflective. Well, enjoy it. For many of us the rest of the year is only a waiting period until these few delightful months.

JUPITER SQUARES SATURN:

On Thursday June 22nd at 2:45 P.M. EST this interesting aspect completes. Jupiter wants more; it is the ruler of Sagittarius and believes in no boundaries or restrictions. Saturn rules Capricorn; its whole purpose is to put down foundation and limitations. The square between the two will point out where in our lives and our society we need to make compromises. This could be a very pivotal moment for our financial markets and our culture in general. If we expand too quickly there will be a major collapse in the near future, as we find that there aren't enough resources to complete what was begun under this transit. If we don't expand enough we will feel repressed, which could lead to feelings of dissatisfaction and regret. If the economy is going to take a hit this aspect will make that quite clear; maybe not immediately today, but very, very soon.

VENUS ENTERS GEMINI:

On Friday June 23rd at 8:31 P.M. EST love will take a decidedly interesting turn. People will be more interested in discussing love than showing it. There will be an intellectuality introduced into many relationships and affairs. It is knowledge about love that we seek now. Next month when Venus transits Cancer we will all be much more emotional and romantic. This is a very good placement for writers and public speakers.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Sunday June 25th at 12:05 P.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:

May 28th 7:23 P.M. – 8:33 P.M.

May 31st 12:42 A.M. – 4:51 A.M.

June 2nd 1:34 P.M. – 4:17 P.M.

June 5th 8:29 P.M. – June 5th 5:08 A.M.

June 7th 8:15 A.M. – 4:41 P.M.

June 9th 6:11 A.M. – June 10th 1:05 A.M. *** moon is void all day

June 11th 10:34 P.M. – June 12th 6:19 A.M.

June 13th 12:50 P.M. – June 14th 9:32 A.M.

June 16th 4:23 A.M. – 12:05 A.M.

June 18th 10:08 A.M. – 2:54 P.M.

June 20th 5:20 P.M. – 6:23 P.M.

June 22nd 8:44 P.M. – 10:49 P.M.

June 24th 8:02 P.M. – June 25th 4:48 A.M.

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