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#### **AUTHOR'S NOTES:**

With the recent explosion of tensions in the Middle East and the price of oil and other commodities going through the roof this fiery New Moon could exacerbate any ongoing traumas in the world. Saturn will oppose Neptune for the first time in 36 years on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The last time we saw this aspect was during Watergate and right before the OPEC oil embargo and the Yom Kipper war. Foundations are about to be shaken. Israel has this Saturn - Neptune opposition exactly on its natal Saturn, ruler of the 4<sup>th</sup> house of home, threatening the very foundation of its existence. There is much more behind Hezbollah's and Hamas' decisions to choose now as a time for a two prong attack. And there is much more behind Israel's decision to invade Lebanon. Let the puppet masters come forward. We are certainly heading towards a watershed period in human history. I will be posting information regarding this Saturn – Neptune aspect as well as an outline from my coming lecture at the Princeton Club in Manhattan on my website <a href="https://www.mitchastro.com">www.mitchastro.com</a>. The lecture is open to the public, so feel free to join us. It is August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at 15 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

The political situation in this country and in fact throughout the world is more tenuous than it has been in decades. Whenever Saturn opposes Neptune in the sky governments change hands, nations are formed and destroyed, political rivers change direction. This upcoming mid-term election is perhaps the most important election in my lifetime. This president and his elite inner sanctum have hijacked the country; defanged congress and expanded the powers of the executive branch of government to a level Caligula would be proud of. Don't be surprised if a horse gets elected to the senate. Saturn opposite Neptune will change many things.

For light summer reading I strongly recommend AI Franken's new book "The Truth with Jokes". No matter if you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican or Independent, he has a research team of Harvard Grads that do exhausting work on the facts; facts you should be aware of before this coming election.

The heat wave will continue through August, the price of oil will climb past my prediction for the summer of \$80 a barrel and the fragile political infrastructure of this country will continue to deteriorate. Our leaders are too busy stealing obscene amounts of money to bother with such little things as the needs of the people. And as Honest Abe once said: "You can't fool all of the people all of the time." Maybe we should remind Bush of that in the coming election.

And while we're on the subject of political hacks: What Mike Bloomberg is doing to New York City is criminal. He wants to be Hadrian the builder, but pays no attention to the foundation. New York City can't handle the number of people already living here, and yet there are countless building projects going on throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn that will result in tens of thousands more residents straining the already crumbling structure. When you build massive buildings and do nothing to fix the underbelly then you have power outages that last weeks, the break down of outdated subways being held together with toothpicks and scotch tape, and a highway system that is a joke at best. He panders to his friends in the real estate business and does nothing for the people. He is so out of touch with reality that rather than choose a more proper commercially zoned site, he has pushed through the Waste Transfer station to be rebuilt right where Asphalt Green sits. For those of you unfamiliar with it, Asphalt Green is a completely unique inner-city sports complex used by thousands of city kids, which will be destroyed in the process. And he is only putting the garbage dump there as payback for Gifford Miller blocking the building of his ludicrous ego-driven stadium. The

shame of this atrocity will sit with his name for forever.

#### **NEW MOON:**

This month's New Moon occurs on Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:31 A.M. EST at 2 degrees Leo 07 minutes. The Leo energy can be very child-like; this is the sign associated with children and with games and all things creative. And the New Moon will set the feel for the month ahead. I've always felt that where the Cancer energy of July is family oriented, August should be more romantic, with the grown-ups getting to play. So try to find some time for a margarita with Margarita, and forget about the world's problems for a while.

## **VENUS TRINES JUPITER:**

On Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 P.M. EST the lesser and greater benefic planets create a positive aspect, and this should be a pleasant day with easy communications. People won't be in a confrontational mood, and it would be a good time to smooth over any recent tensions in you personal life. Purchases made today should benefit you.

#### **MERCURY GOES DIRECT:**

On Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:40 P.M. EST the winged god of mischief starts heading forward again. For the first day or two following this turn around things will be very confusion as the world tries to play catch-up. Truths will be revealed and any project that has been delayed will finally be free to move forward. If you were forced to sign a document on the retrograde, scrutinize it carefully now just to make sure everything is as it appeared. Now is the time to take care of details, complete things left unfinished or start a new project. Because of the explosive political situations around the world, as well as the impending implosion I expect here in the U.S., this change of direction of Mercury could herald other changes as well. During the next several months we could see a number of upsetting events that reinvent our world.

## **VENUS TRINES URANUS:**

On Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 P.M. EST this interesting and unusual aspect completes. This can be a very exciting and adventurous aspect, especially if it sets off a sensitive point in your chart. People will be a little more experimental and any relationship begun with this aspect in its chart should continue to be stimulating for a long time. This is a very positive aspect for artists and all artistic endeavors. Try to make use of it. If you have wanted to redecorate this might be a good time to do so.

#### THE SUN SQUARES JUPITER:

On Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:51 A.M. EST this expansive aspect completes and things could be blown out of proportion. The squares to Jupiter are unlike other planets in that they usually don't bring us the same stress. But Jupiter is often present when things expand beyond normal limits. Within our own individual lives this should pass as a pleasant day. Just watch the overindulgences, and try not to blow a small situation into a problem. If there is an ongoing violent situation this aspect could make it worse. There could be a serious escalation of hostilities in the Middle East or any other hot spot.

## **THE SUN CONJUNCTS SATURN:**

On Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:54 A.M. EST this difficult and restrictive aspect occurs. This could be a day of reckoning. Responsibility is the key phrase for this aspect. There is little time for frivolities, as is Saturn's restrictive nature. This would be a good time to organize your desk, make plans for a project or lay the foundation for anything. As we get closer to the Saturn – Neptune opposition we will see world events occur under quick moving transits such as this one. Events are pushing towards a peak in the world. Watch things as we approach this coming Full Moon and you may see the seeds of the future being planted.

## **THE FULL MOON:**

On Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:54 A.M. EST the lunar peak occurs at 16 degrees Aquarius 44 minutes.

The potential for explosive situations under any Full Moon is high, but the Aquarius Full Moon supersedes all the others. Be careful while driving or in interactions with others. People may be a bit frustrated and angry for a few days. I would advise avoiding confrontations and potentially dangerous or accident prone situations. This could be a day or two of explosive situations throughout the world.

## **MERCURY ENTERS LEO:**

On Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:09 A.M. EST the planet of communication enters Leo. You can expect people to speak with more force and energy. Try to listen to the message, not the volume. After a month of traveling through watery Cancer people will want to roar, so let them. With the Sun and Saturn already in this fixed fire sign there will be an abundance of this force all month. Loyalty is most important to Leos; that is what many of us will be seeking this month.

## **THE SUN OPPOSES NEPTUNE:**

Also on Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:14 A.M. EST this somewhat debilitating aspect completes. For a day or so leading up to this people will be less sure of themselves and prone to confusion and misdirection. If you must make an important decision today try to make sure you understand what is at hand; if not take extra time to clarify things. This could be a very bad few days for the stock markets.

## **VENUS ENTERS LEO:**

On Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:21 P.M. EST the goddess of love joins three other planets in this interesting sign. Leo rules the 5<sup>th</sup> house of romance, games, creativity and children; including the child within each of us. With so much energy traveling through this sign it is these issues that are in the forefront. Spend the next few weeks on creative projects or in pursuit of romance and fun. Spend more time with children or allow your inner child some freedom. Romance will be more playful than usual.

# **MARS OPPOSES URANUS:**

On Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:51 A.M. EST this potentially volatile aspect occurs. Be careful while driving or even walking. If this sets off a sensitive point in your chart it could lead to an incident. People will be tense and opinionated. Many could be looking for a fight, so I would avoid direct confrontation whenever possible.

#### **THE SUN TRINES PLUTO:**

On Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 A.M. EST this positive aspect comes around. It will be easier to get people to do your bidding today. There is an air of cooperation and a sense of community. It only lasts a day, so try to make the most of it.

## **MERCURY SQUARES JUPITER:**

On Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 A.M. EST the planet of communication conflicts with the biggest planet in the zodiac. People will tend to exaggerate and things could get blown out of proportion. Although this isn't as difficult a square as most, it still carries a punch. A simple disagreement could blow up to a major battle. Try to keep things in perspective and avoid embellishing things.

# MERCURY CONJUNCTS SATURN

On Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:42 P.M. EST this aspect hits. This is almost exactly the opposite of the Mercury Jupiter square mentioned above. Today you may find people rather reticent in their speech. It may be difficult to get your point across, and you may even find yourself tongue-tied. I would wait a day or so before having an important conversation; unless it has to do with planning for the future. It is often better to pay down a foundation while Saturn is around. Just don't finalize anything until this passes. You will tend to be too conservative, and may not like your decisions down the line.

#### **MERCURY OPPOSES NEPTUNE:**

On Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:57 P.M. EST and confusion reigns supreme. Don't believe anything you hear today. I wouldn't sign important contract or negotiate a deal. Nobody is thinking too clearly, and the confusion could lead to many mistakes. We could hear some very bad news that affects the financial markets, but it may turn out to be only a rumor. There is an old saying on Wall Street: Buy the rumor, sell the fact. That is good advice when Neptune and Mercury get together. Double check everything, and if you are having a difficult time communicating, wait a day or so and try again.

#### **VENUS SQUARES JUPITER:**

On Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:26 P.M. EST the lower and higher benefic planets are in square. This is unlike any other square in the zodiac. At worst this can be a day of overindulgences and exaggerations. But this is primarily a positive and good feeling aspect. Try not to overdo things; especially food and drink. And watch your pocketbook; remember what Groucho Marx once said: "Money goes out the door when love come innuendo."

## THE SUN ENTERS VIRGO:

On Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:23 A.M. EST we enter the mutable part of summer. As the inner planets move from Leo into Virgo things will feel less verbose and more detail oriented. Where Leo like things big and loud, Virgo prefers things quiet and diminutive. Now it is less about play and more about working. Since this happens right before the New Moon in Virgo things should start to feel different very quickly.

## **DARK OF THE MOON:**

The next New Moon falls on Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:10 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:

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July 26<sup>th</sup> 8:32 P.M. – July 27<sup>th</sup> 7:36 A.M.
July 29<sup>th</sup> 9:05 A.M. – 8:27 P.M. *** moon is void all day
July 31<sup>st</sup> 9:54 P.M. – August 1<sup>st</sup> 9:08 A.M.
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:08 A.M. – 7:13 P.M. *** moon is void all day
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August 5 3:22 P.M. – August 6 1:19 A.M.

August 7<sup>th</sup> 9:44 P.M. – August 8<sup>th</sup> 3:47 A.M.

August 9<sup>th</sup> 6:58 P.M. – August 10<sup>th</sup> 4:10 A.M.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 3:17 A.M. – 4:22 A.M.

August 13<sup>th</sup> 8:14 P.M. – August 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 A.M.

August 15<sup>th</sup> 9:51 P.M. – August 16<sup>th</sup> 10:07 A.M.

August 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 A.M. – 5:03 P.M. \*\*\*moon is void all day

August 20<sup>th</sup> 3:06 A.M. – August 21<sup>st</sup> 2:23 A.M. \*\*\*moon is void 24 hours

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:19 A.M. – 2:08 P.M. \*\*\*moon is void all day

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