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

The recent volatility in the stock markets is not a surprise. As those who regularly read this newsletter know the Saturn Neptune opposition was the harbinger of the collapse in the housing market. Saturn rules real estate and Neptune dissipates whatever it comes in contact with. Historically this aspect has led to inflation and recession at the same time – just what we are seeing now. I have prepared a financial and political update that will follow this newsletter in a day or so, in which I discuss these astrological events at greater length.

Saturn changes signs this month, entering Virgo after 2 ½ years in Leo. This will have a powerful impact on the financial markets, forcing us to view them in a more realistic and detailed manner. It will be more difficult to get away with things while this planet is in the mutable earth sign. People born with this placement find that they must work hard for everything they earn. I believe our society is about to learn that very lesson. With health care costs through the roof, housing prices plunging and many Americans facing financial disaster a serious dip in the stock market could remove trillions of dollars from the cash flow driving up into a recession that will affect most of our lives. Many have their retirement invested in the markets, and as the baby boomers reach that magic age what will be waiting for them?

Since Virgo also rules the 6<sup>th</sup> house of health, we may be facing a deeper crisis in our health care industry. Just using those words together – calling it a **health care industry** shows the problem. Good health should be something we can expect from a civilized society. Instead we have given power over our very bodies and life force to people who only understand profits. Woe unto us if there is any major health crisis in this country. The uninsured would be lining up outside hospitals begging for help.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:02 P.M. EST at 19 degrees Leo 51 minutes.** In some ways this is the most romantic month of the year, when we let the inner child out to frolic and play. Plan your vacation or romantic getaway for the Leo energy. It will appreciate it. This may be a confusing month for many of us. Neptune, the planet of illusion, will oppose this New Moon and the Sun and we could be in for a strange few weeks. If you need clarity in a situation make sure you get it or you could be the victim of a misunderstanding, or even deception. The stock market will continue to be unstable, and we may be heading into a serious economic problem.

### **THE SUN OPPOSES NEPTUNE:**

**On Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:27 P.M. EST** this potentially debilitating aspect completes. You must continue to be careful of miscommunication and deception. There won't be a lot of will power around, and many people's charts may be personally affected by this. If you aren't feeling up to things, maybe you should just rest. It is very easy to deplete the energy and exhaust yourself. This is historically a bad day for the stocks, and with the Venus aspect below completing right after this I wouldn't be surprised by another volatile and weak trading session.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS SATURN:**

**Also On Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 P.M. EST** this difficult aspect comes along. People will tend to be conservative in love and money issues. Saturn's sobriety will dominate, and a realistic attitude will be prevalent. This will affect the individual, and the collective. If there is real damage to our economy (and you know how I feel about that) then this could be a sobering moment when the collective takes stock in what is going on. With Saturn and Neptune both active in the midst of this wobbly stock market there could be a serious loss of faith, followed by a massive sell off.

### **MERCURY OPPOSES NEPTUNE:**

**On Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:10 P.M. EST** Mercury gets into the picture as well. This will add to the confusion and misdirection, and could even create problems with computers and communication devices of all sorts. This should be an interesting few days. Once again the warnings have to do with misdirection and misunderstandings. Be careful while traveling. If you are lost, put your ego aside and ask for directions.

### **THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:**

**On Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:56 P.M. EST** this completes. Expect people to be quite willful in their speech and writings. Short journeys will be very helpful and may open your eyes to something you have needed to see. This aspect often coincides with a change in direction for the U.S. bonds, or a very volatile session.

### **MARS SQUARES NEPTUNE:**

**On Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:26 A.M. EST** this rather debilitating aspect comes along. The collective ego will be weak, so however much that matters to you as an individual will decide how much you are affected by this transit. Most people will try to avoid direct confrontation under this energy, but that make dealing with others more difficult. At least with a clear idea of what is bothering someone you can take steps to change things. Now it will all be hidden, replaced by a mask. Be careful of drugs and alcohol. Again, it is the ego that is caught up in this and it may compensate by overdoing things.

### **THE SUN CONJUNCTS VENUS:**

**Also on Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:42 P.M. EST** and the energy will have changed radically from this morning. This is a calming and pleasant transit that may tend to make many of us lazy or lethargic. There is nothing wrong with you; it is just that you are more interested in enjoying yourself than getting things done.

There is a tendency to overindulge in things, and coming so soon after the Mars square Neptune this could be difficulty day for anyone on a diet or trying to control a substance problem.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS SATURN:**

**On Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:44 A.M. EST** the planet of thoughts and communication conjuncts the planet of restrictions. There will be a feeling of restraint in speech and ideas. A sobering attitude will prevail, and this would be a good day for making plans or organizing your life. It may be difficult at times to communicate with others. If so, just let it go until later today. You will find it much easier to get your thoughts out once this has gone out of orb.

### **MERCURY ENTERS VIRGO:**

**On Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:01 A.M. EST** Mercury enters picky Virgo. Attention to detail is the issue here, as we all start to dissect our ideas and plans. Try not to be too critical of others or of yourself. There is a limit to what each of us can pay attention to at one time. We are bound to miss a few things, so lighten up.

### **THE SUN CONJUNCTS SATURN:**

**On Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 P.M. EST** this repressive aspect comes along. People will be a bit more serious minded and reserved. There may be a feeling of frustration in the air, and you might find it difficult to get your energy up. I wouldn't plan a party for this evening.

### **THE SUN ENTERS VIRGO:**

**On Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:08 A.M. EST** we enter the mutable part of summer. The critical energy we have felt since Mercury entered this sign will intensify now. Be careful not to be too demanding or overbearing. Health issues may come to the forefront, but only if they exist already. This will not create them; only bring them out into the light.

### **MARS OPPOSES JUPITER:**

**Also on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:02 P.M. EST** this powerful transit completes. This can be a very positive aspect if handled properly. But you must be careful not to let your ego overwhelm you. The tendency to overdo things will become quite prominent and you may have a hard time limiting yourself. Avoid acting arrogantly or pushy. If you can subjugate the need for ego gratification you can accomplish a great deal today. This aspect is good for any physical activity.

### **MERCURY SQUARES MARS:**

**On Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. EST** this difficult square completes. You must be careful while traveling. If this sets off a sensitive point in your chart you may become angry and distracted, which could lead to an accident. Watch your tongue. It is easy to tell people off without realizing the intensity of your speech.

### **VENUS OPPOSES NEPTUNE:**

**Also on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:49 P.M. EST** this interesting transit comes along. This can be a very spiritual day or a very confusing one. The desire to help others may be strong in some of us, but the desire to deceive could be just as strong in others. Make sure you understand what and whom you are dealing with. If you aren't sure perhaps it would be better to wait until this passes before making any commitments.

### **FULL MOON:**

**On Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 A.M. EST** this month's lunar peak occurs at 4 degrees Pisces 44 minutes. The potential for misdirection and miscommunication is very real. You must be careful not to be distracted. Pisces rules the spiritual side of life, and this may be a day of compassion and acceptance. Or it could be a day of confusion and misunderstandings. A lot has to do with how you see things in general. If you tend to be sympathetic and caring this could set off those traits. If you are usually unsure of yourself and easily misdirected, you can expect more of the same. Because this coincides with the Mercury opposite Uranus mentioned below I would use extra caution all day. Full Moons bring a lot of energy with them and there will be an explosive quality in the air.

### **MERCURY OPPOSES URANUS:**

**Also on Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:38 P.M. EST** this potentially dangerous and upsetting aspect completes. Use caution, especially while traveling. This is an accident waiting to happen, especially during a Full Moon. People will tend to be jittery and nervous, so don't push them. Stress can easily turn to anger.

### **SATURN ENTERS VIRGO:**

**On Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:49 A.M. EST** the planet of discipline and karma enters one of the most serious of signs. It is always a major occurrence when Saturn changes signs, which it does about every 2 ½ years. We are entering a decisive period in our society; a time of change and redirection of our energies. Virgo is a critical sign that is deeply concerned with facts and figures. There is little room for speculation or indecision. The world is about to get a rude awakening.

### **MERCURY SQUARES PLUTO:**

**On Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:02 A.M. EST** this conflicting aspect completes bringing the deeper parts of our consciousness into focus. Communication will be more intense and people will want to get to the bottom of things. Secrets may be revealed as you will not be satisfied with superficial answers to your questions.

### **MARS SQUARES URANUS:**

**Also on Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:10 P.M. EST** this potentially explosive transit completes. Be careful today. This coincides with the Mercury square Pluto mentioned above, and the Sun square Jupiter mentioned below. This combination may prove to be a lot to handle. You might be angry or at least more assertive than usual. Watch your ego. It can be easily set off and you could blow things out of proportion.

### **THE SUN SQUARES JUPITER:**

**Also on Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:04 P.M. EST** the third in this day's combination of aspects completes. The desire to expand may lose all sense of proportion and it is possible to put yourself in an untenable situation. Use your common sense when making commitments and keep things in proportion. This is a good time to enlarge your plans or extend the scope of your influence as long as you don't overdo it. People will be outgoing and gregarious.

### **MERCURY ENTERS LIBRA:**

**On Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:03 A.M. EST** and for the next few weeks people will be more apt to seek compromise than fight. Communication in relationships will become more important and you may find that you and your mate are talking more than usual. We will be seeking balance in communications of all sorts. Look for the solution to your difficulties with others through cooperation rather than ego gratification.

### **PLUTO GOES DIRECT:**

**On Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:54 A.M. EST** this most distant cousin begins to travel forwards again. Issues involving other people's resources will come into the forefront. If you have been involved with an inheritance or other financial matter that has taken a lot of time and become frustrating you may find things resolving themselves soon. This may include the stocks, bonds and commodities all of which are under Pluto's domain.

### **VENUS GOES DIRECT:**

**On Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:13 P.M. EST** and we will all find it easier to relate to romance and finances. This doesn't mean that everything will go your way. Rather that these issues will be more outspoken and less hidden. It will be easier to tell people how you feel about them. The stocks may recover for a while, although I am still bearish and believe we are heading for a major problem. Still, the recent volatility began in earnest once this planet began retrograding, so the trend may reverse temporarily now.

### **THE SUN OPPOSES URANUS:**

**On Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:47 P.M. EST** this potentially explosive aspect completes. If this sets off a sensitive point in your chart this could represent a blow up with someone or an accident. Be careful until this passes. Try to avoid confrontations and dangerous situations.

### **DARK OF THE MOON:**

**The next New Moon falls on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:44 A.M. EST. The day or so leading up to it will be a particularly low energy period. If you tend to be emotional this may be a very trying time each month.** I have found that people with prominent moons or a Cancer Sun, Moon or ascendant respond to the cycles of the moon more intensely than others. 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.

**Note: All aspects are most powerful and effective as they apply. Once the transit has completed, its force is lessened. The further it separates the weaker it becomes.**

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 9:34 A.M. – 2:03 P.M.

August 15<sup>th</sup> 5:02 P.M. – August 16<sup>th</sup> 12:04 A.M.

August 18<sup>th</sup> 8:21 A.M. – 12:13 P.M.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 9:34 P.M. – August 21<sup>st</sup> 12:44 A.M.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:54 A.M. – 11:20 A.M.

August 24<sup>th</sup> 7:41 P.M. – August 25<sup>th</sup> 6:35 P.M.

August 27<sup>th</sup> 9:23 P.M. – 10:34 P.M.

August 29<sup>th</sup> 6:22 P.M. – August 30<sup>th</sup> 12:25 A.M.

September 1<sup>st</sup> 1:18 A.M. – 1:35 A.M.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:47 P.M. – September 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 A.M.

September 5<sup>th</sup> 7:01 A.M. – 7:08 A.M.

September 6<sup>th</sup> 1:04 P.M. – September 7<sup>th</sup> 12:59 P.M.

September 9<sup>th</sup> 2:07 P.M. – 9:10 P.M.

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