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

The recent fluctuations in the stock markets are the result of several aspects. First of all, Jupiter is dancing across America's ascendant until September. This will increase our sense of optimism, realistic or not. As long as Jupiter continues to transit its ruling sign of Sagittarius and stays within the trine to Saturn we can expect upward motion in the stocks, albeit with some seriously bearish days. As the support begins to wane we can expect more difficulties and even some mini-crashes. In the second week of October Jupiter will square Uranus, planet of sudden and unexpected changes. It will do so without the benefit of that trine to Saturn, and we could see a major reversal in the stocks. Once Jupiter enters restrictive Capricorn in December we will see the recent growth limited. There will be one more trine between Jupiter and Saturn in January, and then that support is removed.

The wonderful Saturn opposite Neptune has completed, which may allow a more realistic attitude about our economy as Neptune's ability to create illusions wanes. The true effects of the collapsing housing market will become clearer as the months go by. It is only now that economists are realizing the extent of this mess – how deeply it affects the entire financial system. Saturn's opposition to Neptune is the reason we had a mild hurricane season last year. Saturn is restrictive and held back Neptune's water. As that transit moves away we will see a return to more violent weather patterns.

Uranus will begin to oppose America's Neptune in May 2008 on and off through March 2009. We can expect some new problems with water during this period. There may be floods, hurricanes or other natural disasters. Uranus is the most explosive of energies, and its affects are simply unpredictable. But if you are prepared for the unexpected you can resolve anything. How can you prepare for the unexpected? Meditate.

At the end of January Pluto enters Capricorn as well, creating a trine to Saturn in April 2008. This will stabilize the political situation for a moment, but the transit of Pluto through this sign will take many years and, I'm afraid, may herald some sort of nuclear situation somewhere in the world. In March 2009 Pluto will oppose America's Venus, ruler of our 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> houses. This will begin a period of transformation in our national conscience. A year later it will oppose our Jupiter, ruler of the chart. This could be a very difficult time for our nation as we attempt to change our direction without disrupting our foundation. We may or may not be able to do so. A lot has to do with who we elect in 2008 and how well they are able to govern.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:04 AM EST at 21 degrees Cancer 41 minutes.** The Cancer New Moon is concerned with the home and family. This is a good month to work on the house, take the family on vacation or improve your familial relationships in general. There will be an emotional side to most things, but it needn't overwhelm you. There will also be enough Leo energy this month to allow for romantic encounters and games of all sorts. If you are prone to digestive difficulties you may experience an increase in the problem for a few days, until the Sun enters Leo on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **VENUS ENTERS VIRGO:**

**Also on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:25 PM EST** the planet of love enters this most critical of signs. People will tend to be more analytical and cautious in romance for the next few weeks. Because Venus goes retrograde this month it will reenter Leo and then return to Virgo in October. Relationships will change as Venus moves from sign to sign, so expect some confusion or mixed signals during the next few months. Go with the flow and respond to what is right in front of you and your path will always be calm and directed.

### **MARS SEXTILES URANUS:**

**On Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:14 PM EST** this useful aspect completes. There will be a lot of energy but it should be easy to direct. The sextiles are not demanding like the squares, so you must actively use this force or the aspect will simply pass as a pleasant enough day. Egos are controllable and you will find it easy to work with others on group activities.

### **THE SUN ENTERS LEO:**

**On Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 AM EST** we enter this fire sign and the fixed part of the summer begins. Leos are the true romantics of the zodiac, and this is a good month for a passionate get-away. Let the child within have his or her say. It's important to stay in touch with your innocence. Because this is a fixed sign you may encounter stubbornness and an unbending attitude. Following the emotional Cancer energy we have experienced the past month most of us will be happy just to frolic and play.

### **MARS SQUARES NEPTUNE:**

**On Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:11 PM EST** this confusing and, at times, debilitating transit completes. There will be a lack of will and direction for many of us. The ego power of Mars does not do well when confronted by the ego-less nature of Neptune. Pay attention to what is going on. Don't take things at face value – there is a tendency towards chicanery and misdirection. If you are confused about something, ask for clarification before making a final decision.

### **VENUS RETROGRADES:**

**On Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:27 PM EST** Venus begins moving backwards. For a few weeks we may find romance difficult. There is a tendency to internalize the energy of the planet in retrograde, and any romance begun now may prove restrictive if you try to rush things. Creative projects will also be difficult, but as with

any transit, if you use the energy properly you can achieve great things. Take your time before committing to something. Once you have decided to take the plunge you may find that you and your partner are able to delve into very deep waters.

### **MERCURY TRINES URANUS:**

**On Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:24 PM EST** this intellectual coupling occurs. Because Mercury is still traveling through Cancer there will be an emotional element to thoughts and speech. This trine will allow you to see things in a new and unusual fashion. Look for atypical solutions to your problems. The tried and true will not work now. You must expand your concepts and stretch for something different.

### **FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:48 PM EST at 6 degrees Aquarius 31 minutes.** All Full Moons demand our respect, but the Aquarian peak can be most explosive if it hits a sensitive part of your chart. Be careful today, and don't take chances. There will be plenty of unusual experiences as is; you don't have to go looking for the bizarre, it will find you. The issues have to do with personal freedom and self-expression. If you have been limited in yours, you may explode today. If you have been moving un-tethered through life this shouldn't bring you any problems. There could be some violent event on the world stage today.

### **MARS SQUARES SATURN:**

**On Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:01 PM EST** this restrictive aspect occurs. There will be a feeling of repressiveness and pressure as the ego tries to express itself under the weight of Saturn's limitations. This is the aspect of the "slow burn". People will be frustrated and tensions can build up to an explosive peak. Try to find a satisfactory release for any pent up pressure. And remember that the guy standing next to you on the subway is experiencing this aspect as well, so watch yourself.

### **THE SUN TRINES JUPITER:**

**On Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:12 AM EST** this wonderful transit completes. This should be an optimistic day when people will be more inclined to help each other. The trines to Jupiter offer us opportunities to expand things and see the bigger picture. Try to enlarge your point of view. You can only accomplish what your imagination can conceive of. Today is a day to think big. Most of us will be in a good mood, and social activities should be quite enjoyable.

### **MERCURY SEXTILES MARS:**

**On Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:53 AM EST** the ego and the intellect create this positive aspect. Communications will be forceful, but not aggressive. People will tend to say what's on their mind, so listen and you will learn what you need to know. Short journeys may be particularly enlightening.

### **MERCURY ENTERS LEO:**

**On Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 PM EST** the planet of communication and short journeys enters this fire sign. People will be a bit feistier than of late. Expect a more stubborn and willful attitude and a direct approach to things. The fire signs do tend to exaggerate things, so don't take everything you hear at face value. Wait until you have corroborating evidence to back thing up.

### **SATURN TRINES PLUTO:**

**On Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 AM EST** this trine completes. This is one of the stabilizing forces that is holding our financial markets together. The foundation and structure of Saturn is sustaining Pluto, ruler of joint resources and monies held in common. We will experience this once again in April 2008 when these two planets are in the mutable signs. But once that last pass ends we will lose one of the pillars that is supporting this house of cards. Then we will see what our situation really is.

### **JUPITER GOES DIRECT:**

**Also on Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:06 PM EST** the planet of growth and expansion turns around. Any project that has been put on hold or has been giving you trouble should begin to work itself out now. If you have been waiting to present your work to the world, this would be the time to consider a public showing. Travel, especially long trips to foreign lands, will run more smoothly.

### **MARS ENTERS GEMINI:**

**On Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:01 AM EST** the planet of ego enters this intellectually ruled sign. People may be a bit jittery while this planet is transiting here. You may find many people displaying a more forceful approach in their speech. Try to separate the attitude from the words.

### **VENUS SQUARES MARS:**

**Also on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:35 PM EST** the male and female planets are in conflict. Obviously the result could be conflict between men and women. Confrontation isn't always a bad thing if it has purpose. But don't get into picky little disputes with the opposite sex.

### **VENUS ENTERS LEO:**

**On Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:11 PM EST** the goddess of love enters the most romantic of signs. Women in particular may express a more aggressive and enthusiastic attitude towards love relationships. Because of the retrograde motion of Venus it will remain in Leo for longer than usual. Until this planet reenters Virgo in October you can expect to see the more assertive side of romance.

### **MERCURY TRINES JUPITER:**

**On Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:36 AM EST** the desire to expand your thoughts and direction will be strong. Try to see the bigger picture and don't limit your ideas. There is nothing your imagination cannot handle. Give yourself some room to grow. Now is the time to enlarge your concepts and strike out on your own. People will be more enthusiastic and outgoing for a day or so.

## **DARK OF THE MOON:**

**The next New Moon falls on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:02 PM 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:

July 14<sup>th</sup> 8:04 AM - 10:43 PM \*\*\* moon is void all day

July 16<sup>th</sup> 11:55 PM – July 17<sup>th</sup> 5:39 AM

July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:44 AM – 3:53 PM

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:29 AM – 4:18 AM

July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 AM – 4:29 PM

July 26<sup>th</sup> 8:13 PM – July 27<sup>th</sup> 2:21 AM

July 28<sup>th</sup> 10:23 PM – July 29<sup>th</sup> 9:14 AM

July 31<sup>st</sup> 7:55 AM – 1:40 PM

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:37 A.M – 4:43 PM

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1:31 PM – 7:16 PM

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August 6 9:50 PM –10:01 PM

August 9<sup>th</sup> 1:27 AM –1:36 AM

August 10<sup>th</sup> 8:57 AM – August 11<sup>th</sup> 6:42 AM \*\*\* moon is void all day

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