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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This lunar cycle will see several important aspects. **Saturn will oppose Neptune for the second time on February 28th, Jupiter trines Saturn on Friday March 16th, also for the second time, and Mercury is retrograde.** This should be an interesting month.

The Saturn – Neptune opposition is a powerful underlying energy this year. It heralded the change in direction of the House and Senate, which will continue beyond the next presidential election. It has stirred the inflationary waters, but so far seems to be contained, probably by the Jupiter – Saturn trine.

One result of that Jupiter – Saturn trine is that the stocks are holding up. And although the housing market is taking a tremendous hit (Saturn rules housing, and Neptune's opposition is dissolving many things Saturnine, including the housing market), the trine to Jupiter is preventing the eventual collapse that might occur once this support is gone.

Mercury is retrograde until March 7th. It is important to remember this fact when making significant decisions, such as travel arrangements, medical procedures, negotiations and any other project that requires attention to detail. If possible, leave things until after the 8th. But despite the obvious problems this transit can create, there is an up side to the backward motion of Mercury. During this thrice a year event the world slows down, people have more time to read your manuscript or write one. Conversations tend to be deeper and more honest. If something is bothering you about another person you may find it difficult to get their attention, but once you are on the phone the truth will out. Every aspect, even a difficult one, has a positive side. You just have to look for it.

NEW MOON:

This month's New Moon falls on Saturday February 17th at 11:14 A.M. EST at 28 degrees Aquarius 37 minutes. The issues this month have to do with personal freedom and latitude. This could be an unusual and exciting month. Things may not turn out as you planned. The lesson here is to go with the flow and let life take you where it may. This month has a load of potentially explosive or aggressive transits, so watch yourself.

THE SUN ENTERS PISCES:

On Sunday February 18th at 8:09 P.M. EST we enter the mutable water sign. Compassion and understanding are the key phrases for this month. Pay attention to the needs of others and you will reap the rewards. This is the last sign of the zodiac, and as we approach the New Year on March 20th we all should be finishing up things that require our attention in preparation for new beginnings. This isn't the time to start a new long-term project. If possible wait until the sun enters Aries next month.

VENUS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Monday February 19th at 10:54 P.M. EST this potentially difficult transit completes. People may be a bit more intense than usual, especially in close personal relationships. It may seem as though everyone wants to 'get to the bottom of things'. Compulsive or obsessive behavior is common, so be careful. You may act out or be the victim of someone else's compulsion.

VENUS ENTERS ARIES:

On Wednesday February 21st at 3:22 A.M. EST the planet of love enters this Mars ruled sign. For the next month or so people will be more aggressive and direct in love affairs. This isn't the time for a gentle romance. A powerfully assertive approach will do better. Be careful with your money as that aggressiveness could translate into frivolous spending.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

On Thursday February 22nd at 11:45 P.M. EST the coupling occurs and people will be willful and quite happy to say what's on their minds, often without forethought. This can be expressed in aggressive ways, but it doesn't have to be. If you are clear about what you have to say, you can get it across without difficulty. But if you are just talking to move the wind you may find resistance from those around you.

MARS ENTERS AQUARIUS:

On Sunday February 25th at 8:33 P.M. EST the god of war enters this most erratic of signs adding to the already tense atmosphere. This will add to the desire for freedom and self-assertion. There will be little patience for anything that holds you back. We should all try to avoid confrontations and direct assaults. There will be a great deal of energy in the air and there is no reason you should get caught in its path. There could be some aggressive acts this month, or an escalation of activity in a war zone.

MERCURY ENTERS AQUARIUS:

On February 26th at 10:00 P.M. EST the retrograding planet of communication joins Mars and Neptune in this unpredictable and often unstable sign. Now people's speech will be electric and assertive, adding to the overall feelings of pressure and the need for freedom. Thoughts and ideas will come fast and furiously. Try to keep up with the increased pace of things. This is a sign of genius, which if used properly can be creative and brilliant. It can also be genius gone wrong; angry and petulant. It is up to you as to which reaction you

have.

SATURN OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday February 28th at 7:01 A.M. EST this fascinating and confusing transit completes the second of three passes. This is the most significant transit in the sky at the moment. It is the force behind the changes in our culture, politically and socially. Saturn rules stability and structure, while Neptune has no use for these things and often dissolves foundations. If this hits a sensitive point in your chart it could have a powerful effect on your life. In any event this could be a day of great confusion and reversals in direction and power. Use caution and double check all your plans and your important work.

MERCURY SEXTILES PLUTO:

Also on Wednesday February 28th at 8:13 A.M. EST this positive coupling completes, and people will be seeking a deeper answer to their questions. Because this comes along with the Saturn – Neptune opposition this should be an interesting day mixed with confusion and a strong desire to clear things up. The Saturn – Neptune transit is far more powerful, so don't be concerned if you find it difficult to get to the bottom of things.

FULL MOON:

This month's peak occurs on Saturday March 3rd at 6:17 P.M. EST at 13 degrees Virgo 00 minutes.

People may be a bit critical and picky today. Try to avoid petty arguments or getting caught up in small details. If this Full Moon hits a sensitive point in your chart, it may be a day of nervous energy and worry. It will soon pass, so don't pay it much mind. For the rest of the month, however, we all must pay attention to detail, proofread everything, and double check all facts. There may be some health issues to contend with. Be especially careful of digestion and the assimilation of foods.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS URANUS:

On Monday March 5th at 10:38 A.M. EST this potentially explosive transit completes. Be careful today. This is an argument or accident waiting to happen. Some of us will be pent up and may act rashly. If you feel anger or frustration, you must express it and let the tension out or it will implode and may manifest as an accident or illness. If you are allowing yourself enough freedom and don't feel too restricted anywhere in your life, this will not be a difficult transit. The desire is for unencumbered movement and freedom of expression. This can actually be a very positive transit if you can express that freedom successfully.

MERCURY GOES DIRECT:

On Wednesday March 7th at 11:45 P.M. EST the winged god turns back around. For the next day or two you must be careful. Most accidents and mistakes occur while this planet is changing direction. Also, the world will be moving exceptionally quickly to make up for the past 3 weeks of retrograde action. Try not to get caught up in the speed or you will make errors. Secrets are often revealed at this time, so don't be surprised by whatever you hear.

VENUS TRINES JUPITER:

On Thursday March 8th at 6:16 A.M. EST this wonderfully pleasant transit comes along. Most people will be easy to get along with, and anything you do that involves recreation or travel should fair well. Relationships will run smoothly, and you should find some way to enjoy this day. You probably won't feel much like working, so try to plan a day of relaxation. The only warning is that there is a tendency towards overindulgences and laziness.

VENUS TRINES SATURN:

On Friday March 9th at 3:41 A.M. EST this useful transit completes. Love will be seen from a more realistic perspective. Any new relationship begun now may not be terribly exciting, but it will be strong and stable, with the potential to last a long time. This is a good time to make financial or business plans.

THE SUN SQUARES JUPITER:

Also on Friday March 9th at 9:19 A.M. EST this exciting aspect presents itself. This can be a very exuberant day. The desire for expansion and new experiences will motivate many of us to explore the world with an open mind. But there may be a tendency to overdo things, and a word of caution is needed. Proceed with enthusiasm, but be careful of taking on too many tasks. You probably won't have the energy to complete them once this transit moves on.

VENUS SEXTILES NEPTUNE:

Also on this very busy Friday March 9th at 10:43 P.M. EST the third of a series of transits completes. This is a very positive coupling that stimulates our desire to help others. Compassion will be easier to feel in personal relationships and in the world at large. There is a strong desire to get along with others and to help out wherever it is called for. Intuition will be quite pronounced and those with psychic abilities may receive more than their usual input.

JUPITER TRINES SATURN:

On Friday March 16th at 6:44 P.M. EST this important and very supportive transit completes. This is one of the aspects responsible for the continuation of growth in our society at the moment. Jupiter's need to expand is being supported by Saturn's foundation and structure. Although the housing market is taking the terrible hit that I predicted would occur, it isn't dragging down the entire economy – yet, because of this aspect.

MERCURY SEXTILES PLUTO:

Also on Friday March 16th at 7:33 P.M. EST this transit comes along to deepen our conversations and communications. People will want to know the truth and dig into things to get at it. This is not a negative transit, in fact it can be quite positive, but it does carry a certain amount of weight, and frivolous conversations will not suffice. If you initiate a discussion, be prepared for the depth to which it may go.

VENUS TRINES PLUTO:

Also on Friday March 16th at 8:15 P.M. EST this aspect will allow us to get to the bottom of things, especially regarding personal relationships. This day has a plethora of transits, most of which deal with the unconscious and our ability to converse with it. People will be more interested in solving problems than superficial activities. Love relationships will be carefully scrutinized.

MERCURY SEXTILES VENUS:

Also on Friday March 16th at 9:23 P.M. EST this transit comes to complete this series of energies. This is also a very busy day, astrologically. Communication of all sorts is favored, although the combination of transits will make this a more complex day than any of the individual transits would produce. If you have something to say to someone, this is the time to do so. You can expect to uncover some truths about the situation.

VENUS ENTERS TAURUS

On Saturday March 17th at 6:01 P.M. EST the goddess of love returns home to the sign of her rulership. For the next few weeks love takes a turn towards loyalty and stability. The frivolous affairs that began while Venus was in Aries will be studied and tested now to see which are worth keeping. People will be more sensitive, and what we value most will be brought into focus.

MERCURY ENTERS PISCES:

On Sunday March 18th at 5:35 A.M. EST the planet of communication and short journeys enters the last sign of the zodiac. There will be a soft and sensitive feeling to what is being said. While Mercury is in this mutable water sign emotions will come through the intellect. Those with psychic abilities may see a surge in their powers. But whether you are psychic or not, use your intuition rather than your intellect for the next few weeks. It will serve you better.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Sunday March 18th at 10:43 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.

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.

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:

February 17th 11:14 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
February 19th 11:43 A.M. – 2:06 P.M.
February 21st 12:41 P.M. – 3:03 P.M.
February 23rd 2:47 P.M. – 5:42 P.M.
February 25th 8:21 P.M. – 10:48 P.M.
February 27th 1:03 A.M. – February 28th 6:29 A.M.
March 2nd 2:02 P.M. – 4:32 P.M.
March 5th 1:56 A.M. – 4:25 A.M.
March 7th 2:51 P.M. – 5:17 P.M.
March 9th 8:51 P.M. – March 10th 5:37 A.M.
March 12th 2:27 P.M. – 4:35 P.M.
March 14th 4:21 P.M. – 10:52 P.M.
March 17th 12:01 A.M. – 1:30 A.M.

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