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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

The first two weeks of this month have a great deal of Mercury transits. The implication is quite clear: this is a time for communication. We will be hearing important information both as individuals and as a collective. It is important that we assimilate that information properly or we could have difficulties by month's end. Because this month begins with a Void of Course Moon, it is important to remain flexible and go with the flow, as they say. Don't assume that things aren't working out just because they change direction. You must be willing to change with them.

The second half of the month is more about Mars, which will trine Jupiter and Saturn, creating a 'grand trine' in the fire signs. There will be a lot of energy, although some of it will be repressed by that Saturn. It is important to find ways to use the Martian force, or it will internalize and could create difficulties for us. Any physical activity will be beneficial in directing the energy towards a useful end.

The Full Moon in Sagittarius may bring some surprises as well. This sign is known for its ability to exaggerate things, and on the world stage this could put on some show. Whatever occurs, good or bad, will certainly be noticeable. There will be a feeling of optimism as we approach that Full Moon, and if it is justified, this could be an amazing time for some. But if it is only smoke, it could be very disappointing. Sagittarius is more interested in the truth than your feelings. If you are deluding yourself you will know it around the 31st of May. But if you aren't, then the world should know it shortly thereafter.

May 20th, May 27th and June 9th are dates with difficult and potentially dangerous aspects. Try to stay out of harm's way.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Wednesday May 16th at 3:27 P.M. EST at 25 degrees Taurus 33 minutes, and it immediately goes void of course. The issue this month has to do with values and what we think is important. Possessions and money will be in the forefront of many people's thoughts as we try to make sense of things. Because we are again facing a void of course New Moon we can expect that things will not work out as we thought. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it requires that we be flexible and bend with the changes as they are presented.

MERCURY OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Sunday May 20th at 1:31 A.M. EST this enthusiastic and outgoing transit completes. For a day or so leading up to this people will be very chatty and expansive in their thoughts and speech. There is a tendency

to exaggerate, so don't believe everything you are told. The pace of communications may speed up, especially if this hits a sensitive point in your chart.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

Also on May 20th at 7:25 P.M. EST this erratic and upsetting transit completes. Because we are experiencing a Jupiter – Uranus square in the sky, any planet that aspects one will aspect the other. This is an exciting and restless energy that can bring you great adventure or accidents; it's up to you. Certainly we should all move with caution during the hours leading up to this. But don't hide away in your room. Go out and search for excitement. Just be careful, especially while traveling.

THE SUN ENTERS GEMINI:

On Monday May 21st at 6:12 A.M. EST and we begin the mutable part of spring. Communication and short journeys will abound this month. Use this time to write, make your point to others and expand your attitude. Gemini is ruled by Mercury, and you may notice that there are a great many Mercury transits as well. If you are prone towards nervousness this month could be difficult for you.

MERCURY SEXTILES SATURN:

Also on Monday May 21st at 6:48 A.M. EST another Mercury aspect completes. This is a stabilizing moment when thought and plans are particularly secure. It is easy to make your point without arguments. But there may be a tendency to withdraw for some of us. Even the positive aspects of Saturn to Mercury can produce moodiness or exhaustion.

MERCURY TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday May 23rd at 3:49 A.M. EST the mind and the spirit connect. Your imagination will be heightened and your desire to help others may also be more pronounced. Any artistic or creative venture will do well today. Use your inventive side and let your imagination run free. You may be surprised by what you produce.

NEPTUNE RETROGRADES:

On Thursday May 24th at 9:10 P.M. EST this planet begins its backward motion. It will be easier for some artists to get their work done, but it may be more difficult to show it to the world. If something is accepted while Neptune is in retrograde it should have a stronger impact on the collective once this planet goes forward again October 31st.

VENUS TRINES URANUS:

On Friday May 25th at 2:40 A.M. EST this coupling completes. Most of us will be looking for unusual or exciting adventures, especially in love. There is a strong desire to explore new things and people when Venus and Uranus get together. Don't just accept the same boring routines, pursue something stimulating.

MERCURY OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Sunday May 27th at 11:12 A.M. EST to complete this series of Mercury transits. This can be a funky transit during which people may be prone to a number of reactions. There is a tendency to want to get to the deepest part of any conversation. Superficial answers will not satisfy you, and you will do anything to strip away the veneer and see what is really underneath. Arguments are common, so try to avoid direct confrontation unless you are looking for it.

MERCURY ENTERS CANCER:

On Monday May 28th at 8:56 P.M. EST and the energy will certainly change. While Mercury travels through this water sign people will be a bit more empathetic and understanding. There is more compassion than when Mercury was in Gemini. It may be more difficult for some to stand up for themselves, as there isn't as much force behind their speech.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Thursday May 31st at 9:04 P.M. EST at 10 degrees Sagittarius 12 minutes. Sagittarius energy tends to be optimistic and outgoing, and there is no reason to assume this will be anything but. This could be a good time for a party or other social gathering, just pay attention to certain warnings. All Full Moons get my respect. This one may blow things out of proportion, good or bad. Try to keep things in perspective. The expansive potential is great, and you could see things grow in a positive way. But if something gets out of hand today it could bring mischief and be difficult to handle. There is always the chance of something big happening on this lunar aspect.

MARS TRINES JUPITER:

On Monday June 4th at 10:59 P.M. EST this positive coupling completes. People will be enthusiastic and energetic. This would be a good day to approach someone with a new or expanding idea. Physical activity would be good for most of us. You must use the trines and sextiles or they will just pass as a pleasant day. To use this properly you must be willing to let go of the concept of boundaries and limitations. There is a great deal of Jupiter energy this month, and people will be looking for ways to grow. Try not to limit your opportunities.

VENUS ENTERS LEO:

On Tuesday June 5th at 1:59 P.M. EST the planet of love and possessions enters the fixed fire sign. Venus in this sign tends to be outgoing and showy. There is a desire to put one's love on stage. Women in particular may tend to be more assertive and outgoing. This transit favors any live performance.

THE SUN OPPOSES JUPITER:

Also On Tuesday June 5th at 7:12 P.M. EST this wonderfully outgoing aspect comes along. People will be generous and chatty. Travel is favored, especially if this sets off your chart. The feeling today is one of expansion and optimism continuing the energy we have felt since the Full Moon. Use this day to make plans

or put into action whatever you have been preparing.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Saturday June 9th at 4:09 P.M. EST this potentially explosive aspect occurs. Accidents, intense encounters with others and just a general sense of disarray may be felt by many. Don't plan anything that requires a lot of organization. There is a good chance something along the way will screw up; the simpler the better for now. If this sets off your chart this could be a very nervous or accident prone day. Friday, June 8th looks like a *potentially* very bad day in the stock markets.

THE SUN SEXTILES MARS:

On Monday June 11th at 6:28 A.M. EST this positive transit comes along. This is a high energy transit, but non-confrontational. You should be able to use the forces around you to your advantage. People will be more willing to work together and you can get help completing your tasks.

THE SUN SEXTILES SATURN:

Also on Monday June 11th at 3:40 P.M. EST this sextile completes. This is an excellent few days to get things done. There is balance and an unassuming ego force that will be easier to work with. Group activities should work out well, as you won't have to deal with the usual interpersonal tensions.

MARS TRINES SATURN:

Also on Monday June 11th at 6:44 P.M. EST this trine completes. This is the culmination of this day's activity, and it represents a moment when things should feel firmly based in reality. There is a sense of security to the collective ego, and this could be a day of calm and stable activity. This is a good day to set future plans in motion.

THE SUN TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday June 13th at 3:31 A.M. EST this interesting transit comes along. This favors creative and artistic projects. This could be a day of inspiration, or a time when you delve into your subconscious. Try to follow your instincts rather than your intellect. It will serve you better.

MARS SEXTILES NEPTUNE:

Also on Wednesday June 13th at 4:37 P.M. EST another rather ego-less transit brings us an opportunity to relate to each other without the usual nonsense. It is possible that some of us may have a spiritual moment when the universe seems correct and in proper order. With that awareness it is almost impossible to feel prejudice or competitiveness. It's a good time to interact. This only lasts a few hours, so I don't expect miracles.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Thursday June 14th at 11:13 P.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.

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 16th 3:27 P.M. - 10:34 P.M.
May 18th 8:57 P.M. – 11:38 P.M.
May 21st 3:46 A.M. – 3:57 A.M.
May 23rd 9:08 A.M. – 12:26 P.M.
May 25th 8:43 P.M. – May 26th 12:16 A.M.
May 28th 12:17 P.M. – 1:11 P.M.
May 30th 1:11 P.M. – May 31st 1:07 A.M.
June 2nd 7:29 A.M. – 11:09 A.M.
June 4th 5:43 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.
June 6th 9:46 P.M. – June 7th 1:24 A.M.
June 9th 1:52 P.M. – 5:26 A.M.
June 11th 3:57 A.M. – 7:29 A.M.
June 12th 7:18 P.M. – June 13th 8:24 A.M.

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