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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This is the one hundredth edition of this newsletter, a milestone I hadn't considered when I began writing it in 1999. This has been a journey of discovery for me as I continue to stretch what I thought were the boundaries of astrology further and further out. Those of you who follow my newsletters or astrology in general have seen what this marvelous art/science can do.

April has seen the reversal of two of the major planets. Jupiter has begun its retrograde action, while Saturn has begun moving forward. This will reverse many areas of our lives. We should see a change in direction of the stock markets and the political atmosphere. Personally many of us will recognize a redirection of energies, as we each attempt to move our lives ahead. Don't be stubborn. Let the changes take place or you will regret it in the near future.

We are in the midst of a political firestorm that is about to ignite. The corruption and abuse of power in Washington has overwhelmed the collective. The recent horrific murders at Virginia Tech, the firing of Don Imus, the exposing of deep-rooted theft and chicanery in our government have all settled into our minds. What will we do about it? Probably not enough. But we will be unable to continue to ignore the questions these events raise. America, and mankind in total, are facing irreversible decisions regarding our environment and our financial future. The rape of the middle class has pretty much completed the consolidation of authority begun after the Civil War, when giant corporations began to fuse the wealth and power of this nation into unbending hands of steel controlled by a few individuals. Those individuals now control the very planet we live on. Their decisions will affect future generations, if there are any. Corporate profits are held in higher esteem than survival. Yet this collective refuses to make the demands necessary to guarantee our continued existence. There will be a day of reckoning.

In 2008 Pluto will enter Capricorn. This is a powerful change in energy. The last pass of the Jupiter – Saturn trine will finish in January 2008, taking with it much of the financial foundation we are sitting on. After that date, we are susceptible to all sorts of complications in our markets. Pluto rules plutonium, and its journey through this Saturn ruled sign will have long-lasting consequences. It does not leave until 2024. I will discuss the potential results of this transit in future months. Suffice to say that this is a transit astrologers all over the world are carefully studying and monitoring.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on April 17th at 7:36 A.M. EST at 27 degrees Aries 05 minutes. This is the first New Moon of the year astrological and it will set the pace in some ways for the next twelve months. Aries like to start many things, but don't always finish them. Try to begin projects that have a clear goal. This is also the first New Moon in a while that does not go Void of Course immediately after. There will be a stronger sense of structure and continuity than we have seen of late. Things should work out as planned better than they have for the past few months.

THE SUN TRINES PLUTO:

On Thursday April 19th at 3:34 A.M. EST this transit that favors group activities and projects will complete. People will be more willing to work together towards a common objective. It will be easier to get others to do your bidding, so try to use this energy to move things along.

SATURN GOES DIRECT:

Also on Thursday April 19th at 5:26 P.M. EST the planet of responsibility begins to move forward. Many projects and business ventures that have been delayed should start to show motion now. This is a better time to begin a new business or expand an existing one. We will soon see what the state of our economy really is once this planet gets moving forwards again.

THE SUN ENTERS TAURUS:

On Friday April 20th at 7:07 A.M. EST we enter the fixed earth sign. People will be more interested in projects that offer financial security. Taurus values security and often defines it in terms of possessions and money. Stubbornness is often associated with this sign, so don't be surprised if some people act this way.

MERCURY TRINES SATURN:

On Saturday April 21st at 3:09 A.M. EST the planet of communication completes this positive aspect to Saturn. Because mercury also trines Jupiter today, these two aspects should be viewed as one. (See below).

MERCURY TRINES JUPITER:

Also on Saturday April 21st at 6:39 P.M. EST Mercury will trine Jupiter as well. This is a day when you can communicate clearly and with an open attitude. There will be structure to your thoughts and speech as well as the desire to expand your concepts. Your ideas can grow and be stabilizing at the same time. The Jupiter – Saturn trine that is taking place in the sky is bringing stability and structure to our communications. This Mercury aspect sets off a grand trine in fire. We should expect to hear some important news around this time.

VENUS SQUARES MARS:

On Monday April 23rd at 1:30 A.M. EST the male and female planets create a conflicting aspect to each other. This is not a good day for personal relationships. The differences between the sexes will be more pronounced and disagreements may abound. Any new relationship that is begun under this energy will have

to contend with this disagreeable force. If possible wait a few days before beginning a new love affair.

VENUS SQUARES URANUS:

On Thursday April 26th at 11:19 P.M. EST this interesting aspect completes. People will be fickle and unstable. We will be seeking the unusual, especially in love. Any relationship begun now might be exciting, but it will not have a strong foundation. Watch your money; with this aspect it's easy come, easy go.

MERCURY ENTERS TAURUS:

On Friday April 27th at 3:16 A.M. EST the planet that rules communication enters this obstinate unbending sign. People will tend to be more stubborn and less likely to compromise. For many, money issues will be forefront in their minds. Try to bend with the wind. Your inflexibility will not serve you well.

VENUS SEXTILES SATURN:

Also on Friday April 27th at 4:06 P.M. EST this positive coupling comes together. We will all be a bit more realistic about love. This transit comes only a day after the Venus – Uranus square, *and what a difference a day makes*. Any relationship born with this aspect has a much better potential for longevity and structure. It may not be as exciting as the Uranus relationships, but it will be around longer.

VENUS OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Saturday April 28th at 8:43 A.M. EST this wonderfully exciting transit completes. Optimism and expansion are the key phrases here. Most people will be in good moods and the desire for companionship is strong. Plan to spend the morning with friends; maybe have an early brunch. The only word of warning has to do with overindulgences. Jupiter blows things out of proportion, and Venus like stuff, including food and money. The tendency to overdo is very possible.

MARS CONJUNCTS URANUS:

On Sunday April 29th at 12:38 A.M. EST this potentially dangerous transit occurs. People may be a bit feisty or belligerent. Try to avoid conflicts and arguments. Sudden or upsetting events are common with this conjunction. There is a great deal of energy in the air. Find a positive place to project it and this can be a useful and creative transit.

MARS SQUARES JUPITER:

On Monday April 30th at 6:21 P.M. EST Mars, planet of ego, squares Jupiter, planet of expansion and growth. As a result, egos may get blown out of proportion. If you approach others with a positive attitude this can be a very productive transit. If you come on with a chip on your shoulder others may react negatively.

VENUS TRINES NEPTUNE:

Also on Monday April 30th at 9:35 P.M. EST this creative and interesting transit completes. This favors all imaginative and artistic ventures. Artistic projects should progress successfully. The spiritual side of things

will also be stimulated, and this would be a good day for any type of charitable venture.

FULL MOON

The lunar peak occurs on Wednesday May 2nd at 6:09 A.M. EST at 11 degrees Scorpio 38 minutes. All Full Moons deserve our respect, and we should be conscious of this energy. Be careful for a day or so while this is in orb. Scorpio has much to do with things hidden under the surface. Secrets could be revealed and hidden agendas uncovered.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

On Thursday May 3rd at 12:06 A.M. EST this conjunction occurs. People will tend to be willful and argumentative. There is a force behind the speech, and a strong desire to get to the bottom of things. This is a high energy day when communications and short trips will abound. Since Mercury has much to do with the U.S. bonds, this is an active aspect for that market, often a reversal of direction.

MERCURY SQUARES SATURN:

On Saturday May 5th at 6:55 P.M. EST this difficult transit completes. It may be hard to communicate today, and you may find people somewhat reticent. Don't push against the wind, wait until this passes and then try to get your point across. Travel may be tricky, so leave extra time for connections and expect delays. There could be problems with planes, trains and automobiles.

JUPITER TRINES SATURN:

On Sunday May 6th at 3:13 A.M. EST this supportive transit completes. This is one of the main reasons the stock market is holding up and hitting new highs. We will see this trine again in January 2008 in the earth signs. Once the final pass of this transit completes we will see the foundation of the stock markets begin to crumble. 2008 looks like a very different year than 2007.

VENUS OPPOSES PLUTO:

Also on Sunday May 6th at 10:05 P.M. EST this aspect completes. Pluto brings a compulsive energy with it, and being in opposition to Venus implies that people will be more obsessive about love and possessions. A relationship born with this configuration will be intense, troublesome and difficult to let go of. Be careful with your money for a day or so. This is not a good day to finalize a contract or other financial agreement.

MERCURY SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Monday May 7th at 10:30 A.M. EST confusion reigns supreme. This is a complicated transit that often results in misunderstandings and miscommunication. Make sure you understand what others are saying, and that you are understood. If you're not sure about something, double check it. This is not a good day for important conversations or making agreements. You will not totally understand what's going on, and you could make some very big mistakes. Mercury has a lot of difficult transits this month, which may represent a weakness in the bond market.

VENUS ENTERS CANCER:

On Tuesday May 8th at 3:28 A.M. EST the planet of love enters this emotional water sign. People will be more expressive, especially in love. There is gentleness to this placement that can smooth over the roughest troubles. Any relationship started with Venus in this sign will be compassionate and have a strong desire for peace and quiet.

THE SUN SEXTILES URANUS:

Also on Tuesday May 8th at 4:26 P.M. EST this positive transit completes. This is a good time for change. You will find it easier to make adjustments without the usual struggle. Positive changes are possible now, but you must make use of this energy or this will simply pass as a pleasant enough day.

THE SUN SQUARES SATURN:

On Wednesday My 9th at 8:05 A.M. EST this square completes. This is one of the more difficult aspects. Nothing seems to go right, and there are often difficulties with authority figures. The energy level is quite low, and people may be grumpy and irritated. Try to avoid confrontations, and use this day for hard work. If you direct the energy where it can do some good you will avoid the potential complication.

JUPITER SQUARES URANUS:

On Thursday May 10th at 11:45 P.M. EST this interesting configuration completes. Besides the Jupiter – Saturn trine, this square has been in the collective unconscious all year. It will return in October 2007, just in time for our favorite month for stock market crashes. Will we have one in the fall? Possibly, but it has to do with the decisions made between now and then. The suddenness of Uranus and the expansive overindulgence of Jupiter present the potential for an explosive situation. We may see some of it now, but with the Jupiter – Saturn trine still in effect I doubt the markets will suffer too much. In October, however, that trine is not in orb.

MERCURY ENTERS GEMINI:

On Friday May 11th at 5:17 A.M. EST Mercury come home to roost. This is the sign of its rulership, and for the next three weeks, while this planet is traveling through this sign you will find that people are more chatty, quicker to make decisions and sometimes excessive in their speech. Those that are prone to nervous disorders should be careful, especially if this sets off your natal chart. You may also find that people seem more honest and straight forward.

THE SUN SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Saturday May 12th at 10:57 P.M. EST this transit completes. This is one of the most confusion and dishonest aspects we confront. Nothing is as it seems, and you must make sure you are getting the proper information. Usually this represents weakness in the stock markets. But since this falls on a Saturday it has much to do with how the markets closed on Friday. If they showed weakness, you can expect it to continue

on Monday. Even if they closed strong, watch the news this weekend. You could be unpleasantly surprised next week.

MARS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Sunday May 13th at 11:14 A.M. EST this potentially dangerous and violent aspect occurs. Be careful the night before and into this morning. This is a fight waiting to happen. Once this completes it will lose much of its power, but could still leave some of us in a bad mood. Because this comes so close behind the Sun – Neptune square, it could help push things into a strange and confusion place. We are heading into the Dark of the Moon, which represents the end of things. Use the next few days to complete whatever you have begun. And watch those stocks carefully tomorrow.

MARS ENTERS ARIES:

On Tuesday May 15th at 10:06 A.M. EST the god of war crosses the Aires point and begins its trip around the zodiac anew. Mars rules this sign, and it feels right at home in this aggressive energetic place. People will tend to be more direct and forceful until June 24th when it enters Taurus. If it is not your nature to be assertive, you could feel a bit pushed around this month. Try to avoid confrontations, unless you are looking for a good fight. In that case, Mars will accommodate you.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Wednesday May 16th at 3:27 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:

April 17th 10:26 A.M. - 12:11 P.M.

April 18th 10:29 P.M. – April 19th 11:51 A.M.

April 21st 11:51 A.M. – 1:50 P.M.

April 23rd 5:10 A.M. – 7:38 P.M.

April 26th 3:01 A.M. – 5:25 A.M.

April 28th 3:14 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.

May 1st 4:07 A.M. – 6:41 A.M.

May 3rd 2:43 A.M. – 6:48 P.M.

May 6th 2:45 A.M. – 5:21 A.M.

May 8th 3:34 A.M. – 1:48 P.M.

May 10th 5:47 P.M. – 7:32 P.M.

May 12th 7:53 P.M. – 10:19 P.M.

April 14th 8:24 P.M. – 10:48 P.M.

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