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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This month has quite a number of difficult and frustrating aspects. **There is a plethora of hard Mercury aspects to accompany the Full Moon in Mercury ruled Gemini.** Be especially cautious in your communications and make sure you are saying what you mean. It is easy to overstate your case or react to emotional input instead of your intellect. Also be careful while traveling. The information that comes to us this month will have long-lasting effects.

Uranus goes direct a few minutes before this New Moon. This coupled with the **Sagittarius New Moon** may represent a turnaround in the tech stocks and the NASDAQ, at least temporarily, which could fuel a broader rally. But the fundamentals are still so bad that the slightest tremor could shake this market loose with another 1,000 point drop in the DOW. **With Saturn in opposition to Uranus four more times between now and July 2010, we can expect continued instability in the financial markets and the world at large.** The recent terrorist attacks in India are only the first of a number of such incidences. We can expect more. **Uranus is the planet of revolution. Saturn is the planet of stability and structure.** When these two are in conflict there will be no foundation upon which to feel secure. **In the Great Alignment of May 2000 these two planets were in square to each other.** Now that they are in opposition we are seeing the results of that Taurus Great Alignment and how precarious our lives have become. We can expect social unrest, more terrorist attacks and deeper wounds that will become harder to heal as time goes by.

Pluto entered Capricorn shortly before the New Moon as well. This transit that will last until 2024 will redefine our society and the world in general. I will discuss this transit at length in future issues and lectures. However, suffice to say that the transit of Pluto through the signs has through the years shown to influence our society greatly. It was **Pluto transiting through Sagittarius** that caused the price of oil to rise to \$148.00 a barrel, one of the main events that pushed our backs against the wall and helped create the current financial collapse. Now as Pluto transit Saturn-ruled Capricorn we will see changes in the very foundation of the society, our goals and the earth itself.

Nothing less than a fundamental change in our way of doing business is required. As we watch the collapse of the world's largest pyramid scheme I wonder what changes will finally be made. We have developed a society based on greed, debt and passivity. The banks and credit cards have taken over our society and twisted our priorities all out of proportion. These cockroaches were handed the keys to the kingdom over the past 40 years, and they have taken full advantage of it to create a class of economic slaves. If you don't live

in debt and have credit cards you aren't part of the system. They have made it virtually impossible to live within your means – increasing credit limits, pushing money onto people who could never afford to pay it back, and then squeezing the poor bastards with higher credit limits, higher interest rates and the threat of ruin. If you've ever been in the position of dealing with collection agencies you know what I mean. They will use any means, legal or not, to get money from debtors. Constant phone calls to your home, work and family members are only the beginning. They have corrupt process servers who knowingly serve papers illegally to old addresses or even places you have never lived. Then they secretly seal your bank accounts and force you into court, where the judges turn a blind eye to their shenanigans. They continue to charge 32% interest on accounts that have been closed for years. And again the courts do little to protect the individual. And then there is the all telling credit score, the omnipotent single number that can prevent you from buying a home, a car, or even get a job. Our lives are controlled by people we will never see, not by our elected officials. And we wonder why it all fell to crap. If we bail out these crooks only to return to the same system of finances we will in essence be condoning and feeding into this sickness. As it is, we are standing on the verge of what potentially could be virtually the end of our society as we know it. People who have been in the financial markets for decades are scared. They have never seen anything like this in history. There is no easy or simple solution to what we have wrought upon ourselves. However, if we do manage to repair the structure of it, and put things back the way there were without addressing the basic issues of financial human rights we will see it all collapse again.

Please watch my brief youtube discussions on the Great Alignment and Saturn opposite Uranus.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Thursday November 27th at 11:54 A.M. EST at 5 degrees Sagittarius 49 minutes. This is the most optimistic and expansive of the signs and the New Moon here marks the beginning of the holiday month. It is a time to enlarge your perspective and embrace your spiritual side. Jupiter rules the study of religion and it isn't by accident that we prepare for our holidays under this energy. It is a time of celebration and festivities, and we certainly could use a good party right about now. As with all things Sagittarian, try not to overdo or take on more than you can handle. The optimism that accompanies this energy can easily blow things out of proportion.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS MARS:

On Friday November 28th at 10:40 P.M. EST this aspect completes. The energy leading up to this transit will be powerful and excessive. People will be feisty and you can expect a certain amount of animosity. Arguments will be plentiful and could be abrasive so if someone tries to draw you into a disagreement, don't take the bait. This is a good day to get a lot of paper work done. Be careful while traveling. If this sets off a sensitive point in your chart you could have an accident. Find positive ways to release any pent up excessive force and this can be a very productive day.

VENUS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

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On Monday December 1 at 3:45 A.M. this most pleasant of aspects completes. This is a time to enjoy yourself and refresh you fantasies. Romance is certainly possible, and all social activities are favored. Because this occurs early in the morning and all aspects are more powerful as they apply, the effects will probably be better experienced the night before. Don't expect to have a lot of discipline. It is quite easy to overindulge or to get lost in the moment. This can be a very lucky transit if it sets off one of your planets.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MARS:

On Friday December 5th at 5:04 P.M. the ego and the will become intertwined. People will be assertive even to the point of inappropriate aggressiveness. This can be a fight waiting to happen, but this is by no means a useless aspect. Sometimes it is necessary to be more assertive, and if this conjunction hits your chart you can expect to act with more direction than usual. If you use this force proactively you can accomplish a great deal of work in a short period of time.

VENUS ENTERS AQUARIUS:

On Sunday December 7th at 6:37 P.M. EST the planet of love and possessions enters this most erratic of signs. People will be a bit more flirtatious and fickle than usual for the next few weeks. A new love affair may be quite exciting, but lack stability and staying power. Don't commit to anything until you have had time to study the situation. Some will see a reversal in fortunes if this hits a sensitive point in your chart. Be careful with your money; it can be easy come and easy go.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Wednesday December 10th at 7:03 A.M. EST this unstable aspect will occur. Between now and when the Mars square Uranus completes on the 12th you must use caution and pay attention. There will be a lot of energy in the air and if it isn't projected into positive projects it could come out as anger or frustration. Use extra care while traveling and try to avoid direct confrontations with others. This is usually a very bad day for the stocks.

MARS SQUARES URANUS:

On Friday December 12th at 1:50 A.M. EST this extremely volatile aspect comes along. Caution is required. This can be a very frustrating and irritating transit, and many people will be affected by it. Don't go looking for trouble, there will be enough coming your way to satisfy. Egos will be fragile and it will be quite easy to set someone off. Try to avoid direct confrontations with people. If this excessive energy can be focused and used properly this can be a productive time. Just be careful, especially while traveling.

MERCURY ENTERS CAPRICORN:

Also on Friday December 12th at 5:13 A.M. EST the planet of thought, communication and short journeys enters this restrictive sign. For the next few weeks people will tend to be a bit reticent in their speech. It may be difficult to get your point across to someone. Have patience and take things slowly. This is a time to organize your plans and double check everything before beginning any new project or direction.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Friday December 12th at 11:37 A.M. EST at 21 degrees Gemini 02 minutes. Travel and communications will be in the forefront. Be careful while on the road. All full moons deserve respect, but this one in particular can cause difficulties in travel. Also double check your communications and make sure you are saying what you wish to. There may be a tendency to speak without thinking first. Anything that has been kept hidden may be exposed under this energy, usually as a slip of the tongue or an inadvertent discovery of some sort.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS PLUTO:

Also on Friday December 12th at 1:41 P.M. Mercury, ruler of Gemini is in conjunct to Pluto as the Full Moon in Gemini completes. There can be some difficulty in the two areas Mercury rules, travel and communications. This is a difficult aspect that can bring up anything hidden or kept under cover. People will tend to speak with a directness that can be disconcerting at times. This month has a lot to do with communications and how honest we can be. There could be some very important news released that will have a big effect on us all.

MARS SQUARES SATURN:

On Monday December 15th at 5:47 P.M. this restrictive and frustrating aspect comes along. This month has more than its share of difficult transits. This one can be most frustrating as the ego (Mars) faces limitations and constrictions from Saturn. The best way to handle this energy is to take things in stride. Don't expect things to move quickly or to work out easily. Have patience and move in a controlled and steady fashion. If you use this energy to your advantage you can get your work done.

THE SUN ENTERS CAPRICORN:

On Sunday December 21st at 7:04 A.M. EST winter begins. Each of the four seasons begins exactly as we enter the cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn.) For the next month people will tend to be more conservative and withdrawn. Work is the focus of this month, not play. Capricorn is the most serious of the signs and demands respect above all things. Show the proper reverence and you will find that people are more apt to do your bidding.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS PLUTO:

On Monday December 22nd at 4:21 A.M. EST yet another commanding aspect completes. This represents power struggles and a desire to uncover what is hidden. People may tend to be a bit overbearing and demanding for a day or so. This is a good time to get to the bottom of things and you can expect most conversations to be rather deep and forceful. There is a strong compulsive factor that accompanies Pluto aspects, so try not to become too obsessive about any one person, thing or idea. Things are not quite as black or white as they may seem.

MARS ENTERS CAPRICORN:

On Saturday December 27th at 2:31 A.M. EST the ruler of the ego joins the Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Pluto in Capricorn. There will be a serious air about things. People will be very focused and more interested in getting their work done than playing. This is a time to put down a strong foundation upon which to build your plans for the future. You may not get instant gratification; Capricorn rarely makes things that easy. But if you put your efforts where they can do you the most good and secure your structures you will receive rewards down the line.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Saturday December 27th at 7:22 A.M. EST at 6 degrees Capricorn 08 minutes. The day or two 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:

November 28th 7:54 P.M. – November 29th 12:48 P.M.

December 1st 10:44 A.M. – December 2nd 1:45 A.M.

December 3rd 9:15 P.M. – December 4th 1:23 P.M.

December 6th 7:43 P.M. – 9:44 P.M.

December 8th 4:35 P.M. – December 9th 1:52 A.M.

December 10th 5:23 P.M. – December 11th 2:33 A.M.

December 12th 1:01 P.M. – December 13th 1:40 A.M.

December 14th 5:27 P.M. – December 15th 1:22 A.M.

December 16th 7:45 P.M. – December 17th 3:36 A.M.

December 19th 5:29 A.M. – 9:23 A.M.

December 21st 11:57 A.M. – 6:36 P.M.

December 24th 12:29 A.M. – 6:13 A.M.

December 26th 6:25 P.M. – 6:56 P.M.

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