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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This month we have Mercury opposite Pluto and a Mars Saturn conjunct on July 10th and the Full Moon in Capricorn on the 18th. After the most recent dips in the stock markets, these look like potentially difficult transits. The 10th and 11th looks like another chance for the markets to tank. The effects of the Full Moon last until the next New Moon, and with Capricorn controlling that 2 ½ week period, we can expect another reckoning in the markets.

As the stocks continue their summer meltdown we are rapidly approaching the **Saturn – Uranus opposition that completes for the first time exactly on Election Day.** This aspect will take a year to complete, and during that time we can expect some serious events. Saturn rules the earth and Uranus likes to shake things up. Earthquakes, volcanoes and other natural disasters will occur with increased frequency. The financial markets are going to be violently upset by this aspect. The last time these two were conjunct was right after Black Monday in 1987 when the DOW lost over 22% of its value in one day.

In the chart of the New York Stock exchange there are several very dangerous aspects coming up. **Transiting Neptune is conjunct Pluto**, which rules all trading markets. This is dissolving the underlying stability and structure of the stocks. It has been in orb since the end of February 2008 and doesn't complete until December 2009. This transit will continue to weaken the markets allowing opportunities for some very disturbing reactions. Using the 10 A.M. chart for the Buttonwood agreement that began the stock exchange, **Saturn is about to enter the 2nd house of money, which will further deteriorate the value of the stocks and should continue an extended bear market. Uranus is creating an inconjunct to Jupiter, which rules the 5th house of speculative trades.** This could easily manifest as a crash. Since I believe the Saturn – Uranus opposition implies the same result, I am afraid we may be in for a massive drop that will change our society for years to come.

A number of months ago a friend took my advice and removed her retirement funds out of the stock markets against her financial advisor's recommendation. She recently got a call from that financial advisor asking her when the next astrology class is.

In America's chart Uranus is opposite natal Neptune. Neptune rules fantasies and all illusions. Our collective ability to rejuvenate our dreams and hopes and wishes will be severely tested this year. **But because we have a Mars – Neptune square in our country's chart, Uranus will also square Mars until**

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early March 2009. This aspect can create sudden and explosive events. With Mars ruling the 4th house of home and the 5th house of speculative trades, I believe this will also add to the disruptive, decaying situation in the financial markets. With Saturn about to oppose Uranus, and this square in effect, we are about to see some very upsetting and difficult occurrences.

All of this is leading up to **Pluto's entrance into America's 2nd house of money. Pluto will then opposes our Venus and our Jupiter** over the next several years, and that will extend and amplify the affects of this period. It looks more and more like we are heading for a real crash and the expected era that will follow. America, and to a large extent, the entire world has been raped and pillaged by corporate America and its foreign allies. This phony *oil crisis* with prices artificially exploding, and the ensuing cry for offshore drilling, increased taxes, and the ultimate demise of the middle class, is the great shame of our nation. There is a war going on between the rights of the individual to live a free and simple life and the overwhelmingly arrogant and dismissive attitude of those in power. Nothing goes on forever. This too shall pass, but with it will go the last polar bear and what is left of mankind's soul.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Wednesday July 2nd at 10:19 P.M. EST at 11 degrees Cancer 32 minutes. This lunar cycle revolves around family and friends. The past will be an issue for many, and this is a time to reflect upon what had been. Feelings run high during the Cancer month, so don't be concerned if you are a bit more emotional than usual. This is a good time to examine your inner self and get in touch with what is most important to you. Your relationships will be the focus of much of your attention, and you should be expressing your deepest feelings. Next month when the Sun is in Leo will be a more adventurous and romantic time.

VENUS OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Thursday July 3rd at 1:18 P.M. EST this optimistic and rather indulgent transit completes. People will be more outgoing and enthusiastic leading up to this aspect. Love is in the air, and any new relationship that begins now will be very growth oriented and pleasurable. But I would give it a little time to prove its sustainability before committing yourself. Sometimes Jupiter will only bring a lot of hot air. Be careful of overindulging in food, drink or other substances, especially the night before. Venus loves enjoyable things, and Jupiter blows everything out of proportion.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

On Saturday July 5th at 7:07 A.M. this somewhat difficult square completes. People will be short tempered and easily irritated. You should try to avoid confrontations and irrational arguments. Accidents are quite possible, especially while traveling, so pay attention to what you are doing. It is easy to be distracted under this energy. Sometimes this square represents a volatile move or a change in direction for the bonds, which will affect all financial markets.

MERCURY TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Sunday July 6th at 6:47 A.M. EST the more ethereal side of life will become important. An underlying sense of charity and compromise will be in effect. This is potentially a very spiritual transit that will stimulate your thoughts and ideas into a more selfless direction. Intuition is strong, and you should follow your feelings more than your mind. Creative projects will do well. Even if you are not in the arts, this would be a good day to visit a museum, see a show or a concert.

VENUS TRINES URANUS:

Also on Sunday July 6th at 2:32 P.M. EST this interesting transit completes. This will coincide with the Mercury – Neptune trine mentioned above, and the combination could create a very unusual day. We will be seeking something different than the usual routine. This is not a day to follow your customary path. Give yourself some time to explore the world and seek out new and adventurous people and events. Anything different or stimulating will be quite rewarding. If this aspect sets off a sensitive point in your chart, sometimes it will represent the beginning of a new and exciting relationship.

THE SUN OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Wednesday July 9th at 3:39 A.M. EST another optimistic and outgoing aspect, this one will offer you an opportunity to expand your consciousness and enlarge your perception of the world. People will tend to be more open and honest. Be careful not to blow things out of proportion or to take on more than you can handle. It is easy to exaggerate your potential when Jupiter is around only to regret your choices once the aspect passes. If you keep things in perspective this can be a very useful and encouraging day.

MERCURY OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Thursday July 10th at 5:49 A.M. EST this powerful aspect completes. This brings an intense underlying energy to communications of all sorts. You may find that some people are more than willing to engage in arguments or try to coerce you to their way of thinking. Try to avoid direct confrontations, and avoid dangerous neighborhoods or situations. It is easy to become compulsive or obsessed about a single subject, so try not to allow that. If you use this aspect properly you can delve into your inner conversation and recognize where you need to make changes.

MARS CONJUNCTS SATURN:

Also on Thursday July 10th at 2:12 P.M. EST this very frustrating transit completes. Mars rules the ego and Saturn restricts whatever it comes in contact with. It may be difficult to express yourself, especially if this sets off a sensitive point in your chart. Be careful not to get involved in anything that requires a strong or assertive ego. You may not have the oomph necessary, and you could wind up feeling badly about yourself.

MERCURY ENTERS CANCER:

Also on Thursday July 10th at 4:17 P.M. EST the planet of communication enters this water sign. People will be more emotional in their speech and writings, and it may be difficult at times to be totally rational. Take what others say with a grain of salt. Because of the overly emotional side of this transit, many people will be

speaking from a place of feelings rather than rationale. This is a good time to express your emotions towards someone. Issues that involve family, home or close friends will be in the forefront for the next few weeks.

VENUS ENTERS LEO:

On Saturday July 12th at 2:39 P.M. EST the planet of love enters this fire sign. People will be more demonstrative for a while, especially in love relationships, and there will be a theatrical feeling to many relationship issues. Women in particular will tend to be more assertive and there could be a bit of drama in how things play out.

THE SUN TRINES URANUS:

On Monday July 14th at 11:03 A.M. EST this interesting aspect completes. We will all be seeking some adventure and excitement today. This is not a good time to sit around the house. You should get out and try to find some interesting and freeing activities. Personal freedom is very much the issue now, and the fewer restrictions you place on yourself the better able you will be to use this aspect to your advantage. Anything you have wanted to change in your life, such as a bad habit or attitude will be approached in a new way with a better chance of success.

MERCURY SEXTILES MARS:

On Tuesday July 15th at 5:11 P.M. EST this positive combination occurs. This is a good day for any direct conversation or other communications. There will be a lot of force behind the words, but not in an aggressive or angry way. If used properly this can help focus your mind and you can get a lot of work done. But as with all sextiles, if you just sit around you will enjoy the energy but won't get a lot done. The trines and sextiles must be used in a proactive way.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Friday July 18th at 3:59 A.M. EST at 26 degrees Capricorn 04 minutes. Issues of security and foundation will be brought up now. Anything that is solidly based in reality will do fine. But things that have a weak or decaying underbelly will probably show their flaws. Be careful with all issues involving your money, home and closest relationships. This Full Moon may represent an important moment in the financial markets.

MERCURY OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Saturday July 19th at 3:54 P.M. EST this optimistic and far-sighted aspect completes. People will be outspoken and direct. Growth in plans and projects is the most dominant energy, but be careful not to expand things too much or too quickly. This is a good day to make plans, as we are all looking towards the future and can readily see the long-term affects of our current plans.

THE SUN ENTERS LEO:

On Tuesday July 22nd at 6:55 A.M. EST we enter the fixed part of summer. This is the month for romantic

getaways or just for acting in a childish manner. While last month was family oriented, this one is more adventurous and will seek any type of excitement. A romance begun now will have a lot of force.

MERCURY TRINES URANUS:

Also on Tuesday July 22nd at 5:10 P.M. EST this positive aspect comes around. We are seeking unusual and adventurous activities and conversations. The need for mental freedom and personal growth is strong. You must allow your thoughts to take you where they may and not limit them too much. Whatever you do today, you must allow yourself freedom to roam and to indulge in new and exciting events and conversations.

MERCURY ENTERS LEO:

On Saturday July 26th at 7:48 A.M. EST the planet of communications and short journeys enters this fixed fire sign. People will be more demonstrative and outgoing in their speech for the next few weeks. Be careful not to talk with too much intensity or to be too stubborn. It is difficult to change your mind with Mercury in any of the fixed signs. With the Sun and Venus already in this sign, you can expect people to act out a lot. Keep things in perspective. It is easy to become overly theatrical and take things to an outrageous level.

MARS TRINES JUPITER:

Also on Saturday July 26th at 6:04 P.M. EST this terrific trines takes place. You must use this or it will pass as a nice enough day. But if you can focus this energy you will be able to project an optimistic and powerful persona. Ego situations will work out well as long as you don't overstate your position. This is a time of expansion and you can easily enlarge your projects and your perspective.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

On Tuesday July 29th at 4:05 P.M. EST this completes. There is a lot of will and mental energy in the air. This is a good day to make your point or talk about any important issues. People will tend to be a bit willful, so try to keep your own speech in perspective, and don't take the bait if someone acts too assertively. Get your paper work done or catch up on your backlog of communications.

VENUS OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Thursday July 31st at 12:30 P.M. EST this most spiritual of aspect comes along. There will be a lot of empathy and compassion around. This is a good day for any type of charity work or to help others in any way you can. Creativity is also a big part of this energy and you can use it to further any creative project or to just enjoy a museum, concert or other artistic venture.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Friday August 1st at 6:13 A.M. EST at 9 degrees Leo 32 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:

July 3rd 4:13 P.M. – July 4th 4:15 A.M.

July 6th 6:04 A.M. – 7:04 A.M.

July 8th 12:21 P.M. – 1:31 P.M.

July 10th 10:13 P.M. – 11:35 P.M.

July 12th 11:06 P.M. – July 13th 11:50 A.M.

July 15th 10:43 P.M. – July 16th 12:20 A.M.

July 18th 3:59 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.

July 20th 7:25 P.M. – 9:08 P.M.

July 23rd 2:38 A.M. – 4:22 A.M.

July 25th 7:30 A.M. – 9:14 A.M.

July 27th 12:52 A.M. – 11:55 A.M.

July 29th 11:25 A.M. – 1:12 P.M.

July 31st 1:30 A.M. – 2:22 P.M.

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