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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

We have been living under the force of the **Taurus Great Alignment of May 2000** for the past eight years. A number of people have asked me when this energy would finally be released, and what aspect could be sufficiently powerful to do so. The answer is **Saturn opposite Uranus, and the time is now**. It appears that we are about to witness one of the great pendulum swings in our society. Most astrologers, including myself, have predicted an Obama victory for a while. This is not a matter of personal choice, but a realization of just how powerful that Saturn – Uranus aspect is, and how much change it will demand.

This month holds several extremely powerful aspects, which makes sense considering that we are about to have a world changing election. **Saturn, ruler of the status quo, will oppose Uranus, the planet of radical change** on that fateful day. No matter who wins, half of this country will feel great anger and frustration, a common result when these two diametrically opposed forces create a stressful aspect. These aspects are world events, and other nations are also feeling the effects. Government will fail and there could be a revolution or two during the coming years.

Election Day has three major aspects. **The first is Mars in square to Neptune**. This shows confusion and some hurt feelings. America has this square in its natal chart, and the fact that it is being played out on the world stage exactly on the most important day we have had in years tells me that one of the issues we will be dealing with over the next four years is our religious and spiritual perspective. We could see an explosion of religious fanaticism over the next few years in this country.

The second major aspect is the first pass of Saturn in opposition to Uranus. I have been discussing this aspect for month now in preparation for its five passes over the next year and a half. Please read "Author's Notes" in the past few newsletters for more of my thoughts on the subject.

The third aspect on Election Day is Mercury entering Scorpio. Normally this once a year event would not peak my interest much. But it occurs on this ominous day surrounded by powerful transits and events. Scorpio is the sign of transformative change and a deeper insight into conversations and thoughts. Because of this transit many people entering the voting booth will want deep and powerful change. There is little doubt that they will get it.

Studying the approach of this combination of transits years ago led me to believe that there would be a stock market crash, and a reversal of forces with the Democrats winning this election. My feelings

have not changed. I believe Obama will be victorious, possibly sweeping a large majority of states. But no matter who wins next Tuesday, this country is in for a roller coaster ride economically and socially. It is not going to be an easy time for the next administration. We are facing the worst problems America and the world have seen in many decades. The truth is just beginning to hit Main Street. Look at the most recent consumer confidence numbers.

We may see social unrest, riots, assassination attempts (already one against Obama has been uncovered) and a shake up of our society that we have never seen. The rise in unemployment and homelessness will weigh heavily upon our already strained financial situation.

Pluto is about to oppose Venus and Jupiter in America's chart over the next few years, which will add more stress to the Saturn – Uranus opposition. We could see problems arise in our food supply (Venus has much to do with agricultural commodities) and continued pressure on our financial situation. There needs to be a purging and a rebuilding of the system from the bottom up. Pluto demands such a cleansing, and it will get its way.

With Jupiter about to sextile Uranus and trine Saturn this month we could see a few big rally in the markets. But don't be fooled. They will fail. **Once the support leaves at the end of November we will still have four more Saturn – Uranus oppositions, any of which could weaken these markets further.**

Those of you familiar with my writings know that I expect this Saturn – Uranus opposition to play out in the financial markets for some time yet. There will continue to be a series of stock market crashes. How low will it go? I don't know. As I said above, we may be reaching a temporary bottom right now. But the world must reexamine its attitude towards money and values, a result of that Taurus Great Alignment, and it appears that the only way to make the point is to disintegrate the entire game. We have been living in the world's biggest pyramid scheme for decades. If you were lucky or smart enough to get in early you made a bundle. If not, you may not be able to retire.

A common result of **Saturn – Uranus aspects** is often a reversal of fortunes. Them that's got shall lose and them that's not may gain. The culture is swinging left once again, in our endless see-saw between the extremes. The "redistribution of wealth" that occurs occasionally is about to take place. How well it is handled and how successful it will be has to do with many things. It has become necessary in light of the overwhelming pull to the right and the unprecedented accumulation of wealth by a few. The top 1% of American's now own 21% of its wealth.

This reversal of fortunes will also affect individuals, particularly if this opposition hits a sensitive point in your chart.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Tuesday October 28th at 7:14 P.M. EST at 5 degrees Scorpio 54 minutes.

Scorpio is the energy of death and rebirth. There is a deeper understanding of issues and emotions under this force. In our personal lives this is often a time of reflection when we delve deeply into any subject and try

to understand what is going on underneath the surface. Issues that have been hidden or ignored will force their way into our consciousness and demand attention. October is our favorite month for stock market crashes because the Libra energy demands a rebalancing, and when the society is too far off kilter that leveling off can be violent and upsetting. But once the events have taken place we need to reflect upon the situation and make some deep and transformative changes in our lives and our attitudes. The underlying decay in our society is being exposed and we are being given a chance to correct some very problematic situations. **We could see a stock market bounce on this New Moon. But it would only be a technical rebound off an oversold market, not a sign of improvement in the economy. Scorpio rules death and rebirth, as in the rebirth of a dead market? Even still, the Saturn – Uranus opposition completes on Election Day, and that may very well represent the next collapse in these markets.**

NEPTUNE GOES DIRECT:

On Sunday November 2nd at 1:40 A.M. EST this spiritual planet turns around. Creative projects that have been stifled will begin to move forward. While this planet is in retrograde it can be useful for creating artistic work. But it is better to present that work to the world when Neptune is going direct. It will be easier to rejuvenate our fantasies, an incredibly important issue for humans, now that Neptune is again moving forward. When we can not express our hopes and dreams we tend to become spiritually and psychically constipated and lose sight of the goals we set many years ago. It isn't nearly as important to achieve those goals as it is to continue to believe in them.

VENUS SQUARES SATURN:

On Monday November 3rd at 3:42 A.M. this cautious aspect completes. People will tend to be a bit tight with their money and emotions today. This is not a good time for a party or other social activity. The energy will be rather restrictive. It is a good day to go shopping, as we will be inclined to stay within a budget. If this square hits a sensitive point in your chart this may be a lonely day when you feel isolated or unable to communicate your feelings. However, **with Venus in square to Uranus today as well** you can expect some major mood swings and some sudden events.

VENUS SQUARES URANUS:

Also on Monday November 3rd at 6:18 A.M. this aspect completes. This can create sudden events in relationships. A new love affair may be quite exciting, but probably rather erratic. I wouldn't commit to anything that begins now until you have had time to test it. Today Venus completes its square to the Saturn – Uranus opposition. This is setting up a t-square in the sky that is rather prominent in both candidates' charts; however it hits McCain's with more force, setting off his natal Venus – Saturn opposition. This looks very bad for his health this coming year.

ELECTION DAY:

MARS SQUARES NEPTUNE:

Also on Tuesday November 4th at 2:45 A.M. EST this very confusing and complicated aspect occurs. This

is quite a day astrologically, as karma would dictate. **America has a Mars – Neptune square in its natal chart.** It shows the difficulty this country has always had with its religious and spiritual side. The ego is directly affected by our faith. Just look at the religious right and their dogmatic approach to their beliefs. It is as if they felt challenged by anything that disagrees with their interpretation of god and religion. But it isn't just the right wing that responds to this square. The founding fathers were most insistent about the separation of church and state. The fact that America's natal chart has this square shows just how smart and far-sighted they were. Perhaps a few were a bit psychic as well.

SATURN OPPOSES URANUS:

Also on Tuesday November 4th at 8:33 A.M. EST the first of five oppositions between these two diametrically opposed forces takes place. I have written extensively about this in the past few newsletters. There are few aspects in the zodiac to compare with the complexities and potential events created by the combination of Saturn, (the immovable object), and Uranus, (the irresistible force). Certainly we are witnessing a major reversal in our culture. The old order (Saturn) will be challenged and, most likely replaced by new and innovative ideas (Uranus). We are heading into a brave new world. But first we will have to deal with the results of the past. **Over the next 18 months we will see this aspect four more times. The last will be on July 26th 2010 at zero degrees Aries – Libra, at what is called the “World Point.”** This is the place that the zodiac begins, and it is very interesting that it is where the end of this Saturn – Uranus aspect takes place. It will be a new beginning for our culture, so no matter what takes place now, it will ultimately bring freeing and growth oriented changes.

MERCURY ENTERS SCORPIO:

Also on Tuesday November 4th at 11:00 A.M. EST the planet of communication will enter this fixed water sign. People will be less apt to accept superficial answers than they have been of late. You will be forced to prove your position, and many conversations will take on a serious and heavier tone. This is an opportunity to make some important and lasting changes through communication. As I said above, this represents some of the deeper changes the collective is demanding.

VENUS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Wednesday November 12th at 12:53 A.M. EST Venus squares Pluto just as it is leaving Sagittarius and entering Capricorn. This will be a day of intensity in many relationships. Some issues may come to a head as a new direction is sought. After a month of frivolity in love affairs, many people will become more conservative and restrained. This square will probably point out some changes that are about to occur, so pay attention to what your partner is saying. Pluto ferrets out any decay or hidden agendas. The truth may set you free, but it isn't always pleasant to hear. Since Venus has much to do with money this could play out in the markets as well and we could uncover some previously hidden truths about financial affairs.

VENUS ENTERS CAPRICORN:

Also on Wednesday November 12th at 12:53 A.M. EST the planet of love and possessions enters this

most restrictive of signs. People will be more frugal with their money and their affections for the next few weeks. A relationship that begins now may lack some of the excitement of a Sagittarius or Aquarian energy, but it will probably have more staying power and will tend to be more stable. This is a good time to do your Christmas shopping, as you will find it easier to stay on a budget, something more Americans are learning about.

JUPITER SEXTILES URANUS:

On Thursday November 13th at 12:39 A.M. EST this interesting aspects completes. **This precedes the Full Moon and the Sun square Neptune**, and could be a wild day in the markets. The positive aspects of **Jupiter in sextile to Uranus and Jupiter in trine to Saturn** shows some support for the financials. But we are about to have a very important **Full Moon in Taurus that occurs at the same degree as the Saturn – Uranus square in of May 2000**. Caution is recommended in all financial matters. Even if there is a rally this month you must realize that it is a bear market rally and should be seen as such. Don't put too much faith in an upward trend. There is still a great deal of decay underneath the surface.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Thursday November 13th at 1:17 A.M. EST at 21 degrees Taurus 15 minutes. If possible, issues of money and values will be even more in the forefront. **This Full Moon sets off the Saturn – Uranus square in the Great Alignment of May 2000.** This could be a very exciting few days in the stock markets. The Full Moon in Aries on October 14th saw the DOW run up 963 points, the biggest gain in its history. Will we see the same? Or is this another crash? Jupiter is in sextile to Uranus today as well, but it completes right after midnight and the **Sun square Neptune** completes right before the markets open. However, **the Jupiter – Saturn trine** is applying, so there is strong support for a rally. I think you have to wait until the open and follow the trend it sets. The one thing you can be sure of is volatility.

THE SUN SQUARES NEPTUNE:

Also on Thursday November 13th at 7:32 A.M. this often debilitating aspect completes. There will be a lot of confusion in the air. Be careful of misunderstandings and try to clarify things. People will not be sure of themselves or clear about their objectives. This is usually a very bad day for the stock markets, and with the Full Moon falling on the same day I have to assume this will be one of those ridiculous trading days. Nothing will be as it seems today, so use some common sense.

MARS ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

On Sunday November 16th at 3:27 A.M. EST the god of war enters this expansive sign. Egos will be over-inflated for the next few weeks. Try to keep yours in perspective. This is usually an optimistic time, although restrictions are difficult to adhere to, so don't blow things out of proportion. There could be an escalation in military activities over the next few weeks.

MERCURY SQUARES NEPTUNE:

On Monday November 17th at 6:31 P.M. EST another very confusing aspect occurs. Misunderstandings and mistakes are common. Make sure you are understood and that you understand others. Don't take things for granted. It is easy to be misled or misdirected. Mistakes and accidents will abound. Be especially careful while traveling.

JUPITER TRINES SATURN:

On Friday November 21st at 7:14 A.M. EST this helpful aspect will complete. This has been one of the underlying supportive energies on and off for the past year. As bad as it is, things could have been even worse had we not been under its influence. Now that it is passing we may see a worsening situation. If there is a rally leading up to this aspect, use caution once it passes. This may represent the end of the foundation.

THE SUN ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

Also on Friday November 21st at 5:44 P.M. EST we enter the mutable part of autumn as we prepare for our entry into winter. This is often a period of expansion and optimism, and with Mars already in this sign and Mercury about to transit here as well, the desire to grow will be strong. Sagittarius does not handle restrictions all that well and often has problems with things like budgets. That is why we do our Christmas shopping while the Sun is in Sagittarius, but Christmas itself falls in Capricorn. Most of us will be on a tighter budget this year, so don't let all this Sag energy blow out your credit cards (assuming you still have any).

MERCURY ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

On Sunday November 23rd at 2:09 A.M. EST Mercury joins Mars and the Sun in this far-sighted sign. By now with the election behind us we are all looking forward to the future. An expansive perspective is just what we need to get beyond the current situation and begin healing the wounds. People will tend to be a bit chattier than they have been. Don't take everything at face value. This energy tends to exaggerate so double check facts and try to put things in proper perspective.

URANUS GOES DIRECT:

On Thursday November 27th at 11:08 A.M. EST this erratic and extreme planet begins to move forward. Uranus rules government of and by the people. It was discovered on March 31, 1781 just as our government was being formed. Uranus rules sudden and radical changes, and with a new president and government being put together now, it is another indicator just how much change we can expect over the next few years.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Thursday November 27th at 11:54 A.M. EST at 5 degrees Sagittarius 49 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:

October 30th 1:45 A.M. – 6:41 P.M.

November 2nd 4:41 A.M. – 6:13 A.M.

November 4th 1:47 A.M. – 7:01 P.M.

November 7th 4:33 A.M. – 5:43 A.M.

November 9th 11:28 A.M. – 12:26 P.M.

November 11th 2:17 P.M. – 3:05 P.M.

November 13th 2:13 P.M. – 3:11 P.M.

November 15th 2:17 P.M. – 2:52 P.M.

November 17th 8:43 A.M. – 4:07 P.M.

November 19th 7:47 P.M. – 8:13 P.M.

November 22nd 3:02 A.M. – 3:20 A.M.

November 24th 12:45 P.M. – 12:54 P.M.

November 26th 7:33 A.M. – November 27th 12:14 A.M.

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