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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

On Monday September 8th we will see the beginning of the last Jupiter – Saturn trine for this period. It stays in orb straight through November, with **its last completion on November 21st.** This supportive aspect has been creating some of the underlying stability that has been holding up the stocks for the past few months and preventing an even worse situation than has occurred. Although our markets are in pretty bad shape, they could be much worse off, and it is this continued trine that has prevented a precipitous drop in the DOW this summer. Despite their volatility the markets are basically flat since July. The psychological influence of this aspect is sufficient to boost the optimism that drives the financial markets. Saturn rules the banking industry. And despite the worst news in 30 years, only a few have failed so far.

However, we are rapidly approaching the more powerful Saturn – Uranus opposition that will complete a total of five times over the next 18 months. The last completion of this aspect occurs at zero degrees Aires – Libra, what we call the “Aries point”. That aspect will severely test the foundation of the society in every way imaginable. The stability of Saturn will meet the revolutionary and radical energy of Uranus. **On the first pass of this aspect on Election Day, it rests exactly on the New York Stock Exchange’s Mars.** That week could be the first of a number of shocking financial news.

In February this opposition sets off the Mars – Neptune square in America’s chart. With Neptune about to begin its path across our nation’s Moon we are entering an interesting era loaded with the potential for mistakes that accompanied this much Neptune energy. If we do not choose our direction with care, we will regret it very soon when we are forced to contend with a much worse financial situation.

All presidential elections in this nation are important and become more so with each passing decade. This one will decide the direction of our country for many years to come. The Saturn opposition to Uranus that first completes exactly on Election Day will mark only the first of five demanding moments in this drama. But as with a major transit in the individual’s chart, how we handle the initial aspect will decide how difficult or useful the coming time will be. Here is a great example how astrology works. The collective has the opportunity, or free will to take this transit and direct it.

Jupiter and Pluto both go direct this month.

Jupiter’s turn around often represents a spurt of growth in all projects. It will have the trine to Saturn for support, and projects that have been put on hold will begin to move forward after September 8th. The change

of direction of Jupiter often means a jump in the stocks. This will probably be a short rally, but it could keep the stocks moving sideways until the autumn. However, the underlying decay in our economy continues to be there. If you are trading, you should use caution. The volatility we have seen will escalate as we approach November.

Pluto will enter Capricorn in late November where it will remain until 2024. Its will oppose America's Venus beginning in March 2009, and America's Jupiter in February 2010. How these transits it will affect us will depend a great deal upon the decisions our collective makes over the next year. This coming decade can be a time of deep understanding and a cleansing of our collective spirit – or it can be a time of destruction and retribution. Pluto rules both.

Pluto rules many things in our lives. But mostly it is the energy from which power emanates. We give Pluto rulership over things buried or hidden from view. It rules dead things. Thus it has command over the oil industry (buried dead animals!). Within months of Pluto's discovery the first college degree in the brand new industry of petroleum engineering was awarded. We have seen the beginning of the oil war with the invasion of Iraq and Georgia. As Pluto enters Capricorn and America's 2nd house of money, and opposes our so-called money planets, obviously the oil wars will escalate.

Pluto rules all forms of totalitarianism. That is why we also give it rulership of the Nazi Party, another institution that began shortly after the discovery of this tiny, but very powerful planetary force. **As Pluto travels through Capricorn,** we are entering an era that threatens to become a different kind of Pluto – ruled society. **Capricorn rules the banking industry, and an era of economic Nazism has begun.** Its roots are firmly planted in the credit card industry, whose sole purpose is to keep the public financially enslaved forever. A single number – your credit score, is controlled by a virtual shadow government. This number decides if you can buy a house, a car, or even get a job. If this continues, individuality in our society will be a wispy, romantic notion from a time gone by. We are all rapidly becoming just cogs in the wheel.

What is at stake in the coming election can not be overemphasized. If McCain wins, the Supreme Court will be seven to two in favor of conservatives by the end of his first term. Personal freedom will be something for the movies. The economic control that is already strangling our way of life will become a noose pulling tighter with every passing day. The banks, credit cards and corporations will control not only your financial future but your day to day existence. Abortion rights will be a thing of the past. **Women have been fighting for control over their own bodies and destiny literally since we lived in caves.** Finally in the enlightened 60s mankind seemed to have evolved to a point of understanding that led most modern nations to accept legal and safe abortions as a way of choosing when and with whom a woman will have children. If those rights are eradicated by this nation it will show the world just what a backward thinking, devolutionary society we are. And with the economic explosion of India and China the world already teeters on the edge of ecological destruction. A McCain presidency guarantees its escalation.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Saturday August 30th at 3:58 P.M. EST at 7 degrees Virgo 48 minutes. With the Sun and Saturn in this mutable earth sign there will be a strong desire to delve into the detail of things. There is a tendency to be critical of yourself and others, so try to keep things in perspective. Don't lose sight of the bigger picture, a problem for this picky sign. With Mercury, Venus and Mars all in Libra, relationships will take the brunt of much of this pickiness.

Virgo has much to do with health issues, so if there has been a lingering illness, this New Moon may very well shake it loose. Any health problem that has not been diagnosed will probably be revealed now. And any lingering illness could come to an end.

THE SUN CONJUNCT SATURN:

On Wednesday September 3rd at 10:00 P.M. EST the difficult low-energy transit will complete. People will be tired and easily irritated. This is not a good day for social activities, but rather a good chance to get some hard work done. Focus on the important issues and clean up any unfinished business. This is usually a very bad aspect for the stock markets.

THE SUN TRINES JUPITER:

On Thursday September 4th at 1:41 P.M. this very positive and growth oriented aspect comes along. Because of the Jupiter – Saturn trines that completes this month, each of those planets will be aspected in close proximity. This energy is the antithesis of the Sun – Saturn conjunct. Today is a good day for social events, or any future oriented plans. Try to get out and see the world. Anything that expands your consciousness will be very rewarding.

MARS SQUARES JUPITER:

On Sunday September 7th at 5:06 P.M. this interesting aspect will occur. This energy can manifest either of two ways. If things are kept in perspective, this can be a day of exuberance and growth. But if the ego gets in the way and is allowed too much freedom, this can be a day of troubles and overdoing things. If this sets off your chart you must be careful not to act in a pushy or arrogant manner. Be careful of overexertion. It is easy to strain your muscles.

JUPITER GOES DIRECT:

On Monday September 8th at 12:16 A.M. EST the planet of expansion finally begins to go direct after four months of retrograde action. Any project that has been held back and feels restricted should begin to move forward now. But of course, that will only be true if the project or situation deserves to grow. Sometimes when this planet changes direction in either way, it will point out things that are over-extended or require a more realistic approach. But most of us will see new growth and optimism in certain relationships, jobs and opportunities. Sometimes this turnaround represents a major move in the stock markets. Watch the option pits to see where sentiment is heading.

Today is one of those occasions when there is a plethora of aspects all completing in a short period of time.

Events will be fast and furious, and there will be changes in the direction of our financial markets and the society in general.

MERCURY SQUARES JUPITER:

Also on Monday September 8th at 1:09 A.M. EST this square accompanies Jupiter on its turnaround. Most of us will be optimistic and outgoing. Be careful not to say too much. There is a tendency to speak first and think later. Overdoing on any level is a worry with Jupiter aspects and with this square it is in the field of communications that is will most likely manifest. Mercury is adding fuel to the Mars – Jupiter square so use caution. Travel plans should be double checked and you should be extra careful while traveling, especially in a car.

MERCURY CONJUNCT MARS:

Also on Monday September 8th at 1:44 P.M. EST this aspect will add a great deal of energy to our communications of all sorts. Tempers will flare, and it is easy to get into arguments. Try to keep your ego out of the mixture, although that will be quite difficult with the Mars – Jupiter square so active. This aspect is an accident waiting to happen. Please use extra care in all travels. And watch your tongue. It is easy to say more than you plan to and you can set off other people without realizing it.

JUPITER TRINES SATURN:

Also on Monday September 8th at 7:17 P.M. EST this supportive and quite useful aspect completes for the last time for many years. I'm afraid that with it goes the underlying support of the stocks. We are living with our heads in the sand and, although lip service is being given, most economists are terribly unrealistic about where we are and where we are heading. Saturn puts down a foundation upon which Jupiter can grow. Once that foundation loses its support growth can no longer be sustained.

PLUTO GOES DIRECT:

Also on Monday September 8th at 11:12 P.M. EST the dark sister turns around. Things that have been concealed or festering underneath the surface will be exposed to the light. Pluto has much to do with hidden agendas and you will see many secrets being revealed in the next few weeks; quite a few on the world stage. This is a time of healing and cleansing when infections of all sorts will be revealed. Partnerships will be closely examined and tested. A new business or personal arrangement will fare better with Pluto going direct than during its retrograde period.

VENUS SQUARES JUPITER:

On Tuesday September 9th at 4:12 P.M. EST this very pleasant and optimistic transit completes. This is a good day for any social activity or artistic endeavor. But do be careful about overindulging. If this sets off a sensitive point in your chart you may be inclined to overdo things, especially food, drink and spending. Keep things in perspective and this will be a very enjoyable day.

VENUS CONJUNCT MARS:

On Thursday September 11th at 10:06 P.M. EST the male and female planets conjoin. There will be some feistiness in relationships that can manifest in several different ways. If you are in a healthy ongoing relationship this will be a good day to express your feelings. Both of you will tend to be more assertive, so just allow enough space for all to express themselves. But if you are not in a relationship, or if you and your partner are not getting along, this may be a day of arguments and unexpressed passion. If you feel some frustration and can not express it with your partner, try to release it through exercise or creativity.

THE SUN OPPOSES URANUS:

On Friday September 12th at 10:21 P.M. EST this potentially explosive aspect comes along. Use extra caution today. This can be an accident waiting to happen. Others will be feisty and at times overly aggressive, so don't go looking for fights. There will be enough around to satisfy everyone. This is usually a very volatile day in the financial markets, usually to the down side.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS VENUS:

On Sunday September 14th at 9:37 P.M. EST this easy going and pleasant aspect will complete. Speech and other communications will be light hearted and unencumbered. If there has been difficulty in a relationship, this would be a good day to try and smooth things over. This is a creative aspect, so try to use it to your benefit.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Monday September 15th at 5:13 A.M. EST at 22 degrees Pisces 54 minutes. There will be a surge of emotions and empathy for a few days, as our compassionate side will be activated. There will be events that test our ability to serve others. Be careful of alcohol and all drugs, legal or illegal, while this is in orb. Pisces is a water sign, so there could be a hurricane or other difficult occurrence involving water.

VENUS TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday September 17th at 9:59 A.M. EST this very creative aspect occurs. Try to make use of this energy for anything artistic or inventive. This should be a good day for all working artists. This transit will also stimulate the compassionate side of life and bring up issues of charity and empathy. Anything you do that has a selfless purpose will bring you much reward. Because it is a trine it will be easier to direct this force.

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On Friday September 19th at 11:22 P.M. EST this aspect completes. Because Mercury is about to retrograde, this aspect will occur three times over the next few weeks. This is a creative aspect that can bring inspiration and great jolts of imagination. But it may be a bit difficult to focus on business matters and mundane activities. Try to plan your day and your work in advance. But give your mind some time to wander. You may have some very imaginative thoughts.

THE SUN SQUARES PLUTO:

On Saturday September 20th at 11:44 P.M. EST this rather nasty aspect comes along. Some things that are hidden will be exposed. This is a day of stressful energy when it will be difficult to find a common ground. Compromises will work best but be hardest to come by. Power struggles are common under this transit, so pick and choose your battles carefully.

MARS TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Sunday September 21st at 10:58 P.M. EST this potentially creative aspect completes. Unlike most Mars aspects this is not a very assertive energy, so don't rely on your aggressive side. Neptune is unconcerned with Mars and its ego force. If the Mars energy is directed into Neptunian activities it will work out quite well. As such, this aspect favors all artistic and creative work.

THE SUN ENTERS LIBRA:

On Monday September 22nd at 11:45 A.M. EST we enter the cardinal air sign and autumn officially begins. The start of each of the four cardinal signs represents the beginning of the four seasons. Relationships are the focus of attention this month. Many people will have the desire to begin a new relationship or expand an existing one. As its sign implies, Libras like balance in all things. There is a certain amount of leveling off when planets travel through this sign. Look for compromises and don't be so stubborn you can't see the other guy's perspective.

VENUS SEXTILES PLUTO:

Also on Monday September 22nd at 6:23 P.M. EST we will all have a desire to understand our relationships in a deeper way. Because a sextile is a positive and usable energy, this can be done without upsetting the status quo. Deep discussions between mates will prove valuable. Money matters will also take a deeper tone, and you should find it easy to stay within a budget. If a better understanding of financial matters is needed, today is a good day to learn and try some new ideas regarding your money.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS MARS:

On Tuesday September 23rd at 6:51 A.M. EST a lot of people will be looking for arguments. Try to sidestep as many as possible. If this sets off a point in your own chart it will be more difficult to avoid confrontations. Use extra caution while traveling. This is an accident waiting to happen. Don't let it happen to you.

VENUS ENTERS SCORPIO:

Also on Tuesday September 23rd at 10:59 P.M. EST Venus enters the sign of its detriment, as it rules the opposite sign of Taurus. The planet of love doesn't do that well in this Mars ruled sign. There is tendency to act aggressively in inappropriate situations. Also there can be a lot of jealousy and possessiveness that should be checked. But there can be a deepening of emotions when this aspect occurs that can have positive results. Nothing is superficial to Scorpio and love will take on a deeper and more intense feeling. You

can get to the bottom of issues and strengthen the bond if you are not afraid to delve into the depths of love's pool.

MERCURY RETROGRADES:

On Wednesday September 24th at 3:17 A.M. EST our favorite mischief maker spins everything around. As always use extra caution while traveling, make careful plans and provide enough time to cover any unexpected events that may surface. Expect trouble with cell phones, computers, planes, trains and automobiles. Try to avoid buying any new equipment that has to do with communication or travel. The odds are quite good that you will have trouble with the device. Until this turns around on October 15th you should not sign any important documents. And double check everything you write.

MERCURY TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Sunday September 28th at 8:24 A.M. EST this is the second time this creative trine will complete this month. (See September 19th above) This is a good aspect for artists, writers and creative folk of all varieties. Try to allow some free time for your inner thoughts. Use the imaginative side of this aspect to your advantage. But keep in mind that when Mercury and Neptune get together, even in a positive aspect such as this, there can be some confusion and misunderstandings. So try to cover all bases.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Monday September 29th at 4:12 A.M. EST at 6 degrees Libra 33 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:

September 1st 5:01 A.M. – 7:44 A.M.

September 3rd 1:09 P.M. – 4:02 P.M.

September 5th 11:46 A.M. – September 6th 3:11 A.M.

September 8th 12:42 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

September 10th 9:15 A.M. – September 11th 3:20 A.M.

September 13th 9:19 P.M. – 12:04 P.M.

September 15th 3:03 P.M. – 5:39 P.M.

September 17th 6:26 P.M. – 8:57 P.M.

September 19th 6:51 P.M. – 11:17 P.M.

September 22nd 1:04 A.M. – 1:49 A.M.

September 23rd 5:17 P.M. – September 24th 5:13 A.M.

September 26th 7:20 A.M. – 9:52 A.M.

September 28th 1:30 P.M. – 4:05 P.M.

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