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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

So, are we heading for a recovery or another huge crash?

We continue to approach July 2010, and the great t-square that will afflict America's so-called money planets of Venus and Jupiter. The dominoes are lining up for another potentially tremendous fall. If in fact it does arrive, it won't have the same impact as the first, repeat violations rarely carry the weight of that first shattering smack of reality. But it could create a psychological deadening similar to the result of the 2nd crash of 1931 - 2. The world governments' band-aid approach to this financial collapse has temporarily stopped the bleeding in the corporate world. And it is possible that the total collapse we all feared may yet be avoided. But the continued decay of Main Street will not stop unless Herculean efforts are made. Yesterday's solutions will not work in tomorrow's global economy. A 3rd World War will begin in the trading accounts, commodities and currencies that will all be vulnerable to the instability of the next decade. The Chinese are now our financial overlords, and the slightest shift in policy could have long reaching results. Just look at the price of gold and silver – all time highs and going higher. A while ago one of my astrology friends began buying physical silver at rather high prices. When I told her that the futures would probably never get that high, she replied that she didn't buy it as an investment, but rather in case she has to use it to buy food if the dollar collapsed. I scoffed. I may not scoff for long.

There is a deep underlying malaise affecting the collective. A bubbling anger is growing as the depression moves into its 2nd year. People are scared and short-tempered. Street crime is up, homelessness is epidemic and the reaction is far from the milk and honey of human kindness. There are areas in this country that have made it a crime to aid an indigent person. According to the New York Times there are some states where you can be put in jail for giving money or food to someone, even if they just look homeless. We moved a long way from the days when it was against the law to be poor. However, the current crisis has altered people's perspective in a most inhumane manner. Vagrancy could once again become illegal. It used to be a crime to be poor in America, it may become so again.

The ongoing Saturn – Pluto square is creating an undercurrent of tension and frustration. These two were in opposition to each other at the time of the 9/11 attacks. Now this square will continue to test the results of that day and its ongoing effects on our culture. If these two planets are setting off your chart you can certainly expect to feel some of the limitations, aggravation and disappointment that accompany this aspect. Power struggles are common, and often a deep and uncomfortable truth will be revealed. As it gets closer to aspecting America's Venus we will all feel its effects. Inflation is here and growing. We could very easily see some difficulties in our agricultural industries, which may cause the price of food to rise rapidly.

Neptune will conjunct America's Moon beginning in March 2010 through February 2011. Neptune brings infections, and the Moon rules America's 8th house. This transit will affect our banks, trading interests and joint financial partnerships (think China). Neptune dissolves whatever it comes in contact with, and I'm afraid the results could be devastating to our financial markets. While Neptune is in orb we must all take steps to protect our interests and not become falsely optimistic. But the 8th house is also the ruler of death, and Neptune rules infectious diseases. This is reason enough to be vigilant. However, if we were to have a worldwide pandemic it will show up in the charts of other countries as well as America's. I will be studying the charts of various other nations and I suggest the astrology community at large do so as well. There are reports from Ukraine about a combined triple virus that is having devastating effects on people. Urban legend or fearful facts? Time will tell.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Monday November 16th at 2:14 P.M. EST at 24 degree Scorpio 34 minutes. This sign tends to get a bad rap in astrology circles. It is known as a deep and intense sign, which rules death and the underworld. But Scorpio is also the sign most involved in the rejuvenation of energy through the process of rebirth. It is through the 8th house (Scorpio's domain) that we renew, rebuild and restart ourselves. It is the sign that rules the mythical perpetual motion machine. As such we can use this force to begin anew any projects that have become deadened, or any parts of ourselves that require a reinvention or complete reworking. For the next month or so, look towards your inner place to seek a new beginning. It is only by letting go of the status quo that we can move ahead to new horizons. And through the process of death and rebirth we can reestablish a new start from an old seemingly work out end.

MERCURY SEXTILES SATURN:

Also on Monday November 16th at 11:59 P.M. EST this serious minded aspect will complete. This is not a difficult transit, like the conjunct, opposition or square of these two planets would be, but it still has a realistic feeling about it, and frivolous thoughts and activities would seem inappropriate. Use this energy to clarify your thoughts or for wading through paperwork or other mundane tasks. Any important conversation will be productive and get to the heart of the matter.

VENUS SQUARES MARS:

On Thursday November 19th at 3:23 A.M. EST relationships between the sexes will be stressful. This is not a good day for a first date or for pushing a relationship along. If this hits a sensitive point in your chart you may find it quite difficult to relate to the opposite sex. I would wait a day or so and then reconnect.

THE SUN ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

On Saturday November 21st at 11:23 P.M. EST we enter the mutable fire sign. Sagittarians are more concerned with honesty than the aftermath of their truthfulness. Direct and open speech and an optimistic outlook is this sign's greatest strengths. Open your consciousness to new ideas and see the road ahead.

This is not the time to reflect. That will happen next month while we are transiting Capricorn.

VENUS SQUARES JUPITER:

On Monday November 23rd at 5:02 P.M. EST the tendency to overindulge will become quite strong. Happy hour should see the bars quite full. Get there early if you want a stool. Love and money matters will be a bit frivolous as well, so do be careful about opening your heart and your pocket book (two issues that are often mistaken as one).

THE SUN SEXTILES SATURN:

On Tuesday November 24th at 10:35 A.M. EST serious work and concentrated efforts will bring productive rewards. This is a day to take care of any business and to clear out your in-box. Straighten out your life and your affairs. Any project begun now will have a strong foundation and could prove quite successful.

MERCURY TRINES MARS:

On Thursday November 26th at 9:54 A.M. EST there will be a lot of mental energy and power behind the words spoken. Because this is a trine, it should be easy to control this excessive force and not bring out too much aggression as with other Mercury – Mars connections. Direct and assertive conversations will be the norm. It's a good day to say what's on your mind.

VENUS SQUARES NEPTUNE:

Also on Thursday November 26th at 7:16 P.M. EST a bit of confusion, especially in relationships will abound. Try to be clear and honest in your dealings with others. *Illusion in love* is a good phrase to keep in mind tonight. If you do fall in love, wait until tomorrow with the sober morning sun to see if you still feel the same way. This is the type of aspect occurring in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Be careful of overindulging in rich foods, alcohol or drugs. A bad reaction, even to a prescription drug is certainly possible if this square sets off your chart.

MERCURY SEXTILES JUPITER:

On Sunday November 29th at 6:54 A.M. EST this optimistic and outgoing Mercury transit occurs. It completes early in the morning, so unless you are an early riser you may miss it. But it will help begin the day on an upbeat for most of us. Conversations will be active and honest, and this is a good day to approach someone with a new plan or direction.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

On Monday November 30th at 2:52 P.M. EST this potentially dangerous transit completes. Arguments and accidents are most likely, especially if your chart is being affected. Use extra caution while traveling, even on foot. It is easy to become distracted or nervous and make mistakes. The suddenness of Uranus' energy can create momentary situations that only require a second or two to become an event. And with Uranus about to change direction it may be easy to make mistakes or become distracted. One foot in front of the other, and

watching each in turn, that's the way to go today.

URANUS GOES DIRECT:

On Tuesday December 1st at 3:27 P.M. EST the planet of sudden and unexpected events begins to change direction. The reversal of the planets is an important event each year. I really don't think astrologers spend enough time writing about it. Uranus has much to do with democratic governments and how they function. Some world events that have been delayed will begin to move forward. For the individual this has more to do with our sense of personal liberty and movement. The house this event occurs in and any aspects it may set off should be noted, as that is the area of your life that may require more freedom or a different perspective regarding your growth.

VENUS ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

Also on Tuesday December 1st at 5:04 P.M. EST Venus enters this most expansive of signs. Love and money issues will be blown out of proportion. People will tend to overdo everything, and frankly there is probably little we can do about it except try to show some restraint. Commodity prices may begin to fluctuate radically, especially the agricultures.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Wednesday December 2nd at 2:30 A.M. EST at 10 degrees Gemini 15 minutes. This sign rules communications and travel. Caution is called for in both these areas for a few days. Think before you speak or you may regret what pours out. And try to have patience, especially while traveling. Nervousness is one of Gemini's pitfalls, and if you react too quickly you could have problems. We can expect a certain amount of difficulty with all Gemini ruled things, including communication and transportation devices. It may be a smart idea to back up your computer files, and copy a few of those really important numbers from your cell phone. Use extra caution while traveling during the days surrounding this aspect. Accidents are quite possible, and some difficulty with some mode of transportation, such as trains, subways or highways is also very likely.

VENUS SEXTILES SATURN:

On Friday December 4th at 6:45 A.M. EST we will all have a more sober view of love and possessions. This is a good time to make a budget or do some shopping. Your attitude will be more realistic and conservative. A relationship that begins now may not be terribly exciting, but it could have staying power.

MERCURY ENTERS CAPRICORN:

On Saturday December 5th at 12:25 P.M. EST our thoughts and communications will take a more conservative turn for the next several months. Because Mercury retrogrades in this Saturn – ruled sign it will transit here until mid-February, so get used to it. People will be more focused on work-related issues and there will be little room for frivolous thoughts and activities. We are entering a sobering winter and it would be best to accept it and prepare for a few months of hard work and some limit mobility. Capricorn energy tends

to create issues that linger, so even a mild head cold could last much longer than usual. Allow yourself the time to recover from any illness in the lungs or bronchial tubes, or it could resurface.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS PLUTO:

On Monday December 7th at 4:11 A.M. EST this intense aspect completes. For a day or so leading up to this aspect you can expect depth in conversations. There may be a tendency to overreact to things said, so be careful what comes out of your mouth. Superficial answers will not suffice, and with Mercury just getting settled in Capricorn you may very well hear some things that are unpleasant. But they are real, and we should all listen or we could regret being distracted.

MERCURY SQUARES SATURN:

Also on Monday December 7th at 9:35 P.M. EST this difficult square completes. Because Saturn is in square to Pluto now, Mercury will just be setting off that more intense aspect. Power struggles and limitations are common. This square will make it difficult to communicate. Be precise and clear when you speak. Most of us will be more concerned with reality than fantasy, and your communications should be geared towards the serious and necessary parts of life. Saturn rules Capricorn, where Mercury is presently traveling, and the effects could be rather strong.

THE SUN TRINES MARS:

On Thursday December 10th at 8:18 P.M. EST this useful aspect comes along. There will be a jolt of energy in the air that can be malleable and used to our advantage. A little patience will show you ways to exert force out into the world without the usual backlash it can produce. This is a good day for getting things done, especially physical labor of any sort.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Monday December 14th at 10:28 A.M. EST this potentially explosive transit completes. Caution is certainly suggested for the day or so leading up to this. If this transit sets off your chart it could lead to an argument, accident or other upsetting event. Be extra careful while traveling. The stock markets may move violently. As this is the end of the lunar cycle normally I would say that move will be down. But with the Sun in sextile to Jupiter now as well it could surprise.

THE SUN SEXTILES JUPITER:

Also on Monday December 14th at 7:17 P.M. EST this positive and optimistic aspect comes along. This will coincide with the Sun in square to Uranus, and it should add some useful energy to the mix. People will be more sociable and outgoing, and anything that expands your consciousness will help. This is not a day to sit around. Go out and get involved in life. There is excitement in the air and adventures to be found. Just use a bit of caution as that Uranus energy can be quite tricky.

THE SUN SEXTILES NEPTUNE:

On Tuesday December 15th at 7:17 P.M. EST the Sun will complete its series of aspects. Because Jupiter will conjunct Neptune on December 21st the Sun will sextile each within a day. This is a moment of spirituality in the world, but how we will react to it has much to do with how open we are. Things are very bad for so many people that it may be quite difficult to embrace the positive energies around us. But we must try. Sometimes faith is all there is.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Wednesday December 16th at 7:02 A.M. EST at 24 degrees Sagittarius 40 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 16th 2:14 P.M. – November 17th 12:22 A.M.

November 18th 9:46 P.M. – November 19th 10:01 AM.

November 21st 10:04 P.M. – 10:11 P.M.

November 23rd 10:36 P.M. – November 24th 11:07 A.M.

November 26th 9:17 A.M. – 10:11 P.M.

November 28th 6:33 P.M. – November 29th 5:34 A.M.

December 1st 8:39 A.M. – 9:23 A.M.

December 3rd 5:28 A.M. – 11:01 A.M.

December 5th 12:08 A.M. – 12:07 P.M.

December 7th 3:58 A.M. – 2:05 P.M.

December 9th 5:04 A.M. – 5:47 P.M.

December 11th 12:45 P.M. – 11:31 P.M.

December 13th 8:18 P.M. – December 14th 7:25 A.M.

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