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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

On Wednesday May 27th at 4:12 P.M. EST Jupiter and Neptune conjunct. This energy coincides with the recent swine flu hysteria. As this aspect completes and these two planets separate the incidences of outbreaks will lesson and the fears will subside. **However they will conjoin once more on December 21st 2009** and that may be when we see the true severity of this illness. **Jupiter will exacerbate whatever it comes in contact with, and Neptune rules infectious diseases.** This is also why we are having one of the worst allergy seasons in recent memory. **In 2010 Neptune will dance across America's Moon three times.** **The Moon in America's rectified chart rules the 8th house of death and joint financial holdings.** It is also the house that rules the banking industry. We may be in for some serious, confusing and possibly debilitating situations. I am not at all convinced that our banks are secure, and with Neptune coming along, a great deal of misdirection and underlying festering infection may be uncovered.

Neptune is also the great illusionist. The combination of Jupiter and Neptune is also creating a pie-in-the-sky attitude in the financial markets and has led to the recent roaring bear market rally. The consumer confidence number, (Jupiter – Neptune can create a false sense of hope) which in itself is a joke, was so much higher than expected that it set off a 200 point rally in the DOW. But with unemployment continuing to rise, and the dollar moaning its death rattle, most of that confidence is of the Neptunian kind – more faith than fodder.

Jupiter will retrograde on June 15th. Historically this is usually a bearish signal in the stocks. When they are rallying, the turn around of Jupiter usually (about 80% of the time) represents a change in direction for the markets. If they are already heading downward, this indicates a more severe drop. Remember, Jupiter overdoes everything, good or bad. With Saturn moving towards its next opposition to Uranus you can expect continued instability and a return of fears, both rational and irrational. This rally is coming to a close. The completion of the Jupiter – Neptune conjunct, the retrograde of Jupiter, and the coming Saturn aspects are all pointing down.

Saturn has ended its retrograde motion and is moving forward once more. It will reach 18 degrees Virgo the week of July 18th where it was when the markets crashed last fall, and again in early March 2009 when they crashed the 2nd time. Mars in the NYSE chart is 18 degrees Virgo, and July will once again be a time of testing for the stocks. As Saturn continues to move forward through the summer it will

once again apply to the opposition to Uranus, which completes next in September. **This opposition has completed twice so far, on November 4th 2008, and February 5th 2009.** Each conjunction has led to a stock market crash. There is no reason to believe the three more passes of this aspect will have any different reaction. The continued instability in our financial markets is a result of real fundamental problems. We still face the potential collapse of the commercial real estate markets, and the personal credit card crunch that has yet to make itself fully known. The dollar's continued weakness is a catastrophe waiting to happen. If our bonds do not sell at auction, (a whisper of which has already taken place) then there is no way we will be able to continue to spend our way out of this recession-depression and our status as the currency of safety will be lost, possibly forever.

The shrinking of America 1 – 2 – 3.

In the days before Pearl Harbor, those in the Japanese high command who were conscious of America's industrial might, warned their superiors not to attack. They understood the strength and magnitude of the enemy they would face and recognized its endless potential. Once war began and our factories turned in earnest to the war effort it was just a matter of time before we wore out the German and Japanese industrial potential. After the war we held the position of the only financially secure nation in the world. Today, after decades of stripping away the heart and soul of this country, shipping industries and jobs wherever we could to have our blue jeans made cheaper, we are a shadow of our former glory and may lack the strength and impetus to regain that position. The next world war will be fought in the trading pits. And right now China is the powerhouse not to be underestimated.

In July 2010 there will be a configuration of great force. That is the last pass of Saturn opposite Uranus, and it will fall at 1 degree Aries – Libra, known as the World Point. It is the beginning of the zodiac and has great implications throughout the world. Pluto will be in square to that opposition, and this all falls right on America's Venus. This intense and complicated aspect is gaining the attention of astrologers all over the world. The last time these planets were in a similar configuration was in 1930 - 31, when Saturn opposed Pluto and squared Uranus. But even then these three planets didn't create this close a t-square.

In late July 2010 Mars will conjunct Saturn in opposition to Uranus. Jupiter will square Pluto, which will be in opposition to America's Venus. This all takes place within several degrees. At the same time Neptune will be conjunct America's Moon, ruler of our 8th house of banking and joint resources. This will be an explosive moment in the universe of humankind that may have long-lasting effects. We will try to make useful predictions as far in advance as possible. For now all I can say is: don't build your castle on quicksand. The foundation is unstable, so act accordingly.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Sunday May 24th at 8:11 A.M. EST at 3 degrees Gemini 28 minutes. This month's issues will involve communication of all sorts. Knowledge is the key, and as Mercury begins its forward motion we can expect to hear more than we bargained for. Open disputes will abound, such as the

partisan split in our government.

MERCURY GOES DIRECT:

On Saturday May 30th at 9:22 P.M. EST this planet will begin to reverse direction. Whenever Mercury changes direction it tends to upset things, especially communication and travel. This will be a day or so of miscommunication, mistakes and traffic problems. It's interesting that New York City decided to close down vehicular traffic through Times Square and Herald Square and put the plan into action while Mercury was retrograde. I have little doubt that it will fail. The truth tends to come out while Mercury is in retrograde or just as it begins to turn around. Keep your ears open and your mouth shut and you may be able to use this energy to your advantage.

MARS ENTERS TAURUS:

On Sunday May 31st at 5:18 P.M. EST the god of war enters this Venus-ruled fixed earth sign. Tempers will settle down and you can expect more of a slow burn than an explosive reaction. You may find it difficult to get people moving, and this can be a very exasperating time. Use this energy to build the foundation for your future growth and you will be making the most of it.

THE SUN SQUARES SATURN:

On Friday June 5th at 3:11 P.M. EST this harsh taste of reality will come along. This can be a very frustrating moment, and people will have short fuses. This is not a good day for socializing, so don't plan a big party. Nobody will be in the mood. This is usually a very bad day for the stocks.

VENUS ENTERS TAURUS:

On Saturday June 6th at 5:07 A.M. EST Venus enters one of the signs it rules. With Mars already in this sign, for the next few weeks Venus will be the dominant energy. Egos will be tempered, and the feminine side of life will gain control. Taurus is a very loyal and trustworthy sign, although it isn't very fast moving. If you try to hurry things along you may have a lot of difficulty. Take things in stride and you will avoid the pitfalls.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Sunday June 7th at 2:12 P.M. EST at 17 degrees Sagittarius 07 minutes. This is the most optimistic and expansive of signs, and is known for overdoing things and taking on more than can easily be handled. If you make plans today try to keep them somewhat in the realm of reality. Embrace the optimism of this sign and expand your consciousness in anyway you can. But don't make promises you can't keep or take on too many responsibilities. Sagittarians are known for their great successes and tremendous failures.

JUPITER RETROGRADES:

On Monday June 15th at 3:51 A.M. EST the planet of growth and optimism begins its backward journey. As

I said above, this is usually a downward turn for the stock markets. The growth of many things will be slowed down as this energy is internalized. This is a time of inner expansion and a new awareness of the self. Once it begins its direct motion again on October 13th 2009 you will be able to project what you have learned out into the world. For now be satisfied with the lessons being taught and try to expand your consciousness.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Wednesday June 17th at 10:57 A.M. EST this volatile and disruptive aspect completes. This is an accident or an explosive situation waiting to happen. Use caution and avoid direct confrontations. There will be a lot of anger in the air, so try to avoid it. This may be a very bad day in the equity markets.

THE SUN ENTERS CANCER:

On Sunday June 21st at 1:46 A.M. EST summer finally begins (woo hoo!). The energy really does change as the Sun enters the different signs. This month is all about family and emotions. The ocean (mother of us all) beckons and the water in us all flows more readily. Take some time out to recognize what is most important to you. Reestablish your link to the earth and let your feelings go where they may. They can't hurt you unless you deny them.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Monday June 22nd at 3:35 P.M. EST at 1 degrees Cancer 30 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:

May 25th 9:18 P.M. – May 26th 2:58 A.M.

May 27th 11:06 P.M. – May 28th 3:44 A.M.

May 30th 4:18 A.M. – 6:17 A.M.

June 1st 4:32 A.M. – 11:17 A.M.

June 3rd 2:00 P.M. – 6:44 P.M.

June 5th 10:18 P.M. – June 6th 4:24 A.M.

June 8th 9:51 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

June 10th 11:31 P.M. – June 11th 4:52 A.M.

June 13th 5:04 P.M. – 5:32 P.M.

June 15th 9:17 P.M. – June 16th 3:52 A.M.

June 18th 5:35 A.M. – 10:20 A.M.

June 20th 8:02 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

June 22nd 8:20 A.M. – 1:12 P.M.

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