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### **AUTHOR'S NOTES:**

**Saturn is about to enter Libra, the sign where it is exalted. It will square Pluto three times in the coming year, and this is an aspect unto itself that demands our attention. Because Saturn will also oppose Uranus at zero degrees Libra, this will set up a most powerful t-square** that I will continue to discuss throughout the coming months. **It culminates in July 2010**, a period that may produce some very interesting and difficult situations in the world.

**Saturn will square Pluto this month for the first of its three passes. The second pass is on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 and the third is August 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.** Near any of the three passes there could be an event that would signal the stress that is buried within the collective. When a square is set up it tends to test situations that began on the conjunct or opposition. **In 2001 Saturn opposed Pluto, setting up the energy necessary for the 9/11 attacks.** Now they are in square. What have we learned since then? And what will we learn from the coming tests. The F.B.I. recently broke up what seems to have been a cell or group of cells concentrating on (where else) New York City. That shows just how intense the energy is as this square begins. Our heightened awareness and recognition of our vulnerability is one way our society has changed since that opposition. I certainly hope we are able to prevent another situation, but time will tell. As always I am just as concerned about the affects another attack could have on our civil liberties. For Americans being free is perhaps more important than being safe, although we shouldn't have to choose between the two. In New York City they are putting cameras everywhere. It's a bit disconcerting to realize that you are being watched all the time. I do hope our elected officials (Republicans or Democrats) understand that 1984 was a cautionary novel, not an instruction manual.

**The last pass of this square on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 occurs** shortly after the last pass of Saturn opposite Uranus at zero degrees cardinal. That square completes at 2 degrees Aries 57 minutes. America's Venus is 3 degrees Cancer 06 minutes. Could it be any closer? And as we know, it is the inner planets that set off events influenced by the outer planet. **Venus has much to do with our agriculture and food supply, as well as our collective wealth in general.** We could have some difficulty with food, perhaps as a result of changes in the environment. I am quite sure that next summer will be one of those dips I spoke of in the markets. How deep a dip depends upon how deep the pool is.

**Saturn rules the housing industry and the banks.** Its journey through Virgo resulted in an auditing of the banking industry, exposing its decaying underbelly and demanding a reckoning. The government of and by the people is ruled by Aquarius, and its co-rulers Uranus and Saturn. It was the combination of the two

planetary influences that led to the government's bail out of the banking industry. Uranus sought unusual solutions to the problem, and Saturn created a seemingly secure foundation upon which those changes could be instituted. Just how secure it really is will be seen in time. Now as **Saturn begins its trip through Libra** we may see a balancing of the financials markets (real or not) and a return to the laissez-faire approach. After all, Libras do not enjoy direct confrontations and would be apt to accept compromises in the name of peace. That would be a big mistake. It was a warped system of economics that brought us to this precipice, and one more jolt could send us reeling for years. In July 2010 about a trillion dollars of commercial debt comes due. Nobody, not even people in the industry, seems to know what to expect, but with the complicated and stressful transits we will face next summer I have little doubt that there will be a price to pay. And as always, it is the middle class that will pay it, one way or another.

**I find it interesting that GM has decided to ditch the Saturn car company just when we need more foundation, structure, stability (in other words, more Saturn) in our culture.** Decisions made by a strong portion of the collective (such as the de-planetisation of Pluto) have profound implications that should not be ignored. The death of the Saturn automobile is a metaphor for our inability to deal with our responsibilities as a society.

By now we all realize that much of the wealth accrued over the past several decades simply did not exist. It was paper money built on packaged debt sold and resold again and again. It was all Jupiter and Neptune, not Saturn.

We will finally pass a health care reform bill and it will be a toothless tiger. Without a public option there will be little reform at all. Now, most people pay a \$20 co-pay. It is only a matter of time before the insurance industry passes the increased expenses that any reform costs them onto the consumer, and we will all be paying \$50 to see a doctor. This isn't reform, it's a shell game.

There is some optimism that things may have bottomed out financially. That is not the case. **Jupiter will conjunct Neptune for the last pass on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2009, and until that aspect passes and a sense of reality reenters our collective consciousness, I wouldn't put too much credibility in any runaway rally in the stock markets.** But there is a way to make money investing in this economy. I think we are in an era similar to the period of 1966 – 82 when we had a bear market for 16 years. Every time the markets ran up, they failed. They made new highs twice only to collapse. The "dip" of 1973-5 is a perfect example of what I expect to occur during the coming decade. Right after that precipitous plunge they began a rally from 577 up to 1,014. Then they dropped several more times. The DOW closed out 1965 at 910. They closed in 1982 at 884. That, boys and girls, is a 16 year bear market. You can not buy and hold stocks indefinitely now, unless you are young and looking 20 years down the road. Stocks should be bought, held while the markets are rallying, and then they should be sold and profits should be taken. Then when the markets dip again they can be re-bought. (You may not be able to do so in your retirement accounts.) I have seen many savvy traders get wiped out trying to pick the tops or bottoms of a market. The smarter ones showed patience and took a nice piece out of the middle.

**NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:33 A.M. EST at 24 degree Libra 59 minutes.**

Relationship issues will be in the forefront during this lunar cycle. Libras live for relationships and they are, for the most part, unhappy when not in an ongoing couple. This is a time to deal with the other people in our lives in a direct and honest fashion. I have no proof of this, but it wouldn't surprise me if more people become involved in a one-on-one relationship when the Sun is in this sign than at any other time. Maybe I'll ask for a grant from the stimulus package to do a study. Because this New Moon is at a late degree, the Sun will be entering Scorpio in a few days. But this New Moon will still be effective in creating new relationships. Balance is Libra's main concern, but it's interesting that more stock market crashes occur during the Sun's transit of this sign than any other. Perhaps that is a statement about the actual lack of any real balance during the boom times.

**MERCURY TRINES JUPITER:**

**On Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 P.M. EST** this optimistic and far-sighted aspect completes. This is a good day for any communications. Conversations will be lively and it's a good time to discuss anything that requires an open mind. Travel is favored, especially if this sets off your chart.

**THE SUN ENTERS SCORPIO:**

**On Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:44 A.M. EST** we enter the fixed water sign. Scorpio has a bad reputation in astrology. It is seen as an ominous and dark sign that rules death and taxes. But that is only one side of the story. It also rules rebirth, the unconscious, and the ability to delve deeply into any subject without fear of drowning. This is the sign that has the power to rejuvenate. Remember, death is only the precursor of life. It is the endless cycle of endings and beginnings that this sign represents, and its force should be seen as positive and wonderfully healing.

**THE SUN SEXTILES PLUTO:**

**On Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:55 A.M. EST** we will all be more interested in getting to the bottom of things. Any issue that has been left vague will be pursued and an attempt will be made to clarify it. Because this is a sextile it will be easier to use this energy than if it were a square or opposition, but also because it is a sextile it will be easier to ignore. That would be a shame. There is a lot to discover when Pluto is positively activated, so try to keep an open mind and search for the truth.

**MERCURY ENTERS SCORPIO:**

**On Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:09 A.M. EST** the ruler of the mind joins the Sun in this deep thinking sign. Thoughts and conversations will take on a more serious tone. People will not be satisfied with superficial answers to their questions, and you could find that others are forcing some conversations that you would rather not have. It will be difficult to ignore what is being brought up, and probably better in most cases to just confront the situation and deal with it in the open. Scorpio does its worst damage in the dark. Bring things out

into the light and it will be much easier to make decisions when you have all the information.

### **VENUS TRINES JUPITER:**

**Also on Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:02 P.M. EST** this wonderfully pleasant and easy-going energy completes. If this sets off a sensitive point in your chart, this will be a very nice day. It could bring a new person into your life, some financial windfall or even a new love interest, but there must be other indicators in your chart to support a new relationship. Socializing and any form of entertainment will be enjoyable. As with all Venus – Jupiter connections you should be careful not to overindulge. It is quite easy to eat or drink more than you planned on.

### **MERCURY SEXTILES PLUTO:**

**Also on Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:52 P.M. EST** this positive aspect completes. As with the Sun sextile Pluto mentioned above, this is a day to delve deeply into issues in your life and to try and gain a better understanding of how things are going. All conversations will take on a deeper tone and you should not try to avoid facing the truth.

### **THE SUN SQUARES MARS:**

**On Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:56 A.M. EST** this powerful and potentially difficult aspect comes along. This is an argument or an accident waiting to happen. There is a lot of force and anger in the air, and it would behoove us all to avoid direct confrontations whenever possible. You must find positive releases for the excessive force this will create. Physical activity of any sort is helpful. You can not just sit at a desk and expect to expunge this energy mentally. The body needs to be active and working your muscles is that best way to use this transit. Accidents are certainly possible, but usually as a result of pent up anger. Find a release valve and you will avoid any complications.

### **SATURN ENTERS LIBRA:**

**Also on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:09 P.M. EST** the planet of karma enters this marriage oriented air sign. Saturn is exalted in Libra, meaning it is considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> best placement for this sign. This may be difficult to understand, unless you realize that without a strong foundation, a long, secure marriage is virtually impossible. And if you doubt this planet is really exalted here, pay attention the next time your natal Saturn is being afflicted. You will probably feel tension or pain in the lumbar, or lower back area ruled by Libra.

### **MERCURY SQUARES MARS:**

**On Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:51 P.M. EST** people will be testy and looking for arguments. It will be easy to walk into a dispute anywhere while this is in orb, especially if it sets off your chart. Most of the disagreements will be emotionally fueled and blown totally out of proportion. Walk away from any disputes that you feel are not worth your energy or have become illogical. This can also produce accidents, especially while traveling. Use extra caution, and if you are feeling angry do not get behind the wheel of a car.

**FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:14 P.M. EST at 10 degrees Taurus 30 minutes.** Taurus rules the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, and has much to do with money and values. Because the economy is the most pressing issues on most of our minds, this Full Moon will certainly bring out a lot of fear about money. We could hear some very important news about our economy. I certainly hope it will be good news, but with Saturn about to square Pluto I would be glad to hear no news. Be extra careful with your money for a few days. The energy of the Full Moon can be quite powerful if it sets off your own chart. But the effects on the collective are also strong and you could easily be swept up in some financial situation that may have unexpected consequences.

**NEPTUNE GOES DIRECT:**

**On Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 P.M. EST** this planet changes direction. Spiritual and creative matters that have been pushed aside will begin to make a forward motion once again. Any artistic ventures that you have been working on for some time can now be presented to the world. Those that are ready will be forwarded to the general public. Those that still need work will be redirected towards fruition.

**VENUS ENTERS SCORPIO:**

**On Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:23 P.M. EST** the planet of love and possessions enters this fixed water sign. You can expect emotions to run rather high for the next few weeks, especially in love relationships. There is a tendency to see things in black-or-white, and it would be wise to seek compromises with your partner. The intensity associated with this sign is well documented, so try to keep things in proportion.

**MERCURY SQUARES JUPITER:**

**On Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:43 A.M. EST** this high energy mental aspect will complete. Conversations will be lively, outgoing and honest. You could say more than you planned on saying, so do try to keep your tongue under control. This will be a busy day of communications and travel, and you can expect a certain amount of difficulty in both areas. There could be some trouble with computers, phone and other communicative devices. Also, you may see an increase in traffic problems. If this aspect sets off your chart, a bit of caution is called for.

**THE SUN SQUARES JUPITER:**

**On Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:41 P.M. EST** there will be a tendency to overdo things and blow them out of proportion. With a little care this can be a useful and quite positive aspect. Growth and expansion of all sorts is favored, and if you use this energy to your advantage you can enlarge a project or idea, and should be able to get others interested in working with you.

**MERCURY TRINES URANUS:**

**On Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:39 A.M. EST** this interesting aspect completes. Communications will take an unusual direction, so try to keep an open mind and listen to what is being said. You could discover

some unique ways of dealing with things, and some fascinating concepts could be presented. This is not a day to follow your usual routine. Take a step out of the ordinary and give your mind some room to roam. Because this coincides with Mercury square Neptune mentioned below, the energy will change as the day goes on, so pay attention as much that confusing aspect will allow.

### **MERCURY SQUARES NEPTUNE:**

**Also on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:12 P.M. EST** this confusing and at times, debilitating energy comes along. The early part of this day was dominated by Mercury in trine to Uranus, which allowed for exciting and unusual input. Now the energy becomes more difficult to handle and demands your attention and some caution. This can be a very confusing time fraught with misunderstandings, mistakes and missteps. Accidents are quite possible, but they would be a result of misdirection. If you stay focused you can avoid much of the potential difficulty. Just be sure you understand what others are saying, and that you are understood.

### **THE SUN TRINES URANUS:**

**On Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:41 P.M. EST** we are offered another chance to explore the unusual. Try not to tie yourself down to a desk today. This is a time to get out and experiment. Following the usual routine will be boring and feel so redundant. Seek out unusual people, ideas, entertainment and solutions to your difficulties. The power of Uranus is its ability to make changes, often whether we want them or not. When this energy is presented to us in a sextile or trine, it gives us more proactive influence and a bigger say in what those changes will be.

### **SATURN SQUARES PLUTO:**

**On Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:42 A.M. EST** we are faced with the first of three passes of this powerful and ominous square. Pluto and Saturn were in opposition when the 9/11 attacks occurred. *(They were not exact on that date. The influence of the outer planet aspects lasts for months. It is the quicker moving inner planets transiting to the outer ones that usually set off events, both for the world and the individual.)* These are the two most stressful planetary energies we deal with on a day to day basis. I have written extensively about the “de-planetisation of Pluto, on my website [www.mitchastro.com](http://www.mitchastro.com) and we shall see once again the foolishness of that statement by the scientific community. When Pluto is active in an individual’s chart or a chart affecting the collective, its influence is among the most powerful. The last pass of this square is on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2010, shortly after the last pass of Saturn opposite Uranus at zero degrees cardinal. That square completes at 2 degrees Aries 57 minutes. America’s Venus is 3 degrees Cancer 06 minutes. Could it be any closer?

I certainly would be extra careful for a week or so leading up to this aspect, especially during the **Sun squares Mars on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> and the Mercury squares Mars on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>**. A little extra caution will go a long way.

**THE SUN SQUARES NEPTUNE:**

**Also on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:12 P.M. EST** this difficult transit will add to the joy of the Saturn – Pluto square. This is a confusing and at times debilitating energy that can create a fog that is discombobulating. When you don't know what to do it is usually best to do nothing, unless an alligator has gotten hold of one of your body parts. But try to look before you leap. You may not have all of the necessary information and could make a mistake. There is a New Moon tomorrow afternoon in Scorpio. The financial markets will certainly be strongly affected.

**MERCURY ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:**

**Also on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:28 P.M. EST** the winged god enters this most optimistic of signs. I don't know if you've noticed, but Sagittarius energy does tend to exaggerate at times, and it can be a bit sloppy with details. So double check all facts and try to keep things in perspective. This is one of the best placements of the "con artist", the Silver-tongued devil, as it were, so watch out for deals that are too good to be true. People will be chattier than usual and more open to exploring new ideas. After a month of looking deeply at every little nuance it will be refreshing to hear some gibberish for a change.

**DARK OF THE MOON:**

**The next New Moon falls on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:14 P.M. EST at 24 degrees Scorpio 34 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 18<sup>th</sup> 1:33 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.

October 20<sup>th</sup> 2:57 P.M. – 4:49 P.M.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:39 A.M. – 2:39 A.M.

October 25<sup>th</sup> 2:15 P.M. – 3:08 P.M.

October 28<sup>th</sup> 3:22 A.M. – 3:45 A.M.

October 30<sup>th</sup> 12:56 A.M. – 1:56 P.M.

November 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 A.M. – 7:45 P.M.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:05 P.M. – 11:53 P.M.

November 5<sup>th</sup> 10:47 P.M. – November 6<sup>th</sup> 2:42 A.M.

November 7<sup>th</sup> 5:26 P.M. – November 8<sup>th</sup> 5:23 A.M.

November 9<sup>th</sup> 9:43 P.M. – November 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 A.M.

November 12<sup>th</sup> 2:13 A.M. – 12:22 P.M.

November 14<sup>th</sup> 6:10 A.M. – 5:42 P.M.

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