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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

Jupiter conjunct Uranus last month and that was the temporary turn-around in the stocks. Of course, I believe they are only bouncing in preparation for another tumble beginning in late June or July. **There is a Full Moon eclipse at 4 degrees Capricorn 46 minutes on June 26th. Pluto is currently at that same degree of Capricorn and will be conjunct the Sun – Moon opposition.** This could be a doozy of a month. **The week of the 21st has a number of difficult and challenging aspects involving Saturn and Uranus that lead up to that Full Moon.** Caution is certainly called for. I think we will hear more bad news from the Gulf and other situations around the world. This is our summer of discontent.

For those of you who have believed that the apocalypse is just around the corner, I can tell you with certainty, you can stop worrying. It's here.

The situation in the Gulf of Mexico is heartbreaking. You can not over exaggerate its potential severity or the comment it makes about people. No thinking, feeling human being can possibly avoid the "inconvenient truth" about our untenable lifestyle as a species. We have cut a wound deep into our living Gaia and it is edging ever closer to poisoning our drinking water. We are one world, connected in an unbroken chain. We should be in mourning over the death of a great body of water, marching in the streets demanding massive changes in our energy policies, voluntarily shutting off electronic devices and microwaves. Instead we sit in air-conditioned bars and watch the World Cup, and think that if you wear a t-shirt that says "BP Sucks", you've done your share.

Months ago I warned that the "**Great T-square**" that is approaching would rest heavily on America's **Venus – Jupiter conjunct, the source of our tremendous wealth and abundant food supply. I expressed concern that the combined energies of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Pluto all whacking our so-called benefic planets could manifest as a serious problem in our food source.** If the Gulf disaster is even nearly as devastating as the experts believe, it will destroy more than ¼ of our fish and seafood supplies.

But that's not all. As if the oil itself wasn't enough, BP has now added millions of gallons of carcinogenic chemicals that have done nothing to break up the oil, but have added an ominous level of pollution to the situation. Some scientists believe that these chemicals could be swept up in a hurricane and deposited all across North America. The end result would be a dying continent. No matter how much outrage and surprise

we express, all of this is nothing new. I wrote a song in 1982 called: "I'm Sorry My Son". I think the title tells it all. If I knew, didn't they? I knew the housing bubble would pop. Didn't they? I knew the stock market would crash. Didn't they? And I knew for decades that we were befouling our nest. Didn't they? They answer to all of it is: of course they did. They didn't care, and they still don't. Those with money and power are grabbing whatever is left, and will continue to live their lifestyle in lavish, gated, guarded communities scattered across the world long after the rest of it has decayed.

So who is to blame?

We all know the answer to that; you are. And I am. The greatest ally to any dictator, usurper of power or self-destructive habit is complacency.

I was in Whole Foods the other day planning a bachelor's menu for the weekend. I got my organic broccoli and sweet potato and wandered into the seafood department. I'm not much of a fish person. I don't eat most shellfish and really only like a few varieties of fish at all. Tuna is by far and away my favorite seafood, and possibly my all around choice for a main course. I eat it rarely – the cost and mercury content have always prevented gluttony, and look forward to those times when I allow my indulgence. But tuna has become an endangered species. Even though the world has refused to put in on that ever growing list the evidence is overwhelming and indisputable. I stood looking at the wonderfully fresh delight, thinking of the garlic and olives I would garnish it with. I'm sick to death of chicken. I haven't eaten red meat in almost 40 years, and would prefer a totally vegetarian diet, but haven't quite made that final turn in the road. I wanted to eat that piece of fish, savor its meaty quality. I was next, and was about to ask the woman to weigh a particularly glistening piece for me, when I noticed the N.Y. Post a shopper was carrying. On the cover was a picture of a pelican, its oil soaked body and sad eyes cried out in the stillness of that captured moment. I know that the only way to stop people from catching Tuna is if nobody will eat them. I also know that if I don't buy it the next person will. Leo Tolstoy once said: *'Everyone talks about changing the world, nobody talks about changing themselves.'* I have no control over what the next person does; only what I do. That's when I realized I could never again eat a piece of tuna. I bought the chicken.

So what happens next?

What is happening to humanity is that we are leaving the age of Pisces and entering the Age of Aquarius. For years I've heard astrologers and others proclaim: "Last Tuesday when Uranus entered Aquarius we began the Age of Aquarius", or other such nonsense. An age lasts about 2,000 years. The conversion from one age to another takes hundreds of years of transformative changes, not a long weekend in the Hamptons. As the transition continues there are many alterations in society, some are obvious, others more subtle. **When mankind was preparing to leave the Age of Aries**, an age clearly manifest in the Roman Empire, changes began in the collective consciousness. For about 100 years prior to the birth of Jesus, there were dozens of so-called prophets in the holy land. Some had large followings and ministries that lasted years, but lacked the proper PR firm to push their fame out to the world. The consciousness was preparing for the new age, and many individuals felt it. But if it takes a long time for a person to change, imagine how much longer it takes the collective. Long after the death of historic Jesus mankind suffered for hundreds of years as it struggled to move from one age to another. It wasn't until the fall of Rome that a

vacuum was created in Western Europe allowing the Church a chance to dominate, and finally moving the culture into the new age. The transformation into the Pisces era was horrific. Poverty, plagues and instability made life very hard for most, but without the tribulations I don't think the Catholic Church would have gained such unyielding control. **Now as we prepare to leave the age of Pisces**, (often called the age of Christianity) the church is showing its decay and is slowly moving into a less dominant role. But just as with each birth, the labor pains of transformation are being felt. Our society must be humbled, just as Rome was, before we will embrace the new ideas and direction necessary to enter the new age.

The Age of Aquarius is the age of technology. We began to move towards it with the industrial revolution. Without the invention of the internal combustion engine we never would have developed computers. But now those very same inventions that began our transformation are killing us. Unless we change our perspective, and quickly, **the Age of Aquarius, the sign that is given rulership over mankind**, may well prove the end of humanity. At the very least, we can expect some unsettling events similar in nature to what humanity felt 2,000 years ago, as we mark the end of one era and the beginning of another. How we handle the environmental catastrophes and challenges that we face over the coming decades will decide if, and what type of future we see. If things continue to move in the direction they are headed, the human population will shrink considerably as clean water, land and food become scarcer. We have built some fabulous things; extended our species to the limit the planet will allow, and finally invented communication equipment that puts us all in the same place at the same time. This is the crossroads humanity was always heading towards. We must change our political, cultural and economic perspective. No longer can a few wealthy and powerful individuals control the destiny of the species. **Aquarius is the sign of rebellion and revolution. Its ruler, Uranus, is prominent in the charts of America, Russia and France, all born out of revolution.** And revolution it must be! Whether it is intellectual, social or violent in nature will have to do with how easily mankind is willing to bend. Based on our past I think we all know which will become necessary before this is all done. If we do not use our new found toys to change the direction of the collective, there is little doubt in my mind that we are heading towards the inevitable end. The Gulf crisis is only the beginning, but it is a powerful and ominous introduction to our future. Anyone who believes that our technology will save us has their head in the sand. It isn't new inventions that change the world, but new ideas.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Saturday June 12th at 7:15 A.M. EST at 21 degree Gemini 24 minutes. The first half of this month is all about communication. This is a month to express yourself, especially to your closest people. Gemini is all about paying attention to the little things. The answer to your problems lies in the details, not the bigger picture. Sift through a situation and you should be able to tweak things a bit without tossing the entire project or idea out the window. Try not to stifle your thoughts, but rather be as open-minded as you can be. The best way Gemini energy works is spontaneously. It does not like restriction, especially intellectually, and it requires a great deal of freedom, very much like its opposite sign Sagittarius. There is a plethora of aspects to Mercury, and we can expect to hear some startling news.

VENUS ENTERS LEO:

On Monday June 14th at 4:50 A.M. EST the planet of love and money enters this theatrical sign. People will be a bit more assertive than of late as Venus traveled through home-oriented Cancer. Expect some drama and comedy in your romances over the next few weeks. A certain amount of showiness or flamboyance may be present, especially from women. Hey, there's nothing like a little role-playing to spice up love. It doesn't have to be Shakespeare. Sometimes Neil Simon is more appropriate.

VENUS TRINES URANUS:

Also on Monday June 14th at 1:21 P.M. EST as Venus enters Leo it will trine the most curious of planets. It is a time to seek unusual and different people, ideas and entertainment. Do not follow your usual routine or spend time with the same old group, unless you are going to do something exciting and adventurous. Don't waste this aspect sitting home in front of the computer. Get out and experience the world. This is followed immediately by the trine to Jupiter, so this will be a few days of high energy romance and exceptionally pleasant feelings.

VENUS TRINES JUPITER:

On Tuesday June 15th at 4:07 A.M. EST this most pleasant of all aspects completes. If this hits your chart just right, this could be a lucky day in financial matters or in romance. If so, play, play a few bucks on lotto, but don't go overboard. If you're meant to win you will, whether you spend five dollars or five hundred. Often less is more. There tends to be some laziness associated with this trine, but if you push yourself off the couch and get out, you will experience some wonderful interaction with others. Any social encounter or artistic endeavor will be very rewarding.

MARS TRINES PLUTO:

Also On Tuesday June 15th at 8:09 A.M. EST this useful trine completes. This gives us an opportunity to work together in groups without the usual ego problems. Collective efforts will often bring better results when these two planets are in good aspect. This coincides with the Venus trine Jupiter mentioned above, and if you can use these aspects in tandem you should be able to get a lot done.

THE SUN SQUARES SATURN:

On Saturday June 19th at 9:19 A.M. EST this wet blanket comes along. This is a low energy aspect that will drain all the fun out of things. Until this wanes later in the day I wouldn't plan any social activity such as a romantic brunch. There is too much reality in the air and a feeling of responsibility will overwhelm any playfulness. Have dinner tonight while the Sun is in trine to Neptune. It will be more romantic and your partner may believe a lot more of what you tell them.

THE SUN TRINES NEPTUNE:

Also on Saturday June 19th at 8:23 P.M. EST this energy takes over from that Sun – Saturn square. This is a more spiritual and compassionate force that is in many ways the antithesis of Saturn's stern reality oriented power. There is wistfulness in the air and many will be daydreaming. Make sure you aren't distracted,

especially while driving or doing open heart surgery. Otherwise this can be a pleasant and spacey few hours. A cocktail and dinner is just what the astrologer ordered.

THE SUN ENTERS CANCER:

On Monday June 21st at 7:30 A.M. EST we officially enter summer. This is the most family oriented of signs, and I always suggest you spend more time with the family and kids now so that in August when the Sun travels through playful, romantic Leo you leave the kids with Uncle Mickey and run off to the beach by yourselves. Cancers are very concerned about their future and security, and even in good times this part of the year tends to make many of us more aware of those issues. This year, because of our ongoing depression, this summer may be quite a difficult one. Put some efforts into shoring up your financial and emotional foundation. You will be less likely to do so once the Sun leaves this sign.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

Also on Monday June 21st at 8:28 P.M. EST just as we enter Cancer the Sun squares erratic, disturbing Uranus. This really is setting up the energy that I believe may be present this summer. I find that the first aspect to hit any planet as it changes signs has a lot to do with defining what the journey will be like. This is an unpredictable (astrologers hate that word!) and potentially explosive energy that must be watched. This is usually a very bad aspect for the stock markets, and as we are approaching that Lunar eclipse conjunct Pluto, I would be short coming in this morning.

THE SUN SQUARES JUPITER:

On Wednesday June 23rd at 9:21 A.M. EST things will get blown out of proportion. While this square is usually just a matter of keeping things in perspective and not overdoing, with the difficult aspects surrounding this I would be extra careful to use limitations and common sense. If the markets are going to have a major dip this week, this aspect will exacerbate it.

MERCURY SQUARES SATURN:

On Thursday June 24th at 12:25 P.M. EST this heavy mental aspect will add some weight to whatever situation is going on. Communications will be difficult and restricted. If this square sets off your chart you may feel withdrawn and a bit depressed. It passes quickly, so don't make any permanent decisions until it completes. We are only seeing the worst of things while Saturn is activated. It's a good day to take care of paperwork or anything that requires attention to details.

MERCURY ENTERS CANCER:

On Friday June 25th at 6:32 A.M. EST our thoughts will become more emotional and our attention will be aimed at home and family issues. This will add more Cancer energy to the Sun already in this water sign. As they get closer together there will be a meeting of the minds and issues regarding financial and emotional security will come to the forefront.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

Also on Friday June 25th at 12:37 P.M. EST this nervous energy will make things jittery and unstable for a few hours. This can be a very disruptive transit. It could affect technological devices, communications and travel. Often there are quirky problems that arise when these two are in conflict, so be careful. Sudden and unexpected news is a common side-effect of this transit and with the Sun square Pluto and the Full Moon eclipse following close behind, this may be a difficult few days.

THE SUN OPPOSES PLUTO:

Also on Friday June 25th at 2:53 P.M. EST this square completes. Power struggles are common, so pick your battles carefully. Pluto will conjunct this Full Moon eclipse, so extra caution is certainly called for. Most of the time transits, even the most powerful or potentially explosive, pass with but a whisper and that may very well be the case this month. But the combination of transits, past events, and the present psychological makeup of the collective, gives me a reason to worry. This is an eclipse with Pluto involved, and we are heading towards the final Saturn – Uranus opposition at zero degrees Aries on the World Point. While that aspect may very well represent the beginning of a settling down in the society, we still have to get through it and the massive T-Square it is setting off. My studies have shown that in the past it took a decade or more for our financial and societal stability to recover from this opposition, and we are facing some unprecedented situations in man's history.

MERCURY SQUARES JUPITER:

On Saturday June 26th at 7:08 A.M. EST thinking will be expanded, perhaps beyond reasonable boundaries. Information may come at us too fast to assimilate comfortably. Often those born with this square have a speech impediment or learning disorder they must overcome in childhood. The super-brain sends the messages too quickly for the synapses to fire and it can cause a short circuit, such as a stutter. Make sure you can handle the input you are taking in and don't allow too much. Use caution while driving as distractions are common. Double check all paperwork. Sloppiness is very easy.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Saturday June 26th at 7:30 A.M. EST at 4 degrees Capricorn 46 minutes, and it is a Lunar Eclipse, with Pluto conjunct the Moon. Normally the Capricorn Full Moon is rather tempered. But with Pluto conjunct the Moon and opposing the Sun, along with the input of Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus, this aspect deserves our respect. Saturn ruled Capricorn controls all things that are stable and structured. If this energy is sufficient we could see an event that would seriously threaten that stability. Usually this is represented in the stock markets, and I certainly wouldn't be long now. In fact, until after July my advice is to sit on the sidelines and wait. If they rally a bit, well, it's still the best course of action. But if I'm right and they tank, you will lose a lot of equity.

MERCURY OPPOSES PLUTO:

On Saturday June 27th at 3:14 A.M. EST powerful words will be exchanged. It will be impossible to have a

superficial conversation or to skim the surface of a subject. Be careful of your tone of voice. It is often more important how you say something than what you say. Most people don't listen anyway, they just respond to voice commands, not unlike my cocker spaniel. Stop, stay, sit.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

On Monday June 28th at 8:07 A.M. EST this willful combination completes the cycle of planets involved directly in the Full Moon. There will be force behind people's words today, but not nearly as intensely as on Saturday's Mercury _ Pluto opposition. Still, keep an eye on what you say and how you say it.

MERCURY SEXTILES MARS:

On Thursday July 1st at 8:17 A.M. EST this positive aspect will come along. You should find it easier to discuss things than of late, especially if there is a disagreement. Although there will be a lot of energy in conversations, the underlying desire is to find common ground and discuss things in a lively, but constructive way.

URANUS RETROGRADES:

On Monday July 5th at 12:49 P.M. EST the planet of technology, personal freedom and humanity takes a journey backwards. It may be more difficult to express your freedom for the next few months, although I find that when the outer planets retrograde their effect is more subtle and personal than the inner, quicker moving planets. The tech explosion will take a breather as well, as we digest the latest carp put out by Apple and the rest.

VENUS OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Thursday July 8th at 7:56 P.M. EST it will be very difficult to be realistic about love or money, so act accordingly. A new romance could seem too good to be true, and that means it probably is. Give it a few days before committing too much. Use caution while handling money. There is no sense of reality regarding either issue. Also be careful of alcohol and all drugs (legal or illegal has no bearing in astrology) even herbs may be difficult to assimilate.

MERCURY SEXTILES SATURN:

On Friday July 9th at 1:35 A.M. EST Mercury creates this positive and useful aspect to reality based Saturn. It's a good day to making plans, dealing with paperwork, or finishing up old business. Mercury leaves Cancer in a few hours, and it is going out on a realistic note.

MERCURY ENTERS LEO:

Also on Friday July 9th at 12:29 P.M. EST Mercury enters the fixed fire sign. Generally people will be more demonstrative and theatrical in their speech and other communications. A tendency to brag goes along with this sign, so do stop short of arrogance. This is a good time to make a presentation.

MERCURY TRINES URANUS:

Also on Friday July 9th at 7:46 P.M. EST this trine completes. This will change the energy we all felt earlier this month when Mercury was in square to Uranus. It will be easy to see things from a different perspective. Look for unusual solutions to your problems and open your mind to new ideas. Get out and see the world.

VENUS ENTERS VIRGO:

On Saturday July 10th at 7:32 A.M. EST Venus enters this most critical of signs. There is a tendency to overanalyze things, especially in relationships. You will tend to see what is wrong with the other person, rather than what is right. That may not be such a bad thing if you haven't been particularly realistic about someone. Still, keep things in perspective and try not to be over critical.

THE SUN SEXTILES MARS:

On Sunday July 11th at 12:13 A.M. EST this much needed burst of energy will come along on the Dark of the Moon. It won't be enough to lift the heaviness of the ending lunar cycle, and it falls after midnight, so unless you are a night bird you may miss it altogether.

MERCURY TRINES JUPITER:

Also on Sunday July 11th at 4:13 A.M. EST this trine comes along. If you're up, this is a good time to write some emails or work on your novel. I'm not sure, but this may bring us all some pleasant dreams. That's a tough thing to study.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Sunday July 11th at 3:40 P.M. EST at 19 degrees Cancer 24 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:

June 12th 7:35 P.M. - 9:50 P.M.

June 14th 8:38 P.M. – 11:54 P.M.

June 16th 11:24 P.M. – June 17th 1:41 A.M.

June 19th 1:04 A.M. – 4:13 A.M.

June 21st 5:45 A.M. – 8:14 A.M.

June 23rd 11:33 A.M. – 2:10 P.M.

June 25th 7:34 P.M. – 10:21 P.M.

June 28th 5:56 A.M. – 8:52 A.M.

June 30th 6:04 P.M. – 9:09 P.M.

July 3rd 7:17 A.M. – 9:44 A.M.

July 5th 5:24 P.M. – 8:29 P.M.

July 8th 2:09 A.M. – 3:51 A.M.

July 10th 6:17 A.M. – 7:38 A.M.

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