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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

Jupiter conjuncts Uranus, only hours after the New Moon in Capricorn. This will be a month of surprises, growth and expansion. The stocks should go up, especially the NASDAQ, and we can expect some positive jolt to the economy. With **Jupiter entering Aries January 22nd** we are about to begin a new 12-year cycle of development. **Uranus will follow into Aries in March, an 84-year cycle,** and the beginning of this year will probably be a very good one economically, relative to what we have recently experienced. This does not mean that I believe we are out of the woods – I don't. There will be more testing later this year, and in 2012 we will be in some extremely dangerous situations. But for the next few months, eat drink and be Mary (if you so wish). When Jupiter and Uranus get together there is literally no way to predict the outcome, except that it will be exciting, explosive and very, very interesting.

The last time Uranus entered Aries was April 1927. The previous year, as this aspect was applying, two pivotal events occurred in the entertainment business. Farnsworth patented Television, and movies began to talk. This led to an explosion in technological advancements that eventually were used in medicine, communications, and the military. What we have seen in the previous few years has been nothing short of a revolution in technology and entertainment. TV, movies and Broadway will now be 3D (Spiderman, can you hear me?). There will continue to be innovations as the whiz kids play with the new toys. I suppose it isn't that long before we can interact with Bogie and Claude Rains in Casablanca. Oh well, you can't stop progress so you may as well invest in it.

Because of this Jupiter – Uranus conjunct we will see these two planets aspected quite a bit in tandem. This is the most prominent energy this month, and it will be interesting as the inner planets create identical aspects to these transiting energies.

But remember, Jupiter is the planet of growth, as you know. And the most pressing issues in our economy now is no longer the depression, it's inflation. You will see commodities prices explode, which will raise the stock market, as many stocks either are product driven or just the commodities in disguise. Oil will top \$100 a barrel once again, and who knows how much higher, as the demand from China consumes as much as America. Metals will continue their unprecedented rise as that bubble inflates more. But it is cotton, sugar, coffee, hogs, OJ, etc that will push us into the stratosphere. We really are repeating the last Saturn – Uranus opposition in so many ways. Then too we had severe fluctuations in our markets, and hyper-inflation, to the point that we could get 12% interest in a money market. I don't know if we'll reap the same half-assed

rewards this time of if we are just going to have to pay more and more for less and less. Unemployment will continue to be dangerously high as prices rise, and with the “entitlement programs” being withered away by a Republican majority in the house many families will be pushed off the edge.

One of the biggest issues we will face over the next several years is the pension mess that has engulfed private funds, municipalities and states. The two most frightening words in the English language are: **Baby boomers**. We are wholly unprepared for the onslaught of that most enormous generation as they filter into retirement. The problem is really the decayed underbelly that is left over from the boom years when our society made promises of lifelong retirement income it can no longer maintain. Lord help the middle class when the retirement funds are found to be insolvent.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Tuesday January 4th at 4:03 A.M. EST at 13 degrees Capricorn 39 minutes and it is a solar eclipse. This cardinal earth sign is more concerned with stability and structure than anything. Capricorns tend to think long-term and will develop a plan that may take decades to complete. This month we will be looking for situations that have potential for more than just the moment. Not everything you do will take years to accomplish, but frivolity and momentary satisfaction will not be of interest. Because Jupiter conjuncts Uranus shortly after this New Moon and is the first aspect in this lunar cycle you can expect the unexpected. Some situations will seem momentary and fast, in contradiction to the Capricorn energy, but if you look deeper you will see that the events and situations that occur now will have a longer result in your life. The energy from an eclipse lasts in the unconscious until the next eclipse. Often situations that are begun on an eclipse will come to fruition on the next eclipse, which falls on June 1st at 11 degrees Gemini 02 minutes.

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VENUS TRINES JUPITER AND URANUS:

Also on Tuesday January 4th at 8:34 A.M. and 8:39 A.M. EST Venus will create a positive aspect to that conjunct. This is confirming the expansion I expect for the next few weeks. People will be more sociable and outgoing, and some positive news will be in the air. This is a quick passing pair of aspects, but perhaps its effects will last a bit longer as an indication of what the Jupiter – Uranus conjunct will bring.

VENUS ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

On Friday January 7th at 7:31 A.M. EST the planet of love and possessions enters the sign of overdoing. (Hmm, sounds like a warning coming.) Well, duh. Keep an eye on your purse strings and your heart. This is a very nice transit, and people born with this placement are usually a lot of fun to be around. But they have a lifetime to get used to it, and we will only have until February 4th. It is easy to make too many promises, spend too much, or declare your love too strongly (or to too many people), only to regret your decisions once Venus enters stoic Capricorn. So enjoy this time and play as a Sagittarian would, for the moment. Save your declarations for February, if you still feel that way. The next month or so should be more of a sociable time than usual this time of year.

THE SUN SQUARES SATURN:

Also on Friday January 7th at 9:00 A.M. EST this difficult and realistic aspect will complete. This is usually a bad day for the stocks, and a time when we are more concerned with our obligations and responsibilities. This will temper the immediate reaction to Venus entering Sagittarius, but this passes in a day and Venus will be traveling there for a month, so it will have time to act out.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

On Monday January 10th at 7:14 P.M. EST this potentially explosive aspect will complete. This is an argument waiting to happen. People will be edgy and irritable and you should try to avoid any unnecessary conflicts. There will be plenty around to choose from, choose carefully, grasshopper. Accidents are very possible if this sets off your chart, so use caution while traveling. Ideas will come quickly and you could get a bolt of genius, or a bolt of lightning. Either is useful if you can control and direct it.

MERCURY SQUARES JUPITER:

On Tuesday January 11th at 3:37 P.M. EST we will all blow things out of proportion. Thoughts and words will continue to come quickly and without much regard for boundaries. Believe about half of what you hear today, and try to say at least half of what you mean. Do not make promises you will not be able to keep.

MARS SEXTILES URANUS:

On Wednesday January 12th at 5:31 A.M. EST this positive and useful aspect will complete. This is an opportunity to use your ego and your energies to make constructive changes in your environment and relationships. As with all sextiles and trines, if you don't use them proactively you will not get the most from them. Today you can project your self-esteem without acting arrogantly or pushy. This is followed by Mars sextile Jupiter and these two should be seen as one two-day long transit.

MERCURY ENTERS CAPRICORN:

On Thursday January 13th at 6:25 A.M. EST the planet that rules our thoughts, communications and short journeys enters this Saturn-ruled sign. Until February 3rd our ideas will be reality-oriented, and communications will be slower and more meticulous than of late. If you have something important to say it would behoove you to spend a little time thinking it out first. While Mercury was in Sagittarius this past month, nobody bothered to think about anything. Words were just gumballs dropped from the brain onto the tongue. The results were what you can expect.

MARS SEXTILES JUPITER:

Also On Thursday January 13th at 7:35 P.M. EST Mars completes the trines to Uranus and Jupiter. This is a day of optimism and expansive egos. A sextile is energy between two planets that can be used and directed where you wish it. You should be able to control the ego and energy, and project it into useful areas of your life. If things haven't gone your way lately and you feel a bit put upon, this may help you reestablish

your self-worth and give a boost to your ego, if this sets off a positive part of your chart. It will be fairly easy to approach people today for personal or business situations, especially men.

MARS ENTERS AQUARIUS:

On Saturday January 15th at 5:41 P.M. EST the god of war enters the most erratic and unpredictable of signs. Those born with this placement, or with Mars conjunct Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, know the energy this can produce all too well. There is an innate explosiveness that is a result of the deep and powerful need for an un-tethered ego. Many with this in their natal charts remain single, or have very unusual relationships. While Mars is traveling here restrictions will be difficult to implement. Try not to push people to the wall or they will respond in a forceful or even violent manner. We could have some intense situations on the world's stage while Mars is in the sign that rules explosions of all sorts. You have no control over that, but you may have some over your own actions.

THE SUN SEXTILES URANUS:

On Monday January 17th at 4:57 P.M. EST the Sun sets off the Uranus-Jupiter conjunct. This is another day when you can make changes more readily than usual. The universe is open to new ideas, and if you use this and the Sun – Jupiter sextile mentioned below to your advantage you can accomplish some terrific things in a short period of time.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Wednesday January 19th at 4:21 P.M. EST at 29 degrees Cancer 27 minutes. Since September 2010 the Full Moons have been in the last degree of each sign. This implies that the last half of each lunar cycle has more to do with completing situations than usual. Every waning moon is about finishing things up, especially those begun near the New Moon. But when it falls in the very last degree of the sign there is more to be considered than just that lunar cycle. Look at your life and try to be realistic about anything that has outlived its usefulness, at least in its present manifestation. Tie up loose ends and try to free yourself from leftover karma. Because this is a Cancer Full Moon you can expect a lot of emotions, so do be prepared, especially if this hits your chart just right.

THE SUN SEXTILES JUPITER:

Also on Wednesday January 19th at 8:23 P.M. EST the Sun completes the Uranus-Jupiter aspects. This should add much optimism and outgoing energy to the mix. It's a good day to socialize, especially once the Full Moon begins to wane. Try to concentrate on the positive, and look towards the future. Although the Full Moon is all about finishing up leftover things, this sextile tells you that once you have done that, you can then look ahead and make new plans.

THE SUN ENTERS AQUARIUS:

On Thursday January 20th at 5:19 A.M. we enter the fixed air sign, and the most winter-like month. This sign is about change, but not controlled and plotted out, rather erratic, unpredictable and often disruptive

change. That doesn't mean that everyone's life will be a mess this month; only that there is revolution in the air, and a chance for us all to make some radical and necessary alterations in our lives, attitudes and relationships. This sign has little patience and often will set things off just to force some movement. It is also the sign of genius and experimentation. Keep your eyes open and be prepared for the capricious.

JUPITER ENTERS ARIES:

On Saturday January 22nd at 12:11 P.M. Jupiter begins its journey through the zodiac anew. This is a once every 12 year occurrence, and it represents a new beginning in many ways. Of course, as I have mentioned throughout this newsletter, the fact that Uranus is also entering Aires in March makes this a much bigger deal. Look at you life and see where you can make a fresh now beginning. That doesn't mean you have to through out the baby with the bathwater (I love that expression), but anything that isn't helping you move further along towards your personal goals should be scrutinized carefully, and if it truly has outlived its usefulness you aren't doing yourself or anyone else a favor by continuing along the same path. Plans, projects, relationships, ideas and attitudes need to be fresh and expansive or they will wither and die, holding you back from your potential.

SATURN RETROGRADES:

On Wednesday January 26th at 1:11 A.M. EST this most annoying of planets begins to run backwards. Many projects and financial matters will begin to slow down. This is a time to inspect your business and your projects and make sure they are based solidly in reality. The foundation of your plans will be tested, and any delays or frustrations are really there to help guarantee the best results possible. Saturn goes direct June 12th and at that point anything that has been refreshed, solidified and dealt with in a realistic manner will then go forwards and achieve the success it warrants.

MERCURY SQUARES SATURN:

Also on Wednesday January 26th at 4:58 A.M. EST this rather pessimistic aspect will come along. This square will announce the retrograde of Saturn and give a clear warning of what to expect the next few months. If this hits your chart negatively, this could be a day of sadness or self-doubt. Don't take it too seriously; it lonely lasts a few hours. If this sets off your chart just right, this will be a day of somber, but positive thoughts when you are able to realistically view your life and recognize what you must change.

VENUS SEXTILES NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday February 2nd at 2:29 A.M. EST this pleasant aspect completes. This isn't a terribly powerful energy, but it will aid in your fantasies, especially romantic ones. It occurs in the middle of the night, so unless you are insomniac or just handing out in a bar, you may not even notice it's presence, although your dreams may be quite vibrant.

VENUS SQUARES URANUS:

Also on Wednesday February 2nd at 7:48 A.M. EST this more difficult Venus aspect occurs. Erratic and

explosive behavior is certainly possible, especially in any romantic situation. Use some caution when dealing with each other. The slightest misunderstanding could cause an explosive situation.

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MERCURY SEXTILES URANUS:

Also on Wednesday February 2nd at 11:16 A.M. EST this intellectual powerhouse will present us with enough mental energy to accomplish a great deal in a short time. Ideas will flow freely, and there will be a lot of nervous energy in the air. If you can grab some of it and make use of it you will be doing yourself a favor. Communications of all sorts will be active, energetic and direct. Keep your ears open; you may hear some important information.

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DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Wednesday February 2nd at 9:31 P.M. EST at 13 degrees Aquarius 54 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:

January 5th 7:15 A.M. - 11:08 A.M.

January 7th 3:51 P.M. – 9:57 P.M.

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January 10 6:12 A.M. – 10:24 A.M.

January 12th 9:47 P.M. – 10:37 P.M.

January 15th 7:47 A.M. – 8:23 A.M.

January 17th 12:57 P.M. – 2:29 P.M.

January 19th 4:26 P.M. – 5:16 P.M.

January 21st 1:58 P.M. – 6:10 P.M.

January 23rd 3:08 P.M. – 6:59 P.M.

January 25th 5:04 P.M. – 9:15 P.M.

January 27th 10:01 P.M. – January 28th 1:55 A.M.

January 30th 5:10 A.M. – 9:04 A.M.

February 1st 2:32 P.M. – 6:21 P.M.

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