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**AUTHOR'S NOTES:**

**This month's New Moon is a Void of Course Moon.** April was a period of extremely long VC Moons, which thank god is finally over. But because the New Moon is VC there will still be a feeling of disconnection at least until the Full Moon, but possibly for the entire month. Emotional situations will be particularly difficult to navigate. We are; in fact, void of any direction or plan, like a ship a sea without a compass. Interpersonal relationships of all sorts will be difficult. The Moon is the most prominent energy in our day-to-day lives. It will take on the characteristics of whatever planet it is aspecting. With no aspects, its force is un-tethered and lacks definition. You will need to work harder to clarify emotional issues. Many things begun on this New Moon will not come to fruition, or will take an unexpected turn somewhere along the way. Try to go with the flow and don't stubbornly hold fast to your plans. They will change as you move on, and you must allow it.

This month has a much easier feel to it than April. There are only a few difficult transits, and a number of positive ones. Jupiter is quite prominent, and things may run smoother than of late. The markets continue this incredible and most unrealistic bull run. Inflation will also continue, and the cost of living is getting to the place where something must give. And believe me, something will.

Over the next year or so we will see the middle class pressured more and more. **Uranus is in square to America's Venus and Jupiter (ruler of the chart), and Pluto is in opposition to these two "money planets"**. The underlying tension in our society isn't going away anytime soon. This will be a long recovery, similar to 1967-82, which followed the last Saturn – Uranus opposition. It took almost 16 years for the markets to make, and sustain, a new high. In that period they ran up, they fell down, over and over again. We may see the same pattern for the next decade or longer. We have a number of issues that must be addressed, and they will take time to work out solutions. The attack on all Pluto – ruled issues, including pensions, Medicare, social security, collective bargaining, etc. is a result of the deplanetization of Pluto in 2006. I have discussed this several times before and will continue to until the society reclaims this powerful entity and embraces its lessons. I am releasing two Youtube segments regarding the deplanetization of Pluto and the upcoming Uranus-Pluto squares.

As we approach **the first close-encounter of the Pluto – Uranus square this July** we will see its effects begin to escalate. Until these squares complete in 2015, we will continue to see instability and potentially explosive situations abound. Governments will change hands, and America will continue its internal struggle for a new definition. As I have predicted for the past year, there will most likely be several more "nuclear incidences" over the next several years; Japan being the first such event. And the battle for distribution of the

common wealth will escalate. **With Pluto ruling all things help jointly, and Uranus ruling sudden explosive and unexpected situations, you can be sure that there will be many more difficult problems involving our class distinction and our “social safety net”.** I expect to see social unrest, areas of martial law, and a number of direct confrontations between the two political sides. **America has a Sagittarius ascendant and Jupiter (ruler of Sag) is going to continue to be pressured by Pluto and Uranus.** When the ruler of the ascendant is afflicted, the entity (whether it is a person, corporation, or nation) encounters a crisis of self-doubt and a need for change. How quickly those changes are made will have more to do with attitude than anything else. As long as there is such a wide gap between the two parties we will never heal this rift. That is why it will take so long to crawl out of this “recession”.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:51 A.M. EST at 12 degrees Taurus 31 minutes.** Taurus rules the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, and its issues have to do with the value we put on things. What is most important in your life? Is it security, love, companionship, health, success? Although you may not make life-changing decisions this month, you may find that you are analyzing your choices and questioning your past decisions more closely. What motivates us most is that underlying sense of what is important. The decisions we make on a day-to-day basis are inspired by our deeper beliefs and values.

This New Moon is also a Void of Course Moon. The conjunction to the Sun is the last major aspect to occur until the Moon enters Gemini. What I have found that to mean is that the normal New Moon energy is somewhat defused, and many issues will not turn out the way we had planned. There is a lack of connection to the emotions, and you may find it difficult to express your feelings or to sense any real attachment. Be careful, as this can easily damage any fragile relationships.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCT VENUS:**

**On Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:44 A.M. EST** these two conjunct in Aries. You can expect assertive but compassionate conversations. People will say what’s on their minds, but with Venus smoothing over that Mercury they will do so with a nicer tone than usual. This is a good day to tell someone how you feel about them. You will be able to get your words out in a direct but sensitive fashion. These two will conjunct again on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, but the energy will seem quite different, as that 2<sup>nd</sup> conjunction happens in Taurus.

### **MARS ENTERS TAURUS:**

**On Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:04 A.M. EST** Mars enters this Venus-ruled sign. Hard work and fortitude will be one of the themes this month, with so many planets traveling through this earth sign. Longevity in projects is what we are looking for, not the fly-by-night schemes Aries or Gemini might come up with. Look for projects, events and relationships that seem to have a strong foundation. They will serve you better with this much Taurus energy. Next month you can have your frivolous flings.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:**

**Also on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:42 A.M. EST** this wonderfully relaxing aspects completes. Romance

and social activities will abound. But with Jupiter so prominent you should allow a little time before giving yourself completely to a new love affair. Sometimes things just look so rosy when this giant planet is active, only to show the reality once it leaves. There is a tendency to overindulge, so do try to keep things in perspective. Overeating, drinking etc. are quite common, so caution is called for. But the night before and this morning are great for any social gathering. And with Mercury about to conjunct Jupiter as well, conversations will be lively and educational.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS JUPITER:**

**Also on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:57 P.M. EST** this pleasant conjunct completes. We will all be quite chatty today, and any important conversation will be honest and forthright. If you have something to say, you will probably say it today. You may say more than you had planned on, so try to use a little restraint in your communications. Optimism and far-sightedness will be the main underlying energy. This is a good day to make plans for the future.

### **VENUS AND MERCURY ENTER TAURUS:**

**On Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:12 P.M. EST and 7:18 P.M. EST respectively** these two planets join the Sun and Mars in Taurus. This is a slow and methodical sign that likes to take its time before making decisions. Both mental and romantic issues will move slowly and carefully for the next month or so. This is not a time to rush to judgment, but rather to let things simmer and see how real they are. Taurus has much to do with money and our attitude towards it. Financial issues will be prominent for many of us. This is a time to solidify your structure and make sure you have enough resources to get you through the next period.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS VENUS:**

**On Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:25 A.M. EST** these two planet conjunct again one week after their last encounter. But this time it is in the sign of Taurus. Venus will control this union, and you should find that most people are being honest and direct. Most of us will be focused on money matters and values in general, and you can expect a number of discussions regarding finances. **Because they will both sextile Neptune at 10:18 A.M. and 10:53 A.M. EST respectively**, this should be seen as a spiritual combination of these two energies. There is a more ethereal side to what we value besides money, and this is a good day to consider what is most important to you.

### **FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:09 A.M. EST at 26 degrees Scorpio 13 minutes.** All Full Moons deserve our attention; and this one in particular. There is intensity surrounding this fixed water sign, and it should be handled with respect. Scorpio gets a bum rap in astrology. It is seen as a secretive and degenerative energy, but little attention is given to its powers to rejuvenate. This is the sign that rules the concept of a perpetual motion machine; for that is exactly what the birth-death-rebirth cycle is. With each break down or ending there is a new beginning. That is the higher side of Scorpio. Emotions will run hot and deep around this Full Moon, and you should be aware of what you may be walking

into if you have an emotional encounter now. But if you are willing to delve profoundly into a personal issue, you may be able to strip the cover off and expose the truth beneath. That is the only sure way to grow. Just be prepared for what may come out once you have removed that mask.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS MARS:**

**Also on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 P.M. EST** this feisty energy completes. This is an argument waiting to happen, and if it hits your chart just right it will happen to you. Because Mercury rules travel and Mars rules the ego and testosterone in us all, it would behoove you to use caution while traveling, and not let your temper act out in rash or impulsive ways. If you are feeling tense let someone else drive. Accidents are quite possible under this aspect, but only if you are holding in your anger and not finding a proper release for it. If you have something to say to someone, even if it isn't pleasant, you should say it. It's better to air the truth than choke on it.

### **THE SUN ENTERS GEMINI:**

**On Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:21 A.M. EST** we enter the mutable air sign. While Mercury and Venus are still in Taurus, the will is beginning a shift into this communicative sign. Important conversations will still be slow and methodical, but there will be more of them and their influence will be felt more strongly. Gemini rules the 3<sup>rd</sup> house, an often misunderstood area of the chart. It is the first place a child learns to relate to others; this is why it rules siblings and cousins. We learn to communicate through those our own age more than through our parents.

My definition of any relationship is: two people having a conversation. What they do during that conversation will decide what type of relationship they have. But it is ultimately that communication between them that is the bond that ties. Once that ends, we fade into the background and the relationship is no more. If you seek longevity marry someone with a tight mind. The ass decays much quicker.

### **THE SUN SQUARES NEPTUNE:**

**On Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:32 A.M. EST** this dangerous and delusional square completes. This is not a good day to make important decisions or long-term plans. You are not getting all the information you need, and misunderstandings are common. There is a general feeling of weakness and a lack of will, which of course will affect some more than others based on the natal chart. But the odds are good that you will come in contact with someone who is under its influence. It's only a day long transit, so try and sidestep any difficulties. The best way to handle Neptune energy is to take the power out of its fog, and confront everything directly and honestly. Just remember that if this is affecting you, you may not be able to defend your position.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS MARS:**

**On Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:27 A.M. EST** the male and female planets get together. This is a day of interaction between the sexes. Because this conjunct occurs in Venus-ruled Taurus, it will have domain over the Mars, and it will be the receptive side of the relationship that perseveres. Stubbornness is well much a

part of this signs personality, so try to bend a bit if possible.

### **THE SUN SEXTILES URANUS:**

**On Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:48 A.M. EST** innovation is in the air. Anything that requires a broader and more open-minded approach will be easier to handle. Do not follow your usual routine or you will be bored. This is a day to try a new restaurant, or any form of experimentation. It's an exciting energy; use it.

### **THE SUN TRINES SATURN:**

**On Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:17 A.M. EST** this industrious trine falls right on the dark of the moon. This should help ease the transition into the next lunar cycle and make this a more productive end of the month than usual. Get your paperwork in order and prepare for the next new moon, which in not Void of Course.

### **DARK OF THE MOON:**

**The next New Moon falls on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:03 P.M. EST at 11 degrees Gemini 02 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:

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May 3 2:51 A.M. - May 4 1:09 P.M. \*\*\*\* Moon is for a day and a half

May 6<sup>th</sup> 4:12 P.M. – 10:32 P.M.

May 9<sup>th</sup> 2:52 A.M. – 5:35 A.M.

May 11<sup>th</sup> 12:52 A.M. – 9:59 A.M.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:52 P.M. – May 13<sup>th</sup> 11:56 A.M

May 15<sup>th</sup> 12:01 P.M. – 12:32 P.M.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:09 A.M. – 1:22 P.M.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:17 A.M. – 4:16 P.M.

May 21<sup>st</sup> 5:04 P.M. – 10:32 P.M.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 3:40 A.M. – 8:24 A.M.

May 25<sup>th</sup> 2:15 P.M. – May 26<sup>th</sup> 8:36 P.M.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:28 A.M. – 9:02 A.M.

May 31<sup>st</sup> 11:37 A.M. – 7:56 P.M.

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