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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This month begins with the Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Saturn all in Libra. By the end of this month all these personal planets (not Saturn) will have moved on to Scorpio. For you students of astrology you should pay attention to as many issues as you can, and try to map out the changes that occur once the energy shifts from cardinal air to fixed water in the second half of the month. Notice how many times I used the words: *intense* when describing the transits. It should be most obvious in how we relate to each other and what the top priority on a day-to-day basis is. Libra likes balance and peace, whenever possible. It looks for compromises, at least on the surface, and tries to avoid direct confrontations and unpleasantness, and that will be the underlying response to many issues the first **part** of this month. Scorpio tends to see things in black and white, and to dredge up a lot of stuff from the unconscious. It doesn't care for compromise, nor is it particularly peace-oriented. If something needs to be said, Mercury will find its voice more clearly in Scorpio than in Libra. But things will also be hidden when Scorpio is in charge, and come out in surprising and powerful ways. So this will be an interesting month in terms of communications, the exposure of secrets, and the interaction between us all.

The world continues to shake, as Europe teeters on the edge of economic ruin. The power brokers so wanted a global economy, and now they have one. When someone sneezes in Greece, someone in Brazil offers him a tissue. Okay, maybe it's time for humanity to fess up to its potential, which probably can not be reached without a global understanding. But the problem is that the system worldwide is so corrupt, the greed so pervasive, that all we are really doing now is enlarging the Ponsi schemes. Greece, Ireland, Spain, etc. are all in this mess in part because they invested in our housing market. We all know how that turned out. We need much more than just an economic policy. We need to change our national and international political attitude or it will just be more of the same – huge bubbles, siphoned off by the rich, and a collapsed middle class, invested too early or too late.

But the interaction will not easily be separated, and isolationism simply can no longer work in such a brave new world. Yet if the economics do not recover in time, that is the policy that may become pervasive in a few years, to devastating results, I might add. If the dollar doesn't recover, and our unemployment rate stays this high, China may figure out that they just don't need our measly 300 million consumers, if they can cultivate an "in-house" marketplace encompassing 3 billion Asians. If the Euro fails and Europe returns to separate currencies we will see widespread economic depression set in these less solvent countries. Remember the history of Germany after the First World War? Inflation had grown so severe that a wheelbarrow of money was needed to buy a loaf of bread, which opened the door for the Nazi Party. Interestingly enough, Germany

is now one of the few nations holding the whole damn thing together. If they choose isolationism it would mean disaster for Europe.

The bubble economy we have created, which is discussed at length in the book *Aftershock* has and will continue to bring us to this place again and again. Gold and silver are another bubble. I don't know how far up it can go. And I don't tell people what trades to make, unless I am actively working with the account. Some are predicting \$5,000 an ounce gold. But if it happens it will represent a catastrophe for our currency, as well as the others around the world. Still, it could have a gigantic run up, as I have seen in other commodities. Yet I have watched in horror for decades as friends and colleagues get caught in the upswing of one phony scheme after another. They will make a fortune on paper, only to watch it disappear overnight when the bubble bursts; too stubborn to get out with a smaller profit; they let the whole thing crash around them. Can everyone say "Dot Com"? We saw cotton, the stock indexes, coffee, the pound, all experience an incredible run up in price, only to drop precipitously, wiping out all the profits and more often than not, leaving my weary investor friends in the red.

Socially, America is standing at a precipice. On the Alan **Colmes** Show last year I made several predictions that the producers cut off before sending out the link. I said we would have some nuclear incidences, not necessarily a bomb, and that within a few years we could see martial law declared in areas of America and the rest of the world. That was a few months before the Japanese nuclear plants suffered a devastating breakdown after the earthquake. You can watch the interview in full on my website www.mitchastro.com Social unrest is most definitely a possibility in our near future. What we are seeing throughout Europe will grow and extend to our shores, if things do not change. We have tent cities in many states, and a Republican/Tea Party determined to wipe out what is left of our security blanket in favor of relying on religious organizations to support the poor, old, and infirmed. This is a recipe for social collapse, and before you say: "It can't happen here," research our history a bit and read up on the late 20's, and early 30's. Pluto was discovered in 1930, just in time to bring up F.D.R., and the social network he created, which prevented a revolution that America could easily have slipped into. With the world economy in the worst shape since that last depression, and the world deplanetizing Pluto, and turning away from the concepts of social and economic security, the handwriting is on the wall. A major Republican victory in 2012 will be catastrophic, and push the beleaguered middle class to the edge.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Tuesday September 27th at 7:09 A.M. EST at 4 degrees Libra 00 minutes. With Libras it's all about relationships, no matter what the definition. This month every one-on-one encounter will take on a more meaningful air. Balance is what is ultimately sought, but sometimes that search can bring on more instability than structure. Saturn is exalted in this sign, because it is through solid relationships that we build our saturnine foundation in life. But as all students of astrology know, it takes a lifetime to understand and properly relate to Saturn. So it can be with our relationships; we become focused and stable for a while, then our needs change and we must move on to other connections. When will we find our proper Saturn – Venus compromise that will allow the ongoing growth within each of our relationships so we won't have to

constantly destroy and rebuild? Whenever there is a lot of Libra energy around, it would behoove us all to spend some time examining how we relate to our family, lovers, business associates, and friends. It is through such examination that we understand ourselves better. That is why we have relationships to begin with; to recognize the truth about **who** we are, and to make changes that better suit our path.

THE SUN AND MERCURY SQUARE PLUTO:

On Wednesday September 28th at 5:35 A.M. and 10:26 A.M. EST these squares complete. This will be a day of intense encounters with others. Conversations could take on a deeper air and you will find that most people wish to get to the bottom of things. Superficiality will not suffice, and many people may act in a pushy or compulsive manner. Sidestep any unnecessary arguments and try to let a lot of this roll off your back. If you respond while these aspects are applying, you could say something you will regret later. But if there is something that really needs to be brought out into the open, this is a good time to do so.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

Also on Wednesday September 28th at 4:16 P.M. EST this most willful of aspects will complete. This ends the Sun – Mercury – Pluto connection of the past few days. Things will become a bit less intense once this passes. Conversations will return to the mundane, and any information or knowledge you acquired during this period will have to be assimilated. Pluto wants to dig out the hidden and festering so it can be dealt with, and the healing begun.

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VENUS CONJUNCTS SATURN:

On Thursday September 29th at 7:49 P.M. EST this difficult transit completes. This is not a very sociable energy, and I wouldn't plan a party or important date tonight. People will tend to be more realistic about money and relationships. This is a good time to go shopping if you are on a budget.

MARS SQUARES JUPITER:

On Monday October 3rd at 1:21 A.M. EST egos could get out of hand. This is an arrogant and aggressive energy that if left unchecked can do serious damage to relationships and work projects. You must keep your ego under control, especially if this sets off your chart. But by the same token, the excessive energy and force behind this square can be focused and used to accomplish a great deal in a short time. Find useful ways of directing this and it will work to your advantage.

MERCURY CONJUNCT SATURN:

On Thursday October 6th at 6:01 P.M. EST this rather heavy transit completes. People will tend to be serious and even a bit depressed, if they are prone to it. This is a day for hard mental work and stern conversations, not frivolous activities. Use this energy to clean up your backlog of paperwork. Many people will be snippy and harsh in their tone of voice. Don't take it personally.

VENUS ENTER SCORPIO:

On Sunday October 9th at 1:50 A.M. EST intensity will fall upon personal relationships. Venus doesn't do all that well in this sign. It rules the opposite sign of Taurus, and is said to be in its detriment here. It tends to lose its airiness and take on a harsher, more Martian quality that does not suit the planet of love and femininity. But love will be more sexual, intense, and compulsive. We have a lot of Scorpio energy this month, so try to keep things in perspective. That new love affair *may be* the greatest thing since portable vibrators, but if it is then taking a step back and viewing it from a distance shouldn't be a threat. If you can't do that, then you are acting out the obsessive-compulsive side of this placement, and you may wish to rethink the situation.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak also occurs on Tuesday October 11th at 10:06 P.M. EST at 18 degrees Aries 24 minutes. This is a Full Moon that demands some respect. Aries is an assertive sign, and one that does not always respect boundaries. It's ruled by Mars, the god of war, and is certainly capable of explosive and unexpected events and attitudes. Anger will often accompany any Martian transit, so if you are feeling tension, admit it to yourself and try to find a useful release for any excessive force you are holding on to. If someone else shows signs of short-temper, you may be wise to avoid them until this completes tonight.

MERCURY ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Thursday October 13th at 6:52 A.M. EST the planet of communication enters this fixed water sign. There will be hidden agendas and a lot left unspoken while Mercury travels here. And yet, the desire to get to the bottom of things will be profound. The intensity of this placement implies that many things will seem vitally important when in fact they may be rather mundane. This may be a month of trying to get others to tell you what you want to know without telling them anything. Good luck. A better way to deal with this energy is to either be direct, honest, and straightforward with those around you, or avoid direct communication with anyone you feel you can not be open with. It is exhausting trying to manipulate conversations. You are better off waiting until Mercury enters Sagittarius in November when everyone will tell everything and we will all care just a little less.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS SATURN:

Also on Thursday October 13th at 5:13 P.M. EST this wet blanket arrives. This is another day of hard work and concentration. Don't plan an important date or a party; you simply won't be in the mood. A business meeting may run quite smoothly though, as long as you focus on the important issues. We will be testing the foundation of many things in our lives today. Anything that is shaky will show itself. Be realistic and clarity will come to you.

VENUS OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Friday October 14th at 7:53 P.M. EST this exciting aspect will come along. In many ways this is the antithesis of the Sun conjunct Saturn we saw yesterday. People will be more optimistic and outgoing, and this is a day to spend with others. There is a tendency to overdo everything with this combination, so try to

keep some semblance of boundaries and limitations. This can be a romantic encounter if it hits your chart just right. But mostly this is a sociable and gregarious energy that will be best used with other people. A party or date should work out well. Just be careful not to overindulge and spoil things.

MERCURY OPPOSES JUPITER:

On Monday October 17th at 2:55 P.M. EST this optimistic and outgoing transit completes. People will certainly be chatty and communications of all sorts will be plentiful. This might be a good day for an important conversation, especially if things have been uncomfortable or you have had a difficult time communicating with that person of late. Travel is favored, particularly short trips, although starting a long journey under this influence can prove very beneficial.

THE SUN ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Sunday October 23rd at 7:59 P.M. EST we enter the fixed water sign. With Mercury and Venus already in this deep feeling sign we can expect some intense encounters with others. Be prepared for deep, delving conversations and for a strong desire to ferret out the truth. Scorpio hides a great deal behind a façade, but has little patience for others doing the same thing. Scorpio and its ruler, Pluto, are renowned for exposing secrets at the most uncomfortable time and place.

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DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Wednesday October 26th at 3:56 P.M. EST at 3 degrees Scorpio 03 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:

September 28th 9:52 P.M. – September 29th 12:05 A.M.

September 30th 10:18 P.M. – October 1st 12:42 A.M.

October 3rd 1:38 A.M. – 4:16 A.M.

October 5th 1:58 A.M. – 11:18 A.M.

October 7th 6:08 P.M. – 9:13 P.M.

October 8th 12:51 P.M. – October 10th 8:57 A.M. *** Moon is void almost 2 days

October 12th 8:08 P.M. – 9:35 P.M.

October 15th 6:52 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

October 17th 6:18 P.M. – 9:38 P.M.

October 19th 11:30 P.M. – October 20th 6:06 A.M.

October 22nd 8:35 A.M. – 10:41 A.M.

October 23rd 4:47 P.M. – October 24th 11:49 A.M.

October 26th 8:18 A.M. – 11:08 A.M.

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