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

The price of oil is exploding again. This is not surprise to those who study astrology. I have been writing for some time about the **Uranus – Pluto square** that will complete many times over the next few years. Pluto rules oil, gas, nuclear power, and compulsiveness. Uranus rules unexpected and sudden events. We will see oil prices fluctuate enormously for some time. If you can bet on the volatility, you can make a lot of money. We will see oil make new many new highs while this aspect is in orb. It will also plummet at times, seemingly with no fundamentals, such as supply and demand, triggering the changes. Astrology sees the underlying psychological implications in things long before the conscious mind is aware of them.

Other issues involving energy will also be prominent. We can expect more oil spills, natural gas problems, and nuclear accidents as this square completes. The great debate about how to move our society without destroying it will take on a boisterous, and even at times violent, tone. Uranus wants sudden and radical change. Pluto wants deep, transformative change. We will see both occurring.

We speak a lot about how Uranus will change the Pluto areas of life. But Pluto will also be working its mojo on Uranus and all it represents. One of Uranus' domains is democratic government. Pluto is certainly showing its influence in the power struggles that are going on in most governments today. Our own is split into a dysfunctional mess with neither side giving much ground – very much a Pluto manifestation. You can see it in the so-called Arab spring, and the continued violence in Syria and Iran, to mention only a few. As this square begins to complete, some of the violent situations will be resolved, but others will come up. Once this square ends in 2016, things will begin to settle down and even our own government will begin to find compromises. But it will take until then before there is a sense of relief.

The financial situation will continue to improve, but will suffer several sever setbacks as a result of a number of issues, including the European debt crisis, the erratic oil markets, and some unexpected (Uranus) changes in world power (Pluto). Russia, China, and India are attempting to find common ground to build a new world order. We will know by 2016 whether they have succeeded or not. Those of you familiar with my work know that I equate this period with the end of the last Saturn – Uranus opposition when we entered a 16 year bear market from 1967 - 82. The stocks made rallied for months a time, even making new highs, only to collapse again and again. I will cover this period briefly in my lecture March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If the same holds true now, you can not count on this stock market reviving a true bull market for years to come. Every rally is a selling opportunity. Every precipitous drop is a chance to buy. But only until it tops out again. This is not

what we call “trading in a range,” unless you are a position trader. A day trader can get creamed in this kind of market. It could take months before it changes direction, and yet is still trading within the range. Ups and downs, that’s what we can expect for several years at least.

**Mercury will retrograde this month**, always something to look forward to. It begins its backward motion in Aries, and then retrogrades back into Pisces. The energy will change radically as it moves from one sign to another in each direction of motion. While in Aries, the retrograde action will internalize a great deal of mental energy and it may prove discomforting to some. It will be difficult to release the pressure normally associated with Mercury in Aries, and that can be frustrating. While it is retrograde in Pisces it will seem more at ease. Mercury’s transit through the mutable water sign is more internalized to begin with, and its backward motion doesn’t seem as incongruous as it does in Aries.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:31 P.M. EST at 2 degrees Pisces 42 minutes.** This is the last New Moon of the astrological year, and as such is concerned with the completion of things and the assimilation of the energy and knowledge offered during the past 12 months. This is the preparation for the next New Moon in Aires, which will begin the yearly cycle anew. Because of Neptune’s entrance into Pisces (a BFD), all issues involving this sign will be amplified for a while. Pisces isn’t interested in the material world. This sign, and its ruler Neptune, are concerned with bigger issues of compassion, humanity, and deep universal love. Situations will arise that will test your humanity. Personal relationships may be more about how much real love is present in the relationship than how it is expressed physically or in other ways. This sign is about forgiveness and faith.

### **MERCURY ENTERS ARIES:**

**On Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:41 A.M. EST** Mercury enters the first sign. This is a good time to initiate new projects and plans. While in this fire sign, communications will tend to be more energetic and aggressive. Be aware of how much force is behind your speech, emails, etc. It is easy to be too assertive without realizing it. Mercury will retrograde back into Pisces on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and communications will quiet down.

### **THE SUN OPPOSES MARS:**

**On Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:10 P.M. EST** this very aggressive transit completes. A lot of people will be looking for a fight. If you’re in the market for one, you will find it. If you wish to avoid confrontations, you may have to sidestep some disputes. Try not to let your ego have too much power today. This is a very self-centered aspect, and many people will respond to the smallest slight and blow things out of proportion. Mars rules knives and all sharp metal objects, so use extra caution when handling anything that can cut.

### **VENUS OPPOSES SATURN:**

**On Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:18 A.M. EST** this rather dour aspect completes. Saturn will dull the shine that Venus brings, placing a layer of reality on our pleasures. Relationships will be more realistic as well, and you

may find yourself testing some to see if they are still valid in your life. It may be difficult to express your feelings, especially if this opposition hits your personal planets. This is a good day to plan a budget or shop within your means.

### **VENUS ENTERS TAURUS:**

**On Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:25 A.M. EST** Venus comes home to one of the signs it rules. In a natal chart an un-afflicted Venus placement in Taurus indicates a loyal and compassionate nature. There may be a tendency to obsess about possessions and money, and for the next few weeks we all will be more concerned with our finances, no matter which way the markets go. This is a once a year transit, and while I was trading commodities on the floor of the Mercantile exchange the local cotton traders referred to this as the "Purim Trade", since this aspect tends to occur in the early spring. Cotton usually makes a nice run up in price while Venus is in this sign. (No guarantees, however.)

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS URANUS:**

**Also on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:36 A.M. EST** this very nervous energy will complete. This is a fidgety and anxious aspect that can create some difficulties if it afflicts your chart. Thoughts and ideas will come quickly, and rash or impulsive behavior is very common. Try to relax or at least direct your mental force into positive projects. Accidents are quite possible, so take precautions. Use extra care while traveling, and think before you speak. The speed and unpredictability of any Uranus aspect demands our attention. A little caution will go a long way today.

### **FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:39 A.M. EST at 18 degrees Virgo 13 minutes.** Virgo possesses the most critical eye of the 12 signs. It is the most detail-oriented sign and represents the auditor. When Saturn, ruler of banks, entered Virgo in late 2007, the banking industry was carefully scrutinized for the first time in many years, and found lacking in foundation and the stability to continue on its then current path. This was followed by the bank bailout, and the collapse of several large financial institutions. This full moon is a moment of scrutiny in our personal lives. Anything that doesn't measure up should be viewed with a realistic and critical perspective.

### **MERCURY RETROGRADES:**

**On Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:49 A.M. EST** the most famous of aspects comes along to frustrate and annoy the rational person. Even those who know little about astrology have heard of this thrice a year phenomenon. As always, use extra caution while communicating or traveling. Plans run askew, communication devices such as cell phones, computers, etc. tend to screw up and create difficulties. Travel plans especially can be disrupted, so take the time to double check things, and leave extra time for your connections. Miscommunication is common, so make sure you understand what's being said. There is a very positive side to this transit. The world is slowing down, which gives us a chance to catch up with things. Although it is hard to get someone on the phone, once you do the conversation will tend to be deeper and more honest.

Sometimes you can get to the truth about issues more easily while this planet is going backwards. Try not to purchase any device that is directly concerned with communication or travel. A new phone, computer, car, boat, or plane will give you trouble, especially every time this planet retrogrades.

### **JUPITER TRINES PLUTO:**

**On Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:31 A.M. EST** this positive transit completes. This is a good day to approach others for projects that represent a common goal. You will find it easier to get people working towards the same results, and a deeper understanding of large issues is possible. People born with this trine are better able to connect to the collective, and will often take a leadership role in group projects.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:**

**On Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:54 A.M. EST** this wonderful transit comes along. This is one of the most positive and enjoyable of all the aspects. Physical and mental pleasures may abound, and a deeper understanding of love and affection is very possible. There is a tendency to overindulge in many things, especially rich food and drink, and if this conjunct hits your chart just so, you may be tempted to do so. It is late Monday night that this will be most effective, so pay attention. Love is certainly in the air, and the potential to find romance is strong. But that doesn't mean we will all meet our soul mates. Sorry, astrology doesn't work that way.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS URANUS:**

**On Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:24 P.M. EST** this powerful conjuncts completes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this month (the first was March 5<sup>th</sup>, see above). Because of the retrograde motion of Mercury this aspect will happen three times, the last being Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. EST. As with any planet that retrogrades, a situation that begins on the first pass of this aspect will take until the last pass to complete. If there is a conversation that began in early March, you may think it's completed, but you will hear from that person at least once, if not twice, more. As I said earlier in this report, this can be a nervous and at times irritating transit. Ideas, thoughts, and words will come quickly and with little filtering. There is a tendency to speak first and think later, which can cause all sorts of problems. Caution is called for, especially while traveling. There may be many complications now, with Mercury in retrograde. Expect traffic problems, accidents, and communication difficulties, especially where travel is concerned. Broken traffic lights, problems on the freeways, and many problems with computers can be expected.

### **THE SUN ENTERS ARIES:**

**On Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 A.M. EST** we begin the year anew. Happy New Year to you all! This is the day I celebrate the beginning of the yearly cycle. It is the only true New Year's Day. Now is a time to initiate your plans and projects. A new venture will have the wind at its back. The only difficulty is that Aries tend to begin many things, but can often leave them unfinished. If you do start a new project, make sure you have your objectives worked out in advance. Then you will have a goal to reach for, and not just the initiating drive to begin something without resolution. There is a selfish side to Aries that is representative of its need to

commence new things at any cost. By taking into account the other person's needs as well, you can make this a more productive and coordinated month.

### **THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:**

**On Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:22 P.M. EST** this conjunct occurs. People will be more willful and demanding today. It may seem as though everyone thinks they are right about everything. Arguments are possible, but with a little patience you can avoid most confrontations. It is just a matter of willfulness and the desire to control things that leads to disputes. This is usually a turnaround in the bonds and soybeans (usually in opposite directions).

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

**The next New Moon falls on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:37 A.M. EST at 2 degrees Aries 22 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:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:24 P.M. – February 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:48 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 24 hours

February 26<sup>th</sup> 7:52 A.M. – 9:29 A.M.

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February 28 2:46 P.M. – 10:27 P.M.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:14 A.M. – 10:08 A.M.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:17 P.M. – 6:18 P.M.

March 6<sup>th</sup> 8:27 P.M. – 10:27 P.M.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 4:39 A.M. – 11:50 P.M. \*\*\*Moon is void all day

March 10<sup>th</sup> 10:09 P.M. – March 11<sup>th</sup> 12:24 A.M.

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2:30 P.M. – March 13<sup>th</sup> 2:53 A.M.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 3:34 A.M. – 6:24 A.M.

March 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M. – 12:11 P.M.

March 19<sup>th</sup> 4:31 P.M. – 8:05 P.M.

March 21<sup>st</sup> 4:39 A.M. – March 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:57 A.M.

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