

LIVING BY STARLIGHT an Astrological Newsletter

June – July 2013

AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This month we will see a lot of aspects involving Uranus. Mercury and Venus will square it, and Mars will be in sextile. Expect some erratic behavior and unexpected events. Try not to hold on too tightly to your usual routine. This will be a period when letting go and exploring will be very rewarding. While those squares are in place you should use caution and carefully work through your plans and relationships. Don't jump the gun or act in a rash or impulsive way. You may act out and cause damage to an otherwise stable situation or relationship.

Saturn will trine Neptune on June 11th. Those that are paying attention to the financial markets have seen the stocks take several plunges this past month. Expect more, especially once this trine completes. This has been supporting the equities markets and it will return July 19th for the last pass. Saturn is still in sextile to Pluto until late September, and once these positive aspects to Saturn complete we may see more decay in the stock prices.

Mercury will be in retrograde June 26th – July 20th in the sign of Cancer, where it will stay until August 8th. This is a very long time for Mercury to be in one sign, as will sometimes happen on a retrograde. This will continue the connection between our intellect and our emotions, essentially forcing us to find a balance between the two. Don't hide from your emotions. Express them openly and clearly and you will make the most use of this extended transit. Just remember that most people will be thinking and reacting more from their feelings than their intellect. The usual warnings whenever Mercury goes backwards are in place. Use caution while traveling, double check plans, and expect much confusions and misunderstands. Do not sign important documents, have an elective medical procedure done, or open a Broadway show until this goes direct on July 20th.

Saturn starts moving forward on July 8th right before the next New Moon. Saturn remains in Scorpio continuing the mutual receptivity with Pluto, which remains in Capricorn. Now that Saturn is going direct again many businesses and other professional issues that have been difficult to get started should move forward soon. If you've been waiting to begin a project or a new phase of an existing one, this is the time to push.

Jupiter will enter Cancer on June 25th joining the Sun, Mercury, and Venus already traveling through the

cardinal water sign. Emotions will be heightened, and a strong sense of family and connection to the past will be pervasive for many of us. Those born under this sign will have a jolt of positive energy as Jupiter crosses your Sun, but anyone with a planet in Cancer will reap the rewards as that planet is aspected.

When the Sun transits Cancer each year, it's usually a time of powerful emotions and a desire to make personal connections. This year, due to the plethora of planets in Cancer, it will be more so. It's up to us whether we embrace those feelings or shy away from them. Too much energy going through any of the 12 signs is difficult for many to handle, so you may be overwhelmed at times by all the emotions floating around. This will manifest through relationships, the home, and the feeling of continuity that exists from generation to generation. In other words, some of you will feel the strong desire to have children, or at the very least, be in contact with family and old friends. Don't be surprised if you are contacted by people from your past.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Saturday June 8th at 11:56 A.M. EST at 18 degrees Gemini 01 minutes. This sign is known for its communication and the duality that Gemini express. And communication will be a big part of our collective consciousness this month. But the 3rd house is really about learning to relate to each other. Most of us will be busy with our personal relationships, both romantic and friendships, and the better we can communicate our ideas to each other the more growth we will see in those relationships. We will all be more chatty and busy with errands. Short journeys will be fulfilling, so try to get away for a day or two. Mercury will square Uranus today as well, (see below) and the first aspect that closely follows a New Moon will show the energy that lunar cycle will display. This will be a month of fast paced and excitable interaction. Some nervousness can be expected, and it's important to try and slow things down so you can reason them through and express yourself in a calm and reasonable fashion.

MERCURY SQUARES URANUS:

Also on Saturday June 8th at 2:47 P.M. EST this upsetting and accident prone aspect completes. People will be feisty, and there will be a lot of arguments and misunderstandings. This isn't a Mercury-Neptune aspect, so it's not a matter of not understanding. Rather we will be receiving information at such a fast pace that it may be difficult to assimilate it all. When your mind is going too quickly there can be misunderstandings and a rush to judgment. You may be in such a hurry that you miss something important. You may also be speaking in a harsher and irritated manner without realizing it. Try to slow things down and listen to what others are saying. Use extra caution while traveling. Not only are you agitated, but the guy driving that other car may be as well. Drive defensively.

VENUS OPPOSITE PLUTO:

On Tuesday June 11th at 6:06 P.M. this difficult aspect completes. It will be hard to act in a casual way today. Everything seems to be more important and to take on a heavier feeling. This is especially true in one-on-one relationships of all sorts. Romantic encounters will be intense and demanding. You will want to know

the absolute truth (as if there is such a thing), and will tend to be compulsive and not let things go. Be careful not to obsess over some small slight. If there are issues in a relationship that simply must be addressed, they will make themselves known today.

SATURN TRINES NEPTUNE:

Also on Tuesday June 11th at 7:18 P.M. EST this positive and productive transit comes along. This is a particularly useful aspect for anything creative or artistic. Neptune rules the fine arts, and Saturn creates a foundation and structure. When they are working together in a positive aspect such as this one, there is the possibility to make something that is both very creative and based in reality. Musicians with this aspect in their natal chart will have a drive to record CDs, not just play live. Saturn wants to see the finished results of its labor. No matter what business you're in you will want to see your fantasies (Neptune) become realer (Saturn).

This trine and the Saturn sextile Pluto are what have been holding up the stock markets. This will complete again July 19th, and the Saturn-Pluto sextile will complete in September. Once they are gone we may see much of the support these markets have had this year disappear.

VENUS SQUARES URANUS:

On Wednesday June 12th at 6:49 P.M. EST love takes a very strange turn. Relationships of all sorts are Venus' domain, not just romantic ones. And it's important to remember that relationships in our brave new world are often difficult to define. They can be friend, lover, adversary, business partner, freedom, and prison all at once. The concepts of the inner planets need to be reworked as society changes. I hope to do a class on this very soon. Many astrologers and students tend to stick to old definitions and theories. But as psychology and the best of our psychologists continue to make breakthroughs and adjust to an evolving world, so must astrology and astrologers.

This square will point out all of the instability in any existing relationship. If the foundation to a friendship or love affair isn't supporting the couple it will become obvious now, and you may have some to contend with sort of outburst. The areas of your relationship that were you or the other person are feeling restricted or stifled will be the source of contention. Try to examine exactly what is making you angry or irritable and you will probably discover that it is something about boundaries or the definition of the relationship. It may be easy to repair once it's identified, and you shouldn't be afraid to speak your mind. But if the problem is not fixable, this is the kind of transit under which people end things.

Many of us will feel unsure, nervous, or in some way out of sorts. This is not a good time for an important date, meeting, or interview. Everyone will be antsy and irritable. Why stick your head into the middle of that?

MARS SEXTILE URANUS:

On Monday June 17th at 11:20 A.M. EST this high energy and exciting positive sextile will enter the picture.

This morning will be a busy time with communications and errands. It's a wonderful energy for getting things done, and if this hits your chart just right you can accomplish a lot in a short few hours. But you should compartmentalize your time so that you can take advantage of the other side of this transit. You should not spend the entire day attached to a computer or other limiting situation. If possible, plan a few hours out in the world. It doesn't matter if you're just taking a long walk or drive your consciousness needs the freedom and stimulation. Maybe you should just take the morning off. You may do your best work once this has passed and you've had a chance to express your individuality and personal freedom.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

On Wednesday June 19th at 12:11 P.M. this incredibly positive aspect arrives. Most people will be optimistic and affable, and for the most part this is a day to socialize and enjoy the good mood that often accompanies it. Just be careful not to overdo things or take on so many projects and promises that you spend the day chasing your tail. With Jupiter's energy around, there is the possibility that if things aren't going well they could be blown out of proportion. But most of us will experience this as a day of far-sighted ideas and plans, and a strong desire to be around those we care about. This aspect favors travel and anything educational.

MERCURY CONJUNCTS VENUS:

On Thursday June 20th at 10:57 P.M. EST this extremely pleasant and affable aspect will complete. There is little desire to argue or confront opposition, and most disagreements will be easily worked out. This is a good time for a social gathering, a date, or any presentation to the public. But it may not be a good day for negotiating a deal or working out a difficult situation. You probably won't fight for your rights and could accept compromises that you will regret later on. This is best used in easy-going conversations or enjoying any form of entertainment.

THE SUN ENTERS CANCER:

On Friday June 21st at 1:04 A.M. EST summer begins. This is one of the most emotional of the signs, and with Mercury and Venus already in this cardinal water sign, and Jupiter about to join them (see below) there will be a lot of Cancerian force around us. Family, relationships, and close friends will be the main focus for the next period. Don't be surprised if people, ideas, and things from your past appear. This is often a difficult emotional month, and with such a plethora of this energy we will all be looking over our shoulders at where we have been. If you haven't called an old friend or a family member in a while, now may be the time to do so. While the Sun travels through Cancer family, however you define it, is the main concern. Next month when it is going through Leo will be a better time for a romantic getaway.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Sunday June 23rd at 7:32 A.M. EST at 02 degrees Capricorn 10 minutes. The Capricorn Full Moon will often point out areas of your life that require shoring up. If your foundation is shaky it will likely become clear to you now, and it's up to you to make the necessary

adjustments to secure your position. Sometimes this Full Moon will coincide with a financial or professional issue that demands your attention, especially if this aspect hits your chart. This is a less flamboyant Full Moon than many, and it usually isn't explosive or hyperactive, unless there are serious transits that are occurring simultaneously. It's a good time to evaluate your relationships, business practices, and financial situation to see where improvement can be made. Sometimes this will coincide with the breakup of a relationship, but only if it has outlived its usefulness in your life. Responsibilities and obligations are most important and you should try to finish up any are overdo or demanding your attention.

JUPITER ENTERS CANCER:

On Tuesday June 25th at 9:40 P.M. EST our greater benefic planet enters this water sign. Many of my astrology friends believe this will be a wonderful event for Cancers, and being one myself, I hope they're right. Jupiter is exalted in Cancer, and it does quite well in this sign for the year it is traveling through. This year will be about expanding the family and increasing our emotional output, both as individuals and the collective. Expressing your feelings will be enriching and add more distance to your perspective. Many people will improve or enlarge their home or family. It is Jupiter's nature to increase whatever it is touching at the time, often beyond reasonable limits. So any expansion you plan in your personal or professional life should be eyed with some restraint in mind.

Wherever Jupiter is transiting it has the ability to blow things out of proportion. It takes 12 years to transit the zodiac, and Jupiter was in Cancer on 9/11. While Jupiter's position had little to do directly with the attacks, (Saturn was in opposition to Pluto, a very nasty and dangerous aspect, near America's ascendant at the time) its expansive nature helped make that the worst attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor. America is a Cancer country and Jupiter was applying to a conjunct of our Sun on that fateful day. **Jupiter will be on America's Sun in April 2014 as part of the Grand Cross I have been discussing for the past year or so.** This does not mean that we will have another attack on that date. Only that whatever does occur will be big. By the way, Jupiter was conjunct America's Sun exactly when gold was discovered in California in 1848, leading to the gold rush and rapid expansion of the western United States.

THE SUN TRINES SATURN AND NEPTUNE:

On Wednesday June 27th at 5:13 A.M. EST & 1:48 P.M. EST the Sun sets off the Saturn-Neptune trine presently transiting in the sky. This will be a day of direct energy, but with two distinctly different feelings. The trine to Saturn which completes early in the morning will produce an atmosphere of concentration and realistic attitudes. The night before and the early hours of June 27th will be a period of restraint and focus. It's a good time to look over plans and make decisions about your future. You're approach to things is realistic and you can make decisions based on what is best for you in the long run.

The trine to Neptune will begin to be influential from the time the trine to Saturn completes. Neptune isn't about reality at all, but is more concerned with the ethereal and spiritual side of life. As we approach this trine, issues of charity and helping others will take over. This is a good time for anything creative or artistic. If you're working on a creative project you will have a jolt of energy now. Even if you're not very artistic, this will

increase your appreciation of the arts and you should engage in any form of art or entertainment. It's a good time to meditate or contemplate your place in the universe.

MERCURY RETROGRADES:

Also on Wednesday June 26th at 9:08 A.M. EST (until Saturday July 20th at 2:22 P.M. EST) our favorite transit of all returns for its thrice yearly visit. As always I suggest you use extra caution while traveling or setting up plans. If possible don't work on projects that require a lot of attention to detail. Mistakes and miscommunication is common and there could easily be an error that is overlooked. Don't purchase a new car, cell phone, computer, or anything that has to do with transportation or communication. Unfortunately, this is often the time that these devices break down. If you simply must replace something now, make sure you take out insurance. There's a good possibility that you will have trouble with it once Mercury goes direct. Double check all travel plans, and be careful when trying to communicate with others. Misunderstandings are rampant, and it's very easy to misinterpret even the simplest of communications. This is also not a great time for any medical procedure or even for tests. Also I suggest you avoid signing important documents. Because of the tendency towards errors, either situation could result in a serious problem.

VENUS ENTERS LEO:

On Thursday June 27th at 1:03 P.M. EST Venus will enter this fixed fire sign. For the next few weeks issues of romance and relationships will be handled in a somewhat pushy and assertive manner. After having Venus in Cancer for most of the past month, the change will be palpable and you will see people relating differently to each other. There is nothing wrong with some assertiveness in relationships as long as it is honest and understood by all involved. Just don't be surprised if someone is more aggressive and straight forward than usual.

VENUS SQUARES SATURN:

On Monday July 1st at 1:03 P.M. EST this somewhat harsh aspect completes. People will be cautious and show temperance in their relationships. With Venus in Leo it's probably good to have a day of restraint and limitations. This can be a bit gloomy and withdrawn. People won't be very outgoing, and with the Sun in opposition to Pluto now as well, (see below) this could be a tense day when it's quite difficult to express yourself and your feelings. Saturn tends to test whatever it is aspecting, and many of our relationships will be examined to see if they are still valid. This is not a good day for an important date or conversation. You are only seeing the negative side of things and shouldn't take your feelings too seriously. I suggest that you not make any permanent decisions about a relationship today. If you still feel the same in a few days, the Sun square Uranus that completes on July 4th will give you the impetus to make changes.

THE SUN OPPOSES PLUTO:

Also on Monday July 1st at 8:03 P.M. EST this powerful and demanding aspect takes over. This can be a rough one. Many people are looking for a confrontation and probably won't be able to let things go easily. This can be a compulsive energy and obsessive behavior is common. Try to avoid disagreements unless

there is something that absolutely demands you resolve it. Any relationship that is in trouble will not do well today. Between the testing that Saturn is doing and the compulsiveness of this aspect it will be very difficult to avoid recognizing problems that exist. Some relationships that have outlived their usefulness will end now.

THE SUN SQUARES URANUS:

On Thursday July 4th at 2:22 A.M. EST this explosive aspect completes. This is a highly energetic and erratic energy and its nature is such that we can only expect the unexpected. Moods will be changeable and many people will be short tempered and irritated. This is an argument or accident waiting to happen. Don't let it happen to you. Use extra caution and try to be aware of what's going on around you. If you pay attention to the here and now you can avoid much of the potential problems this can bring up.

SATURN GOES DIRECT:

On Monday July 8th at 1:12 A.M. EST the planet of discipline and responsibility finally begins moving forward again. This is a good thing for all business ventures and for future plans. While it was retrograding Saturn's influence was internalized and difficult to express in the outside world. Now it will be easier to put into practice any plans, schemes, or ideas that you have been working on. We always like to have a direct Saturn in the chart of a new business, so if you've been waiting to put something together or begin its purpose, now you can do so.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Monday July 8th at 3:14 A.M. EST at 18 degree Cancer 18 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:

Please note: In response to requests from a few readers I have added a few VOC Moons into the next lunar cycle for those who need to make plans before my next newsletter is released.

June 9th 4:29 A.M. – 12:16 P.M.

June 10th 5:15 P.M. – June 12th 12:58 A.M. *** Moon is void 1 ½ days

June 14th 7:14 A.M. – 12:26 P.M.

June 16th 5:26 P.M. – 9:19 P.M.

June 18th 11:55 P.M. – June 19th 2:39 A.M.

June 20th 3:16 P.M. – June 21st 4:31 A.M.

June 23rd 3:09 A.M. – 4:08 A.M.

June 24th 10:24 P.M. – June 25th 3:26 A.M.

June 26th 9:08 A.M. – June 27th 4:32 A.M. *** Moon is void all day

June 28th 8:16 P.M. – June 29th 9:06 A.M.

July 1st 2:48 A.M. – 5:43 P.M. *** Moon is void all day

July 3rd 11:51 A.M. – July 4th 5:22 A.M. *** Moon is void all day

July 6th 8:30 A.M. – 6:14 P.M. *** Moon is void all day

Due to popular request I have included below several VOC moons in the next lunar cycle:

July 8th 7:44 A.M. – July 9th 6:48 A.M. *** Moon is void 24 hours

July 11th 3:54 P.M. – 6:12 P.M.

July 13th 11:26 A.M. – July 14th 3:41 A.M. *** Moon is void all day



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