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## **LIVING BY STARLIGHT** an Astrological Newsletter

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

I've been mildly admonished by a few of my astrology friends for my recent appearance on Coast to Coast AM. They felt that I was a bit too optimistic about the outcome of the Grand Cross next April. Let me assure my readers, and my listeners, that I have not changed my opinion that this will be a watershed moment for our nation and the world. The collective animus is enraged; the anger is barely beneath the surface and threatening to explode at any moment. While the stock markets continue to trade at the very top, the finances of the middle-class continue to deteriorate. This has created an underlying sense of fear and outrage that will not improve until our economy is rebalanced and more equitable. I doubt that will happen without a major confrontation that will force change.

So what do I expect this coming April when the Grand Cross hits?

First of all, that pent up anger is going to detonate. How it manifests is still up in the air, but I fully expect some acts of violence and retaliation. My biggest concern is an assassination attempt. If it comes from the outside it will pull our country together across political party lines and personal feelings. If it comes from the inside, it will tear us apart. The stock market will take a major hit. I advise my clients and friends to plan to be out of the stock market no later than March, and possibly even earlier. I'm watching the signals very carefully and will send out announcements as I see events unfolding. Gold will spike up temporarily. If there is an event in the Middle East, oil will also spike.

In this newsletter I've expressed my opinion regarding the absolute need for socialized medicine. The reasons are clear and obvious. If a large percentage of the population is without some basic form of healthcare, we are all in jeopardy. An outbreak of any communicative disease threatens us all. In New York, the hospitals are being closed at an alarming rate. One of the biggest reasons this is happening is because the cost of running their emergency rooms, which must by law see any patient who comes in, has ballooned out of proportion. If these people had even minimal insurance and a family physician they wouldn't need to overwhelm our hospital emergency rooms, and these hospitals that are so necessary for the community, wouldn't be closing.

However, I now admit that Obamacare is a catastrophe. The way it stands now this program is so screwed up it may never run properly. Millions of people across the country are frustrated as they try to enroll. There have been changes in the law since it was first introduced to the public. People were told that they would be able to keep any insurance plan they currently have. That apparently is not the case. It now seems that many

will be forced to change plans even if they're happy with their present one. That's outrageous, and I fully understand the anger many are feeling. We need to fix this and get on with the business of running our country. We are one of the few "civilized nations" in the world without some form of socialized medicine. How a country treats its old, sick, and frail citizens defines who that nation is as much as any other indicator. The Nazis put most of their crippled and maimed to death. By leaving our injured and sick to fend for themselves, aren't we doing the same thing?

**Jupiter is about to retrograde, and historically this is often a top of the equity markets. I believe we are about to see a dip in the markets, which may prove quite severe.** Because we are heading towards that Grand Cross next April we must be vigilant and cautious in our approach. The retrograde action of Jupiter will put many plans and projects on hold as we scrutinize them to see if they are expanding too quickly or if there are boundaries that must be put into place.

Because of the placement of the planets, we will have many long Void of Course Moons this month. Extra cautions and careful timing are called for. Try to work around these periods when making important decisions or planning activities and meetings. Things do not turn out as expected under a VOC moon, especially in the material world. Try not to make important purchases or decisions, and new relationships that begin under this energy are often disconnected and eventually fade. Spiritual issues can be quite satisfying, however. Meditation, long walks, and delving freely into astrology or the occult can sometimes produce remarkable results.

At 2:00 AM on November 3<sup>rd</sup> we set the clocks back to standard time. All times in this month's newsletter should be Eastern Standard.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:50 A.M. EST at 11 degrees Scorpio 16 minutes, and it's a Solar Eclipse.** Issues of joint ownership and other people's resources will be prominent. Pay attention to any financial matters that you may have been ignoring. This eclipse could create a problem that may have been avoided. Be conscientious about your money matters and try to be clear about what you value most. I've said many times in this newsletter that Scorpio gets a bad rap in astrology. It's a very misunderstood energy that can be too deep or distant to handle on a superficial level, so some people shy away from it. But Scorpio, the corresponding 8<sup>th</sup> House, and its ruler Pluto are all about the rejuvenation process. It's in that 8<sup>th</sup> house that we all regroup and recharge the batteries. Without it we would run out of steam. So I look at the Scorpio New Moon each year as a time of internal reenergizing when we can expunge some of the waste that has cluttered up our lives and reconnect with the growing process in a very fundamental way. This eclipse will set up a period of about 6 months during which the issues of what is valid and what has outlived its usefulness will be most prominent. The next few weeks will point out activities, relationships, and attitudes that need to be redefined. It will take about 6 months for the resolution of some of these. Pay attention to what's presented to you now, and you will have a clearer idea of where your efforts should be aimed.

**VENUS ENTERS CAPRICORN:**

**On Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:43 A.M. EST** the planet of love, money, and physical pleasures of all sorts enters this Saturn ruled sign. Because Venus will retrograde in December in this stoic sign, we will be dealing with this energy for a much longer period than usual. It doesn't get out of Capricorn until March 5<sup>th</sup> 2014, so we may as well get used to it. This placement could be defined as: No love without reason or at least a chance of longevity. Venus is the planet of gratification, and Capricorn isn't interested in momentary pleasures. It needs a sense of purpose and that's what Venus in this sign will look for.

**THE SUN CONJUNCTS SATURN:**

**On Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:01 A.M. EST** this difficult transit completes. The early part of the day will feel heavy and restrictive. This is a time of hard work and limitations. It's a good day for dealing with the reality of your life and for completing any projects or tasks that have been left unfinished. It's not a good time for socializing or starting new projects. Get in touch with what you need and work towards fulfilling it.

**JUPITER RETROGRADES:**

**On Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:03 A.M. EST** the planet of growth and expansion begins its yearly trek backwards. This doesn't bode well for Obamacare or any other project that requires continued growth. This is a better time to shore up the existing projects rather than begin new ones or overextend existing ones. It's not that we've stopped expanding or growing, but that the results will be more internal than external and can be best used for enlarging our own perspective and self-awareness. And as I said in the Author's Notes, this is usually the top of the stock markets and I recommend caution for the next few months. With Mercury in retrograde problems will be exacerbated.

**VENUS SEXTILES NEPTUNE:**

**Also on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:16 P.M. EST** this pleasant transit comes along. This is especially good for all creative ventures. Many artists will be inspired now. It's a good night for putting on a concert, painting a new picture, or getting that camera out and perusing the city for unusual and exciting shots. Romance will be somewhat idealistic, but not as confusing as on the conjunct or opposition.

**MARS SEXTILES SATURN:**

**On Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:57 A.M. EST** this very useful transit completes. During the day or so leading up to this sextile it will be easier to get your work done. Attention to detail will be good, and you can aim your energy readily into any project or activity you wish. Don't waste this. Pick and choose where you wish that force to go and use it to further your plans. This is a realistic transit and not prone to illusion, fantasies, or extravagance.

**MERCURY GOES DIRECT:**

**On Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:12 P.M. EST** Mercury finally goes direct. Now we will see the results of any changes that have been made during the past 3 weeks. Secrets will come out, so it may behoove you to

keep your ears open and your mouth shut. This is especially true as the retrograde was in Scorpio, the most secretive sign. We will now see just how bad (or good?) Obamacare is, and what's needed to repair it. Many things we've been waiting for will finally show up, including mail, phone calls, checks, and information of all sorts. For the few days while this changes direction you can expect confusion, misdirection, and accidents as the world speeds up to make up for lost time.

### **THE SUN TRINES JUPITER:**

**On Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:39 A.M. EST** this very affirmative and optimistic transit comes along. This is a good morning for any conversation or for pushing your plans and projects forward. There is a positive energy around and most people will respond accordingly. Because this is a trine it must be used proactively. It won't push itself on us, as a conjunct or square will. Set your sights on goals that are achievable and reach for them. Travel is favored. A short trip will be very rewarding.

### **NEPTUNE GOES DIRECT:**

**On Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:43 P.M. EST** Neptune finally turns around. It will be easier to present your creative works and ideas to the world. While Neptune was in retrograde we tended to internalize those talents, which may have resulted in some very good artistic ventures. Now is the time to show it to the world. Empathy and compassion will be easier for many to express towards others. During the retrograde we are more apt to have these feelings for ourselves, which isn't a bad thing. It's important to have some internal sympathy too. Remember, if you're not your own dear friend, who else would want to be?

### **VENUS SQUARES URANUS:**

**On Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:13 P.M. EST** romance will take a decidedly strange path. Because Uranus is in square to Pluto now, Venus will aspect each in short order. This half of the transit is one of the most fickle of all aspects. Emotions fluctuate and personal relationships will be rather funky. Any relationship begun under this energy will not be stable, although it may be exciting. How you handle this energy has much to do with what you need at the moment. If you're looking for a causal coupling you may be perfectly happy with the results. If you're in it for the pension, you may not. Money tends to disappear when Venus is afflicted to Uranus (or Neptune) so keep an eye on your cash.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS PLUTO:**

**On Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. EST** Venus will complete the other half of this aspect. The conjunct to Pluto will add a compulsive layer to the energy. You may meet someone now who is not very good for you, yet even if you realize that you may be so attracted to the person that you'll ignore your own warning signs. Issues involving money or possessions jointly owned may become problematic, and a power struggle over finances is quite possible.

### **FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:16 A.M. EST at 25 degrees Taurus 26**

**minutes.** This Full Moon is all about possessions and values. Where the Scorpio New Moon drew our attention to things we hold jointly with others, this Full Moon redirects that energy back into our own personal set of values and possession, rather than other people's. Each year at about this time we experience the Taurus Full Moon to test what we truly think is most important in our lives and culture. If there are fundamental problems in your own finances, or in the equity markets they will become clear now. Try to be aware of any problems that are bubbling under the surface and handle them directly and realistically. As with all Full Moons, caution is called for, especially in financial matters.

### **THE SUN ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:**

**On Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:48 P.M. EST** we enter the mutable fire sign. Sagittarius is an outgoing optimistic energy with a far-sighted point of view. This is a time of year when many of us travel long distances (Sagittarius & Jupiter's domain). It's also a time of overdoing (also a consideration under this sign.) I've always found it quite fascinating that Christmas falls in the conservative sign of Capricorn, but the shopping season preceding that holiday falls in expansive and extravagant Sagittarius. The main difficulty with this sign is a lack of boundaries and limitations. If you can keep things in perspective you can accomplish a great deal this month. But if you let things get out of hand you could easily become overwhelmed by the projects and promises you take on. This is a good time for travel, any form of education, and for expanding any ongoing project or plan, as long as you pay heed to the warning above.

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

**On Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:53 P.M. EST** this rather debilitating transit comes along. This isn't a day for important discussion or decisions. Clarity will be in short supply and it's very easy to make mistakes or become distracted. This is a good day for meditation or any spiritual issues. This often coincides with a sell-off in the stocks, and with Jupiter in retrograde, and Mercury conjunct Saturn tomorrow as well, this may be a rough start to the week.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCT SATURN:**

**On Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:55 P.M. EST** this square happens for the third time within a month. We experienced the first two in October (see last month's newsletter) and it now returns for the final pass. Whenever we have a triple pass of a transit it implies that the lessons being offered are important and should be carefully considered. Each completion of this transit passes quickly, but there is an underlying need to see things in a realistic and clear way in general. Our society is going through a reevaluation, and the three passes of this aspect have been pointing out some of the ways we can adjust personally and collectively. This evening many of us will feel tired or discouraged. Try not to let it get you down. If you just stay out of harm's way it shouldn't be a problem. Communication is difficult, and travel may present unforeseen problems. At the very least traffic will be congested.

### **MERCURY TRINES JUPITER & VENUS OPPOSES JUPITER:**

**On Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:24 A.M. & 7:01 A.M. EST** these two aspects to Jupiter create a day of

optimism and pleasures. Conversations will be lively and open-minded and you can push the boundaries more than usual without repercussion. Food, drink, and other enjoyable endeavors will be especially satisfying. Because these transits fall so early in the morning their effect will be most effective the night before leading into the morning.

### **THE SUN TRINES URANUS:**

**On Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:25 P.M. EST** this positive transit presents us with an opportunity to make changes in our lives and attitudes without the usual resistance from the outside world. Because this falls on the Dark of the Moon, its application will take place after the New Moon on Monday. Today you should be able to decide what projects are working out and which ones should be let go. The trine to Uranus gives us an outlet for change and enlightenment, but like all trines it must be used directly and proactively. If you ignore it you won't gain its benefits. But if you open yourself to alterations and new ways of looking at things, this can be a very positive day.

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

**The next New Moon falls on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:22 P.M. EST at 10 degrees Sagittarius 59 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 Standard Time:

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.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:23 P.M. – November 4<sup>th</sup> 3:14 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all morning

November 5<sup>th</sup> 11:48 A.M. – November 6<sup>th</sup> 4:44 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2:39 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

November 10<sup>th</sup> 12:57 A.M. – 9:36 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all afternoon

November 12<sup>th</sup> 9:34 A.M. – November 13<sup>th</sup> 2:39 A.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 24 hours

November 14<sup>th</sup> 3:57 P.M. – November 15<sup>th</sup> 9:49 A.M. \*\*\* Moon is void overnight

November 17<sup>th</sup> 10:16 A.M. – 7:07 P.M.

November 19<sup>th</sup> 10:59 A.M. – November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:23 A.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 24 hours

November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:11 A.M. – 6:56 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

November 24<sup>th</sup> 3:59 A.M. – November 25<sup>th</sup> 7:11 A.M. \*\* Moon is void 24 hours

November 27<sup>th</sup> 6:44 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

November 29<sup>th</sup> 6:14 A.M. – 11:03 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

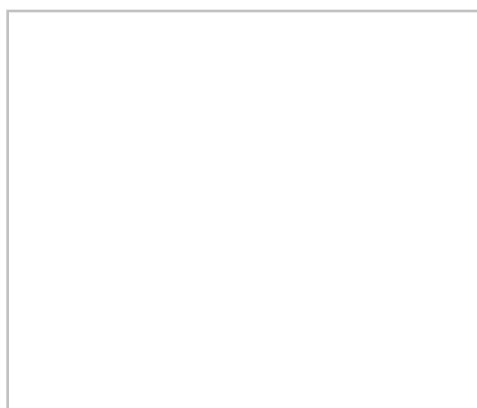
December 1<sup>st</sup> 8:34 P.M. – December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:31 A.M.

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

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:45 P.M. – December 4<sup>th</sup> 1:49 A.M.

December 6<sup>th</sup> 12:31 A.M. – 1:53 A.M.

December 7<sup>th</sup> 7:11 A.M. – December 8<sup>th</sup> 3:34 A.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 24 hours



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