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

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

**Uranus squares Pluto on December 15<sup>th</sup>.** This is a very powerful energy that will have serious effects on the world, politics, and our own individual lives. This is part of the April 2014 Cardinal Grand Cross I've been writing about since last spring, and it will bring many of the issues that began back then into focus once more. This is a moment of crisis, and we will see some issues exploding as the need to unleash the pent up force this has created becomes critical. There may be some sudden events throughout the world that remind us of how tenuous our lives really are. Uranus rules explosive situations. Pluto rules plutonium. We are in the midst of the Iranian nuclear question that Obama is attempting to resolve. It won't be a satisfactory resolution no matter what occurs. This is the last pass of this square, and many things need to be brought out into the open so we can see them honestly and without a veil. This is also taking place for many of us within our personal lives. There will be career situations, relationships, and other important issues that have been building up for some time and will now come to a peak. This square almost certainly guaranteed that the Republicans would gain power in this most recent election. The power struggles that will ensue for the next 2 years are clearly a culmination of the ongoing tug-of-war our government has been engaged in for some time, not a new problem. Rather than easing up, we are in for a long protracted battle that will bring up some issues we haven't wanted to look at, and put even more pressure on others.

**Saturn will enter Sagittarius on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.** We are approaching that change of signs as restrictive Saturn enters expansive Sagittarius and beings to limit the amount of growth we can expect for the next 2 ½ years. **As I said in last month's newsletter: Saturn in Sagittarius is a very bearish marker for the equities.** This doesn't imply another crash is coming, rather a slow sideways movement. It isn't as dramatic as Saturn opposite Uranus that we had when the markets crashed in 2008. This just usually means a slow down in world growth and a limit to new markets and expansion of all sorts.

### ***HOWEVER:***

**We are heading towards the Saturn square Neptune that I've been writing about lately.** This will have a strong effect on our financial markets, especially the banks and housing market. After the collapse of the housing market in 2005, and the crash of the banks and equities in 2008, some changes were made in the system. But those changes have been watered down, or are in threat of being eliminated altogether by this Republican senate and house. As a result, we are once again teetering on the edge of a collapse. Housing in America isn't recovering the way they would like you to think. Many homes are being bought by hedge

funds as investments. Americans are not buying homes in the numbers necessary to warrant the optimism the numbers imply. Once again the banks are repackaging mortgages as equities and secured loans and selling them to investors. China has built entire cities large enough to hold hundreds of thousands of people. The only problem is – nobody's moving in. They are empty shells complete with malls, parking lots, and all the amenities of a modern city. These are also being added to the so-called expansion of the Chinese markets, which are over-valued and will eventually crash in on itself. How vulnerable our financial markets are is based on how much has been invested in the Chinese housing market by western hedge funds and governments. **Saturn square Neptune** will expose the decaying underbelly just as the **Saturn opposite Neptune** did in 2006.

**Saturn will first square Neptune in November 2015.** As we approach that aspect we will see signs of any parts of our personal lives and our society that aren't as strong or secure as we thought.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:32 A.M. EST at 00 degrees Sagittarius 07 minutes.** This is a chance for new beginnings and growth. We are in a cycle of zero degree New Moons, and each will feel like things are being set off in an unusually intense and proactive way. The first degree of any sign is the strongest part of that sign. Sagittarius is all about expansion and having a far-sighted perspective. Anything that will help you enlarge your point of view will be helpful. This includes travel, making plans for the future, and anything that is educational. In this society it's easy for our lives to become inundated with too much input, so most of us try to limit the amount of input we can handle. But that can restrict our knowledge and potential. Now it's time to take the blinders off and recognize that there are many opportunities out there that you may not have considered. Be willing to take some chances. You don't know what you may discover. And try to expand your consciousness in anyway you can.

### **MERCURY CONJUNCTS SATURN:**

**On Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:37 P.M. EST.** This can be a difficult day for communications. It may be hard to express yourself, and there will be an underlying dour attitude that many will take to heart if this conjunct sets off your personal chart. This is good for any detail oriented work, and there is a strong sense of reality. This isn't a day for frivolous ideas or activities. Obligations and responsibilities are what we should be focusing on.

### **VENUS TRINES URANUS:**

**On Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:22 P.M. EST** Love will take a decidedly unusual twist. Look for people, events, and ideas that are out of the ordinary. Because this is a positive trine, it will be easier to explore some new concepts than usual. You can make changes within an existing relationship, or seek out a new one. But whatever you do it must be exciting. Sticking to the usual routine will not work, and you could easily become bored. This is a good day to redecorate or for buying clothes or accessories. Your taste will be a bit unusual as well, and you might change your presentation with just a few alterations in your appearance. This is followed closely by the Sun square Neptune mentioned below. This will be a day of some misdirection and

confusion, even while you're enjoying this trine. So keep things somewhat realistic with spending, romance, etc.

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

**Also on Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 P.M. EST** this very confusing and at times debilitating square comes along. This is a day fraught with misunderstandings, so make sure you are understood and that you understand what the other person is saying. Any reason to misinterpret things will end up being perplexing and difficult to work with. This is a low energy day when many of us will feel tired and rundown. This square also makes it difficult to stand up for yourself, especially if this sets off your chart. This is usually a bad day for the equity markets. The world is in a funk, and stability is hard to come by.

### **MERCURY ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:**

**On Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:26 P.M. EST** Mercury will join the Sun and Venus in this expansive sign. Communications will be busy for the next three weeks and there is a strong desire to speak the truth about all matters. Don't be shocked by what people say to you. The usual filters aren't in place, and much will be said without forethought. This placement is also the con-artist of the zodiac, and there may also be a lot of things said that aren't completely true. Try to sift through it all and get to the heart of the matter. Travel is favored, and any trip will increase your consciousness and bring you new input and ideas. However, with Mercury about to square Neptune (See below), you should wait a few days before planning any long journey.

### **MERCURY SQUARES NEPTUNE:**

**On Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:27 P.M. EST** this very confusing aspect completes. This comes on the tail of the Sun square Neptune we had a few days ago, and it will add more uncertainty and misunderstandings to the mix. Today you must be sure of what you're saying or there will be serious repercussions. Travel is difficult, and if you must take a trip, double check everything and make sure your itinerary is correct and all of your connections are secure. Even then you can expect some problems.

### **MARS SEXTILES SATURN:**

**On Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. EST** this positive sextile will create a strong foundation that we can rely on. Today is a good day for any work that requires attention to detail. When Mars and Saturn are working well together, a lot can be accomplished in a short time. You will be able to focus on your work for hours, but still you should take periodic rests. Egos are in pretty good shape, and you can approach others with new ideas or ways to fix ongoing situations. This isn't an innovative energy as much as a productive and stable one. Complete any unfinished business and clear the decks so you can start new projects soon.

### **VENUS TRINES JUPITER & THE SUN TRINES URANUS:**

**On Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:11 P.M. EST & 5:30 P.M. EST** this positive pair of transits completes. This is a good day for any socializing or creative ventures. Many of us will feel outgoing and wish to spend time

with close people. The Venus trine Jupiter is very sociable, and rather self-indulgent so use a little caution with food, drink, etc. But it's a good aspect for personal relationships of all sorts and for entertainment. The Sun trine Uranus is seeking unusual and new events, ideas, and people, so keep your eyes open for anything that is stimulating and outside of the norm. You can take some risks or go along a new path without fear of upsetting things too much. This is a gentle prodding for us to open our consciousness to new ideas. It won't be terribly difficult to handle, but it can bring some exciting input into your life.

### **MARS ENTERS AQUARIUS:**

**Also on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:57 P.M. EST** Mars enters this Uranus-ruled sign. There will be a bit of an underlying explosive energy for the next month or so that will stimulate us and push the ego out into the world. If handled right this can be a very exciting time. But it requires awareness and attention to what you're doing. Those born with Mars in Aquarius tend to have a fiery or volatile side to their personality. It creates a lot of energy, and if dealt with properly it will just be power that can be directed into positive projects. If you're aware of any excessive force you're emitting you can avoid most difficulties. If not, you may get into arguments or ego conflicts that are counterproductive.

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### **FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:27 A.M. EST at 14 degrees Gemini 18 minutes.** Communication of all sorts will be heightened for the rest of this lunar cycle. Be careful how you speak to others. It's easy to overstate your case or just argue for the sake of doing so. Any issues within a relationship that have been festering since the New Moon will probably come out today. Caution is called for while traveling, and there could be a number of incidences on the roads, in the air, or any other form of transportation. If you've been holding something in because you're afraid of the results if you let it out, you probably won't be able to do so much longer. This Full Moon will push you to say what's on your mind. Just be aware of the intensity of your communications and be prepared for any fallout from your honesty.

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

**On Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:51 A.M. EST** there will be a decidedly willful feeling in the air. People will not back down in conversations, and disagreements are quite possible. If this is focused, it will just be a high mental energy day. But if you aren't paying attention you could be overwhelmed by someone's attitude.

### **JUPITER RETROGRADES:**

**Also on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:41 P.M. EST** Jupiter begins its yearly backward trip. This is the start of a period of several months with most growth and expansion will take place within the individual, and less so in the outside world. It's a period when we can change our inner conversation and goals. Anything that is educational will have a powerful effect on you. This is a good time to learn new things or take a different perspective.

### **VENUS ENTERS CAPRICORN:**

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**On Wednesday December 10 at 11:42 A.M. EST** the planet of love and money enters this Saturn-ruled sign. Venus takes on a limited and rather dour approach in Capricorn. There is a realistic attitude about romance, and most of us will spend this time evaluating our ongoing relationships. Any new love affairs that begin with this placement may be long-lasting, but will lack the spark or excitement we often expect from a new romance. Money matters will also be restrictive and limited, and there will be a more realistic attitude about financial situations as well. This can be a very positive and useful transit, although it isn't very flamboyant.

### **MERCURY TRINES JUPITER:**

**On Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:24 A.M. EST** thoughts, ideas, and communications of all sorts will be optimistic and expansive. This is a particularly good aspect for conversations, as all parties will be more open-minded and willing to see different points of view. Most of us will be chatty and there will be a nice enthusiastic atmosphere in the world. If some project or plan has been stalled, this may give you a new perspective on the issue. Travel of all sorts will be enjoyable and freeing. The Sun will trine Jupiter on Sunday (see below), and this is an important few days when many of us can rejuvenate our good feelings and share them with each other.

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

**On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:56 A.M. EST** this every outgoing and optimistic transit comes along on the heel of Mercury trine Jupiter mentioned above. Look at things from a broader perspective and let new ideas and schemes have a voice. This is a transit that favors personal relationships as well as the individual's growth. It's through our relationships that we expand our consciousness the most. With this month's New Moon being at zero degrees Sagittarius, all Jupiter aspects will have even more influence than usual. Travel is favored today, and anything that enlarges your view will be positive. Foreign things may be more attractive than usual as well, since they represent something bigger than your usual life and vision.

### **URANUS SQUARES PLUTO:**

**On Monday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:14 A.M. EST** this intense square completes. We'll been living under this energy since last April when this square was part of the Cardinal Grand Cross. Today we see it completing again, and we can expect some intensity and a build up of tension. When these outer planets are in aspect, the force they create continues for some time. This won't be released when it's done like a Solar or Mercury transit. It will still be an underlying force for some time. But the completion of this aspect implies that some issues are coming to a head. We will see power struggles intensify, both in our personal lives and in worldly events. The showdown between Obama and congress on immigration is only one of the situations that are being forced upon us now. There are many situations going on in the world right now that are a result of this force. Ukraine, Iran, Syria, etc. will all be affected by this square.

### **MERCURY ENTERS CAPRICORN:**

**On Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:53 P.M. EST** our thinking and communications will slow down. While in

Sagittarius, Mercury took the lead and conversations became larger than life. The expansive nature of that sign brought out a lot of things that may have been repressed for some time. Now after 3 weeks in Sagittarius, Mercury goes into this restrictive sign and our thinking, speech, and ideas will be less about the bigger picture and more about details. Bend with the times, and learn to use this transit to focus on things that need to be completed or cleaned up. This isn't an innovative aspect, but rather one of concentration and finalizing.

### **VENUS SQUARES URANUS & CONJUNCT PLUTO:**

**On Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:08 P.M. & 4:07 P.M. EST** Venus will aspect both of the planets in that power square. Personal relationships will take on a heavy and seemingly fated sense. This is a time to uncover the truth about any connection, but be careful. The intensity of Uranus and Pluto is well known in astrology, and you could get into a power struggle with someone close that could become explosive or even dangerous. You won't be able to hide from the truth now, but how you go about approaching any situation will decide how it turns out for you. It may be better to wait a few days after these aspects complete before dealing with anything you uncover now. However, it may be difficult to hold things in under these potentially explosive aspects.

### **URANUS GOES DIRECT:**

**On Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 P.M. EST** this planet finally turns around. All issues associated with this planet will come out of the unconscious and begin to have an affect on our day-to-day lives. Any explosive problem will have to be dealt with soon. The Iranian nuclear argument will be exposed to the world, and how it is handled will have a long-term affect on that region.

### **THE SUN ENTERS CAPRICORN:**

**Also on Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:03 P.M. EST** we enter winter. This is the shortest day of the year, and that is an apt marker for Capricorn, the most restrictive of all the signs. From now on the days begin to get longer as we slowly move towards the next peak in our yearly travels. The underlying theme to this sign is structure and stability. In order to learn those lessons we need to stay focused on the little things to make sure there is no decay in our foundation.

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

**The next New Moon falls on Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:36 P.M. EST at 00 degrees Capricorn 06 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.**

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:16 P.M. – November 24<sup>th</sup> 11:31 A.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 12 hours

November 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 A.M. – 2:23 P.M.

November 28<sup>th</sup> 12:14 P.M. – 5:03 P.M.

November 30<sup>th</sup> 3:47 P.M. – 8:14 P.M.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:42 P.M. – December 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:15 A.M.

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1:45 A.M. – 5:28 A.M.

December 7<sup>th</sup> 4:52 A.M. – 12:34 P.M.

December 9<sup>th</sup> 7:14 P.M. – 10:14 P.M.

December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:48 A.M. – 10:19 A.M.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 9:11 P.M. – 11:05 P.M.

December 17<sup>th</sup> 12:40 A.M. – 9:52 A.M.

December 19<sup>th</sup> 4:11 P.M. – 4:55 P.M.

December 21<sup>st</sup> 7:35 A.M. – 8:25 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

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

December 22 10:17 P.M. – December 23 9:52 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 24 hours

December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:11 A.M. – 11:07 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 12 hours

December 27<sup>th</sup> 10:44 A.M. – December 28<sup>th</sup> 1:35 A.M. \*\*\* Moon is void all day

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