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

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

This month has relatively few difficult transits. Mercury will oppose Uranus, and Venus will oppose Neptune, both of which require our attention. But mostly we are in a period of much needed calm as we approach the Saturn-Neptune square that I've been discussing for some time. That will complete for the first time in November. It is the underlying energy for this year and will challenge our ability to hold onto the saturnine stability of a situation while Neptune does its best to dissolve that very foundation. This is a test that we go through every so often to reestablish clarity in the face of adversity. If you handle the combined energies of these two planets it can be extremely rewarding. I have a number of clients with Saturn conjunct Neptune in their natal charts. Several are enormously successful in worldly prospects. The Saturn creates structure upon which the Neptune fantasies can become reality. But I've also seen people put more emphasis on Neptune, thus liquefying Saturn's organization. As the world goes through this square for the next year or so many of us will have to choose between our illusions and the reality we live in. A good balance between the two could result in a solid representation of the creative and spiritual side of your life. Artists with these two planets in aspect often create long enduring pieces of work that have a powerful effect on the collective. With some of the world's current problems becoming overwhelming, such as the situation in Syria and its massive refugee issues, it will take some very creative and realistic answers to find a solution. I believe it's very possible that there can be some sort of breakthrough in international relations that come seemingly from left field. That would be the correct and most positive use of this square. But there will certainly also be difficult issues in the financial markets, and in the diplomatic arena that will require our attention and may distract the world from its path.

Saturn has been in Sagittarius since mid-September, and as we get used to its placement and the limitations on our expansiveness it is creating, a feeling of dour reality has come upon us. Rather than thinking of this as a restriction to our growth, it would be better to see that there are times when we all must slow down and make sure that the structure we are building upon is solid enough to support more growth. A good example is New York City, which is in the midst of the biggest building boom in 50 years. Every neighborhood is seeing construction of massive numbers of buildings and apartments. When does it become saturated? And what will be the results on the housing markets, the infrastructure, and human endurance? Only time will tell. It's already a nightmare to take a subway, especially in rush hour. Driving into or out of the City is traumatic and counterproductive to a work oriented lifestyle. But the building continues and the number of people they are trying to squeeze into this very small area is having unpleasant effects on those who live here. Standing on line for 30 minutes at Starbucks is unacceptable.

So they build another right around the corner, while pushing all the mom and pop stores out. The emotional affects this continued expansion is having on the population is not healthy or sustainable. And once the city has overreached itself, what happens to the frail and aging infrastructure? Of course, that is a problem throughout America as the bridges, rails, and tunnels begin to crack and splinter. That is all Saturn's domain, and Neptune will continue to dissolve it. We need a more realistic attitude, which will be difficult to achieve when a small elite controls the entire situation.

By the way, in answer to those of you who continue to ask, I will be making my presidential predictions next month, exactly one year in advance.

### **NEW MOON:**

**The New Moon falls on Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:06 P.M. EDT at 19 degrees Libra 20 minutes.** The Moon immediately goes Void of Course once it's conjunct the Sun (New Moon). Libra lives for relationships. It's the 7<sup>th</sup> sign of the zodiac and the first inter-personal of the signs. Partnerships of all sorts will be the focus this month as we examine and test ongoing relationships to judge their continued purpose in our lives. Those that have outlived their usefulness may end now. But the stronger ones will not, and may actually reach a higher level of consciousness. Because this is a Void of Course New Moon, many relationships and projects that are started this month may take an unexpected turn. Some will not succeed because their purpose isn't clear, or isn't what you really need at the moment, no matter how good it may appear. Others might surprise you with the depth that can be achieved. When things are attempted on a V.O.C. Moon it's advisable to go with the energy as it is unveiled, and not to hold onto preexisting concepts or opinions. We never know what to expect if the moon isn't tethered to another planet (the definition of VOC.) But because the objective of Libra is interaction, it's important that you extend yourself and open up to new connections. Just keep an open mind and be ready to honestly examine what's being offered.

### **MERCURY SEXTILES SATURN:**

**On Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:55 A.M. EDT** this clear thinking aspect completes. This is a good day for paperwork, important conversations, and for looking over plans and schemes. Your thoughts will be concise and it's easy to get work done. Because this completes so early in the morning its effects will be felt the night before and in the wee small hours. The energy will continue through the early part of the day, although with a lesser intensity, and should allow us all a chance to settle any disputes or problems that have arisen. Patience is the key to working with any Saturn transit, so take your time and make your choices carefully and slowly.

### **MARS TRINES PLUTO:**

**On Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:31 P.M. EDT** this very positive transit comes along. When Mars and Pluto work well together in a trine or sextile it allows us the chance to use the resources of others to our mutual advantage. This is a good day for partnerships and for seeking a common goal. This combination tends to be rather intense, even in a positive aspect, so use this carefully. You must work with everyone's

needs in mind and not in a selfish manner. Try to make sure that everyone involved in a project gets what they deserve. If you do so, this will help you achieve greater success.

### **VENUS OPPOSES NEPTUNE:**

**On Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:54 P.M. EDT** this confusing transit will create a fog over relationship and partnership issues. While there may be strong feelings of romance, it may be difficult to understand, and there could be some bewilderment or misunderstandings. The best way to handle Neptune energy is to be as direct and honest as possible. Any chance for misinterpretation will create problems. Speak your mind and your feelings, but don't assume you are being understood. Extra care in communication is called for. This can be a very enjoyable day, and you may feel especially creative or in touch with your spiritual side. This is a good day for mediation, long walks, or a day of unbridled love and affection as long as you pay heed to the warnings above. Artists and all creative types will be in touch with that magical place where all creations begin. But it's getting those thoughts down on paper that may prove difficult. Prepare by having the means to translate your thoughts and melodies into a useful and productive place. A new relationship may seem too good to be true, and I advise taking a little time after this transit passes to reexamine the situation and see if it's based in reality or fantasy. I have seen wonderful contacts made with these two planets in aspect. But I've also witnessed illusion followed by disillusion. Keep your eyes open, and enjoy this energy. It really can be quite spiritual. Be careful with your money. Venus rules our finances, and Neptune has little interest in the real world. Sometimes the cash just seems to disappear.

### **MARS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:**

**On Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:40 P.M. EDT** this wonderful transit completes. This is a day of exuberance and unbridled ego energy. The potential is tremendous, but so is the possibility of things getting blown out of proportion. If this is handled well, the possibilities are endless. There's a lot of physical power being emitted, and many of us will have a strong jolt of force behind our projects. But if it's not dealt with in a realistic and controlled manner it's very possible to over state your case or act in an arrogant and pushy way without realizing it. Because this is such a powerful force it's important to use this proactively and release any excessive energy that is built up. Any form of physical activity will help. Exercise, sports, or hard labor is a good way to expunge it. If this sets off your chart you may find yourself overly energetic and simply must find a way to push it out. Remember that others are feeling this as well and could overreact or be aggressive, so pay attention and act in a defensive way, especially if someone seems to be a bit over the top. Don't let your ego control you. If you're driving, let the other guy in. It's very easy for arguments, disputes, or road rage to occur. Sidestep any disagreements that aren't absolutely necessary. Pay heed to this, and it can be a very exciting and adventurous day.

### **MERCURY SQUARES PLUTO:**

**On Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:20 P.M. EDT** many people will be looking for an argument. This square can be relentless and make it difficult to let go of things. There is a compulsive nature to Pluto, and since Mercury rules communications there will be a strong potential for verbal or written disagreements. Anger is often expressed, so don't take the bait if someone tries to get you into an argument. If handled well, this is

a day to get to the bottom of things and ferret out the truth. It can be very productive as long as you avoid unnecessary or trite battles.

### **VENUS TRINES PLUTO:**

**On Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:40 A.M. EDT** this Pluto energy continues. However, this being a trine as opposed to yesterday's square, it will be much easier to direct it where you need it. This is a day when many of us will seek a deeper understanding of our relationships. Because it completes so early in the morning the effects will be felt the night before and into the morning hours. This is a good day to look over your budget and see if there are ways to improve your relationship with your money. It's also a good time to discuss things with your significant other. Because the Sun is about to enter Pluto-ruled Scorpio (see below) there is a feeling that some issues must be resolved.

### **THE SUN ENTERS SCORPIO:**

**Also on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:47 P.M. EDT** we enter the fixed part of autumn. Scorpio gets a bum rap in astrology. It's a strong feeling and relentless sign that digs deeply into every project and relationship it encounters. There is nothing superficial about this sign, which can be a positive or negative thing depending upon how it's handled. Scorpio is the 8<sup>th</sup> sign, and thus rules all 8<sup>th</sup> house issues. That is the house of regeneration and the place where we all strip off the old and worn out, and replace it with new and fresh ideas. That's a good thing. But unfortunately most of us have a hard time letting go of the past, even when it's no longer valid. Try to embrace the new and don't hold onto things that are no longer valid. If you can do that you will understand Scorpio better and make positive use of this rejuvenating energy.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:**

**On Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:03 P.M. EDT** one of the most pleasant of all aspects completes. This is a very positive energy. It's good for relationships of all sorts, social interaction, and creative ventures. Most of us will have a warm and fuzzy feeling for a day or so. Use this energy to your advantage. Plan a social gathering or an important date. The only word of warning is that there is a tendency to overindulge in food, drink, and other worldly pleasures. Because Mercury is in opposition to Uranus today as well, there will be an underlying sense of nervousness and anticipation. Read this and the aspect below together, as the two will be in effect simultaneously and work together to create the atmosphere we will all feel.

### **MERCURY OPPOSES URANUS:**

**Also on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:59 P.M. EDT** this overly-excitabile transit completes. This will coincide with the Venus-Jupiter conjunct mentioned above. This opposition adds an incredible amount of mental energy to the mix. Many people will speak with thinking things through first. This can be a tense and irritable transit, and if you aren't careful it will lead to arguments of all sorts. Caution needs to be used. This is an aspect to respect and be aware of. Use care when traveling. Car accidents are quite possible, and caution should be applied even when walking. There is a jerkiness that can easily manifest as a unexpected and sudden events. Pay attention to what you're doing and you can avoid any problems. That

Venus-Jupiter conjunct will help a lot. Most of us aren't really looking for a battle, and that pleasant energy should help sidestep most difficulties. But there are some out there who will be looking to start something. Don't let them drag you into their issues. Computers and cell phones may cause endless problems, so back up your important files, and remember to charge your phone. If you handle the combination of these two transits well, this will be a day of excitement, adventure, and much pleasure. If a problem arises that you can't avoid, you would be better off dealing with it directly and getting it out of the way.

### **FULL MOON:**

**This month's lunar peak occurs on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:05 A.M. EDT at 03 degrees Taurus 45 minutes.** Taurus is all about possessions and values. Issues of what is most important will be brought up and many of us will have to deal with what we value most. If there are money problems they may come to a head now, both on a personal and a collective level. As with all Full Moons it is advisable to show respect for the energy being emitted and not overdo things. Don't spend too much, or make foolish investments. This Full Moon may manifest as a huge move in the equity markets.

### **THE SUN TRINES NEPTUNE:**

**On Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:06 P.M. EDT** this creative transit will give us all a chance to show our artistic talents. Neptune isn't really interested in the "real world" and often manifests through our spiritual or creative side. The trine isn't as demanding as the hard aspects, so it must be used proactively. If you're working on something inventive or artistic, you can use this aspect to push the project forward. You may be able to take it to a new level of inspiration. All issues of religion of faith will also be prominent. This isn't powerful enough to give you enlightenment, but it may help many of us find the belief necessary to continue on our path with a more hopeful attitude. At the very least you should listen to music, see a movie, or discuss something meaningful with one of your closest.

### **MERCURY ENTERS SCORPIO:**

**On Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:06 A.M. EDT** Mercury joins the Sun in this intense sign. Scorpio is a fixed sign that digs deeply into any subject and will not be satisfied with superficial answers. There is a stubborn quality to its placement here, so don't be surprised by the tenaciousness others seem to have. For the next few weeks arguments will not be easy to avoid. Once a subject has been brought up it will linger until all avenues of discussion have been exhausted. Try not to be unyielding in your opinions, and if something isn't worth the effort you may be better off leaving it alone. It's easy to make a mountain out of a molehill and build something into a much more important problem than it need be.

### **VENUS CONJUNCTS MARS:**

**Also on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:10 P.M. EDT** the male and female planets conjoin in Virgo. Interaction between the sexes will be powerful and perhaps critical in its energy. Since neither planet has rulership they will share equal strength. In a romantic relationship it's important to find compromise and seek answers that suit both of you. If that can be accomplished this can be a very productive and enjoyable

time. But if there is conflict within the relationship each party will apply their individual strength and stubbornness and stagnation is very possible. Look for ways to communicate, but remember with Mercury in Scorpio that conversation may take a very deep route. This can be a creative aspect if the ego doesn't get in the way. The same can be said for personal interaction. Mars doesn't like to share the spotlight, but if you allow your more receptive side its space this will be a more productive day.

### **THE SUN SEXTILES PLUTO:**

**On Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:58 P.M. EDT** this positive transit will allow us to make use of the energy of the collective. Others will be more apt to work with you than against you. This is also an aspect of compromise, and a common goal is what we are seeking. As long as there is something in it for everyone this is a good day to push things forward. Others will help you advance a project or idea, but only if they are involved in the potential rewards. This is a good aspect for getting to the truth behind the words. And with the Sun and Mercury in Pluto-ruled Scorpio now as that is very much the purpose behind the actions.

### **MERCURY TRINES NEPTUNE:**

**On Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:39 A.M. EDT** this very creative aspect is in play. This is a good morning for anything artistic or inventive. Use your imagination and let the thoughts come to you. You may be surprised at what you figure out. This can be true in the arts, business, or personal relationships. It doesn't matter how you use this energy as long as you let it flow without restrictions. This is a mental force, not a physical one. So don't expect to do a lot of heavy lifting. You will be better off taking a long walk, or sitting in the park and letting your mind meander. If you're in the arts this will be a very creative day, so use it to finish that song, story, or poem.

### **VENUS ENTERS LIBRA:**

**On Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:31 A.M. EDT** Venus enters one of the 2 signs it rules. Libra and Venus are very much concerned with relationships. So when it comes home to roost in this sign there is a strong urge in many of us to couple. For the next month our attention will be on personal connections and how best to enjoy them. While this placement will not guarantee that things will work out for you and your mate, it does offer a more pleasant and receptive attitude, which can often help smooth over any rough spots you may be having. Libra tends to be a passive-aggressive energy and doesn't respond well to direct confrontation. State your case, but do it in a non-threatening manner for best results.

### **MERCURY SEXTILES PLUTO:**

**On Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:12 A.M. EDT** this useful sextile will allow us to delve deeply into any conversation or thoughts without upsetting things too much. There is a strong desire to uncover the truth and expose things that have been hidden, and it can be done in an easy without the stress that often accompanies such issues. Because the Sun sextile Jupiter mentioned below also occurs today, there is a lot of support for making positive changes. Work with others towards any common goals and you can rely on their help. Much can be accomplished in a short period, especially at the end of a lunar cycle. Projects

and plans that have been festering for a while can be brought to fruition now.

### **THE SUN SEXTILES JUPITER:**

**Also on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:17 P.M. EDT** this very optimistic and positive aspect will bring us some very hopeful energy. This aspect can make us feel confident as we leave this lunar cycle and head into the next. Travel is favored, and if you can take a trip it will help open your consciousness. Even a short drive or long walk will aid and clear your head. Social gatherings will work out well. Most of us will feel expansive and easy-going. Spend some time with your close people, or take in anything creative. Because this is the Dark of the Moon, the energy level will be quite low, so don't expect to conquer the world. But anything relaxing or artistic should be quite enjoyable and soothing.

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

**The next New Moon falls on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:47 P.M. EST at 19 degrees Scorpio 01 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 reader requests 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.*

October 12<sup>th</sup> 8:06 P.M. – October 13<sup>th</sup> 5:38 P.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 24 hours

October 14<sup>th</sup> 8:58 P.M. – October 16<sup>th</sup> 5:18 A.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 1½ days!!!

October 18<sup>th</sup> 4:48 A.M. – 2:52 P.M.

October 20<sup>th</sup> 4:31 P.M. – 9:38 P.M.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:22 A.M. – 1:18 A.M.

October 24<sup>th</sup> 7:18 A.M. – October 25<sup>th</sup> 2:22 A.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 24 hours

October 26<sup>th</sup> 8:25 A.M. – October 27<sup>th</sup> 2:07 A.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 24 hours

October 28<sup>th</sup> 11:20 A.M. – October 29<sup>th</sup> 2:24 AM. \*\*\*Moon is void 15 hours

October 30<sup>th</sup> 10:52 P.M. – October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:09 A.M.

November 1<sup>st</sup> 10:35 P.M. – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:48 A.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 12 hours

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:46 P.M. – November 4<sup>th</sup> 9:22 P.M. \*\*\* Moon is void 24 hours

November 7<sup>th</sup> 7:47 A.M. – 10:14 A.M.

November 8<sup>th</sup> 9:42 P.M. – November 9<sup>th</sup> 11:02 P.M. \*\*\*Moon is void 24 hours

*VOC moons in the next lunar cycle:*

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