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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

This month we will see a number of interesting aspects. **Mars will be traveling through Venus-ruled Libra from October 22nd. Venus will enter Mars-ruled Scorpio on November 7th.** That will create a Mutual Receptivity with each planet in the sign the other rules. It should allow for some interesting interaction of the sexes and possibly a deeper understanding of each other. The recent revelations about Harvey Weinstein, and the deep rooted reaction from supporters of sexual equality with a desire to end this type of harassment, comes as these two planets that represent the male and female perspective prepare to enter the signs ruled by each other. While this certainly won't be the end of sexual harassment, and with our own White House being occupied by a serial abuser of women, it will take a long time and much organization to balance this issue. Still, it's a positive sign that someone as powerful as Weinstein can be brought down as a result of his abhorrent behavior. Perhaps in time our collective consciousness will reach a point of development when we no longer see each other in terms of class distinction of any sort, and the predator/victim mentality can be changed. One can only hope.

On November 11th Saturn trines Uranus for the 3rd and last time in the fire signs. This aspect will return in August 2018 when both planets have moved into earth signs. This trine has been one of the underlying supportive aspects and has helped keep our society moving along, even with the chaotic atmosphere in Washington. It has also helped the ongoing bull market in the stocks. Now that it's passing I expect that we will see some instability and shakiness, possibly with a correction in the equities. Because this trine will return next year we aren't ready for anything like a crash. In fact, the world economy seems quite strong at the moment, at least at a corporate level, and until the underlying support is removed it will stay pretty steady. But, like I said, as this trine completes we will probably see some dissolving of the foundation. The underlying economic problems of inequitable distribution of wealth will continue, and with the political situation in many nations being so unstable I doubt that it will be seriously addressed anytime soon. But as the policies of the Trump administration become more intertwined in our culture we will begin to see the effects that his short-sighted and basically cruel perspective will have on our population.

We're at a strange point in human history. Many of the Post World War Two policies and ideas that we've come to take for granted are now facing the most serious opposition in the 70 years since the end of that war. For a long time America has held the unique position of being the most powerful nation on earth and a beacon (no matter how flawed) of democratic ideals. But that position is being seriously eroded. After a

thousand years of infighting and an almost constant series of wars, the European continent finally attempted something long sought by philosophers and forward thinking politicians – a united states of Europe. The European community has struggled with finding a balance that would work in a land of so many differences politically and socially. While there have been serious problems in this endeavor and a difficulty finding balance with so many nations used to autonomy, they at least had managed to create an economic powerhouse that could compete with America and China. Now, however, there are people being elected in several European nations (not just Brexit) who wish to dissolve this union and, in some cases, push their agendas so far to the right that finding a center will be almost impossible. The long term effects of this will have much to do with the future of Europe and the world.

The most important struggle our species will be facing in the coming years will be the conflict for earth itself. The worldwide greed and ignorance is rapidly destroying the natural habitat of thousands of species. And the ecological morons in Washington who, in their ignorance are about to allow drilling and environmental destruction in Alaska, one of the few remaining pristine areas still in existence, has drawn the battle lines. In the decades ahead we will witness violent confrontations between corporations and the Army of the People. That will be the coming struggle of humanity. We aren't there yet, but as more and more catastrophic events such as hurricanes occur, and more of the beauty of the earth is destroyed it will become inevitable that the defense of the ecological balance will be the overwhelming cause for mankind. It may prove to be the final battle. But I still hold out hope that a new generation will be born that will finally recognize the truth and demand a reckoning. Oh well, I'm a hopeless romantic living in an era that's too damn real for me.

Much peace and love to you all. Mitch.

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Thursday October 19th at 3:12 P.M. EDT at 26 degrees Libra 35 minutes, and it is a Void of Course New Moon. Whenever the New Moon is Void of Course there is a potential that things will not work out as planned. That doesn't mean they have to fail, but that it's wise to keep an open mind and bend with the prevailing wind. If you set your ideas in stone you may find it difficult to stick to your plans. But if you can stay open to what the universe is offering you may discover a better way of doing something. The New Moon in Libra tends to focus our attention on relationship issues. If there's someone you've wanted to approach either as a friend, business associate or potential romantic partner, this is a good month to do so. But again, try not to be too stubborn or set in your ways. You might find that there is a new road you can travel that is very fulfilling. Mars is about to enter this sign as well, and while it doesn't always feel so at home here, it will offer us more desire to connect with someone. Look for balance in all things this month. Libra likes peace and quiet, and while there are a few rough transits and a lot of Scorpio energy, if you pay attention and deal with others in a direct and honest fashion you should be able to create a good atmosphere for interaction. On November 7th Venus enters Mars-ruled Scorpio and the unconscious feeling will change.

MARS ENTERS LIBRA:

On Sunday October 22nd at 2:30 P.M. EDT until December 9th at 4:00 A.M. EST Mars enters the sign of

its detriment, as it rules the opposite sign of Aries. When the god of war is in this Venus-ruled sign it can at times feel restricted and unable to express its more aggressive nature. Libra is more interested in balance and finding compromise, something that Mars often has a difficult time with. The assertive attitude of this planet really doesn't like rules and prefers to act in its own way. There will be an underlying sense of limitation in many things while Mars is traveling here. Don't push too hard. You may not have your usual force behind you and it you may not be happy with the results. It's always best to go with the flow of the astrological energy and not swim against them. This is a period when Venus will have the upper hand, so to speak. But on November 7th Venus enters Mars-ruled Scorpio and we will have what's called a "mutual receptivity" when each planet is in the sign that the other rules. Then there will be more of a balancing and Mars and Venus will have a better understanding of each other.

THE SUN ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Monday October 23rd at 1:27 A.M. EDT we enter the fixed water sign. Scorpio gets a bad rap in astrology, which I've always felt was unfair and rather limited in its perspective. Scorpio is the 8th sign of the zodiac and thus rules the 8th house. This is the place where we rejuvenate and recharge the battery of life. It's one of the most important places in the horoscope that helps us continue to move forward even under the most trying of circumstances. This is an intense sign, and will not tolerate superficial answers or relationships. Usually when a Scorpio gives their heart it is with a depth and commitment that some of the other signs find difficult to understand. Whatever plans, events or friendships you develop now you should expect that there will be a strong sense of obligation and loyalty expected.

MERCURY TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Tuesday October 24th at 11:56 A.M. EDT this creative aspect will allow us all to tap into the artistic side of things. If there is a project you've been working on, especially in the arts, you may make a breakthrough now. Although this is a quick moving transit and it will not be sufficient to produce great works of art, any ongoing venture will gain from your attention. You might grasp a new understanding of the work or just come up with a great verse for your new song. This is a good day for any charity work or just for helping out a friend or loved on. There's a strong desire to be of service. It's also a good day to just sit in the park and watch the squirrels and let your mind wander where it may.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

On Thursday October 26th at 2:10 P.M. EDT this wonderful aspect completes. This is a very optimistic and outgoing energy that will open your consciousness to new ideas and ways of looking at things. This is a good day for any social activity, and many of us will be more personable and interested in interacting with others. Spend time with others. You'll get a lot out of it. Your closest people will be a source of enjoyment and there is an enthusiasm in the air that will make everything more pleasant.

VENUS SQUARES PLUTO:

On Friday October 27th at 11:19 P.M. EDT we will all be a bit more intense in our relationships. This square will test many things, especially in interpersonal connections. If there has been something going on in the unconscious it will probably come to the surface now. It will be difficult to keep things buried, and as they rise to the conscious mind it would be wise to face them honestly. That doesn't mean that you have to engage in every argument or take on a power struggle because someone else feels the need. Pick your disagreements carefully and only take on those that seem to have a solution. Otherwise you could get bogged down in endless disputes that are counter-productive. Because Mercury is sextile Pluto later today (see below) it is through communications that you can find a release to the pressure this aspect may create.

MERCURY SEXTILES PLUTO:

Also on Friday October 27th at 11:22 P.M. EDT this positive sextile should help us work with that Venus square Pluto mentioned above. Your thoughts will be deep and probing, but in a useful way. Try to be open and honest in your conversations and you may find that you have more in common than you thought. Anything that has been hidden will come to the forefront. Look at these issues without fear.

VENUS SEXTILES SATURN:

On Friday November 3rd at 4:31 A.M. EDT we will all be more realistic about our close associations. This sextile will help us put a foundation beneath our relationships and may help deal with any issues that have been smoldering beneath the surface. If something has been bothering you about someone close it may be a good day to clear the air. There's a very stable approach to relationships and you can see them in a clear and unembellished manner. Once this sextile passes Venus will move towards an opposition to Uranus that will complete early Saturday morning. This may be a bad day for the equity markets.

THE SUN TRINES NEPTUNE:

Also on Friday November 3rd at 3:23 P.M. EDT this positive trine completes. This can be a day of spiritual connections and creative forces. Use this trine to tap into your inner voice and try to find that inventive side. This trine is very helpful to all artists and could bring a breakthrough in any project that has become bogged down. Neptune wants to serve, and any issues of charity or helping others will feel easier and quite satisfying.

VENUS OPPOSES URANUS:

On Saturday November 4th at 1:01 A.M. EDT this rather upsetting aspect might make it difficult to find common ground in relationships. Disagreements are common, but they often are a result of boredom or a need to strike out in a different way. There is a desire for new and unusual connections, and you may find yourself attracted to a person, event or idea that is different from your usual mindset. This completes early in the morning, so Friday night is when this will be felt most strongly. Use a little caution with alcohol and other mind altering substances. Also, if you find yourself attracted to someone and you aren't completely sure of the circumstances perhaps you shouldn't commit too much until you are certain of who that person is. It's

easy to be sidetracked by something so unusual it has a momentary appeal that often fades quickly.

Venus rules money as well as relationships, and this opposition may have an effect on the stock markets. Because the Full Moon in Venus-ruled Taurus comes immediately after, any financial instability in the undercurrent will probably show itself either on Friday or the coming week.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Saturday November 4th at 1:23 A.M. EDT at 11 degrees Taurus 59 minutes. Because this comes on the heels of the Venus opposite Uranus mentioned above we could have some difficulties in relationships. Venus rules Taurus, and with the ruler in a difficult aspect to an outer planet it might be an explosive and unpredictable period. Use caution and if someone tries to get you into an argument try not to take the bait. Taurus can be one of the most stubborn and unbending of signs, and if you go into a situation with a firm and unyielding attitude you may come upon some serious resistance to your ideas. It would be best to avoid direct confrontation and not be too tenacious.

Taurus rules money, and often this Full Moon will represent a time of some testing in the economy and the stocks. I wouldn't be surprised by a dip in the markets this month, although I don't think we are ready for any kind of serious correction. That will come in mid-2018. Still a retreat in the equities seems right.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH AT 2:00 A.M. NY TIME.

MERCURY ENTERS SAGITTARIUS:

On Sunday November 5th at 2:19 P.M. EST until January 11th 2018 at 1:22 AM Mercury enters this Jupiter ruled sign. Sagittarius is known as the most expansive and far-sighted of the 12. As such you can expect people to be rather chatty and open to new ideas. Many of us will be looking far down the road and aiming our attention at the future. That's fine, but it could also result in missing what's right in front of your eyes. Pay attention to the immediate and deal with the ongoing issues. Don't leave them for some far off scheme. While you should be planning for what's upcoming, you should also take steps to ensure that you handle today's business as well. This placement is very good for all travel, both short trips and long journeys. If you're planning a trek somewhere this is a good time to begin. Because Mercury will retrograde in Sagittarius it will remain in this sign for much longer than usual. This will offer us several months of expansive ideas and a fresh approach to our thinking. This is the most optimistic of signs and will usually offer us some opportunities in various areas of life, depending upon what house it's transiting in your chart. Take advantage of this placement and look for ways to enlarge your plans. Communications will be active and enthusiastic, and as long as you take heed to the warning and keep an eye on your current affairs, this will be a very positive few months.

VENUS ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Tuesday November 7th at 6:39 A.M. EST until December 1st at 4:14 A.M. EST Venus will enter this Mars/Pluto ruled sign. Because Venus rules the opposite sign of Taurus it is considered in its detriment here

and has a difficult time with Scorpio's intensity. Venus likes to relax and enjoy things. It often implies a period of lethargy or laziness, and there is usually a tranquil quality to its transits, which can manifest in our relationships. But for the next few weeks there will be an underlying depth to our interactions. Expect some power struggles and a reckoning in all relationship issues. This isn't the best placement and you may feel a bit out of sorts as it will feel somewhat alien to what you're used to. But if you accept the energy and work with it, it can be very productive. Just accept the passion and severity and include it in your reasoning, and you will handle this very well. Expect some intense interaction with the opposite sex and try not to be too stubborn or self-righteous. With Mars currently traveling through Venus-ruled Libra we have a Mutual Receptivity in the sky, as I mentioned earlier in this newsletter. If you try you can find areas of commonality and an understanding of the sexes that often eludes us. This can be quite helpful in relationships as well as understanding the duality in yourself.

THE SUN SEXTILES PLUTO:

On Thursday November 9th at 7:08 A.M. EST we have a day of depth and probing, but without too much struggle. The sextiles are very usable and this one will allow you make changes without much fuss. Any issues that have been ignored or buried will probably come to the surface now and you can fix anything that is festering. But you must use this aspect proactively. It doesn't demand attention like the conjunct, opposition and square do. Rather it will give you an opportunity to redirect your energy and examine those issues that need to be looked over. Look over your plans and relationships and wherever you see the need for change you should implement it. Expect some hidden issues to come to the surface now. Don't shy away from them. Look at them with an honest and direct approach and you will be able to make adjustments without the usual resistance.

SATURN TRINES URANUS:

On Saturday November 11th at 4:41 A.M. EST this very important trine takes place. We experienced this aspect on **December 24th 2016, and May 19th 2017**. This is the last pass of this in the fire signs. **It will return for one last pass in the earth signs this coming year in August 2018 when Saturn is in Capricorn and Uranus enters Taurus.**

The relationship between Saturn and Uranus is a balancing between stability and change, and when they are working well together there is usually growth in the society, especially in the economy and the markets. This past year unemployment has continued to drop and Wall Street is on a roll. This trine has had much to do with holding up this bull market in the stocks. It's been an underlying energy that has supported the continued expansion in the DOW past 23,000. As this passes now we could see some weakness in the equities this fall. If so, they will regain strength in the spring and summer 2018 as this trine returns, but soon after its completion they will begin to destabilize. When Saturn and Uranus are in conflict we often have very erratic times. In 2008 they were in opposition and the stock crashed. In 1965-7 they were also in opposition and the markets were inconsistent, unpredictable and incredibly volatile.

Despite the pandemonium in Washington and the seeming instability in our government, things have not fallen apart as many have predicted. That's in large part because of this aspect and its ability to find balance in the most chaotic of circumstances.

In our personal lives this aspect will also help us find our footing while trying new things. It's a very positive and useful energy that can help steady an unsure period. If you've been experimenting with new ways of dealing with your projects, problems and ideas, you may be quite happy with the results. Try to complete these things while this energy is still active. But even if you don't finish them now, you will find that the foundation you've been building is secure and will offer you a chance to continue to make changes that are progressive and steady.

VENUS CONJUNCTS JUPITER:

On Monday November 13th at 3:15 A.M. EST this very pleasant and enjoyable transit will complete. This is a very gratifying combination that should create a good mood and desire for social interaction, so enjoy it. But these are the two most permissive planets and many people will overindulge in food, drink and other physical pleasures. Use some caution or you could overdo things. Because this completes early in the morning its effects will be felt most powerfully the night before. This transit favors travel and all entertainment. If you're thinking of seeing a show or concert you should try to get tickets for Sunday. Once this passes the Mercury square Neptune mentioned below will start to apply and the energy will change radically. So enjoy this aspect as its applying and have a little fun. You probably deserve it.

MERCURY SQUARES NEPTUNE:

Also on Monday October 13th at 5:49 P.M. EST this confusing and difficult transit will complete. This is not an easy aspect for business or important conversations. You may find it hard to express yourself and you might be misunderstood, or misunderstand someone else. If so, try to clarify things. This is not a good aspect for travel. All sorts of difficulties can arise including misdirection, or distraction. If you're behind the wheel of a car I would strongly suggest that you pay close attention to what's going on around you and don't let yourself be sidetracked by conversation, music or other input. This can be a moment of some psychic influence if you're prone to it. But you may not be getting as clear a reading as you think.

VENUS TRINES NEPTUNE:

On Thursday November 16th at 10:21 A.M. EST this easy going trine will set the pace for the day. This is a few hours of pleasant distraction. You may find yourself more interested in music or other creative ventures than usual. It would be a great morning for a long walk along the river or anything having to do with nature. It's also an intuitive energy and if you use it properly you may connect with your inner voice. This is particularly good for artists of all sorts, especially musicians, poets and painters. You may find inspiration in the most mundane events. Anything creative will be very rewarding, so even if you're not active in the arts you should listen to music or get involved in any artistic venture.

MERCURY SEXTILES MARS:

On Friday November 17th at 9:25 A.M. EST we will all be rather chatty and outgoing. This is a good aspect for any important conversation or for looking over paperwork. Your focus should be good and you will have a lot of mental energy. Because we're at the end of a lunar cycle you should use this aspect for completing anything that remains unfinished. This is not a good time to begin new project, but rather a time for tying up loose ends. Although this is a positive aspect and very useful, it still will produce a great deal of mental energy that must be directed into constructive projects or it could make you nervous. Verbally this will also make us all a bit feisty and possibly overly assertive, especially if it sets off your chart. There is a tendency to jump the gun, so try to think before you speak and don't be aggressive or you will stir up resistance. This will be a good day for short trips. Take a drive, a train trip or a long bike ride and let your mind wander.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Saturday November 18th at 6:42 A.M. EST at 26 degrees Scorpio 19 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 lunar cycles 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 Time:

Please note: In response to requests from 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.

October 19th 3:12 P.M. – 9:41 P.M.

October 22nd 7:35 A.M. – 7:57 A.M.

October 24th 12:44 P.M. – 8:12 A.M. ***Moon is void 7 hours

October 27th 1:22 A.M. – 8:59 A.M.

October 29th 12:22 P.M. – 7:46 P.M. ***Moon is void 5 hours

October 31st 5:08 P.M. – November 1st 2:43 A.M. ***Moon is void 10 hours

November 2nd 11:03 P.M. – November 3rd 5:46 A.M. ***Moon is void 5 hours

November 5th 4:29 A.M. – 5:26 A.M.

November 7th 5:39 A.M. – 5:44 A.M.

November 9th 12:14 A.M. – 7:29 A.M. ***Moon is void 7 hours

November 11th 3:55 A.M. – 11:41 A.M. ***Moon is void 7 hours

November 13th 10:45 A.M. – 6:26 P.M. ***Moon is void 8 hours

November 15th 7:50 P.M. – November 16th 3:19 A.M.

November 18th 6:42 A.M. – 1:59 P.M.

November 20th 7:26 P.M. – November 21st 2:14 A.M.

November 23rd 5:33 A.M. – 3:14 P.M. ***Moon is void 10 hours

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