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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

When the major planets change signs, it represents a serious shift in the energy of the world and society. Over the next year, we will experience the change of three planets – Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. Jupiter will be first, moving into Scorpio this month where it will stay for a year. In many ways, the travels of Jupiter through the zodiac is a very good way of following our development as individuals and as a society. It takes 12 years to go around the horoscope, a very stable and constant orbit, just about one year through each sign. As it shifts signs it brings in a 12-month period where we can easily visualize where our expansion is most likely to take place. Jupiter also rules higher education and philosophy. The changing of signs also indicates how our society is going to look at these issues for the coming year.

This change of signs will have a strong effect on our government. The ongoing Russia investigation will escalate, as we've recently noticed. (Remember, events may anticipate or follow an aspect. They needn't coincide exactly). The desire to delve deeply into any subject will affect us on a personal and a collective level. Scorpio, and its ruler, Pluto are very active in the detective business and often have a prominent role in exploration or analysis that requires the unveiling of hidden agendas. This will become more evident as Jupiter settles into Scorpio. Expect more surprises and the uncovering of secrets.

Scorpio also rules nuclear power, and the continued acceleration of North Korea's weaponry and rocket program will continue to push the world closer to a confrontation that nobody wants. **As my regular readers know we are heading towards the period of 2019-23 when America's chart will experience its Pluto Return and the powerful Capricorn stellium that I've written about extensively.** Let's hope we can work through this without seeing the worst-case scenario. **Anyone who would like to read my article on 2020 can either email me and I'll send it to you or go to the website where it's posted.**

Also, this month Pluto turns around and begins its forward motion. This is an important moment. This planet rules a number of issues in our culture. When it's active there's a strong desire to dig out what's going on in the unconscious. Secrets are revealed, and hidden agendas come to light. With the ongoing investigation into the Russia scandal taking some interesting turns recently we can expect more to come out in to the open. Just how deep this will go, and what the ultimate outcome will be we have yet to see. But as Pluto goes direct we will see this expand.

Pluto also rules vengeance as well as nuclear energy. That, of course, is the biggest concern we should

have at the moment. North Korea is the most obvious place to look, but there are other areas in the world that are worrisome. With this administration also considering dropping out of the Iranian nuclear deal we may be facing another potentially explosive situation. And there are a number of potentially dangerous problems. China and Russia have begun cooperative naval exercises in the seas off Korea. This is an obvious attempt to intimidate the U.S. and a jab at this administration. I don't believe it will become a hot spot right away, but with the situation growing ever more dangerous every action will have an equal and opposite reaction and as we head towards 2020 the world is redefining its borders and agendas.

As I've said many times, I am not a doomsday prophet. I look for solutions, not catastrophes. And I do believe that North Korea does not want a nuclear war. But accidents and minor incidents have started wars throughout history. This is not the time to be flippant or let egos control our actions. I pray that the leaders of these nations including our own can restrain their aggressive personalities and look for commonality. **But truthfully, I have strong doubts the Trump has the wisdom, knowledge or temperament to find a successful solution to this rapidly expanding problem.**

NEW MOON:

The New Moon falls on Wednesday September 20th at 1:30 A.M. EDT at 27 degrees Virgo 27 minutes, and it is a Void of Course Moon. The mutable New Moons are more malleable, as one would suspect. It's a bit easier to change direction and prepare for a new cycle. Remember, all the seasons begin on the cardinal signs, then the fixed signs represent the meat of that season, and the mutable periods are when we are preparing to enter the next season. So every mutable sign begins the change in anticipation of the coming season. We say that summer "officially ends" on Labor Day, but in fact the first day of autumn is September 22nd, weeks later. As we transit Virgo we are slowly mutating out of summer. This New Moon has much to do with crossing that bridge, and the later in the sign that this New Moon falls the more effective it is in transitioning. With the Moon so late in the sign at 27 degrees it is clearly a time of preparation for change and of giving into the next phase.

This lunar cycle will have much to do with details and communication. For the next month we will all be a bit critical and should pay attention to the little things, or there will be errors that could be avoided. Try not to be overly picky or demanding. It would be a waste of energy and won't serve any of us. It's best to take a little extra time and examine an issue carefully. Otherwise you may find yourself redoing something again because it wasn't done properly the first time.

Virgo has much to do with health and healing. It rules nurses (while the opposite sign of Pisces rules doctors), and if there are any underlying medical problems that haven't been dealt with they may come to the surface now and force you to deal with them. Virgo rules the small intestines, and is very much connected to assimilation of all sorts. How we absorb nutrients from food, how we absorb ideas and interact with different cultures, and our integration of knowledge of all sorts, are all involved with this sign. It's interesting that the Republicans are trying to push through the worst version of Trumpcare ever right on this Virgo New Moon. I pray that there are a few Republican Senators who still have a conscience and the ability to see the truth through the party line.

MERCURY TRINES PLUTO:

On Friday September 22nd at 1:59 P.M. EDT it will be easier to dig into any subject. The desire to uncover the truth is strong, and because this is a trine we can do so without creating too much tension. Pluto wants to expose what's underneath and Mercury is all about communication. It's a good day to have an important conversation or to examine any work you've been doing to see just how well it's going. Don't be stubborn. If there's a problem it's better to get it out into the open now and not allow it to fester. If you don't do so now, it will be much harder when Mercury is in conjunct, square or opposition to Pluto and this energy will be forced upon you. Trines and sextiles offer us a chance to make changes proactively, but they aren't demanding like the hard aspect, so many times we will ignore them. But that's a mistake. If you use this trine successfully you will find that the next hard aspect between these two planets will go by much smoother and without stress.

THE SUN ENTERS LIBRA:

Also on Friday September 22nd at 4:02 P.M. EDT we officially enter autumn. This sign is all about relationships. The need to be included with others is a powerful part of our unconscious, and while planets transit this sign we all have a desire to explore relationships of all sorts. Jupiter is still traveling here until October 10th, and Mercury will enter this sign on September 29th. Venus will enter on October 14th and Mars comes in on October 22nd. So there will be a plethora of Libra energy in the air throughout October. This is a time to examine your closest connections and see the areas where they should change. Take some time to think about your ongoing friendships, romances and partnerships and see how you can make them stronger. With Mars about to oppose Neptune (see below) it may be difficult for a few days to clearly analyze them. If so, just wait a few days and then begin the process. We will have this Libra energy for a month, so there's time to do the work.

MARS OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Sunday September 24th at 3:50 P.M. EDT this decidedly difficult aspect comes along. This is a low energy day when many will feel unenthusiastic. For a few days leading up to this, confusion will be common, and relationships will be particularly difficult. Mars represents the energy, the testosterone in us all, male or female. Neptune dissolves whatever it comes in contact with. The end result is a lowering of the usual power we feel. This can come about either internally or through your interactions with others. Be especially careful of anything that seems dubious or may not be on the up and up. Deception is often present when Neptune is involved, and because Mars energy tends to be rather direct and honest, it's very bewildering when we find that force being manipulated. If something doesn't seem honest, it may be best to leave it for now and reexamine the situation in a few days. Certainly, take precautions and do what you can to find the truth, however difficult that may be today. This is often a very bad day in the stock markets, and with Mercury about to square Saturn tomorrow I would pay attention to the news and protect your investments. This is a few days to act defensively in financial matters and in relationships.

MERCURY SQUARES SATURN:

On Monday September 25th at 10:36 A.M. EDT this dour aspect will give us a day or so of limited mental energy. Because it comes on the heels of the Mars opposition to Neptune mentioned above this will be a few days of low energy and some disappointments. There won't be a lot of enthusiasm or vigor, and you would be wise to conserve your powers. Saturn wants us to deal with the most important issues first, and then if there's any extra oomph you can use it as you wish. But first take care of the vital situations you are facing. This can be a good day for certain important discussions, especially regarding structure, business and long range plans, but keep in mind that you may be seeing only the negative side of things. If you have personal issues to talk about I would wait until this passes. You probably won't be very sensitive and could offend or push someone away. In business, it's all about the bottom line. In friendships, it's more about the heart.

This aspect is interested in the truth and the veracity of any situation, and we will all be looking at things from a clearly reality oriented perspective. But Saturn tends to only see the negative side of things and it's important not to get caught up in it. You must keep a positive point of view and not allow and pessimistic thoughts to overwhelm you. Once this and the Mars opposite Neptune pass we will all feel much more positive and regain our energy and optimism. Don't make any permanent decisions now. You will be only seeing half of the picture. When this completes you can then examine the "truth" you have uncovered and decide how much of it is useful.

JUPITER OPPOSES URANUS:

On Thursday September 28th at 12:24 A.M. EDT this important transit completes for the last time. We experienced this in December 2016 while Saturn was in trine to Uranus and in sextile to Jupiter. Now these positive aspects are leaving and much of the support that has been in the undercurrent will pass. This opposition represents the end of a period of economic growth and innovation. This doesn't mean that the house of cards will come tumbling down. I don't expect a serious financial crisis for several years. But the expansiveness in the equities should begin to reverse. It's interesting that Apple has released their next generation iPhone right as this aspect completes. It will be innovative in some ways, and probably do quite well. That is one company I would not bet against in the long run. Even if there is a dip in the stock price it is a cash-rich corporation and will remain a leader in technology for a long time. When the price of Apple stock drops, it is seen as a buying opportunity. Remember, there's a big difference in strategy between day trading and position trading. If this transit sets off your chart this many offer you an opportunity in business, relationships or even some lucky event that may bring you a bit of cash or good news.

PLUTO GOES DIRECT:

Also on Thursday September 28th at 3:33 P.M. EDT our distant cousin turns around and begins to run forward once again. This represents a shift in our consciousness and a turnaround in political situations. Pluto has much to do with power and the struggles we engage in while seeking that power. Because

Jupiter is still in Libras and the Sun has just entered and will be followed by Mercury tomorrow, there is a strong desire for compromise and commonality. Pluto energy works best when those involved seek a similar solution. While it often results in power struggles, that's because we tend to be a stubborn species and find it difficult to bend to the prevailing winds. If you keep an open mind when this planet is involved you will achieve more and find your path easier to travel.

You can expect to hear some startling news on the political front and world stage. Of course, these days that's like saying "the sun will shine during the day and not at night". But when the planets change direction, especially the outer slower moving ones, there are deep alterations in the consciousness and direction of the society. I expect that will be the case over the next month or so. The ongoing struggles in the world, including North Korea, Russia, etc. will become more visible and demanding of our attention. If we can't find a rational and settling solution, the chaos in Washington will become even more pronounced and we will find our backs against the wall more and more. This is a time when diplomacy is needed. Unfortunately, this administration has cut our diplomatic corps to the bones along with the State Department, so I don't think that will be an easy task.

VENUS OPPOSES NEPTUNE:

On Friday September 29th at 8:12 P.M. EDT this interesting aspect occurs. While this can be a day of some confusion and misdirection, especially in relationships, it can also be a very spiritual and selfless energy that may bring someone into your life who can be a teacher or guild. In your personal relationships, you must use some caution. People will not show a clear or honest face, and some may be downright deceiving. Don't take things at face value. Delve into the meaning and objectives behind the façade. But also don't allow your fears to overwhelm you or make you bloke out someone or an idea that may have a deeper meaning. The problem with all Neptune transits is that they aren't based on what we call reality. They can create a fog and unnerve us to a point of distraction. But there is that other side of this planet that is all about healing and sacrifice.

MERCURY ENTERS LIBRA:

Also on Friday September 29th at 8:42 P.M. EDT, Mercury joins the Sun and Jupiter in this air sign. Relationships will be on everyone's mind. That's pretty much all that you'll be talking about with your friends. This is a good period to discuss intimate issues and to further any significant connection, whether it's a love affair, friendship or business partnership. People will be communicative. But while Mercury's travels through Virgo created an atmosphere of detail oriented and somewhat critical perspective, this placement is more even and balanced. We will now be looking for ways to get along, not nitpick. This is a sociable placement and it's a good period for dates, parties or other interaction.

MARS TRINES PLUTO:

On Sunday October 1st at 7:32 P.M. EDT this very positive trine will allow us to work well with others and to push projects forward without the usual resistance. Mars rules the ego and in many ways, our

individuality. Pluto is all about doing things in partnership combining our energies and skills to produce the best work in a team effort. When these two are used well together they produce an atmosphere of cooperation without conflict. Try to use this to your advantage and you may be able to achieve something that has been out of your reach. Of course, this only lasts a day, so don't expect to complete a movie. But it's an opportunity to set in motion a level of compromise and commonality. This is a good day to exchange ideas about any important plans or ongoing ventures. Most of us will not feel that ego push or be too competitive. It will be easier than usual to see how a solution may benefit all involved. With Venus about to trine Pluto on Tuesday (see below) these are a few days when the interaction between the sexes is less stressful and the exchange of ideas and philosophy can be very productive.

VENUS TRINES PLUTO:

On Tuesday October 3rd at 3:06 P.M. EDT we will have a day when it will be easy to delve into relationship issues and bring some things to light. This is a good time to examine what's going on in the undercurrent of any ongoing connection and to clean out any hidden anger or frustration. Because Venus and Mars will be conjunct on Thursday (see below) they are both in trine to Pluto this week. The combination of these energies will give us all the chance to be open and honest about our feelings and to express them without fear. Today you should look at any changes you've been mulling over and move ahead with the altering of your closest relationships. You will not be able to avoid the truth about things, and it may be somewhat uncomfortable at times. But because these are trines we can use them readily and without the stress and force of the hard aspects – the opposition and squares.

VENUS CONJUNCTS MARS:

On Thursday October 5th at 12:53 P.M. EDT the male and female planets conjoin. This conjunction can go either way. Sometimes it's a meeting of the minds and a deeper understanding of how differently we see things. At other times this aspect can be difficult and create tension as the sexes battle for control. Because this occurs in Virgo there will be the tendency to nitpick and find fault with each other. But the trine of Pluto give us a direction to channel that energy and to seek out changes in attitude and action. If we aim our attention towards finding our common needs and recognize this as an opportunity to move forward, it can be a very productive few days. With the Aries Full Moon landing today as well there will be a lot of excessive energy in the air. Find positive outlets for it and try not to let your ego rule things. That would be a waste of this. The better way to use this combination is to stay active and burn off any extra stress. Then you can relax into a more creative mood and move your relationships into a place where you can achieve fulfillment for all involved.

FULL MOON:

This month's lunar peak occurs on Thursday October 5th at 2:40 P.M. EDT at 12 degrees Aries 43 minutes. The Aries Full Moon more than any other represents a collection of energy and power that needs to be released. Remember that Mars rules Aries and it's ego orientation will be the underlying attitude. Find ways to project the excessive force behind this and you can avoid any problems that may otherwise arise.

The more aware you are of your inner feelings the better you will handle them. Anger or frustration is common with too much Mars energy, and it's important that you dispel it through hard mental or physical work.

This Full Moon can be overly aggressive and it demands that we all pay attention to our environment. We may see some saber rattling or possibly a violent event around this time. That would be an example of the Martian energy projecting out into the world. But even without encountering something so severe it's important to avoid arguments and any confrontations that are ego fueled. The assertive nature of Mars and Aries is such that it will often ignore common boundaries and act in an overtly pushy manner. Don't respond in kind. Take a moment and see just what is going on and why the other person is acting so aggressively. You will understand that it has little to do with you and most to do with their internal conflicts.

VENUS SQUARES SATURN:

On Sunday October 8th at 8:54 A.M. EDT we will all take a decidedly realistic approach to relationships. This is usually a low energy day when you shouldn't expect to have your usual energy. Lower your expectations and don't try to do too much at once. You won't have the oomph necessary and will be disappointed in the results. If you aim your attention at what's most important you can get your work done. Because this completes early in the morning its effects will wane by the afternoon in time for the Sun conjunct Mercury that follows.

THE SUN CONJUNCTS MERCURY:

Also on Sunday October 8th at 4:54 P.M. EDT this common aspect occurs several times a year and will add power to our communications. This is a day when many will project a willful attitude; some could say an overly direct voice. This is a positive transit for the most part, as long as you aren't arrogant or too pushy. New ideas can come to you, and communications will often lead to a clearer understanding. Have that important conversation and look for new ways of expressing yourself. If something has been blocking a relationship this is a chance to break through. You shouldn't limit your thoughts, but let them run free. You may discover something that has eluded you and can aid in your understanding.

MERCURY SQUARES PLUTO:

On Monday October 9th at 8:24 A.M. EDT this difficult square will make it hard to find compromise. This is a very demanding and powerful aspect when we will all be more severe and unbending. Arguments are common and you may not be able to sidestep a difference of opinion. The best way to handle this is to remain open-minded and if possible let go of any ego attachment you have. It won't serve you in the end, and could result in a disagreement that may have long-term consequences. There is a strong desire to get to the bottom of things, and if you can stay balanced you may be able to uncover some very important information or clear up a misunderstanding. But if you get caught up in the Pluto power struggle, there probably won't be a good solution. As with most transits how you approach the situation will decide how it turns out. Nothing is written in the stars (apologies to the more fatalistic astrologers out there), it's a matter

of energy and how it is directed. With the Sun in square to Pluto now as well (see below), this is few days when you must be conscious of your actions and how they may affect those around you. Try to avoid direct confrontations, but if you're faced with something that you can't avoid you will be better off dealing with it honestly and in the open.

THE SUN SQUARES PLUTO:

Also on Monday October 9th at 8:07 P.M. EDT because of the recent Sun – Mercury conjunct this equally difficult square will come on the heels of Mercury square Pluto. This will be a day of conflicts and excessive force with a lot of power struggles. There's no way to avoid all contact, unless you hide out in your room. So go about your business, but keep in mind that many people will be looking for an argument and it's up to you to take the bait or not. While it may be hard to walk away from a dispute when you truly believe you are in the right, it may not be worth the fight and aggravation necessary to prove your point. You'd be better off just leaving it and perhaps revisiting the situation at a later date.

JUPITER ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Tuesday October 10th at 9:20 A.M. EDT this change of signs signifies a shift in our collective consciousness. Jupiter is the planet of growth and expansion. While it was in Libra there was a desire and push to find compromise, and expand relationships as much as possible. Many people hooked up, got engaged or reinforced their ongoing connection. Now that Jupiter is going into Scorpio there will be a different kind of growth. This is the sign that we say rules sex, death and resources that we share. It has much to do with other people's money, banks, and all trading accounts. Although the banks are actually ruled by Saturn, with Jupiter in this sign it is often easier to get a loan. But that will have much to do with where Jupiter is transiting in your own chart. The stock markets and commodities are ruled by Scorpio, and we may see a jump in the price of things we commonly use, such as cotton, coffee, food, etc. If so, that may imply some inflation, something that has been very quiet for a number of years. If that interpretation is correct, we should see an increase in prices that will have a strong effect on the currencies and stock prices. I expect a correction in the stocks sometime this year, but exactly what will set it off is still unclear. Certainly, the unsure political situation has the potential to do that. But with the world markets so intertwined it would only take a sudden shift in resources or policy to shake up the foundation. A severe shortage of a necessary product or service could have a powerful trickledown effect.

On a more personal note, Jupiter entering this sign will increase the sense of commonality in some ways. We will all see just how much we are connected and how pulling one thread can unravel the whole sweater. With the recent explosion in the price of Bitcoins and other virtual currencies they are coming more and more into the crossfires of governments. I've been saying for some time that as an investment they have proven amazing, but they are always teetering on the edge of an abyss and if China and other nations decide to stop the "mining" of such currencies, they will collapse. We recently saw the price of Bitcoins take a serious tumble. Will they continue to be a source of alternative cash, or will they crash like so many other bubbles have? The price has been puffed up by those who either are gambling on the continued expansion or are simply taking profits at the expense of those without the understanding of how these markets work.

I'm not a fan, and recognize the instability that they represent. Without any foundation, this is reminiscent of the huge Dot Com bubble when a company could call itself Dogfood dot com, with no industry or product behind it, and the price of the stock would increase a thousand fold, only to collapse when the bottom fell out. As always, if you haven't gotten into a bubble in time, you're facing a potentially big drop at any moment. I saw many of my friends refuse to take the profits during that bubble only to lose everything and face years of rebuilding their finances. I will not advise you one way or another whether to invest in these currencies. That's not my purpose, and I'm not being hired to trade accounts for my readers. But I will offer the advice that you not invest over your head. Caution is always called for and, if you wish to take a risk, just make sure you can afford to lose what you invest.

MARS SQUARES SATURN:

On Wednesday October 11th at 9:37 A.M. EDT this very low energy aspect will set the pace for today. Mars rules the power and oomph we all depend on. Saturn will repress whatever it comes in contact with. As such, it's probably going to be a somewhat lethargic day when it may be difficult to find the strength we normally expect. The best way to handle this is to lower your expectations and prioritize your actions. Take care of what's most important first. Then if you have some left-over energy you can always take on another project. But if you stretch yourself too thin you won't get much accomplished. This is not a great day for an important date or other interaction. Because it completes in the morning we may see an increase in the energy level as the day goes on. But still, I wouldn't expect to have much extra power. Don't take on too many projects at once. Deal with what's most important and get your work done. This is not a good day for a date or other important social event. Plan it for another day when the energy is easier.

MERCURY SEXTILES SATURN:

On Thursday October 12th at 11:03 P.M. EDT our minds will be focused and our attention aimed at completing anything that is unfinished. This is a good day for looking over paperwork, contracts or anything that requires attention to details. It's a good time for important conversations, although it isn't a very light-hearted energy. This is more about getting down to the nitty-gritty and less about socializing. Use this energy to your advantage and get your desk in order. Take time to look over things, make plans, or have that important discussion about where your relationship, business or ideas are heading. You may discover an error or just find a more productive way of using your resources.

VENUS ENTERS LIBRA:

On Saturday October 14th at 6:11 A.M. EDT until November 7th at 6:39 A.M. EDT Venus travels through one of the signs it rules. This is an excellent placement for all relationships including friendships, business partners or romance. There is an underlying desire for connections and most of us will be more willing to compromise. The desire for interpersonal contact is strong and will be a motivating factor in many connections. While this doesn't guarantee that you will find the love of your life, it will make romance or friendship more possible.

MERCURY OPPOSES URANUS:

On Sunday October 15th at 3:51 A.M. EDT this opposition will create an atmosphere of nervous energy that will be a challenge to many of us. Because this completes early in the morning I wouldn't be surprised if some of you experience a sleepless night, or some agitation with vivid and disturbing dreams. I would pay attention to the imagery and stories your mind is sending you. If you pay attention to the unconscious you can often understand things in a different way without the usual noise and confusion that the outside world is creating. Use caution in your dealings with others. Arguments are common and it may be difficult to express yourself clearly. The information coming to you will be fast and forceful and it will be hard to keep things in order. You also must be careful while traveling. This can be a very disruptive and dangerous aspect. Accidents are quite possible. Because this is such an erratic and unsettling aspect people will act in sudden and unconventional ways. Road rage is possible, so drive defensively.

THE SUN SEXTILES SATURN:

On Monday October 16th at 7:13 A.M. EDT we will begin the day with a very realistic and down to earth attitude. This is a good day for dealing with plans, putting things in order and clearing your desk of unfinished work. It's a day to hunker down and look over the details. It may not be a very innovative or exciting aspect, but it's a very positive and useful one. Look over your projects and make sure they're going in the right direction. If not, this is a time to make changes. It will be easier than at other times, and you can aim your energy into a productive and positive path.

MERCURY ENTERS SCORPIO:

On Tuesday October 18th at 4:55 A.M. EDT until November 5th at 2:19 P.M. EST we will all be delving more deeply into our thoughts and communications. This is a period when superficial answers will not suffice. You may find your ideas are being challenged more and you may have to defend your position. Conversations will take on a deeper quality and it won't be easy to let things slide. Both you and the other person will be seeking a more complete understanding and may not be willing to let go. It would be wise to pick and choose your battles carefully or you could find yourself wasting time on unimportant issues that bog you down.

THE SUN OPPOSES URANUS:

On Thursday October 19th at 1:34 P.M. EDT this upsetting opposition will land right on the Dark of the Moon. It would be wise to tread carefully for a few days. You may overreact to something or set someone else off to challenge your point of view. There is an upsetting side to all Uranus aspects and it's easy to get into arguments without even realizing that you may be pushier than you realize. This is another day when disagreements may get out of control, so be careful and make sure the dispute is worth your time and effort. This can also be a day of accidents and you must use care. Avoid dangerous situations, and if you see someone acting out you would be smart to cross the street. This may be a very bad day for the stocks, and any news that comes out may not only be disturbing but have a strong effect on our lives. Terrorist

attacks and natural catastrophes often happen when Uranus is involved, so pay attention to your environment. Awareness will be your best defense.

DARK OF THE MOON:

The next New Moon falls on Thursday October 19th at 3:12 P.M. EDT at 26 degrees Libra 35 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:

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.

September 20th 1:30 A.M. – 6:06 A.M.

September 22nd 9:04 A.M. – 1:40 P.M.

September 24th 3:33 A.M. – September 25th 12:01 A.M. ***Moon is void 22 hours

September 27th 7:08 A.M. – 12:24 P.M.

September 29th 8:14 P.M. – September 30th 12:40 A.M.

October 2nd 7:13 A.M. – 10:26 A.M.

October 4th 3:19 A.M. – 4:40 P.M. ***Moon is void 11 hours

October 6th 6:38 P.M. – 7:56 P.M.

October 8th 9:45 A.M. – 9:44 P.M. ***Moon is void 12 hours

October 10th 6:24 P.M. – 11:38 P.M.

October 12th 11:59 P.M. – October 13th 2:41 A.M.

October 15th 1:27 A.M. – 7:19 A.M.

October 17th 7:27 A.M. – 1:35 P.M.

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 P.M.

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