

The Good Timing Newsletter

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Quarterly Overview: April – June

April: Rethinking the Fight

We start April in the midst of intense war-like or volatile energies (Mars and the Moon conjunct Uranus), while we're in the beginning stages of Red Communications, or Mercury Retrograde. This is a bit like the Keystone Cops trying to catch the bad guy while shooting themselves in the foot first. There's likely to be a LOT of volatile energy, but it may need to be *re-directed* in order to be effective. So *think twice* before you shoot, especially verbally!

These volatile energies (Mars conjunct Uranus) are most intense on April 1st – 3rd, and they stay in range through April 12th. In addition, both these planets are square Pluto, the planet that represents transformation, death and rebirth, as well as power, debt and even nuclear power plants. Uranus will remain square to Pluto for nearly 8 years. These are revolutionary energies and I've written about them before.

At the same time, beginning April 2nd, peaking April 9 – 11 and staying in range through April 20th, we get another intense

cycle (Mars square Pluto), which also tends to precipitate anger and frustration. This cycle indicates a need to transform our motivations, especially as many changes are upon us. This may not be something we want to deal with, but it's necessary. We cannot continue to be motivated in the same ways we have been and still transition to a better world.

These volatile energies suggest more unrest in the Middle East, more earthquakes in Japan or elsewhere, and more opportunities for your own anger to be triggered. While they will be intense at the beginning of the April, we'll have plenty of opportunities over the next eight years to encounter similar situations. See the article on page 8 under *Uranus in Aries: Where Will You Be a Warrior?* These energies peak between April 2nd and 3rd and they stay in range through April 12th.

On a personal and business side, this set of cycles is great for having a major breakthrough. Have you been trying to change something for years? This is an excellent time to revisit an old issue and get a new resolution on it. It may not be a fun process, but it will be very energizing and liberating!

Mercury Retrograde March 30 – April 23rd

This Mercury retrograde is better than some. It could be a good time to re-approach some previous prospects regarding products or services that they previously considered or need to renew. It's particularly good for this during the week of April 10th, excluding the Time-Out periods. That could be a good time to bring in renewal sales, as the volatile energies lessen while some ideas that bring growth get reconsidered.

This is also a particularly good time to go back to old issues that you didn't feel were fully resolved and speak your truth about it. To do this effectively, get Marshall Rosenberg's book, *Non-Violent Communication* and use the process he provides in there. (Mercury conjunct Jupiter and Mars) These energies peak on April 11th and 18th respectively. They stay in range for another set of peaks until early May.

All the usual reminders apply: Anticipate delays, slow traffic, car problems, miscommunications, computer crashes or electronic equipment problems. Schedule only 50% of what you normally schedule, so you can catch-up and/or fix the issues that will pop up to be corrected. Remember that with volatile energies this month, *driving could be hazardous*. Stay ALERT when driving.

April 3rd New Moon and Another Major Shift

What's getting started on the April 3rd New Moon includes more war-like energies and what could be more radiation issues from Japan (Mars conjunct Uranus and both square Pluto). In addition there are new ideas, constitutions or governments struggling to be born (Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Mercury conjunct, opposite Saturn and all square Pluto). New leaders that show up now are very highly regarded, with expansive thinking and new ideas. However, they're still working to overcome old ways of doing things and this includes dealing with power and control issues.

Right after that on April 4th, we get another major shift. This time Neptune moves into its own sign of Pisces. Neptune changes signs roughly once every 13 years. The last time Neptune entered Pisces was in February 1848. Neptune represents inspiration, spirituality, visual and movement arts, the oceans, drugs, alcohol, escapist tendencies, oil, gas, transcendence, and deception. In business, this planet is also associated with finances, the company's image, and PR. Neptune has a reputation similar to fog. It's hard to pin down.

Neptune is very strong in the sign of Pisces. While this can be excellent for movie makers, visual artists, graphic designers, advertising campaigns, and even donations to worthy causes, it can also come with higher interest rates and inflation. With both Chiron and Neptune temporarily in Pisces together, we're also likely to see more issues related to the health of the oceans. See the article on *Neptune in Pisces* on page 9.

New Growth and New Leadership Begins

Beginning March 28th, peaking on April 6th, and staying in range through April 15th, we have a cycle (Sun conjunct Jupiter in Aries) that plants the seeds for new growth and new leadership. The leaders who show up now are fearless. They're ready to go in new directions that promise growth. These leaders are action oriented. They're not interested in talking about the solution forever. They intend to make changes and they'll do so by taking action. However, they may have struggles with those who like the status quo.

In business, you may take new directions or work with new vendors who assist you in growing in new ways. There's a lot of energy for taking off now, but remember to research and

reconsider your plans through April 23rd, while Mercury is still retrograde. These new plans get plenty of rethinking on April 10th – 12th. However, you probably won't get complete clarity on your ideas until May 11th when it peaks for the last time. Plan accordingly.

Fortunate Actions and Hot Communications

Beginning April 13th, peaking on April 18th and staying in range through April 30th, we have a cycle that's associated with expressing anger, frustration and irritation. Often higher incidents of road rage and accidents occur as well. The good news is that these energies are tempered part of the time with better judgment (while Mercury is still within range of a conjunction to Jupiter April 13th - 20th). Be extra careful when driving during this period.

If you have a hot issue to discuss with someone, please get the book, *Non-Violent Communication* by Marshall Rosenberg, or find a facilitator who teaches it in your area by visiting the site www.cnvc.org (Center for Non-Violent Communication). You'll be much more effective at getting the results you want.

Beginning April 17th, if you can keep your cool, this is a great time to take "fortunate actions" that plant the seeds for new growth and abundance (Mars conjunct Jupiter in Aries). There's a lot of physical energy available during this period. To make good use of it, direct it toward researching and taking steps for new ways to grow. This cycle peaks on April 29th and stays in range through May 10th.

Full Moon on Sunday, April 17th

This Full Moon is certainly a LOT easier than the one we had on March 19th! What's coming to light at this Full Moon is that the economy is just eking past it's second of two major low cycles (Jupiter opposite Saturn). However, there's still some frustration with the slowness of getting new things to move forward. There are two reasons for that: 1) We're not yet really clear what our true needs are (Mercury retrograde). 2) There's an energy management lesson (Mars opposite Saturn) that needs to be resolved first.

The latter suggests that you need a plan of action before you go off and shoot from the hip. Answer these questions: Who is going to do what and by when? Write it down. Once you do this, the Universe will give you a green light, so you can get moving. If you don't do this, you'll get one obstacle after another. Mars opposite Saturn comes into range on April 10th, peaks on April 18th and stays in range through April 26th.

The stock and bond markets don't look so good in this chart. Whatever happens at the beginning of April seems to be pulling them both down. Keep in mind that many decisions get

made within a few days of any Full Moon. The choices that investors make now look like they're rethinking the economy.

Plant New Seeds for Growth

Beginning April 17th, peaking on April 30th, and staying in range through May 10th, we have a cycle that's excellent for planting new seeds for growth. These might look like new projects that can bring you a lot of money in the future. However, before you start running down that path, here's what to consider. 1) First you need a plan. Yes write it down. 2) You need to reconsider your motivations for the project. Is there another motivation besides just more money for starting this project? If not, how you can include one. How can it create more value for others?

Remember that with Mercury retrograde through April 23rd, this will be a good time to plan the project and do any research for it. Wait until after the New Moon in early May to start the project. By then you will have more clarity.

Unexpected Money and Debt

Ah, we love it! Beginning April 19th, peaking on April 22nd, and staying in range through April 28th, we have a cycle associated with unexpected money and love (Venus conjunct Uranus). This can be quite fun! You may even be restless to have fun.

Hold onto that money though as it may run out the door again! You may need to pay some unexpected debts or bills (Venus square Pluto), or you may not have as much money as you expected (Venus opposite Saturn). The cycle of Venus square Pluto comes into range on April 21st, peaks on April 27th, and stays in range through May 2nd. Venus opposite Saturn comes into range on April 25th, peaks on April 30th and stays in range through May 5th.

Romances that start unexpectedly under this cycle will have a "carnival-like" sense to them. You go to the carnival. You have a great time and then you go home. These relationships are fun and offer you an opportunity to enjoy yourself. But often they don't stabilize into a long-term relationship. Just have fun.

Powerful Leaders and Leadership

Beginning April 20th, peaking on April 27th and staying in range through May 4th, we have a very strong cycle for power leaders and powerful leadership (Sun trine Pluto). If you have a major proposal, this is a good time to approach the decision maker.

You may also see examples of powerful leadership, without a leader! Notice that the Middle East protestors have not had the typical leader. The people are coming together to determine what they want, without a leader. This is an example of self-organized teams, and what's different is that their leadership is "organically grown" by coming to consensus (often online).

Healing Opportunities

Beginning April 23rd, a healing cycle comes into range (Chiron sextile Pluto). This may be related to healing nuclear radiation and/or to healing the oceans. It also relates to healing toxic emotional issues. This cycle will stay in range without peaking through September 15th. We'll get this cycle again in mid-March 2012 and it will peak on May 12, 2012. It stays in range through Nov 22, 2012. This provides a good amount of time for us to do healing work on ourselves and the Earth.

A Party in Aries!

On April 29th and 30th we have six planets all in Aries: Moon, Uranus, Venus, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter. Aries is the sign of new starts, new beginnings, and it's known for being impulsive and spontaneous. With all these planets there after Mercury retrograde is over, you could easily find the time, money and energy to start some new things. Wait until after the New Moon on May 2nd. During this period, get all the structures in place that you will need for the new starts.

Earlier in the month, on April 2nd – 4th, we also had a big party in Aries. That included the Moon, Mars, Uranus, Sun, Jupiter and Mercury. Although the Moon moves out of party on April 4th, the other five planets stay together through April 19th, after which the Sun leaves. Even with Mercury retrograde during that period, we still have a lot of energy and movement. This is likely to be focused on new ideas that were not fully considered in the past and now get a lot of attention.

May: Head 'em Up! Move 'em Out!

May greets us with Mercury moving forward, and an LOT of positive energy for new starts. If you have something you want to introduce, this is the time to do it. Check the Good Timing Guide and pick the best date you can be ready for. May 5th is an obvious choice, but there are other good dates as well. Remember if you introduce a new product or service in May, do it before the 3rd quarter Moon that starts on May 24th. If you want to earn more money from new products/services, get a custom timing for their introductions. This month is also good for other types of new starts, such as new projects, and be sure to start them before May 24th as well.

Also, just a note that beginning May 1st, we're in range of eclipse events from the June 1st eclipse. See the June report and the article, *Our Summer Solstice and the June/July Eclipses* on page 11 for more information about this summer's three eclipses. The eclipse energy is expansive, but it also has the energies of loss, aggravation, or inhibition as part of the expansion. So heads up!

New Moon on May 2nd- 3rd

What's getting started at the New Moon on May 2nd -- 3rd (depending on your time zone) looks like inflation in the stock market. The stock market may be going up at this time, but if so, it's probably not going up as much as inflation. There is still a lead weight on the financial markets, slowing them down. However, the markets appear to be eking past that situation and headed into the beginning of higher inflation. This may look like a saw tooth curve, with ups and downs, because shortly after the ups, it appears to drop a bit lower.

Congress still appears to be embattled with multiple issues (Pluto in the 11th house, square Uranus in the 1st, and square Saturn in the 8th). It's hard to imagine, but it looks like they're still hammering out a new budget! In spite of that though, there are powerful leaders who are supported by the masses and who have an inclusive vision they're working toward (Sun and Moon trine Pluto, and tightly quintile Neptune).

There are plenty of new starts at this time, with at least some money becoming available for new ideas, including new energy technologies. This is a time to take fortunate actions that plant seeds for future growth. Take advantage of the exceptionally good days we have in May for your new starts, especially May 5th.

New Ideas and Money Coalesce

On May 11th, we have several things coming together. New ideas and money are joining forces, while there are opportunities to take practical and inspired actions (Mercury, Venus and Jupiter conjunct in Aries, while Mars in Taurus sextiles Neptune in Pisces). New solutions to old challenges are likely to present themselves at this time or in the weeks just prior. The new ideas and money start coming together on May 4th and stay in range through May 15th. The practical, inspired actions are in range from May 7th through May 15th.

After May 15th, there is still plenty of time to develop the new ideas. A core team sticks together (Mercury, Venus and Mars in Taurus) to pursue practical methods and tactics to bring the new ideas to fruition. This continues through May 28th. As they go through this process, they get inspiration (sextile Neptune May 15 – 18)) and help, including potentially a lot of money, from powerful people (trine Pluto May 15 - 28). These latter dates are also excellent times for making a lot of money or finalizing large contracts. However that works better before May 24th, when we go into the last quarter phase of the Moon.

One note about the money that shows up in the early part of the month. It may not be enough to do the full project. However, it may be *enough to start the project*. If you don't have enough to do the entire project, start it with what you do

have. It' looks like more money becomes available to finance the rest of it in the second half of the month.

On a more personal note, the energies through May 14th are very strong for physical activities. For example, it would be a good time for a running a race, hiking, or bicycling. In addition, on May 22nd, we get an exact cycle of Venus conjunct Mars, which represents the male and female lovers coming together. So if your situation is appropriate, you may find a new love situation is starting. In any case, find a way to get extra exercise and use this physical energy.

Full Moon May 17th

What's coming to light at the Full Moon on May 17th are lots of entrenched responsibilities, confusion or deceptions. Leaders appear to be meeting behind the scenes and not revealing much, leaving the public to wonder what's really going on. Leaders may also be confused about where they're heading, and what direction or strategy to use next. The public appears to be confused and suspicious.

In Congress, an unseen rabble rouser appears to be pushing back against powerful groups. He has help from very experienced and well regarded people. Together they're attacking from both sides of the power groups, leaving few ways out except for those groups to capitulate to change. Structural change is likely to be part of the resolution. In addition there are very assertive negotiations going on at the same time, which could lead to a significant compromise on a major bill and finally get passage. Could this be the budget bill? Time will tell, but hopefully it won't take that long!

For the most part stock markets appear to be doing pretty well, with the exception of one area that's related to too much debt. This could be due to major debt issues in large corporations and/or the US government. It might also be related to insider trading trials or other power abuses. Reconsider whether you want large debtor companies as part of your portfolio.

Do Something Different! Radical Leaders?

Starting on May 21st, peaking on May 24th and staying in range through May 27th, we have a cycle that brings opportunities and a desire to do something different! This might be as simple as going some place where you've never been, or parachuting out of a plane, taking a glider or hot air balloon ride, etc.

This cycle is also a time when leaders tend to take either unexpected or unusual actions. Watch for this especially between May 24th and 27th, when leaders have more support from experienced and very well regarded business people to take those kind of actions. Leaders still want to be responsible with their choice of solutions, but they also want better results than what they've been getting. Expect change!

At the same time all this is going on, a third cycle is also in play. This one (Sun square Neptune) suggests that leaders may communicate an unclear vision, or they may not have any idea how they will achieve it. This is a good time to use your intuition, instead of trying to figure things out with logic, which won't work well under these cycles. Your intuition though (listen to your guts!) knows more than your mind does. Take this opportunity to practice using it. This cycle peaks very late on May 21st – 22nd (depending on your time zone) and stays in range through May 28th.

Changing Structures, Processes, Management, and Earth Structures

Beginning May 24th, a pattern that we experienced last summer re-emerges (Saturn opposite Uranus and both square Pluto). This cycle is noted for encouraging major changes in structures, businesses, laws, government, plus earth changes.

Structures can include physical buildings bridges, highways, subway systems, airports etc. Structures also include processes that we use at work or in any organization. Lastly we can also see major changes in top management. This is common because many CEOs have not kept pace with the needed changes in management styles. The internet is also a structure and Congress could attack it again this summer.

These combined cycles will not peak again this year, but they are certainly in range. Saturn opposite Uranus stays in range through mid-July. Saturn square Pluto stays in range through the end of July. Uranus square Pluto stays in range for the next 8 years. So we have a brief period when changes that were not completed last year may come up for resolution again. However, keep in mind that Earth changes are possible any time in the next 8 years, though periods such as this are intensified for that possibility. Be sure to keep extra supplies on hand at all times for you, your family and pets.

In terms of earth changes, these cycles can create earthquakes, volcanoes, as well high winds that result in major fires, tornadoes, or hurricanes. As we've already seen, major earthquakes could also result in tsunamis.

Lastly, these cycles can indicate challenges with the electrical power grid or nuclear power plants. If the US gets a major X class flare from the Sun this summer, that could take out the power grid without warning. If that happened, it's possible that up to one-quarter of the country could be without power. July through October is a more likely period for this. *Always* keep extra supplies on hand!

The good news with all this is that at least during May 24th – 27th, we get some mediation of the issues by flexible and

resourceful leaders. Watch for leaders who can work with both sides of the issues, and bring them together.

Responsible Leaders

Beginning May 24th, peaking on May 31st and staying in range through June 7th, we have a period when leaders take responsible actions and handle their duties in a balanced and fair way (Sun trine Saturn). This is a particularly good time to talk to your manager, or to a high level sales prospect regarding important decisions. If you're the leader or manager, then a lot is expected of you during this time. Clear the decks so you can attend to it and make the best decisions.

June: Eclipses! Expansion with Aggravation

June greets us with eclipses! Right on June 1st, we get the first of three eclipses (June 1st, June 15th and July 1st). The entire tone of the month is set by these eclipses.

Often eclipses bring unexpected events and this could also be the case with this series. In particular, this series of eclipses is associated with growth and expansion. However the expansion also brings with it the energies of loss, aggravation, inhibition or separations. If your chart, or your company's chart, is impacted by these eclipses, then your growth will be associated with those tougher situations. Each eclipse has additional meanings as well. See the article on page 11 for more information regarding these eclipses.

What's getting started at the June 1st Solar Eclipse (New Moon) are some hidden, structural changes. This could be related to the internet, communications and broadcasting industries, schools, roads and bridges, data transmission (such as with Merchant card processing), and/or banks. We're also seeing balanced and responsible managers taking care of obligations, some of which are behind the scenes.

The stock market appears to be undergoing some unexpected changes. This may be due to entrenched debt issues, such as the many mortgages which were purchased by the Fed and the Treasury, to assist the banking and insurance industries. Whatever the source of the entrenched debt, it appears to lower the stock and bond markets.

Inflation? Higher Interest Rates?

Beginning June 4th, we have a cycle that's associated with inflation and higher interest rates. (Interesting that June is the last month the Fed will do its QE2 purchase of Treasury bonds.). This cycle actually peaks on June 8th and stays in range through June 23rd. This is a fairly mild cycle, so if it does

result in inflation or higher interest rates, it's likely to lessen a bit by the end of the year when we'll get a deflationary cycle.

This cycle is also responsible for the Green \$ days between June 4th and June 8th, providing an impetus to spend money, especially on intangibles or without noticing the budget. So be careful of your spending, but take advantage of higher sales.

Big Growth!

At the same time that's occurring, we also have a new cycle beginning that's associated with very large growth (Jupiter trine Pluto). This growth is practical solid growth, creating structures that allow you to grow in real ways. Depending on the type of product or service you sell, this can mean either that you could gain very large and powerful client(s) or you could gain major access to the masses. This cycle is particularly good for working with very large business clients.

This cycle also comes into range on June 4th, peaks on July 7th, and stays in range a *very long time*. It peaks a second time on October 28, 2011. Then it peaks a 3rd time on March 12-13, 2012 (depending on your time zone). It stays in range through April 14, 2012. Pay attention to any major opportunities that show up during June or early July. That may give you the best indication of how you're going to get this growth,

The length of this cycle allows us plenty of time to use these energies to create major growth. It's most effective if it impacts your chart or your company's chart, but you can still make use of it even if it doesn't, by starting important projects during this time. This cycle is relatively uncommon. The last time we had it was in late October 2002. The next time we'll get it is in late June 2016. Plan now to make good use of it!

Watch Your Money and Your Love Life!

Beginning June 6th, (a busy time indeed!) we also have another cycle that needs a watchful eye (Venus square Neptune and Chiron). Essentially financial blunders are probably afoot. Often you think you have more money than you do, or you forget how much you're really spending. This needs extra caution, because with the second cycle (Venus square Chiron), this could suggest the potential to lose a lot of money.

However, if you're an artist or selling artistic products, you may do very well under this cycle. Just be careful that the money is really transferred (and checks clear) before you ship the product. Don't get swindled!

In the romance area, watch out! This cycle usually suggests you're not seeing something clearly. Often it corresponds to having a very idealistic view in your head of the right partner. You may actually be relating to that person in your head more than the one in front of you. Don't make that mistake. Stay in

the present and stay focused on the person in front of you. Let go of expectations and allow the relationship to unfold naturally. If you'll do this, you'll have a much better chance of avoiding a major disappointment or wounding. This cycle peaks on June 10 – 13. It stays in range through June 16 – 19.

Just as those cycles are peaking, we get another cycle that can be quite fun (Venus sextile Uranus). It's like going to a carnival and having a delightful and unusual time. Alas, you have to go home again! So just enjoy the moment and don't hang any expectations on it. This can also show up as unexpected money. Just be careful not to let it slip away without realizing it. This cycle comes in range on June 10th, peaks on June 12th and stays in range until early June 15th.

Perfect Clarity?

Beginning June 7th, we start a cycle that can be associated with not seeing something clearly (Mercury conjunct Sun). This cycle is similar to the fact that Mercury cannot be seen when it's too close to the Sun. However, when this cycle peaks on June 12th (between 11:32 AM – 10:10 PM Pacific time or 2:32 PM – 1:10 AM June 13th Eastern time) we get several hours of perfect clarity. This is a bit like being in the eye of a hurricane, the one place of calm. After that period of clarity, this cycle continues to give challenges seeing something clearly until it's out of range on June 19th.

June 15th Total Lunar Eclipse (Full Moon)

This total Lunar Eclipse is part of a three-eclipse series, which is detailed more fully on page 11 in the article *Our Summer Solstice and June/July Eclipses*. This Full Moon is a total eclipse and the energies are very similar to the ones we have on June 1st. It's very unusual to have two eclipse charts be so similar. The hidden structural changes are still there and they still impact the same industries.

In addition, the stock markets appear to be undergoing more unexpected changes. This time though, those hidden financial situations are supposed to be coming to light. It appears that an accountant or good bookkeeper is going through the books with a fine-tooth comb and making corrections (Venus trine Saturn). Perhaps an accurate accounting will be available?

Stocks could also be gaining via inflation at that time. Some of them appear to go up, but if so it's probably just inflation going into the stock market. The bond markets look like they're doing quite a lot better at that time (Jupiter trine Pluto). They're certainly gaining more ground than stocks.

Remember that this eclipse is associated with growth and expansion in conjunction with a loss, separation, aggravation or inhibition. See page 11 for more information about its secondary meaning.

Good Contracts Date: June 17th

Beginning June 12th, we get a period when we start to come out of confusion related to money and relationships. This could look like better accounting skills working on an issue, or it might just be that you and another person start to get on the same page related to a deal. In either case, the situation improves through June 17th, when this cycle (Venus trine Saturn) peaks. This cycle is excellent for signing contracts, because it indicates that both parties understand their responsibilities to each other and have a good relationship.

If you must sign a contract during June, then June 17th is the only good day we have for signing a contract. However, you should note that signing contracts within one week of an eclipse is IFFY. Since this eclipse has aggravation, loss or separation associated with growth, those energies will still impact your contract. Be prepared if you use that date.

You might also be able to use the morning of June 22nd (BEFORE the Time-Out), before the Moon goes into 3rd quarter on June 23rd. June 22nd is the last day Venus trine Saturn is in range. See the Summer Solstice report just below for other issues associated with that date. The later dates at the end of the month are right before the third eclipse and during third quarter. So that's not a good time to sign a contract. After early June 22nd, wait at least a week after the July 1st Solar Eclipse to sign contracts, but it won't have that good cycle as part of it.

Summer Solstice: June 21st

The chart for the Summer Solstice, also known as the first day of summer, provides information about the energies for the entire season. The energies of this season are *intense* (Sun opposite Pluto, square Uranus and square Saturn. Saturn opposite Uranus). Big change is afoot! Leaders appear to be making radical and permanent, structural changes, or *they're* changing. Power issues and control issues are strong. There's a lot of dynamic energy and action. *Also be prepared for Earth changes and/or power grid issues as part of the challenges.*

However, there is a way around one of the intense issues, which will make it a lot easier to handle the challenges (Sun sextile Jupiter, Jupiter trine Pluto). *Look for the growth opportunity in these changes.* Focus on that and you'll make money in the midst of the changes.

The good news is that leaders seem to have a very clear vision of where they're headed. There's just a lot of action and changes required to get there, and it looks challenging to get there. The tough news is that deceptive actions, fatigue, or illness may be prevalent now. See the related article following this. See page 11 for more details about the Solstice energies.

Deceptive Actions? Scattered Energies? Illness?

Beginning mildly on June 17th, strongly on June 21st, then peaking on June 22nd and June 28th, we get a pair of cycles that are challenging in multiple ways (Mars square Neptune and Chiron). The first cycle (Mars square Neptune) is often associated with deceptive actions, so be careful you don't buy a bridge! It's also associated with scattering your energies in too many directions and not accomplishing much. Take extra care to stay focused and say NO to extra tasks until your priorities are completed.

During this cycle (Mars square Neptune) it's also common for people to be very fatigued and/or to get sick because their immune system or adrenals are low. It's very important prior to this time to supplement your diet with immune-system enhancing products. Vitamin D3 is one of the best, and depending on how much daily sun you get, you may need from 2,000 – 5000 IUs per day to maintain your immune system. This cycle stays in range through July 1st.

That cycle alone would be plenty to deal with, but it immediately moves to a second cycle (Mars square Chiron). This cycle would ideally be associated with breakthroughs in transmuting energy. This cycle is archetypically related to the sacred warrior who fights for right. However it's often negatively expressed as staying in a rut too long and creating accidents or injuries instead. In this case, it can also be associated with emotional or mental wounding. These issues come up now to be healed once and for all, not to cause harm.

The second cycle (Mars square Chiron) comes into range on June 22nd and peaks on June 28th. It stays in range through July 7th. The combination of these two cycles could indicate that the protestors/rebels in the Middle East are running out of steam as their adrenals deplete and they then incur more injuries from fighting when they're too tired. We can experience similar situations by working until we're too tired and then expecting to be a "weekend warrior" in hiking or other physical activities. If you're tired, just rest and recuperate instead.

Lastly, both these cycles occur just as a third cycle impacts it (Mars sextile Uranus). This is an opportunity to have a breakthrough. This energy is strong and volatile, but easier than the cycle we have at the beginning of April (Mars conjunct Uranus). Used well it can create unusual solutions to challenges. It's also a good opportunity for new energy technologies to show up now and bring new breakthroughs in energy usage. This cycle comes into range on June 23rd, peaks on June 27th. It stays in range through July 1st.

Uranus in Aries: Prepare for Earth Changes and Power Outages

I know you're busy, but I hope you're paying attention to these very intense energies we're having for the next 8 years. This is the time to heed safety preparation warnings, so you don't get surprised by a major Earth change or long power outage. This year through early 2015 is an intense time of changes, including Earth changes. Of those years, this may be *the most intense one* (all equinoxes and solstices Sun square Uranus, opposite Pluto). Consequently, if you have not already prepared for a major power outage (of more than a week) and/or a major Earth change, *NOW* is the time to do that.

Here's a [video](#) that shows the line-up of "comet" Elenin with the Earth and the Sun. It's still speculation as to whether this is a comet or something else. I mention this video because it gives data points for when this "comet" is lining up with the Earth and the Sun. That's what happened on the dates of the Chilean, Christchurch and Japanese earthquakes. Elenin lined up with the Earth and the Sun from quite a distance. Yet we had major earthquakes on each of those dates.

I'm *not* endorsing his conclusion that it would cause a pole shift to the Earth later this year. However I pass it along to show you that there are real reasons why major Earth changes *could* happen this year. The model he's using is from Jet Propulsion Labs. Keep in mind that this "comet" could possibly change its orbit before it gets here. Nevertheless, it's wise to prepare.

This summer is an intense period with strong potential for major power outages due to X-type flares from the Sun. If one hits our country, parts of our electrical grid, which is old and cobbled together, are likely to go down over a multi-state area. That could take over a week to fix, and it wouldn't be quick. Should that happen, you'll need food for more than a week, a way to cook, a radio, and phone that don't need power, plus batteries, candles, possibly first aid. Whatever gas you have in your car will be all you'll have until the power is fixed. Keep it filled up as much as possible and never below half a tank.

Stock up, if possible, on items you use on a regular basis, such as food, medications, supplements, cleaning supplies, pet foods and their supplies or medications. In some rural areas (with wells), no power means no water. Be sure you have extra water on hand for all types of uses. Also stock up on toilet tissue. That item plus chocolate are two of the top most traded-for items during an emergency. Keep extra comfort foods on hand that can be easily eaten. Old fashioned games are handy to have too, since computers, televisions, and other electronic gear would not work in a major power outage.

If you're in an area where major earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, major fires or hurricanes can strike, be sure you

make extra preparations for that possibility. You'll need extra first aid items and more water than is needed for a power outage.

It's also an excellent idea to contact your local city or town to organize your neighborhood for emergency preparedness training. NO ONE is coming in a major disaster, not the firemen, not the police, nor ambulances. Every town and city in the US has a department which provides this emergency training. Contact this department to get your neighborhood trained and organized as soon as possible.

Remember that if you're reading this message, you may be the one whose responsible for helping others around you. Keep this in mind as you make your preparations. Consider yourself warned now and prepare.

Where Will You Be a Warrior?

When Uranus, the change-maker, re-entered Aries on March 11th, he called us to duty as warrior change-makers. When the Sun joined Uranus on March 20th for the Spring Equinox (first day of Spring) we got another major message that we're being called to fight for the world we want, especially this spring, but throughout this year as well. Only you can decide how you want to do this.

You're being asked to take out your sword and use it to help create a new world. This is the time to stop and make an issue of things that are not right in your world. Only you know where power has been misused and abused in your world. It's time to take out your sword and send an *en garde* to whomever has done that. We all have a sword, which is represented by Mars in our charts. We just need to use it.

In some cases, this means standing up for yourself. In other cases, this means you're standing up for a particular cause, or principle, or for someone who cannot stand up for themselves, such as children or elderly people. The key thing to remember in all these situations is that whatever happens to you, or anyone else, happens to all of us. We cannot get to a world of peace while we allow others to abuse us or others. Consider what's occurring in Libya with their leader killing and bombing his own people. Abuse like that cannot be tolerated if we are to ever achieve a world of peace.

You know what angers, frustrates, and irritates you. And you're likely to become intensely aware of it now through the first half of April. On April 1st Mars will move into Aries, along with Uranus. Those energies are highly volatile. When you become aware of your anger, don't stuff it! It's a LOT more dangerous to stuff these energies than to express them. They can create accidents, heart attacks and strokes when we don't express our anger and frustration. It's better to take out your sword and use it at these times.

There are twelve basic types of swords, with endless variations, depending on the sign your Mars is in and how it's aspected. Everyone's sword is different. Some of us fight with our heart, some with words, some with emotions, some of us are strategists and fight with resources. Some of us are inspired by truth and faith to use our swords. It doesn't matter what type of sword you have. What matters is that you use it to create a better world. I'm talking about taking action and not just thinking or talking about what you want.

That might look like you're signing petitions online, donating to important causes, showing up at protests, writing letters or emails, and speaking up when you may have squelched your feelings in the past. You may decide to fight for a safer world. One way you could do that would be to organize your neighborhood for emergency preparedness training. There are many different actions you could take.

Now just how can you use your sword to create peace if you're angry? Doesn't adding our anger make that less likely? Actually, anger is a higher vibration than squelching our anger or frustration. That's because when we stuff those emotions, we end up depressed. Our anger turns inward and that lowers our vibration. In order to raise the vibration of the planet so we can get to peace, we need to stop stuffing negative emotions.

We need to stop being complacent and stand up for what we want. That will raise the vibration of the entire planet. Once we get past allowing others to do whatever they want to us, we can focus on raising the vibration to a higher level. The Universe wants us to fight for a better world now, because it's given us these energies.

What's happening in the Middle East is raising the vibration of the entire planet. People are standing up and demanding democracy. One Libyan in Tripoli said the following: *"We're not afraid any more. Death is going to come anyway. It will come in the road, or it will come in the bed. Enough is enough!"*

If the entire Middle East can wake up and risk their lives, is it possible that we Americans could wake up too? (At least Wisconsin is!) Do you realize that we're the model for the rest of the world? How can we expect other countries to create democracies when we've given up our own rights and no longer are guaranteed a right to a fair trial? How can we be proud of having allowed the largest redistribution of wealth to a group of bankers that caused a large portion of the middle class to go bankrupt? When will we decide that our government doesn't need to be trillions of dollars in debt to the Federal Reserve because we're renting our money from them?

There are thousands of issues like this that go unchallenged every day in schools, our health care system, the legal system, and corporations because we allow others to take advantage

of ourselves and the Earth. The Universe with this set of energies is telling us that must stop. We MUST stand up and fight for the world we want to have. And if we don't, we will lose our chance to create peace, and a responsible, sustainable world. Just remember this: Whenever you fight, be clear about what you're fighting FOR. Never fight *against* anything, as you will only give it more energy. Always fight FOR what you want.

On March 9th, we entered the last Underworld or period of transformation for the Mayan Calendar. During this last period we'll develop Unity Consciousness. We'll come to see that all life on this planet is related. We'll learn that we're all part of the Divine energy that created this Universe. We'll understand that whatever happens to anyone happens to all of us. It's important to make our choices with this in mind and not allow ourselves or others to be taken advantage of.

This is a historical time for all of mankind. We've *never* been at this level of consciousness before. We're at a pivotal point. With the energies we've been given this spring, we must decide what kind of world we want to live in and we must decide NOW. There is no more time to think about it. There is no turning back either. If you want to create a world of peace, responsibility and sustainability, I challenge you to stand up now, take out your sword and use it for the highest good of all.

Neptune in Pisces: Another Major Shift!

Neptune is the planet that represents the oceans, transcending life here, merging with others, spirituality, infinity, and infinite possibilities. In business it represents the image we create for our company, perception, inflation, and interest rates. The industries associated with this planet and sign include photography, art, dance, shoes, ocean shipping, oil and gas, water, coffee, alcohol and other beverages, ocean biology, films and movies, hypnotherapy and anything spiritual.

The last time Neptune entered the sign of Pisces was in February 1848. This planet stays in a sign for about 14 years. In general the last time Neptune was in Pisces, it was good for the US economy. That's because as it goes through this sign, it brings excellent cycles to the US chart (Neptune trines the US Venus and the US Jupiter and then the US Sun.) These are generally very expansive cycles and help the economy.

This year, Neptune barely enters Pisces, stays until early August and then runs back to Aquarius. It will re-enter the sign of Pisces next year on February 3, 2012 and stay through March 30, 2025. Several months later, it comes back into Pisces for a few months and then moves out on Jan 26, 2026.

Aside from having much longer Time-Out periods now, this change has the potential to create more compassion, tolerance

and understanding in the world. There's more of a sense that we're all in the same boat, or in this case, on the "space ship" of Mother Earth, and it transcends our differences.

The last time that we had Neptune in Pisces, oil was discovered in 1857. Prior to that, whale oil had been the primary source of energy for lighting all over the world. Since Uranus in Aries also signals new types of energy, it's likely that with both these cycles, we'll see oil replaced during the next 8 - 14 years. I know it's hard to imagine, but change is quick now.

In addition, with Neptune in Pisces, the whole concept of duality is being reviewed in our language, beliefs, and processes. We're learning that there really is no us versus them. We're able to see that between black and white lies a lot of gray. We're integrating our polarity thinking, so it doesn't divide us any more.

Our economics is also bound to go through a revolution too. Instead of the dualism of capitalism versus communism, someone will come up with an integrated economics model that accounts for both sides of the coin. Our current capitalism has fallen apart by allowing the giant international corporations to run the governments and the media. However communism falls apart by not rewarding personal efforts. Neither is a sustainable model and we're watching all the ways capitalism fails, so it can get fixed.

The last time we had Neptune in Pisces we also had major political revolutions in Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark and with various Slavic groups. It's interesting that we're seeing this pattern repeated again.

It's also interesting that Wisconsin became a state in May 1848, when Neptune was in Pisces. They're about to have a Neptune return and here they are in a major revolution! Neptune dissolves things, plus it causes confusion and dismemberment. It looks like it will dismember the state government of Wisconsin as it re-enters Pisces!

Economic Headwinds and Our US Dollar

The good news is that the economy is headed for an upswing, but remember, it takes some time to go from the bottom to the top. The next economic high starts in May 2017 and lasts through early November 2018. In the meantime, we're gradually headed in an upward direction.

However, that upward direction has some headwinds. In late April we have some challenges when the US dollar appears to be under "attack." (Uranus square the US Venus). This could correspond to another decline in the value of the dollar. Or something more radical may be getting started. If so, the

process will continue through the summer and into the early fall. Next February 2012, it looks like we'll get a final resolution.

Watch to see whether the issue will be to replace the US dollar as the world reserve currency. If the issue is to replace the dollar as the world's reserve currency, then that will mean prices from other countries will go up considerably. If labor in other countries becomes more expensive due to this change, then more employers may bring back their jobs to the States.

In addition, especially at the end of May through mid-July, we get a similar configuration to one we had last summer (Saturn opposite Uranus and both square to Pluto). That configuration also occurred during the Great Depression.

We've certainly taken a different path from the one we took when we had this cycle during the Great Depression (printing money instead of tightening it further) For one thing, we don't have 25% unemployment, at least not officially. The last revisit of this cycle points toward resolution of the many issues that brought us this financial crisis. This is why it's so important to make your needs and opinions known to lawmakers now. The type of resolution that gets passed will depend on you.

Gold, Oil and Interest Rates

With all the changes and uncertainty we're having this year, including Earth changes, you can be certain that gold is still on its way up. It will probably continue to be in that state through at least 2013. By the time it reaches its peak price, gold will be over \$2300 per ounce and possibly over \$3000 per ounce. It now trades at around \$1400+ per ounce.

Other metals will continue to go up in price too, so you have several options. Last year silver went up 74%. The reason I usually recommend gold is because it's very portable, small, and easy to hide. You can easily hold \$30,000 of gold in the palm of your hand. However, if you're buying gold or silver electronically traded funds (ETFs) like GLD or IAU, or mining stocks, then storage is not a concern.

In the past, oil and gold have usually traded in a 10:1 ratio. This year we should see some more inflation, especially associated with oil. However, long term you should expect to see the price of oil level off and drop. That's because new technologies that will replace oil will be introduced and widely developed. It's likely that we'll have to wait until next year, when Neptune is in Pisces to stay for about 14 years, before that new technology will be introduced. Fluctuations in oil prices now should be viewed as temporary.

This summer, in June, we have a short period when interest rates appear to go up, along with inflation (Jupiter sextile Neptune). It's possible the inflation will primarily go into the stock market. However, considering the prices of food and

energy, it's more likely to go into higher prices for products. Should that occur, by the end of October, we get another cycle which should be deflationary (Saturn trine Neptune). That cycle will peak in very late December, and stay in range through February 2012. That may lower heating oil costs this winter.

Our Summer Solstice and June/ July Eclipses

The first day of summer or the Summer Solstice shows a very challenging period of unexpected, structural transformation (Sun opposite Pluto, Saturn opposite Uranus, all in a grand square with each other). This will include changes in leaders, especially foreign leaders, and perhaps leaders in Congress or state legislatures, changes in our government and business processes, *and changes in the Earth*.

The stock market appears to be undergoing some major changes at this time too. This may be related to the NYSE being bought or perhaps the stock market is just erratic? There are definitely a lot of challenges for the stock market at this time, which is right at the end of the second Quantitative Easing 2 program. So perhaps the end of that program is showing us the cracks in the system?

If the US is "under attack", as it appears in this chart, it's definitely from radicals, or change-maker activists. Or perhaps the US is "under attack" from comet Elenin, or something equally foreign and outside of our planet?

There are plenty of power struggles and control issues occurring at this time. The only thing you can count on is that if you're not on the side of change, you'll probably lose. It's better to focus on creating the *type* of change you *want*, than to resist it. There's no way to maintain the status quo.

Remember that the energies for the Summer Solstice also include deceptive actions, scattered energies, fatigue, or illness. Be sure you take good care of yourself prior to this date (June 21st) and after it. Get plenty of sleep and water.

Also watch out for rigid thinking ("We've always done it that way") during this time (Mercury square Saturn). A new approach is needed in order to get to the solution. Open up to new ideas and expand your thinking regarding the possibilities. Otherwise you'll be caught in round after round of power and control struggles.

June / July Eclipses

Eclipses are noted celestial events, which tend to correspond to unexpected events. Eclipse events can occur as early as 30 days prior to the actual eclipse and as late as 30 days after it

occurs. Whether you or your company will be impacted by an eclipse is completely dependent on your charts.

This summer we have three eclipses: June 1st, June 15th and July 1st. The June 1st and July 1st ones are Solar Eclipses. The June 15th one is a total lunar eclipse. All three of these eclipses have the same Saros cycle meaning. These eclipses are all associated with growth or expansive energy, but the growth comes with loss, separation, aggravation, or inhibition.

Each of these eclipses has a secondary meaning, which is shown below. Following is also the location and degrees of the zodiac which are impacted by each of these eclipses.

June 1st: Solar Eclipse at 11 degrees Gemini 2 minutes

This eclipse will impact those who have planets or personal points in their charts between 7 – 15 degrees Gemini or 7 – 15 degrees Sagittarius.

The secondary meaning of this eclipse is *related to rising above limitations and social conditioning; standing up for one's self*. The energy of this eclipse encourages you to pursue your rights and push to be taken seriously. You want to improve your situation as much as possible. When used negatively, you feel that you deserve better, but blame others for your situation, instead of improving it.

June 15th: Total Lunar Eclipse at 24 degrees Sagittarius

This eclipse will impact those who have planets or personal points in their charts between 20 – 28 degrees Gemini or 20 – 28 degrees Sagittarius.

The secondary meaning of this eclipse is related to *protection while practicing*. You might feel like you're in the throes of a real situation, but you're really in training. Continuing to practice and paying attention now leads to greater abilities in the future, when you'll need them for a more demanding and tougher situation. A negative response is shallow or spoiled.

July 1st: Solar Eclipse at 9 degrees Cancer 12 minutes

This eclipse will impact those who have planets or personal points in their charts between 5 - 13 degrees Cancer or 5 –13 degrees Capricorn

The secondary meaning of this eclipse is related to *emerging or developing perfection*, accepting your inner worth and understanding that it's still evolving to a much higher degree. Your potential in a situation or position is much greater than you have achieved at this point, but you must be careful and accurate in your continued development, or your work could be spoiled. Remember this situation or position took a long time to develop and be patient as you continue.

How to Ground and Release

in These Times

During these times it can be hard to maintain your center and equilibrium. These are techniques that can help you do that, in spite of these accelerated changes and intense times.

First of all, it's very important to get enough water and sleep. Without this, it's like you're trying to drive a car on empty. Make every effort to drink at least two quarts of water per day and get at least 7 hours of sleep at night.

Second, with the intense energies in early April, and on and off throughout this year, you will need to get extra exercise so you don't explode. Our bodies are getting extra electrical energies flowing through them now. Unless you take the effort to get more exercise than normal, your body won't know what to do with all that energy. You have a much higher chance of it building up and exploding, unless you direct it into a physical activity.

Third, this technique can be used anywhere and at any time without anyone else being aware of what you're doing. It's greatly helpful in business or group situations when you're feeling stressed and irritable. This is a grounding technique to help you center yourself and regain your equilibrium.

- 1) Sitting in a chair or standing up, notice your tail bone.
- 2) Now imagine you have a chain, cord, or a tree root growing out of your tail bone. This is your "grounding cord."
- 3) Now imagine sending that grounding cord all the way down to the center of the Earth. You can do this very quickly in a second.
- 4) Once your grounding cord is at the center of the Earth, then anchor it there. Imagine tying that cord down or use an anchor to connect you to the Earth. You may feel a tug back from the Earth when you do this. That's a good indication that you're grounded to the Earth.
- 5) Now silently tell yourself that you're putting your grounding cord into "release mode."
- 6) Now release down your grounding cord *everything that is not you*. That includes all anger, frustration, irritation, guilt, shame, depression, fear, anxiety, stress, sadness, grief, and any physical pain or discomfort.
- 7) Also release any people who are "bugging" you. No one else should be in your space except you. Let everyone else slide down your grounding cord and back into the Earth. Their energy will be returned to them (where it should be) in a better state.
- 8) The Earth will transmute all these energies into more positive energies.
- 9) Do this any time (driving, at work, in meetings, at home, during physical activities) when you need to regain your equilibrium and let go of negative energies that may be

building up. The more you do this, the safer and more balanced you'll feel. When you're moving, make your grounding cord flexible and stretchy. You can even be in an airplane and ground yourself.

- 10) If some portion of your body is sick, you can ground that body part directly to the center of the Earth and release its pain or discomfort directly into the Earth. I have saved myself thousands of dollars doing this and healed a number of physical problems.
- 11) Lying on your back at night, or in a bathtub, you can also ground your entire spine to the center of the Earth. It's like sending down a grounding "wall" from your spine to the center of the Earth. This works well if you cannot sleep. Just release all the issues that are keeping you awake.

Reader's Corner: Questions and Stories From You!

- **Q. What good is astrology if you cannot change your chart?**
Maureen St Germain, NY, NY

This is a great question and thank you for asking it! A person's birth chart is basically a visual representation of the soul's agreement to work on certain issues or lessons, while utilizing and contributing certain skills, talents and qualities to the world. Although a person's birth chart does not change, we all know that we're not the same person we were when we were born. We all evolve.

Astrology shows this evolution via the five sets of cycles that are always occurring (Secondary progressions, solar arcs, solar return, transits and eclipses). Together these cycles provide a road map or picture of the year ahead, and how to best use your energies, maximize your opportunities and transmute the challenges into lemon aide.

The same applies to company charts. A company is like a group energy, which has a specific set of skills, talents and purposes, along with specific challenges that it was "born" with, when the company started with the State. (If your company hasn't started with the State, then from the Universe's point of view, you don't have a company.)

Some people see astrology as predictive and fatalistic. However, we always have free will and we're always free to choose how we will respond to our various challenges. In the past, people changed so slowly that it was easy to predict their reaction to certain cycles. This is no longer true, now that we're in such an accelerated period of change. As this occurred, astrology became much less predictive and more of a tool to provide a road map with alternatives.

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