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3/7/01 -- Mercury went direct at 7:42 am PST on 2/25. Now we can sort out all those communication breakdowns, computer glitches and editorial & numerical errors and get back into accuracy mode. Mercury won't go retrograde again until 6/4/01.

Retrogrades are times when planets appear to move backwards as viewed from Earth- no, they don't hit the brakes and put it in reverse- but they appear to in the same way that it looks like our car is going backwards when we look at a car that has just passed us. When a planet is in retrograde, matters ruled by that planet tend not to go smoothly-- things are delayed, confused, and frequently need to be re-done when the retrograde is past. Retrogrades only occur in geocentric (earth-centered) astrology, and not in heliocentric astrology (as viewed from the sun.)

Venus goes retrograde Thurs. 3/8 at 5:06 pm PST. Relationship matters may seem less clear, and long-term beauty treatments or procedures should be postponed until **Venus turns direct 4/19 at 8:34 pm PST.**

A reminder that the generally unfortunate **Saturn-Chiron contraparallel is still applying through 3/24.** This is just about **the worst possible time to get married** or meet a new romantic partner and begin a relationship... Financially-- avoid incorporating, releasing creative material, beginning a new partnership or job, or even opening banking/brokerage accounts. This is generally a good time, though, to break off unhappy relationships... The Saturn-Chiron contraparallel is compounded by a **Saturn-Neptune contraparallel applying through 4/3/01. Try to hold off from starting anything important & long-lasting until after 4/3/01.**

Full Moon is Friday 3/9 at 9:23 am PST. All roads seem to lead to Rome at this Full Moon, with Moon as the pivot planet in a Finger of God formation with Venus and Mercury, in a T-Square with Sun and Pluto, and in a wide Grand Trine with South Node and Saturn. Certainly emotions will be running high, although the Virgo Full Moon will probably try, (probably unsuccessfully), to repress them. Romantic communications especially may be problematic, and old issues and problems may resurface.

An important heads-up for March 15- 18, as Mars (the mythical God of War) **conjuncts stationary Pluto** (God of the Underworld) in the 14-15° area of Sagittarius. Watch out for tempers flaring, perhaps on a grand scale, especially while the Moon joins the Big Boys on the 15th. Moon & Mars may trigger Pluto's deep unresolved hatreds and resentments-- it's a very good time to bite our tongues and keep a low profile-- **definitely avoid volatile areas of your city, and throughout the world.** As seductive **Venus** (Goddess of Love) **joins the fray on the 17th & 18th** though, our attention may well turn from war to love-- the **Magi Society** rates these two days as **"the best days of the year to make love-- do not miss them."** This only pertains to existing relationships, however-- due to the aforementioned Saturn-Chiron contraparallel, **do not begin a new sexual relationship at this time.** These planetary positions will most affect those born Mar. 4-8, June 4-8, Sept. 6-10, Dec. 6-10, and those with planets in the mid-degrees of Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces.

Mars usually spends about 2 months at a time in each sign, but due to timing of retrogrades, **Mars will spend a whopping 7 months in Sagittarius-** from mid Feb. - mid Sept. 2001. If you know your chart, knowing which house or houses will be heated up by fiery, temperamental, independent, sexual, militant Mars so prolonged in Sagittarius will be useful. Matters of that house or houses may be tumultuous-- and we all need to be a little extra cautious in what we say and how we say it due to the Sagittarian fondness for blurting out much of what is better left unsaid.

Pluto goes retrograde on Saint Patrick's Day 3/17 at 6:36 pm PST. Our major changes and inner transformations may be slowed for this time. This will be an excellent time to meditate on our evolutionary path up to this point and think about future plans in both the inner and outer realms. Actual manifestations of change may have to wait until **Pluto goes direct on 8/23/01.**

Tuesday 3/20 is the Spring Equinox, when the Sun enters Aries. One of the old holidays, it celebrates the moment in springtime when the daylight hours and the night are of equal length.

Our next **New Moon is 3/24 at 5:21 pm PST.** It should be a fairly energetic and optimistic lunation, with Sun, Moon & Venus in fiery Aries, Sun and Moon anchoring a minor Grand Trine with Neptune and Jupiter, and most of the fallout from the Mars-Pluto conjunction (hopefully) behind us. With Venus square the Nodes thrown in though, self-indulgence may obscure our

soul-direction if we're not paying attention.

Remember, **Moon Void** is not a good time to attempt anything important -- **Moon Void times for the next month lasting an hour or more during the business day (more or less) are 3/14 from 4:17 am- 10:17 am PST, 3/19 6:40 am- 8:36 am PST, 3/21 3:03 pm- 9:28 pm PST, all day 3/26 5:10 am- 5:50 pm PST, 4/2 6:26 am- 9:54 am PDT, 4/4 8:46 am- 11:46 am PDT, and 4/6 10:18 am- 12:57 pm PDT.**

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Starlight Blessings and Love,
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