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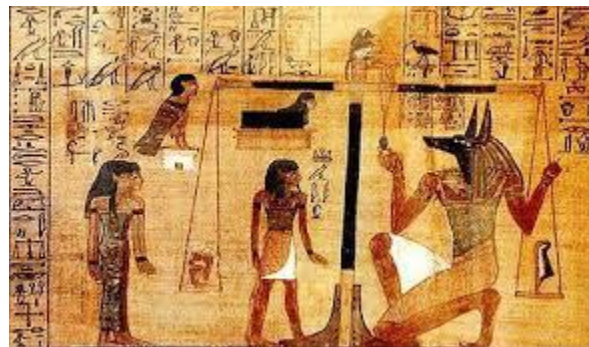
Libra, Impartiality, Fairness, and Right Judgement

At the Libra equinox on September 22 in Atlantica and September 23 in Pacifica, the Sun leaves the sign of Virgo with its month-long emphasis on meticulous analysis of discrete details, painstaking deconstruction of complexities, and the critically important step of sorting the results into named categories, and enters instead a month-long period in which the background emphasis shifts to the role of detached observation, intellectual impartiality, neutrality, and attempts at right judgement.

Libra as a sign is symbolized and connected with the scales of justice, which is to say, the process of weighing and balancing in order that true

and right proportion may be discerned. In this process, it is of the essence that both sides of any question, proposition, and situation be considered, as well as all the intermediary positions. A one-sided consideration produces a lop-sided, off-balance creation. Justice and cosmic harmony demand and command symmetry, a different approach. All things must be fairly considered, not only one side or position previously identified as favored.

Therefore, prejudice must be set aside if the truth is to be known. The implications for human society are clear: all sides and positions must be heard from and allowed in public debate, for in the effort to arrive at a definition of the public good, the exclusion of marginalized voices leads to false judgement, false cultural narrative, and the pursuit of policies injurious to groups and individuals relegated to insignificance.



Abundant examples from history attest to the fact that factions favored by the powerful inevitably seek to silence voices which question the motives, methods, and objectives of the privileged group. Such is the case right now, with a goodly portion of world governance seeking to silence voices which question the methods of statistical analysis used to analyze the covid crisis and therefore to justify the imposition of harsh authoritarian conditions. Listening exclusively to the talk line of powerful vested interests such as the international pharmaceutical industry and their obedient organizational agencies, governments world-wide have shut their

ears to anything but a single paradigm of analysis. Voices which question the dominant paradigm are immediately branded by the governmentally-complicit mainstream media as ignorant, dangerous, subversive, unpatriotic, immature, asocial, aggressive, and even psychopathic. These same pejorative epithets have been hurled at all minorities throughout time. The current and emerging minority of today is constituted of a growing army of dissenting physicians, scientists, statisticians, economists, state governors, city mayors, judges, law enforcement officers, thought leaders, independent citizen journalists, and everyday people who have the audacity to suggest that a disease condition which is 97 – 99% survivable does not merit the planet-wide and non-negotiable termination of civil liberties, recreation, and commerce. Additionally, this army of dissenters also forwards information demonstrating that cures and treatments for covid already exist and are being successfully implemented, that the proposed mandatory vaccines contain highly questionable ingredients, and that no incontrovertible scientific evidence exists for the necessity of wearing masks. It is this message to which the ears of government have remained sealed for months now, for their minds were already made up on day one of the crisis, with significant help and inducement from parties financially able to engineer such things.

As a therapeutic balance to this lop-sided planetary policy, the passage of the Sun into the sign of Libra offers everyone a month-long opportunity to sample the advantages of refraining from the formation of opinion until more is known. The energies of Libra can stimulate a move in the collective toward the realization that partisan positions and public narrative which routinely exclude any intellectual challenge to the reigning paradigm may not serve the interests of truth. And it is the interests of truth which are at stake here, not emotions and personalities. The drive to attain inclusion of the dissenting argument does not spring from a need to feel socially accepted; instead, it arises from the imperative to flesh out the contours of truth, that right judgement may be rendered.

Esoterically, the sign of Libra is associated with “the judicial mind,” a spiritual capacity for right judgement. As everyone knows, right judgement is difficult to achieve in absence of full information. Today’s world needs full information in the form of the other side of the argument on covid. Yet, pharmaceutically-owned and controlled media platforms continue to exclude the other side of the discussion. As recent revelations have shown, Google and Facebook are both heavily funded by the pharmaceutical industry. As a result, these organizations and others like them have formulated and implemented censorship policies which disallow and exclude dissension against the pro-pharmaceutical point of view. It is obvious that corporate-owned media platforms can never support the type of deliberative process symbolized by the Libran scales of justice, for corporate-owned media platforms are designed to promote and protect the interests of the owners. Something different is required if open, free, and fair discussion is to occur.

To make a space for that purpose, the energies of Libra might be invoked. Esotericists and spiritually-oriented persons all over the world can work with the incoming Libran energies for the next month to enter into and cultivate the intellectual stance of the non-partisan observer. If the mass mind can be seeded with the propensity to take a Libran “pause moment” very much like the higher interlude in meditation, and consequently restrain the impulse to form an immediate judgement on the basis of partial information, the interests of truth may be served.

Analysis and Prediction for the Week Ahead

The week of September 21 – 27 is packed with tense aspects involving Mercury, planet of mental processes, words, discourse, communication technologies, and the circulation of information. Currently in Libra, Mercury will during this week square Pluto, square Saturn, and oppose retrograde Mars. This ongoing configuration is sure to stir up and correlate

to intensive public controversy. The engines of discussion are likely to rage everywhere. It's not a bad time at all if one is engaged in writing or in the formulation of significant ideas. Yet, a definite potential for the clash of opinions exists.

At the same time, the Moon takes off from its New Moon moment at 25 degrees Virgo on September 17 and waxes to reach First Quarter early in the week, bringing forth the collective and individual crises of action to which twentieth-century astrologer Dane Rudhyar referred in his *Lunation Cycle*. First Quarter, wrote Rudhyar, signifies the point at which the seed idea sown into the subconscious at New Moon begins to emerge into form. He thus denominates this moment in the lunar cycle the crisis of action. The crisis of action for this lunar cycle occurs on September 23 at 8:55 pm CDT. It springs from a new impetus which arose with the health and wellness Virgo New Moon on September 17. This week thus contains a thrust toward newly identified goals and definite steps in that direction.

This week also serves as the run-up to the Saturn direct station and compelling square between retrograde Mars and Saturn which will take place the next week on September 29, just on the head-end of the Full Moon period for Libra. Thus, this week is filled with important inner and outer developments. The several Mercury aspects suggest that this week is a time of mental intensity and even of mental clarity for some, with specific notions coming sharply into focus throughout the week. At the same time, sharp words and direct confrontations are likely, due to the opposition between Mercury and Mars on **September 24**.

Monday September 21 begins the week with the waxing Moon in the fixed water sign of secretive and discerning Scorpio, ruled exoterically by profound Pluto. At the same time, Mercury makes the exact square to Pluto at 12:21 am CDT today, thickly shrouding the early part of the week with the issues of Pluto, including parapsychological happenings, potent dream imagery dredged up from deep subconscious issues, the sense of hidden

matters, and the potential for both emotional injury and cathartic healing. The Scorpion can both sting and heal, as is well known. This period thus brings out the potentially threatening face of Scorpio as well as its therapeutic power. People feel guarded and wary as a result. Even so, the Scorpic power of depth perception is favored 2 am – 2 pm CDT while the Scorpio Moon makes sextiles to Pluto, Saturn, and the Sun. Deep and canny understandings await to be garnered today, even if that which we learn is not entirely delightful. Then the Moon enters Sagittarius at 2:32 pm CDT, pointing the mind toward philosophy and cosmic contemplation.

Tuesday September 22 brings the moment of Libra Equinox at 8:31 am CDT. The equal hours of day and night experienced at this point in the annual cycle constitute a metaphor for a balanced energetic state, a place of rest, neutrality, and composure at which the gaining of detached perspective is possible. This is so even though or perhaps precisely because the planet Mercury is involved in major action just now. Today we feel the forming square between Mercury and Saturn, exact tomorrow from 25 Libra to 25 Capricorn. Mercury square Saturn tends slow everything down, focus the mind, and establish conditions conducive to stark clarity. At the same time, the involvement of the cardinal and therefore leadership signs of Libra and Capricorn suggests that authority figures will feel called to make pronouncements today about law, legalities, restrictions, delays, and postponements. As if to reply, Mercury prepares to oppose pent-up retrograde Mars, a configuration sure to evoke explosive response and pointed pushback from the public. The stage is setting up for a heck of a row right now. Even so, the Sagittarius Moon trine Venus in Leo 10 – 11 pm CDT offers a moment of encouragement and appreciation.

Wednesday September 23 sees big action as the Mercury-Saturn square becomes exact. Matters sail along fairly well anyway 10 am – 1 pm CDT while the Moon in cheery Sagittarius sextiles Mercury and trines Mars. After that, the vibe switches. The Moon enters strict Capricorn at 6:16 pm CDT and then squares the Sun in Libra, signifying the crisis of action at

8:55 pm CDT. Meanwhile the opposition of Mercury to retrograde Mars grows stronger as it heads toward exactitude.

Mercury at 27 Libra exactly opposes retrograde Mars at 27 Aries on **Thursday September 24**, making this day and in fact the entire second half of the week rife with pointed words, outbursts of opinions, and extreme methods of expression. The involvement with retrograde Mars signifies that the submerged rage and suppressed frustration of the people of the planet over covid restrictions finally boils over into heated confrontations between citizens and authority figures. A slight moment of reconciliation emerges noon – 1 pm CDT when the Moon in cool Capricorn trines Uranus in stable Taurus.

In spite of the uproar and chaos inspired by the Mercury-Mars opposition, an interval good for spiritual alignment arises 1 – 6 am CDT on **Friday September 25**, while the Capricorn Moon makes a conjunction to Jupiter and a sextile to Neptune. Then it's back to navigating the concerns of the moment while the Capricorn Moon conjuncts Pluto and Saturn, and then squares both Mars and Mercury 10 am – 11 pm CDT.

The Moon enters Aquarius and shifts the mood to intellectual and organizational matters at 1:08 am CDT on **Saturday September 26**. This helps calm the waters until the Aquarius Moon squares Uranus 7 – 9 pm CDT, disrupting settled emotional patterns.

Bigger action comes on **Sunday September 27** at 2:41 am CDT, when Mercury says adios to the troubled Aries-Capricorn configuration and enters Scorpio, the sign of its hierarchical rulership. Fourth Ray Mercury in this Fourth Ray sign promises to strengthen and cultivate the Fourth Ray power of the intuition. Intuition in this sense concerns matters of esoteric understanding and the particulars of the Divine Plan. Mercury will remain in Scorpio, the sign of its hierarchical rulership, for approximately eight weeks, turning retrograde in this sign in mid-October. During the retrograde period, Mercury will move back through Scorpio and into Libra

for a time, but then when direct, it will return to Scorpio, making for a rather lengthy emphasis on the Fourth Ray of Harmony Through Conflict during the next two months. Today begins that trend, as Mercury enters Scorpio and sets up the process. We are not aware of it all quite yet. From 8 – 10 pm CDT, our minds are elsewhere as the Aquarius Moon opposes Venus in Leo and makes us aware of situations concerning leadership and group process. Even so, important esoteric revelations await.

Next week:

September 29 brings two profound influences when transiting Saturn goes direct at 25 degrees, and only a few hours later, transiting retrograde Mars at 25 degrees of Aries makes the precise square to that position. September 29 thus stands out as an important date, characterized by agitation of the Mars-ruled fire devas and Saturn-ruled mineral elementals, tectonic activity, earthquakes, extreme weather occurrences, intense feelings of rage and desires for independence in the peoples of the world, increasing willful disregard of civil liberties on the part of authorities, and overt conflict between the young (Mars in Aries) on one hand, and entrenched sources of power and privilege (Saturn in Capricorn) on the other. To intensify it all, this configuration leads up to the Full Moon of Libra on October 1. The indications thus point strongly in the direction of dramatic planetary happenings which feature the inevitable when an irresistible force meets a seemingly immovable object. Resistance to imposition of draconian restrictions is certain. Retrograde Mars indicates intense levels of anger and resentment built up and building up in the deep psyche. This squared to the cold and crushing Saturnian power of the state is sure to spell uprising against insensitive government control. Where and in what form might such occur? Anywhere the human spirit has been suppressed and the call for truth ignored. Thus, on the streets and in the halls of government.