

SOLAR ANNULAR ECLIPSE 2017

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Greetings Friends!

Today we have the first solar eclipse of the year for 2017. It has been a fascinating year thus far, and this eclipse will add to that sense of ‘interesting’ as the year goes forward. Now that we are into the first month of the Year of the Rooster of Solitude, we can already see that this is a year for renewing efforts along certain lines, for re-evaluating plans, ambitions and outlooks and eventually, for a new look at the economy. Yin Fire, which is the element of the Fire Rooster, brings things to light, like a candle in a dark room. We had the shake-ups for last year with the Yang Fire, and this year we will get to see fully the reasons why – some of which will cause further ‘earthquakes’ on the geopolitical scene. We will not touch on that here. This will only be a short letter to look a little at the solar eclipse and the countries it will affect, as well as the general effects of the eclipse itself. It will initially cause confusion, but toward the end of this year, we will see events and their causes much more clearly and will be able to move forward with a sense of renewed faith and vigor. So, without further ado, let’s get into it.

The eclipse takes place at 16:34 UT on 26 Feb 2017 (3:34 AM AEDT on the 27th). It is an annular south node eclipse with Neptune as lord, making it a powerful one. The eclipse point is at the 9th degree of Pisces, affecting also the opposite point of 9 Virgo, and since Neptune rules Pisces, we can look for events concerning the oceans, water, oil and also with themes of enlightenment. There is a Mars/Uranus/Eris conjunction in the figure, opposing Jupiter and with Pluto at the apex. This eclipse will signal the precipitation of large events and highlight risk-taking. The effects of this eclipse will last for pretty much all of the year, but will be strongest now and at the last of the year. Further, it will receive its first Mars activation in mid-September, which will have a strong impact on those individuals or countries affected. More on that in a bit. The eclipse will not be readily visible in the northern hemisphere. It will reach a maximum over the southern Atlantic Ocean and will trace a path over the southern tip of South America and Angola.¹ The last total eclipse in this saros series 140² was in 1836, but the annular eclipses are still strong. The latest ones in the series were 16 Feb 1999, 4 Feb 1981, 25 Jan 1963, 14 Jan 1945 and 3 Jan 1927. If we look at those dates, they preceded or coincided with key points in time in recent history: the Great Depression, the end of WWII, the escalation of the Vietnam War, the assassination of JFK, the Civil Rights Movement, the Reagan years and the prelude to 9/11, as well as war in the Balkans.

The eclipse will affect the Ceres of the US, indicating a sort of ‘crossroads experience’ and also square the US Uranus. This latter, along with the aforementioned t-square, will produce sudden and unexpected events for the US when the activations come along. Those events are most likely to occur in the fields of media, the intelligence community, foreign relations, the judiciary and transport. For Oceania, the eclipse takes place on the Neptune/Mars opposition of New Zealand and Australia’s Mars, highlighting the national ambitions of both countries. It could spark a crisis of ideals for New Zealand, and there might be a spike in violent crime, or of vigorous debate in both countries. Of course, any planet represents a multitude of things, and Mars also rules things such as the steel industry, opposition parties, accidents, battles and the armed forces, to name a few.

To the north, the eclipse takes place at the midpoint of the Russian Moon/Jupiter conjunction, which could have effects on the mood of the country in general, the populace, its judiciary, the oligarchs and like matters. We have also seen the recent assassinations of several of its diplomats,³ and my sense is that once Moscow figures out what is going on, if they haven’t already, we will see covert retaliation by the Russians against the parties who have committed those acts. This eclipse has covert operations written all over it, no matter what country it affects. It falls on the North

Korean Midheaven, indicating possible trouble for the regime. Its recent escapades have seen even China tighten the screws on Pyongyang because of its recent missile tests⁴ and the killing of Kim Jong-nam,⁵ and there are noises of growing unrest in the country.⁶ North Koreans are slowly waking up. The eclipse falls on the Iranian Saturn, and square to their horizon, highlighting public fears, the conservatives in that country, its identity and its enemies, etc. Given the Trump administration's recent 'putting Iran on notice', it is not difficult to see that there might be difficulties for Iran, and the conservatives there are treading a fine line with their public and the moderates,⁷ as is also the case in Saudi Arabia.

The eclipse falls on Saudi Arabia's Jupiter/Neptune conjunction, indicating a shakeup of values in that country as well. The Jupiter/Neptune conjunction is one of the primary indicators of the Saudi's oil wealth, along with its Salafist ideology, which they fund in schools throughout the world,⁸ but since oil prices have been depressed the Saudis are facing increasing financial pressures,⁹ not to mention that oil is on its way out as the primary energy source in the world. More on the latter point in the Pisces letter. Lastly, the eclipse falls on NATO's Moon/Saturn conjunction, and we see already the fears that the Trump presidency has caused in NATO allies in Europe,¹⁰ as well as Russia's new assertiveness. A Moon/Saturn conjunction indicates a general sense of heaviness and a tendency towards fearfulness and depression anyway, quite aside from a strong ability for focused effort, but this eclipse is likely to flag a shakeup in the perceptions within the NATO member states. So, there is much to watch with this eclipse.

Lastly, there has been an announcement by NASA recently that has captivated many people's interest, and that is the discovery of several earth-sized worlds orbiting around a little dwarf star labelled TRAPPIST-1.¹¹ That star is located at 23h 06m 29s RA in the constellation of Aquarius, which translates roughly to the 17th degree of Pisces. It lies on the ecliptic within a degree of latitude. The reason I mention it here is because the current eclipse takes place close to that point, not that it will have any effect, but it is of interest. TRAPPIST-1 is a mere 40 light-years from us, give or take a light year or two. The name TRAPPIST is an acronym for a telescope – Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope – and is also refers to the beer produced by the Trappist monks in Belgium. So, raise a glass for our newly-discovered celestial neighbors!

But here's a thought, to close this out: Once we develop an engine with the ability to bend space-time – a 'warp drive',¹² in other words – we will travel to those worlds and see them close-up, in the blink of an eye, or in a heartbeat, if you will, and maybe before this century closes. Perhaps we will meet new humanities face-to-face then. There are hundreds if not thousands of such worlds in our local cosmic vicinity. The technology to do so is within our reach. We just lack certain elements that readily produce the requisite anti-matter needed for such a drive. Einstein once famously said that imagination is more important than knowledge, and more than anything else, this eclipse today will provide a needed stimulus to people's imaginations, which Neptune also represents. We have proven time and again that the only limits to our progress as humanity are the constraints we place on our imagination and the will to do something about it. For now and for myself, I imagine that we will get through our current challenges and emerge with a much brighter and more peaceful world for all of us. Let us make it so. See you in about a week with the Pisces letter.

Blessings,
Malvin
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¹ <https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEsearch/SEsearchmap.php?Ecl=20170226>

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