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Traditional astrologers "make predictions." Often they are correct. But right or wrong, "predictions" turn you into a marionette, with the planets holding your strings. And in my opinion, that is not a very inspiring description of the way the cosmos works, nor a very accurate one. You are vastly more powerful than that. You can, to a great extent, shape your own life. That at least is my belief. The future isn't crystallized. It's a wavering, quivering web of possibilities. How will they manifest? Much depends upon how you wield the magical wild card we call your freedom.

So, what's the use of astrology? In a nutshell, it can help you make better choices. The planets never give a definitive answer to the question "What will happen to me?" Instead, they ask the question. But they ask the question in a very specific way: "Given everything you are, all the bridges you've crossed, all the contracts you've signed, there are several possibilities for what you might do next..." In other words, "Here's the menu. What are you having?"

Question mark.

And the question mark is the most important part of the whole inquiry, because that's where the uncertainty--and your freedom--lies. But the planets do even more. They offer advice. In a sense, they recommend certain choices over others. They seem biased toward your evolution. They often suggest that you take the less familiar path, the one that moves you into richer fields of your own potentiality. The planets express this rather philosophical bias in a very concrete way. Typically, when you make a less energetic response to a planetary question, the results, while initially comfortable, rapidly turn painful. Sometimes the pain is immediate and dramatic, as in the collapse of an important relationship. Other times, it's more subtle, as in the degeneration of life into deadening boredom and ritual. Either way, sooner or later we know you made a wrong turn somewhere.

In the pages that follow, we will be exploring the coming months of your life from this planetary perspective. There are three parts to the report. First, the big questions. In the part of the report called THE INVITATION, we try to get that "mountain-top" perspective that enables us to make sense of the details. In THE MEANS, we turn our attention to some secondary factors that offer suggestions, help, and support in responding to those big questions. And finally, we'll look at the report period month-by-month, day-by-day, to get some ground-level insight into THE

DETAILS. Your report may be for six or twelve months and will normally include all three sections just described (it is possible, but very unlikely, that a six month report may not have THE INVITATION). Because some years in your life are astrologically more active than others, report length can vary quite a bit.

Throughout the following text, I'll be endeavoring to write in plain English, but if you're unfamiliar with the jargon of astrology, you'll encounter a few words that may require definition. A "transiting" planet, for example, refers to the actual, current position of that planet in the sky. Sometimes the transiting planets form critical geometric angles with the "natal" planets in the birthchart, triggering developmental questions in your life. These critical angles are called "aspects."

The "progressed" planets function in much the same way as the transiting planets, but we approach them a little differently. They're like a script that's been built into your birthchart. Just as we know that an oak tree will emerge from an acorn and bring forth its leaves in season, similarly each person's birthchart contains within it the seeds of certain predictable developmental stages. Progressions spell out those stages.

So sit back, open your mind, and engage your heart. It's time to consider...

THE INVITATION

Some years loom large in our memories decades down the road; others are blurry, easily forgotten. That universal human reality is reflected in the movements of the planets--astrologically speaking, one year is often far more significant than another, just as in life. Most of the really important celestial factors move rather slowly; thus, it's not unusual to experience a time in which none of them have gone critical, when we can calmly keep on putting one foot after the other, on "cruise control."

Well, for you this is definitely not that kind of year. Something truly pivotal is occurring...

Transiting Uranus squares Uranus

Date: March 6, 2005

Peak Dates: March 24, 2005; September 13, 2005

Close your eyes for a minute and hold two concepts in your mind: "pitiful" and "Everyone I know who's about forty." Who's face do you detect? Or

faces. Know anybody who's both pitiful and a couple of decades older than you? You probably know some folks that age who are real inspirations, not pitiful at all. But look at the pitiful ones for minute, then deal with a couple of questions.

Question Number One: How did those pitiful people get that way? You know what I mean: bored, tired, petty-minded, always worried, always vaguely depressed or pissed off...never likely to jump out of bed one morning and say, "That's the life for me!" They made mistakes, but the mistakes were easy to make. Life's tricky. One wrong turn, even one made for pretty good reasons, and we spend a long time paying the bills. Question Number Two: Do you want to become one of them?

The second question's easy, in principle. But look at all those pitiful faces. Apparently a lot of people don't answer it right. Maybe you can. But one thing is for sure: you've come to a place in your life where every breath you take is going to resonate down the decades of your life, for better or for worse. Astrologically, the event is simple enough: the planet Uranus has come a quarter of the way along its orbit since you were born. Uranus: the planet of freedom and true individuality...and of headstrong idiocy. Take your pick. A little theory, then the bottom line.

There's always a battle between what we really are and what society wants us to be. That's eternal. Uranus represents individuality's side of the argument. You've come to a stage in your life where it is natural and essential for you to break away fully from that part of yourself which has been dominated by your family and your peer group, and to make some choices about who you are, what you stand for, and what you want to prioritize in your life. The Uranian energies of independence and rebellion are welling up in you, and they're good things...if you don't lose your head. It's time for you to surprise everybody a little, to do the unexpected. Not for its own sake, though. Do it because your heart and your guts tell you to--and if people don't like it, that's their own business. Just be careful not to get hooked on shocking people. Then you're still their slave.

The bottom line: the gun is now loaded. Any dumb decisions you make now will tend to bind you, and the full price of making them won't be completely clear until you find yourself looking into the mirror on your fortieth birthday thinking...you guessed it: "pitiful." But that can be avoided. Real inspiration is welling up inside you now. Trust it. Follow it. Even in your most liberated moments, you've never been as truly free and truly self-aware as you are today. Be true to yourself. Show us who you are. Engage your heart and your creativity with your life, and let it rip. Some classic traps to avoid: Marrying someone precipitately to "show everybody"

that you can make your decisions." Acting out your rebellious instincts by getting in trouble with the law, or with money, pregnancy, or drugs.

Your Uranian square affects the entire period of this report, but it peaks March 24, 2005 and September 13, 2005.

There's more. Yet another truly major-league astrological event is unfolding for you during the period of this report...and we promise we don't say that to everybody! This one is...

Transiting Uranus opposes the Moon

Date: January 6, 2005

Peak Date: January 27, 2005

The planet Uranus is presently stirring the pot of your life, and that always promises a tumultuous passage, peppered with unexpected developments and encounters. Outwardly, Uranus is the wild card, bringing unpredictable and unforeseen events into the picture. Inwardly, it signals a time of accelerated individuation...that is, a time in which who you really are and what you truly want are rapidly emerging and defining themselves. A portion of what you imagined to be your identity has, in fact, little to do with you; it is a side-effect of your social training, nothing more. And, like training wheels on a kid's bike, you are now ready to dump it. This has an unsettling effect upon not only yourself, but also those around you. Often during Uranian periods there is a distinct "changing of the guard" in our social circles; old relationships end, new ones appear. Claim your right to be yourself -- that's the essence of the transiting Uranus. Whatever it touches, changes. Trust the changes! Like a hard wind blowing the sand off a buried city, they are revealing who you actually have been all along. That's Uranus in general. Specifically, Uranus opposes your natal Moon: January 27, 2005.

Currently Uranus is steering a course through your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," and any planet passing through that part of your natal chart suggests that external developmental pressures are now arising which have the effect of modifying your place in the world. Something is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status--the way you look to people who don't really know you very well. What is it? We can't say exactly, but to respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Uranus, as we just described it. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Moon, which is being invited into development by these professional or social openings.

Astrology is the basic "programming language" of human consciousness. That may seem like a bold claim, but it's easily tested and proven. Pick someone who imagines he or she knows nothing at all about astrology. Ask them what the Moon means. After an initially dumbfounded look, you'll probably get an answer such as, "I dunno...feelings?" Which is quite correct. The mind naturally associates the Moon with darkness, with moonlight...and therefore with ghosts and romance, magic and tears, vulnerability and exhilaration: emotions. Deep inside us all is a subjective realm. Love and hate, joy and sorrow, dwell there. So do our daydreams and our creativity. If we could "average" a person's mood over a lifetime, we'd have an excellent profile of his or her Moon. When the Moon is triggered into development by a passing transit or progression, your inner life is stimulated. You feel stirred up. Powerful currents of emotional energy, for weal or woe, are released into your psyche. The very basis of happiness for you is evolving.

Maintaining a healthy relationship with the force of the Moon is particularly central to your well-being in one key area: the Fourth House, which is where the Moon happened to be located when you took your first breath in St George, BER. There, in the domain of home and hearth and also of emotional and psychological processes, a strong response to this planet forges in you a clear sense of who you are and what you want. Happiness has different sources for different people. For you, much of it comes from experiences connected to the Moon, as we just portrayed it. Claim them! Always sound advice--but how you go about claiming them is currently evolving, partly as a result of changing external circumstances.

When the Moon is alloyed with Uranus, a mood (Moon) of rebellion, defiance, and independence (Uranus) fills the psyche. Deep in your heart, words are forming: "Why, for two cents I'd..." This is a delicate combination, easily an explosive one. What is happening is that something of your true individuality is making itself felt--but not necessarily understood. The impulses now flooding your mind will ultimately prove useful and valid, but it's good to let them marinate for a few weeks or months before moving precipitously to Thule.

The geometric angle or "aspect" involved in the process we are studying is, as we said, the opposition. Not surprisingly, this suggests that the natal planet and the moving one are 180 degrees apart. Tension is thus woven into the spirit of this period of your life. The two forces we described are polarized, which often translates emotionally into a feeling of being damned if you do, and damned if you don't. How can you break the logjam? Recognize that any impossibilities you are experiencing in this area probably arise from an incomplete or biased perspective. The opposition aspect always calls for a leap into a new, more accepting level

of consciousness. Something is missing in your view of the problem--and that missing link (here's the corker...) lies in the wisdom embodied by those people or situations that are now antagonizing you. It's not that they're right and you're wrong; only that the truth that can carry you beyond this impasse lies somewhere between the two positions.

You definitely chose a good year to order this kind of report! Along with what we've already considered, there are other important developments that need to be looked at as well.

Transiting Saturn opposes the Sun

Date: October 4, 2005

Peak Dates: October 18, 2005; December 26, 2005

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances-but is it the bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn opposes your natal Sun: October 18, 2005 and December 26, 2005.

Let's first consider that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. And what does that mean? That new information is coming your way, and that it may be somewhat shocking, unexpected, or at least fresh. It will modify your plans and make you aware of new possibilities. The news may come to you through any of the media or through a messenger, either of which may possess the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is scheduled to be impacted most strongly by this new data? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Sun, which is being invited into develop-

ment by this flood of input.

The Sun, as astronomers tell us, is the center of the solar system. Everything spins around it. With its enormous gravity, the Sun holds the entire system together. In a parallel way, the astrological Sun represents the gravitational center of your personality. Your ego. Your identity. The part of you that gets up in the morning and, without even a single sip of coffee, knows its name, rank, and serial number. Those same astronomers inform us that without the Sun's radiant energy, life as we understand it would cease to exist. Again, astrological meaning follows astronomical fact: the Sun symbolizes that spark of life inside you, your elemental vitality. Enthusiasm, energy, recuperative powers--all these are solar themes. Thus, when the natal Sun is triggered in an important way, two critical questions come up for review: who are you, and what really makes you want to get out of bed in the morning?

How does all that relate to your present circumstances? Recognize that the Sun occupies the Ninth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to the human need for adventure, variety, and escape from the ordinary. Periodically in your life it becomes necessary to "throw a monkey wrench" into your daily routines, to flee the scene and thereby gain the kind of "mountain-top" philosophical perspective necessary to keep your biography on a meaningful course. Under this current aspect, you have entered such a period. One final hint: those ventures, vacations, and journeys work best for you if they invoke the tone of the Sun, as we just encountered it.

When the Sun interacts with Saturn, a season of limits and definitions is upon you. Neither concept may be attractive initially, but both are inseparable from a far deeper idea: maturation. The road before you grows narrower here, and for the same reason that youth is less constrained than midlife: as time passes, wide-open possibilities must be turned into concrete actualities. Don't fear commitments now; this is their season.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by an opposition, which suggests some kind of tension or tug-of-war between them. You are asked to adjust your position, to adapt to the demands of the world around you, and to find a middle-ground between the various opposing needs and values.

What we've considered above is the underpinning of this phase of your life. It's truly elemental material--the stuff of which milestones are made.

There's no guarantee that astrological forces of such magnitude will be activated for everyone all the time. What follows is an analysis of some slightly less portentous dimensions of your astrological picture...less portentous, but still powerful enough to qualify as part of this year's "Invitation." Try to see what follows in the light of all that's gone before...

The Progressed Midheaven squares Jupiter

Date: September 23, 2003

No Peak Dates during the report period

Deep-sea voyagers observe that even the largest sailboat becomes extraordinarily small after a week or two at sea. Every quirk in the character of each crew member is magnified, and the way a person scratches his chin can become a motivation for homicide. At that microscopic social distance, personality looms painfully large. Now turn it around and look at the other end of the spectrum. How do people appear at enormous social distances? We no longer are aware of introversion or extroversion, of expression, of feeling or cold, clear reason. At those ranges, we stop seeing who people are. Instead, we think of them in terms of what they do or what they represent.

Astrologically, this dimension of our humanness is symbolized by the Midheaven. What we do for a living is almost always a significant piece of the puzzle here, but it's misleading to limit our understanding of the Midheaven to career concerns. Being known as a liberal or a conservative, a feminist, an environmentalist, a patron of the arts...all are Midheaven roles, even though we don't make any money doing them. (Usually the opposite, in fact.) One's role in the community must evolve as we mature, and that process is linked to the motion of the progressed Midheaven, which has gone critical for you this year. Typically, progressed-Midheaven events mark changes in your social status. More deeply, they suggest a need arising in you for a more multi-dimensional role in the world. You are ready to bear a new kind of fruit in the community; something inside you is ready to be unveiled...and an old role has grown thin and tired.

Currently the Midheaven is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of the Midheaven is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of the Midheaven, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special atten-

tion to Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

How is the progressed Midheaven currently touching you? It squares your natal Jupiter: outside the report period. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

Hope and faith are essential to sanity. Without at least a few bright dreams and expansive goals, a person grows flat and dull...becomes a time-server. The same can be said for self-confidence: we need it. And even if such assurance sometimes crosses the line into a sprinkle of arrogance, that's less troubling and limiting than sitting around afraid to take any risks at all. There is a gambler's circuit in your psyche that understands these notions perfectly well. Astrologers call it Jupiter. When stimulated by a passing transit or progression, it encourages you to extend yourself further into your world, to bet on yourself, and to recognize emerging opportunities. Be wary at the same time that you don't settle for glitter when gold may be just around the corner.

Maintaining a healthy flow of the energies of Jupiter, always good for you, is especially crucial to your closest human relationships: marriage, profound friendship, long-term sexual bonds. Why? Because in St George, BER at the moment of your birth Jupiter occupied your Seventh House, the traditional "House of Marriage." Two lines of reasoning emerge here. The first is that by bringing the flavor of Jupiter into your intimate bonds, you shape love in a lasting, more meaningful way for yourself. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people with the spirit of Jupiter. Relating deeply to those whose natures are too far removed from that tone and style is simply not your path. However we look at your situation, intimate connections are clearly a front-burner issue right now.

The aspect connected with the astrological process we're investigating here is the square, as we have seen. The square, traditionally characterized as an unfortunate aspect, describes a geometric angle of 90 degrees between the natal planet and the moving trigger. To call squares "bad" is misleading. More accurately, they are compelling. In the area of your life we're considering, a terrific friction has arisen. It's not comfortable, but it is an extremely effective motivator. The trick in using the energy creatively lies in moving decisively--determining precisely what you want, claiming it, and letting the rest go. A season of tough choices is upon you. Regarding the process we described in the previous paragraphs, there are costs involved in all the courses available to you...the most costly, for all concerned, being the course of indecision.

Progressed Venus squares Neptune

Date: January 23, 2004

No Peak Dates during the report period

"Love." What a word. Eskimos, it is said, distinguish two hundred different kinds of snow, each with its own name. Perhaps we should take a cue from them and cash in our word "love," replacing it with dozens of more specific concepts. It would still baffle us, inspire us, give us sleepless nights--but at least we might then be able to communicate with each other more clearly. The love an infant feels for his or her mother...the consuming, volatile love of our teen years...the affection between old friends...the quiet affinity between those who have been well-married for decades: why do we put them all under the dominion of the same syllable? They're certainly different human experiences. Love evolves. Our capacity to feel that emotion takes on new resonances as we mature, and it drops old resonances.

Astrologers measure that evolution through the motions of the Progressed Venus. When it comes to a sensitive zone in your birthchart, you are invited to open yourself to new dimensions of human relationships. Typically, the passage of progressed Venus over a critical point coincides with visible alterations in our sphere of intimacy: friendships, business or creative partnerships, romantic bonds...all come to crossroads. Sometimes they come to endings. Other times they slough off deadening rituals and experience renewal, even renaissance. Many times such Venusian events mark the arrival of new people in our lives. people whose destinies are entwined with our own. Always, though, behind the outward relationship events, there is a deeper layer of meaning in these progressions: you are now asked to deepen the way you love, to love with yet another dimension of your being, to call still another part of your soul into the service of love. And, as always, it's possible to miss the point, squandering the Venusian force in wheel-spinning romances or soap-opera related interpersonal dramas.

Currently Venus is navigating your Eleventh House, suggesting that your own circumstances and possibilities are currently tied into larger developments involving organizations, committees, or your "crowd." This inevitably involves the use of a certain political adroitness on your part and the capacity to forge and nurture coalitions and alliances, even if they're just among three or four people. But behind the group dynamics, there's a deeper layer. What are your priorities? What do you really want? Certainly, those desires are currently evolving and their motion is in the direction of Venus, as we just described it. In a nutshell: know what you want and choose your allies accordingly. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our atten-

tion to Neptune, which is being invited into development by these strategic alliances.

How is the progressed Venus currently touching you? It squares your natal Neptune: outside the report period. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

Close your eyes. Don't think of anything at all. Just be aware of all that infinite, dark space. Welcome to Neptune. In your natal chart, it represents the part of you that knows how to enter trance, to meditate, or to "space out." Everybody's got one, and everybody experiences that part of their consciousness from time to time. When triggered by transits or progressions, Neptune asks you to let go, to allow material to enter your mind uncensored and unstructured. It's more akin to feeling than thinking, but neither word captures it perfectly. Dreaming is the closest analogy...a sort of free-associative state in which your own mind works like an unpredictable movie theater. Why bother? Because such an astrological event signals that your unconscious mind or, if you prefer, your soul has an important message and is trying to get in touch with you.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Neptune in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Neptune, and that should help you recognize them.

When Venus mixes with Neptune, a tender, vulnerable time is upon you. You feel heightened sensitivity, and often a need to experience a sense of spiritual connectedness. The peril here is that you might mistake hormones for previous lifetimes together, or unprocessed psychological scars for God's will that you fall in love with X, Y, or Z. At its darkest, this event can mean self-deception and heartbreak; at its best, it might teach you about heights of love you've never before known, or perhaps a lesson or two in sacred sexuality.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

The Progressed Sun squares the Ascendant

Date: June 19, 2004 Peak Date: June 17, 2005

Ever so slowly, at the pace of a glacier, life changes us. You're not the same person you were five years ago. Your interests have evolved, your tastes are more refined. And, of course, your circumstances are different. This snail-paced journey--the Evolution of the Self--is reflected in astrology's most elemental symbol: the progressed Sun. When it comes to a sensitive zone of the birthchart, momentous changes nearly always occur...but they mirror even more rudimentary transfigurations in the deepest levels of your identity.

Needless to say, we wouldn't be mentioning all this to you if the progressed Sun were passing through calm waters in your birthchart now. But it's not, and in a minute we'll look at exactly where it is and what it's doing. Before we consider the specifics, though, one more point for the sake of perspective: the progressed Sun is a very slow-moving factor. It covers approximately one degree each year. Thus, even in a long life, it swings through only about a quarter of the birthchart. It follows that often many years go by in which, despite its overwhelming importance, the progressed Sun is basically not doing very much and can safely be ignored. The other side of the coin is that when the Sun does come to sensitive territories, a person has reached one of life's definitive turning points. Decisions are made, well or poorly. Bridges are crossed, and often burned behind us. Life takes off in a new direction.

You've arrived at such a juncture; your core is being transfigured. It's stressful, of course; change always is. But your ability to hear the new message that's coming up from inside you will determine to a great extent the level of happiness, creativity, and prosperity you will experience for the rest of your life. Let's get specific. How is the progressed Sun currently impacting on you? It squares your natal Ascendant: June 17, 2005. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this aspect simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

Currently the Sun is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of the Sun is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of the Sun, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficial-ities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live

up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

Like the rest of us, you are a complicated, paradoxical individual, full of contradictions and undercurrents. That's human. But another part of being human is that, like the rest of us, you need to get out of bed in the morning and put on a streamlined, simplified social mask that allows you to function in the social beehive. There's no way that you can have a truly intimate relationship with every face you see in your daily life, nor would you likely want such connections. So we all keep much of what we really are behind our astrological Ascendant, which symbolizes that mask. Physically, it is simply the sign that was dawning in the east at the instant of your birth...and symbolically it represents how you "dawn" on people who don't know you very well. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, the Ascendant signals the need to make some adjustments in the way you present yourself in the social world, so that your outer appearance remains reasonably aligned with who you have become inwardly. The work is superficial; which is not to say unimportant. Often it has to do with changing how you hold your body, the way you speak, and the clothes you wear.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Progressed Mars squares Neptune

Date: November 6, 2004

No Peak Dates during the report period

Two cats are discussing which cat rules the world. You've seen them...they glare at each other, inches apart, switching their tails. As soon as one of them flinches, the chase is on. The other cat lunges; the flincher flees. The curious thing is that the next day they might easily reverse roles, the pursuer becoming the pursued. Those cats give us an object lesson in the ways of the planet Mars. Each of us, deep in our mammal-programming, contains a pair of primal behavioral routines: Fight and Flight. Dominance and Submission. Hunter and Prey. When the progressed Mars hits sensitive astrological territory, as it is doing for you currently, you are offered a choice: will you be courageous, or will you get hurt? It's raw and rough, and usually rather black and white.

Psychologically, the archetype that you're working with this year is that of the spiritual warrior. In that archetype, there may be violence, but no love

of violence. There is skill with the "sword," but no love for the sword. Those who respond weakly to the challenges of the progressed Mars generally experience some kind of victimization: they are exploited, or abused, or get themselves into some kind of "accident." They often become depressed. But all that is quite optional! The higher road is to claim your courage. Assertiveness is always necessary, as is boundary-setting--and boundary-defending. In some part of your life, you must learn to say "Enough!" Mars is linked to our ability to desire. When it progresses to a sensitive point, you are invited to claim what you want. But that claiming, however legitimate, calls for considerable intestinal fortitude.

Currently Mars is navigating familiar territory--your Eleventh House, which we discussed earlier. This, to refresh your memory, is the house of group dynamics, tying your personal affairs to larger developments involving organizations or coalitions--your "friends" in the widest sense. To make the right moves, you'll need to know exactly what you want. Those desires, just to help you separate the wheat from all the chaff, are now in the spirit and direction of Mars, as we described it above. Getting what you want is the difficulty, as is generally the case in life. In the present environment, to succeed you'll need to form strategic alliances, often with people of the nature of Mars. However, the core issue--the part of your life that's at stake here--is represented by Neptune, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

How is the progressed Mars currently touching you? It squares your natal Neptune: outside the report period. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

The natal Neptune--that, as we have seen, symbolizes pure consciousness. It is the mystical planet, the part of your being that receives inspiration and, depending on your metaphysical tastes, either inner guidance or divine direction.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Neptune in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Neptune, and that should help you recognize them.

When Mars colludes with Neptune, be wary of chasing mirages.

Misguided, ill-conceived, and quixotic enterprises may tempt you; avoid them! What is going on here is that a vision-forming process (Neptune) is occurring in your desire-body (Mars). Translated: a new set of wants, aims, and goals is emerging from your unconscious mind...emerging, but not yet fully crystallized. This is fundamentally an inward process; mistaking it for an outward one leads to half-baked results. So wait a while.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Progressed Mercury conjuncts the Sun

Date: November 9, 2004 Peak Date: July 30, 2005

"Living in reality" may be a noble ideal, but it's not a very realistic one. "Reality" is notoriously elusive: ask any quantum physicist. The world "out there" and the world in which we actually live--the one we construct in our heads--have only a tangential relationship. All of us, you included, peer at the universe through the heavy filters of our own personal biases, interests, and appetites. As they say in India, "When the pickpocket meets the saint, he sees pockets." Thus, we're always in an awkward position: we navigate our bodies around the real world based on a map we carry between our ears. And the two are not in perfect accord. Sometimes when we imagine ourselves to be going to Oregon and we wind up in New Jersey--translated, sometimes we blunder, sincerely imagining ourselves to be making a brilliant move. All because our map was wrong.

Clearly, one of life's primary tasks is the constant updating of our interior map. And that's Mercury-work. Mercury: the ancient "Messenger of the Gods," the planet of learning, thinking, speaking, and listening. Gradually our inner map evolves--and that evolution is measured and guided by the progressed mercury. When it comes to a sensitive zone, we are asked to change our minds...which is much easier to say than to do. Always, it involves letting go of some previously-defended position, letting in new and often unsettling information. In this Mercury-intensive period of your life, your greatest allies are curiosity, open-mindedness, and flexibility-and your worst enemy is dogmatic rigidity. Another word, by the way, for dogmatic rigidity is consistency. And that's something we often value. For now, however, think of consistency in less flattering terms; think of it as your right to be no smarter next year than you were last year.

Let's begin deciphering this configuration with the understanding that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House. That's where Mercury is currently making its influence felt, thus bringing events to bear upon you. Typically, when the "House of Long Journeys" is stimulated, life is eventful and expansive in tone. You are challenged to stretch out toward new experiential horizons through travel and educational efforts--to toss hand grenades into the well-oiled machinery of your life. Why? Because deep down inside, you are starting to get bored with yourself! The key question with which you must wrestle is this: which adventure is the right one? Astrology cannot answer precisely, but here's one helpful hint--to travel the right new road and thus refresh your spirit, you will need every ounce of the energy of Mercury that you can muster. It's that kind of adventure, that kind of stretching, that is appropriate for you now. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Sun, which is being invited into development by the invigorating, exhilarating impact of these new perceptions.

How is the progressed Mercury currently touching you? It conjuncts your natal Sun: July 30, 2005. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

The natal Sun--that, as we have seen, refers to the very core of your being: your identity.

Your Ninth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it turned on again, indicating that your natural adventuresomeness and philosophical curiosity are at the heart of the present situation. Sometimes chances must be taken and leaps of faith made. This is such a time. Learn something new. Take a vacation to somewhere you've never been. In the spirit of the Sun, blow out the cobwebs.

When the Sun interacts with Mercury, the arrival of a body of personally-relevent (Sun) information (Mercury) is safely predicted. That is to say, a message comes which is not merely interesting or even simply useful, but which is directly pertinent to the unfolding of your own story-line. Be open to it. Absorb and integrate it, and you will go forward in a new direction, informed and therefore empowered.

As we mentioned, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the conjunction, which refers to a precise alignment between the natal planet and the moving trigger. Thus, the process emphasizes fusion, integration, and synthesis. Of all the possible aspects, the conjunction is the most intense. The explosion rattles your outward circumstances; but

it originates inside you, and puts you in the driver's seat. It is appropriate for you to claim some new level of power, of self-expression, and of autonomy. If you don't, no one will do it for you; and the opportunity will evaporate.

Transiting Neptune conjuncts the Midheaven

Date: December 19, 2004 Peak Date: January 18, 2005

The planet Neptune is presently tinting and shading your biography. adding its dreamlike quality to the existential stew. Close your eyes; there's a world in there. That's Neptune, the planet of consciousness itself. Now open your eyes. There's a world out there too, and it's hard to ignore it. In fact, the outer world has become so pressing in its demands that you've partly lost contact with the inner one. But Neptune, transiting through sensitive territories for you now, is fixing that. Your inner world is so full it's brimming over, overflowing its banks into your daily life. If you resist the process, you'll find a host of Neptune problems plaguing you: losing the car keys, forgetting to pay the electric bill, having the attention span of a three-year-old on a sugar jag. But there's an alternative: trust the process. Slow down. Meditate. Let the images come. Moult opinions. Breathe in, breathe out. Why? Because your unconscious mind has a message for you. It has to do with the possibility of happiness for you over the next few years, about how old sources of joy are drying up and--critically--about new ones you must learn to recognize. How do you receive the message? You stop resisting. You simply let it in. That's Neptune in the broad sense. How is it effecting you specifically? Neptune conjuncts your natal Midheaven: January 18, 2005.

Currently Neptune is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of Neptune is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Neptune, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to the Midheaven, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief--we all play some kind of role in our community. Sometimes you're paid for it; sometimes you do it for the principle of the matter. The public "hat" you wear is symbolized by the natal midheaven. Physically, it's the highest point in your birthchart, and it

corresponds to the most outward, obvious dimensions of your life: your profession, your status, your social role. When it is stimulated by a transit or a progression, you are advised of some impending evolution or revolution in your style of hat, so to speak. Much depends on the nature of the progressed or transiting planet, but certainly some adjustments must be made in your outward life to reflect more adequately those inner developments which have already taken place.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a conjunction--the most powerful of the geometric aspects and one that suggests convergence, intensification, and often a new beginning.

Transiting Neptune aligns with the Tenth House cusp

Date: January 18, 2005

Neptune played a part earlier in this report, but it has another trick or two up its sleeve. You may remember that this planet refers to letting down barriers and allowing the creative unconscious to speak. When handled well, it triggers a "seed time" in which new inspirations arise. If handled poorly, one tends to go off half-cocked while enamored of unrealistic ideas. So sit tight, enter trance, pay attention to your dreams and, if you're so inclined, pray or meditate. Neptune currently aligns with your natal Tenth House cusp. The inner opening process peaks January 18, 2005.

Your role in the community--that's the centerpiece of the Tenth House. To the medieval astrologers this was the "House of Honor," and it helped them address your concerns about whether you were in good odor with the Duke of Nottingham. Modern astrologers prefer to think of it as the "House of Career"--which replaces the medieval anxieties with the new, improved anxieties of modern life.

Certainly, with Neptune entering this house, your vocational or professional prospects are a concern here, but more is at stake. What part are you playing in the world? What do you represent? Career is clearly a big chunk of that territory, but so is everything from your political and religious affiliations to your relationship status. In short, it's about how you look to the people who don't really know you. Under Tenth House stimulation, you are invited to improve your status by inserting into it more of the energy and attitudes associated with Neptune. Such a triggering often presages promotions, career change, new responsibilities, pay raises. But underlying those events is the critical question: just how authentic is your role in the world? How well does what you do reflect who you are?

Such questions are not purely philosophical. As you mature, your public

self needs to evolve apace, or a terrible hollowness enters your life. During such a period, you are inevitably drawn into the civic or social dimensions of your community. You find yourself in the spotlight, asked to represent the qualities of Neptune--although obviously nobody's going to phrase it quite that way. And while there's a good chance you'll get paid for it, earning money is less the issue here than defining your sense of destiny. The task is ultimately practical, although it is rooted in an essentially psychological process of self-investigation. It comes down to defining precisely what role you choose to create in the world to reflect your new maturity, then bashing through the world's resistance and getting yourself noticed, recognized, and appropriately rewarded...all for your newly-evolved skills connected with Neptune, as we described it above.

Transiting Uranus squares Jupiter

Date: January 31, 2005

Peak Date: February 18, 2005

Uranus came up earlier in this report. Now we encounter it again. As you may recall, this planet represents the "wild card" in life, and often correlates with unexpected events. Behind the roller-coaster ride, the real issue is your ability to claim your true individuality, even if that involves destabilizing certain aspects of your existing circumstances. Uranus currently squares your natal Jupiter. The action peaks February 18, 2005.

Currently Uranus is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of Uranus is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Uranus, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

The natal Jupiter--that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for positive thinking and abundance. More deeply, Jupiter is about your faith in life and in yourself.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental inter-

dependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Jupiter in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Jupiter, and that should help you recognize them.

When Jupiter interacts with Uranus, unanticipated opportunities arise. It's as though the Cosmos manifests as Santa Claus; gifts are given to you, often completely "out of the blue." Accept them. The psycho-spiritual theme here lies in loving yourself enough to embrace abundance, and many times the test comes and passes so quickly that success depends more upon reflexive self-confidence than upon any philosophical "position papers" about self-esteem.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Transiting Saturn aligns with the Third House cusp (Rx)

Date: January 31, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently aligns with your natal Third House cusp. The energies crest January 31, 2005.

Because we're watching the solar system from the moving Earth, planets sometimes seem to make odd moves, stopping, doubling back, and going forward again. When a planet is moving backwards against its normal course through the sky, astrologers say it is "retrograde," and often view its action as a little quieter or more internal during that period. This is exactly what is happening with Saturn now. Technically, it's re-entering the previous house. For our purposes, though, the critical observation is that Saturn is still focusing its energies on the highly reactive cusp of the Third, so that's where we'll concentrate our analysis.

Serendipity--that's the heart of the Third House. Bumping into the unexpected. Learning something utterly new. Traditionally seen as the "House of Communication," this phase of one's life is often characterized by an emphasis upon language. Writing, reading, teaching, learning, speaking, listening...all these are certainly Third House activities. But the essence of the house lies in the experience of surprise.

Saturn is currently entering your Third House; and under that kind of stimulation, boring routine is your worst enemy, even if those routines are laudably responsible, moral, and productive. The mind hungers for the unexpected...and often gets it. There is a tendency during such phases for the "wild card" elements of human life to occupy center stage. The unpredictable occurs; the proverbial monkey wrench is hurled into your carefully-laid plans. You are pressured to adapt, to change, to open your mind in the direction of Saturn. People of the nature of Saturn come into your circle now who are message-bearers; they offer ideas, books, excursions into exotic neighborhoods. Underlying the apparent randomness of this phase of your life is one unifying principle: slowly, methodically, your attachment to certain familiar ways of thinking is being undermined.

Ultimately, the Third House represents a time of preparation...and it feels that way, although you are not sure exactly for what you are being prepared. Trust the process; a seed grows best in broken soil.

Transiting Uranus conjuncts Mars

Date: April 14, 2005

Peak Dates: May 12, 2005; July 19, 2005

Uranus came up earlier in this report. Now we encounter it again. As you may recall, this planet represents the "wild card" in life, and often correlates with unexpected events. Behind the roller-coaster ride, the real issue is your ability to claim your true individuality, even if that involves destabilizing certain aspects of your existing circumstances. Uranus currently conjuncts your natal Mars. The action peaks May 12, 2005 and July 19, 2005.

Currently Uranus is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of Uranus is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Uranus, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Mars, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

Sheer animal vitality--that's Mars. In your natal chart, it represents your boldness and your pluckiness: what gets your blood flowing. Or boiling. All passions are linked to Mars. Anger and your ability to defend your boundaries are part of the picture. So is your inner fire--your enthusiasm,

your intensity, your sexual desire. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, Mars often signals a "go for it" situation developing in your life, but to make the best of it, you'll need to be brave and assertive. Such transits or progressions can also warn you of upcoming battles, and in general it's wiser to seize the initiative rather than surrender your power to the whimsies of circumstance.

In what way do those notions connect with your present circumstances? Understand that Mars occupies the Tenth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to issues of career, status, and your public role...concerns which are currently undergoing considerable developmental pressure and change. All positive steps in terms of profession or your place in the community hold one point in common: they move you further and further in the direction of Mars, as we just described it. Any work that will prove enduringly satisfying invokes the considerable energies of Mars in you; any work that does not embody them will turn out to be transitory or deadening.

When Mars colludes with Uranus, a kind of personal revolution is in the air. Emotionally, an atmosphere of tension and annoyance often arises. Behind the smokescreen, a ragged but positive developmental process is unfolding: over the years, you have surrendered far too much of your autonomy and individuality. That's hurt you, and you're justifiably angry about it, even though it's at least partly your own "fault." So: don't just get mad...Get free! Express yourself. Claim what is yours. And let the chips fall where they may.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a conjunction--the most powerful of the geometric aspects and one that suggests convergence, intensification, and often a new beginning.

Transiting Saturn aligns with the Third House cusp

Date: May 9, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently aligns with your natal Third House cusp. The energies crest May 9, 2005.

The Third House--as you may recall, we met it earlier in the report. It's turned on again, this time by the entry of Saturn into it. A quick refresher: as the "House of Communication" it asks you to speak out, but also to listen...and above all, to allow yourself to become aware of the unexpected. This is a house of adaptation and flexibility, and is typically

associated with busy periods in which everything happens at double speed. Basically, your environment has an important message for you, and that message is of the nature of Saturn, as we described it above.

Transiting Saturn squares Pluto

Date: July 4, 2005

Peak Date: July 12, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently squares your natal Pluto. The energies crest July 12, 2005.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Pluto, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

Everyone has fears. Everyone has shames and wounded places. In you and me and everyone else, there are marks left by the times we've been lied to, abandoned, used, or exploited. It's not the world's cheeriest subject, but turning away only empowers those Plutonian hurts, gives them more latitude to influence your life. When your natal Pluto is triggered by a passing transit or progression, dark shadows are stirred within you. It's a signal that forgotten, unprocessed, or repressed elements of your personal history are asking to be investigated. The procedure requires intensity, honesty, and emotional courage. The results are worth the effort. If you work well with these energies, you emerge stronger, clearer, and often with renewed inspiration. If you hesitate, it's not unusual for the old wounding dramas to be re-enacted in your life.

Preserving a sound alliance with Pluto plays a leading role in one key area of your life: the Fifth House, which is where Pluto lies in your birthchart. And what are the concerns here? Pleasant ones, generally: playfulness, creativity, and self-expression. Life is hard work--human beings, yourself included, require periodic doses of renewal, peak experience, and simple joy. You can meet those needs in yourself in a variety of ways, but the ones that work best and most efficiently come

from experiences connected with Pluto, as we just portrayed them. And, in your current astrological circumstances, the need for that kind of recharging is definitely up right now.

When sober-minded Saturn gets involved with dark-hearted Pluto, you'll have little patience for fluffy, frilly superficiality. This is a serious moment, something of a day of reckoning. Truths must be recognized and told. Lies must be illuminated, and demons named. You are ready. The situation is pressing. It will not go away or improve of its own accord. Take responsibility, move decisively, and do what must be done.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Transiting Saturn squares Saturn

Date: August 10, 2005 Peak Date: August 18, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently squares your natal Saturn. The energies crest August 18, 2005.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Saturn, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

Getting kicked out of the nest, one way or another, is an elemental part of life. Faced with the stark, unyielding actualities of the "real world," you either die then and there or get on with the cunning, calculating business of staying alive. To accomplish either of those ends, you activate the energies of your natal Saturn: your self-discipline, your patience, and your practicality...if you choose survival.

And if you choose to give up, you withdraw into fear and probably get into a mood of despair and defeat. When Saturn is triggered by passing

transits or progressions, it signals a time in which hard work is appropriate, necessary, and the best insurance for happiness. Often it suggests that the circumstances or even people who have been a significant part of your past must now be left behind, making way for a more mature expression of your identity.

Sustaining steady contact with the energy of Saturn, always good for you, now figures especially prominently in one critical dimension of your life: the Sixth House, which is where Saturn lies in your birthchart. What themes or issues come to the fore here? Responsibilities, duties, and the fulfillment of your commitments. But before we start sounding too much like the Boy Scout Handbook, let's remember that the pivotal issue of the Sixth House lies in recognizing the exact nature of your proper obligations, and not letting yourself be cowed into signing up for boring, self-sacrificial martyrdoms that are none of your business anyway. Clarifying the exact location of the thin line between humility and humiliation is on the front burner for you now. One rule of thumb: when your duties have the flavor of Saturn, you're on the right track.

When Saturn interacts with its own natal position, as we observe here, commitment is the highest path, and the one which brings the most joy in the long run. At some level, a vow is called for now...at least a vow to yourself. It will take effort, and the effort will be costly and exhausting. But it will be worth it. We hear so much about "being in touch with the inner child." Good advice, but not now. Saturn is about being in touch with the inner adult, which is to say, being in touch with determination, patience, and your own core moral values.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

The Progressed Midheaven squares Uranus

Date: August 25, 2005

No Peak Dates during the report period

We encountered the progressed Midheaven a while back. To refresh your memory, it triggers changes in your profession or your social status...what we might call your role in the community. Currently, your progressed Midheaven is quite active, stimulating yet another point in your birthchart.

Currently the Midheaven is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us

that something of the nature of the Midheaven is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of the Midheaven, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Uranus, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

How is the progressed Midheaven currently touching you? It squares your natal Uranus: outside the report period. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

There's a wild card in everyone, a rebellious, independent, free-spirited force that hates neckties and phony courtesies and all the slick moves that keep corporations and families from splitting apart. Astrologers call it Uranus. Stripped to its essence, this part of your astrological psyche is concerned primarily with the process of individuation, which boils down to whittling away all the parts of yourself which have arisen almost accidentally as side effects of your social background. When stimulated by transits or progressions, Uranus triggers your rebellions. It asks you to shed something unauthentic, unreal, or limiting in your life. Often it brings lightning-quick developments and unexpected circumstances. Almost always, there is a confrontation between you and some figure of authority, past or present.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Uranus in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Uranus, and that should help you recognize them.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Transiting Jupiter aligns with the Sixth House cusp

Date: October 26, 2005

The planet Jupiter is currently coloring your circumstances. Before we say exactly how, let's attempt to understand the more general significance of any Jupiter event. Essentially, this is a call to recognize an opportunity. Traditional astrologers view it more starkly--to them, it is simply the planet of luck. And that is often the case: the toast does tend to land butter-side up when Jupiter is crossing sensitive territories. But the real, evolutionary meaning lies deeper. One key is that Jupiter is future-oriented...it is concerned with bright, unexplored possibilities. Stripped to its bones, Jupiter always asks one primary question: how have you been underestimating yourself? Its transits signal a time when new opportunities come into existence, but to seize them you must recognize that you deserve them, that you are capable of rising to them, and that old deals and compromises are finished. Trust yourself, have faith in life, and go for it: that's the spirit of Jupiter. How is it affecting you? Jupiter aligns with your natal Sixth House cusp: October 26, 2005.

A long talk with yourself--that's the spirit of the Sixth House. In the past, it bore the name "House of Servants" and was used to predict an increase in your burden of responsibilities. That prophecy is still usually accurate, but far more is at stake here than simply making lists and checking them twice. In esoteric astrology, the Sixth House is associated with disciple-ship--meeting your "guru."

For most of us, that's a rather exotic notion; but if we consider it carefully, it's an illuminating one. The guru's task in part is to convince us that we need a guru! When the Sixth House is stimulated, as it is now with the entry of Jupiter into it, something similar happens to everybody...except that the facts of your life are themselves the guru, and their message to you is a confrontational one. The facts of your life seem to be saying, "Look at the mess you've made. Look how out of control things are. Look how tired you are and how little you have to show for it." The aim is not to crush your pride and confidence, although they'll be dented. Think of it instead as a kind of mid-course correction. You're strong enough to handle it.

Of course, there are areas in your life in which you've been lazy and complacent, areas in which you've happily lied to yourself, places where you've made bargains with the devil, so to speak--that's just another way of saying that you're human. But what occurs under Sixth House stimulation is that you take a long, cold, sober look at that unsavory list, then you roll up your sleeves and begin to improve yourself. It signals hard work, a spirit of humility, and a time of profound healing. Where must these

assessments and improvements be made? They're connected with your response to Jupiter, as we considered it above.

The Progressed Sun trines Saturn

Date: November 17, 2005

No Peak Dates during the report period

We met the progressed Sun earlier. As you may recall, this is the most basic symbol in astrology. It represents your evolving self...that deep, changing core of self-imagery, values, and needs that underlies all the decisions you make and most of the experiences you have. The progressed Sun has already figured in this report, but it's active in another way as well--and having the all-important progressed Sun figure more than once during a single year immediately suggests that you've reached a major milestone in your life. It trines your natal Saturn: outside the report period; at least, that's when the action peaks, although the progression will be in effect throughout the time period we're discussing in these pages.

Currently the Sun is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of the Sun is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of the Sun, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Saturn, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

The natal Saturn--that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for self-discipline and patience. Generally, it marks an area where you will be challenged to achieve excellence...or tempted to give up and sink into sorrow and self-pity.

Your Sixth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent desire to be helpful and competent, and you express it best when you find ways to give people around you "gifts" of the nature of Saturn, as we just described it. That part of your nature is currently in the spotlight, so offer yourself and your gifts to those who need them. You'll grow wiser, and they'll be happier.

When the Sun interacts with Saturn, a season of limits and definitions is

upon you. Neither concept may be attractive initially, but both are inseparable from a far deeper idea: maturation. The road before you grows narrower here, and for the same reason that youth is less constrained than midlife: as time passes, wide-open possibilities must be turned into concrete actualities. Don't fear commitments now; this is their season.

As we said, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the trine, which refers to a 120 degree angle between the natal planet and the moving one. Trines are traditionally viewed as positive aspects, and in fact they generally do correlate with opportunities. Additionally, their existence implies that support is available to you, if you are willing to move to claim it. And therein lies the rub with the so-called "good" aspects. They're not very dynamic. Just as pain is a more powerful motivator than contentment, the trick with trines lies in taking advantage of them before the wheel turns and their potential vanishes. With regard to the developments we described in the previous few paragraphs: a door is now open, a red carpet rolled out...but don't count on everything remaining that way forever.

THE MEANS

If you happen to have a cold on the day you win the lottery, will that taint your memory of the big event? Probably not. Ten years later, you will have forgotten your runny nose. Ten minutes later, more likely. Life and memory work that way. We prioritize certain kinds of events, experiencing them more vividly and remembering them far longer than the trivial and the predictable. The details of a typical Monday morning aren't going to last as long in the memory banks as images of your moment of glory or your darkest hour.

In exactly the same way, not all astrological events have the same impact. What we have considered so far are all first-string milestones in your life. The rest of what we'll be considering is less central--but that's not to say unimportant. What follows is a set of supplementary transits and progressions, presented chronologically. They're not quite as profound in their implications as what we've seen, but they're not without emotional and existential consequences. If what we have explored in the previous pages can be viewed as an evolutionary invitation, then, to that lofty end, what follows is....

"The Means"

As you'll see, each of these events stands as significant in its own right. But their deepest meanings lie in the way they interact with what we've considered in the pages above, enhancing and sometimes complicating the broader developmental patterns.

Cards on the table: you can skim the next several pages and, I think, learn some things about the coming months that will prove prophetic...and more importantly, helpful. But the real magic lies in putting all the pieces together, synthesizing them in your heart into an emotional whole--just like you've done with, say, memories of a special summer long ago. No computer can do that for you.

Your own creativity, your own reflections on the material we're covering, your own translations, additions, corrections, amendments, and meditations--these are what make the difference.

Let's continue.

Transiting Uranus trines Saturn

Date: December 13, 2004 Peak Date: January 9, 2005

Uranus came up earlier in this report. Now we encounter it again. As you may recall, this planet represents the "wild card" in life, and often correlates with unexpected events. Behind the roller-coaster ride, the real issue is your ability to claim your true individuality, even if that involves destabilizing certain aspects of your existing circumstances. Uranus currently trines your natal Saturn. The action peaks January 9, 2005.

Currently Uranus is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of Uranus is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Uranus, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Saturn, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

The natal Saturn--that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for self-discipline and patience. Generally, it marks an area where you will be challenged to achieve excellence...or tempted to give up and sink into sorrow and self-pity.

Your Sixth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent desire to be helpful and competent, and you express it best when you find ways to give people around you "gifts" of the nature of Saturn, as we just described it. That part of your nature is currently in the spotlight, so offer yourself and your gifts to those who need them. You'll grow wiser, and they'll be happier.

When Saturn interacts with Uranus, avalanche is the ruling metaphor. "Stuck" situations can only stay stuck for so long; sooner or later, when enough water builds up behind the logjam, something's got to give. Expect explosive developments, and prepare for them in two ways. The first: through dispassionate analysis you can anticipate eventualities and have some tactics for damage-control in place. The second: through imaginative forethought you can recognize some exciting emerging possibilities and be ready to seize them.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Jupiter squares Mercury

Date: December 20, 2004

Peak Dates: March 8, 2005; August 24, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently squares your natal Mercury. The action peaks March 8, 2005 and August 24, 2005.

First, factor in that the action and the developmental invitation are unfolding in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is now passing. Immediately, the focus on Fifth House energies suggests that you are currently entering an existential territory that requires creativity, unabashed self-expression, and experimental audacity. Your "inner child" is a little cranky now, demanding some fun and some self-indulgence, all of which is entirely necessary and appropriate to your journey at the present time. Thus, life's pleasuresgames, vacations, sports, loving interactions--deserve attention now. Whether you know it or not, you need a boost...and you'll get it in part from the "playmates" and "new toys" of the nature of Jupiter that are now passingly, fleetingly available to you. Don't let them get away! But what's the core issue? What part of your own health hinges on this renewal? To answer that, we turn our attention to Mercury, which is being invited into development by this period of playful, celebratory creativity.

Your quickness, your alertness, your curiosity--those are the dimensions of your life dominated by the planet Mercury. To say that Mercury represents your intelligence is quite accurate, but it's more connected to the natural style of your intelligence: not so much how smart you are as what interests you, and how your intelligence can be employed most pleasurably and efficiently. Intimately linked to such cerebral concerns is the question of your ability to communicate, since ideally there is some relationship between speech and forethought. Thus Mercury, the traditional Messenger of the Gods, is associated with both thought and conversation. When stimulated by a passing transit or progression, Mercury tends to speed up the flow of data in your life. You learn. You listen. You speak. Often events move at a hasty pace, and there's a feeling of excitement mixed with over-extension.

Bolstering the energies of Mercury, never a bad idea, is particularly

essential now, for Mercury lies in your Eighth House, the traditional "House of Death." Mortality itself is usually not the issue; more accurately, the question here lies with all the fears with which you live and all the hurts and distortions the past has visited upon you. All of us sit on emotional volcanos. You, too. Now the time has come to look more closely at some uncomfortable memories...perhaps to share them with someone you trust implicitly. Take the spirit and attitude of Mercury, as we just described it. That mood will carry you most deeply and efficiently into the unsettling material at hand.

When Mercury hobnobs with Jupiter, an attitude of expansiveness (Jupiter) pervades the mind (Mercury). You are challenged now, like an optimistic Sherlock Holmes, to be alert to possibilities. Think inventively, think positively, and think big: that's the spirit. In some way, you have been underestimating your intelligence, verbal skills, or general competence. Recognize that, and change it.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

The Progressed Moon trines the Midheaven

Date: December 24, 2004 Peak Date: January 19, 2005

You don't need to be an astrologer to know what the Moon means. Just engage your imagination. Immediately, the mind free-associates. Moon: night...feelings...falling in love...seeing a ghost... And that's pretty much what astrologers throughout history have said: the Moon represents your interior life, your "heart." Like all astrological factors, the Moon progresses, taking a little over a quarter of a century to make one circuit around the chart. It typically spends a couple of years in each sign or house, and eventually forms aspects with all the planets. How do we read it? Simple: at any given moment the progressed Moon tells us where your heart is. Or, to be a little less schmaltzy about it, the Moon says where your attention is. What is concerning you. Where your growth experiences are unfolding--which is often to say where you're experiencing challenges, upsets, or opportunities to regroup and express yourself in new ways. Being an emotional factor, the progressed Moon always refers to areas of heightened sensitivity. Intuition comes to the forefront. Instincts must be followed. Somehow the unconscious mind has gotten ahead of conscious awareness, and now conscious awareness is catching up, following the trail of intuitive clues and impulses laid down by the wise, dark interior of your spirit.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where the Moon is currently located in your chart. And what does that tell you? That the circumstances driving your development, at least in terms of this particular configuration, have to do with the choices you make and how you present yourself. Be assertive; take responsibility. You have considerable power in this situation. To use it well, act in the spirit of the Moon, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that question, we turn our attention to the Midheaven, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It trines your natal Midheaven: January 19, 2005. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

The natal Midheaven--that, as we have seen, represents the role you play in your community. It is connected primarily to two territories: your work and your reputation.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Jupiter trines the Midheaven

Date: March 22, 2005

Peak Dates: March 30, 2005; August 8, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently trines your natal Midheaven. The action peaks March 30, 2005 and August 8, 2005.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures--sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions--need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with the Midheaven, which is being invited into development during this playful

time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Midheaven--that, as we have seen, represents the role you play in your community. It is connected primarily to two territories: your work and your reputation.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Jupiter trines the Sun

Date: April 26, 2005

Peak Dates: May 6, 2005; July 5, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently trines your natal Sun. The action peaks May 6, 2005 and July 5, 2005.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures--sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions--need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with the Sun, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Sun--that, as we have seen, refers to the very core of your being: your identity.

Your Ninth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it turned on again, indicating that your natural adventuresomeness and philosophical curiosity are at the heart of the present situation. Sometimes chances must be taken and leaps of faith made. This is such a time. Learn something new. Take a vacation to somewhere you've never been. In the spirit of the Sun, blow out the cobwebs.

When the Sun interacts with Jupiter, claim some applause for yourself. Healthy pride and dignity are at stake here, and they're hard to sustain without receiving some appreciation. It may just come to you; but if not,

then don't be shy about asking for it...and one of the best ways to do that is to insist upon a victory, the more colorful the better. The good news is that under this kind of astrological configuration, such a victory is in fact quite available to you now.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Jupiter sextiles Uranus

Date: May 20, 2005

No Peak Dates during the report period

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently sextiles your natal Uranus. The action peaks outside the report period.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures--sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions--need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Uranus, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Uranus--that, as we have seen, represents your natural, uncensored individuality and your ability to claim and defend it.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Uranus in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Uranus, and that should help you recognize them.

When Jupiter interacts with Uranus, unanticipated opportunities arise. It's as though the Cosmos manifests as Santa Claus; gifts are given to you,

often completely "out of the blue." Accept them. The psycho-spiritual theme here lies in loving yourself enough to embrace abundance, and many times the test comes and passes so quickly that success depends more upon reflexive self-confidence than upon any philosophical "position papers" about self-esteem.

The aspect pervading the event we've just considered is, as we observed, a sextile. Technically, that refers to a geometric angle of 60 degrees between the natal planet and the moving one. Sextiles are traditionally viewed as "good" aspects. Certainly, they're exciting. There is a mood of eagerness regarding the process we're exploring here--and that's glorious, provided you're wary of the excessive impulsiveness that sextiles sometimes breed. In any case, the spinning wheel of circumstances can be counted on to provide some fortuitous, unexpected opportunities for you during this period. You'll have to be quick to seize them, though. They're real, but they're short-lived.

Transiting Saturn sextiles the Ascendant

Date: July 30, 2005

Peak Date: August 7, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently sextiles your natal Ascendant. The energies crest August 7, 2005.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with the Ascendant, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

The natal Ascendant--that, as we have seen, represents your style, how you go about translating your inner worlds into the two-dimensional framework of daily social interactions.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a sextile--traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Transiting Saturn trines Jupiter

Date: August 27, 2005

Peak Date: September 5, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently trines your natal Jupiter. The energies crest September 5, 2005.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

The natal Jupiter--that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for positive thinking and abundance. More deeply, Jupiter is about your faith in life and in yourself.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Jupiter in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Jupiter, and that should help you recognize them.

When Jupiter interacts with Saturn, you experience an odd confluence of providential fortune (Jupiter) and daunting impediments (Saturn). Essentially, something very good is available to you now, but to attain it you must undertake a herculean effort. More profoundly, that effort itself will crystallize a very specific transformation in you: it will grant you the dignity of your advancing maturity.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Saturn trines Uranus

Date: September 14, 2005 Peak Date: September 24, 2005

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently trines your natal Uranus. The energies crest September 24, 2005.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Uranus, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

The natal Uranus--that, as we have seen, represents your natural, uncensored individuality and your ability to claim and defend it.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Uranus in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Uranus, and that should help you recognize them.

When Saturn interacts with Uranus, avalanche is the ruling metaphor. "Stuck" situations can only stay stuck for so long; sooner or later, when enough water builds up behind the logjam, something's got to give. Expect explosive developments, and prepare for them in two ways. The first: through dispassionate analysis you can anticipate eventualities and have some tactics for damage-control in place. The second: through imaginative forethought you can recognize some exciting emerging possibilities and be ready to seize them.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Jupiter sextiles Neptune

Date: October 13, 2005 Peak Date: October 17, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently sextiles your natal Neptune. The action peaks October 17, 2005.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures--sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions--need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Neptune, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Neptune--that, as we have seen, symbolizes pure consciousness. It is the mystical planet, the part of your being that receives inspiration and, depending on your metaphysical tastes, either inner guidance or divine direction.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Neptune in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Neptune, and that should help you recognize them.

When Jupiter consorts with Neptune, there's a cliche that should never be too far from your mind: all that glitters is not gold. Don't be tempted by "extraordinary possibilities" now, at least not without a careful look at the fine print, a consultation with a sober friend, and a painstaking effort to consider worst-case scenarios. What is really going on here is that a bright new vision is slowly forming inside you. It's real--or more accurately, it's going to be real. Don't mistake its glowing emotional aura for something that is actually, physically, available in the present context.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a sextile--traditionally

seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fastpaced events and emotional stimulation.

Transiting Jupiter conjuncts Pluto

Date: October 19, 2005 Peak Date: October 23, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently conjuncts your natal Pluto. The action peaks October 23, 2005.

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures--sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions--need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Pluto, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Pluto--that, as we have seen, symbolizes your own native capacity to probe into yourself and heal yourself. It always deals with the hurts associated with the humiliations and defeats that life has offered us, and the process of going beyond them.

Your Fifth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent capacity for playful, recreational, or creative self-renewal, and it operates best when those self-renewing activities emphasize the spirit of Pluto, as we just described it. That part of your psyche is under some pressure now. Take advantage of the energy and enjoy yourself!

When Jupiter gets hooked up with Pluto, think big and claim a victory. One is available, if you move decisively and know exactly what you really want. And therein lies the rub. All of us experience humiliating losses, insults, and defeats in the course of life. As you adapt to living with them, an attitude of disempowerment or futility can creep in. Conquering that mind-set is the real aim here. The truth is that psychologically you need a triumph now--and synchronistically, the universe is ready to cooperate.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a conjunction--the most

powerful of the geometric aspects and one that suggests convergence, intensification, and often a new beginning.

Transiting Jupiter trines Venus

Date: October 26, 2005 Peak Date: October 31, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently trines your natal Venus. The action peaks October 31, 2005.

Our first step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Jupiter is now passing. This tells us that duties and responsibilities are currently being emphasized in your life, and that their mood is the same as that of Jupiter, which we just described. The effect of these external, often somewhat self-sacrificial requirements is to pull your attention away from yourself and place it on the needs of others. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is being stimulated into development by these services you're offering others? To answer that, we turn our attention to Venus, which is being triggered by this period of hard work, giving, and supporting.

Venus is the goddess of love, of peace, and of the arts. In each domain, balance is the ideal. Deep in your psyche, there is a place that seeks the comfort of balance and equilibrium, whether through shared fondness with another human being, an hour's peace in the garden, or the rapture that sometimes arises as we immerse our hearts and minds in something beautiful. That inner circuit is your natal Venus. When it is stimulated, we often see experiences arising which prophesy a change in your relationships, in what gives you serenity, or in your aesthetic experiences.

Your Tenth House came up earlier; now we see it in the spotlight again, once more informing us that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all revolve around your role in the world--your profession or job, your political (or metapolitical!) activities...in general, the image that strangers have of you. And what do right choices look like here? A large part of the answer lies with Venus, a planet we described above, whose basic nature and values underlie what we might call your "Cosmic Job Description."

When Venusian energies splice together with Jupiterian ones, opportunity (Jupiter) comes to you through other people (Venus). Sometimes what we might call "dumb luck" makes itself felt, but it doesn't hurt to help it

along by understanding the planetary "rules of the game." Basically, they boil down to this: you've got to ask for what you want, you've got to know that you deserve it, and you've got to look that way...which is to say, there's no room for being apologetic, ashamed, or defensive.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Transiting Jupiter conjuncts Saturn

Date: November 10, 2005 Peak Date: November 14, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently conjuncts your natal Saturn. The action peaks November 14, 2005.

Our initial step is to realize that the motion and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House. We've met that house before, and it figures in our analysis again, for that is the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Obligations and responsibilities are emphasized now in your life, and the mood they create is the same as that of Jupiter, which we just described. But what are the core questions? What part of you is being called into the service of others? The answer lies with Saturn, which is being triggered during this season of giving, of supporting others, and of plain hard work.

The natal Saturn--that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for self-discipline and patience. Generally, it marks an area where you will be challenged to achieve excellence...or tempted to give up and sink into sorrow and self-pity.

Your Sixth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent desire to be helpful and competent, and you express it best when you find ways to give people around you "gifts" of the nature of Saturn, as we just described it. That part of your nature is currently in the spotlight, so offer yourself and your gifts to those who need them. You'll grow wiser, and they'll be happier.

When Jupiter interacts with Saturn, you experience an odd confluence of providential fortune (Jupiter) and daunting impediments (Saturn). Essentially, something very good is available to you now, but to attain it

you must undertake a herculean effort. More profoundly, that effort itself will crystallize a very specific transformation in you: it will grant you the dignity of your advancing maturity.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a conjunction--the most powerful of the geometric aspects and one that suggests convergence, intensification, and often a new beginning.

Transiting Jupiter sextiles the Moon

Date: November 14, 2005

Peak Date: November 18, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently sextiles your natal Moon. The action peaks November 18, 2005.

Our initial step is to realize that the motion and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House. We've met that house before, and it figures in our analysis again, for that is the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Obligations and responsibilities are emphasized now in your life, and the mood they create is the same as that of Jupiter, which we just described. But what are the core questions? What part of you is being called into the service of others? The answer lies with the Moon, which is being triggered during this season of giving, of supporting others, and of plain hard work.

The natal Moon--that, as we have seen, represents your inner life, your emotions, moods, and attitudes.

Your Fourth House figured previously in this report. Now we see it triggered again--a clue that in your present circumstances, one of the most active factors is the need for a radical clarification, in your own mind, of your personal needs and wishes. There is something inside you, something of the nature of the Moon, to which you must be true if you are to be happy. And it is now under accelerating developmental pressure. Some of this process may even involve some re-definition of your role in your family, broadly defined.

When the Moon interacts with Jupiter, the mood of life generally turns jovial and optimistic. There is an attitude of hopefulness and an alertness to possibility. It is a season of enhanced imagination, especially about your own potential future. In general, the best policy is to be bold in your dreaming, but cautious about signing on the dotted line. What you envision creatively now is probably quite sound, but it will want some editing

in the cold light of dawn.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a sextile--traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Transiting Jupiter squares the Sun

Date: December 9, 2005

Peak Date: December 14, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently squares your natal Sun. The action peaks December 14, 2005.

Our initial step is to realize that the motion and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House. We've met that house before, and it figures in our analysis again, for that is the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Obligations and responsibilities are emphasized now in your life, and the mood they create is the same as that of Jupiter, which we just described. But what are the core questions? What part of you is being called into the service of others? The answer lies with the Sun, which is being triggered during this season of giving, of supporting others, and of plain hard work.

The natal Sun--that, as we have seen, refers to the very core of your being: your identity.

Your Ninth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it turned on again, indicating that your natural adventuresomeness and philosophical curiosity are at the heart of the present situation. Sometimes chances must be taken and leaps of faith made. This is such a time. Learn something new. Take a vacation to somewhere you've never been. In the spirit of the Sun, blow out the cobwebs.

When the Sun interacts with Jupiter, claim some applause for yourself. Healthy pride and dignity are at stake here, and they're hard to sustain without receiving some appreciation. It may just come to you; but if not, then don't be shy about asking for it...and one of the best ways to do that is to insist upon a victory, the more colorful the better. The good news is that under this kind of astrological configuration, such a victory is in fact quite available to you now.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square--traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional.

Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Transiting Jupiter trines Mars

Date: December 9, 2005

Peak Date: December 14, 2005

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently trines your natal Mars. The action peaks December 14, 2005.

Our initial step is to realize that the motion and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House. We've met that house before, and it figures in our analysis again, for that is the house through which Jupiter is currently passing. Obligations and responsibilities are emphasized now in your life, and the mood they create is the same as that of Jupiter, which we just described. But what are the core questions? What part of you is being called into the service of others? The answer lies with Mars, which is being triggered during this season of giving, of supporting others, and of plain hard work.

The natal Mars--that, as we have seen, indicates your courage, or at least an area of your life where you'll need it!

Your Tenth House came up earlier; now we see it in the spotlight again, once more informing us that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all revolve around your role in the world--your profession or job, your political (or metapolitical!) activities...in general, the image that strangers have of you. And what do right choices look like here? A large part of the answer lies with Mars, a planet we described above, whose basic nature and values underlie what we might call your "Cosmic Job Description."

When Jupiter energies interact with Mars energies, opportunity coincides with the need for assertiveness. There is something here for you to claim; but to succeed, you'll have to be brave. A "paper tiger" figures somehow in the situation: something that's not nearly as scary as it may initially appear.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a trine--traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

The Progressed Moon opposes Neptune

Date: December 17, 2005

No Peak Dates during the report period

The progressed Moon figures in our thinking again. As you may recall, the Moon shows what you are feeling. It gives us insight into your mood, concerns, and general attitude...into "where your heart is," in other words.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where the Moon is currently located in your chart. We've met this house before. As you may remember, it has to do with the assertive choices you make and the confidence with which you present yourself. Something is now occurring in which your own action--or inaction--is the pivotal variable. But what's the point? What are the real questions? The answer lies with Neptune, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It opposes your natal Neptune: outside the report period. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

The natal Neptune--that, as we have seen, symbolizes pure consciousness. It is the mystical planet, the part of your being that receives inspiration and, depending on your metaphysical tastes, either inner guidance or divine direction.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental interdependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Neptune in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Neptune, and that should help you recognize them.

When the Moon blurs into Neptune, a season of strong dreams is upon you. Creativity and inspiration are at a peak. Cultivate them by giving yourself quiet, meditative time. In narrowly practical terms, your efficiency is down now. You are probably experiencing some forgetfulness. Don't worry, it will pass--but so will the positive potential of this period. Grab it before it goes! Rarely will your visionary imagination be so fertile. Dream, and make note of your dreams. Soon enough a time will come to act on them.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by an opposition, which suggests some kind of tension or tug-of-war between them. You are asked to adjust your position, to adapt to the demands of the world around you, and to find a middle-ground between the various opposing needs and values.

THE DETAILS

In the mood for Mardi Gras? If you live in Chicago, it helps to know that New Orleans lies to the south. Head west or east and you'll never arrive . . .

What we've done in the previous pages is to show you the direction to New Orleans. We've looked at the big astrological themes that are affecting you this year . . .

As a reminder, at the beginning of our analysis of each month's events we'll make reference to any major configurations covered previously which happen to be reaching peaks of intensity then--and please recall that some of them will have more than a single peak during the report period. There won't be any more analysis; just an allusion to the events so you can go back and review the earlier material, and see the patterns of the month in the light of the year's heavier transits and progressions.

Please remember that the fleeting, often forgettable influences we discuss in the following pages must always draw their real meaning from the far more monumental events we've already described. A "discussion with the boss," for example, is going to take on particular significance during a month when your whole career is up for grabs! These minor transits unfold quickly. It's a rare week that doesn't contain at least a few. A report that discussed them all in the kind of microscopic detail we've applied to the major events would be several inches thick. In order to cover the daily astrological kaleidoscope within the practical limitations of the space available, we've resorted to producing capsulized onesentence nuggets that compress a lot of information into a few words. So, slow down, shift gears, and let them wash over you. Think of these images more as daily meditations than as the kind of full-blown explanations to which you've gotten accustomed in the previous sections of SKYLOG.

One brief reminder: remember that many astrological events have not one but several peaks of intensity, so you may find a given "Invitation" or "Means" coming up several times in the pages that follow. Even minor astrological events commonly have an impact over several days. In the following month-by-month analysis, configurations are listed chronologically according to the days they "peak"--but don't take that date narrowly. The most colorful events and profoundest realizations might easily occur a day or two later or earlier.

January, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Jan 18 - Transiting Neptune conjuncts the Midheaven

Jan 18 - Transiting Neptune aligns with the Tenth House cusp

Jan 27 - Transiting Uranus opposes the Moon

Jan 31 - Transiting Saturn aligns with the Third House cusp (Rx)

MEANS PEAKS

Jan 9 - Transiting Uranus trines Saturn
Jan 19 - The Progressed Moon trines the Midheaven

DETAILS

Jan 1 - Transiting Mars squares the Moon

Empathetic swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive emotional awareness.

Jan 3 - Transiting Mars conjuncts Jupiter

Caring courage fuses with your natural empathetic opportunity.

Jan 6 - Transiting Mars conjuncts Uranus

Caring swordsmanship combines with your characteristic interpersonally sensitive originality.

Jan 7 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Mercury

Psychologically deep personality combines with your characteristic spooky dialog.

Jan 8 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Neptune

Interpersonally sensitive communication combines with your characteristic collaborative imagination.

Jan 8 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Neptune

Collaborative human connection combines with your characteristic caring inspiration.

Jan 9 - Transiting Mars sextiles the Sun

Empathetic assertiveness stimulates your normal adventuresome personality.

Jan 9 - Transiting Mars squares Mars

Empathetic assertiveness conflicts with your instinctive vocational swordsmanship.

Jan 9 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Pluto

Emotionally brave communication stimulates your normal imaginative intensity.

Jan 9 - Transiting Venus sextiles Pluto

Passionate relating excites your native self-expressive investigation.

Jan 10 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Venus

Emotionally brave communication stimulates your normal vocational relating.

Jan 10 - Transiting Venus sextiles Venus

Psychologically deep affection stimulates your normal work-oriented human connection.

Jan 12 - Transiting Venus sextiles Saturn

Psychologically deep affection stimulates your normal painstaking composure.

Jan 13 - Transiting Mercury trines the Moon

Spooky communication enhances your usual self-protective sensitivity.

Jan 13 - Transiting Venus trines the Moon

Spooky human connection enhances your usual sensitive awareness.

Jan 13 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Saturn

Spooky conversation excites your native painstaking integrity.

Jan 17 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Mars

Passionate communication excites your native professional assertiveness.

Jan 17 - Transiting Venus sextiles Mars

Passionate affection excites your native career swordsmanship.

Jan 17 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

The Moon in a month passes through all twelve houses of your chart. In so doing, it correlates with the passing whimsies of mood. One afternoon you're bright and cheery, the following morning you're blue...but energetic again after lunch. It doesn't amount to much, and it's not really very important in practical terms--with one exception: the passage of the Moon

through the Twelfth House. During that time you are going through a kind of emotional moulting, ending one cycle and preparing to begin another. Your attentions and energies are turned inward. Accept that, handle it well, and the period--usually a couple of days--is quiet and contemplative. It may even be rather pleasant. But if you try to keep up your normal level of activity, you'll find yourself confused, flat, and prone to dumb accidents. So when the Moon enters your Twelfth House, make sure that you have some unstructured time. Minimize distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House January 17, 2005 at 8:09 am, and emerges January 20, 2005 at 12:07 am, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Jan 19 - The Transiting Sun squares Pluto Expansive nature clashes with your instinctive child-like investigation.

Jan 21 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Mercury Psychologically deep communication combines with your characteristic penetratingly real conversation.

Jan 23 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Mercury Passionate relating combines with your characteristic penetratingly real dialog.

Jan 24 - The Transiting Sun squares Saturn Intellectually hungry identity conflicts with your instinctive supportive solitude.

Jan 26 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Jupiter Routine-shattering identity excites your native collaborative exuberance.

Jan 27 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Uranus Intellectually hungry nature excites your native cooperative autonomy.

Jan 29 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts the Sun Adventuresome nature fuses with your natural exploratory identity.

Jan 29 - Transiting Mercury squares Pluto Expansive communication conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous investigation.

February, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Feb 18 - Transiting Uranus squares Jupiter

MEANS PEAKS

(None this month)

DETAILS

Feb 1 - Transiting Mercury squares Saturn Routine-shattering conversation conflicts with your instinctive competent solitude.

- Feb 1 Transiting Jupiter turns Retrograde
- Feb 2 Transiting Mercury sextiles Jupiter Intellectually hungry communication excites your native caring gambling.
- Feb 2 Transiting Venus squares Pluto Intellectually hungry affection conflicts with your instinctive playful investigation.

Feb 3 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts the Midheaven

The transiting Sun is like a huge, dumb battery. Whatever it touches, it electrifies--but never for very long or very deeply. That's simply because it's a fast-moving factor, never staying anywhere long enough to develop true depth or complexity of meaning. In a year, it circuits the chart once...which leaves it only a few days to spend in each of your chart's many sensitive zones. Whatever it touches, however, is temporarily pushed into action. And sometimes, if more serious astro-psychological energies have been building or brewing in that area of your life, the Sun's transit over that point might just be the trigger that sets big wheels turning. The critical point is that the Sun represents your ego, and when it collides with sensitive territories you need to act accordingly: not "egocentrically," but with an awareness of your rights, your needs, and your desires.

The Sun arrives at a conjunction with your Midheaven February 3, 2005, and that always suggests a time of public visibility or career-related activity. The Midheaven is the top of the chart and corresponds to the most outward, visible parts of your life. It's an active point, generally not very

subtle. To make the most of it, pretend that "all the world's a stage" and that the part you're playing is that of the Sun, as we just described it. Don't be shy. Ham it up a little, and make sure the people dozing in the back row don't miss any nuances.

Feb 4 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Uranus

Expansive conversation excites your native interpersonally sensitive individuality.

Feb 4 - Transiting Mars conjuncts Neptune

Collaborative courage combines with your characteristic interpersonally sensitive inspiration.

Feb 5 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts the Sun

Exploratory conversation combines with your characteristic intellectually hungry nature.

Feb 5 - Transiting Venus squares Saturn

Questing affection clashes with your instinctive dutiful integrity.

Feb 5 - Transiting Mars sextiles Pluto

Probing courage excites your native spontaneous investigation.

Feb 7 - Transiting Venus sextiles Jupiter

Routine-shattering affection stimulates your normal interpersonally sensitive gambling.

Feb 7 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts the Midheaven

The mythological Mercury is the "Messenger of the Gods." The same is true of the transiting Mercury, which speeds around your chart, prompting conversations, dialogs, and sermons, both outgoing and incoming. It triggers the arrival of letters, faxes, and phone calls, and provokes the weaving of new data into your viewpoint. When it arrives at a sensitive point, your task is to listen, to ask questions, and to share intelligence.

Mercury arrives at a conjunction with your Midheaven February 7, 2005, and that always suggests a time of public visibility or career-related activity. The Midheaven is the top of the chart and corresponds to the most outward, visible parts of your life. It's an active point, generally not very subtle. To make the most of it, pretend that "all the world's a stage" and that the part you're playing is that of Mercury, as we just described it. Don't be shy. Ham it up a little, and make sure the people dozing in the back row don't miss any nuances.

Feb 8 - Transiting Mars sextiles Venus

Emotionally brave assertiveness excites your native on-the-job relating.

Feb 9 - Transiting Venus sextiles Uranus

Exploratory relating stimulates your normal interpersonally sensitive individuality.

Feb 10 - Transiting Venus conjuncts the Sun

Exploratory relating combines with your characteristic routine-shattering identity.

Feb 12 - Transiting Mars sextiles Saturn

Psychologically deep assertiveness stimulates your normal dutiful solitude.

Feb 13 - Transiting Mars trines the Moon

Spooky courage supports your typical psychologically sophisticated awareness.

Feb 13 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again February 13, 2005 at 4:21 pm. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins February 16, 2005 at 6:56 am. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Feb 14 - Transiting Venus conjuncts the Midheaven

Venus: Goddess of Love, Goddess of Peace...in her fast transits around your chart, she offers you counsel and support, sometimes through friendship, sometimes through more romantic kinds of intimacy. Her arrival at a sensitive zone also suggests that a time has come to relax and to receive solace or comfort, or to recharge your inner batteries through the perception of beauty. People come warmly into your space; a chance to "let your hair down" arises; paintings, music, and Technicolor sunsets abound.

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Midheaven February 14, 2005, and that always suggests a time of public visibility or career-related activity. The Midheaven is the top of the chart and corresponds to the most outward, visible parts of your life. It's an active point, generally not very subtle. To make the most of it, pretend that "all the world's a stage" and that the part you're playing is that of Venus, as we just described it. Don't be shy. Ham it up a little, and make sure the people dozing in the back

row don't miss any nuances.

Feb 15 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Neptune

Vocational dialog excites your native loving contemplation.

Feb 16 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Neptune

Professional personality stimulates your normal caring inspiration.

Feb 16 - Transiting Mercury trines Pluto

Work-oriented conversation supports your typical playful investigation.

Feb 17 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Venus

Employment-oriented dialog fuses with your natural career human connection.

Feb 17 - The Transiting Sun trines Pluto

Vocational personality enhances your usual child-like honesty.

Feb 18 - Transiting Mercury trines Saturn

Vocational communication enhances your usual helpful composure.

Feb 19 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Moon

Work-oriented communication is in tension with your inherent cautious attitude.

Feb 19 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Venus

Vocational nature combines with your characteristic work-oriented relating.

Feb 20 - Transiting Mercury squares Jupiter

Vocational communication conflicts with your instinctive collaborative opportunity.

Feb 21 - Transiting Mars sextiles Mars

Emotionally brave swordsmanship stimulates your normal professional assertiveness.

Feb 21 - Transiting Mercury squares Uranus

Work-oriented communication conflicts with your instinctive collaborative autonomy.

Feb 22 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Mars

Vocational dialog fuses with your natural professional swordsmanship.

Feb 22 - The Transiting Sun trines Saturn

Work-oriented nature supports your typical competent composure.

Feb 23 - The Transiting Sun opposes the Moon

Vocational nature opposes your inborn cautious sensitivity.

Feb 24 - The Transiting Sun squares Jupiter

Vocational identity clashes with your instinctive caring opportunity.

Feb 25 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Mercury

Vocational conversation stimulates your normal psychologically deep communication.

Feb 25 - Transiting Venus sextiles Neptune

Professional relating stimulates your normal caring imagination.

Feb 26 - The Transiting Sun squares Uranus

Work-oriented personality clashes with your instinctive empathetic originality.

Feb 26 - Transiting Venus trines Pluto

Vocational affection enhances your usual playful honesty.

Feb 27 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Venus

Professional human connection fuses with your natural career affection.

Feb 28 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Mars

On-the-job nature fuses with your natural vocational assertiveness.

March, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Mar 24 - Transiting Uranus squares Uranus

MEANS PEAKS

Mar 8 - Transiting Jupiter squares Mercury

Mar 30 - Transiting Jupiter trines the Midheaven

DETAILS

Mar 1 - Transiting Venus trines Saturn

Career human connection supports your typical responsible solitude.

Mar 2 - Transiting Venus opposes the Moon

Professional human connection opposes your inborn watchful attitude.

Mar 2 - Transiting Mars conjuncts Mercury

Emotionally brave assertiveness combines with your characteristic psychologically deep dialog.

Mar 3 - Transiting Venus squares Jupiter

Work-oriented relating clashes with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive opportunity.

Mar 3 - Transiting Mercury squares Neptune

Visionary conversation conflicts with your instinctive loving contemplation.

Mar 5 - Transiting Venus squares Uranus

Career human connection conflicts with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive autonomy.

Mar 6 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Mars

Career affection combines with your characteristic professional swordsmanship.

Mar 7 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Mercury

Professional nature excites your native passionate dialog.

Mar 9 - Transiting Mercury trines Jupiter

Goal-oriented dialog enhances your usual cooperative exuberance.

Mar 10 - Transiting Mercury trines Uranus

Goal-oriented communication supports your typical loving individuality.

Mar 12 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Sun

Goal-oriented dialog stimulates your normal expansive personality.

Mar 12 - Transiting Venus sextiles Mercury

On-the-job human connection excites your native emotionally brave dialog.

Mar 13 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again March 13, 2005 at 2:08 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins March 15, 2005 at 3:15 pm. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Mar 18 - The Transiting Sun squares Neptune

Goal-oriented personality conflicts with your instinctive cooperative inspiration.

Mar 19 - Transiting Mars squares Pluto

Adventuresome courage conflicts with your instinctive imaginative honesty.

Mar 19 - Transiting Mercury turns Retrograde

Three, maybe four times in the course of a year, the planet Mercury spends three weeks or so going backwards in the sky, a period we call Mercury Retrograde. Practicality sometimes intervenes, but to the extent that you can arrange it, you are better off if you can avoid signing anything important during this period, buying anything mechanical (unless its failure would be of trivial consequence), initiating travel, or attempting significant communications by phone or mail. This, of course, is a lot to ask; and sticking to it too firmly starts to verge on Cosmic Paranoia. Still, there is a heightened tendency for objects, messages, and plans to go awry during this Retrograde time. Sometimes a little patience exercised now will make your life a lot easier in the long run. If steps simply must be taken, it doesn't mean everything is doomed to failure...just keep duplicates, have backups, double-check everything, and be prepared for petty annoyances. The first appearance of a Retrograde Mercury during the period of this report occurs March 19, 2005. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" April 12, 2005.

Mar 21 - Transiting Venus squares Neptune

Priority-clarifying affection clashes with your instinctive collaborative contemplation.

Mar 21 - Transiting Saturn turns Direct

Mar 26 - The Transiting Sun trines Jupiter

Group-dynamical identity enhances your usual loving gambling.

Mar 26 - Transiting Mars squares Saturn

Adventuresome assertiveness conflicts with your instinctive competent integrity.

Mar 26 - Transiting Pluto turns Retrograde

Mar 27 - Transiting Venus trines Jupiter

Long-term affection enhances your usual interpersonally sensitive opportunity.

Mar 28 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Sun

Priority-clarifying dialog excites your native intellectually hungry personality.

Mar 28 - The Transiting Sun trines Uranus

Group-dynamical personality enhances your usual cooperative individuality.

Mar 29 - Transiting Mars sextiles Jupiter

Exploratory swordsmanship excites your native interpersonally sensitive exuberance.

Mar 29 - Transiting Venus trines Uranus

Priority-clarifying affection supports your typical interpersonally sensitive individuality.

Mar 30 - The Transiting Sun sextiles the Sun

Long-term personality excites your native adventuresome nature.

Mar 30 - Transiting Venus sextiles the Sun

Long-term relating stimulates your normal intellectually hungry personality.

Mar 30 - Transiting Mercury trines Uranus

Group-dynamical conversation enhances your usual collaborative individuality.

April, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

(None this month)

MEANS PEAKS

(None this month)

DETAILS

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Apr 1 - Transiting Mercury trines Jupiter Strategic dialog enhances your usual caring gambling.

Apr 1 - Transiting Mars sextiles Uranus

Questing swordsmanship stimulates your normal cooperative individuality.

Apr 3 - Transiting Mars conjuncts the Sun

Adventuresome courage combines with your characteristic questing personality.

Apr 5 - Transiting Venus squares Mercury

Goal-oriented human connection clashes with your instinctive probing conversation.

Apr 6 - The Transiting Sun squares Mercury

Strategic personality conflicts with your instinctive spooky dialog.

Apr 9 - Transiting Mars conjuncts the Midheaven

Mars, the God of War, is transiting through sensitive territories for you, suggesting some turbulent waters to be navigated. Always the trick with the red planet lies in realizing that the time has come to overcome a fear or a resistance in yourself, and to take what is legitimately yours. Your blood is up, and that's not a bad thing, unless you "chicken out" and misdirect the Martian energy toward some inappropriate target.

Mars arrives at a conjunction with your Midheaven April 9, 2005, and that always suggests a time of public visibility or career-related activity. The Midheaven is the top of the chart and corresponds to the most outward, visible parts of your life. It's an active point, generally not very subtle. To make the most of it, pretend that "all the world's a stage" and that the part you're playing is that of Mars, as we just described it. Don't be shy. Ham it up a little, and make sure the people dozing in the back row don't miss any nuances.

Apr 9 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again April 9, 2005 at 11:53 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins April 12, 2005 at 12:20 am. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Apr 14 - Transiting Venus trines Neptune

Long-term relating supports your typical collaborative contemplation.

Apr 15 - Transiting Venus opposes Pluto

Group-dynamical human connection opposes your inborn child-like investigation.

Apr 16 - Transiting Venus sextiles Venus

Spiritually open affection excites your native professional human connection.

Apr 18 - The Transiting Sun trines Neptune

Group-dynamical personality enhances your usual cooperative contemplation.

Apr 19 - Transiting Venus trines the Moon

Withdrawn relating supports your typical emotional awareness.

Apr 19 - Transiting Venus opposes Saturn

Private relating opposes your inborn painstaking solitude.

Apr 19 - The Transiting Sun opposes Pluto

Strategic personality opposes your inborn creative honesty.

Apr 21 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Venus

Meditative personality excites your native professional affection.

Apr 23 - Transiting Venus squares the Sun

Meditative human connection conflicts with your instinctive routineshattering personality.

Apr 23 - Transiting Mercury trines Jupiter

Group-dynamical dialog supports your typical empathetic gambling.

Apr 24 - Transiting Venus sextiles Mars

Quiet affection excites your native employment-oriented assertiveness.

Apr 24 - The Transiting Sun opposes Saturn

Private nature opposes your inborn competent composure.

Apr 25 - The Transiting Sun trines the Moon

Private personality enhances your usual watchful attitude.

Apr 25 - Transiting Mercury trines Uranus

Strategic conversation supports your typical empathetic originality.

Apr 27 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Sun

Visionary communication stimulates your normal intellectually hungry identity.

Apr 28 - Transiting Mars sextiles Neptune

Vocational courage stimulates your normal collaborative imagination.

Apr 29 - Transiting Venus trines Mercury

Meditative relating enhances your usual passionate communication.

Apr 30 - The Transiting Sun squares the Sun

Private personality conflicts with your instinctive expansive nature.

Apr 30 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Mars

Withdrawn nature excites your native employment-oriented swordsmanship.

Apr 30 - Transiting Mars trines Pluto

Employment-oriented courage enhances your usual imaginative investigation.

May, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

May 9 - Transiting Saturn aligns with the Third House cusp

May 12 - Transiting Uranus conjuncts Mars

MEANS PEAKS

May 6 - Transiting Jupiter trines the Sun

DETAILS

May 2 - Transiting Mars conjuncts Venus

Career assertiveness combines with your characteristic work-oriented human connection.

May 3 - Transiting Mercury squares Mercury

Visionary conversation conflicts with your instinctive psychologically deep dialog.

May 6 - Transiting Mars trines Saturn

Professional swordsmanship supports your typical competent integrity.

May 6 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again May 6, 2005 at 8:04 pm. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins May 9, 2005 at 8:54 am. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

May 7 - The Transiting Sun trines Mercury

Spiritually open identity supports your typical psychologically deep dialog.

May 8 - Transiting Mars opposes the Moon

Vocational swordsmanship is in tension with your inherent cautious awareness.

May 9 - Transiting Mars squares Jupiter

Professional swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive loving opportunity.

May 10 - Transiting Venus squares Venus

Withdrawn human connection clashes with your instinctive vocational relating.

May 11 - Transiting Mercury trines Neptune

Visionary communication enhances your usual cooperative inspiration.

May 11 - Transiting Mercury opposes Pluto

Group-dynamical communication is in tension with your inherent selfexpressive investigation.

May 12 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Venus

Spiritually open communication excites your native on-the-job human connection.

May 12 - Transiting Mars squares Uranus

On-the-job swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive empathetic individuality.

May 12 - Transiting Venus conjuncts the Ascendant

The transiting Venus emerges again, suggesting experiences coming to you centered on other people with whom you are involved, and also encouraging you to relax and release tension now, perhaps with the help of music, art, or natural beauty.

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendent May 12, 2005, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Venus. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

May 14 - Transiting Venus squares the Moon

Forceful relating clashes with your instinctive cautious awareness.

May 14 - Transiting Mercury opposes Saturn

Quiet communication opposes your inborn responsible solitude.

May 15 - Transiting Mercury trines the Moon

Meditative dialog enhances your usual watchful attitude.

May 15 - Transiting Mars conjuncts Mars

Work-oriented courage fuses with your natural vocational swordsmanship.

May 15 - Transiting Venus opposes Jupiter

Decisive affection opposes your inborn loving opportunity.

May 16 - Transiting Venus opposes Uranus

Commanding relating is in tension with your inherent caring originality.

May 18 - Transiting Mercury squares the Sun

Quiet conversation conflicts with your instinctive questing nature.

May 18 - Transiting Venus trines the Sun

Commanding relating supports your typical routine-shattering identity.

May 18 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Mars

Withdrawn dialog stimulates your normal professional swordsmanship.

May 18 - Transiting Venus squares Mars

Resolute affection conflicts with your instinctive professional assertiveness.

May 19 - Transiting Neptune turns Retrograde

May 21 - Transiting Mercury trines Mercury

Meditative conversation supports your typical penetratingly real dialog.

May 22 - The Transiting Sun squares Venus

Spiritually open nature clashes with your instinctive work-oriented relating.

May 23 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts the Ascendant

The transiting Sun again--this is the big searchlight that shines on each part of your chart in the course of a year, seeing if there's anything there that's just waiting for a little push...

The Sun arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendent May 23, 2005, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of the Sun. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

May 24 - Transiting Mars sextiles Mercury

Work-oriented swordsmanship stimulates your normal emotionally brave conversation.

May 26 - The Transiting Sun squares the Moon

Commanding nature clashes with your instinctive emotional attitude.

May 27 - The Transiting Sun opposes Jupiter

Decisive nature is in tension with your inherent cooperative gambling.

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May 28 - Transiting Mercury squares Venus Meditative dialog clashes with your instinctive career relating.

May 29 - The Transiting Sun opposes Uranus Forceful identity is in tension with your inherent empathetic originality.

May 29 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts the Ascendant
The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the
harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay

Mercury arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendent May 29, 2005, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Mercury. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

May 30 - Transiting Mercury squares the Moon Authoritative communication conflicts with your instinctive cautious sensitivity.

May 31 - The Transiting Sun trines the Sun Commanding personality supports your typical questing nature.

May 31 - The Transiting Sun squares Mars Decisive identity conflicts with your instinctive employment-oriented swordsmanship.

May 31 - Transiting Mercury opposes Jupiter Resolute communication is in tension with your inherent collaborative exuberance.

June, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Jun 14 - Transiting Uranus turns Retrograde while conjunct Mars

Jun 17 - The Progressed Sun squares the Ascendant

MEANS PEAKS

Jun 5 - Transiting Jupiter turns Direct while sextile Uranus

DETAILS

Jun 1 - Transiting Mercury opposes Uranus

Forceful conversation is in tension with your inherent interpersonally sensitive originality.

Jun 2 - Transiting Mercury trines the Sun Commanding dialog supports your typical questing nature.

Jun 2 - Transiting Mercury squares Mars Resolute conversation conflicts with your instinctive career courage.

Jun 2 - Transiting Venus opposes Neptune Resolute relating is in tension with your inherent loving imagination.

Jun 3 - Transiting Venus trines Pluto Self-assured relating enhances your usual child-like intensity.

Jun 3 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again June 3, 2005 at 2:23 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins June 5, 2005 at 4:04 pm. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Jun 4 - Transiting Venus trines Venus
Dignified human connection enhances your usual career relating.

Jun 6 - Transiting Venus trines Saturn
Dignified affection enhances your usual painstaking composure.

Jun 7 - Transiting Venus sextiles the Moon Dignified human connection excites your native psychologically sophisticated attitude.

Jun 9 - Transiting Mars squares Neptune

Group-dynamical courage clashes with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive imagination.

Jun 10 - Transiting Mercury opposes Neptune

Assertive conversation is in tension with your inherent empathetic imagination.

Jun 10 - Transiting Mercury trines Pluto

Self-respecting communication supports your typical spontaneous investigation.

Jun 11 - Transiting Mercury trines Venus

Resourceful communication supports your typical professional relating.

Jun 11 - Transiting Venus trines Mars

Resourceful human connection supports your typical on-the-job courage.

Jun 13 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Moon

Dignified dialog stimulates your normal self-protective awareness.

Jun 13 - Transiting Mercury trines Saturn

Dignified communication enhances your usual supportive integrity.

Jun 16 - Transiting Mercury trines Mars

Self-respecting communication supports your typical employmentoriented assertiveness.

Jun 17 - Transiting Venus opposes Mercury

Financially savvy relating is in tension with your inherent probing communication.

Jun 19 - Transiting Mercury opposes Mercury

Self-assured communication opposes your inborn psychologically deep dialog.

Jun 19 - The Transiting Sun opposes Neptune

Assertive nature is in tension with your inherent loving contemplation.

Jun 20 - The Transiting Sun trines Pluto

Self-respecting personality supports your typical playful intensity.

Jun 21 - Transiting Mars trines Jupiter

Priority-clarifying assertiveness supports your typical caring opportunity.

Jun 22 - The Transiting Sun trines Venus

Resourceful personality enhances your usual work-oriented human connection.

Jun 24 - Transiting Mars trines Uranus

Group-dynamical courage enhances your usual collaborative autonomy.

Jun 25 - The Transiting Sun trines Saturn

Dignified identity enhances your usual painstaking integrity.

Jun 26 - Transiting Mars sextiles the Sun

Goal-oriented swordsmanship stimulates your normal routine-shattering nature.

Jun 26 - The Transiting Sun sextiles the Moon

Resourceful nature stimulates your normal watchful awareness.

Jun 27 - Transiting Mercury squares Pluto

Curious dialog clashes with your instinctive creative investigation.

Jun 27 - Transiting Venus squares Pluto

Intelligent affection conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous intensity.

Jun 30 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again June 30, 2005 at 7:48 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins July 2, 2005 at 9:58 pm. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

July, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Jul 12 - Transiting Saturn squares Pluto

Jul 19 - Transiting Uranus conjuncts Mars

Jul 30 - Progressed Mercury conjuncts the Sun

MEANS PEAKS

Jul 5 - Transiting Jupiter trines the Sun

DETAILS

Jul 1 - The Transiting Sun trines Mars

Resourceful identity enhances your usual employment-oriented swordsmanship.

Jul 1 - Transiting Mercury squares Saturn Verbal dialog clashes with your instinctive competent integrity.

Jul 1 - Transiting Venus squares Saturn

Curious human connection clashes with your instinctive dutiful composure.

Jul 2 - Transiting Mercury trines Jupiter

Clever communication supports your typical collaborative gambling.

Jul 3 - Transiting Venus trines Jupiter

Open-minded affection enhances your usual empathetic gambling.

Jul 4 - Transiting Mercury trines Uranus

Curious communication supports your typical caring autonomy.

Jul 4 - Transiting Venus trines Uranus

Clever relating enhances your usual caring originality.

Jul 5 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Sun

Inventive communication opposes your inborn exploratory identity.

Jul 6 - Transiting Venus opposes the Sun

Curious human connection is in tension with your inherent questing identity.

Jul 7 - Transiting Mars squares Mercury

Long-term swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive penetratingly real conversation.

Jul 9 - The Transiting Sun opposes Mercury

Financially savvy nature is in tension with your inherent penetratingly real dialog.

Jul 10 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Midheaven

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, July 10, 2005. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle--your real "family"--and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Jul 10 - Transiting Venus opposes the Midheaven

The transiting Venus emerges again, suggesting experiences coming to you centered on other people with whom you are involved, and also encouraging you to relax and release tension now, perhaps with the help of music, art, or natural beauty.

Venus aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, July 10, 2005. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle--your real "family"--and do it in the spirit of Venus. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Jul 21 - Transiting Venus trines Neptune Sensitive affection enhances your usual loving imagination.

Jul 22 - The Transiting Sun squares Pluto Open-minded identity conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous honesty.

Jul 22 - Transiting Venus sextiles Pluto Psychologically sophisticated affection stimulates your normal playful intensity.

Jul 22 - Transiting Mercury turns Retrograde Mercury is turning Retrograde again. We described this phenomenon

earlier, and you might want to look back and review it. Basically, it's a good time to delay signing contracts, buying mechanical things, or attempting significant communications. Mercury turns Retrograde July 22, 2005 and remains that way until August 15, 2005.

Jul 23 - Transiting Venus opposes Venus

Psychologically sophisticated affection opposes your inborn vocational relating.

Jul 25 - Transiting Mars trines Neptune

Priority-clarifying courage enhances your usual interpersonally sensitive contemplation.

Jul 26 - Transiting Venus sextiles Saturn

Cautious relating excites your native supportive integrity.

Jul 27 - Transiting Venus conjuncts the Moon

Emotional human connection fuses with your natural watchful sensitivity.

Jul 27 - The Transiting Sun squares Saturn

Clever nature clashes with your instinctive responsible solitude.

Jul 27 - Transiting Mars opposes Pluto

Long-term assertiveness is in tension with your inherent spontaneous investigation.

Jul 27 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again July 27, 2005 at 1:57 pm. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins July 30, 2005 at 3:34 am. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Jul 28 - Transiting Venus squares Jupiter

Watchful relating clashes with your instinctive loving opportunity.

Jul 29 - The Transiting Sun trines Jupiter

Curious personality enhances your usual caring exuberance.

Jul 29 - Transiting Venus squares Uranus

Sensitive human connection conflicts with your instinctive collaborative individuality.

Jul 30 - Transiting Mars sextiles Venus Meditative courage stimulates your normal work-oriented human connection.

Jul 31 - Transiting Venus opposes Mars Watchful affection opposes your inborn on-the-job courage.

Jul 31 - The Transiting Sun trines Uranus Curious identity supports your typical caring individuality.

August, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Aug 18 - Transiting Saturn squares Saturn

MEANS PEAKS

Aug 7 - Transiting Saturn sextiles the Ascendant

Aug 8 - Transiting Jupiter trines the Midheaven

Aug 24 - Transiting Jupiter squares Mercury

DETAILS

Aug 2 - The Transiting Sun opposes the Sun Open-minded nature is in tension with your inherent adventuresome personality.

Aug 4 - Transiting Mars opposes Saturn Meditative assertiveness is in tension with your inherent helpful composure.

Aug 4 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Midheaven

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, August 4, 2005. As you might imagine, this point, being

buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle--your real "family"--and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Aug 6 - Transiting Mars trines the Moon Meditative courage supports your typical sensitive sensitivity.

Aug 6 - Transiting Venus trines Mercury Cautious human connection enhances your usual passionate conversation.

Aug 6 - The Transiting Sun opposes the Midheaven The transiting Sun again--this is the big searchlight that shines on each part of your chart in the course of a year, seeing if there's anything there that's just waiting for a little push...

The Sun aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, August 6, 2005. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle--your real "family"--and do it in the spirit of the Sun. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Aug 10 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Sun Verbal communication opposes your inborn adventuresome nature.

Aug 15 - Transiting Mars squares the Sun Quiet assertiveness clashes with your instinctive adventuresome identity.

Aug 15 - Transiting Venus squares Neptune Imaginative human connection conflicts with your instinctive caring imagination.

Aug 16 - Transiting Mars sextiles Mars Withdrawn swordsmanship excites your native work-oriented assertiveness.

Aug 20 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Sun Clever conversation opposes your inborn routine-shattering nature.

Aug 21 - The Transiting Sun trines Neptune Psychologically sophisticated personality supports your typical interpersonally sensitive imagination.

Aug 22 - Transiting Venus sextiles Jupiter Spontaneous affection stimulates your normal collaborative gambling.

Aug 22 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Pluto Cautious personality excites your native imaginative honesty.

Aug 23 - Transiting Venus sextiles Uranus Spontaneous relating stimulates your normal collaborative individuality.

Aug 23 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again August 23, 2005 at 10:00 pm. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins August 26, 2005 at 10:08 am. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Aug 24 - The Transiting Sun opposes Venus Self-protective personality opposes your inborn employment-oriented relating.

Aug 25 - Transiting Venus trines the Sun Self-expressive affection enhances your usual routine-shattering nature.

Aug 25 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Midheaven

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, August 25, 2005. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in

your own inner circle--your real "family"--and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Aug 27 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Saturn Watchful nature stimulates your normal helpful composure.

Aug 28 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts the Moon Cautious identity combines with your characteristic sensitive attitude.

Aug 29 - The Transiting Sun squares Jupiter Watchful nature clashes with your instinctive collaborative opportunity.

Aug 31 - Transiting Venus squares Mercury Spontaneous affection conflicts with your instinctive probing dialog.

Aug 31 - Transiting Mars trines Mercury Private courage enhances your usual psychologically deep communication.

Aug 31 - The Transiting Sun squares Uranus Cautious nature clashes with your instinctive cooperative originality.

September, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Sep 13 - Transiting Uranus squares Uranus

MEANS PEAKS

Sep 5 - Transiting Saturn trines Jupiter Sep 24 - Transiting Saturn trines Uranus

DETAILS

Sep 2 - The Transiting Sun opposes Mars Self-protective personality opposes your inborn professional swordsmanship.

Sep 2 - Transiting Pluto turns Direct

Sep 3 - Transiting Mercury trines Neptune

Self-protective communication supports your typical caring inspiration.

Sep 4 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Pluto

Cautious communication stimulates your normal playful investigation.

Sep 5 - Transiting Mercury opposes Venus

Sensitive communication opposes your inborn career affection.

Sep 6 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Saturn

Sensitive communication excites your native supportive composure.

Sep 7 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts the Moon

Cautious communication fuses with your natural emotional awareness.

Sep 7 - Transiting Mercury squares Jupiter

Cautious communication conflicts with your instinctive cooperative exuberance.

Sep 8 - Transiting Mercury squares Uranus

Sensitive dialog conflicts with your instinctive cooperative originality.

Sep 9 - The Transiting Sun trines Mercury

Watchful nature supports your typical psychologically deep communication.

Sep 10 - Transiting Mercury opposes Mars

Sensitive dialog opposes your inborn on-the-job assertiveness.

Sep 10 - Transiting Venus sextiles Neptune

Imaginative affection excites your native loving inspiration.

Sep 11 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Pluto

Child-like affection fuses with your natural self-expressive intensity.

Sep 12 - Transiting Venus trines Venus

Dutiful relating supports your typical career human connection.

Sep 13 - Transiting Mercury trines Mercury

Cautious dialog supports your typical emotionally brave conversation.

Sep 15 - Transiting Venus sextiles the Moon

Supportive affection excites your native watchful awareness.

Sep 15 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Saturn

Dutiful human connection fuses with your natural helpful composure.

Sep 19 - Transiting Mercury squares Neptune

Creative conversation conflicts with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive inspiration.

Sep 20 - Transiting Venus squares the Sun

Competent affection conflicts with your instinctive expansive personality.

Sep 20 - Transiting Venus trines Mars

Helpful affection enhances your usual professional courage.

Sep 20 - The Transiting Sun squares Neptune

Playful nature conflicts with your instinctive cooperative inspiration.

Sep 20 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again September 20, 2005 at 7:50 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins September 22, 2005 at 6:24 pm. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Sep 24 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Jupiter

Spontaneous communication stimulates your normal empathetic opportunity.

Sep 25 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Uranus

Spontaneous communication stimulates your normal loving originality.

Sep 26 - Transiting Mercury trines the Sun

Imaginative dialog enhances your usual questing personality.

Sep 26 - Transiting Venus sextiles Mercury

Painstaking relating stimulates your normal emotionally brave dialog.

Sep 29 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Jupiter

Creative personality stimulates your normal cooperative exuberance.

Sep 30 - Transiting Mercury squares Mercury

Spontaneous communication conflicts with your instinctive emotionally brave dialog.

October, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Oct 18 - Transiting Saturn opposes the Sun

Oct 26 - Transiting Jupiter aligns with the Sixth House cusp

Oct 26 - Transiting Neptune turns Direct while conjunct the Midheaven

MEANS PEAKS

Oct 17 - Transiting Jupiter sextiles Neptune

Oct 23 - Transiting Jupiter conjuncts Pluto

Oct 31 - Transiting Jupiter trines Venus

DETAILS

Oct 1 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Uranus Creative personality excites your native loving autonomy.

Oct 3 - The Transiting Sun trines the Sun Self-expressive personality supports your typical exploratory nature.

Oct 7 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Neptune Child-like communication excites your native collaborative inspiration.

Oct 8 - Transiting Venus squares Venus Helpful affection conflicts with your instinctive vocational relating.

Oct 8 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Pluto Spontaneous conversation combines with your characteristic creative investigation.

Oct 9 - Transiting Mercury trines Venus Supportive dialog supports your typical on-the-job relating.

Oct 10 - The Transiting Sun squares Mercury Self-expressive nature clashes with your instinctive passionate communication.

Oct 10 - Transiting Venus opposes the Ascendant The transiting Venus emerges again, suggesting experiences coming to you centered on other people with whom you are involved, and also

encouraging you to relax and release tension now, perhaps with the help of music, art, or natural beauty.

Venus enters your Seventh House October 10, 2005. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Venus. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Oct 11 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Moon Competent conversation excites your native watchful sensitivity.

Oct 11 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Saturn Responsible communication combines with your

Responsible communication combines with your characteristic helpful composure.

Oct 12 - Transiting Venus squares the Moon

Caring relating clashes with your instinctive watchful attitude.

Oct 13 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Jupiter

Collaborative affection fuses with your natural caring exuberance.

Oct 15 - Transiting Mercury squares the Sun

Responsible dialog clashes with your instinctive expansive identity.

Oct 15 - Transiting Mercury trines Mars

Helpful dialog enhances your usual career courage.

Oct 15 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Uranus

Empathetic human connection combines with your characteristic caring originality.

Oct 17 - Transiting Venus sextiles the Sun

Interpersonally sensitive relating excites your native intellectually hungry identity.

Oct 17 - Transiting Venus squares Mars

Cooperative affection conflicts with your instinctive work-oriented swordsmanship.

Oct 17 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again October 17, 2005 at 6:07 pm. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins October 20, 2005 at 3:56 am. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Oct 20 - Transiting Mercury sextiles Mercury Painstaking dialog excites your native passionate communication.

Oct 21 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Neptune Playful identity stimulates your normal loving imagination.

Oct 22 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Pluto Playful identity combines with your characteristic imaginative honesty.

Oct 24 - The Transiting Sun trines Venus Painstaking personality enhances your usual career relating.

Oct 27 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Saturn Supportive nature fuses with your natural painstaking solitude.

Oct 28 - The Transiting Sun sextiles the Moon Painstaking personality stimulates your normal watchful awareness.

Oct 31 - Transiting Mercury squares Venus Supportive communication conflicts with your instinctive vocational relating.

November, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Nov 15 - Transiting Uranus turns Direct while square Jupiter

MEANS PEAKS

Nov 14 - Transiting Jupiter conjuncts Saturn

Nov 18 - Transiting Jupiter sextiles the Moon

DETAILS

Nov 1 - Transiting Mars trines Mercury

Withdrawn assertiveness supports your typical passionate conversation.

Nov 1 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Ascendant

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury enters your Seventh House November 1, 2005. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Mercury. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Nov 2 - The Transiting Sun squares the Sun Painstaking personality clashes with your instinctive expansive nature.

Nov 2 - The Transiting Sun trines Mars

Competent personality supports your typical professional swordsmanship.

Nov 3 - Transiting Mercury squares the Moon

Interpersonally sensitive dialog clashes with your instinctive sensitive sensitivity.

Nov 3 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Neptune

Empathetic relating fuses with your natural loving imagination.

Nov 4 - Transiting Venus sextiles Pluto

Probing human connection excites your native child-like intensity.

Nov 5 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Jupiter

Collaborative dialog fuses with your natural interpersonally sensitive exuberance.

Nov 6 - Transiting Venus sextiles Venus

Passionate human connection stimulates your normal career relating.

Nov 7 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Uranus

Empathetic conversation fuses with your natural cooperative individuality.

Nov 9 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Mercury

Responsible identity stimulates your normal penetratingly real communication.

Nov 9 - Transiting Venus sextiles Saturn

Spooky relating excites your native helpful solitude.

Nov 10 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Sun

Empathetic communication excites your native expansive identity.

Nov 10 - Transiting Venus trines the Moon

Probing human connection supports your typical sensitive sensitivity.

Nov 11 - Transiting Mercury squares Mars

Interpersonally sensitive conversation clashes with your instinctive professional assertiveness.

Nov 14 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again November 14, 2005 at 3:05 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins November 16, 2005 at 1:21 pm. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Nov 14 - Transiting Mercury turns Retrograde

Mercury is turning Retrograde again. We described this phenomenon earlier, and you might want to look back and review it. Basically, it's a good time to delay signing contracts, buying mechanical things, or attempting significant communications. Mercury turns Retrograde November 14, 2005 and remains that way until December 3, 2005.

Nov 16 - Transiting Mercury squares Mars

Cooperative dialog conflicts with your instinctive work-oriented assertiveness.

Nov 16 - Transiting Venus sextiles Mars

Passionate human connection excites your native on-the-job courage.

Nov 17 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Sun Caring dialog excites your native routine-shattering identity.

Nov 19 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Uranus Loving dialog fuses with your natural caring individuality.

Nov 21 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Jupiter Interpersonally sensitive dialog combines with your characteristic cooperative exuberance.

Nov 22 - Transiting Mars squares the Sun Private assertiveness clashes with your instinctive routine-shattering personality.

Nov 22 - Transiting Mercury squares the Moon Caring communication conflicts with your instinctive emotional sensitivity.

Nov 22 - Transiting Mars sextiles Mars Quiet swordsmanship excites your native employment-oriented courage.

Nov 22 - Transiting Saturn turns Retrograde

Nov 23 - Transiting Venus conjuncts Mercury Penetratingly real human connection fuses with your natural psychologically deep conversation.

Nov 23 - The Transiting Sun squares Venus Competent personality conflicts with your instinctive employment-oriented relating.

Nov 24 - The Transiting Sun opposes the Ascendant The transiting Sun again--this is the big searchlight that shines on each part of your chart in the course of a year, seeing if there's anything there that's just waiting for a little push...

The Sun enters your Seventh House November 24, 2005. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like the Sun. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention

during these days.

Nov 24 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Ascendant

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury enters your Seventh House November 24, 2005. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Mercury. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Nov 25 - Transiting Mercury squares Venus

Painstaking conversation clashes with your instinctive employmentoriented affection.

Nov 27 - The Transiting Sun squares the Moon

Collaborative personality conflicts with your instinctive sensitive awareness.

Nov 28 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Jupiter

Cooperative identity combines with your characteristic empathetic gambling.

Nov 30 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Uranus

Collaborative identity fuses with your natural interpersonally sensitive autonomy.

December, 2005

INVITATION PEAKS

Dec 26 - Transiting Saturn opposes the Sun

MEANS PEAKS

Dec 14 - Transiting Jupiter squares the Sun Dec 14 - Transiting Jupiter trines Mars

DETAILS

Dec 2 - The Transiting Sun sextiles the Sun Interpersonally sensitive nature stimulates your normal intellectually hungry personality.

Dec 2 - The Transiting Sun squares Mars Empathetic identity conflicts with your instinctive on-the-job assertiveness.

Dec 11 - The Transiting Moon enters the Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again December 11, 2005 at 9:49 am. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins December 13, 2005 at 9:16 pm. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Dec 13 - Transiting Mercury squares Venus

Painstaking communication clashes with your instinctive on-the-job affection.

Dec 14 - Transiting Venus squares Pluto Exploratory relating conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous honesty.

Dec 15 - Transiting Mercury opposes the Ascendant

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury enters your Seventh House December 15, 2005. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it

looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Mercury. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Dec 17 - Transiting Mercury squares the Moon

Caring conversation clashes with your instinctive cautious attitude.

Dec 18 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Jupiter

Interpersonally sensitive conversation combines with your characteristic empathetic gambling.

Dec 19 - Transiting Mercury conjuncts Uranus

Caring dialog fuses with your natural interpersonally sensitive individuality.

Dec 19 - The Transiting Sun conjuncts Neptune

Empathetic nature fuses with your natural interpersonally sensitive inspiration.

Dec 21 - Transiting Mercury sextiles the Sun

Cooperative dialog excites your native routine-shattering personality.

Dec 21 - Transiting Mercury squares Mars

Loving conversation conflicts with your instinctive career courage.

Dec 21 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Pluto

Spooky identity stimulates your normal imaginative intensity.

Dec 22 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Venus

Psychologically deep personality stimulates your normal employmentoriented affection.

Dec 25 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Saturn

Spooky nature stimulates your normal dutiful solitude.

Dec 26 - The Transiting Sun trines the Moon

Passionate personality enhances your usual psychologically sophisticated sensitivity.

Dec 28 - Transiting Mars squares the Sun

Quiet swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive exploratory nature.

Dec 28 - Transiting Mars sextiles Mars

Withdrawn assertiveness excites your native career courage.

Dec 31 - The Transiting Sun sextiles Mars Penetratingly real identity excites your native employment-oriented assertiveness.

ASTRO KEYS

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Keywords for Signs

Aries: assertive, brave, first, impetuous, energetic, self-oriented.

Taurus: comfortable, deliberate, dependable, placid, possessive, sensual.

Gemini: fluent, versatile, curious, intermit-

tent, clever, nimble.

Cancer: nurturing, warm, dependent, sympathetic, protective, security-oriented.

Leo: creative, risk-taking, charismatic, funloving, generous, exciting.

Virgo: work-oriented, painstaking, efficient, pragmatic, exacting, discreet.

Libra: cooperative, diplomatic, fence-sitting, competitive, aesthetic.

Scorpio: penetrating, intense, resourceful, powerful, compulsive.

Sagittarius: benevolent, optimistic, extravagant, enthusiastic, idealistic.

Capricorn: responsible, formal, traditional, authoritative, career-oriented.

Aquarius: unique, rebellious, futuristic, independent, inventive, objective.

Pisces: compassionate, mystical, illusory, sensitive, spiritual, dreamy.

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Conjunction	ď	1/1	0°
Square		1/4	90°
Trine	Δ	1/3	120°
Opposition	δ	1/2	180°

Sextile	*	1/6	60°
Sesquiquadrate (tri-octile)	Đ	3/8	135°
Semisquare (octile)	Z	1/8	45°
Semisextile	У	1/12	30°
Quincunx (or Inconjunct)	$\overline{\lambda}$	5/12	150°

Keywords for Aspects

conjunction— is (are) tied to/mixed with

sextile— support(s), aids, assists

square— conflict(s) or compete(s) with (\angle and \square similar) **trine**— reinforce(s), amplifies, exaggerates, harmonizes

quincunx— seem(s) at odds with/feels incompatible with opposition— could be overdone at the expense of, seesaw

swings

Table of Correspondences

Letter	r Planet & Glyph		Hous e	Sign & Gl	yph
1	Mars	ď	1	Aries	Υ
2	Venus	Q	2	Taurus	۲
3	Mercury	ğ	3	Gemini	Д
4	Moon	D	4	Cancer	9
5	Sun	0	5	Leo	શ
6	Mercury	ğ	6	Virgo	1172
	Ceres	5			
	Vesta	*			
7	Venus	Q	7	Libra	~
	Pallas	¢			
	Juno	*			
8	Pluto	or P	8	Scorpio	Щ,
9	Jupiter	4	9	Sagittarius	1
	Chiron	ይ			
10	Saturn	ţ	10	Capricorn	193
11	Uranus	ਮ	11	Aquarius	*
12	Neptune	Ψ	12	Pisces	Ж

Abbreviations used in **Planetary Profiles' Annotation**

EP = East Point (an auxiliary Ascendant)

GS = Gauguelin sector (identified by number of sector)

HS = house

IC = IC (4th house cusp)

MC = Midheaven (10th house cusp)

 Ω = north node of the Moon

8 = south node of the Moon

V = Vertex (an auxiliary Descendant)

WP = West Point (an auxiliary Descendant)

ASC= Ascendant

AV = Antivertex (an auxiliary Ascendant)

DSC= Descendant

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PLANETS

- 0 Sun: self-esteem, life force/vitality, creativity, risk-taking instincts, pride, star quality, fun-loving spirit, inner child, drive for excitement, need for recreation, speculative side, sexual passion, need to shine
- D Moon: emotions, security needs, caretaking instincts, dependency needs, drive to nurture, vulnerabilities, homing instincts, receptivity, moods, habit patterns, women (including mother)
- Ř Mercury: urge to communicate, thinking, listening/talking, capacity to learn, adaptability/flexibility, informationgathering skills, casual contacts, logic, awareness, dexterity, perception
- Q Venus: desire for pleasure, sensuality, urge for comfort/ease, need for tangible beauty, drive for stability/ predictability, sweetness, affection, relating needs, material assets
- ď Mars: assertion, self-expression, independence, personal power, desires, spontaneous instincts, immediate needs, anger, sexual drive, early identity, doing one's thing
- 4 Jupiter: ideals and goals, beliefs, values, morality/ethics, faith, optimism, guest for the truth, philosophy/religion, drive for expanded horizons, high expectations, seeking the best/highest
- ŧ Saturn: reality quotient; authority instincts, practicality, capacity to deal with limits, career drives, sense of responsibility, discipline/effort, status ambitions, urge to solidify/contract, wisdom of experience
- Ж Uranus: individuality, freedom drives, inventiveness, originality, humanitarian instincts, detachment, pull toward the future, eccentricity, innovation, sudden changes
- Ψ Neptune: quest for Oneness/Union/transcendence, idealism, quest for infinite love and beauty, intuition, savior/ victim potentials, compassion, imagination/fantasy, mysticism, escapism
- ♀ or E Pluto: intensity, drive for self-mastery, intimacy instincts, sexual needs, drive for transformation, elimination/ completion urges, resentment/forgiveness, probing, complicated motives, compulsions
- Ascendant: personal identity, personal action, appearance, physical body, natural self-expression Α
- Midheaven: sense of authority, career aspirations, power drives and power figures, status Μ
- ⊗ Part of Fortune: a point of luck, talent, ability, gain, growth, tendencies brought in from past lives

EXTRA BODIES

- 1 Halley's Comet: limelight, high focus, rise to power and fall
- Š Chiron: drive for knowledge, ideals, maverick, truth-seeking, teacher/healer
- ô **Transpluto:** fertile, steady, charismatic, rebirth, savage, possessive
- Ø Lilith (dark moon): exaggerates, compulsive, instinctive reason, objectifies

THE "BIG FOUR" ASTEROIDS

- Ceres: earth mother, productivity, health, growing things, health issues, mother figure 3
- * Juno: marriage, beauty, intimacy, shared resources, giving and receiving
- Ŷ Pallas: perception skills, equality, justice, balance, competition, visual aesthetics
- -\$-Vesta: responsibility, efficiency, tunnel vision, alienation, capable, health issues, concentration

15 OTHER ASTEROIDS (available 20th century only)

- Φ **Amor:** loving kindness, empathy, goodwill, service (could be overdone)
- ? Dembowska: overdrive and/or self-blocking, facing limits, responsibilities
- D Diana: "all or none," self-containment, nurturing on one's own terms
- ക Dudu: cleaning up, eliminating garbage, power struggles, addictions
- Ø Eros: romantic love, passion, "whatever turns you on"
- ιψ Frigga: marriage, conjugal love, domestic, gentle yet powerful
- ξ Hidalgo: ambitious, willing to risk, father/authority figures, effort
- ₹ **Icarus:** risk-taking, may be overreach, creativity, intense love (or hate)
- щ Lilith: self-mastery/power issues, sexuality, occult interests
- Pandora: curiosity, may begin things with unforeseen consequences, change \Box
- ۵ Pittsburghia: power issues, learning moderation, facing inner depths
- ω Psyche: deep attunement, empathy and love or glaring self-centeredness
- ф Sappho: aesthetic refinements, teaching, nurturing, sensuality
- ģ Toro: strength, power, confrontations, will, sensuality
- X Urania: thoughtful, serious, inspired, unconventional

URANIAN PLANETS

- Cupido: family, art, marriage, society, associations
- Œ Hades: want, poverty, waste, illness, secrets, antiquity, delay, dirt
- **Zeus:** fire, procreation, creation, direction, leadership, irresistible force
- \$ 个 Kronos: government, authority, leader, everything above average, high up
- ዧ Apollon: science, commerce, trade, expansion, peace, glory, success, "lots of"
- Ř Admetos: raw material, death, hindrance, stoppage, standstill, intense concentration
- \$ **Vulkanus**: strength, force, power, energy, mighty
- Poseidon: spirit, idea, mind, enlightenment, propaganda

These asteroids are an add-on option (must be ordered with a chart), and may be requested by using the code A15 which includes the Aster-2 option.

> Regarded as slowly transiting sensitive points, the Uranians' use is described in clear detail in Dial *Detective*, by Maria Kay Simms.