

Three Month Transits

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Three Month Transit Report

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, and any or all of them may be included here, depending on which have been requested. 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 three, six, nine, or twelve months and may include any or all three sections just described. For this reason, and 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...

Tr. Saturn is Trine Moon

In effect: May 18, 2002 - Jun 3, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 26, 2002

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 is trine your natal Moon: May 26, 2002.

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 attention to the Moon, which is being invited into development by these strategic alliances.

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.

It's helpful, of course, for you to embrace the power of the Moon positively in all departments of your life. But ever since you were born, one area has always stood out in that regard -- the Third House, which is where the Moon was located when you took your first breath in New Haven, CT. There, in the area of communication, that energy is most critical. What you say, how clearly you express it, and how well you are heard are the issues currently experiencing developmental pressure. Finding your voice and using it are basic spiritual concerns for you; now they are being invited to take a quantum leap.

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.

Tr. Pluto is Sextile Moon

In effect: in progress - Jun 29, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 21, 2002

The planet Pluto is shading the spirit of your life nowadays, and in a nutshell that means that you are being challenged to heal. Pluto, as you probably know, is the lord of the underworld...or to put it more succinctly, the God of Hell. And it is disquieting, to say the least, to imagine that this deity is currently dining at your table. But take heart! The "hell" inside you needs airing out, and that is essentially what this transit is about. You've been hurt. You've been used, abused, rejected, exploited, lied to...the whole sad litany. And, like the rest of us, you've sometimes had to keep the proverbial stiff upper lip and simply get on with your life. But where does all that hurt go? Down deep into the unconscious mind, where it stays until you're clear enough and strong enough to handle resurrecting it and really going beyond it. Pluto's action is to bring up buried emotions. Its tone is intense. It often feels moody and confrontative. It can destabilize and disrupt the areas of your life that it's touching. The best course is to resolve to go deeper and deeper, truth above kindness and resolution over comfort. It's not easy, but in the end the energizing and empowering of the psyche make the process worthwhile. What is Pluto actually doing? Currently it is sextile your natal Moon. Although Pluto is a slow-moving planet and usually unfolds its story over a period of two or three years, during the period of this report the action peaks May 21, 2002.

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 Pluto 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 pleasures -- games, 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 Pluto 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 the Moon, which is being invited into development by this period of playful, celebratory creativity.

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

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of the Moon.

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.

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...

Tr. Neptune is Opposite Pluto

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Apr 4, 2002; Jun 22, 2002

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. Mould 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 is opposite your natal Pluto: Apr 4, 2002; Jun 22, 2002.

Our initial step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Seventh House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Neptune is currently passing. This informs us that you have come to a turning point in your biography, but one whose successful navigation depends upon your receptivity to counsel, or more simply, your willingness to let another person influence you. "Soulmates" will appear at critical junctions. Recognize them through their resemblance to Neptune, which we just described. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to Pluto, which is being invited into development by the advent of these pivotal people.

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.

Always, it's advantageous for you to incorporate the force of Pluto positively in all parts of your life. But one area has always stood out in that regard -- the First House, which is where Pluto lies in your natal chart. There, in the area of assertiveness and personal power, the right use of that energy is most critical. In many situations you must react, respond, and play the cards you're dealt. But not in the First House. Here, you're in the driver's seat...and there are certain experiences you must claim for yourself, experiences of the nature of Pluto, even if the people about whom you care call you selfish for doing so.

When wide-open Neptune merges with the piercing perspectives of Pluto, you enter a long period of philosophical rumination. That may sound rather pale, but in fact the nature of your belief-system is probably the greatest single determinant of the shape of your life. And yours is up for review. The aim lies in establishing a balance between hard psychological honesty on one hand and the human need for inspiration and faith on the other.

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.

Pr. Moon enters Scorpio

Date: Apr 11, 2002 - Continuing

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.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It enters the sign Scorpio: Apr 11, 2002.

Scorpio represents the breaking of taboo. Emotional intensity, facing your wounded memory, looking darkness in the eye -- these are the themes. The cliché "ignorance is bliss" wears thin after a while. Seasons arise in life in which you must have a long, penetrating talk with yourself to allow into your awareness the reality of what you really feel, what you actually want, and what you truly fear. When such half-repressed material rises up out of the inner night, it emerges first as moodiness. Those moods are simply the repressed emotions connected with the more cognitive, conceptual data that will soon follow. Think of the glow that looms on the horizon before the Moon actually rises: under Scorpio, one similarly follows a trail of moods before arriving at realizations. And these realizations are generally very raw indeed. They have to do with unsatisfied hungers, unowned rage, unprocessed shame. Making peace with such a menagerie of demons requires considerable emotional energy. Where do you get it? There's more than one answer. Real eye-to-eye, soul-to-soul conversations help give one perspective. Humor, even if it's gallows humor, is essential. Ultimately, the greatest charge during a Scorpionic phase comes from experiences such as this: you are standing on a bold headland, overlooking a wild sea on a stormy night. Tattered clouds rip past the waning Moon; the wind blows back your hair. You spread your arms out wide, and close your eyes. Your body is covered in goosebumps, full of the ancient power of wind, night, and Moon... It's tough to find sensible words here, but something in you resonates with those primal forces and is renewed by them.

Tr. Neptune is Opposite Mercury

In effect: in progress - Apr 19, 2002

Peak Date(s): sometime before the report period.

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 is opposite your natal Mercury. The inner opening process peaks sometime before the report period..

Our first step is to recognize that the events and the deeper developmental invitation are manifesting in your Seventh House -- a familiar territory, since it figured earlier in our analysis. Again the "House of Marriage" comes up, for Neptune is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Neptune, which we just described. But what is being triggered most deeply inside you? What part of you is being called into the service of love? The answer lies with Mercury, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

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.

Your First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Mercury, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

When quick-witted Mercury merges with spacey Neptune, the mind is often a bit befuddled. And there is definitely a heightened tendency to carefully file the bananas in the socks-drawer. Such embarrassments aside, the combination is actually a very fertile one for the creative imagination. The mind naturally turns now to the mystical, the metaphorical, and the symbolic, where the Neptunian energies are always at home.

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.

Pr. Venus aligns with the Fourth House cusp

Date: May 22, 2002 - Continuing

"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.

What is so critical about your progressed Venus? It enters the Fourth: May 22, 2002. Since a planet typically takes decades to progress through a house, this signifies that the entire basis of intimacy in your life is shifting, and that the tone of your experiences in that department will be reflecting the symbolism of the Fourth for a long time to come. Let's investigate it.

The search for roots -- that's the core of Fourth House experience. Traditionally the "House of the Home," this phase of life often involves an intensification of concern regarding one's current family, or one's family of origin. Under Fourth House stimulation, which certainly applies to you now that Venus has just entered that house, it is not unusual for a person to move, or buy a home, or somehow renew an existing one. All that domestic focus, however, is secondary. The real issue lies in an exploration of roots of an entirely different sort: the roots of your own identity...what we might call the myth of the self.

Deep inside you is...a feeling? a tone? an attitude? Words are elusive here, but there is something of the nature of Venus at the very center of your being which goes beyond logic and reason, something quite unique and individual, something to which you must be true if you are to live happily and authentically. Over time, that mysterious inner guide evolves...which is good and natural; but it also creates problems. One's outward circumstances inevitably reflect earlier, less evolved versions of that core Self -- and during periods when the Fourth House is activated, the gap between what you have inwardly become and what you outwardly appear to be becomes critical.

You must quiet your life now, and do what you can to hear the "still, small voice" of Venus inside you. Dreams often become compelling and interesting at such junctures. You may be drawn to oracles...astrologers, psychotherapists, psychic counselors, systems of divination. All these can help part the veil that separates your inner essence from its outward act.

Pr. Venus is Opposite Midheaven

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): May 22, 2002

We met the progressed Venus earlier in the report. As you may remember, this represents your evolving capacity to love and to connect. Its arrival at a sensitive zone generally heralds the arrival in your life of people who will prove pivotal to you, one way or another. Inwardly, it has to do with realizations, evolutions, and maturation in your own attitudes toward intimacy.

First we must recognize that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Venus is currently passing. Immediately that realization places our attention on two fundamental areas: The first is your home and family, which may well be making their needs felt now in the "key" of Venus. And the second, often confused by the first, is your own happiness and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. Under this kind of

stimulation, a person often benefits from considering his or her deepest beliefs and attitudes from a conventional psycho-therapeutic perspective -- which in essence is to say, "Figure out what mom and dad taught you," and drop what is no longer consistent with your own course. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Midheaven, which is being invited into development by these familial and emotional pressures.

How is the progressed Venus currently touching you? It is opposite your natal Midheaven: May 22, 2002. 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.

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.

In what way do those notions connect with your present circumstances? Understand that the Midheaven 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 the Midheaven, as we just described it. Any work that will prove enduringly satisfying invokes the considerable energies of the Midheaven in you; any work that does not embody them will turn out to be transitory or deadening.

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.

Tr. Saturn is Conjunct Uranus

In effect: Jun 6, 2002 - Jun 22, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 14, 2002

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 is conjunct your natal Uranus. The energies crest Jun 14, 2002.

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 Saturn. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by Uranus, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

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.

While the energies of Uranus that we just described are obviously positive qualities for everyone, they play an especially personal part in your own well-being, looming larger and larger in your life as you mature. That's because Uranus lies in your natal Eleventh House, which pertains to your future, to your healthiest priorities, and to your most sustainable long-term strategies, all of which are well-described by that planet. Under the current stimulation of Uranus, an evolution in your goals is occurring, rendering some old dreams obsolete or complete as new, sometimes unexpected desires and values begin to make themselves felt. It is a season of re-orientation.

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.

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.

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.

Tr. Saturn is Sextile Pluto

In effect: in progress - Apr 13, 2002

Peak Date(s): Apr 2, 2002

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 is sextile your natal Pluto. The energies crest Apr 2, 2002.

Currently Saturn 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.

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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 Saturn, 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 Saturn. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by Pluto, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

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 First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Pluto, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

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 sextile -- traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Tr. Saturn is Sextile Mercury

In effect: in progress - Apr 5, 2002

Peak Date(s): sometime before the report period.

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 is sextile your natal Mercury. The energies crest sometime before the report period..

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 Saturn. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by Mercury, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

The natal Mercury -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your intelligence, your capacity to communicate, and your fundamental curiosity.

Your First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Mercury, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

When Mercury mingles with Saturn, a thoughtful, reflective perspective enters the mind. This is a season of earnest study, of necessary but often rather plodding kinds of work. A precise, careful, conservative approach generally produces the best results. And, present cultural mythology aside, the cultivation of a degree of calculated pessimism often helps one evade costly blunders as these two planets interact.

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.

Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Mars

In effect: Apr 12, 2002 - Apr 26, 2002

Peak Date(s): Apr 19, 2002

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 is sextile your natal Mars: Apr 19, 2002.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House, which is the last house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. Your key to success here lies in sorting out what parts of your life and circumstances have truly run their course and are therefore ready to be released. That's hard, sometimes, since like the rest of us you're in part a creature of habit and are therefore subject to getting too attached to the familiar. Of what should you be letting go? Part of the answer lies with Jupiter, as we just described it: the part of you that's ready to "die and be reborn" is tangled up with that kind of energy and attitude. But we can go further. There is also some ending and releasing going in connection with Mars, which is being invited into development by these essential and apt conclusions -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by outside events if you're slow to recognize their necessity.

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.

Good things in general come your way when you make a positive response to Mars. But one area has always been prominent in that regard -- the Second House, where Mars lies in your birthchart. There, in the area of providing yourself with a real basis for self-confidence, the optimal use of that energy is most critical. Sometimes it comes down to seeing to it that you have enough money. Other times, provisions, proper tools, or even skills are the focus. Always the key here is to recognize the intimate link between personal resources and personal assurance.

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 sextile -- traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Tr. Pluto is Sextile Jupiter

In effect: in progress - May 2, 2002

Peak Date(s): sometime before the report period.

Pluto made an appearance earlier in this report, but now it has another message for you. Always this planet signals the existence of some emotional baggage to be released, some hurtful or humiliating piece of your personal history that needs to be remembered or reconsidered. The alternative is typically to re-enact some old wounding drama. Pluto currently is sextile your natal Jupiter. The action peaks sometime before 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 Pluto 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 Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

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.

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Jupiter.

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 sextile -- traditionally seen as a "harmonious" or "mutually enhancing" aspect, often full of fast-paced events and emotional stimulation.

Tr. Jupiter is Conjunct Sun

In effect: May 11, 2002 - May 22, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 17, 2002

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 is conjunct your natal Sun. The action peaks May 17, 2002.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Jupiter, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with the Sun, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

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?

The Twelfth House is where the Sun lies in your natal chart, and it is currently undergoing a lot of evolutionary emphasis. It is critical that you make an effort to get in touch with the energies of the Sun in yourself at this point. You need them, and you actually do have them available to you, but they've got a pattern of slipping away from your conscious control. Don't let it happen! Meditate on the Sun! Draw pictures of it and tape them to the refrigerator! Do what it takes to avoid shooting yourself in the foot, which is what will happen if you let circumstances bamboozle you out of these healing, balancing energies.

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

Tr. Jupiter is Square Moon

In effect: May 27, 2002 - Jun 6, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 1, 2002

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 is square your natal Moon. The action peaks Jun 1, 2002.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Jupiter, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with the Moon, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

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

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of the Moon.

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 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.

Tr. Saturn is Trine Jupiter

In effect: May 30, 2002 - Jun 14, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 6, 2002

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 is trine your natal Jupiter. The energies crest Jun 6, 2002.

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 Saturn. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

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 Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Jupiter.

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.

Tr. Jupiter is Square Jupiter

In effect: Jun 3, 2002 - Jun 13, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 8, 2002

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 is square your natal Jupiter. The action peaks Jun 8, 2002.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Jupiter, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with Jupiter, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

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 Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Jupiter.

When Jupiter interacts with its own natal position, as we see here, speculation and possibility arise. There is something available to you now which was not available before. It comes at least partly as a gift, or as what the world would call "blind luck." In fact, a more subtle law is in operation here: you've crafted a position of opportunity for yourself over the years. Now is the time to harvest 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.

Tr. Saturn is Sextile Venus

In effect: Jun 25, 2002 - continuing

Peak Date(s): sometime after the report period.

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 is sextile your natal Venus. The energies crest sometime after the report period..

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 Saturn. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by Venus, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

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 First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Venus, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

When Venus collides with Saturn, a season of vows and boundaries in your intimate life is upon you. It's helpful now to remember that grown-up love is more than an emotion; it's also a commitment, a discipline, and a promise to be honored even in the face of difficulties or passing estrangements. Take some time alone now; you probably need it. Be clear and be serious, and don't let anyone trick you into taking positions you outgrew years ago.

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.

Tr. Jupiter is Square Midheaven

In effect: Jun 28, 2002 - continuing

Peak Date(s): sometime after 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 is square your natal Midheaven. The action peaks sometime after the report period..

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Jupiter, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a

major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with the Midheaven, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

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 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 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 one-sentence 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.

April Invitation Peaks

Apr 04, 2002 - Tr. Neptune opposes Pluto

Apr 11, 2002 - Pr. Moon enters Scorpio

April Mean Peaks

Apr 02, 2002 - Tr. Saturn sextiles Pluto

Apr 19, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Mars

April The Details

Apr 01, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Venus

Keywords: career swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive commanding relating.

Apr 01, 2002 - Tr. Mercury opposes Neptune

Keywords: questing dialog opposes your inborn open-minded imagination.

Apr 03, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Mercury

Keywords: exploratory dialog supports your typical resolute communication.

Apr 03, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Sun

Keywords: questing identity conflicts with your instinctive private personality.

Apr 03, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Pluto

Keywords: adventuresome communication supports your typical assertive investigation.

Apr 05, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Sun

Keywords: routine-shattering conversation conflicts with your instinctive reclusive identity.

Apr 06, 2002 - Tr. Sun opposes Moon

Keywords: questing identity is in tension with your inherent intelligent awareness.

Apr 06, 2002 - Tr. Mercury opposes Moon

Keywords: expansive conversation opposes your inborn verbal sensitivity.

Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Mercury opposes Jupiter

Keywords: routine-shattering dialog opposes your inborn intelligent opportunity.

Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Sun opposes Jupiter

Keywords: exploratory personality is in tension with your inherent open-minded gambling.

Apr 08, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Uranus

Keywords: questing communication excites your native long-term autonomy.

Apr 08, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Saturn

Keywords: employment-oriented assertiveness stimulates your normal quiet solitude.

Apr 08, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Mars

Keywords: vocational affection supports your typical dignified assertiveness.

Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Uranus

Keywords: exploratory identity excites your native group-dynamical autonomy.

Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Mercury

Keywords: vocational human connection clashes with your instinctive authoritative dialog.

Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Venus

Keywords: questing conversation supports your typical commanding affection.

Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Pluto

Keywords: on-the-job human connection conflicts with your instinctive decisive intensity.

Apr 10, 2002 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts 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 Apr 10, 2002, 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.

Apr 11, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Venus

Keywords: questing personality enhances your usual commanding relating.

Apr 11, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Saturn

Keywords: employment-oriented conversation conflicts with your instinctive quiet integrity.

Apr 12, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Sun

Keywords: on-the-job affection excites your native withdrawn personality.

Apr 13, 2002 - Tr. Sun conjuncts 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.

Sun arrives at a conjunction with your Midheaven Apr 13, 2002, 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 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.

Apr 16, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Saturn

Keywords: work-oriented personality conflicts with your instinctive reclusive composure.

Apr 17, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Mars

Keywords: work-oriented communication enhances your usual resourceful courage.

Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Mercury

Keywords: on-the-job conversation clashes with your instinctive decisive communication.

Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Pluto

Keywords: vocational dialog conflicts with your instinctive forceful honesty.

Apr 18, 2002 at 12:59 PM - Tr. Moon enters 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 Apr 18, 2002 at 12:59 PM, and emerges Apr 20, 2002 at 07:42 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Venus

Keywords: work-oriented human connection conflicts with your instinctive authoritative relating.

Apr 20, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Sun

Keywords: on-the-job communication excites your native quiet personality.

Apr 22, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Neptune

Keywords: visionary assertiveness enhances your usual clever imagination.

Apr 22, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Saturn

Keywords: on-the-job relating stimulates your normal quiet solitude.

Apr 24, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Venus

Keywords: on-the-job dialog conflicts with your instinctive decisive human connection.

Apr 27, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Mars

Keywords: goal-oriented swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive financially savvy assertiveness.

Apr 27, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Saturn

Keywords: work-oriented dialog stimulates your normal withdrawn integrity.

Apr 28, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Mercury

Keywords: goal-oriented assertiveness excites your native decisive conversation.

Apr 29, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Pluto

Keywords: group-dynamical courage excites your native authoritative intensity.

Apr 29, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Mars

Keywords: on-the-job identity enhances your usual resourceful courage.

Apr 30, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Mercury

Keywords: vocational identity conflicts with your instinctive forceful conversation.

Apr 30, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune

Keywords: long-term human connection supports your typical clever inspiration.

Apr 30, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Pluto

Keywords: on-the-job nature clashes with your instinctive assertive honesty.

May Invitation Peaks

May 22, 2002 - Pr. Venus enters Fourth House

May 22, 2002 - Pr. Venus opposes Midheaven

May Mean Peaks

May 17, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter conjuncts Sun

May 21, 2002 - Tr. Pluto sextiles Moon

May 26, 2002 - Tr. Saturn trines Moon

May The Details

May 03, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Mars

Keywords: priority-clarifying affection clashes with your instinctive self-assured assertiveness.

May 03, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mercury

Keywords: long-term relating stimulates your normal assertive conversation.

May 04, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Sun

Keywords: employment-oriented personality excites your native meditative nature.

May 04, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto

Keywords: visionary affection stimulates your normal assertive honesty.

May 05, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune

Keywords: visionary communication enhances your usual clever imagination.

May 08, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Moon

Keywords: visionary courage supports your typical verbal sensitivity.

May 09, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Moon

Keywords: goal-oriented relating enhances your usual inventive awareness.

May 10, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Jupiter

Keywords: long-term courage enhances your usual inventive gambling.

May 10, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Jupiter

Keywords: priority-clarifying relating supports your typical curious gambling.

May 11, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: strategic relating fuses with your natural visionary autonomy.

May 11, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: strategic conversation conflicts with your instinctive self-assured assertiveness.

May 11, 2002 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: priority-clarifying assertiveness fuses with your natural long-term originality.

May 12, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Venus

Keywords: career identity clashes with your instinctive resolute affection.

May 13, 2002 - Neptune turns Retrograde (at 10°Aq59' in your 07th House)

Aspects: Trine Moon, Opposite Mercury, Trine Neptune, Opposite Pluto, Opposite Ascendant.

May 13, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Venus

Keywords: long-term relating stimulates your normal resolute human connection.

May 13, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mercury

Keywords: strategic conversation excites your native authoritative communication.

May 15, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Venus

Keywords: priority-clarifying assertiveness excites your native resolute human connection.

May 15, 2002 at 02:43 PM - 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 May 15, 2002 at 02:43 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

May 15, 2002 at 06:28 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again May 15, 2002 at 06:28 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins May 18, 2002 at 01:21 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 17, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Saturn

Keywords: professional nature excites your native spiritually open integrity.

May 17, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mercury

Keywords: visionary dialog excites your native assertive conversation.

May 19, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: group-dynamical communication clashes with your instinctive resourceful swordsmanship.

May 25, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Neptune

Keywords: private human connection clashes with your instinctive curious inspiration.

May 26, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune

Keywords: long-term conversation supports your typical clever inspiration.

May 27, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Neptune

Keywords: priority-clarifying nature enhances your usual clever imagination.

May 28, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mars

Keywords: withdrawn relating excites your native dignified swordsmanship.

May 30, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Mars

Keywords: visionary personality conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting swordsmanship.

May 31, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mercury

Keywords: goal-oriented nature excites your native commanding communication.

May 31, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Sun

Keywords: meditative relating combines with your characteristic withdrawn nature.

June Invitation Peaks

Jun 14, 2002 - Tr. Saturn conjuncts Uranus

Jun 22, 2002 - Tr. Neptune opposes Pluto

June Mean Peaks

Jun 01, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter squares Moon
Jun 06, 2002 - Tr. Saturn trines Jupiter
Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter squares Jupiter

June The Details

Jun 01, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Pluto

Keywords: strategic personality excites your native authoritative honesty.

Jun 02, 2002 - Uranus turns Retrograde (at 28°Aq50' in your 08th House)

Aspects: Sextile Midheaven.

Jun 03, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Moon

Keywords: meditative affection clashes with your instinctive verbal sensitivity.

Jun 04, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Jupiter

Keywords: private human connection conflicts with your instinctive clever gambling.

Jun 06, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Neptune

Keywords: private swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive curious inspiration.

Jun 07, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Moon

Keywords: priority-clarifying personality supports your typical intelligent attitude.

Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Jupiter

Keywords: visionary personality enhances your usual intelligent gambling.

Jun 10, 2002 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: goal-oriented personality fuses with your natural strategic autonomy.

Jun 11, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Mars

Keywords: reclusive assertiveness excites your native self-assured swordsmanship.

Jun 11, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: quiet human connection fuses with your natural withdrawn integrity.

Jun 12, 2002 at 00:59 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Jun 12, 2002 at 00:59 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Jun 14, 2002 at 06:58 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.

Jun 12, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Venus

Keywords: strategic nature stimulates your normal commanding relating.

Jun 18, 2002 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Sun

Keywords: spiritually open courage combines with your characteristic meditative identity.

Jun 19, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune

Keywords: long-term dialog supports your typical verbal imagination.

Jun 19, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Neptune

Keywords: meditative affection excites your native intelligent inspiration.

Jun 20, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Ascendant

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 Ascendant Jun 20, 2002, 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.

Jun 22, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Moon

Keywords: meditative swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive clever sensitivity.

Jun 23, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Mercury

Keywords: resolute relating fuses with your natural decisive conversation.

Jun 23, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: visionary dialog clashes with your instinctive self-confident courage.

Jun 23, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mercury

Keywords: group-dynamical communication stimulates your normal authoritative conversation.

Jun 23, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Pluto

Keywords: authoritative human connection fuses with your natural assertive intensity.

Jun 24, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto

Keywords: priority-clarifying conversation stimulates your normal resolute intensity.

Jun 25, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Jupiter

Keywords: private swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive intelligent opportunity.

Jun 27, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Neptune

Keywords: reclusive identity clashes with your instinctive inventive contemplation.

Jun 29, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Moon

Keywords: authoritative affection stimulates your normal curious sensitivity.

Jun 29, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Moon

Keywords: priority-clarifying conversation enhances your usual curious attitude.

Jun 30, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Jupiter

Keywords: long-term dialog supports your typical verbal exuberance.

Jun 30, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: assertive affection excites your native intelligent exuberance.

Jun 30, 2002 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: long-term conversation fuses with your natural strategic individuality.