

# **Three Month Transits**

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Sun	Aquarius	10°Aq48'	06th	01 02°Vi55'
Moon	Pisces	22°Pi40'	07th	02 26°Vi16'
Mercury	Aquarius	24°Aq15'	06th	03 24°Li45'
Venus	Capricorn	21°Cp27'	05th	04 27°Sc59'
Mars	Sagittarius	17°Sg46'	04th	05 02°Cp47'
Jupiter	Taurus	07°Ta17'	09th	06 04°Aq55'
Saturn	Taurus	08°Ta19'	09th	07 02°Pi55'
Uranus	Taurus	22°Ta09'	09th	08 26°Pi16'
Neptune	Virgo	27°Vi25'	02nd	09 24°Ar45'
Pluto	Leo	03°Le02'	11th	10 27°Ta59'
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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 Sun**

In effect: in progress - Apr 15, 2002

Peak Date(s): Apr 5, 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 Sun: Apr 5, 2002.

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 Sun, which is being invited into development by these professional or social openings.

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?

Sustaining steady contact with the energy of the Sun, always good for you, now figures especially prominently in one critical dimension of your life: the Sixth House, which is where the Sun 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 the Sun, you're on the right track.

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. Neptune is Conjunct Sun**

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Apr 17, 2002; Jun 8, 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 conjunct your natal Sun: Apr 17, 2002; Jun 8, 2002.

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 Neptune 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 Neptune, 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 the Sun, which is being triggered by this period of hard work, giving, and supporting.

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

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 the Sun, 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.

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.

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. Uranus is Square Midheaven**

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Apr 17, 2002

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 is square your natal Midheaven: Apr 17, 2002.

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 Uranus is currently passing. Obligations and responsibilities are emphasized now in your life, and the mood they create is the same as that of Uranus, 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 Midheaven, which is being triggered during this season of giving, of supporting others, and of plain hard work.

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 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. Pluto is Conjunct Mars**

In effect: in progress - May 19, 2002

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

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 conjunct your natal Mars. 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 sometime before the report period..

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 Pluto 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 Pluto. 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 Mars, which is being invited into development by these familial and emotional pressures.

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.

Maintaining a healthy relationship with the force of Mars is particularly central to your well-being in one key area: the Fourth House, which is where Mars happened to be located when you took your first breath in Lincoln, NE. 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 Mars, 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 Mars connives with Pluto, you are lean, hungry, and ready to demand that your legitimate needs be met. Your desires are clear; they may also be unsettling, uncomfortable, even a little shocking. But they are clear, and your appetites are ravenous. The question is, what to do with them? There is a middle path between sheer Machiavellian selfishness and shallow, sugary-sweet, truth-denying "goodness." Your task is to find it.

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. Saturn is Opposite Mars**

In effect: May 27, 2002 - Jun 11, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 3, 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 opposite your natal Mars. The energies crest Jun 3, 2002.

Currently Saturn 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 Saturn 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 Saturn, 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.

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 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 Mars, 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 Mars collides with Saturn, your patience is tried. The situation is frustrating; you want to move quickly, but circumstances simply do not allow it. You may have to lose a battle to win a war; you might have to wait for someone else to make a move -- or to shoot himself in the foot. Think strategically; remember your ultimate goals in the situation, and don't allow temperamental impatience to trick you into an imprudent blunder.

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.

### **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. Jupiter is Sextile Jupiter**

In effect: in progress - Apr 12, 2002

Peak Date(s): Apr 2, 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 Jupiter: Apr 2, 2002.

Currently Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 Jupiter, which is being invited into development by these strategic alliances.

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.

How does all that relate to your present circumstances? Recognize that Jupiter 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 Jupiter, as we just encountered it.

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 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.

### **Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Saturn**

In effect: Apr 3, 2002 - Apr 20, 2002

Peak Date(s): Apr 12, 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 sextile your natal Saturn. The action peaks Apr 12, 2002.

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

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.

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 Saturn, blow out the cobwebs.

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

### **Pr. Moon is Trine Sun**

In effect: in progress - May 6, 2002

Peak Date(s): Apr 6, 2002

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.

Currently the Moon 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 the Moon, 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 Sun, which is being invited into development by these professional or social openings.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Sun: Apr 6, 2002. 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 Sun -- that, as we have seen, refers to the very core of your being: your identity.

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 the Sun, 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 the Moon, your "head" and your "heart" are experiencing some complications in their relationship. The key to a peaceful resolution of the issue lies in each being heard and each being willing to bend a little. Your lunar need for self-nurture must be balanced with your solar responsibilities and sense of destiny. Your hardheaded reasonableness must be open to the "trans-rational" side of life, where happiness really lies. Compromise and balance are the essence of such an event.

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 Opposite Venus**

In effect: Jun 19, 2002 - Jun 28, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 24, 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 opposite your natal Venus. The action peaks Jun 24, 2002.

Currently Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 Jupiter. 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.

Preserving a sound alliance with Venus plays a leading role in one key area of your life: the Fifth House, which is where Venus 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 Venus, as we just portrayed them. And, in your current astrological circumstances, the need for that kind of re-charging is definitely up right now.

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 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. Jupiter is Sextile Uranus**

In effect: Jun 22, 2002 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Jun 27, 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 sextile your natal Uranus. The action peaks Jun 27, 2002.

Currently Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 Jupiter. 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.

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 Uranus, blow out the cobwebs.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Trine Moon**

In effect: Jun 25, 2002 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Jun 29, 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 trine your natal Moon. The action peaks Jun 29, 2002.

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

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 flow of the energies of the Moon, always good for you, is especially crucial to your closest human relationships: marriage, profound friendship, long-term sexual bonds. Why? Because in Lincoln, NE at the moment of your birth the Moon occupied your Seventh House, the traditional "House of Marriage." Two lines of reasoning emerge here. The first is that by bringing the flavor of the Moon 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 the Moon. 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.

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 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 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 17, 2002 - Tr. Uranus squares Midheaven**

**Apr 17, 2002 - Tr. Neptune conjuncts Sun**

#### April Mean Peaks

**Apr 02, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Jupiter**

**Apr 05, 2002 - Tr. Saturn trines Sun**

**Apr 06, 2002 - Pr. Moon trines Sun**

**Apr 12, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Saturn**

#### April The Details

**Apr 01, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Venus**

Keywords: questing assertiveness enhances your usual creative affection.

**Apr 02, 2002 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: questing courage fuses with your natural expansive autonomy.

**Apr 02, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Moon**

Keywords: questing swordsmanship stimulates your normal collaborative awareness.

**Apr 03, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Pluto**

Keywords: intellectually hungry human connection conflicts with your instinctive strategic intensity.

**Apr 03, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Sun**

Keywords: penetratingly real communication stimulates your normal helpful nature.

**Apr 05, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Mercury**

Keywords: questing swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive competent communication.

**Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Jupiter**

Keywords: expansive human connection fuses with your natural routine-shattering gambling.

**Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Mars**

Keywords: emotionally brave communication enhances your usual emotional courage.

**Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Mars**

Keywords: probing identity enhances your usual self-protective courage.

**Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Saturn**

Keywords: exploratory human connection fuses with your natural expansive integrity.

**Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Venus**

Keywords: probing dialog conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous relating.

**Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Neptune**

Keywords: expansive assertiveness enhances your usual resourceful contemplation.

**Apr 09, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Sun**

Keywords: routine-shattering relating conflicts with your instinctive painstaking personality.

**Apr 10, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mercury**

Keywords: passionate conversation excites your native painstaking communication.

**Apr 10, 2002 - Tr. Mars conjuncts 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 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 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 11, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Venus**

Keywords: penetratingly real nature conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous relating.

**Apr 14, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mercury**

Keywords: penetratingly real identity excites your native supportive conversation.

**Apr 14, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Pluto**

Keywords: intellectually hungry dialog clashes with your instinctive group-dynamical honesty.

**Apr 16, 2002 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Jupiter**

Keywords: routine-shattering conversation combines with your characteristic expansive exuberance.

**Apr 17, 2002 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Saturn**

Keywords: intellectually hungry conversation combines with your characteristic expansive integrity.

**Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: career assertiveness excites your native goal-oriented investigation.

**Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Sun**

Keywords: expansive dialog conflicts with your instinctive painstaking personality.

**Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Venus**

Keywords: routine-shattering affection supports your typical spontaneous relating.

**Apr 19, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: questing relating combines with your characteristic exploratory originality.

**Apr 19, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Moon**

Keywords: adventuresome human connection excites your native caring attitude.

**Apr 20, 2002 at 04:58 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 20, 2002 at 04:58 PM, and emerges Apr 22, 2002 at 04:26 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

**Apr 20, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Mercury**

Keywords: expansive relating conflicts with your instinctive competent conversation.

**Apr 23, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Pluto**

Keywords: exploratory identity clashes with your instinctive visionary investigation.

**Apr 23, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune**

Keywords: exploratory affection supports your typical self-respecting imagination.

**Apr 23, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts 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 Apr 23, 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 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.

**Apr 24, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Venus**

Keywords: routine-shattering communication enhances your usual creative human connection.

**Apr 24, 2002 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: expansive communication fuses with your natural routine-shattering autonomy.

**Apr 25, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon**

Keywords: expansive communication stimulates your normal caring awareness.

**Apr 26, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Mercury**

Keywords: adventuresome dialog conflicts with your instinctive competent communication.

**Apr 27, 2002 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Jupiter**

Keywords: questing nature combines with your characteristic routine-shattering opportunity.

**Apr 28, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: professional human connection stimulates your normal group-dynamical honesty.

**Apr 28, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune**

Keywords: routine-shattering dialog enhances your usual self-respecting imagination.

**Apr 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2002 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Saturn**

Keywords: expansive personality fuses with your natural intellectually hungry composure.

**Apr 29, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Sun**

Keywords: professional assertiveness supports your typical supportive nature.

**May Invitation Peaks**

(None this month.)

**May Mean Peaks**

(None this month.)

**May The Details**

**May 01, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Sun**

Keywords: adventuresome personality conflicts with your instinctive competent identity.

**May 02, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: vocational communication excites your native strategic intensity.

**May 04, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Sun**

Keywords: on-the-job affection supports your typical responsible identity.

**May 09, 2002 - Tr. Mars opposes Mars**

Keywords: professional courage opposes your inborn emotional assertiveness.

**May 10, 2002 - Tr. Venus opposes Mars**

Keywords: on-the-job affection is in tension with your inherent sensitive courage.

**May 12, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Venus**

Keywords: adventuresome personality enhances your usual self-expressive affection.

**May 12, 2002 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: expansive nature combines with your characteristic adventuresome individuality.

**May 13, 2002 - Neptune turns Retrograde (at 10° Aq59' in your 06th House)**

Aspects: Conjunct Sun, Square Jupiter, Square Saturn.

**May 13, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Moon**

Keywords: exploratory identity stimulates your normal interpersonally sensitive awareness.

**May 14, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Moon**

Keywords: work-oriented relating clashes with your instinctive collaborative attitude.

**May 15, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Mercury**

Keywords: adventuresome personality clashes with your instinctive dutiful dialog.

**May 15, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Mercury**

Keywords: career affection enhances your usual dutiful conversation.

### **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 17, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Moon**

Keywords: on-the-job assertiveness conflicts with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive attitude.

### **May 17, 2002 at 10:35 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again May 17, 2002 at 10:35 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins May 19, 2002 at 10:59 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.

### **May 18, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Neptune**

Keywords: on-the-job human connection conflicts with your instinctive self-confident contemplation.

### **May 18, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Neptune**

Keywords: intellectually hungry personality enhances your usual dignified contemplation.

### **May 18, 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 May 18, 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.

**May 19, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Mercury**

Keywords: work-oriented assertiveness enhances your usual responsible conversation.

**May 24, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: vocational personality excites your native visionary intensity.

**May 24, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Neptune**

Keywords: employment-oriented swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive financially savvy imagination.

**May 26, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Jupiter**

Keywords: group-dynamical affection excites your native intellectually hungry opportunity.

**May 27, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Saturn**

Keywords: goal-oriented relating excites your native expansive solitude.

**June Invitation Peaks**

**Jun 03, 2002 - Tr. Saturn opposes Mars**

**Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Neptune conjuncts Sun**

**June Mean Peaks**

**Jun 24, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter opposes Venus**

**Jun 27, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Uranus**

**Jun 29, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter trines Moon**

**June The Details**

**Jun 01, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Sun**

Keywords: professional personality supports your typical competent nature.

**Jun 01, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: employment-oriented communication excites your native long-term intensity.

**Jun 02, 2002 - Uranus turns Retrograde** (at 28°Aq50' in your 06th House)

Aspects: Conjunct Mercury, Square Uranus, Square Midheaven, Opposite Ascendant.

**Jun 07, 2002 - Tr. Venus opposes Venus**

Keywords: goal-oriented human connection opposes your inborn self-expressive relating.

**Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Uranus**

Keywords: group-dynamical relating stimulates your normal exploratory autonomy.

**Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Jupiter**

Keywords: group-dynamical swordsmanship excites your native intellectually hungry exuberance.

**Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Moon**

Keywords: goal-oriented human connection supports your typical loving sensitivity.

**Jun 08, 2002 - Tr. Sun opposes Mars**

Keywords: employment-oriented nature opposes your inborn watchful assertiveness.

**Jun 10, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Saturn**

Keywords: goal-oriented courage stimulates your normal routine-shattering integrity.

**Jun 12, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Neptune**

Keywords: visionary human connection excites your native self-confident contemplation.

**Jun 13, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Moon**

Keywords: vocational identity clashes with your instinctive collaborative awareness.

**Jun 14, 2002 at 04:15 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Jun 14, 2002 at 04:15 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Jun 16, 2002 at 04:22 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 15, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: on-the-job communication stimulates your normal priority-clarifying investigation.

**Jun 15, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Mercury**

Keywords: employment-oriented personality supports your typical competent communication.

**Jun 17, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Pluto**

Keywords: visionary human connection fuses with your natural goal-oriented intensity.

**Jun 18, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Neptune**

Keywords: on-the-job nature clashes with your instinctive self-confident imagination.

**Jun 20, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Jupiter**

Keywords: spiritually open affection clashes with your instinctive questing exuberance.

**Jun 21, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Saturn**

Keywords: private relating clashes with your instinctive adventuresome solitude.

**Jun 23, 2002 - Tr. Venus opposes Sun**

Keywords: private human connection opposes your inborn helpful nature.

**Jun 24, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Sun**

Keywords: career communication supports your typical dutiful personality.

**Jun 29, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Jupiter**

Keywords: group-dynamical nature stimulates your normal expansive exuberance.

**Jun 29, 2002 - Tr. Mercury opposes Mars**

Keywords: vocational conversation is in tension with your inherent psychologically sophisticated swordsmanship.

**Jun 29, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Mars**

Keywords: private relating supports your typical emotional courage.

**Jun 30, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Saturn**

Keywords: visionary nature excites your native intellectually hungry integrity.

**Jun 30, 2002 - Tr. Mars opposes Venus**

Keywords: long-term swordsmanship is in tension with your inherent spontaneous relating.