

Three Month Transit Report

Astrological Report

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Virgo	01°Vi45'	07th	01 06°Cp07'
Moon	Virgo	23°Vi53'	08th	02 04°Pi26'
Mercury	Virgo	29°Vi01'	08th	03 22°Ar18'
Venus	Libra	17°Li04'	08th	04 18°Ta44'
Mars	Gemini	28°Ge15'	06th	05 06°Ge20'
Jupiter	Cancer	12°Ca43'	07th	06 20°Ge55'
Saturn	Capricorn	05°Cp27'	12th	07 06°Ca07'
Uranus	Aries	14°Ar54'	02nd	08 04°Vi26'
Neptune	Virgo	03°Vi15'	07th	09 22°Li18'
Pluto	Cancer	20°Ca15'	07th	10 18°Sc44'
Midheaven	Scorpio	18°Sc44'	10th	11 06°Sg20'
Ascendant	Capricorn	06°Cp07'	01st	12 20°Sg55'

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

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

Question mark.

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

In the pages that follow, we will be exploring the coming months of your life from this planetary perspective. There are three parts to the report, 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...

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...

Pr. Moon enters Taurus

Date: May 3, 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 Taurus: May 3, 2002.

Taurus represents the virtues of naturalness, simplification, and stability. A Zen master was asked the secret of his Enlightenment. "When I'm hungry, I eat; when I'm tired, I sleep," was his response. There is wisdom in accepting the normal, earthy routines of life, in being the "wise monkey." Under Taurean stimulation, a warm blanket of gravity descends, steadying you, often tying you down to the practical world of everyday affairs and concerns. In Taurus, we experience a disinclination toward abstract flights of speculation; we prefer the real, the verifiable, the solid. Trendiness cloys; the eternal attracts. It is not unusual under this stimulus for people to find themselves drawn to gardens, to the great outdoors, to communion with animals -- all those modalities of experience which affirm our connection with that which is ageless and abiding.

Tr. Saturn aligns with the Sixth House cusp

Date: Jun 28, 2002 - Continuing

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 conjunct your natal Sixth House cusp: Jun 28, 2002.

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

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

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

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 Opposite Ascendant

In effect: in progress - Apr 1, 2002

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

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 opposite your natal Ascendant: sometime before the report period..

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 Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by the advent of these pivotal people.

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

body, the way you speak, and the clothes you wear.

The 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 is Sextile Mars

In effect: in progress - Apr 12, 2002

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

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

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

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

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.

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

When the Moon interacts with Mars, the mood of life turns hot. Fiery energies course through the psyche, filling you with passionate intensity. Positively, the linking of these two factors can encourage you to take the initiative, to state your needs forcefully and unambiguously, and to defend what is rightfully yours. Be careful; this astrological linkage may incline you toward extremes of temper, unintentionally destructive exchanges with the people with whom you share your life, and possibly the sort of accidents which are created by unprocessed tension, anger, or anxiety.

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. Uranus is Trine Mars

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Apr 25, 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 trine your natal Mars: Apr 25, 2002.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where Uranus is currently located in your chart. And what does that tell you? That the circumstances driving your development, at least in terms of this particular configuration, have to do with the choices you make and how you present yourself. Be assertive; take responsibility. You have considerable power in this situation. To use it well, act in the spirit of Uranus, as we just described it. But

what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that question, we turn our attention to Mars, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

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

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. Saturn is Sextile Uranus

In effect: May 4, 2002 - May 20, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 12, 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 Uranus. The energies crest May 12, 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 Saturn 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 Saturn 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 Uranus, which is being invited into development by this period of playful, celebratory creativity.

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.

Good things in general come your way when you make a positive response to Uranus. But one area has always been prominent in that regard -- the Second House, where Uranus 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 Saturn interacts with Uranus, avalanche is the ruling metaphor. "Stuck" situations can only stay stuck for so long; sooner or later, when enough water builds up behind the logjam, something's got to give. Expect explosive developments, and prepare for them in two ways. The first: through dispassionate analysis you can anticipate eventualities and have some tactics for damage-control in place. The second: through imaginative forethought you can recognize some exciting emerging possibilities and be ready to seize them.

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

Tr. Jupiter is Conjunct Jupiter

In effect: May 5, 2002 - May 17, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 11, 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 Jupiter. The action peaks May 11, 2002.

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 Jupiter is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Jupiter, 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 Jupiter, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

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

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

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.

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.

Tr. Pluto is Sextile Venus

In effect: in progress - Jun 14, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 6, 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 Venus. 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 6, 2002.

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

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.

Bolstering the energies of Venus, never a bad idea, is particularly essential now, for Venus lies in your Eighth House, the traditional "House of Death." Mortality itself is usually not the issue; more accurately, the question here lies with all the fears with which you live and all the hurts and distortions the past has visited upon you. All of us sit on emotional volcanos. You, too. Now the time has come to look more closely at some uncomfortable memories...perhaps to share them with someone you trust implicitly. Take the spirit and attitude of Venus, as we just described it. That mood will carry you most deeply and efficiently into the unsettling material at hand.

When Venus gets hooked up with Pluto, the progress of love (Venus) depends utterly upon the profundity of your psychological understanding (Pluto). A season of secrets revealed is upon you, and not all of them are pleasant. At a time such as this, your optimal path lies in the direction of facing squarely the lacerations and abrasions of your own personal history and those of one about whom you care very much. Most challengingly, you need to make a mammoth effort to keep the two clearly separated.

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 Uranus

In effect: May 18, 2002 - May 28, 2002

Peak Date(s): May 23, 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 Uranus. The action peaks May 23, 2002.

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 Jupiter is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Jupiter, 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 Uranus, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

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

Your Second House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon your personal resources and the resultant feelings of self-confidence and legitimacy that they engender. And what are the natures of the resources most pivotal to this self-esteem building process? A large part of the answer lies with Uranus, a planet whose basic skills, tools, and connections always figure critically in your efforts to improve yourself or your position.

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

The aspect 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 Venus

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

Peak Date(s): May 29, 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 Venus. The energies crest May 29, 2002.

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 Saturn 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 Venus, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

The natal Venus -- that, as we have seen, is where you store your romantic and affiliative sensibilities, along with your aesthetic tastes.

Your Eighth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it provoked again, indicating that your attitude toward the circumstances we're considering reflects a fundamental distortion. It has to do with your own psychological scar-tissue, and it biases your thinking in the direction of Venus, as we just described it. Follow your moods down into the labyrinths of your psyche; pay attention to your dreams, your fantasies, and your unspoken hungers. And speak nakedly and truly with someone of the nature of Venus, who will help you clarify your own real needs.

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 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.

Pr. Moon is Trine Sun

In effect: May 25, 2002 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Jun 23, 2002

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

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

information-intensive period in your life.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Sun: Jun 23, 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 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?

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

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 Square Venus

In effect: May 29, 2002 - Jun 8, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 3, 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 Venus. The action peaks Jun 3, 2002.

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 Jupiter is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates"

through their resemblance to Jupiter, 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 Venus, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

The natal Venus -- that, as we have seen, is where you store your romantic and affiliative sensibilities, along with your aesthetic tastes.

Your Eighth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it provoked again, indicating that your attitude toward the circumstances we're considering reflects a fundamental distortion. It has to do with your own psychological scar-tissue, and it biases your thinking in the direction of Venus, as we just described it. Follow your moods down into the labyrinths of your psyche; pay attention to your dreams, your fantasies, and your unspoken hungers. And speak nakedly and truly with someone of the nature of Venus, who will help you clarify your own real needs.

When Venusian energies splice together with Jupiterian ones, opportunity (Jupiter) comes to you through other people (Venus). Sometimes what we might call "dumb luck" makes itself felt, but it doesn't hurt to help it along by understanding the planetary "rules of the game." Basically, they boil down to this: you've got to ask for what you want, you've got to know that you deserve it, and you've got to look that way...which is to say, there's no room for being apologetic, ashamed, or defensive.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a 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. Jupiter is Trine Midheaven

In effect: Jun 6, 2002 - Jun 16, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 11, 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 Midheaven. The action peaks Jun 11, 2002.

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 Jupiter is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Jupiter, 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 the Midheaven, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief -- we all play some kind of role in our community. Sometimes you're paid for it; sometimes you do it for the principle of the matter. The public "hat" you wear is symbolized by the natal midheaven. Physically, it's the highest point in your birthchart, and it corresponds to the most outward, obvious dimensions of your life: your profession, your status, your social role. When it is stimulated by a transit or a progression, you are advised of some

impending evolution or revolution in your style of hat, so to speak. Much depends on the nature of the progressed or transiting planet, but certainly some adjustments must be made in your outward life to reflect more adequately those inner developments which have already taken place.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a 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 Conjunct Pluto

In effect: Jun 13, 2002 - Jun 23, 2002

Peak Date(s): Jun 18, 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 Pluto. The action peaks Jun 18, 2002.

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 Jupiter is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Jupiter, 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 Pluto, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

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.

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

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

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

Tr. Pluto is Trine Uranus

In effect: Jun 21, 2002 - continuing

Peak Date(s): sometime after 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 trine your natal Uranus. The action peaks sometime after the report period..

Currently Pluto 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 Pluto, 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 Pluto. 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.

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

Your Second House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon your personal resources and the resultant feelings of self-confidence and legitimacy that they engender. And what are the natures of the resources most pivotal to this self-esteem building process? A large part of the answer lies with Uranus, a planet whose basic skills, tools, and connections always figure critically in your efforts to improve yourself or your position.

When explosive Uranus collides with unsettling Pluto, secrets long-concealed are brought to light, while unexpected, irresistible forces enter your circumstances. What one might call the "Hand of Fate" makes itself felt, sweeping away, often with frightening speed, situations which have outlived their evolutionary usefulness. The challenge to you here lies in adapting to a radically new perspective on your life.

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 Sextile Moon

In effect: Jun 30, 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 sextile your natal Moon. The action peaks sometime after 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 Jupiter is currently passing through it. Receptivity to other people is the centerpiece here. But to whom exactly? Recognize your "soulmates" through their resemblance to Jupiter, 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 the Moon, which is being stimulated during this season of connection, encounters, and partnerships.

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.

Your Eighth House engaged us previously in the report. Now we see it provoked again, indicating that your attitude toward the circumstances we're considering reflects a fundamental distortion. It has to do with your own psychological scar-tissue, and it biases your thinking in the direction of the Moon, as we just described it. Follow your moods down into the labyrinths of your psyche; pay attention to your dreams, your fantasies, and your unspoken hungers. And speak nakedly and truly with someone of the nature of the Moon, who will help you clarify your own real needs.

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

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

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.

March Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

March Mean Peaks

(None this month.)

March The Details

(None this month.)

April Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

April Mean Peaks

Apr 25, 2002 - Tr. Uranus trines Mars

April The Details

Apr 01, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Saturn

Keywords: self-confident communication conflicts with your instinctive withdrawn composure.

Apr 02, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Jupiter

Keywords: financially savvy nature conflicts with your instinctive cooperative opportunity.

Apr 02, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Sun

Keywords: inventive relating enhances your usual cooperative personality.

Apr 02, 2002 at 08:28 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 02, 2002 at 08:28 PM, and emerges Apr 04, 2002 at 00:20 AM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Apr 03, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune

Keywords: open-minded human connection supports your typical interpersonally sensitive contemplation.

Apr 04, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Moon

Keywords: emotional assertiveness supports your typical psychologically deep attitude.

Apr 04, 2002 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: self-confident identity fuses with your natural self-assured originality.

Apr 05, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: self-confident communication clashes with your instinctive collaborative gambling.

Apr 05, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Saturn

Keywords: clever affection supports your typical spiritually open integrity.

Apr 06, 2002 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: self-respecting conversation combines with your characteristic financially savvy individuality.

Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Sun opposes Venus

Keywords: resourceful identity is in tension with your inherent penetratingly real human connection.

Apr 07, 2002 - Tr. Mercury opposes Venus

Keywords: self-assured communication is in tension with your inherent psychologically deep affection.

Apr 08, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Pluto

Keywords: dignified conversation clashes with your instinctive cooperative honesty.

Apr 10, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Pluto

Keywords: dignified identity clashes with your instinctive caring intensity.

Apr 11, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: intelligent relating excites your native loving gambling.

Apr 12, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Mercury

Keywords: cautious courage supports your typical spooky dialog.

Apr 12, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mars

Keywords: intelligent communication excites your native helpful swordsmanship.

Apr 14, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Sun

Keywords: curious dialog enhances your usual cooperative personality.

Apr 15, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune

Keywords: inventive dialog supports your typical loving imagination.

Apr 16, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Saturn

Keywords: curious dialog enhances your usual quiet solitude.

Apr 16, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Sun

Keywords: cautious courage conflicts with your instinctive empathetic identity.

Apr 16, 2002 - Tr. Venus opposes 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 aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Apr 16, 2002. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and

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

Apr 17, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto

Keywords: emotional human connection excites your native caring honesty.

Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mars

Keywords: intelligent nature excites your native responsible courage.

Apr 18, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Neptune

Keywords: self-protective assertiveness conflicts with your instinctive caring contemplation.

Apr 19, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: verbal dialog excites your native cooperative opportunity.

Apr 20, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Moon

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated relating enhances your usual spooky awareness.

Apr 22, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Sun

Keywords: open-minded identity enhances your usual interpersonally sensitive personality.

Apr 22, 2002 - Tr. Mercury opposes 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 aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Apr 22, 2002. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Apr 23, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Neptune

Keywords: verbal personality enhances your usual interpersonally sensitive contemplation.

Apr 23, 2002 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto

Keywords: watchful communication stimulates your normal empathetic investigation.

Apr 24, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Mercury

Keywords: cautious affection enhances your usual spooky conversation.

Apr 25, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Saturn

Keywords: verbal nature enhances your usual private integrity.

Apr 26, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Moon

Keywords: watchful conversation supports your typical probing sensitivity.

Apr 27, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Sun

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated relating clashes with your instinctive empathetic personality.

Apr 28, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Neptune

Keywords: watchful affection clashes with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive inspiration.

Apr 29, 2002 - Tr. Mercury trines Mercury

Keywords: emotional conversation supports your typical probing dialog.

Apr 30, 2002 at 05:59 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Apr 30, 2002 at 05:59 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins May 01, 2002 at 09:04 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 Invitation Peaks

May 03, 2002 - Pr. Moon enters Taurus

May Mean Peaks

May 06, 2002 - Tr. Pluto sextiles Venus

May 11, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter conjuncts Jupiter

May 12, 2002 - Tr. Saturn sextiles Uranus

May 23, 2002 - Tr. Jupiter squares Uranus

May 29, 2002 - Tr. Saturn trines Venus

May The Details

May 01, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Sun

Keywords: watchful conversation clashes with your instinctive loving nature.

May 03, 2002 - Tr. Mercury squares Neptune

Keywords: self-protective conversation clashes with your instinctive empathetic contemplation.

May 03, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: curious personality excites your native collaborative gambling.

May 05, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Uranus

Keywords: creative courage stimulates your normal self-assured autonomy.

May 08, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Uranus

Keywords: imaginative affection excites your native dignified individuality.

May 09, 2002 - Tr. Mars trines Venus

Keywords: spontaneous swordsmanship supports your typical passionate human connection.

May 09, 2002 - Tr. Sun opposes 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 aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, May 09, 2002. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Sun. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

May 09, 2002 - Tr. Venus trines Venus

Keywords: self-expressive affection supports your typical psychologically deep relating.

May 11, 2002 - Tr. Sun sextiles Pluto

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated personality excites your native loving honesty.

May 13, 2002 - Neptune turns Retrograde (at 10°Aq59' in your 01st House)

Aspects: Trine Venus, Sextile Uranus.

May 14, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Moon

Keywords: watchful nature enhances your usual spooky awareness.

May 15, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Moon

Keywords: dutiful human connection conflicts with your instinctive passionate sensitivity.

May 15, 2002 at 07:43 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 07:43 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

May 19, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Mars

Keywords: painstaking affection combines with your characteristic competent assertiveness.

May 19, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Moon

Keywords: painstaking courage clashes with your instinctive penetratingly real attitude.

May 19, 2002 - Tr. Venus squares Mercury

Keywords: responsible affection conflicts with your instinctive spooky communication.

May 20, 2002 - Tr. Sun trines Mercury

Keywords: emotional nature enhances your usual passionate conversation.

May 22, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Sun

Keywords: responsible human connection stimulates your normal collaborative identity.

May 23, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Sun

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated nature conflicts with your instinctive loving personality.

May 23, 2002 - Tr. Venus sextiles Neptune

Keywords: helpful human connection excites your native cooperative contemplation.

May 24, 2002 - Tr. Sun squares Neptune

Keywords: emotional nature clashes with your instinctive empathetic imagination.

May 25, 2002 - Tr. Venus opposes Saturn

Keywords: competent affection opposes your inborn quiet solitude.

May 25, 2002 - Tr. Venus opposes Ascendant

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

Venus enters your Seventh House May 25, 2002. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Venus. One bottom line: the quality of your

deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

May 25, 2002 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Mars

Keywords: helpful swordsmanship fuses with your natural supportive courage.

May 27, 2002 - Tr. Mars squares Mercury

Keywords: painstaking courage conflicts with your instinctive psychologically deep dialog.

May 27, 2002 at 04:01 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again May 27, 2002 at 04:01 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins May 28, 2002 at 06:46 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 31, 2002 - Tr. Mars sextiles Sun

Keywords: competent courage excites your native collaborative nature.

May 31, 2002 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Jupiter

Keywords: interpersonally sensitive affection combines with your characteristic cooperative opportunity.