

# **Three Month Transits**

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Mars	Capricorn	01°Cp09'	06th	05 26°Li11'
Jupiter	Scorpio	17°Sc56'	05th	06 05°Sg44'
Saturn	Leo	08°Le09'	02nd	07 10°Cp47'
Uranus	Gemini	19°Ge29'	12th	08 00°Aq47'
Neptune	Libra	10°Li38'	04th	09 23°Aq01'
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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...

#### **Tr. Uranus is Trine Moon**

In effect: in progress - Jul 31, 2004

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

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 Moon: sometime before the report period..

Let's begin deciphering this configuration with the understanding that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House. That's

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

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.

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

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.

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. Pluto is Square Midheaven**

In effect: in progress - Aug 2, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jun 17, 2004

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 square your natal Midheaven. 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 Jun 17, 2004.

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 Pluto 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 Pluto, 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 Midheaven, which is being triggered by this period of hard work, giving, and supporting.

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.

### **Pr. Midheaven is Opposite Venus**

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Jun 26, 2004

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

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

Currently the Midheaven is navigating your 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 the Midheaven, 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.

How is the progressed Midheaven currently touching you? It is opposite your natal Venus:

Jun 26, 2004. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

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

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

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.

### **Tr. Pluto is Opposite Uranus**

In effect: Jun 27, 2004 - 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 opposite your natal Uranus. The action peaks sometime after the report period..

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

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.

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

When 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 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. Neptune is Opposite Pluto**

In effect: Aug 1, 2004 - continuing

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

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

Let's start unraveling the symbolism by recognizing that the action and developmental invitation are most evident in that part of your life we call the Eighth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Neptune is currently passing. Typically, such an astrological event suggests a period of moody intensity as old hurt feelings come up for healing and regeneration. It is probable that you have someone in your life now, be it a bed partner or a dear friend, with whom you can speak frankly about difficult emotional topics...and can do so in the spirit of Neptune, as we just described it. Often the person is himself or herself of that same planetary nature, or is at least going through a time in which that kind of force is making itself felt. What is less certain is whether you will cast politeness aside and actually broach the sensitive subjects. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is being affected by these unconscious biases? To answer that, we turn our attention to Pluto, which is being invited into development as these inner pressures mount.

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.

Good things in general come your way when you make a positive response to Pluto. But one area has always been prominent in that regard -- the Second House, where Pluto 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 wide-open Neptune merges with the piercing perspectives of Pluto, you enter a long period of philosophical rumination. That may sound rather pale, but in fact the nature of your belief-system is probably the greatest single determinant of the shape of your life. And yours is up for review. The aim lies in establishing a balance between hard psychological honesty on one hand and the human need for inspiration and faith on the other.

The 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 aligns with the Fourth House cusp**

Date: Aug 11, 2004 - Continuing

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 conjunct your natal Fourth House cusp: Aug 11, 2004.

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

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

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

## 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 Ascendant**

In effect: in progress - Jun 18, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jun 9, 2004

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 Ascendant. The action peaks Jun 9, 2004.

Let's first consider that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Third House, for that's where Jupiter 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 Jupiter, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is scheduled to be impacted most strongly by this new data? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by this flood of input.

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 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.

### **Pr. Moon is Sextile Neptune**

In effect: in progress - Jun 10, 2004

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

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.

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is sextile your natal Neptune: 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.

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

Maintaining a healthy relationship with the force of Neptune is particularly central to your well-being in one key area: the Fourth House, which is where Neptune happened to be located when you took your first breath in Cincinnati, OH. 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 Neptune, as we just portrayed it. Claim them! Always sound advice -- but how you go about claiming them is currently evolving, partly as a result of changing external circumstances.

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

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

## **Pr. Moon is Trine Pluto**

In effect: Jun 25, 2004 - Aug 26, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jul 26, 2004

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.

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Pluto: Jul 26, 2004. 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 Pluto -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your own native capacity to probe into yourself and heal yourself. It always deals with the hurts associated with the humiliations and defeats that life has offered us, and the process of going beyond them.

Your 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 Pluto, a planet whose basic skills, tools, and connections always figure critically in your efforts to improve yourself or your position.

When the Moon gets involved with Pluto, your mood (Moon) turns dark and probing (Pluto). A spirit of investigation is upon you, and a willingness to look deeply into matters that may be emotionally unsettling. Trust it -- there are some unexplored corners in your psyche, unprocessed chapters in your personal history, that are "up" now. Something has been bleeding energy from you. Discover it, face it, and conquer it. You can, and you must.

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. Saturn is Trine Jupiter**

In effect: Jul 9, 2004 - Jul 24, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jul 16, 2004

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 Jupiter: Jul 16, 2004.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where Saturn 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 Saturn, 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 Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Pr. Ascendant is Trine Sun**

In effect: Jul 14, 2004 - continuing

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

"Style" -- the word, even if you're a very stylish individual, conveys something rather superficial and transitory. Yet none of us can avoid it: all of us, from the chic Parisian model to the most homespun field hippie, radiate style. It's the inevitable outward expression of our inner processes. If we didn't have style, no one would know we were here. Astrologically, your style is symbolized by the Ascendant, which is simply the sign that was rising in the east at the time you were born...or the sign that was "dawning" -- which is a good way to say it, because the Ascendant represents how you "dawn" on people: the first impression you make, the way you initially, spontaneously present yourself. Like every other aspect of your being, your style must evolve for you to avoid becoming stagnant. And that process is represented by your progressed ascendant, which is currently making some delicate transitions.

Often the changes we make under this kind of astrological influence have to do with very simple things: the kinds of clothes we wear, our way of speaking, hairstyle, body posture, our "manners." It's important to get the changes right, even though they are basically superficial adjustments. Why? Picture this: you're spending the evening with an old friend whom you've not seen for many years. Reflexively, unconsciously, you drift back into playing your old role. How do you feel? A little distant from yourself? Vaguely phony? The word "goofy" comes to mind. Now, imagine the evening stretched into weeks, months, years. That is the pitfall you are invited to avoid this year! The changes you've been creating in your deep psyche, all those profound realizations and insights you've been generating, must be translated into the surface of your character...into style. Authenticity is the aim. Succeed, and you'll feel more at ease with yourself, more spontaneous, and more comfortable in the social situations that occupy so many of the hours of our lives.

Let's first consider that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Third House, for that's where the Ascendant 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 Ascendant, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is scheduled to be impacted most strongly by this new data? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Sun, which is being invited into development by this flood of input.

How is the progressed Ascendant currently touching you? It is trine your natal Sun: sometime after the report period.. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-

moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

The 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.

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. Saturn is Trine Venus**

In effect: Jul 19, 2004 - Aug 4, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jul 27, 2004

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 Jul 27, 2004.

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

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

Your Fifth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making

itself felt again. You have an inherent capacity for playful, recreational, or creative self-renewal, and it operates best when those self-renewing activities emphasize the spirit of Venus, as we just described it. That part of your psyche is under some pressure now. Take advantage of the energy and enjoy yourself!

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.

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

In effect: Jul 22, 2004 - Aug 2, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jul 28, 2004

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 Jupiter. The action peaks Jul 28, 2004.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Jupiter 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 Jupiter, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

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

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

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Venus**

In effect: Jul 30, 2004 - Aug 9, 2004

Peak Date(s): Aug 4, 2004

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 Venus. The action peaks Aug 4, 2004.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 Venus, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

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

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

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

### **Tr. Saturn is Trine Midheaven**

In effect: Jul 31, 2004 - Aug 16, 2004

Peak Date(s): Aug 8, 2004

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 Midheaven. The energies crest Aug 8, 2004.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. We've met this house before. As you may remember, it has to do with the assertive choices you make and the confidence with which you present yourself. Something is

now occurring in which your own action -- or inaction -- is the pivotal variable. But what's the point? What are the real questions? The answer lies with the Midheaven, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Square Uranus**

In effect: Jul 31, 2004 - Aug 10, 2004

Peak Date(s): Aug 5, 2004

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 Aug 5, 2004.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Jupiter 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 Jupiter, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Uranus, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

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

Your Twelfth House demanded our attention above; now we see it playing a part again, once more suggesting that the quality of your inner life is what's really at stake in the situation we're considering. Under such a stimulus, many times the most appropriate step includes a strategic retreat...and a realization that something inside you is wise enough, spiritual enough, transcendent enough to sustain losses with impunity, even with generosity. To move positively in the present environment, renew your sense of the sacred by withdrawing and immersing yourself in the spirit of Uranus, a planet which is functioning something like an inner guide for you in this lifetime.

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Opposite Midheaven**

In effect: Aug 6, 2004 - Aug 16, 2004

Peak Date(s): Aug 11, 2004

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 Midheaven. The action peaks Aug 11, 2004.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 Midheaven, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

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

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

## The Details

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

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

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

Please remember that the fleeting, often forgettable influences we discuss in the following pages must always draw their real meaning from the far more monumental events we've already described. A "discussion with the boss," for example, is going to take on particular significance during a month when your whole career is up for grabs!

These minor transits unfold quickly. It's a rare week that doesn't contain at least a few. A report that discussed them all in the kind of microscopic detail we've applied to the major events would be several inches thick. In order to cover the daily astrological kaleidoscope within the practical limitations of the space available, we've resorted to producing capsulized 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.

### **June Invitation Peaks**

**Jun 17, 2004 - Tr. Pluto squares Midheaven**

**Jun 26, 2004 - Pr. Midheaven opposes Venus**

### **June Mean Peaks**

**Jun 09, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Ascendant**

## June The Details

### **Jun 03, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: meditative nature excites your native self-respecting investigation.

### **Jun 04, 2004 - Tr. Mars trines Jupiter**

Keywords: authoritative assertiveness enhances your usual creative gambling.

### **Jun 05, 2004 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: quiet human connection combines with your characteristic withdrawn autonomy.

### **Jun 06, 2004 - Tr. Mars trines Venus**

Keywords: authoritative courage enhances your usual spontaneous affection.

### **Jun 09, 2004 - Tr. Mercury opposes Mercury**

Keywords: withdrawn dialog is in tension with your inherent helpful conversation.

### **Jun 09, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Saturn**

Keywords: reclusive communication stimulates your normal resourceful solitude.

### **Jun 09, 2004 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: spiritually open identity fuses with your natural reclusive originality.

### **Jun 10, 2004 - Uranus turns Retrograde (at 06°Pi48' in your 09th House)**

Aspects: Trine Moon, Square Mercury, Sextile Mars, Trine Ascendant.

### **Jun 10, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune**

Keywords: spiritually open communication enhances your usual emotional contemplation.

### **Jun 11, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: meditative dialog excites your native financially savvy honesty.

### **Jun 14, 2004 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: private conversation combines with your characteristic meditative autonomy.

### **Jun 15, 2004 at 06:21 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 Jun 15, 2004 at 06:21 PM, and emerges Jun 18, 2004 at 05:28 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

**Jun 16, 2004 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: withdrawn affection stimulates your normal dignified investigation.

**Jun 17, 2004 - Tr. Sun opposes Sun**

Keywords: withdrawn identity opposes your inborn supportive nature.

**Jun 17, 2004 - Tr. Mercury opposes Sun**

Keywords: withdrawn conversation is in tension with your inherent painstaking nature.

**Jun 20, 2004 - Tr. Mercury opposes Mars**

Keywords: meditative conversation is in tension with your inherent helpful assertiveness.

**Jun 21, 2004 - Tr. Sun opposes Mars**

Keywords: withdrawn nature is in tension with your inherent helpful assertiveness.

**Jun 22, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune**

Keywords: private human connection supports your typical self-protective contemplation.

**Jun 22, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Moon**

Keywords: reclusive dialog enhances your usual playful awareness.

**Jun 24, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Neptune**

Keywords: meditative dialog conflicts with your instinctive self-protective inspiration.

**Jun 24, 2004 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Ascendant**

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 Ascendant Jun 24, 2004, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Mercury. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

**Jun 27, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Moon**

Keywords: reclusive nature supports your typical spontaneous sensitivity.

**Jun 28, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Jupiter**

Keywords: commanding conversation enhances your usual child-like gambling.

**Jun 28, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Venus**

Keywords: resolute communication supports your typical self-expressive human connection.

**July Invitation Peaks**

(None this month.)

**July Mean Peaks**

**Jul 16, 2004 - Tr. Saturn trines Jupiter**

**Jul 26, 2004 - Pr. Moon trines Pluto**

**Jul 27, 2004 - Tr. Saturn trines Venus**

**Jul 28, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Jupiter**

**July The Details**

**Jul 01, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Neptune**

Keywords: quiet identity clashes with your instinctive self-protective contemplation.

**Jul 02, 2004 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Ascendant**

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 Ascendant Jul 02, 2004, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Sun. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

**Jul 04, 2004 - Tr. Mars squares Moon**

Keywords: financially savvy assertiveness conflicts with your instinctive self-expressive awareness.

**Jul 05, 2004 - Tr. Mars trines Mercury**

Keywords: dignified assertiveness supports your typical dutiful dialog.

**Jul 06, 2004 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Saturn**

Keywords: self-assured swordsmanship combines with your characteristic resourceful solitude.

**Jul 07, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune**

Keywords: quiet human connection supports your typical cautious contemplation.

**Jul 08, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Moon**

Keywords: resourceful dialog clashes with your instinctive self-expressive awareness.

**Jul 08, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Mercury**

Keywords: self-confident conversation supports your typical helpful dialog.

**Jul 09, 2004 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Saturn**

Keywords: self-assured conversation fuses with your natural financially savvy integrity.

**Jul 09, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Jupiter**

Keywords: commanding personality enhances your usual playful exuberance.

**Jul 10, 2004 - Tr. Mars sextiles Neptune**

Keywords: self-respecting swordsmanship excites your native psychologically sophisticated inspiration.

**Jul 10, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Neptune**

Keywords: self-assured communication stimulates your normal emotional imagination.

**Jul 10, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Venus**

Keywords: decisive identity supports your typical playful human connection.

**Jul 12, 2004 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Pluto**

Keywords: self-confident dialog combines with your characteristic self-assured honesty.

**Jul 13, 2004 at 00:22 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Jul 13, 2004 at 00:22 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Jul 15, 2004 at 11:29 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.

**Jul 13, 2004 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto**

Keywords: spiritually open relating stimulates your normal financially savvy intensity.

**Jul 14, 2004 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Pluto**

Keywords: resourceful swordsmanship fuses with your natural dignified honesty.

**Jul 15, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter**

Keywords: dignified conversation conflicts with your instinctive child-like gambling.

**Jul 16, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Venus**

Keywords: self-respecting communication conflicts with your instinctive self-expressive human connection.

**Jul 16, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Uranus**

Keywords: self-respecting dialog stimulates your normal withdrawn originality.

**Jul 22, 2004 - Tr. Mars squares Jupiter**

Keywords: dignified courage clashes with your instinctive creative gambling.

**Jul 22, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Sun**

Keywords: inventive conversation enhances your usual helpful identity.

**Jul 24, 2004 - Tr. Mars squares Venus**

Keywords: dignified swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive self-expressive human connection.

**Jul 24, 2004 - Tr. Mars sextiles Uranus**

Keywords: self-respecting assertiveness excites your native private autonomy.

**Jul 24, 2004 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Uranus**

Keywords: meditative affection combines with your characteristic withdrawn originality.

**Jul 26, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Mars**

Keywords: inventive communication enhances your usual dutiful swordsmanship.

**Jul 29, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Moon**

Keywords: self-confident personality clashes with your instinctive spontaneous attitude.

**Jul 30, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Mercury**

Keywords: resourceful identity supports your typical competent dialog.

**Jul 30, 2004 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Saturn**

Keywords: financially savvy nature combines with your characteristic self-respecting integrity.

**August Invitation Peaks**

**Aug 11, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter enters Fourth House**

**August Mean Peaks**

**Aug 04, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Venus**

**Aug 05, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter squares Uranus**

**Aug 08, 2004 - Tr. Saturn trines Midheaven**

**Aug 11, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter opposes Midheaven**

**August The Details**

**Aug 02, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Neptune**

Keywords: dignified nature excites your native psychologically sophisticated inspiration.

**Aug 02, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon**

Keywords: open-minded dialog stimulates your normal creative sensitivity.

**Aug 02, 2004 - Tr. Venus opposes Sun**

Keywords: meditative affection is in tension with your inherent dutiful identity.

**Aug 04, 2004 - Tr. Mars trines Sun**

Keywords: intelligent assertiveness supports your typical painstaking nature.

**Aug 04, 2004 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Pluto**

Keywords: financially savvy nature combines with your characteristic self-respecting investigation.

**Aug 04, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Mercury**

Keywords: verbal conversation clashes with your instinctive dutiful communication.

**Aug 08, 2004 - Tr. Venus opposes Mars**

Keywords: private affection opposes your inborn responsible courage.

**Aug 09, 2004 at 07:06 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Aug 09, 2004 at 07:06 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Aug 12, 2004 at 06:09 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

**Aug 09, 2004 at 05:27 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 Aug 09, 2004 at 05:27 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

**Aug 09, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Jupiter**

Keywords: resourceful identity conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous gambling.

**Aug 11, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Venus**

Keywords: dignified identity clashes with your instinctive child-like affection.

**Aug 11, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Uranus**

Keywords: resourceful identity stimulates your normal meditative originality.

**Aug 11, 2004 - Tr. Mars trines Mars**

Keywords: curious swordsmanship enhances your usual dutiful assertiveness.

**Aug 14, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Mercury**

Keywords: inventive conversation clashes with your instinctive helpful communication.

**Aug 14, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Moon**

Keywords: withdrawn human connection enhances your usual self-expressive sensitivity.

**Aug 16, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon**

Keywords: verbal dialog excites your native self-expressive awareness.

**Aug 18, 2004 - Tr. Venus squares Neptune**

Keywords: private affection clashes with your instinctive sensitive inspiration.

**Aug 18, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Sun**

Keywords: clever identity supports your typical competent nature.

**Aug 18, 2004 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Ascendant**

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

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Aug 18, 2004, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Venus. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

**Aug 20, 2004 - Tr. Mars sextiles Moon**

Keywords: inventive courage excites your native spontaneous sensitivity.

**Aug 22, 2004 - Tr. Mars squares Mercury**

Keywords: clever assertiveness clashes with your instinctive supportive dialog.

**Aug 23, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Mars**

Keywords: curious conversation supports your typical helpful swordsmanship.

**Aug 23, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Mars**

Keywords: clever personality enhances your usual supportive assertiveness.

**Aug 26, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Jupiter**

Keywords: assertive affection enhances your usual child-like opportunity.

**Aug 27, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Venus**

Keywords: commanding human connection enhances your usual playful affection.

**Aug 29, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Moon**

Keywords: clever personality stimulates your normal child-like attitude.

**Aug 30, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Sun**

Keywords: open-minded dialog enhances your usual competent identity.

**Aug 30, 2004 - Pluto goes Direct (at 19°Sg32' in your 06th House)**

Aspects: Conjunct Sun, Opposite Uranus, Trine Pluto, Square Midheaven.

**Aug 30, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Mercury**

Keywords: open-minded nature conflicts with your instinctive painstaking conversation.