

## *Important Planetary Transits*

The planets are always moving around the zodiac. As they make angles (aspects) to places where planets were when you were born, things will tend to happen in your life. This section lists what each individual aspect means. Several possibilities are listed for each transit since they can work out in different ways, depending on the context of your birth chart, and, of course, your stage of life. Transiting Uranus making a conjunction with the natal position (the placement in the birth chart) of Venus will not produce a love affair in the horoscope of a two-year old. Nor will Jupiter crossing the Mid-Heaven of a homeless drug addict suddenly produce "advancement in career".

Another word of warning. Never try to make a forecast based on just one factor alone. Look at them all because you never can tell. Beginners always make that mistake (and even some practicing astrologers!). That Jupiter aspect you were counting on to increase your money may be canceled out by that accident aspect between Uranus and Mars. Be sure to check everything before making that forecast.

Progressions are calculated as follows. Each day after your birth is taken as being equivalent to one year of your life. For example, if you want to find your progressions for when you were 15 years old, you would calculate a new horoscope for 15 days after you were born (same year, same place of birth, and same time of day). That will be your Progressed Horoscope for age 15.

Then, you check to see if there are any aspects in the progressed chart that are within one degree of being exact. You also compare the progressed chart with your birth horoscope to see if any of the progressed planets are making aspects to your birth planets. Again, all aspects must be within one degree of being exact. These will be the aspects that will influence you during that time. And they can influence you for a long time. Click on the planet links below and learn how each individual aspect means when we discuss transits.

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## PLUTO TRANSITS

Pluto packs a punch. When it hits you, you know it. Whatever it contacts in your horoscope gets “transformed”. Pluto is death and rebirth, decay and regeneration. It is very difficult to hold on to something that Pluto is trying to take. Sometimes it is just better to let go. Pluto also rules obsession. An almost insane desire to possess a thing, or a person. The negative side of this planet is more likely to come out during the stressful aspects. The smooth aspects (trine and sextile) can strengthen whatever they touch.

Pluto is the slowest moving planet in the solar system, so its transits to the planets in your birth chart can take about two years or more to pass completely. It can take over 12 years, however, to transit through each of the houses of your horoscope. Pluto’s effect, as always, is to clean things out. Yes, things get reborn wherever Pluto goes, but they have to decay and die first. See which house in your horoscope that Pluto is transiting through to find out which area of your life needs attention. This is important because the processes of Pluto are usually hidden at first. It works something like a volcano with pressure building up for years until it explodes. On the negative side, Pluto rules the “underworld” and illegal activities. Beware of temptation to go this route when Pluto hits.

**Pluto Transits Through Your First House:** This starts with Pluto making a conjunction with your Ascendant (see Pluto Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Ascendant) , but the effect can last for years. Usually, you will become more assertive. This is the “Nobody better mess with me” transit. It also can bring suppressed feelings and desires up to the surface, things that you don’t want to face. Some tend to become more domineering with Pluto. Others try to suppress this, but find instead that they seem to attract people who try to push them around. Pluto transiting your first house can also make you more aware of things around you, as well as the motivations of the people with whom you come into contact. No, everything hasn’t changed. You are just more sensitive to things under a Pluto transit of your first house.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Second House:** Watch your money and possessions, especially if transiting Pluto makes stress aspects (conjunction, square and opposition) with any of your natal planets while it is going through this house. Stressful aspects from Pluto tend to destroy things. Sure they can be built back later, but first, they have to hit bottom. Watch out, in particular, for temptation to make money by less than honest means. The Second House rules more than possessions. It also shows what you value, and this includes your sense of self-worth. This transit may not only affect your possessions, but also the very things you value. Get ready to clean house.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Third House:** During this transit, when you talk, people are more likely to listen, whether you want them to or not. Pluto makes you come on stronger when you speak, but you are not likely to feel anything different, at least until you notice that people are reacting differently to you. The Third House rules siblings and neighbors as well. Pluto transits brings things up from deep inside. If there are stress aspects from transiting Pluto, watch out for trouble here. Any fight or dispute with siblings or neighbors, that develops during this time, could last a long time. On the other hand, if you handle it right, your relationships here could be totally transformed and strengthened. If you are in an occupation such as sales, writing advertising copy, or even therapist, this transit can help you. Your words seem to have extra power now to influence people.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Fourth House:** This transit starts with Pluto crossing over the bottom of your horoscope, the Nadir. When Pluto does this, it also is opposite your Mid-Heaven, your career, so that area of your life can undergo changes as well for the one or two years that Pluto makes the exact opposition. Be careful of power struggles both at work and home, with bosses, spouses, or parents. Pluto tends to bury resentments, letting them build until they explode. After Pluto passes your Nadir, it will no longer affect career, just your home. Make sure your insurance is paid up. Pluto can break things. However, it is a great time to fix up the house, or even move. If you buy a new house during this Pluto transit, make sure it's a fixer-upper, a place that needs work. Pluto transits are great for rehabilitation. Be extra careful, though, if the home seems to need little or no work. Pluto rules problems that lurk beneath the surface, such as bad plumbing or termite infestation.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Fifth House:** This is the house of romance, creativity, and children, as well as gambling and speculation. Pluto is the planet of extremes and obsessions. If you like to gamble, watch out for this one. It can lead to gambling fever, which usually leads to big losses. The same is true of the stock market. Astrology aside, it's usually a good idea to keep the bulk of your retirement somewhere safe. That is especially true during a transit like this, especially if Pluto is making stress aspects (conjunction, square, or opposition) while going through this house. You may become obsessed with gambling during this time, but the same is true for other Fifth House matters, like sports, games, or hobbies. Enjoy, but be careful about going overboard. If you are in the creative arts, however, what the heck. Pull out all the stops. You may do something really great. Of course, the 5th House rules Romance. Any love affairs at this time are less likely to be light flings. More like obsessions. Watch out for jealousy, which is another Pluto problem. Relationships can have a therapeutic effect on you during this transit. Or they can drive you to therapy. Pluto rules extremes, after all. Be careful of power struggles with children (yes, that happens). And try not to drive them too hard while Pluto is around.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Sixth House:** This is the house of both day-to-day work and health. What most books don't tell you is that Transits of slow moving planets through this house can begin a long term health problem, but you don't notice the results until years later, sometimes until the planet is ready to transit into the next house. Well it's always a good idea to get regular check-ups anyway. Pluto is also Rehabilitation, and you are more likely to want to fix your body up at this time. But remember that Pluto rules Obsession too. Watch out for a tendency to overdo it. You know, like that special diet to loose weight fast. Just starve yourself for 6 months. If you are going to be extreme at all, try being extremely moderate. Be careful of office politics and strains with co-workers and subordinates during this transit. Pluto rules large scale forces beyond our control, such as the higher-ups in your company deciding to downsize your department. Even if you're self-employed, you will have to watch out for changes in your industry that can force you to the unemployment line. You are best off if your job involves something Plutonian, such as wrecking or re-building, therapy or re-habilitation.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Seventh House:** Be careful of entering into any partnership when Pluto transits your 7th House. On the negative side, Pluto rules power struggles and underhanded behavior. No, this does Not mean that every partner is going to turn on you or that every person you interact with is going to try to do you in. But there is a tendency for things like that to happen during this transit. Make an extra effort to keep communications with partners open. Resentments tend to be unexpressed at this time. They will just build and blow up later, so take early action to

keep this from happening. In a marriage, the passions can increase. Either you or your spouse may want to do it more. Make sure you're in good shape.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Eighth House:** Wow! The planet of sex in the house of sex! Keep your pants on. This is also the house of other people's money. Be careful not to get overextended with debt during this transit or you'll wind up in bankruptcy. On the plus side, if your business requires large amounts of borrowed money, you can pull off deals bigger than you ever have before. Watch out, though, for that downside potential. Make sure that creditors can't pull the rug out from under you. This transit is also a good time to fix things up. Anything from your house to your body. Be careful, however, when Pluto makes stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) to other planets in your horoscope.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Ninth House:** This is the house of religion, philosophy, "higher mind", the principles we live by. Pluto is extremes and obsessions. When Pluto hits, everything feels differently. During this transit, you may become more fanatical about beliefs you already hold. Or you may junk them entirely and devoutly believe something totally different. There will be a tendency to engage in debates involving general principles. Be careful not to pull out all the stops when discussing gun control of same sex marriages. It's only a discussion, not a matter of life and death. The 9th House is also the house of higher education and long journeys. This is a good time to take a course, especially if it is about a Pluto subject, such as psychology, biology, archeology, sociology, anthropology, paleontology. If that's not your cup of tea, start reading mystery stories. Any knowledge or information concerned with the mysterious or death and rebirth will tend to appeal now. Any long trip you take should be to someplace a bit mysterious. Perhaps a place with archeological ruins. But watch out if Pluto makes a stressful aspect to a planet in your chart. That could cause danger on long trips from people who are not so nice.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Tenth House:** This transit begins when Pluto passes over the top of your horoscope, your Mid-Heaven (example: Pluto Transits in Aspect to your Natal Mid-Heaven). This can produce major changes in career. One client had a business that was ripe for franchising and Pluto hitting his 10th House would have been the perfect time to expand. He wanted things to stay as they were. Shortly after Pluto hit, his lease was up and the landlord decided to more than double the rent. He couldn't pay so he had to close. With Pluto, you grow or die. Be careful of any desire to succeed at "all costs". With this transit, there are frequently increased temptations to "cut corners" and break rules. And laws. Remember Pluto is extremes. The highest and the lowest.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Eleventh House:** This is the house of friends, hopes, and wishes. What most books don't tell you is that this house also rules groups of people. During this transit, there is a possibility of being strongly attracted to a group. Pluto rules obsessions. Watch out for cults. On the other hand, you may become affiliated with a group that has positive goals and devote a lot of time to them. Even then, however, be careful of overdoing it. Friendships tend to change under this transit. You will find that some old friends just don't appeal to you any more. Other friendships intensify. If Pluto makes stress aspects to planets in your birth horoscope while transiting this house, you will have to be careful of betrayal by a friend, or what you view as a betrayal. Your hopes and wishes will be affected as well. Some of them will no longer seem attractive and you will let them die. And you may become fanatic about other goals. Pluto transits give the energy and focus to really achieve things. Just be careful not to overdo it. Few goals are worth putting yourself in intensive care.

**Pluto Transits Through Your Twelfth House:** This is the house of “self-undoing”, the dustbin of the horoscope where we throw things that we don’t want to deal with. Pluto loves to go through dustbins and dumpsters. During this transit, old psychological problems, that you thought you had dealt with years earlier, come up again and demand to be heard. Don’t panic. Just face them (easier said than done, but you have to do it). This is also the house of hidden enemies. No, you are not standing there minding your own business and these nasty people come at you. Check your own behavior to make sure that you are not doing something to irritate them and set them off.

**Pluto Transits in Aspect to the Natal Sun:** When transiting Pluto makes a stressful aspect to your natal Sun (a conjunction, opposition, or square) the first thing you notice is that you feel very drained. I remember when this one first hit me. To be certain that it was Pluto, I called someone whom I knew had this transit a few years earlier. “Oh yes” she said. “That was the year I thought I was being pursued by demons”! Pluto is a slow moving planet, so its effects will last about two years. Little things that you would normally ignore will suddenly seem extremely significant and overwhelming. Yes, you can feel drained, sometimes very drained. But the worse this gets, the more people around you will say how wonderful you look. That’s Pluto. Makes you look great on the outside while feeling terrible inside. It’s not called the planet of extremes for nothing. I’ve also noticed that in about a third of the cases, there is an attack of insomnia. Pluto doesn’t want to be unconscious and vulnerable. So what do you do when this hits you? Take everything with that proverbial grain of salt. Just remember that it’s pretty much the same world as before the Pluto came around. It’s you that has changed. If anything gets to you, ask yourself if it would have irritated you a few years earlier. If the answer is no, then you know that it is just Pluto having some fun. Another thing you can do is to fix things up or throw them out. Pluto “energy” is great for rehabilitation or elimination. As for the insomnia, as W.C. Fields once said, the best thing is to “get plenty of sleep”. The transiting sextile and trine aspects are totally different. They can make you feel energized, stronger, less fearful. Like all “good” aspects though, they tend towards laziness. Things are going your way, so why push. But this is the best time to make that extra effort because the “good” aspects open doors for you. Take advantage of that new found energy. One more thing. Resist the sudden urge you may get to dominate others, even if “they are asking for it”. If you are normally passive, Pluto can easily bring people into your life who will try to dominate you. Or you may suddenly have the desire to be very aggressive. See if you can transmute that into assertiveness instead.

**Pluto Transits in Aspect to the Natal Moon:** The Moon rules your emotions, the “sub-conscious”, home, and women in the life. Pluto is extremes, death and rebirth, power struggles, getting rid of things (and people). The harmonious aspects (sextile and trine) simply bring a desire for change and a deeper awareness of the emotional level in your relationships. The stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) are, well, stressful. Stressful Pluto-to-Moon transiting aspects rip open the trap door to the “subconscious” mind and let all the little demons out to play. Fears and angry emotions you repressed since childhood come rushing to the surface. This is a good time to enter psychotherapy since you are wide open and can make great progress at this time. If you can’t do therapy when this hits, at least start throwing things out. Clean up your house. Transform yourself.

**Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Mercury:** Pluto likes things that are deep, significant. Shallowness turns you off with this transit, no matter what the aspect. This is a great time to get interested in new ideas, to start studying seriously. Especially the subjects ruled by Pluto. Psychology, sociology, biology, paleontology, archeology. Pluto governs anything that has to do with death and

rebirth. When this transit hits, you will find that you have new insight into ideas and are better able to see what's behind them and what they imply. Pluto is very good at getting secrets. Words have a greater impact now, in both directions. Your words can have an effect on others like they never have before. And the words you hear or read can affect you more strongly as well. If Pluto is making a stress aspect, watch what you say. Your speech can be a lot more caustic at this time. You won't notice anything different but those around you will. A remark that seems totally innocent to you can hit the one you're talking to really hard. Pluto knows just where to wound.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Venus: Pluto intensifies everything it touches. Hopefully, you will have a decent relationship going when this one hits. If you don't have any, then this could be a frustrating period because this tends to increase your sex drive. A lot. Pluto rules the deep subconscious and all your inner desires, frustrations, and hang-ups start to come to the surface during the stressful transiting aspects. This time, they can affect your love life. Pluto can't stand anything shallow. It wants depth and intensity. Even obsession. If you have a stressful aspect, watch out for power struggles. Your partners may try to dominate or manipulate you during this time. You might try to do the same to them. If you are an artist or work at something creative, you will start to feel a need to produce something more significant, more intense. Go with that feeling. The smooth aspects (sextile and trine) tend to produce the intensity without most of the stress. Don't forget to look at the House that Venus occupies in your birth chart. If it is in your 4th House, for instance, this transit may manifest as a desire to fix up your house, or even to move. Also, check the houses that have either Libra or Taurus on the cusp (beginning). They can be affected as well. For example, if you have Libra on the cusp of the 9th House (long journeys and higher education) you may have a desire to travel to some far-off, exotic, and mysterious place. Or you could want to take an art course. Several of these could manifest at once.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Mars: Pluto brings things to the surface from deep inside. Just a few days before I wrote this, I had a client who was meek and mild. Pluto was going right over her Mars and she was very upset because, all of a sudden, she wanted to tell people off. Even her friends. No, Pluto didn't make her angry. It simply brought up emotions that had been repressed for years. A couple of years before this, I had Pluto going over my Mars. A guy in a pizza parlor tried to short change me and I yelled so loud they could have heard me across the street. Mars is energy and Pluto supercharges it, for better or worse. The stressful aspects can bring up long suppressed anger, that's true. But any aspect that transiting Pluto makes to your Mars increases your Energy. Make certain that you give it a constructive outlet, otherwise...well, Pluto does rule volcanoes. It could be you who is exploding, or, if you hold that energy down too much, you could attract aggressive and shady people into your life. Avoid dark alleys even more than you usually do.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Jupiter: The stressful aspects can temporarily "kill" your optimism and "luck". Your religious faith and the philosophy you live by can also be "killed and reborn" under a stressful transit from Pluto. Or, since Pluto rules extremes, you may tend to become a bit fanatical, believing that you have found some great truth. Even if you have, remember that it's not polite to force it down someone's throat. The smooth aspects (sextile and trine) regenerate your "luck" and optimism. They indicate a good time to go forward with major projects (major for you, that is) furthering education, taking long trips, or getting involved in social issues.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Saturn: The stressful aspects can make you believe that everything you need for safety and security is being destroyed. To some extent, this is true. Mostly

though, it just feels that way. Saturn is the planet of fear. Pluto brings it out. Fortunately, Saturn also rules persistence and discipline and Pluto can activate those things as well. This can be an excellent time to start a long-term program of change. Want to do over your house? How about a weight reduction or work-out program? This can be a great time for things like that. In fact, circumstances may force you in those directions. When it comes to either Pluto or Saturn, don't wait until they push you.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Uranus: Both of these planets rule change. Be sure to check out which houses Uranus and Pluto Rule in your birth chart as well as which houses they Occupy. These will be the areas of greatest change. Naturally, the stressful aspects (square and opposition) are naturally more difficult to deal with. Friends can go out of your life now. Be careful though, about new "friends" that come in at this time. The smooth aspects bring changes with less stress.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Neptune: As far as the stressful aspects go (conjunction, square, and opposition) Pluto can "kill" your dreams, faith, and fantasies. (People born this century don't have to worry about the opposition though. It won't happen unless you live to be at least 125!). Under these transits, believers can become atheists and atheists become believers. Pluto doesn't care. It just makes changes. Once more check the Houses that both Pluto and Neptune Rule and Occupy. Those areas will be the ones to be affected the most. The smooth aspects (sextile and trine) strengthen intuition and imagination.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to Natal Pluto: Since Pluto is in the fast part of its orbit, it is possible to experience the opposition --- if you plan to live to your eighties and nineties. The square happens when you are in your early 40's. Get ready for the best sex you ever had! Sure, it can turn your life upside down, but who cares. Actually, you had better check out the House that Pluto occupies in your birth chart, as well as the one it is transiting through. And don't forget the house that has the sign of Scorpio on the cusp (beginning). All of those areas of your life are probably going to be affected as well. Check your health because Pluto rules diseases that stay hidden and build up slowly (not that you will get anything like that, but better safe than sorry). Watch out for sudden anger and obsessions as well. As always with Pluto, utilize this transit for fixing things up (rehabilitation) including yourself, and for throwing things out (elimination). And of course, don't forget that great sex! The smooth aspects give you the ability to make changes without the stresses, strains, and obsessions of the square.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to the Natal Ascendant: When Pluto crosses over your Ascendant (conjunction), you can become a new person. Make sure it's someone you like. I call this one the "Nobody better mess with me!" transit. You will tend to become more commanding and domineering. If you try to suppress this, you will attract people who will try to dominate you until you finally assert yourself. The square and opposition have a similar effect, but the emphasis is more on tumultuous relationships. Watch out for power struggles and manipulation that would even shock a writer for the soap operas.

Pluto Transits in Aspect to the Natal Mid-Heaven: These aspects can transform your career, domestic environment, and relationships with your boss and parents. Watch out for office politics at work, and power struggles both at home and work. This can be a good time to make permanent changes in your home (either fixing it up completely, or moving). It may also be favorable for

changing jobs and even careers. Be very careful that the desire to make these changes is not due to some inner compulsion or obsession that you have yet to work through.

## **NEPTUNE TRANSITS**

Neptune is the planet of dreams and delusions, ideals and imagination. When it transits, it spreads tinsel and gossamer over everything it touches. Don Quixote must have had several of these when he went mad. Neptune rules alcohol, and how many of us have gotten drunk and jumped in the sack with someone whom we normally would not have given a second glance? Neptune can make anything look better. Or worse for that matter. In both cases, it is only "image". But without the ideals of Neptune, what would there be to strive for? And what would any of us be without a dream?

Neptune Transits Through Your First House: Well, at least it's good for your imagination. Of course, you may have to sew name tags to all your clothing to remind yourself who you are. No, it's not that bad. Just be careful not to let your imagination run away with you. You may also find yourself wanting to take care of people with problems. A Neptune transit may make you want to help people. but it doesn't give you the ability to do the job. Send them to a professional. If you really feel the need to do something yourself, join a volunteer group.

Neptune Transits Through Your Second House: Watch your money. The big problem is not other people. It's you. When Neptune hits you, you don't want to deal with reality in that area of your life. At this time, there will be a tendency to let finances drift or get involved in nebulous schemes to increase wealth. Here is something that other books won't tell you. Neptune can have the same effect when making a stress aspect to the cusp (beginning) of the 2nd House. This means that confusion can hit your finances when Neptune is 90 degrees away in another corner of the chart, or when it is entering your 8th House (180 degrees away). The thing to do is to make certain that your money is somewhere safe and secure way before this transit starts. Schedule some time, on a regular basis, to check your finances. And make sure to stick to that schedule. This is important because, when Neptune hits, you won't want to.

Neptune Transits Through Your Third House: This is a great transit if you happen to be a poet or a fiction writer. It's not as good if you have to communicate precise facts. There is an increased chance of confusion in relations with siblings and neighbors. All communications will be affected. Be careful with business negotiations. As always with Neptune transits, you won't want to be careful. Wherever Neptune transits is the place where we would rather daydream than look at reality straight on. We have to make extra effort to see things as they are. Under this transit, your imagination will tend to be stronger when you are walking around your neighborhood.

Neptune Transits Through Your Fourth House: Not the best transit if you want to buy a house or do any real estate deals. Neptune tends to cause confusion wherever it goes. Under Neptune transits, we are more likely to see what we want to see instead of what is really there. It also leads us to make excuses. "Wow, that house is really beautiful. I just have to buy it. Oh sure, it has a few minor things wrong, like termites and rotten plumbing, but I think I can clear these up without too much trouble." Not. There can also be confusion in relations with parents. You are going to have to make an extra effort in this area. As always, this depends on your situation. For instance, a teen-ager with this transit may have more than the normal amount of conflict. Under this transit,

your imagination will get stronger when you are at home. But make certain to make important decisions when you are out of the house.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Fifth House:** This is a great transit to have if you work in a really creative field. Your imagination will have room to expand. But this is a difficult transit if you are dating. Under Neptune transits, we see what we want to see. We can mistake a low-life for the love of our life. Even worse, we can get attracted to someone because we feel sorry for them, what I call the “Oh you poor little thing, let me fall in love with you and make you all better” syndrome. This transit can, for as long as it lasts, make us act as if we were born with Neptune in the 5th House. There can also be increased confusion concerning children at this time, and that includes your grown children (no matter how old they get, they are still your “babies”). Take extra care when talking to them. Misunderstandings are more likely during this transit.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Sixth House:** The areas affected here are work (your day-to-day work, not your career), co-workers, the service you provide to others, and the services they provide to you. Also affected will be the conditions relating to health. Well, who doesn't daydream about a better job? You will just be doing this more when Neptune goes through your 6th House. Be careful not to do too much daydreaming though, for obvious reasons. There will also tend to be extra confusion in relations with co-workers and subordinates. You are more vulnerable now to those who would take advantage of you on the job. No, this transit doesn't cause these people to suddenly appear. There are always some people around who are negatively inclined. It's just that during this transit, your guard is less likely to be up. That's where the trouble comes in. In regard to health, you are more likely to get vague ailments that are difficult to diagnose. Neptune transiting your 6th House can also make you interested in strange, unproved healing methods. That weird diet where you just eat Yak excrement for a week may start sounding good to you. Splash some cold water on your face and wake up.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Seventh House:** No, it's Not a good idea to marry someone in order to “help” them. Send them to a therapist. Then go to one yourself. And that poor person who needs help in business --- no, don't take them in as a partner. Prospective partners, both business and marriage, tend to look better than they really are when Neptune passes through your 7th House. Take off those rose colored glasses. Force yourself.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Eighth House:** Watch out for confusion in the areas of credit and partnership resources. It's easier now to max out on credit cards because you won't be paying attention. If you have a partner (marriage or business, makes no difference) neither of you will be taking responsibility. The other possibility is that the partner will be taking money without your knowledge. On the plus side, your sexual fantasies can get a big boost. Just be careful not to spend too much on porno videos.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Ninth House:** This is the house of “higher mind”, higher education, publications, religion, the “philosophy you live by, and long journeys. As far as the higher education, you can do well during this transit if you study something creative, like art or music, or something abstract, like math or mathematical physics. If you are studying a specific skill, like mechanics or accounting, you may have a problem with the details. Even here though, you may be able to come up with answers without knowing how you got them. Nothing mystical here. Your brain is still doing the same work it did before. The only difference is you aren't aware of it. In the

area of religion and “philosophy”, there will be a tendency to get attracted to weird ideas that you will believe on “faith”.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Tenth House:** The tenth house is your career and the goals of your life, and Neptune transiting here favors any career that requires vision and imagination. When Neptune transited your 9th House, you had a chance to study for careers requiring imagination, everything from music to math to physics. When Neptune reaches the 10th House, you can practice them. It also favors any occupation requiring compassion. It’s a good time to work in the areas of medicine, social work, or psychotherapy. This was one of the transits hitting me when I became a full time astrologer. In careers requiring less imagination and more practical skills, there may be a period of disorientation, doubt, and lots of daydreaming. See if you can do something to give that career a little more pizzazz or do some volunteer charity work on the side. Use your imagination.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Eleventh House:** This is the house of friends, hopes, and wishes. You will tend to attract dreamy, imaginative, and “spacey” people to you now. Watch out not to attract parasites who drain you. This is not a good period for doing business with friends because you will trust them too much. As far as your hopes and wishes, try not to make them so high that they can never be reached.

**Neptune Transits Through Your Twelfth House:** Neptune is at home here because this house corresponds to the 12th sign, Pisces, which Neptune rules. During this transit, you may actually be able to get rid of many of the illusions you have had over the years. But don’t worry. When Neptune leaves here, it goes into your first house and you will get a whole new bunch of illusions. One key to all Neptune transits is to get the benefits of imagination and vision without letting yourself get lost in that dreamy fog. The other is to let yourself be compassionate without becoming a sucker.

**Neptune Transits in Aspect to the Natal Sun:** These increase the imagination and sensitivity. The smooth aspects (sextile and trine) make you feel good. Everything seems to have an extra sparkle. the times when you have those are good for getting involved with charitable causes or doing something creative. So go ahead and volunteer to work at that soup kitchen, or join that amateur theatrical group. Take that course in literature or painting. The stress aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) work a little differently. Since the Sun rules the body and Neptune rules drugs and alcohol, be very careful what you consume. It takes less alcohol to get drunk under these aspects, and reactions to drugs and medication are more likely when Neptune hits. But that’s not the half of it. On its negative side, Neptune rules delusions of all sorts. Under the stress aspects, you never see trouble coming. Be extra careful in any and all business dealings now. The main problem will be yourself, because you won’t be interested in reality. All you will want to do is look at the pretty colors. People are especially vulnerable at this time to the siren song of cults. Keep a grip or else you will wind up giving them all your worldly wealth and devoting yourself forever to the head guru. You can be much more easily influenced by others under the stress aspects of Neptune to your Sun. Watch out. As always, check the House that the Sun was in when you were born as well as the house that Neptune is transiting through. See which signs have Leo and Pisces on the cusp (beginning). Those are the areas of your life that will be affected the most.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to the Natal Moon: The Moon rules your instincts and feelings. A Neptune transit increases their power. Your imagination will be more active and you will be more likely to cry at a performance of "La Boheme". Neptune is the chameleon planet. If you are around someone with strong emotions, you will imitate them, seeming to take on their emotions. For this reason, be very careful whom you associate with at this time. Women in particular, will have a stronger influence on you, whatever your gender. As usual, the sextile and trine tend to produce the fewest problems. They are excellent if you happen to be in a creative field. The conjunction, square, and opposition are the most trouble because they make you "certain" that your hunches are correct. Guess again.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Mercury: Mercury is your conscious mind and your ability to communicate. Neptune is imagination, dreams, and illusions. Your persuasive abilities can be increased by this transit. So can your susceptibility to others. Be careful in any and all negotiations and business deals. Even if the people you deal with are not trying to cheat you, you can easily cheat yourself by seeing what you want to see instead of what is actually there. If you are a fiction writer, especially a screenwriter, this transit can be a good thing. The rest of us have to be careful. This is difficult because care requires concentration, something that is lacking when Neptune reveries hit. As usual, the smooth aspects (sextile and trine) are the easiest. They increase imagination without the tendency towards self-undoing. The conjunction, square, and opposition, however, can put your brain into never-never land. The House where Mercury is placed in your birth chart can also be affected. For instance, if Mercury is in your 6th House, the greatest effect could be in your job, or in dealing with people who are providing services to you.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Venus: "Of course I love (him, her, it)! This is my soulmate! I'm sure of it!" Not. Under the influence of Neptune, we tend to see what we want to see instead of what is really there. When Neptune transits your Venus, your love life is affected. So is your artistic sense. Things you never noticed before can suddenly seem to be beautiful. For an artist, this can be a great time, even under the stress aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition). But no one should get married during a Neptune-hits-Venus time. The danger that you are just fooling yourself is too great. After the transit is over, the reality becomes visible. You may not like it. Under the stress aspects, you may even be attracted to someone because of their problems! "Oh you poor little thing. I know you're an alcoholic, a junkie, a con-artist, and tri-sexual. Let me marry you and make you all better!" Do yourself a favor and use the magic number instead. Please memorize it. It is 911. Dial that and have them taken away. Let a professional take care of them.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Mars: This one can have some unexpected benefits. Your dreams are energized and your energy will tend to go to fulfill your dreams. Of course, the results will depend on the nature of your dreams. As usual, the stress aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) can produce the biggest problems. With them, your physical energy is more likely to be diverted to your imagination and you are more likely to feel drained. Or it may be that your more unrealistic desires are getting the energy and you put your life savings into that new company that is making a perpetual motion machine. The best thing to do when getting hit by the stress aspects is to try not to force things. Let them happen instead. The trine and sextile work out with fewer difficulties, but with all aspects of Neptune you will probably feel as if you are being "guided" or pulled by an ocean tide. Things seem to come to you all by themselves.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Jupiter: Jupiter is your optimism. Neptune is dreams, yes, but it is also delusions. Take great care not to let this one run away with you. It is obviously Not the

best time to visit a casino or become a day trader. Strange religious cults may seem more attractive to you now. Watch out. You're more inclined with this transit to view the big picture. First, make sure it's a picture of something real. Next, be extra careful to take care of those little details that seem so dull right now. As always, the smooth aspects (sextile and trine) tend to work out with fewer problems. Don't forget to check out the house that Jupiter is in and the house that it rules (the one with Sagittarius on the cusp). For instance, if Sagittarius is on the cusp (beginning) of the 11th House (friends, hopes, and wishes) you will tend to attract people who are either idealistic, spaced-out, or con artists. You will also start to think more about your hopes and wishes. Be careful that this doesn't cause you to neglect the details of day-to-day living.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Saturn: Saturn rules your sense of security and your worst fears. The stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) of transiting Neptune can make it seem as if everything you need to feel safe is being dissolved out from under you. Most likely it isn't, but it feels that way with this transit. The best way to handle a transit of Neptune to Saturn in your birth chart is to try to bring some of your ideals and dreams (Neptune) into reality (Saturn).

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Uranus: Nobody born before 1992 will experience the conjunction, unless they live to be over 100. Sudden (Uranus) confusion (Neptune) is one possibility of this transit. Another is that you will be opened up to totally new ways of looking at the world. Transits like this are one factor that get people interested in studying weird things, like astrology. The trine and sextile aspects will do this smoothly. The square and opposition aspects can be a little rougher to deal with. Your old views on things are being challenged and you may not want to give them up. Go with the flow. Check the houses that Uranus and Neptune rule in your birth chart as well as the houses they occupy. Those areas of your life can also be affected, as can the house that Neptune is transiting through. For instance, if you were born with Uranus in the 5th House, a square or opposition from transiting Neptune could increase the desire to gamble. Please don't. It could also bring someone into your life whom you are absolutely certain is your "soul mate". Most likely, it's just some poor wretch disguised as your "soul mate".

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Neptune: Your imagination increases with any contact between transiting and natal Neptune. Don't let it run away with you. This transit can also activate your compassion for others, as well as increase the chance that it will be misplaced and misused. A good time to do some volunteer charity work. A bad time, a VERY bad time, to try to "save" someone yourself. Send them to a therapist, social worker, or some other professional. What if you are a professional in those fields. Then just remain detached as much as possible while you are helping people. If you start to get personally involved with any of them at this time, well that's bad news. Send them to another professional. As far as the rest of your life, let your imagination run free. Don't try to block it. But make sure that there is solid ground under you before you take any action. Otherwise, postpone acting on those fantasies until after this transit is passed.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to Natal Pluto: I am the opposition of Neptune to my birth Pluto right now as I am writing this! Pluto is the ruler of Scorpio, sign of the values held by society (others in general) and one of the things I am trying to do by writing this is to change the way society views astrology. Is it just a fantasy? We'll see. Neptune is dreams and fantasies and Pluto is sex, so the writing may get interrupted from time to time. In general, take care not to get obsessed (Pluto) with your dreams and fantasies (Neptune). Still, if you take care to stay grounded in reality, this can be a good time to cautiously pursue those dreams, and even a few of those fantasies.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to the Natal Ascendant: The Ascendant shows how you start things. Remember that any aspect to the Ascendant is also an aspect to the opposite point, the Descendant, which influences how you relate to partners, and to other people in general on a one-to-one basis. The conjunction, square, and opposition tend to bring confusion. Absolutely don't start a business partnership or get married when this transit is in force. Wait until it passes. This may be difficult to do because you can be so "sure" that the relationship is wonderful. The certainty that you feel may pass when Neptune leaves the scene. And the relationship with it. Be careful, also, when starting things. Unless the thing you're starting has to do specifically with Neptune (like taking up sailing, or doing charity work) confusion and deception are more likely to raise their ugly heads. On the more positive side, your compassion can increase during this transit. Your intuition can become more powerful as well, but that would work best in situations in which you are not personally involved.

Neptune Transits in Aspect to the Natal Mid-Heaven: The conjunction of Neptune to the Mid-Heaven was one of the aspects I had when I started to practice astrology full-time. Among other things, Neptune gets you interested in strange things. It also gives the ability to recognize patterns. For most people, Neptune making any contact with the Mid-Heaven will activate the imagination. Usually, this will do nothing more than cause an increase in daydreams ("I'm a surfing instructor on a tropical island, yeah"). It frequently takes other aspects to energize this transit and drive you to take concrete steps to make the dreams real. Be careful not to let the fantasies interfere with living and making a living. But if your life has no life in it, if it's too dull for words, maybe it is time for a change.

## **URANUS TRANSITS**

Uranus shakes things up. It "electrifies", sometimes literally. Neptune is the mystic who Feels. Uranus is the genius who Knows. It is said that genius and madness have only a thin line between them. Uranus erases that line. Whether it brings total chaos or revolutionary new advances (frequently both) its effects are never dull. Whatever it contacts as it transits around your horoscope will be changed, usually with dramatic suddenness. Pluto may subvert and destroy. Uranus turns things upside down.

Now don't go off thinking that Uranus is Always going to do this. Many times, all a Uranus transit does is make us restless. We don't know what it is we want to change, but we know we want to change something. Our behavior will tend to change as we try new things, or do old things in different ways. Just remember though, that when Uranus hits, don't go crazy with it. Make changes, but do them slowly. The big danger with Uranus transits is that they tend to make us rush in where angels fear to tread. That is what can cause trouble. With a little extra caution and planning, most Uranus transits can become positive experiences.

Uranus stays in each sign for about seven years. Houses vary in size, but figure it will stay in each house between six to eight years.

Uranus Transits Through Your First House: "Wow! That's amazing! And it's so obvious! Why didn't I see that before?" These are things you can expect to say when Uranus transits through your 1st House. Uranus is the "awakener". Uranus hitting this house can make you suddenly want more freedom, want to do new things that you have never done before. Fine. Just don't make any important decisions on the spur of the moment. Uranus has a tendency to make us rush, and that is what can cause trouble. Take a little extra time to plan. Please take this in context. If this is

hitting your five year old child, expect them to get into more mischief than usual. If you happen to be 90 or above, well there may be some limits on what you can do. But don't be surprised if you suddenly want to go skydiving. If you are the type that doesn't like changes, if you want to keep everything just the way it's always been, watch out! The Uranus energy won't be denied. It has to come out somehow. When it gets bottled up, its favorite trick is to cause accidents and other sudden upsets. Best advice for Uranus transiting your 1st House: Now is most likely a good time to make major changes. But be extra sure to plan first and don't rush.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Second House:** This is the house of money, possessions, and values. Uranus is sudden, unexpected changes. Your income is more likely to be unstable during this period. Make certain that you have enough of a reserve set aside for emergencies. Get enough insurance on all of your property. Remember, Uranus transits can cause accidents, especially if it makes stressful aspects (conjunction, square, or opposition) to planets in your birth chart while going through this house. On the plus side, Uranus can bring sudden gains as well, particularly if your income comes from something "Uranian" such as electronics, hi-tech, or anything new, different, or unusual. This could be a good time to change jobs, or even professions. Check the other transits in your horoscope for confirmation. Of course, as always when it comes to anything connected with Uranus, Don't Rush. Sit down and take some time to plan.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Third House:** People are more likely to be shocked by what you say during this transit. You are also more likely to become interested in strange, unusual things. Be careful not to believe something just because it is strange and unusual. If you work in scientific research, problems that would normally stump you may seem much easier to solve. This transit may not hit you directly. Your neighbors and siblings could start acting in ways that seem strange to you. On the other hand, it could hit you very directly. Uranus can cause people to lose their normal caution, and the 3rd House rules short trips, so be careful driving. Most of the problems you encounter with this transit, however, are likely to be caused by what you say. This is an excellent transit if you want to learn anything new, especially a specific skill, and broaden your horizons.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Fourth House:** This transit begins when Uranus crosses the bottom of your horoscope. When it does this, it is opposite your Mid-Heaven, so it can affect your career as well. Most books don't mention this. For the few weeks that Uranus spends exactly at the bottom of your chart, your job is subject to sudden change. It may come from you. You may decide, on the spur of the moment, to change jobs or even careers. This is potentially a time of great change in relationships with bosses and parents. If you are young, maybe you decide to leave and strike out on your own. Maybe your boss fires you, or your parents get divorced. What happens exactly depends on your situation and the other transits taking place at that time. For most of this transit, Uranus will just be affecting your home (your "roots", the foundations of your life) and relations with parents. If you don't move, this would be an excellent time to fix up the house, give it a new look. But moves are more likely at this time. As always with Uranus transits, watch out for a tendency to rush into things. Sit down and plan.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Fifth House:** If you're a parent, your kids may seem extra rebellious to you at this time. They may really not be that way, but they will seem so to you. If you're dating, you will be attracted to people who are weird, unusual, independent, maybe even a bit shocking. Maybe there will be a great difference in your ages. Or they could just be the type of person that you would have never even considered going out with before. This transit can attract you to people who are geniuses, eccentric, or a bit crazy. On the plus side, if you are in any career that requires

creativity, you will shine. Under Uranus transits, we never like to do things in old, routine ways, so you will tend to be much more innovative now. The 5th House also rules hobbies, sports, and games. This is a perfect time to take up new forms of recreation. Uranus transits give you a chance to open yourself up to new horizons.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Sixth House:** This is the house of employment and service. Uranus transiting here makes you more likely to quit your job. This is especially true if the job is routine, or you have to have constant supervision. Uranus will increase your desire for independence and for new, exciting things in the employment area. If you are the type who wants to keep things just as they are, Uranus increases the chance that you will be fired or laid off. Keep your resume updated when you see this transit coming. If you are an employer, the people who work for you will seem more rebellious at this time (remember, this transit can last for seven years). But this can help you if you have to hire hi-tech innovative types. Under this influence, these are more likely to be the employees you want. The 6th House also rules health matters. Uranus transiting here increases the chances that you will be attracted to new methods of staying healthy. Don't jump. Uranus transits sometimes make us want to rush in. Some of those have not been proven yet, and it is not a good idea to use your own body for experiments. Remember what happened to Dr. Jekyll (all right, that was only a novel, but you get the idea). On the other hand, you may need to do something new regarding your health (like changing your diet) and you won't want to. That's when Uranus can do unexpected things, like a sudden illness, to give you a wake-up call.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Seventh House:** It's not a good idea to get married during this transit, especially if it's going to be one of those spur-of-the-moment, love at first sight things. What Uranus brings together suddenly, it usually breaks apart just as quickly. The same goes for business partnerships. We frequently seem to attract people symbolized by the planets that are transiting our 7th House. In the case of Uranus, these people will be independent and eccentric, and they will tend to shake us out of any rut we happen to be in. No, this isn't "magic". We meet people like this all the time, but we aren't attracted and may not even notice them. When Uranus hits our 7th House, however, we suddenly become aware of them. We open up and let them into our lives (for better or worse). The transit is our transit, and it affects Us, not them.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Eighth House:** Yes, this is the house of Sex. But it is also the house of credit and taxes, so be careful not to ignore your finances while trying to get laid. As far as the sex goes, the tendency of Uranus here is to make one more inventive.

**Uranus Transits Through Your Ninth House:** The 9th House rules higher education and long journeys, religion and philosophy. Uranus transiting here can give wanderlust, a desire to go to unusual places off the beaten track. It can also attract you to new religions or philosophies, especially if they are unusual and strange. But be careful not to believe in something just because it sounds weird. Uranus transits can do that to you. In my experience, the 9th House rules legal matters, including lawsuits. Some astrologers say this comes under the 7th House. The 7th House, however, rules open enemies, including the people who may sue you. The suit itself comes under the 9th House. If you must sue anyone while Uranus transits your 9th House, be prepared to spend extra time and energy because Uranus rules unexpected events. On the plus side, this is a good time to study any hi-tech field, especially if it involves computers, electronics, or anything that is on the cutting edge.

Uranus Transits Through Your Tenth House: The 10th House influences your career and “public image”, your “boss”, and those who have authority over you in general. Uranus transiting here can give a sudden desire to change bosses, jobs, and even careers. All of a sudden, the idea of taking orders can seem irritating to you. As always with Uranus transits, you may have to make changes, but be sure to do a little planning first. Don't jump. Uranus going through this house can also make you want to change your appearance, your “look”. Good idea, but watch out for a tendency to go overboard.

Uranus Transits Through Your Eleventh House: This is the house of friends, hopes, and wishes. It also influences any group or organization that you may belong to. Uranus transiting here can have several possible effects. It could attract you to new friends, people that are very different from those friends you have already. You are more likely to be attracted to people who are best described as strange, eccentric, even bizarre. The people you know, at this time, can have a greater influence on you, to bring about big changes in your life. Conversely, the friends you already have will seem to undergo behavior changes. Groups that you belong to may suddenly seem to be dull oppressive. There will be a strong urge to leave. Uranus transiting here could also attract you to some sort of new group, particularly one that crusades for some social cause. When Uranus hits, we are seldom content to simply believe something. We have to preach and crusade.

Uranus Transits Through Your Twelfth House: If you happen to be in therapy during this transit, you are more likely to make great progress. Material will seem to shoot up from your “subconscious”. On the other hand, a transit like this could force you into therapy. Uranus transits make for sudden changes. On the negative side, since this is the house of “self-undoing”, any planet transiting here can make you act in a self-destructive manner. Uranus will do this by making you dive into things without thinking them through. Any sudden changes you want to make, while this transit is going on, are more likely to backfire. Not a good time to go hang-gliding. The same goes for your “hidden enemies”. People who are working against you will tend to do it via strange or unusual stunts.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to the Natal Sun: With the stress aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) watch out for accidents. Be especially careful if the Sun and Uranus were making a stress aspect when you were born. One woman I knew was born with Uranus opposite her Sun. When she was 21 years old, Germany invaded her country and she had to flee, losing everything. Transiting Uranus was making squares to both her Sun and birth Uranus at the time. When she was 41. Uranus transited over her Sun (a conjunction aspect) and opposed her birth Uranus. She was almost killed in a car crash. At those times when Uranus makes stress aspects with your Natal Sun, it's a good idea to make changes. But make them slowly. Take extra care. Don't move too fast. This is important because you will want to. At the same time, you shouldn't try to keep everything the same way its always been. Then, Uranus will make changes all by itself. Suddenly, shockingly, and maybe by means of an accident. With those cautions in mind, these transits can open you up new ideas and completely new ways of doing things. These can be the best transits for getting you out of a rut. As usual, the smooth aspects (sextile and trine) bring changes the easiest way.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to the Natal Moon: Internally, the Moon rules emotions and feelings, the instinctual side of our nature and our habit patterns. Externally, it rules the home and relations with women. Uranus makes us want to change things. As always, the stress aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) are the most dramatic. Emotions surface faster, sometimes much faster.

Watch out for a tendency towards hysteria during Uranus stress transits to the Moon. It may not be your emotions that need watching. The women you attract now may also be crazier and more hysterical. No, a transit that you are having does not affect anyone else. But it does affect whom you will attract. There could be a sudden urge to make major changes around the house or to go on a diet (the Moon rules the stomach). Watch out though. It will be the wilder diets that appeal to you now. Romantic relationships don't escape. Everything can seem "electric" under this transit. Uranus increases the chances of having new lovers coming into your life suddenly. Be careful. They can leave just as quickly. But doesn't Venus rule love? Yes, but the Moon rules the feelings and that's what love is based on. The smooth aspects are usually easier to take. You are less likely to do something totally off the wall. The main thing to remember with Uranus transiting your Moon, and with Uranus transits in general, is to make those changes slowly. Try to avoid making a sudden jump. Handled properly, Uranus can get your life out of a rut and open up a whole new world of possibilities.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Mercury: Even with the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) things you could never figure out before can suddenly seem clear. During this transit, you are more likely to get interested in learning new things and doing old things in new ways. Now for the downside. There may be a tendency to be so enthralled with these new ideas that you don't examine them closely. Big mistake. You won't want to listen to others either. Force yourself. They may see something you don't. Be careful how you say things as well. When Uranus hits your Mercury, you are more likely to put things in the most shocking terms possible. That won't make you many friends, but it might get you on TV talk shows. The smooth aspects (the sextile and trine) are less likely to get you thrown in jail or punched in the nose but they don't always generate the power of the stress aspects. Don't reject the ideas that come to you now. By no means. But do be careful how you put them into action or explain them to others.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Venus: If you're married and you see a stressful aspect of transiting Uranus about to form to your natal Venus, watch out! I've seen too many cases where the person having this suddenly becomes attracted to someone else. Usually, that someone is totally different from the type that you usually get attracted to. In many cases, they run off. But what Uranus brings together quickly can break up just as fast after the Uranus aspect passes. Be sure to check the house that Venus is in as well as the houses that have Libra and Taurus on the cusp (beginning). If you have Venus in the 6th House (work) for instance, you may suddenly want to leave your job. Or maybe fall in love with a co-worker. The smooth aspects (sextile and trine) are much more stable. You stand a better chance of getting the excitement without the chaos. Those transits mark some of the best times in your life to go with the changes as they happen.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Mars: Watch out for accidents during the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition). This combination works by increasing your impatience. Impatience causes haste and, well, haste makes waste. No, it does not necessarily mean that the plane you're going to get on next week will crash (not unless you're the pilot). It may mean, though, that you will trip while running to catch the flight.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Jupiter: The stressful aspects can throw your judgment off big time.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Saturn: Saturn shows what you need to feel safe and secure. Uranus rules sudden, unexpected events and upsets. Any questions?

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Uranus: A tendency to make changes just because you want to make changes. Control yourself. Actually, the harmonious aspects (the sextile and trine) can be pleasant and constructive. You start to get interested in new things and people. Your horizons broaden. The stressful aspects (the conjunction, square, and opposition) can make you more restless. Remember, with Uranus the big danger is that you will want to make changes immediately, if not sooner. It's the haste that makes waste. Slow down. As always, be sure to check the house that Uranus occupies in your birth chart, as well as the house where the sign Aquarius is located. These will indicate the areas of greatest change.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Neptune: The planet of sudden change and flashes of insight contacts the planet of dreams, illusions, and delusions. During this transit, you will tend to become interested in all things strange and mystical. Be careful that they are not also delusional. Check the house where Neptune is located as well as the house that has the sign of Pisces on the cusp (beginning). These will be the areas of greatest change. And danger. For instance, if you are an artist, and Neptune is located on your 5th House or the sign of Pisces (ruled by Neptune) is on the cusp of that house, there may be a great increase in the quality of your art. However, you may also get attracted to someone who is totally not at all the way you picture them. You may even be attracted to someone because of their faults, rather than their virtues. Remember, Neptune is the planet of self-undoing.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to Natal Pluto: This is a great transit for clearing things out of your life --- whether you want them to go or not. The changes that Pluto brings are slow. They may take many years to build up. Like a volcano getting ready to erupt, everything may seem placid for many years, but there are forces of change working unseen. Uranus changes, by contrast, strike like lightning.

Put these two together, and you've got a spectacular show. Things will be going out of your life at this time. Accept this. Let go of as much as possible and salvage what you can. Frequently, these changes will be for the better, although you may not be able to see this at the time. This transit, especially the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) can bring the kind of experiences that everyone wants to have gone through, but no one wants to go through. The changes will be greatest in the areas of your life where Pluto is located in your birth chart and where Uranus happens to be transiting. For instance, if financial houses (2 and 8) are involved, watch out for financial reversals or tax problems. Fortunately, transits can be checked even years ahead, so you can make plans to handle the situation well in advance.

Uranus Transits in Aspects to the Natal Ascendant: The Ascendant shows how you start things and how you relate to others. The square and opposition from transiting Uranus are even worse times to get married than when Uranus stressfully aspects Venus. Let's just say that I know this one from personal experience. The same is true for business partnerships. Uranus transits show times when you demand more freedom and want to change things. Don't go overboard. The best thing to do is to keep things up in the air and wait for the transit to pass. Then you will be able to make more rational decisions. The smooth aspects tends to bring new people into your life with fewer headaches. As always with Uranus transits, make changes BUT do it slowly.

Uranus Transits in Aspect to the Natal Mid-Heaven: The Mid-Heaven rules career (not just the daily job), the life goals, the boss, and one parent, usually the mother. Whenever the Mid-Heaven

is aspected, the opposite point (the Nadir) at the bottom of the horoscope wheel also gets an aspect. This means that the home can be affected at the same time as the career. Uranus rules sudden and unexpected changes. Frequently, they can come from inside of us. For instance, when Uranus aspects your Mid-Heaven, you may get a sudden urge to change homes, or careers. Yes, something could happen to your parents at this time, but usually it is a change in your relationship to them. If you get this transit when you are a teenager, it can make that normally crazy period even crazier. As always with Uranus, don't rush into things. Think them through first. This is especially important to remember because when Uranus hits, you won't want to wait. You are so sure you're right that the changes have to be made Right Now. Don't give in to that feeling. Unless, of course, you don't mind cleaning up the wreckage later. On the plus side, the changes you make with this transit could be the best things that ever happened to you. As usual, the smooth aspects (sextile and trine) are the easiest to deal with. They don't give as many problems as the stressful ones (conjunction, square, and opposition). But those so-called stressful aspects generate more "power" for change. If transiting Mars makes stressful aspects at the same time that Uranus is doing so, watch out for accidents caused by haste. Go slowly then, or risk being sorry later.

## **SATURN TRANSITS**

Saturn transits have been feared for centuries. The superficial reading is that they bring all sorts of calamities. In fact, they bring dissatisfaction and a desire for change. Ages ago, however, who could change? People were bound to the same routine year after year. When necessary changes aren't made, Saturn transits tend to force them. This, to ancient peoples, was regarded as disaster. What Saturn transits really do is bring things to a conclusion. One cycle ends and another begins. And yes, these transits are associated with "Murphy's Law", if something can go wrong, it will. Suppose you are burning your candle at both ends. Saturn comes around and you get sick. Bad luck? No, just the results of the bad actions that you chose. Saturn transits simply tend to bring us the results of our actions, for better or worse. But if you have dotted all the i's and crossed all the T's, and took care of everything, Saturn transits can also bring rewards. If you have no loose ends in your life, Saturn will have nothing to chop off. Astrologer Noel Tyl, for instance, mentions a case of someone he knew who got a scholarship to study music in Europe when Saturn was making an opposition aspect to his Sun. He had to work long and hard to get it, and he would have to continue to work because the grant was dependent on his grades. A gift of money from Saturn, but there are always strings attached: hard work, effort, and discipline. The best way to handle Saturn transits is to look way ahead and see when they are coming. Will Saturn be going through your 2nd House (money) next year? Better start saving right now to make sure that you have reserve cash. Perhaps Saturn is headed for your 6th House (work). This could mean extra demands on the job. It could even mean no job. Update your resume, just in case. Yes, Saturn periods can be hard, but if you handle them right, the rewards you get are solid and long-lasting.

**Saturn Transits Through Your First House:** This transit starts with Saturn passing over your Ascendant, and it marks the start of a new cycle in your life. During the next 14 years, or so, you have to concentrate more on taking care of internal matters rather than focusing on what's going on out there with everyone else. The 1st House is You, your personality and how you approach things. When Saturn moves here, you have a chance to figure out not just who you are, but who you want to be. If you get depressed during this transit, it is most likely an indication that some of the basic routines of your life are faulty and need to be changed.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Second House:** Watch your money and possessions. Income is more likely to dip during this transit. Or, expenses increase. Either way, you will have less. But there is another possibility. Your desires increase, so even if you have enough, it suddenly seems like you don't. Saturn rules Capricorn, the sign of ambition, and, when Saturn comes around, it is frequently the time to take the next step up. Even if you are rich, you will feel this effect. After all, the 2nd House rules more than money and possessions. It shows the Value you place on things. When Saturn transits here, you may find that those material possessions you worked so hard for don't give you a thrill any more. Ok, you got them. What do you do now? This could be the time to search for new goals and values. Any way you look at it, when Saturn comes around you've got to do some extra work.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Third House:** can mean extra difficulties and problems through siblings and neighbors. If there are any old problems that have been simmering for years, they will tend to come to a head at this time. This could happen in several ways. Maybe they need you to help. Or you could need their help, and, for whatever reason, they can't provide it. Or they put you through hell for asking. This is also the house of communication. Your speech will tend to become more serious when Saturn transits your 3rd House. So will your thoughts. Take care, though, of that negative side of Saturn, depression. It helps if you concentrate on positive steps to take. This is a good time to learn a new skill, something that will be useful or practical. As always with a Saturn transit, look ahead and see what is coming. Then try to take preventive measures before it hits.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Fourth House:** Like all Saturn transits, not always a bad thing. This transit tends to bring changes in the home. One person I know finally moved out of his parents house at age 31 when Saturn hit his 4th House. The place he moved into was very small, but it was all his, and both he and his therapist were pleased. Saturn crossing over the bottom of your horoscope can also start your life in a new direction, usually upward. According to Grant Lewi, this is the best time to begin a rise in life, to start a long climb that will reach a peak in about 14 years. Yes, that is the tendency, but remember that there are other planets up there that can either reinforce this or interfere with it. Never make a forecast based on the transits of one planet alone. Most astrologers have had bad experiences trying to do that. The 4th House also rules one parent, usually the father. If there are any problems with this parent, particularly problems that have been swept under the rug, they will tend to surface during this transit. This is the transit that can make you suddenly remember how angry you were that they didn't give you a tricycle for your 3rd birthday. When Saturn is exactly at the bottom of your horoscope, it will be making an opposition aspect to the top, the Mid-Heaven. During that time, your career, "public image", and relationship with "the boss" will be affected as well. For the details, see the section on Saturn Transits in Aspect to Your Mid-Heaven.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Fifth House:** This is the house of love, romance, creativity, and children. No, it does not mean that you are going to be celibate for the next two years (well, not always). In fact, during this transit, it is possible to have a really deep, significant love affair. But you are less likely to have light, breezy affairs and one night stands. Saturn transits tend to coincide with things that are deep and serious. Frequently, you reach a turning point in relationships. Get married or break up. Saturn transits are not good for leaving things up in the air. Of course you have to take this in context. Saturn going through the 5th House of a child will not cause trouble with love affairs (at least, I hope not). But it could mean trouble with fun and games. They could be more likely to lose a favorite toy, for instance. You never can tell, however. I had a

client once who wanted me to look at the chart of his 5 year old daughter. She had Jupiter and Mars transits to her 5th House that summer (these tend to be more fun than Saturn transits). I told him that this was a shame because they tended to love affairs and that it was a waste to have these transits hit at that age. We laughed about it. At the end of the summer, he called me to say that his daughter had fallen in love with a 12 year old boy and she was writing him love letters. At least with Jupiter and Mars she was cheerful about it. Saturn would be more likely to bring depression. In the areas of creativity, sports, and games, Saturn transits will either coincide with times when you have to give up an activity in these areas (you're 95 years old; time to give up professional football) or an increase in ambition and discipline. Serious about jogging or doing creative work? Put yourself on a schedule and practice, practice, practice. Time for ambition and discipline. If you have young children --- well, there are always problems, aren't there? There just seem to be more of them when Saturn transits your 5th House. The kids are grown? There are still problems now. Maybe they want to move back. Maybe they move far away and you miss them. Saturn always means some sort of challenge and an obstacle to be overcome.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Sixth House:** This is the house of work and health. No, it will not make you lose your job and get sick. Well, not usually. Remember that Saturn transits bring problems to the surface. This should be viewed as an opportunity to solve them. Maybe your day job will seem more of a drag than usual now. Perhaps it's not right for you any more and it's time to move on. Update your resume and start searching. If you're self employed, a Saturn transit through your 6th House means that you may be reaching a make-or-break point. Either your business is going to make it in the next 2 years or so, or you will have to close up shop and work for someone else. If you are an employer, you will probably have more concerns about your employees when Saturn hits. There is more likely to be trouble with them at this time. Either they quit or die or retire, or they just aren't working as hard as they used to. The first thing to do is check how you're treating them. It just might be that you are at fault here. Saturn means that the same old way of doing business isn't going to cut it any more. As far as health is concerned, I am not a doctor and medical astrology is not my specialty. Still, it's seldom a bad idea to get an extra check-up or two during the years that Saturn transits your 6th House. Saturn rules everything that takes a long time to develop. A check-up can help to catch developing ailments before they become severe.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Seventh House:** This is the house of marriage and partnership. While Saturn passes through here, it can also be the house of divorce. But only if the relationship is on the rocks to begin with. Saturn transits tend to bring things to a head. I once had a client who had a husband and a boyfriend. Saturn was going to enter her 7th House in a couple of months, so I told her that she would have to make a decision. She said "I don't want to make a decision. I like things just the way they are." Within two weeks after Saturn hit, she lost both of them. She suddenly decided she couldn't stand her husband any more and walked out, only to have her boyfriend tell her that she waited too long and he had found someone else. Never, Never put decisions off during a Saturn transit. Do not just let things happen. That would be like telling Saturn to make the decisions for you. You may not like the result. On the positive side, Saturn entering your 7th House means that it is starting to transit the top half of your horoscope. That's when you begin to get rewards for your work of the previous seven to fourteen years. Unless some other transit or progression interferes, this is the start of a new phase of your life. You will tend to be more concerned with career and "external" matters, less concerned with purely personal and "internal" things. Ironically, you may be facing more opposition at this time. Remember, the 7th House rules open enemies as well as marriage and partnership. It rules any relationship where you

approach the other person as an equal. Saturn transiting the 7th House makes you suddenly noticeable and the success that this transit tends to bring attracts jealousy. Be prepared to guard your rear. One reason marriages are under greater stress when Saturn goes through this house is that the partner becomes envious of your success. You may have to make an extra effort to soothe their ego. Or, if you think that it's disgusting for them to be so petty, dump them.

Saturn Transits Through Your Eighth House: Less sex and more taxes. Well, not necessarily. Sex may simply become more important to you. If you previously did a lot of one night stands, they may seem empty now. You are more likely to want something deeper. However, if there are any sexual dysfunctions, they will tend to flare up during this Saturn transit, and you will be forced to deal with them. Remember that Saturn doesn't cause trouble. All it does is bring it to the surface. Saturn going through your 8th House doesn't have to indicate anything world shaking. It could be that you suddenly feel the need for more control in sex and you start reading books on the subject. Ok. But please note, you can't learn everything from books. If you inherit any money or possessions at this time, there will tend to be extra difficulties. Maybe someone disputes the will and there is a legal battle. Or the property you inherit is difficult to deal with in some way. For instance, it may be a house that you can't sell easily and the taxes are coming due. The 8th House rules other people's money in general. If you need a line of credit, it could be more difficult to get it at this time. Don't wait for Saturn to hit you before taking action. Look ahead. See where it is going to be. Then make plans long before it gets there. Saturn transiting your 2nd House can affect your money. Saturn moving through your 8th House can affect partner's money. Your partner's income may drop and that can still affect you. As always with Saturn, make plans before it hits you.

Saturn Transits Through Your Ninth House: Not the best time to take a long distance pleasure trip. But it can be good for business travel. If you must take a vacation during this time, take a short trip instead. Or, if you insist on taking a long distance vacation, bring some work along with you to make Saturn happy. This is also the house of higher education. Saturn is the planet of ambition and dissatisfaction. This could manifest in many different ways. You could feel blocked in your career because you didn't get the proper education earlier. You then have a choice. Do nothing and be depressed, or start studying. The 9th House comes before the 10th House (career) so what you do now can have a strong influence on your career and public standing in a couple of years. Take your time making your choices.

Saturn Transits Through Your Tenth House: Saturn transits give us the results of our past actions. The 10th House rules our career, public image and standing, the boss, and the goals of our life. Well, you will be able to tell if your life is on the right track. Any lingering problems with supervisors, or career matters in general, will tend to surface now. Any moves you should have made but didn't, well, now is the time when you will probably say: "I should have." Saturn passed over the top of Bill Gate's horoscope when the justice department was readying the anti-trust suit against Microsoft. Chickens coming home to roost. Gates didn't figure that he would be so good at competing that everyone else would band against him. His "Take no prisoners" attitude gave them little choice. On the positive side, if you planned your work and worked your plan, this is harvest time and Saturn will help you to reach a peak. However, you will still have to work hard to stay there! No time for rest. And be careful that you don't devote All of your time to career. Other areas of your life could suffer, like family and friends. Make an effort to maintain some balance here.

Saturn Transits Through Your Eleventh House: Saturn transits can get rid of things we think we need but really don't. Friends, who really aren't friends, will tend to show their true colors now. Let

them go. Good friends can also go out of your life at this time. Saturn rules the end of cycles. As far as the friends who remain, you may be too busy to spend much time with them. Or they may be too busy. On the other hand, they may have extra problems and ask for your help. The same is true for your hopes and wishes. Some of those may be obsolete and need to be changed. The 11th House also shows how we deal with Groups of people. If you belong to a team at work, or some sort of club or organization, Saturn could bring out problems, difficulties, or extra responsibilities. Maybe the group changes and it's not fun any more. You can also get a promotion at work or get elected to an office in a club. This means more work and responsibility. Saturn benefits are frequently bittersweet.

**Saturn Transits Through Your Twelfth House:** Watch out for extremely negative people coming into your life now. Usually, they will come to you for "help". Only the help they need never seems to end. They can drain you. It doesn't have to be a new person either. It could be someone you already know who suddenly "turns". Saturn transiting here frequently marks the end of a long cycle. The two years, or so, that Saturn spends moving through your 12th House is a good time to finish things off. It is not good, however, for starting new, long-range projects. For those, wait until Saturn crosses your Ascendant and enters your 1st House. You can make plans now, but it is not a good time to put them into action. Even if you try to, circumstances will usually cause delays until Saturn reaches your 1st House. Right now, you should be cutting your losses and clearing the decks for action.

**Saturn Transits in Aspect to the Natal Sun:** When Saturn makes a conjunction with your natal Sun, you get what you worked for, you get the fruits of your actions. Not what you think you worked for. Some books say that Saturn rewards hard work. Not so. It rewards Smart Work. If you work hard in the wrong direction, you get a different sort of reward. As usual with Saturn transits, if there are any problems, they will start to surface during the conjunction and the other stressful aspects (the square and opposition). This is especially true of health matters since the Sun rules the body in general. With the conjunction, though, it is an excellent time to start long-range projects, things that take many years to complete, or to start new health regimens, new habits that are going to be with you permanently. The harmonious aspects of Saturn are of lesser importance. It is almost as if Saturn prefers the stressful ones. When transiting Saturn makes a sextile or trine to your Sun, things tend to be stable and unexciting (unless, of course, transiting Uranus is hitting at the same time!). Keep busy. Remember, with every harmonious aspect that transiting Saturn makes, a stressful aspect is usually only 2 years away. Be sure to keep an eye on the areas of your life ruled by the house that the Sun occupies, as well as those ruled by the house that has the sign of Leo (ruled by the Sun) on the cusp (beginning) of the house.

**Saturn Transits in Aspect to the Natal Moon:** The Moon is your emotions and feelings, your instincts. Saturn rules depression, especially the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition). But there is always a way to minimize that. Keep busy, especially around the house. Don't just sit there. Check the house that the Moon is in and the house that Saturn is moving through. These are areas of your life where normal problems can seem particularly depressing right now. For instance, if you are born with the Moon in the 3rd House, a stressful angel from transiting Saturn could bring up problems with siblings or neighbors. Since the 3rd House also rules communications and transportation, those areas could be affected as well. Maybe you have to do some public speaking and have a panic attack. Or if you have to buy a new car, you may suddenly feel sad about having to give up the old one. In any event, your reaction will tend to be more emotional at this time, rather than logical. And, oh yes. Relations with women tend to be

difficult during these transits. This goes for everyone. Not just men. The best way to deal with these transits is to acknowledge the feelings you have. Do not suppress them. Then, check the reality of the situation. You will probably notice that your emotional reactions are out of proportion to what is happening. Take the rational course, of course. Do the right thing. But then, give yourself a little treat to soothe those emotions. Ice cream usually works for me. The harmonious aspects (the sextile and trine) are usually a better time for dealing with all matters concerning home and real estate. In fact, since your emotions are less likely to conflict with rational needs at these times, it becomes easier to deal with just about anything. The areas of your life ruled by the house the Moon was in when you were born can also be affected. And don't forget to check the house that has the sign of Cancer (ruled by the Moon) on the cusp.

**Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Mercury:** A perfect time for getting interested in serious subjects. Saturn rules both ambition and depression. Actually, it rules dissatisfaction, which can manifest as either one of those things. Keep busy and work towards a goal and you are less likely to take the depression route. Saturn transiting your natal Mercury can tend towards depressing thoughts. The way to deal with this is to figure out what you can do about the situation. If you are depressed about something where you can't do anything (for instance, you get upset when reading that the Pharaoh enslaved the Children of Israel) put the thought out of your mind and plan something constructive. Be sure to check the house where Mercury is located as well. And don't forget the houses that have either Gemini or Virgo (the signs that Mercury rules) on the cusp (beginning).

**Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Venus:** Venus is the planet of love and happiness. When Saturn transits with a stressful aspect to your natal Venus, problems in intimate relationships will tend to surface, as well as with money. That's what all the books tell you. What they don't say is that you can also have difficulties with other areas of your life. Check the houses that have either Libra or Taurus on the cusp (beginning). If, for example, you are born with the sign of Libra on the cusp of your 6th House (work and co-workers) and Saturn transits with a stressful aspect (conjunction, square, or opposition) to your Venus, you could have difficulties with your co-workers, or lose your job. All this while you are being extra careful with your love life, because that's what the astrology books said! You have to check the house that Venus is in as well. If it is in the 4th House, for instance, you could have extra expenses connected with your home, or difficulties with a parent. Remember, Saturn transits tend to bring problems to the surface. If you have loose ends in any area that Saturn hits, it cuts them off. As always, plan ahead. See where Saturn is going to hit, and take care of potential problems well in advance. If you happen to work in the arts, Saturn transiting in stressful aspect to your natal Venus could indicate a dry spell when your inspiration takes a vacation. Conversely, inspiration could be as strong as ever, but circumstances may prevent you from producing. The harmonious aspects (the sextile and trine) are usually quiet, stable times in relationships and financial matters. These periods are usually not too important. Saturn has its biggest effects during the stressful transits.

**Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Mars:** Mars is your energy. Saturn can reduce it directly, or make you work so much harder that you drain yourself. This is more likely to happen with the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, or opposition). The harmonious aspects (sextile and trine) are easier to handle. Your energy will tend to be more focused and disciplined and you can accomplish more than usual. The same positive effects can happen with the stress aspects as well, but, in that case, you have to work at it.

Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Jupiter: Saturn and Jupiter are true opposites. Saturn contracts. Jupiter expands. Saturn is pessimism. Jupiter is optimism. When transiting Saturn makes an aspect to your natal Jupiter, the Jupiter effects tend to be curbed. Under the stress aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) your optimism shuts off. If you have been getting by on "luck" for a while, the party is over. Time to pay the piper. As always with Saturn transits, check to see when this one is coming and plan ahead. If you have some project that is scheduled to be completed during a stressful aspect that Saturn will be making to your natal Jupiter, try to reschedule it. If you can't, then put in overtime and work harder. Remember, Saturn is the planet of "Murphy's Law". If something can go wrong, it will go wrong, usually at the most inconvenient moment. Stressful Saturn transits are the most inconvenient moment. Transits with the harmonious aspects (sextile and trine) are generally good times to do extra work as well, but not because you have to. Most likely, you will want to. Progress will tend to be easier when Saturn makes a transiting trine or sextile to your natal Jupiter. You will be going in the same direction as with the stress aspects, but the road will not be as bumpy.

Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Saturn: These happen to everyone at about the same time in life. When we are about seven years old, Saturn makes a square aspect to the place where it was when we were born. That is when we start to put things together and make sense of the world. It is also a great time to develop a first neurosis. At around age fourteen, Saturn makes an opposition to its place in our birth chart. That is the time of "adolescent rebellion", our efforts to break away and be independent. Approximately 29 years later, Saturn makes its second opposition to our birth Saturn. That is the famous "mid-life crisis" when people change jobs and marriages. But if you look at the astrological factor, transiting Saturn opposing natal Saturn, this is only another outbreak of teenage rebellion. The underlying cause is the same: a desire to break away from restrictions. The harmonious aspects (the trine and sextile) are just good times to get extra work done. Unless another major transit is hitting you at this time (like a square from transiting Uranus) this should be a relatively calm and productive period with nothing extraordinary happening.

Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Uranus: Uranus rules our urge for independence and innovation. Saturn makes for restriction. It's not that obstacles to your hopes and wishes suddenly appear. Most likely, they've been there all along. When a stressful aspect (conjunction, square, or opposition) from transiting Saturn hits your natal Uranus, you start to notice them. You now have two apparent choices: give in and be depressed, or rebel and risk disaster. Naturally, no matter which planet you choose to follow, the other one will "get you". But there is a solution. You have to mix the traits of both planets at the same time. Make far-reaching changes in your life now (Uranus). But do it in a well planned, orderly, and structured way (Saturn). Don't expect the changes to be either quick or easy. You have to be prepared to stay there for the long haul. One caution. Don't try to do too much. Under Saturn transits, we sometimes try to work 25 hours a day, and eight days a week. A little rest every now and then won't kill you. As usual, the harmonious aspects (trine and sextile) from transiting Saturn are easier to deal with. Changes can be made more smoothly when these hit. The problem with the harmonious aspects, however, is that they don't have the same sense of urgency as the stress aspects. We can feel too comfortable and not get anything done. Be sure to check the houses that Saturn and Uranus rule in your birth chart. These are the ones that have either Capricorn or Aquarius on the cusp (beginning). The tensions and need for change can affect you in the areas ruled by those houses, as well as the house where Uranus is located and the house that Saturn is transiting through. For example, if you are born with Uranus in your 5th House and transiting Saturn is making a square aspect to it from the 2nd House, it may be time to save for your kids' college education (5th House rules children and

2nd House rules money) or to join gamblers anonymous (5th House rules gambling and speculation as well).

Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Neptune: Neptune rules dreams and illusions. Saturn rules "reality". A stress aspect (conjunction, square, or opposition) from transiting Saturn to one's natal Neptune can have two basic effects. First, it can make you worry about things that don't exist or are not going to happen (Saturn depression and Neptune illusions). Second, it can make you see that some dream or fantasy you had will never happen. It may be time to give it up, painful as that is. On the other hand, the dream may be a good one and the Saturn transit will just be making you too pessimistic. Don't jump to conclusions here. Check those dreams out thoroughly before throwing them out. A better way is to figure out (Saturn) a way to make those dreams a reality. You can do this even during the stressful aspects, but of course that is easier to do when transiting Saturn hits your natal Neptune with a harmonious aspect (trine or sextile). As always, see what house Neptune is in and Saturn is transiting through. And don't forget to check the houses in your birth chart that these planets rule (the ones with either Capricorn or Pisces on the cusp). These are the areas of your life where the effects will be most likely to occur.

Saturn Transits in Aspect to Natal Pluto: Pluto rules deep and hidden things. Like a volcano, they can build up pressure, unseen and unsuspected until an explosive burst. Saturn is restriction, but it also tends to bring problems to the surface. When Saturn transits natal Pluto with a stressful aspect (conjunction, square, or opposition) the people you meet are not likely to be of the highest caliber, especially those governed by the house that Pluto is in, or the house that it rules (the house with the sign of Scorpio on the cusp). For instance, if you are born with Pluto in your 3rd House (siblings and neighbors) any long simmering disputes you may have with a sibling or neighbor will tend to come to a head. Make an extra effort to solve the problems without letting things get out of hand. Saturn can be bitter and Pluto explosive. There doesn't even have to be an old dispute. It could also be that either you or they are just "venting" an internal problem. In any event, the people you attract now may not be underworld characters, but they might as well be. Make an extra effort to avoid power struggles. This transit makes it more likely for them to occur. The harmonious transits (sextile and trine) can be very helpful. Pluto is great power and Saturn is focus and discipline. Schedule extra work. You will be able to accomplish more when this one hits. Actually, if you can keep the stressful aspects from exploding, you can accomplish a lot with them as well. After all, stressful aspects do increase power, especially the square.

## **JUPITER TRANSITS**

Jupiter is supposed to be the planet of "good luck". Anti-Murphy's Law: If something can go RIGHT, it will. What most books don't tell you is that Jupiter has its downside. Sure you can feel good when Jupiter comes around. Too good. You can become overconfident, lazy, sloppy, and neglectful of details. Why not? After all, you feel so sure that everything will be all right and that the good times will never end. Guess what? When Jupiter leaves, so does the "luck". And you may be a few pounds heavier as well. The influence of Jupiter is to expand things, and that can include your waistline.

On the positive side, Jupiter transits are generally a good time to make that extra effort. With Saturn transits, you have to. With Jupiter transits, you don't have to, and you won't want to. You can become so comfortable, you may not want to push harder. But if you don't, you can miss some really good opportunities. Another way to handle a Jupiter transit is to schedule some important

project to reach a critical point around the time that the Jupiter hits. No, it's still not a guarantee of success, but it does increase the odds in your favor.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your First House:** By itself, this transit tends to bring new opportunities. The danger is that you will feel so good that you won't do anything. Another problem is that you can gain weight at this time. The 1st House does rule appearance and Jupiter makes this larger, so watch your diet. Jupiter is also the ruler of Sagittarius, the sign of wisdom and philosophy. This transit can enable you to get the big picture. Jupiter going through your 1st House helps you understand. Optimism tends to increase. It's a good time to make long range plans. Just be careful not to make them too big.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Second House:** Income tends to take a jump upward, especially if you are self employed or get paid commissions. The downside is that you may "feel" so rich that you don't watch spending, and, before you know it, that feeling is all the wealth you have left. Do yourself a favor and put a savings plan together before Jupiter gets here. Remember that Saturn will also hit you here eventually and that's when you have to pay the piper.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Third House:** This is the house of communications, short trips, neighbors, and siblings. Jupiter transiting here can be a good time to buy a new car. Be careful to set a spending limit though. Jupiter can produce overconfidence, and that leads to overspending. Relationships with siblings and neighbors can improve now, even if they are good to begin with. If you are in school during this transit, learning becomes easier. Saturn transiting here may mean you have to study. Jupiter, by contrast, is more likely to be fun. If you have to do any writing or public speaking, the Jupiter effect will be a great help. It increases confidence and makes communications easier. The downside is that overconfidence can also set in and you don't prepare, or worse, blurt out something embarrassing. As always, check other transits to make certain there are no contrary influences. For instance, if Saturn and Neptune happen to make transiting stress aspects to your natal Mercury while Jupiter is going through your 3rd House, the only thing to get expanded will be irrational fears.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Fourth House:** A good time for real-estate deals or to fix up the house. Home should feel more comfortable now, unless, of course, it is small. Jupiter transiting here can make you feel claustrophobic. If you can, look for a larger place, or, at least, one with a view. Relations with anyone you live with generally run smoother with this transit.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Fifth House:** This house rules romance, creativity, children, gambling, speculation, sports, games, and hobbies. Unless you are in a coma, get ready for some fun. As always with Jupiter transits, be careful not to overdo it. And don't think that because Jupiter rules "luck" and the 5th House is gambling that you can win the lottery. Sure Jupiter can improve odds in your favor. Instead of being 10,000,000 to 1 against you, they will only be 5,000,000 to 1. Please note that they are still against you.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Sixth House:** Years ago, when this hit me, I was looking for a teaching job. I applied to 5 different places and got accepted at 4 of them. Twelve years later, I had an office job that I didn't like but I saw Jupiter coming around again and it was going to make a

trine to my natal Venus in the 10th House (career). But I was building up my astrology practice and I didn't want a full time job. Unfortunately, I just couldn't think of any part-time position that could pay enough. The day that Jupiter made that trine, I got a call from the chairman of the chemistry department of a local college (someone I hadn't heard from in 3 years) who offered me a part-time teaching job for the semester. I hadn't even applied. Jupiter transiting your 6th House is usually a great time to look for a new job or to have an easier time on your old one. Of course, you have to check the other aspects that are hitting you. Saturn, for instance, affecting this house at the same time, will tend to cancel out the Jupiter effect. Perhaps transiting Neptune is making a square to a planet in your 6th House. That can make you see opportunities where there aren't any. Even without a contrary indication, with Jupiter there is always a danger of feeling so good that you don't get anything done. Maybe that job you hate seems to be getting better, so you figure "Why change now?" Because Jupiter will only be hitting you for about a year. That's why. Don't blow it. Other books will tell you that health tends to be a little better during this transit. Better than what? Better than it was the year before. What they don't mention is that you can become over optimistic about your health and do things like putting off that check up. That is not a good idea. And since the Jupiter influence is expansive, you have to watch your weight more closely. Jupiter may increase "luck", but it is not a friend of dieters.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Seventh House:** This is the house of marriage, partnership, and one-to-one relationships in general. It rules any relationship where the other person is dealt with as an equal. Ironically, this means that it also rules "open" enemies as well as marriage partners. Of course, some people will find that all too true. Jupiter transiting here does Not mean that you will be getting married. All it does is make relationships and partnerships easier. In fact, this is a good time to be extra cautious about entering into any sort of partnership because, in the area of our life where Jupiter is transiting, we tend to be overoptimistic. And, as always with Jupiter transits, we can feel so good that we let things drift. As a result, we don't get anything done. If you are in a contact business, like sales, this can be a very good transit. Jupiter moving through the 7th House will tend to bring you better prospects and more business.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Eighth House:** This is the house of sex and credit. I fondly remember what happened when Jupiter went through my 8th House years ago. Five banks sent me unsolicited credit cards. That's all that happened. And when Saturn entered my 8th House a few years later, I became aware of how much I ran them up. It's important to remember that Jupiter can also mean "Too much of a good thing". This is the house that rules other people's money and resources. Jupiter transiting your 8th House is a good time to apply for bank loans. Careful not to overextend yourself. Yes, this is also the house of inheritance, but that can't happen every day. If somebody does leave you some money or possessions while Jupiter is transiting here, the transfer tends to become easier. Or you could get more than you expect. That's all. Jupiter transiting here does not mean that someone else will die. If you are in a business that depends on access to credit or other people's resources, you should do much better at this time. And as far as the sex goes, it doesn't necessarily mean more. But Jupiter transiting your 8th House could make you relax and enjoy it more.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Ninth House:** A good time to do 9th House things. Take that long trip you've always been dreaming about. Go back to school. Study something on your own. Broaden your horizons. Read those books, especially if they are about more abstract subjects, such as philosophy. Shouldn't people do these things anyway? Yes, but Jupiter transiting your 9th House means that these things will tend to go easier and you are more likely to enjoy them. This transit is

less good for learning specific subjects or skills. These are ruled by the 3rd House. The 9th House deals more with general things, getting the big picture. On the negative side, there may be a tendency to think you know it all, that something you have just learned has given you all the answers and you just have to force it down everyone else's throat. People who are like that normally can become unbearable during this transit. This is also a good time to write something that you intend to publish. No, it doesn't guarantee that it will be published (and nowadays with the internet, that shouldn't be a problem). But the odds are increased in your favor.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Tenth House:** A good time to seek career advancement. Of course, if you are 8 years old, all this will mean is that teachers will tend to like you better (the 10th House is "the boss"). If you are 97 and in an old age home, you will get along better with the staff. For the rest of us, this is a good time to move ahead. As is usual with Jupiter, you may feel so confident that you don't make the extra effort, and in a few months, the transit is gone. Don't waste this time. If you want to change jobs, or even careers, with Jupiter, some "luck" will seem to come to you unsought. Perhaps a promotion or raise. Or your "public image" could expand. Circumstances could cause more people to know you or be aware of you. Maybe that call-in talk show will finally take your call.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Eleventh House:** Your circle of friends tends to expand under this influence, especially if they come from backgrounds that are very different from yours. This is also a very good time to join groups or organizations. Got some cause to crusade for? Go for it. Other people are more likely to give help now, whether you ask for it or not. Yes, this is a good time to hit friends for loans. As always with a Jupiter transit, try not to overdo it. Remember that Jupiter transits through a house in about a year. Don't overextend because when Jupiter leaves, you could be left high and dry with loans that you spent but can't pay back.

**Jupiter Transits Through Your Twelfth House:** This is the house of hidden enemies and self-undoing. Well, Jupiter transiting here can protect you. You are less likely to be mugged while Jupiter is in this house. Some books say that you are inclined to be more "spiritual" during this transit. They never define what "spiritual" means. In fact, I have never seen a good definition of that term anywhere. There may be an increased interest in stories that are mystical in nature, but one is just as likely to feel good about doing themselves in with their favorite dissipations. As always with Jupiter transits, watch out for excess.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to the Natal Sun:** The harmonious aspects (sextile and trine, and, in this case, the conjunction) are supposed to bring "luck". However, even the stressful aspects (square and opposition) will make you feel good. Things will seem to go your way. That makes this transit a great time to start new projects and expand old ones. It's a good time going back to school. Jupiter transits are perfect for expanding your horizons. The downside, though, is due to that same word: EXPANSION.

During Jupiter transits, we tend to over expand, become overconfident, overextend, overdo. Then the transit is over and we are left holding the bag. Overconfidence can also make people lazy. Everything is going so well and feels so good. Why push? Because when Jupiter leaves, so does the good feeling, that's why. The best way to handle this transit is to plan in advance to do something extra, to push a little harder. Be sure to see which house in your horoscope has the sign of Leo on the cusp (beginning). Since Leo is ruled by the Sun, that house will also be affected. For instance, if you were born with Leo at the beginning of your 6th House (work) it might be a good

time to ask for a raise or apply for a new job. Warning! As always, be sure to check all the other transits to make certain that nothing else is interfering.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to the Natal Moon:** The worst part about the stressful aspects is the tendency to gain weight. Jupiter expands things and the Moon rules the stomach. But Jupiter transiting in any aspect to your natal Moon will tend to make you feel confident and optimistic. The harmonious transits (conjunction, sextile, and trine) make it easier to get along with others (especially women). It can also indicate a good time to hunt for a new home (the Moon is the "natural" ruler of the home). Be sure to see which house in your horoscope has the sign of Cancer on the cusp (beginning). That area of your life will also be affected. For instance, if you were born with Cancer at the beginning of your 9th House (long journeys, higher education) it could be a good time to take a long trip or start a course.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Mercury:** Stressful transiting aspects (square and opposition) between Jupiter and Mercury can cause you to neglect details. You will also be more likely to blurt things out without thinking (foot in mouth disease) and be much less likely to listen. Making plans will be much easier. Of course, the plans will tend to be unreasonable beyond all measure, but hey, that's just one of those pesky details.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Venus:** A pleasant period, unless something else interferes (like a simultaneous Saturn transit). If you are on a diet, watch out! Jupiter tends to increase one's liking of sweets. This is especially true of the stressful aspects (square and opposition) but can occur even with the smooth ones. The house where Venus is located and the houses that have either Libra or Taurus on the cusp (beginning) will also be affected by Jupiter's expansive touch. The danger here is that you will feel so good, you won't want to do anything except relax and have fun. My own tendency is to enjoy this as much as possible. However, if this happens when that big project is due at work, you will have to make plans to force yourself (especially with the stressful aspects). The good thing is that if you push harder when Jupiter aspects your natal Venus, you can accomplish much more than you normally could because Jupiter is "luck" and Venus makes things easier.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Mars:** Temper, temper! Mars is action, aggression, and anger. Jupiter expands things. When Jupiter transits your natal Mars with a stressful Aspect (square or opposition) your temper will tend to be shorter. You will be more likely to get into arguments. Even worse is the overconfidence that the stressful aspects can bring. For instance, this is not a good time to do day trading. However, it does increase your energy and confidence, so it can be a good time to get something done. Your energy is increased and so is your optimism. The harmonious aspects (conjunction, sextile, and trine) also are good for "luck", those times when things seem to fall into place.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Jupiter:** Jupiter expands whatever it touches. This transit will usually make you feel confident and good. The stressful aspects (square and trine) can make you feel too good and over confident. This can work out in several ways. You could feel so good that you get nothing done. Or you take risks that you normally wouldn't touch with that proverbial ten-foot pole. What's the best way to deal with transiting Jupiter aspecting natal Jupiter? First of all, don't be lazy. Expand what you are doing. Learn a new subject. Start a new business. Take that long trip. Just don't do it all at once! And you may have to force yourself to take normal precautions. For instance, don't bet with your grocery money, even though you are really sure

you're going to win. Force yourself to check and double check details. You won't want to, and that makes doing this more important. If you make an investment during this transit, try to be out of it before the aspect is over. When Jupiter leaves, so can your "luck."

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Saturn:** Jupiter expands whatever it touches. One of the things Saturn rules is depression. Be a little careful here with the stressful aspects (square and opposition, and even, occasionally, with the conjunction). If you happen to be in a down mood, Jupiter can make it larger. Mostly though, the results tend to be beneficial, unless, of course, you've been very naughty and left a lot of loose ends in your life.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Uranus:** Uranus rules everything new and shocking. It's the planet of independence and shows where we delight in turning things upside down. Jupiter, as always, expands whatever it touches. Several different things can happen here. Uranus is the planet of genius and sudden enlightenment. Jupiter transits can bring new insights and awareness. Many things seem clearer now. Solutions suddenly appear to old problems. Or you may feel cramped, hemmed in by routine and responsibilities and decide to change your job, career, home, or marital status. Jupiter is "luck" and Uranus works suddenly. The houses containing transiting Jupiter and natal Uranus are areas where you can have unexpected good fortune. The stressful aspects (square and opposition) are more likely to throw off your judgment. If you hear something strange or bizarre, you will be inclined to believe it no matter what the evidence. This is not a good time to make drastic moves or sudden, unexpected changes in your life. Sure you can make those plans. But wait a bit before putting them into action. Check them out one more time and don't forget to look on the downside. Now is the time to be extra cautious because you won't want to be. As always, the harmonious aspects ((conjunction, sextile, and trine) to deal with. But with any Jupiter/Uranus contact, your desire for freedom and new experiences is expanded.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Neptune:** Well, your imagination is going to expand. So will your sympathy. Unfortunately, your sense of reality can be reduced. Yes, it's good to want to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The problem is when Jupiter hits your natal Neptune, you can't tell the needy from the greedy. When our Neptune is activated, we don't like to look at reality straight on. The world is too gross and has to be "improved" with imagination. Not a good time to visit a casino or become a day trader. However, if you are in the arts, the effect on your creativity can be fantastic. Of course, it may not sell in your lifetime, but such materialistic considerations won't trouble you at this time.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to Natal Pluto:** Pluto is obsession and Jupiter makes things larger. With the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) you may tend to become fanatical about something, be it a belief or a personal desire. You know the meaning of "fanatic?" Someone who redoubles their efforts when they forget their goal. The stressful aspects can also throw off your judgment (Jupiter). You may know the right course to take but still be obsessed (Pluto) with one that is wrong or even in some cases self-destructive. The harmonious Aspects (sextile and trine) can give you a chance to build up your resources, or, even better, to rehabilitate them. You can also do the same with your beliefs (Jupiter). It is a good time to study any subject connected with Pluto. That includes everything involving death and rebirth (psychology, biology, archeology, sociology, anthropology, paleontology) as well as subjects concerned with other people's money (venture capital, high finance, taxation, etc.). Also favored is self regeneration of both body and mind. Don't just take an exercise class to get into shape. Get into something that has some sort of religious or philosophical principles behind it (yoga, tai chi, meditation). This transits also good for

any form of therapy (Pluto). As with all things concerning Jupiter, however, make sure that you don't go too fast, too far, or get over-enthusiastic. Remember, no matter what the transit, much depends on the type of person you are already. For people who tend to arrogance, this transit can make them intolerable.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to the Natal Ascendant:** With Any aspect of Jupiter to your Ascendant, Watch Your Weight! The Ascendant affects your appearance and Jupiter makes things larger. This is a time when you can expand in other ways as well. The Ascendant has to do with starting things and Jupiter transits can give extra confidence. Any Aspect to the Ascendant must also involve the opposite point, the Descendant. So this Jupiter transit can also affect the way you relate to people on a one-to-one basis. You will probably tend to be more outgoing now, but even if you aren't, Jupiter can bring others into your life. Don't forget though, that (especially with the stressful aspects) some of these people may appear to be better than they actually are. Nevertheless, this is usually a good time to expand your circle of acquaintances. For your own sake, however, don't get married or enter into a business partnership when Jupiter is making a square.

**Jupiter Transits in Aspect to the Natal Mid-Heaven:** Look for this one far in advance and plan to make major career moves with the conjunction, trine, or sextile. Even the so-called stressful aspects (square and opposition) can produce benefits, but you will have to make an extra effort to take care of details and not overreach yourself. Generally, this is a better time for all career matters. The opposition aspect, however, means that Jupiter is entering your 4th house (home), so that area of your life will also be activated. See the section on Jupiter transits your 4th house. As always, check ahead to see when Jupiter is going to hit and make plans well in advance. With Saturn, you have to do this to avoid trouble. In the case of Jupiter transits, this will enable you to take full advantage of "luck" and increased opportunities. The Mid-Heaven goes beyond career. It governs the life goals and public image. A Jupiter transit can make you think of big things to aim for. And it can get you interested in religious or philosophical matters, some sort of cause. Please make sure that it is a good cause.

## **MARS TRANSITS**

Mars is the planet of energy and action. No Mars, no activity. It is also the planet of anger and violence. Mars doesn't care if the energy is used for work or a fight. As long as there is action.

Under Mars transits, we feel the need for greater activity and assertiveness in the area that is being hit. That's all. Nothing big or grand or deep or "cosmic." Just activity. It's up to us to decide if the action will be positive or negative.

Don't expect Mars transits to bring big things to you or mark major turning points in your life. Mars, Venus, and Mercury deal with the small everyday events. But without that Mars impetus to action, nothing at all can get done. Mars is frequently active during those big, defining moments. However, it only functions as a "trigger" activating other major transits that are taking place at that those times.

Be sure to check the progressions of Mars as well. The interpretation is the same as for the transits, only for a much longer time. While a transit of Mars usually has an effect for two to three days, a progression can easily last for two to three years.

Mars Transits Through Your 1st House: Forward, charge. Whatever tasks you have to do, this is a good time to dive right in. Arguments, however, are more likely because you are pushier at this time. If your birth chart shows a temper, you have to be extra careful to avoid open battles at this time. Or rather, the people around you have to be careful.

Mars Transits Through Your 2nd House: Action with money. Unfortunately, Mars doesn't care if the money is coming in or going out. Watch expenses, particularly impulse buying. This is definitely not a good time to buy a big ticket item. You will tend to overpay. But it is good if you have to put in some overtime and earn extra cash.

Mars Transits Through Your 3rd House: Action with communications and short trips. A good time to get those letters, memos, and faxes out and to make those phone calls. Extra energy will be available also for running errands around the neighborhood. If you already have trouble with siblings or neighbors, be careful when Mars goes through your 3rd house. This transit makes arguments more likely. There is little chance of this, however, if the relationship is good.

Mars Transits Through Your 4th House: A good time to do work around the house. If you live with someone else, you may have to keep busy during this transit if you want to avoid arguments.

Mars Transits Through Your 5th House: Usually time for some fun and games. If you are physically able to do so, this is a good period for sports activities. Yes, romance is also included here if you are so inclined. So are activities in any sort of creative endeavor, as well as activities with children. If there are stress aspects (conjunction, square, or opposition) watch out for injuries in sports and arguments with romantic partners or children.

Mars Transits Through Your 6th House: Get busy. This is the house of work and that is the best outlet for your energy when Mars transits your 6th house. If there are stress aspects (conjunction, square, or opposition) be careful of accidents while working, or arguments with co-workers. The stress aspects also increase the chance of arguments with anyone who is providing a service for you (store clerks, plumbers, etc.).

Mars Transits Through Your 7th House: "Activity" with partners. The 7th house covers all one-on-one relationships. Yes, that takes in marriage and business partnerships. It also includes "open" enemies, the ones you know are opposing you. If there are irritations in your relationships, Mars transiting your 7th house will clear the air --- one way or another. If you are trying to avoid arguments, then take extra care during this transit. On the positive side, it can be a good time for making contacts. The Mars effect can be quite social here.

Mars Transits Through Your 8th House: This house rules Sex and credit and you know what that means. That's right. Be extra careful about spending too much with credit cards. Mars is impulsive. Oh yes. Mars transiting through this house can also increase sexual desires.

Mars Transits Through Your 9th House: A good time to take a long trip or a course of higher education, since you will have the energy. However, Mars can also make us fearless, restless, and reckless, which can be a difficult combination. While on a long trip, you have to overcome an urge to take risks or have arguments. There is also a tendency to get into arguments over general principles ("The Republicans are great!" "What! Are you crazy? The Democrats are better!"). Be especially careful of getting into arguments over the internet (which is a long-distance medium).

**Mars Transits Through Your 10th House:** This gives you extra energy for your career. Be careful, though, about arguments with your boss or a parent, because you are taking orders makes you more irritated at this time. A good time, generally, to begin business projects or make career moves.

**Mars Transits Through Your 11th House:** A good time to go out and make new friends. Also, good for taking action to fulfill your "hopes and wishes." If Mars makes stressful aspects while transiting this house, be careful of arguments with friends.

**Mars Transits Through Your 12th House:** Mars energizes whatever it touches and this is the house of "restrictions" and "psychological problems. These could come to the surface during this transit. The best way to handle going through your 12th house is to stay a little more in the background. Use this time to prepare for the new projects that you will be able to start when Mars enters your 1st house in a few weeks.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Sun:** The conjunction is usually a good time to start things. The trine and sextile aspects also tend to increase your energy and your get-up-and-go. The square and opposition can energize you too much. Remember, Mars is also the planet of arguments. With Mars aspecting the Sun, the arguments are more likely to occur with men. As always, be sure to check and see what other aspects are hitting you at the same time.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Moon:** The stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) increase the chance of arguments, especially with women. Needless to say, your temper and your patience will probably be shorter when there is a stressful aspect from transiting Mars to your Moon. Your emotions are noticeably more active now and you will feel things more intensively.. This is true for the harmonious aspects (sextile and trine) as well as for the stressful ones, but, of course, the emotions are less volatile with the sextile and trine. Sex will tend to be better because of an increased desire for physical action as well as the heightened state of our emotions. If you have a short temper to begin with, watch out for those stressful aspects.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Mercury:** Mercury communicates and Mars attacks. With the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) watch your mouth! This is a good combination if you have to have an important debate and present your point of view forcefully. The problem is that Mars doesn't care if the discussion is important or not. You could easily find yourself getting involved in minor disputes that quickly escalate into major conflicts. The harmonious aspects (sextile and trine) enable you to handle these energies more smoothly. With any Mars transit to your natal Mercury, you should be able to handle any communication task with grater ease because Mars craves action and gives courage.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your natal Venus:** Yes, I know what you are thinking. Mars is passion and energy. Venus is love. Well yes, that is always one possibility. Remember though, that Venus also rules art and creativity, ease and comfort. Of course this is a good time to look for love, but you could just as easily take an art course under this transit. And don't forget to check the houses that are involved. Suppose that you are born with Venus in the 9th house (long journeys and higher education). A Mars transit might spur you to take a luxury vacation. If the aspect is stressful (a conjunction, square, or opposition) you wouldn't be too particular about the cost and you would

be kicking yourself later. Suppose that the sign of Libra (which is ruled by Venus) is on the cusp (beginning) of the 6th house (work and service, co-workers and subordinates). While you are busy thinking about an upturn in your love life, you could have an argument on the job or with a cab driver. On the other hand, you might wind up getting involved with a co-worker or a cab driver! After all, Mars is passion and Venus is love.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Mars:** Action and aggression in aspect with action and aggression! Don't just sit there, DO something! As always with Mars, make sure that you don't start unnecessary fights or arguments, especially with the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition). If you are the type of person who suppresses angry feelings and keeps them inside, this transit could drive you up the wall. It could also cause you to boil over inside and give you physical ailments. On the positive side, transiting Mars aspecting your natal Mars is a good time for doing anything that requires physical activity. This is a good time to schedule some extra work. It can also be a good time to schedule extra fun if you are so inclined. Mars doesn't care. It's happy as long as there is plenty of action.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Jupiter:** Mars activates whatever it touches. Jupiter is the planet of expansion. When Mars transits your natal Jupiter, you are likely to have more confidence and enthusiasm. Watch out, though, for overconfidence and over-enthusiasm. With the stressful aspects (square and opposition) only; the conjunction tends to be positive with this combination) well, I wouldn't make any investment decisions when those are active. Be careful as well of taking physical risks when transiting Mars makes a square or opposition to your natal Jupiter. No bungee jumping or hang gliding please, no matter how much fun it seems to be.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Saturn:** On the positive side, Mars transiting your natal Saturn is an excellent time for hard work. The tendency of Saturn to concentrate and focus things can work quite well with the raw energy of Mars. These are good times to schedule projects requiring hard work. Be extra careful, though, about working with sharp instruments (Mars) when it aspects Saturn (bad luck) for obvious reasons. The negative side of the Mars/Saturn combination shows up strongest with the stressful aspects, the conjunction, square, and opposition. Mars activates whatever it touches and Saturn is the point in our horoscope where we feel at our weakest and most vulnerable. Things that you normally wouldn't notice seem especially irritating now. This is not a good day to deal with authority figures or older people (older by at least seven years). Don't ask the boss for a raise today. And watch your temper. This is a very bad time to get into an argument or (God forbid) a fight. Ironically, it is a very good time to plan or practice for a battle, because Saturn rules planning and preparation. Fortunately, Mars transits usually pass in a couple of days. However, there are exceptions. If Mars turns retrograde or direct in motion while near your Saturn, the effect could last for a few months. And if the aspect is from progressed Mars instead of transiting Mars, the effect could last for two years. In that case, get set for a long period of hard work. I know that sounds like a drag (well, it IS a drag) but if you plan well and aim in the right direction, the rewards will follow after the progression has passed.

**Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Uranus:** When Mars transits your natal Uranus, you will get new insight into the meaning of the words rash, impulsive, sudden, and unexpected. The stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) are the worst offenders here, but sometimes, even the harmonious trine and sextile act up. This combination can make you more accident prone. It does that by making you rush things which, of course, increases the chances of accidents. Make

an extra effort to do things more slowly now, no matter how much you may want to charge ahead at full speed.

Another negative effect is the I-Can't Stand-It-I-Want-To-Change-Everything-As-Of-Yesterday syndrome. Uranus wants change for the sake of change. Your best strategy when Mars transits your natal Uranus is put things off for a couple of days and think about it just a little bit more. And Don't Rush into Things. Isn't that always good advice? Yes, but it's especially good advice when you are really hot to charge ahead, as you will tend to be under this transit. On the positive side, this transit (especially the harmonious sextile and trine) can give you the motivation to break out of ruts, to see things from a new perspective, to make overdue changes.

Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Neptune: Mars activates whatever it touches. Neptune is your imagination and dreams. On the negative side, Neptune also rules everything that can induce dreams, like alcohol or drugs. If you have tendencies towards substance abuse, be extra careful during this transit. Avoid making any major business deals or major purchases at this time, because you will tend to see only what you want to see. Be extra careful of deception while the Mars/Neptune combination is in effect. That includes a sudden desire that You may have to deceive someone, which is also a possibility here. As usual, the worst effects come with the stressful aspects, the conjunction, square, and opposition. On the positive side, Mars transiting in aspect to your natal Neptune is excellent for anything involving creativity and imagination, especially anything to do with art, painting, film making, dance, and music. It is also good for any volunteer charity work that you may want to do.

Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Pluto: Pluto is said to be the higher octave of Mars. Mars rules direct action. Pluto rules volcanoes and thermonuclear blasts. It is sort of like Mars on steroids. A lot of steroids. If you are normally an aggressive person, this transit can make you intolerable. If you are normally passive, you are more likely to attract aggressive bullies at this time. The best way to deal with that one is to try to let your own assertiveness out a little more than you normally do. This is absolutely not the time to visit a tough neighborhood at night, especially with the stressful aspects (the conjunction, square, and opposition). However it is a great time to get rid of things. Pluto is the planet of elimination (it rules Scorpio). Since your energy level tends to be supercharged now, you can also schedule any task that requires extra energy. That includes sex (also ruled by Pluto).

Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Ascendant: The Ascendant shows how we start things, but, since it is always exactly opposite the Descendant, transits to it will also affect your relationships. Arguments are more likely during the stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition). With the harmonious aspects (sextile and trine) you are less likely to attract disputes, but can give a good account of yourself should someone try to push you around. On the positive side, you will tend to have more energy and initiative now. The conjunction, sextile, and trine are excellent for starting new projects. With the opposition, you probably wouldn't get cooperation from others. The opposition is a good time to continue with something you have already started, and to make any necessary changes in your original plans.

Mars Transits in Aspect to Your Natal Mid-Heaven: The stressful aspects (conjunction, square, and opposition) are a really great time to have an argument with your boss or your parents. You are much less likely to want to take orders now. However, this is an excellent time to push career matters and make progress towards your life goals (Mars is energy, the Mid-Heaven is career). Since anything aspecting the Mid-Heaven is also aspecting the opposite point, the Nadir, that gets

activated at the same time. This means that this is a good time to do work around the house. In fact, that is one of the best ways to avoid having arguments in the home. Remember, if Mars doesn't feel like it's getting enough action, it will create its own action. You may not like that. It is much better to use our planetary energies than to be used by them.