

# H O M E S T A R

Genuine Astrological Guidance



*for*  
***Barack Obama***  
*from August 2011*

Personality Profiles  
Year & Month Guides  
Relationship Profiles

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Symbol Key

SUN ☉	MOON ☾	MERCURY ☿	VENUS ♀	MARS ♂
JUPITER ♃	SATURN ♄	URANUS ♅	NEPTUNE ♆	PLUTO ♇
ARI ♈	TAU ♉	GEM ♊	CNC ♋	LEO ♌
LIB ♎	SCO ♏	SGR ♐	CAP ♑	AQR ♒
				VIR ♍
				PSC ♋

## Your Birth Chart (with Year Guide)

On the following page you see your Birth Chart. This is a picture of the Sun, Moon and Planets in the sky exactly as it appeared at the time and place of your birth. If your soul had a console, this is probably what would be in the middle of it!

Following upon your Birth Chart is your Year or Month Guide which describes how your Birth Chart - your life and personality - is being influenced through time by the Planets as they move on through the sky; what are called Transits. **It can be very helpful to have a Personality Profile** (see items {A} and {B} on the flier at the end of this Guide) as each Transit refers to a specific part of your Personality (Profile) that is being affected (under the Theme section), thereby providing even more personal detail to the interpretations than are given for the Transits themselves.

On your Birth Chart then, the **brown horizontal line** is simply the Horizon - with the visible sky above it, and the non-visible sky beneath it. The arrowed end is called your Ascendant (ASC) - that is, where the Sun, Moon and Planets are seen to rise. The other, more or less **vertical brown line** with an arrow is called the Meridian. The arrowed end of this line is your MidHeaven or MC.

The familiar twelve Signs of the Zodiac (depicted as petals) form an imaginary band encircling the Earth, and this is seen on your Birth Chart as bisected by the Horizon. The Sun, Moon, Planets, Ascendant and Midheaven are positioned in the Signs they were in at the time of your birth. The Sign that the Sun is in is what you know as your Sun-Sign or Star-Sign. Each Sign has the quality of one of the four Elements: **Red=Fire=Intuition/Creative; Yellow=Air=Thinking/Intellectualising; Blue=Water=Feeling/Empathetic; Green=Earth=Sensation/Practical.** The circular area within the Zodiacal band is divided into twelve segments called Houses, marked as the arrowed house cusps in **brown** or **light blue**. The First House begins with your Ascendant, going in an anti-clockwise direction. The Tenth House begins with your MidHeaven.

The various coloured lines joining one Planet with another are graphic depictions of what are called your Aspects. These are determined by any two planets forming a particular angle at the centre of your Birth Chart, i.e. where you were born. However, one of the strongest aspects is the conjunction. These, if you have any, are not marked by lines because they are made obvious by the planets involved being next door to one another.

Immediately below the Chart Wheel, under the section headed "Radix 1" you will see the following information: your Name, Date, Time, and Place of Birth (by Latitude and Longitude, and usually the name of the actual place or nearest town). "Zone" refers to the Standard Time in which you were born, giving the number of hours it was ahead of (East) or behind (West) Greenwich Mean Time. The middle part of this section gives the exact Sign positions by degree of your MC (MidHeaven) and ASC (Ascendant). The right-hand part of this section gives the exact Sign positions of the Sun, Moon and Planets, along with their House placement numbers. The position of the comet Chiron is also given.

Finally, the lower section gives all your interplanetary Aspects, which are like the internal dynamics of your being. You will see that each of your Aspects has a figure beside it which refers to the absolute maximum number of degrees and minutes of arc (10 0) outside of exactitude that are allowed for an Aspect to be made. As a general rule, the nearer it is to 0 0 - that is, being exact - then the stronger that Aspect's influence and significance should be.

Now, by using the table of Symbols set out below, you will be able to see for yourself where the Sun, Moon and Planets are in your Birth Chart, and what Signs and Houses they are placed in. Start out by determining your Sun's Sign position for you probably already know this.

### The Planets

SUN   
MOO 

MER   
VEN 

MAR   
JUP 

SAT   
URA 

NEP   
PLU 

### The Signs

ARI   
LIB 

TAU   
SCO 

GEM   
SGR 

CNC   
CAP 

LEO   
AQR 

VIR   
PSC 

Year transits

BARACK OBAMA: 4 Aug 1961 AD Fri 19 24 00 10 00 W

2011	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2012	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Jup Opp MC	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nep Sqr MC	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jup Sqr ASC	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sat Tri ASC	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2011	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2012	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Jup Sqr Sun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jup Cnj Moo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jup Sqr Mer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Jup Tri Mar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Ura Sqr Ven	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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*YOUR YEAR OR MONTH GUIDE*

Your Homestar Year or Monthly Guide does not try to give you the false idea that your life is a fixed and predictable "story" - any more than a gardener can be sure of how his or her garden will turn out exactly. Neither can much fruit be expected if little is planted or nurtured. Nothing is absolutely fated. What it does do is give you the astrological indications and conditions, and their dynamic potentials, endeavouring to equip you with the information and inspiration that will help you to understand their significance in your life, and to make the most of them. For this reason, I advise you to read this introduction if you wish to get the best out of the above graph of planetary influences and their interpretations that follow (rather than going straight to them), for in this way you will quite simply get the best out of your time ahead, or past, as well.

AT THE VERY LEAST, I URGE YOU TO READ THE PARAGRAPHS BELOW WRITTEN IN CAPITALS!

Ongoing astrological influences are best understood in much the same way as a farmer or gardener would regard the seasons and the climate in which he or she lives. Crops are planted, and tasks are performed, at certain times of year so as to produce maximum yield, or to maintain an optimum of order and harmony, by synchronizing these activities with natural cycles. Conversely, when these cycles are ignored or not capitalized upon, production and provision for the future become poor; equipment runs down and satisfaction diminishes. Similarly, your thoughts and actions may be guided, and your life improved, by familiarizing yourself, and attuning yourself to, the natural cycles which are the movements of the planets. The reasoning behind this is that our individual lives, the Earth and her atmosphere, and our cosmic environment, are all inter-related and interdependent - as we are now becoming only too rapidly aware. It could be said that astrological awareness and ecological awareness are very closely linked; that the planetary situation indicates the situation of your personality. Incidentally, note that it is more accurate to say that planets "indicate" rather than "influence", in the same way that a clock indicates the time rather than actually creates it.

Your personality itself could be likened to the gardener's climactic or environmental conditions - and of course to the garden itself. This is astrologically represented by the positions of the planets and certain points in the sky at the time of your birth (your Birth Chart). Where the planets are placed in the heavens at any given time thereafter, and in relation to your Birth Chart, indicates what "season" it is, or what kind of "weather" you are experiencing. For this same reason, it is very important to appreciate that although that "weather" could be the same for many people, there are as many different responses to it as there are individual "gardens". In other words, although I have endeavoured to give you as broad a range of effects or responses to astrological influences as possible, bear in mind that your particular experience of them may be hidden between the lines.

Now the next paragraph contains three astrological terms that are probably foreign to you. But just as the gardener needs to know a few gardening terms in order to understand the implications of weather, and seasonal and ecological conditions, and thereby make the best of his or her resources, so these three words will help you to appreciate how you too are plugged into and affected by the prevailing conditions of the Earth and Solar System in which she moves.

Your Year or Monthly Guide begins above with a graphic representation of how, during this time, the planets as they move through the sky (what are called Transits), are influencing (or Aspecting) the planets and points in your Birth Chart (called Radix). First, at the top are given your name and birth details, which you should check. Then down the left-hand side of this graph are given the Transits that are occurring over the twelvemonth period in question (three letter abbreviation of planet, eg Jup = Jupiter), the type of influence or Aspect being made (eg Opp = Opposing), and the Radix planet or point that is being transited in this way (again a three letter abbreviation). To the right of these Transits is then displayed their duration through time. This is done with shaded strips. As a general rule, the darker the strip is, then the more intense will be the influence of any given Transit. The strip colours denote the following: Blue=Conjoining (intensifying/new cycle beginning); Red=Squaring (challenging); Pink=Opposing (confronting); Dark Green=Trining (releasing/way-opening); Light Green=Sextiling (effort-rewarding).

The actual meanings of these Transits are then given after this introduction, starting with the date-to-date period of the planetary influence, together with the full name of it. After this I give the general Significance of the type of Aspect the Transit is making. Then comes the interpretation itself, which I have set out in a manner that allows you to quickly grasp the Key meanings and Theme of that Transit, to assimilate its overall effect, along with the Possible Encounters it may bring. Take special note of the Theme of the Transit for this specifically refers to the Planet Profiles in your HomeStar Personality Profile (if you have one), and it is through seeing how a Transit is affecting the complete significance of a planet in your chart that you can more fully understand the Transit's very personal

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effect on you.

**POWERFUL TRANSITS** - THE MOST POWERFUL AND SIGNIFICANT PLANETARY INFLUENCES ARE WHEN A TRANSITING PLANET IS CONJOINING, OPPOSING OR SQUARING A RADIX PLANET.

**CHIRON TRANSITS** - THIS SIGNIFICANT COMET, DISCOVERED IN 1977, NOW HAS ITS TRANSITS (GIVEN AND RECEIVED) INCLUDED IN THE GRAPH ON PAGE 1. NOT ENOUGH IS KNOWN ABOUT THE INFLUENCE OF THIS 'WOUNDED HEALER' TO YET GIVE PRECISE INTERPRETATIONS, BUT THE 'TRANSCAN' SECTION AT THE VERY END OF THIS GUIDE GIVES KEYWORDS THAT SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME INSIGHT INTO CHIRON'S EFFECT.

**REPEATING TRANSITS** - YOU WILL NOTICE THAT IN MANY CASES, TRANSITS REPEAT THEMSELVES, USUALLY THREE TIMES, OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT A MONTH TO THREE YEARS, DEPENDING ON THE TRANSITING PLANET IN QUESTION . THESE ARE, IF YOU LIKE, SUCCESSIVE WAVES OF INFLUENCE WHOSE INTENTION IS TO GIVE YOU AN INCREASINGLY CLEARER IMPRESSION OF WHAT THAT PLANETARY TRANSIT MEANS IN YOUR LIFE.

**TIMING TRANSITS** - DO NOT TAKE TOO LITERALLY THE DATES ON WHICH ANY PARTICULAR TRANSIT BEGINS OR ENDS, FOR ITS INFLUENCE CAN BE FELT FOR SOME DAYS OR EVEN MONTHS BEFORE OR AFTER, DEPENDING ON THE STRENGTH AND TECHNICAL DURATION OF IT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SOMETHING TO WHICH NO CURRENT TRANSIT REFERS, OR IF THERE ARE NO TRANSITS HAPPENING AT ALL, THEN LOOK "UP AND DOWN THE LINE" ON THE GRAPH AND YOU WILL LOCATE THE TRANSIT THAT IS OBVIOUSLY HAVING AN EFFECT WHICH IS GREATER/LONGER IN REALITY THAN IN THEORY. YOU SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE ACCURACY OF YOUR GIVEN BIRTH TIME CAN GREATLY AFFECT THE TIMING OF TRANSITS, ESPECIALLY TO YOUR ASCENDANT (ASC) OR MIDHEAVEN (MC).

IF AFTER ALL THIS YOU STILL CANNOT FIND A TRANSIT TO FIT YOUR EXPERIENCE, THEN IT IS PROBABLY OWING TO A MORE FLEETING OR SUBTLE INFLUENCE, WHICH, FOR TECHNICAL REASONS IS NOT INCLUDED HERE.

**IMPORTANT** - IF YOURS IS AN UNKNOWN BIRTH TIME, THEN DISREGARD ALTOGETHER TRANSITS TO YOUR ASCENDANT (ASC), MIDHEAVEN (MC) AND MOON, FOR THESE WOULD ONLY BE RELIABLE IF YOU JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE BEEN BORN AROUND NOON OR THE ASSESSED TIME, THAT IS, THE TIME FOR WHICH YOUR CHART HAS BEEN DRAWN UP.

**ONE MORE SIGNIFICANT FACTOR** TO CONSIDER WHEN READING YOUR TRANSITS IS THE WAY IN WHICH VARIOUS INFLUENCES OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY CAN INTENSIFY OR AMELIORATE, OFFSET OR SERVE, ONE ANOTHER. Indeed, synthesizing a number of Transits is one of the main skills of a professional astrologer; a computer program has yet to be devised that can do this successfully. However, you too may become capable of naturally blending and utilising these combined influences, just as the gardener learns to profit from intermixing his or her flowers and vegetables, according to soil and seasonal preferences, and to the nature of other flora and fauna.

Happy Star-Tracking!

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**From about: 1 Aug 2011 to about: 1 Oct 2011**

*\*Uranus Sextile Moon*

**Significance:** This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

**Keyphrases:** Freedom from Conditioning - New Feelings - Leaving the Past Behind

**Theme:** Opportunities to make original use of your *Moon Profile* through a change of needs, habit, home, or in the way you experience family or femininity.

If you are thinking of taking a chance, now is the time to do so. It is also a time when any changes that you have set in motion begin to take effect, possibly quite suddenly. This is an excellent period for gaining a new and refreshing sense of yourself, and proclaiming a big HELLO to your future.

Your relationships with women, mother, and the female side of your life and personality generally, will now become lighter, more open and aware. Many shadows that have previously darkened your path through life may now be lifted by simply moving into the light of truth.

**Possible Encounters:** Close Friendships - Liberating People - New Horizons

**From about: 1 Aug 2011 to about: 13 Aug 2011**

*\*Saturn Sextile Sun*

**Significance:** This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

**Keyphrases:** Running Smoothly - Healthy Will - Steady Living - Groundwork

**Theme:** Opportunities to be practical and objective with regard to your *Sun Profile*, thereby consolidating your position.

Whatever needs stability and working upon in your life, now is the time to apply yourself to it, for at present you are more patient and disciplined than usual, and likely to synchronize your activities with those in positions of influence and authority. You can now be the 'well-oiled machine' that gets things done efficiently and on time. Any difficulties are simply taken in your stride.

**Possible Encounters:** Responsible Individuals - Helpful Elders - Recognition

**From about: 1 Aug 2011 to about: 7 Aug 2011**

*\*Jupiter Opposition Neptune*

**Significance:** This is a strong influence, and usually attracts confrontations that in turn increase your awareness of the matter concerned.

**Keyphrases:** Increased Sensitivity - Exaggerated Compassion - Questionableness

**Theme:** Forced emphasis upon your *Neptune Profile*, giving rise to a greater sense of what compassion and understanding really mean.

The possibility of contacting your ideals, and the sensitivity that goes with them, is great now. But then so is the challenge to express them, and to come to terms with any misunderstandings that have occurred because of sensitive spots in yourself and others not being properly looked at.

For this is a time when all such issues are put under the magnifying glass, and great honesty and discrimination has

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to be exercised in order that you may avoid being taken for a ride, feeling excessively disillusioned, or simply wasting your time and energy with misplaced sympathy. You have to make sure that your good intentions are not merely disguising your own emotional wounds.

*Possible Encounters:* False Hopes - Charlatans - Do-gooders - The Nature of the Sublime

**From about: 7 Aug 2011 to about: 31 Jan 2012**

*\*Neptune Square Midheaven*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Refining Sense of Purpose - Undermining your Position

*Theme:* An air of deception hangs around your *Midheaven Profile*, giving rise to a temptation to use questionable means, or to come clean.

How you experience this period very much depends on how you currently see your role and standing in life. The less this has to do with meeting some kind of social or worldly need, and the more it has to do with just making a living or maintaining material status, the more likely it is that you now feel some kind of unsettling undercurrent.

On the one hand, you may feel that what you are doing in life is rather meaningless or self-serving, and from this can arise a wish to immerse yourself in some completely different pursuit that relieves or enlightens in some way. But if you allow your ego to get in the way, or it has not yet occurred to you that there some things in life that are more important than how others see your position in the world, then you are likely to try bluffing your way through current difficulties. This will actually do nothing to diminish your feelings of uneasiness; on the contrary it would complicate things further.

Ultimately, it would be better to be as honest and upfront about any matters that threaten to make you look a fool, for this is far more preferable to actually being one! So face the music and don't try faking it by coming on weaker or stronger than you really are. Such honesty will eventually attract a quite revelatory display of help and compassion from others.

*Possible Encounters:* Embarrassment (Great or Slight) - Defeat (Dignified or Otherwise)

**From about: 7 Sep 2011 to about: 31 Oct 2011**

*\*Uranus Trine Mercury*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Awakening Perception - Original Methods and Ideas

*Theme:* Opportunities to make original use of your *Mercury Profile*, through discovering different ways of thinking.

Your mind now is more lively than usual, so you make connections and associations between one thing and another that enable you to see the pattern of life more clearly. You are also drawn towards alternative or metaphysical subjects such as astrology, magic, yoga, etc. It is a auspicious time to pursue any new mental discipline for your intellectual cogs are well-oiled right now.

Unusual ways of coping with problems present themselves; indeed, an unlikely solution may be the only one that works. Being free to think your own thoughts - and to enjoy the free-thinking of others - is a virtue of this influence that is its own reward. A fresh outlook, mentally or physically, paves the way to your future.

*Possible Encounters:* Surprise News - Stimulating Company and Journeys

**From about: 19 Sep 2011 to about: 19 Nov 2011**

*\*Uranus Square Venus*

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*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Awakening Love/Beauty - Disrupting Relationships - Changing Values

*Theme:* Forced or renewed awareness of your *Venus Profile*, through the manner of your social or artistic expression being radically altered.

You now attract or are attracted to anything or anyone that gives you a stronger sense of emotional satisfaction. If current involvements or pursuits are alive to change and experimentation, then you will get the best out of this influence. Existing relationships can have new life breathed into them; new relationships, which are very likely to happen now, are the breath of life itself, and are in aid of getting you in touch with relating freely and honestly.

As such, you find yourself drawn not to your usual type, for this gives you a sharper and fresher sense of yourself as a lover or social being. You would do well to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's injunction concerning love between two people: 'Let the winds of the heavens dance between you'.

If you are stuck in any kind of rut socially or romantically, morally or artistically, then be ready for something to shake you out of your complacency - such as you or your partner being drawn to someone or something else. But the more you go to meet this transitional period with an awareness that life, significant others, and you yourself are worth more than you presently think, then you will ultimately be pleasantly surprised.

Yet passing through this phase wondering what you're doing and who you're doing it with, would be an unavoidable part of your redefining and coming to terms with both your true sense of what brings you and others happiness, and a individual moral code that allows you to do so. This should be a time of stimulating, although not particularly stable, relationships, and of original expression and experience.

*Possible Encounters:* Liberating Relationships - Short-lasting Affairs - Divorce

**From about: 19 Sep 2011 to about: 13 Oct 2011**

*\*Jupiter Opposition Neptune*

*Significance:* This is a strong influence, and usually attracts confrontations that in turn increase your awareness of the matter concerned.

*Keyphrases:* Increased Sensitivity - Exaggerated Compassion - Questionableness

*Theme:* Forced emphasis upon your *Neptune Profile*, giving rise to a greater sense of what compassion and understanding really mean.

The possibility of contacting your ideals, and the sensitivity that goes with them, is great now. But then so is the challenge to express them, and to come to terms with any misunderstandings that have occurred because of sensitive spots in yourself and others not being properly looked at.

For this is a time when all such issues are put under the magnifying glass, and great honesty and discrimination has to be exercised in order that you may avoid being taken for a ride, feeling excessively disillusioned, or simply wasting your time and energy with misplaced sympathy. You have to make sure that your good intentions are not merely disguising your own emotional wounds.

*Possible Encounters:* False Hopes - Charlatans - Do-gooders - The Nature of the Sublime

**From about: 19 Sep 2011 to about: 7 Oct 2011**

*\*Saturn Trine Ascendant*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Playing it Straight - Stabilizing your Image

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*Theme:* Opportunities to consolidate your *Ascendant Profile*, though being able to present yourself to the world in a conventionally appreciable way.

Whatever else is now going on in your life, to one degree or another you manage to give the impression that you are worthwhile and trustworthy. Consequently, others are happy to go along with you, either on a professional or a personal level. But bear in mind that this is a relatively superficial state of affairs, and that your true intentions will later show through for what they are, or they could suffer as a result of your being too bland and conservative. But, these points apart, this is a good time for expressing yourself in a disciplined and orderly fashion. As a reflection of this, those with whom you are involved are also reliable.

*Possible Encounters:* Sober Relationships - Helpful Elders - Sound Perspectives

**From about: 7 Oct 2011 to about: 25 Oct 2011**

*\*Jupiter Trine Pluto*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Positive Changes - Increasing Insight - Mounting Influence

*Theme:* Opportunities to make more of your *Pluto Profile*, through experiencing a stronger sense of wealth and power.

Generally, this is a time when you can improve anything that needs improving. The secret is to approach and launch any such endeavours in a spirit of everyone benefiting from them; you then find that 'the more you give, the more you get' is in fact a Law of the Universe rather than just a nice idea. You also notice during this period that the world itself is more alive to this Law - and is all the more so for your personally taking advantage of it.

*Possible Encounters:* Favours - Regeneration - Gains - Support from High Places

**From about: 13 Oct 2011 to about: 31 Jan 2012**

*\*Uranus Sextile Jupiter*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

*Keyphrases:* Awakening Faith - Quickening Understanding - Reaching Further

*Theme:* Opportunities to better express your *Jupiter Profile*, though strokes of good luck, and being able to see the bright side more easily.

During this period you can begin to realise that you are more free than you think you are. This may be quite obvious, or you may have to take a step back from whatever or whoever you are involved with in order to appreciate this.

In any event, you are unlikely to become unstuck by any harder influences that are presently around, for positive thinking or timely events will deliver you. This is a time when you could experience some outright good fortune - but if you are not used to this, you might have to open your eyes wider in order to spot it. Count your blessings now - for you have more than you think.

*Possible Encounters:* New Vistas - Joyful Individuals - Unusual Opportunities

**From about: 12 Nov 2011 to about: 1 Dec 2011**

*\*Jupiter Square Mercury*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

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*Keyphrases:* Thinking Big - Too Busy - Overlooking Details - Mind-Broadening

*Theme:* A powerful emphasis upon your *Mercury Profile*, when the best and the worst of your mental ability and attitude are in play.

Everything seems to happen at once now, which is fulfilling if you are organized and exasperating if you are not. Similarly, you have a more than usually broad perspective and overview of things at present, especially involving work or study programs - so you are able to plan ahead and achieve a great deal during this period. But if you wish to have the co-operation of others - or not feel let down by yourself - avoid getting carried away by enthusiasm, inflated expectations, or just plain arrogance. Also check the 'fine print'.

*Possible Encounters:* Mental Activity - Meetings and Journeys - Getting Deflated

**From about: 19 Nov 2011 to about: 7 Dec 2011**

*\*Saturn Sextile Uranus*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

*Keyphrases:* Stabilizing Changes - Establishing Freedom - Old Blends with New

*Theme:* Opportunities to be practical and objective with regard to your *Uranus Profile*, enabling you to incorporate the unusual or innovative into your life.

During this period, you are able to see how changes that began a while ago, are now making sense in your life. Also, anything new that you wish to involve yourself with - from studying a novel subject to altering your appearance - you can now do without jarring others or feeling awkward yourself. You feel comfortable being your own person, and are able to express your idiosyncrasies confidently. Being true to yourself is no longer just an ideal, but patently practical.

*Possible Encounters:* Worthwhile Causes - Sound Ideas - Well-mixed Age-groups - New Solutions to Old Problems

**From about: 19 Nov 2011 to about: 7 Dec 2011**

*\*Saturn Square Saturn*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your current strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* The Test of Time - Progress Report - Ambitions versus Duties

*Theme:* Having to be practical and objective about matters relating to your *Saturn Profile*, which is in aid of making your material situation or attitude more sound.

You are going through a period when what you want to happen is measured against what is actually happening; what you are demanding of life against what life is demanding of you. This reckoning of your efforts will be seen more clearly in the light of other planetary influences that are occurring in and around this time. All being well, you will manage to meet both your own requirements and those of your circumstances, dependants or superiors - and soon find yourself in a better position. If however, more difficult influences are also prevailing during this time, then you will have to bite your lip, read the writing on the wall, and obey what it says.

*Possible Encounters:* Law and Order - Limitations/Real Strengths - Maturity/Elders

**From about: 19 Nov 2011 to about: 7 Dec 2011**

*\*Jupiter Sextile Venus*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

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*Keyphrases:* Pleasant Gatherings - Attracting Joy and Prosperity - Happy Trails

*Theme:* Chances to make more of your *Venus Profile* through appreciating your capacity for giving and receiving love better.

This is all about the more you give the more you get. Whatever you have been investing in life, emotionally or financially, can bring about dividends now. And whatever you give out now is sure to breed happiness in the future - if or because you feel the generosity of Life itself flowing through you. You'll get the best out of this influence by fully appreciating its qualities rather than merely indulging in them, which can be the temptation. Spent well or squandered.

*Possible Encounters:* Romance - Bringers of Goodwill - Value for Money/Windfalls

**From about: 25 Nov 2011 to about: 18 Jan 2012**

*\*Pluto Trine Pluto*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Generational Regeneration - Power with Grace

*Theme:* Opportunities to tap into your *Pluto Profile*, through a better understanding of human potential.

You are carried along by the current, round a beneficial bend, in the 'River of Time'. Whatever else is presently occurring in your life can be enhanced or assisted by your going with this flow. Changes occurring around you harmonize with any that are taking place within you.

*Possible Encounters:* Global Improvements - Universal Developments

**From about: 25 Nov 2011 to about: 24 Jan 2012**

*\*Jupiter Square Jupiter*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Increased Scope - Great or Inflated Expectations - Expanded Beliefs

*Theme:* Forced emphasis upon your *Jupiter Profile*, through expecting too much or too little from life and yourself.

This is really a chance to grow and expand, but how you read this has everything to do with how you manage and express it. Most likely, you experience a sense of abundance for some reason, be it real or notional. And so you go about spending this and promising that, and naturally, most people will be happy to go along with you.

But the danger of over-committing yourself and overestimating your luck is very real under this influence. Later on, you will have to pay for it. So the all too obvious advice here is to guard against excess, but stay in touch with that sense of joy and abundance, and the very real confidence that it can afford you.

*Possible Encounters:* Misappropriation - More Than Enough - Legal Difficulties

**From about: 31 Dec 2011 to about: 24 Feb 2012**

*\*Uranus Square Venus*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Awakening Love/Beauty - Disrupting Relationships - Changing Values

*Theme:* Forced or renewed awareness of your *Venus Profile*, through the manner of your social or artistic expression being radically altered.

You now attract or are attracted to anything or anyone that gives you a stronger sense of emotional satisfaction. If current involvements or pursuits are alive to change and experimentation, then you will get the best out of this influence. Existing relationships can have new life breathed into them; new relationships, which are very likely to happen now, are the breath of life itself, and are in aid of getting you in touch with relating freely and honestly.

As such, you find yourself drawn not to your usual type, for this gives you a sharper and fresher sense of yourself as a lover or social being. You would do well to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's injunction concerning love between two people: 'Let the winds of the heavens dance between you'.

If you are stuck in any kind of rut socially or romantically, morally or artistically, then be ready for something to shake you out of your complacency - such as you or your partner being drawn to someone or something else. But the more you go to meet this transitional period with an awareness that life, significant others, and you yourself are worth more than you presently think, then you will ultimately be pleasantly surprised.

Yet passing through this phase wondering what you're doing and who you're doing it with, would be an unavoidable part of your redefining and coming to terms with both your true sense of what brings you and others happiness, and a individual moral code that allows you to do so. This should be a time of stimulating, although not particularly stable, relationships, and of original expression and experience.

*Possible Encounters:* Liberating Relationships - Short-lasting Affairs - Divorce

**From about: 6 Jan 2012 to about: 25 Jul 2012**

*\*Pluto Sextile Neptune*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

*Keyphrases:* Deepening Spirituality - The Power of Acceptance

*Theme:* Opportunities to become more involved with your *Neptune Profile*, thanks to your age and experience.

Whatever lies beyond ordinary everyday occurrences, is what can appeal to your sensitivity now. The subtle movements and cycles of life are more meaningful to you, and so you are able to gain a perspective upon existence that allows you to appreciate the greater scheme of things, and how you and others fit into it. You find it easier to take all things in your stride.

*Possible Encounters:* The Mystical - The Transcendental - Peace

**From about: 12 Jan 2012 to about: 31 Jan 2012**

*\*Jupiter Sextile Venus*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

*Keyphrases:* Pleasant Gatherings - Attracting Joy and Prosperity - Happy Trails

*Theme:* Chances to make more of your *Venus Profile* through appreciating your capacity for giving and receiving love better.

This is all about the more you give the more you get. Whatever you have been investing in life, emotionally or financially, can bring about dividends now. And whatever you give out now is sure to breed happiness in the future - if or because you feel the generosity of Life itself flowing through you. You'll get the best out of this influence by fully appreciating its qualities rather than merely indulging in them, which can be the temptation. Spent well or squandered.

*Possible Encounters:* Romance - Bringers of Goodwill - Value for Money/Windfalls

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**From about: 18 Jan 2012 to about: 1 Mar 2012**

*\*Uranus Trine Mercury*

**Significance:** This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

**Keyphrases:** Awakening Perception - Original Methods and Ideas

**Theme:** Opportunities to make original use of your *Mercury Profile*, through discovering different ways of thinking.

Your mind now is more lively than usual, so you make connections and associations between one thing and another that enable you to see the pattern of life more clearly. You are also drawn towards alternative or metaphysical subjects such as astrology, magic, yoga, etc. It is a auspicious time to pursue any new mental discipline for your intellectual cogs are well-oiled right now.

Unusual ways of coping with problems present themselves; indeed, an unlikely solution may be the only one that works. Being free to think your own thoughts - and to enjoy the free-thinking of others - is a virtue of this influence that is its own reward. A fresh outlook, mentally or physically, paves the way to your future.

**Possible Encounters:** Surprise News - Stimulating Company and Journeys

**From about: 18 Jan 2012 to about: 6 Feb 2012**

*\*Jupiter Square Mercury*

**Significance:** This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

**Keyphrases:** Thinking Big - Too Busy - Overlooking Details - Mind-Broadening

**Theme:** A powerful emphasis upon your *Mercury Profile*, when the best and the worst of your mental ability and attitude are in play.

Everything seems to happen at once now, which is fulfilling if you are organized and exasperating if you are not. Similarly, you have a more than usually broad perspective and overview of things at present, especially involving work or study programs - so you are able to plan ahead and achieve a great deal during this period. But if you wish to have the co-operation of others - or not feel let down by yourself - avoid getting carried away by enthusiasm, inflated expectations, or just plain arrogance. Also check the 'fine print'.

**Possible Encounters:** Mental Activity - Meetings and Journeys - Getting Deflated

**From about: 12 Feb 2012 to about: 19 Mar 2012**

*\*Uranus Sextile Moon*

**Significance:** This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

**Keyphrases:** Freedom from Conditioning - New Feelings - Leaving the Past Behind

**Theme:** Opportunities to make original use of your *Moon Profile* through a change of needs, habit, home, or in the way you experience family or femininity.

If you are thinking of taking a chance, now is the time to do so. It is also a time when any changes that you have set in motion begin to take effect, possibly quite suddenly. This is an excellent period for gaining a new and refreshing sense of yourself, and proclaiming a big HELLO to your future.

Your relationships with women, mother, and the female side of your life and personality generally, will now become lighter, more open and aware. Many shadows that have previously darkened your path through life may

now be lifted by simply moving into the light of truth.

*Possible Encounters:* Close Friendships - Liberating People - New Horizons

**From about: 24 Feb 2012 to about: 1 May 2012**

*\*Neptune Trine Venus*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Higher Love - Artistic Inspiration - Fine Romance

*Theme:* Opportunities to tune into and enjoy the finer features of your *Venus Profile*, through attracting tender and inspiring people or situations.

This particularly soft and sweet influence stimulates your imagination - romantically, artistically, or both. You are able to perceive and experience the beauty and poignancy of life to a very fine degree. The classic manifestation of this period is a relationship that is extremely soulful - even to the point of not being physically sexual.

This influence does not preclude physical intimacy, but its inherent idealism inclines either you or your partner, or both of you, to steer around anything that might diminish the refined and subtle nature of the feelings you have for one another. In effect, during this period, you are being made aware of the higher aspects of love, such as compassion and acceptance; and if you are active in some form of artistic expression, your creative flow is now more than usually strong and your imagination vivid.

*Possible Encounters:* Beautiful People or Places - Communion with Nature

**From about: 24 Feb 2012 to about: 7 Mar 2012**

*\*Jupiter Trine Pluto*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Positive Changes - Increasing Insight - Mounting Influence

*Theme:* Opportunities to make more of your *Pluto Profile*, through experiencing a stronger sense of wealth and power.

Generally, this is a time when you can improve anything that needs improving. The secret is to approach and launch any such endeavours in a spirit of everyone benefiting from them; you then find that 'the more you give, the more you get' is in fact a Law of the Universe rather than just a nice idea. You also notice during this period that the world itself is more alive to this Law - and is all the more so for your personally taking advantage of it.

*Possible Encounters:* Favours - Regeneration - Gains - Support from High Places

**From about: 1 Mar 2012 to about: 13 Mar 2012**

*\*Jupiter Opposition Neptune*

*Significance:* This is a strong influence, and usually attracts confrontations that in turn increase your awareness of the matter concerned.

*Keyphrases:* Increased Sensitivity - Exaggerated Compassion - Questionableness

*Theme:* Forced emphasis upon your *Neptune Profile*, giving rise to a greater sense of what compassion and understanding really mean.

The possibility of contacting your ideals, and the sensitivity that goes with them, is great now. But then so is the challenge to express them, and to come to terms with any misunderstandings that have occurred because of

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sensitive spots in yourself and others not being properly looked at.

For this is a time when all such issues are put under the magnifying glass, and great honesty and discrimination has to be exercised in order that you may avoid being taken for a ride, feeling excessively disillusioned, or simply wasting your time and energy with misplaced sympathy. You have to make sure that your good intentions are not merely disguising your own emotional wounds.

*Possible Encounters:* False Hopes - Charlatans - Do-gooders - The Nature of the Sublime

**From about: 25 Mar 2012 to about: 31 Mar 2012**

*\*Jupiter Square Sun*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Increased Sense of Self - Full Life - Self-importance - Overextended

*Theme:* Forced emphasis on your *Sun Profile*, giving you a stronger sense of being alive - for better or worse.

If you are normally on the shy or self-effacing side, now is a good time to get more in touch with your self-esteem and sense of enterprise, or you will encounter an excess of the same qualities in others. If you are usually fairly (or apparently) confident, you could find yourself being overbearing, too busy - and unlucky, through expecting too much. In either case though, there should be an urge to expand - but how you gauge this is the critical issue.

*Possible Encounters:* Opportunities for Growth - Big Egos - Fat Chances - Joy

**From about: 13 Apr 2012 to about: 31 Jul 2012**

*\*Neptune Square Moon*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Sensitising Feelings - Undermining False Security - Susceptibility

*Theme:* Enforced sensitisation of your *Moon Profile*, making it important that you make the distinction between fact and fancy, and that you adopt a more psychologically aware, or spiritually enlightened, view of life.

This is a time when many of your emotional weaknesses and blind spots become more acute. Positively, this gives you the opportunity to get a clearer picture of them through understanding that evasive responses born of childhood fears and insecurities are and have been giving you certain false impressions of what is actually happening. The major difficulty here is that it is this vulnerability that still makes it hard for you to look at how things actually are.

Consequently, this is a time when your reluctance to confront the truth can subject you to the very experiences that make you feel helpless or used. For example, any emotional involvement occurring or commencing during this period is prone to your trying to make it 'fit' your ideal; and the more you try, the more the comparatively harsh reality forces itself upon you. This is because your 'ideal' is actually a version of security that is acting as an anaesthetic for something that was missing or hurtful in your childhood.

The antidote for all of this quite painful stuff is firstly to recognize and then admit it *This is a time when self honesty not only relieves but also enlightens*. But initially it will hurt. The next way that you can positively go with this period, is through your pursuing some very real ideal - rather than an illusory one. This influence makes you extremely open to the plights of everyone around you, and helping to relieve such conditions will channel your increased sensitivity correctly. But be very careful here as well, for you can attract all manner of hard luck story and lame duck, and they could suck you dry. Again this is your own unlooked-at wounds or misconceptions visiting themselves upon you through the demands and suggestions of others.

Your 'openness' at this time can also affect you physically, so guard vigorously against infection and any kind of toxin, including alcohol, drugs and bad foods. On the same account, and in order to create much-needed security

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now, maintain maximum order and hygiene in your home. Additionally, such openness will boost any existing or latent psychic sensitivity that you may have. Again, seek to balance this out with more concrete knowledge of how to use and manage this correctly: metaphysical texts and practitioners (healers) will help you here - but yet again, check out their credentials too!!! How you handle this part of your life sets a trend that will effect the emotional reality of the rest of your life.

*Possible Encounters:* Strange and Fast-changing Moods - Confidence Tricks(ters)

**From about: 13 Apr 2012 to about: 13 May 2012**

*\*Saturn Sextile Uranus*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its benefits.

*Keyphrases:* Stabilizing Changes - Establishing Freedom - Old Blends with New

*Theme:* Opportunities to be practical and objective with regard to your *Uranus Profile*, enabling you to incorporate the unusual or innovative into your life.

During this period, you are able to see how changes that begun a while ago, are now making sense in your life. Also, anything new that you wish to involve yourself with - from studying a novel subject to altering your appearance - you can now do without jarring others or feeling awkward yourself. You feel comfortable being your own person, and are able to express your idiosyncrasies confidently. Being true to yourself is no longer just an ideal, but patently practical.

*Possible Encounters:* Worthwhile Causes - Sound Ideas - Well-mixed Age-groups - New Solutions to Old Problems

**From about: 13 Apr 2012 to about: 13 May 2012**

*\*Saturn Square Saturn*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your current strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* The Test of Time - Progress Report - Ambitions versus Duties

*Theme:* Having to be practical and objective about matters relating to your *Saturn Profile*, which is in aid of making your material situation or attitude more sound.

You are going through a period when what you want to happen is measured against what is actually happening; what you are demanding of life against what life is demanding of you. This reckoning of your efforts will be seen more clearly in the light of other planetary influences that are occurring in and around this time. All being well, you will manage to meet both your own requirements and those of your circumstances, dependants or superiors - and soon find yourself in a better position. If however, more difficult influences are also prevailing during this time, then you will have to bite your lip, read the writing on the wall, and obey what it says.

*Possible Encounters:* Law and Order - Limitations/Real Strengths - Maturity/Elders

**From about: 19 Apr 2012 to about: 25 Apr 2012**

*\*Jupiter Square Ascendant*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Expanding your Viewpoint - Looking Further Afield

*Theme:* An over-emphasis upon your *Ascendant Profile*, thereby enabling you to broaden your horizons, or causing you to promise more than you can deliver.

During this time you are inclined to have a more than usually better eye for opportunity. But such can range from your being confident and far seeing to being arrogant and dangerously over-optimistic. The trick is to temper the sense of enthusiasm that you currently feel by actively paying attention to the feelings and opinions of people you respect.

In this way, apart from equipping yourself with a wiser choice, you will enlist the support of those others. It will also help limit matters to manageable proportions, for being greedy now could find you with a big nothing at a later date. Let generosity, born of experience and understanding, be your best guide.

*Possible Encounters:* Wise or Fanciful Advice - Empty Promises - A Full Life

**From about: 7 May 2012 to about: 13 May 2012**

*\*Jupiter Trine Mars*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Increased Drive - Confident Self-Assertion - Motivation and Initiative

*Theme:* Opportunities to make more of your *Mars Profile*, as a result of feeling encouraged to make something happen.

Because at this time you have an air of conviction and generosity, others can tune into it and are therefore willing to support or follow you. But the essential point to grasp is that initial sense of optimism, for this is the seed from which a chain reaction of encouragement and mutual advantage will grow. As soon as you act from this positive starting point, the world at large begins dancing to your tune - simply because it likes it!

*Possible Encounters:* Successful Launches - Sexual Adventures - Enthusiasm

**From about: 19 May 2012 to about: 25 May 2012**

*\*Jupiter Square Uranus*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Belief versus Freedom - Increasingly Radical - Exaggerated Uniqueness

*Theme:* The forced emphasis of your *Uranus Profile*, through magnifying your desire to be true to yourself.

You feel that 'something's got to give', and if it doesn't then you'll make it do so! Whatever happens now is in aid of giving you a stronger sense of you as a one-off individual. This can mean being constantly pulled this way and that as your morals conflict with your urge to be free, or, for example, it might suddenly land you with the opportunity to do something entirely different.

Restlessness can be a particularly disruptive force in you right now, but you could more than satisfy such feelings through simply doing something that you'd never normally do. The pull or desirability of investing your time and energy in new ways of living and looking at life is strong now. Such involvements can act as a springboard into a fresh chapter in your life, where the world is more your oyster than ever it was before.

*Possible Encounters:* Unexpected Chances - Significant Coincidences - Release of Tension

**From about: 19 May 2012 to about: 25 May 2012**

*\*Jupiter Trine Saturn*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Increasing Order - Alleviating Difficulties - Improving Status

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*Theme:* Opportunities to appreciate you *Saturn Profile*, through creating a balance between vision and caution.

Whether or not more hectic or exciting planetary influences are around now, this one provides you with a sense of equilibrium and of the value of sobriety. You recognize and accept where your duties lie, and consequently go about performing them in a measured and matter-of-fact fashion. Anything that requires you to be serious or solitary, can be confidently undertaken now. At the very least, this period will help you to accept reality more.

*Possible Encounters:* Happy Responsibilities - Clear Objectives - Practical Solutions

**From about: 31 May 2012 to about: 12 Jun 2012**

*\*Jupiter Opposition Midheaven*

*Significance:* This is a fairly strong influence. It energises the situation in hand and both forces and enables you to advance and grow.

*Keyphrases:* Improving Home Base - Enriching Inner Life

*Theme:* An emphasis upon the underpinnings if your *Midheaven Profile*, thereby giving you the urge to create a positive and inner sense of security.

The point on your Chart directly opposite your Midheaven, your Lower Midheaven, represents your roots, background, home and family; where you come from and go back to. With Jupiter crossing this sensitive point you now have an opportunity to understand all these things much better, to make more of them, to feather your nest and feel comfortable with your innermost self.

On a material level this is therefore a good time for home improvements, either through decoration or alteration, or even moving somewhere more suitable to your needs. But perhaps more importantly, it is time to get to know 'where you live' in the psychological sense, through looking into your family background, sharing your deepest feelings and beliefs, maybe laying a few ghosts, and generally putting your house in order.

So this is not so much a time for outer development - but more about investing some time and energy, and money if possible or necessary, in creating a feeling of ease with yourself. Then in about a year's time you will be strong inside, and ready to express yourself through some individual project.

*Possible Encounters:* Domestic Gatherings - Personal Discoveries - 'Going Home'

**From about: 12 Jun 2012 to about: 18 Jun 2012**

*\*Jupiter Trine Jupiter*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Positive Thinking - Philanthropic Plans - Increased Scope

*Theme:* Chances to make more of your *Jupiter Profile* through simply trusting in your beliefs.

If things are going well right now, this will make them go better - or you could just sit back and coast for a while. If matters are difficult, this period can attract some much needed luck or help. It also favours travelling and studying. You are able to see more and see further, so this is a good time to make plans, or put them forward. Whatever your circumstances, you should feel that someone up there loves you!

*Possible Encounters:* Financial or Legal Ease - Optimism - Goodwill - Prestige

**From about: 18 Jun 2012 to about: 25 Jun 2012**

*\*Jupiter Sextile Mercury*

*Significance:* This is a mild influence, and you probably need to apply some conscious effort in order to reap its

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benefits.

*Keyphrases:* Increased Knowledge - Seeing Ahead - Happy Talk - Work Improvement

*Theme:* Chances to make more of your *Mercury Profile* through better understanding and increased use of your intellectual potentials.

Any kind of negotiation or strategy can be successfully accomplished or devised under this influence. So if there is a point you wish to grasp or convey, a subject you'd like to know more about, a journey to make, or a position you want - then now is the time to go for it. This is mainly because during this period you have the maximum number of facts at your fingertips, plenty of ideas, and a winning way about you.

*Possible Encounters:* Job Opportunities - Further Education - Adventure Trips

**From about: 25 Jun 2012 to about: 1 Jul 2012**

*\*Jupiter Conjunct Moon New Cycle*

*Significance:* This is a very strong influence. It energises the situation in hand and both forces and enables you to advance and grow.

*Keyphrases:* Buoyant Emotions - Exaggerated Feelings - Increased Security

*Theme:* Powerful emphasis upon your *Moon Profile*, giving you a stronger sense of how you feel and how you behave. Start of a new 11-12 year 'Belief-in-Belonging Cycle'.

You are liable to get carried away by the mood of the moment at present; so a lot depends upon what is currently preoccupying you. If you are stressed, then count to ten, for you could make a mountain out of a molehill - but then you shouldn't miss this opportunity to get in touch with your emotions. On the other hand, harmonious circumstances (indicated by other planetary influences) will allow you to feel very much a part of your surroundings, feeling closer than ever to others - especially family members and loved ones.

However, make sure that such people do not absorb too much of your psychic energy. All in all, this is a time to start putting your truest emotions on the map, understanding past influences, and setting a positive trend for future security.

*Possible Encounters:* Sentimentality - Reconciliation - Over-reactions - Mothering

**From about: 7 Jul 2012 to about: 19 Jul 2012**

*\*Jupiter Square Pluto*

*Significance:* This is a strong to medium influence that challenges you to develop in proportion to your relevant strengths and weaknesses.

*Keyphrases:* Power-Plays - Increased Ambition - Exaggerated Fears or Obsessions

*Theme:* Forced emphasis upon your *Pluto Profile*, in order that you appreciate the nature of power and hidden influences in your life.

One way or the other, now is a time when you get more in touch and involved with what needs changing and improving, and with the necessary force and will that can make this possible. But this can be rather like Aladdin and his Lamp, for the 'genie' of power and ambition that you summon up may well turn against you - however well-intentioned you thought you were.

Therefore be ruthlessly honest and careful about your motivation to gain any particular position or object, because the desire to serve the whole rather than just yourself is the only motivation that will truly justify, and indeed guide, your actions now. If your intentions are not honourable, then things could blow up in your face. On the other hand though, avoid being falsely modest, for this would cause you to miss out on the opportunity that is presently in the air.

*Possible Encounters:* Provocation/Confrontation - Crises of Opinion - Legal Conflicts

**From about: 13 Jul 2012 to about: 31 Jul 2012**

*\*Pluto Trine Pluto*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Generational Regeneration - Power with Grace

*Theme:* Opportunities to tap into your *Pluto Profile*, through a better understanding of human potential.

You are carried along by the current, round a beneficial bend, in the 'River of Time'. Whatever else is presently occurring in your life can be enhanced or assisted by your going with this flow. Changes occurring around you harmonize with any that are taking place within you.

*Possible Encounters:* Global Improvements - Universal Developments

**From about: 13 Jul 2012 to about: 31 Jul 2012**

*\*Neptune Trine Venus*

*Significance:* This is a medium-strength influence that allows you to make progress with relative ease and support. It rewards past efforts.

*Keyphrases:* Higher Love - Artistic Inspiration - Fine Romance

*Theme:* Opportunities to tune into and enjoy the finer features of your *Venus Profile*, through attracting tender and inspiring people or situations.

This particularly soft and sweet influence stimulates your imagination - romantically, artistically, or both. You are able to perceive and experience the beauty and poignancy of life to a very fine degree. The classic manifestation of this period is a relationship that is extremely soulful - even to the point of not being physically sexual.

This influence does not preclude physical intimacy, but its inherent idealism inclines either you or your partner, or both of you, to steer around anything that might diminish the refined and subtle nature of the feelings you have for one another. In effect, during this period, you are being made aware of the higher aspects of love, such as compassion and acceptance; and if you are active in some form of artistic expression, your creative flow is now more than usually strong and your imagination vivid.

*Possible Encounters:* Beautiful People or Places - Communion with Nature

## Postscript

General ways of making good use of your Year or Month Guides

1. Quite apart from the actual Radix Planet(s) being transited at any given time, a predominant influence upon your life by a particular transiting Planet may be interpreted accordingly:

*Pluto Transits* - These are, or should be, life changing in a profound way. Pluto's influences are those of intensification, upheaval, elimination (of what is outworn), probing and deepening, purging, obsessing or concentrating, and are empowering or dis-empowering.

The best way to respond to Pluto is therefore through letting go of what or who you no longer need or is no longer there; getting more in touch with your deeper urges, feelings and fears; recognizing what or who is powerful in your life; and making the distinction between a positive expression of power and a negative one.

A Plutonian period in your life can be likened to a journey down and through, or an encounter with, the Underworld - that is, your deep subconscious mind. A Pluto Transit to one Radix Planet lasts around two to three years overall.

*Neptune Transits* - These are, or should be, life-changing in a subtle way. Neptune's influences are those of sensitisation, softening, mystification, fascination, temptation, inspiration, compassion, delusion, addiction, irritation, and are enlightening or undermining.

While very much under its influence - for Neptune is like a drug or gas, literally or metaphorically - you are advised to let things take their course without struggling or resisting too much, go with the flow, but at the same time avoid giving in to your weaknesses. Any pursuit that relieves, enlightens or entertains is a positive way of channelling

Neptune's influence - like healing, music, painting, writing, dancing, acting, any activities involving water, or that transcend the ego, like meditation, yoga, mysticism, etc. Most of all, an attitude of acceptance is appropriate.

A Neptunian period in your life can be likened to a voyage across or beneath, or an encounter with, the sea, attuning you to personal undercurrents or collective moods. A Neptune Transit to one Radix Planet lasts around two years overall.

*Uranus Transits* - These are, or should be, life changing in an unexpected way. Uranian influences are therefore those of revolution, rebellion, liberation, innovation, suddenness, explosiveness, originality, accident, co-incidence, and are awakening or disrupting and out of the ordinary.

The ideal way of responding to Uranus is with open-mindedness, a sense of experimentation, a willingness to look at things with alternative means that may well surprise or shock others, and by appreciating that you are receiving a message or an instruction from your unconscious, even though you might be unaware that such a thing could happen!

In effect then, Uranus is loosening up your idea of reality in order that you may adopt a more scientific, technological or esoteric overview of life processes. So a Uranian period in your life can be likened to flying or seeing the world from a higher vantage point. A Uranus Transit to one Radix Planet lasts around a year to eighteen months in all.

*Saturn Transits* - These are life stabilizing or life-testing in some way. Saturnian influences are therefore materially supportive or restrictive, consolidating or separative, firm or heavy, authoritative or oppressive, and are generally in aid of getting you organized and of making you aware of the status quo.

So it is advisable to meet Saturn with a sense of practicality, preparedness, matter-of-factness, a willingness to confront issues, and through using time as your instrument rather than being ruled by it. Saturn is about objectivity - which means to say that seeing things for what they are, and establishing and achieving your objectives, can and must be attended to, or begun to be so, under its influence.

A Saturnian period in your life is, or is like, an encounter with a figure of authority - and whether this is helpful or hindering, it is still in aid of your getting yourself together. A Saturn Transit to one Radix Planet lasts about a year overall.

*Jupiter Transits* - These are life-expanding or life-overdoing in some way. Jupiter's influences are therefore growth inducing or excessive, faith-inspiring or promising/expecting more than can be delivered, magnifying or exaggerating, and are generally in aid of showing you the bigger picture and how you fit into it, and how you can make more of yourself and life.

It is a good idea to meet Jupiter with a sense of enterprise, optimism and goodwill that is tempered with a sense of modesty and reality, and to keep an intuitive eye out for signs of where you are supposed to go next - for they will be there; and to cultivate enthusiasm for the overall feel of how things are developing, rather than attempting to prove logically or account for everything item by item.

A Jupiterian period in your life can be likened to having a sense, literally or symbolically, of being on life's highway, with the journeys, adventures, opportunities and destinations that this can lead to, and with the possible realisation that all is in aid of some sort of divine plan. A Jupiter Transit to one Radix Planet can be relatively fleeting or last overall for up to one year.

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*Mars Transits* - These are highly significant, especially when Conjoining, Squaring or Opposing a Radix Planet, because they can trigger the bigger, longer Transits described above, or they fire you up for good or ill. It has to be said that 'for ill' usually means losing one's temper, or someone losing theirs with you or near you. And so knowing your Mars Transits is vital if you wish to avoid or minimise conflagrations. This can also be crucial with regard to driving or sports, for you may be vulnerable to accident and injury during one of them

Mars Transits normally only last two to five days, but sometimes when the Planet goes 'stationary', or it transits a number of Radix planets in quick succession, you can have that hair-trigger energy around for up to a month. It cannot be emphasised enough how much knowing your Mars Transits can help you to prevent upsets and regrets, while enabling you to use that energy wisely and productively.

*Venus Transits* - These are mild and usually pleasant, creating harmony and ease. There can be an inclination to indulgence or indolence though! Venus Transits are fleeting unless the planet has gone 'stationary' when one will last up to ten days or so.

*Mercury transits* - These are not that dynamic, but can cause you to feel mentally sharper or more on edge - depending on the type of aspect and your own temperament. Mercury Transits are similar to Venus in duration.

*Sun transits* - These 'high-light' the quality of the planet in your chart that is being transited. The Transiting Sun is indicative of the prevailing life circumstances around you. It indicates whether or not this general current of events is in or out of harmony with you. Sun Transits always last two or three days.

2. Last but by no means least, you need at all times to be aware of the possibility of **Psychological Protection**. This is probably the most commonly confusing trait of human nature, for it is our inclination to live out unconsciously parts of ourselves through others - because we cannot accept them as coming from ourselves, as they seem either too bad or too good to be true.

So in this way, any Transit can manifest its influences in the life, character, dilemma, or creative expression of one person or many people apparently distinct from yourself - but not really. **Introjection**, or the taking back of one's projections is the major key to both self-awareness and the future of Humanity. So watch and wonder, perceive and ponder - and admit it.

**'Transcan'**

'Transcan' allows you to discover for yourself how any particular transit (in Year Guides only) relates to you very personally. For example, supposing you had Uranus Transiting your Mercury, then you would interpret this by linking the Uranus Keywords on the Left with the Mercury Keywords on the Right.

So for instance, you could be experiencing something that was Awakening your Perception of life but which also had a Disrupting effect upon the way you Work. Be imaginative and experimental with 'Transcan' and you'll tap into the dynamics of your life. Note: Words in "quotes" are recommended general responses to those transits.

**Transiting Planets:**

*Pluto's* influence when positive is *Regenerating*, when negative it is *Degenerating*. Key Response "Let Go".

*Neptune's* influence when positive is *Sensitising*, when negative it is *Undermining*. Key Response "Let It Be".

*Uranus's* influence when positive is *Awakening*, when negative it is *Disrupting*. Key Response "Loosen Up".

*Saturn's* influence when positive is *Stabilising*, when negative it is *Testing*. Key Response "Learn".

*Jupiter's* influence when positive is *Developing*, when negative it is *Exaggerating*. Key Response "Launch".

*Chiron's* influence when positive is *Healing*, when negative (but not really) it is *Revealing Wound (concerning Radix Planet being transited)*.

**Radix Planets:**

*Sun* being influenced affects *Life in General, Vitality, Will, Creativity*.

*Moon* being influenced affects *Feelings, Emotional Security, Care*.

*Mercury* being influenced affects *Perception, Reason, Communication, Work, Study*.

*Venus* being influenced affects *Love-Life, Art, Values, Pleasures, Money*.

*Mars* being influenced affects *Energy, Anger/Danger, Self-Assertion, Sex-Life*.

*Jupiter* being influenced affects *Plans, Morals, Beliefs, Opportunity, Enthusiasm*.

*Saturn* being influenced affects *Life-Order, Status, Material Security, Responsibility*.

*Uranus* being influenced affects *Freedom, Originality, Technology, Alternatives*.

*Neptune* being influenced affects *Sensitivity, Imagination, Illusion, Ideals*.

*Pluto* being influenced affects *Insight, Power, Obsessions, Destiny, Endings*.

*Ascendant* being influenced affects *Persona, Outlook, Relationships*.

*Midheaven* being influenced affects *Worldly Position - Home/Family Life*.

*Chiron* being influenced affects *Wounded part of self that also contains Key to Healing that Wound*.

*Discovering a clear direction in life*

From reading your *Year or Month Guide*, I hope that you have been able to make the most out of any advantages and opportunities, and to learn and profit from any lessons or challenges that your planetary transits have presented you with along your life track.

Most of all, I would like to think that you have been able to sense that there is something about you and within you that is trying to get you or keep you on course with your true direction - often in spite of where you think you want to go!

The way I see it is this: Humanity has lost its way somewhat, and it is only through each one of us as individuals finding our way back to our true path that we as a species will do so as well.

There really is a rhyme and a reason to life - yours and mine. But I believe we have to look at life from a different perspective in order to perceive this. Astrology can provide you with this new perspective.

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