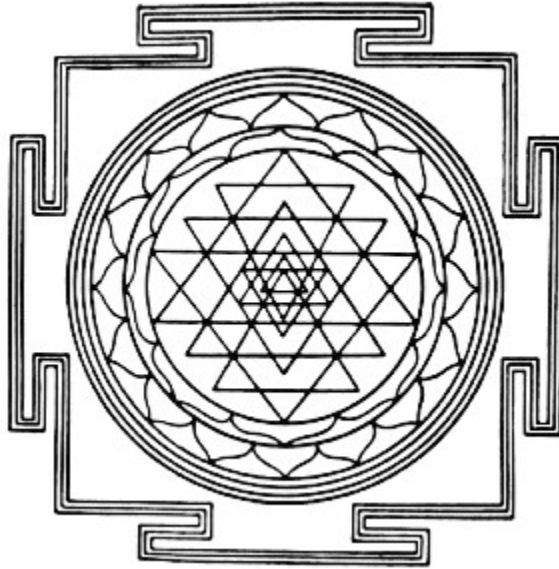


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Traditional astrologers "make predictions." Often they are correct. But right or wrong, "predictions" turn you into a marionette, with the planets holding your strings. And in my opinion, that is not a very inspiring description of the way the cosmos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

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

Question mark.

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

In the pages that follow, we will be exploring the coming months of your life from this planetary perspective. There are three parts to the report, and any or all of them may be included here, depending on which have been requested. First, the big questions. In the part of the report called THE INVITATION, we try to get that "mountain-top" perspective that enables us to make sense of the details. In THE MEANS, we turn our attention to some secondary factors that offer suggestions, help, and support in responding to those big questions. And finally, we'll look at the report period month-by-month, day-by-day, to get some ground-level insight into THE DETAILS. Your report may be for three, six, nine, or twelve months and may include any or all three sections just described. For this reason, and because some years in your life are astrologically more active than others, report length can vary quite a bit.

Throughout the following text, I'll be endeavoring to write in plain English, but if you're unfamiliar with the jargon of astrology, you'll encounter a few words that may require definition. A "transiting" planet, for example, refers to the actual, current position of that planet in the sky. Sometimes the transiting planets form critical geometric angles with the "natal" planets in the birthchart, triggering developmental questions in your life. These critical angles

are called "aspects."

The "progressed" planets function in much the same way as the transiting planets, but we approach them a little differently. They're like a script that's been built into your birthchart. Just as we know that an oak tree will emerge from an acorn and bring forth its leaves in season, similarly each person's birthchart contains within it the seeds of certain predictable developmental stages. Progressions spell out those stages.

So sit back, open your mind, and engage your heart. It's time to consider...

The Invitation

Some years loom large in our memories decades down the road; others are blurry, easily forgotten. That universal human reality is reflected in the movements of the planets -- astrologically speaking, one year is often far more significant than another, just as in life. Most of the really important celestial factors move rather slowly; thus, it's not unusual to experience a time in which none of them have gone critical, when we can calmly keep on putting one foot after the other, on "cruise control."

Well, for you this is definitely not that kind of year. Something truly pivotal is occurring...

Tr. Uranus is Opposite Ascendant

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Sep 28, 1999; Nov 16, 1999

The planet Uranus is presently stirring the pot of your life, and that always promises a tumultuous passage, peppered with unexpected developments and encounters. Outwardly, Uranus is the wild card, bringing unpredictable and unforeseen events into the picture. Inwardly, it signals a time of accelerated individuation...that is, a time in which who you really are and what you truly want are rapidly emerging and defining themselves. A portion of what you imagined to be your identity has, in fact, little to do with you; it is a side-effect of your social training, nothing more. And, like training wheels on a kid's bike, you are now ready to dump it. This has an unsettling effect upon not only yourself, but also those around you. Often during Uranian periods there is a distinct "changing of the guard" in our social circles; old relationships end, new ones appear. Claim your right to be yourself -- that's the essence of the transiting Uranus. Whatever it touches, changes. Trust the changes! Like a hard wind blowing the sand off a buried city, they are revealing who you actually have been all along. That's Uranus in general. Specifically, Uranus is opposite your natal Ascendant: Sep 28, 1999; Nov 16, 1999.

Our initial step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Seventh House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Uranus is currently passing. This informs us that you have come to a turning point in your biography, but one whose successful navigation depends upon your receptivity to counsel, or more simply, your

willingness to let another person influence you. "Soulmates" will appear at critical junctions. Recognize them through their resemblance to Uranus, which we just described. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by the advent of these pivotal people.

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

The geometric angle or "aspect" involved in the process we are studying is, as we said, the opposition. Not surprisingly, this suggests that the natal planet and the moving one are 180 degrees apart. Tension is thus woven into the spirit of this period of your life. The two forces we described are polarized, which often translates emotionally into a feeling of being damned if you do, and damned if you don't. How can you break the logjam? Recognize that any impossibilities you are experiencing in this area probably arise from an incomplete or biased perspective. The opposition aspect always calls for a leap into a new, more accepting level of consciousness. Something is missing in your view of the problem -- and that missing link (here's the corker...) lies in the wisdom embodied by those people or situations that are now antagonizing you. It's not that they're right and you're wrong; only that the truth that can carry you beyond this impasse lies somewhere between the two positions.

Tr. Saturn is Square Ascendant

In effect: Nov 1, 1999 - Nov 26, 1999

Peak Date(s): Nov 13, 1999

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances -- but is it the bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of

commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn is square your natal Ascendant: Nov 13, 1999.

Currently Saturn is steering a course through your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," and any planet passing through that part of your natal chart suggests that external developmental pressures are now arising which have the effect of modifying your place in the world. Something is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status -- the way you look to people who don't really know you very well. What is it? We can't say exactly, but to respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Saturn, as we just described it. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by these professional or social openings.

The natal Ascendant -- that, as we have seen, represents your style, how you go about translating your inner worlds into the two-dimensional framework of daily social interactions.

The aspect connected with the astrological process we're investigating here is the square, as we have seen. The square, traditionally characterized as an unfortunate aspect, describes a geometric angle of 90 degrees between the natal planet and the moving trigger. To call squares "bad" is misleading. More accurately, they are compelling. In the area of your life we're considering, a terrific friction has arisen. It's not comfortable, but it is an extremely effective motivator. The trick in using the energy creatively lies in moving decisively -- determining precisely what you want, claiming it, and letting the rest go. A season of tough choices is upon you. Regarding the process we described in the previous paragraphs, there are costs involved in all the courses available to you...the most costly, for all concerned, being the course of indecision.

Tr. Pluto is Opposite Sun

In effect: Nov 9, 1999 - continuing

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

The planet Pluto is shading the spirit of your life nowadays, and in a nutshell that means that you are being challenged to heal. Pluto, as you probably know, is the lord of the underworld...or to put it more succinctly, the God of Hell. And it is disquieting, to say the least, to imagine that this deity is currently dining at your table. But take heart! The "hell" inside you needs airing out, and that is essentially what this transit is about. You've been hurt. You've been used, abused, rejected, exploited, lied to...the whole sad litany. And, like the rest of us, you've sometimes had to keep the proverbial stiff upper lip and simply get on with your life. But where does all that hurt go? Down deep into the unconscious mind, where it stays until you're clear enough and strong enough to handle resurrecting it and really going beyond it. Pluto's action is to bring up buried emotions. Its tone is intense. It often feels moody and confrontative. It can destabilize and disrupt the areas of your life that it's touching. The best course is to resolve to go deeper and deeper, truth above kindness and resolution over comfort. It's not easy, but in the end the energizing and empowering of the psyche make the process worthwhile. What is Pluto actually doing? Currently it is opposite your natal Sun. Although Pluto is a slow-moving planet and usually unfolds its story over a period of two or three years, during the period of this report

the action peaks sometime after the report period..

First we must recognize that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Pluto is currently passing. Immediately that realization places our attention on two fundamental areas: The first is your home and family, which may well be making their needs felt now in the "key" of Pluto. And the second, often confused by the first, is your own happiness and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. Under this kind of stimulation, a person often benefits from considering his or her deepest beliefs and attitudes from a conventional psycho-therapeutic perspective -- which in essence is to say, "Figure out what mom and dad taught you," and drop what is no longer consistent with your own course. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Sun, which is being invited into development by these familial and emotional pressures.

The Sun, as astronomers tell us, is the center of the solar system. Everything spins around it. With its enormous gravity, the Sun holds the entire system together. In a parallel way, the astrological Sun represents the gravitational center of your personality. Your ego. Your identity. The part of you that gets up in the morning and, without even a single sip of coffee, knows its name, rank, and serial number. Those same astronomers inform us that without the Sun's radiant energy, life as we understand it would cease to exist. Again, astrological meaning follows astronomical fact: the Sun symbolizes that spark of life inside you, your elemental vitality. Enthusiasm, energy, recuperative powers -- all these are solar themes. Thus, when the natal Sun is triggered in an important way, two critical questions come up for review: who are you, and what really makes you want to get out of bed in the morning?

In what way do those notions connect with your present circumstances? Understand that the Sun occupies the Tenth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to issues of career, status, and your public role...concerns which are currently undergoing considerable developmental pressure and change. All positive steps in terms of profession or your place in the community hold one point in common: they move you further and further in the direction of the Sun, as we just described it. Any work that will prove enduringly satisfying invokes the considerable energies of the Sun in you; any work that does not embody them will turn out to be transitory or deadening.

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

What we've considered above is the underpinning of this phase of your life. It's truly elemental material -- the stuff of which milestones are made. There's no guarantee that astrological forces of such magnitude will be activated for everyone all the time. What follows is an analysis of some slightly less portentous dimensions of your astrological picture...less portentous, but still powerful enough to qualify as part of this year's "Invitation."

Try to see what follows in the light of all that's gone before...

Pr. Sun is Square Saturn

In effect: Sep 5, 1999 - continuing

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

Ever so slowly, at the pace of a glacier, life changes us. You're not the same person you were five years ago. Your interests have evolved, your tastes are more refined. And, of course, your circumstances are different. This snail-paced journey -- the Evolution of the Self -- is reflected in astrology's most elemental symbol: the progressed Sun. When it comes to a sensitive zone of the birthchart, momentous changes nearly always occur...but they mirror even more rudimentary transfigurations in the deepest levels of your identity.

Needless to say, we wouldn't be mentioning all this to you if the progressed Sun were passing through calm waters in your birthchart now. But it's not, and in a minute we'll look at exactly where it is and what it's doing. Before we consider the specifics, though, one more point for the sake of perspective: the progressed Sun is a very slow-moving factor. It covers approximately one degree each year. Thus, even in a long life, it swings through only about a quarter of the birthchart. It follows that often many years go by in which, despite its overwhelming importance, the progressed Sun is basically not doing very much and can safely be ignored. The other side of the coin is that when the Sun does come to sensitive territories, a person has reached one of life's definitive turning points. Decisions are made, well or poorly. Bridges are crossed, and often burned behind us. Life takes off in a new direction.

You've arrived at such a juncture; your core is being transfigured. It's stressful, of course; change always is. But your ability to hear the new message that's coming up from inside you will determine to a great extent the level of happiness, creativity, and prosperity you will experience for the rest of your life. Let's get specific. How is the progressed Sun currently impacting on you? It is square your natal Saturn: sometime after the report period.. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this aspect simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where the Sun is currently located in your chart. And what does that tell you? That the circumstances driving your development, at least in terms of this particular configuration, have to do with the choices you make and how you present yourself. Be assertive; take responsibility. You have considerable power in this situation. To use it well, act in the spirit of the Sun, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that question, we turn our attention to Saturn, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

Getting kicked out of the nest, one way or another, is an elemental part of life. Faced with the stark, unyielding actualities of the "real world," you either die then and there or get on with the cunning, calculating business of staying alive. To accomplish either of those ends, you activate the energies of your natal Saturn: your self-discipline, your patience, and your practicality...if you choose survival. And if you choose to give up, you withdraw into fear and probably get into a mood of despair and defeat. When Saturn is triggered by passing transits or progressions, it signals a time in which hard work is appropriate, necessary, and the best insurance for happiness. Often it suggests that the circumstances or even people who have been a significant part of your past must now be left behind, making way for a more mature

expression of your identity.

Maintaining a healthy relationship with the force of Saturn is particularly central to your well-being in one key area: the Fourth House, which is where Saturn happened to be located when you took your first breath in Los Angeles Coun, CA. There, in the domain of home and hearth and also of emotional and psychological processes, a strong response to this planet forges in you a clear sense of who you are and what you want. Happiness has different sources for different people. For you, much of it comes from experiences connected to Saturn, as we just portrayed it. Claim them! Always sound advice -- but how you go about claiming them is currently evolving, partly as a result of changing external circumstances.

When the Sun interacts with Saturn, a season of limits and definitions is upon you. Neither concept may be attractive initially, but both are inseparable from a far deeper idea: maturation. The road before you grows narrower here, and for the same reason that youth is less constrained than midlife: as time passes, wide-open possibilities must be turned into concrete actualities. Don't fear commitments now; this is their season.

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

Tr. Uranus aligns with the Seventh House cusp

Date: Sep 28, 1999; Nov 16, 1999 - Continuing

Uranus came up earlier in this report. Now we encounter it again. As you may recall, this planet represents the "wild card" in life, and often correlates with unexpected events. Behind the roller-coaster ride, the real issue is your ability to claim your true individuality, even if that involves destabilizing certain aspects of your existing circumstances. Uranus currently is conjunct your natal Seventh House cusp. The action peaks Sep 28, 1999; Nov 16, 1999.

The Seventh House -- we pondered this house earlier in the report. It's turned on in another way as well: Uranus is currently entering it. To refresh your memory, partnerships are the focus here. Under Seventh House stimulation, new people appear in your life and old relationship contracts come up for review. Everything hinges upon your capacity to recognize your natural allies, and to let yourself be affected by them. One hint: those natural allies are of the nature of Uranus, as we just described it.

The Means

If you happen to have a cold on the day you win the lottery, will that taint your memory of the big event? Probably not. Ten years later, you will have forgotten your runny nose. Ten minutes later, more likely.

Life and memory work that way. We prioritize certain kinds of events, experiencing them more vividly and remembering them far longer than the trivial and the predictable. The details of a typical Monday morning aren't going to last as long in the memory banks as images of your moment of glory or your darkest hour.

In exactly the same way, not all astrological events have the same impact. What we have considered so far are all first-string milestones in your life. The rest of what we'll be considering is less central -- but that's not to say unimportant. What follows is a set of supplementary transits and progressions, presented chronologically. They're not quite as profound in their implications as what we've seen, but they're not without emotional and existential consequences. If what we have explored in the previous pages can be viewed as an evolutionary invitation, then, to that lofty end, what follows is....

"The Means"

As you'll see, each of these events stands as significant in its own right. But their deepest meanings lie in the way they interact with what we've considered in the pages above, enhancing and sometimes complicating the broader developmental patterns.

Cards on the table: you can skim the next several pages and, I think, learn some things about the coming months that will prove prophetic...and more importantly, helpful. But the real magic lies in putting all the pieces together, synthesizing them in your heart into an emotional whole -- just like you've done with, say, memories of a special summer long ago. No computer can do that for you.

Your own creativity, your own reflections on the material we're covering, your own translations, additions, corrections, amendments, and meditations -- these are what make the difference.

Let's continue.

Pr. Moon is Trine Moon

In effect: in progress - Sep 19, 1999

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

You don't need to be an astrologer to know what the Moon means. Just engage your imagination. Immediately, the mind free-associates. Moon: night...feelings...falling in love...seeing a ghost... And that's pretty much what astrologers throughout history have said: the Moon represents your interior life, your "heart." Like all astrological factors, the Moon progresses, taking a little over a quarter of a century to make one circuit around the chart. It typically spends a couple of years in each sign or house, and eventually forms aspects with all

the planets. How do we read it? Simple: at any given moment the progressed Moon tells us where your heart is. Or, to be a little less schmaltzy about it, the Moon says where your attention is. What is concerning you. Where your growth experiences are unfolding -- which is often to say where you're experiencing challenges, upsets, or opportunities to regroup and express yourself in new ways. Being an emotional factor, the progressed Moon always refers to areas of heightened sensitivity. Intuition comes to the forefront. Instincts must be followed. Somehow the unconscious mind has gotten ahead of conscious awareness, and now conscious awareness is catching up, following the trail of intuitive clues and impulses laid down by the wise, dark interior of your spirit.

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

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

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

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

When the Moon interacts with its own natal position, as is the case here, emotional energies are turned on. There is a general heightening of mood-swings, and often a heightening of dream activity. What's happening is that the unconscious mind is attempting to adjust the trajectory of your outer life. It has a slightly different perspective on your current prospects than does your everyday awareness, and it is communicating that notion to you in the form of a mood.

As we said, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the trine, which refers to a 120 degree angle between the natal planet and the moving one. Trines are traditionally viewed as positive aspects, and in fact they generally do correlate with opportunities. Additionally, their existence implies that support is available to you, if you are willing to move to claim it. And therein lies the rub with the so-called "good" aspects. They're not very dynamic. Just as pain is

a more powerful motivator than contentment, the trick with trines lies in taking advantage of them before the wheel turns and their potential vanishes. With regard to the developments we described in the previous few paragraphs: a door is now open, a red carpet rolled out...but don't count on everything remaining that way forever.

Pr. Moon is Sextile Neptune

In effect: Oct 23, 1999 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Nov 22, 1999

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

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is sextile your natal Neptune: Nov 22, 1999. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

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

Always, it's advantageous for you to incorporate the force of Neptune positively in all parts of your life. But one area has always stood out in that regard -- the First House, which is where Neptune lies in your natal chart. There, in the area of assertiveness and personal power, the right use of that energy is most critical. In many situations you must react, respond, and play the cards you're dealt. But not in the First House. Here, you're in the driver's seat...and there are certain experiences you must claim for yourself, experiences of the nature of Neptune, even if the people about whom you care call you selfish for doing so.

When the Moon blurs into Neptune, a season of strong dreams is upon you. Creativity and inspiration are at a peak. Cultivate them by giving yourself quiet, meditative time. In narrowly practical terms, your efficiency is down now. You are probably experiencing some

forgetfulness. Don't worry, it will pass -- but so will the positive potential of this period. Grab it before it goes! Rarely will your visionary imagination be so fertile. Dream, and make note of your dreams. Soon enough a time will come to act on them.

The aspect pervading the event we've just considered is, as we observed, a sextile. Technically, that refers to a geometric angle of 60 degrees between the natal planet and the moving one. Sextiles are traditionally viewed as "good" aspects. Certainly, they're exciting. There is a mood of eagerness regarding the process we're exploring here -- and that's glorious, provided you're wary of the excessive impulsiveness that sextiles sometimes breed. In any case, the spinning wheel of circumstances can be counted on to provide some fortuitous, unexpected opportunities for you during this period. You'll have to be quick to seize them, though. They're real, but they're short-lived.

Tr. Jupiter is Conjunct Venus

In effect: Oct 24, 1999 - Nov 9, 1999

Peak Date(s): Nov 1, 1999

The planet Jupiter is currently coloring your circumstances. Before we say exactly how, let's attempt to understand the more general significance of any Jupiter event. Essentially, this is a call to recognize an opportunity. Traditional astrologers view it more starkly -- to them, it is simply the planet of luck. And that is often the case: the toast does tend to land butter-side up when Jupiter is crossing sensitive territories. But the real, evolutionary meaning lies deeper. One key is that Jupiter is future-oriented...it is concerned with bright, unexplored possibilities. Stripped to its bones, Jupiter always asks one primary question: how have you been underestimating yourself? Its transits signal a time when new opportunities come into existence, but to seize them you must recognize that you deserve them, that you are capable of rising to them, and that old deals and compromises are finished. Trust yourself, have faith in life, and go for it: that's the spirit of Jupiter. How is it affecting you? Jupiter is conjunct your natal Venus: Nov 1, 1999.

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

Venus is the goddess of love, of peace, and of the arts. In each domain, balance is the ideal. Deep in your psyche, there is a place that seeks the comfort of balance and equilibrium, whether

through shared fondness with another human being, an hour's peace in the garden, or the rapture that sometimes arises as we immerse our hearts and minds in something beautiful. That inner circuit is your natal Venus. When it is stimulated, we often see experiences arising which prophesy a change in your relationships, in what gives you serenity, or in your aesthetic experiences.

How does all that relate to your present circumstances? Recognize that Venus occupies the Ninth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to the human need for adventure, variety, and escape from the ordinary. Periodically in your life it becomes necessary to "throw a monkey wrench" into your daily routines, to flee the scene and thereby gain the kind of "mountain-top" philosophical perspective necessary to keep your biography on a meaningful course. Under this current aspect, you have entered such a period. One final hint: those ventures, vacations, and journeys work best for you if they invoke the tone of Venus, as we just encountered it.

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

As we mentioned, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the conjunction, which refers to a precise alignment between the natal planet and the moving trigger. Thus, the process emphasizes fusion, integration, and synthesis. Of all the possible aspects, the conjunction is the most intense. The explosion rattles your outward circumstances; but it originates inside you, and puts you in the driver's seat. It is appropriate for you to claim some new level of power, of self-expression, and of autonomy. If you don't, no one will do it for you; and the opportunity will evaporate.

Tr. Saturn is Sextile Pluto

In effect: Oct 28, 1999 - Nov 23, 1999

Peak Date(s): Nov 10, 1999

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is sextile your natal Pluto. The energies crest Nov 10, 1999.

Currently Saturn is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of Saturn is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Saturn, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Pluto, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

Everyone has fears. Everyone has shames and wounded places. In you and me and everyone else, there are marks left by the times we've been lied to, abandoned, used, or exploited. It's not the world's cheeriest subject, but turning away only empowers those Plutonian hurts, gives them more latitude to influence your life. When your natal Pluto is triggered by a passing transit or progression, dark shadows are stirred within you. It's a signal that forgotten, unprocessed, or repressed elements of your personal history are asking to be investigated. The procedure requires intensity, honesty, and emotional courage. The results are worth the effort. If you work well with these energies, you emerge stronger, clearer, and often with renewed inspiration. If you hesitate, it's not unusual for the old wounding dramas to be re-enacted in your life.

While the energies of Pluto that we just described are obviously positive qualities for everyone, they play an especially personal part in your own well-being, looming larger and larger in your life as you mature. That's because Pluto lies in your natal Eleventh House, which pertains to your future, to your healthiest priorities, and to your most sustainable long-term strategies, all of which are well-described by that planet. Under the current stimulation of Pluto, an evolution in your goals is occurring, rendering some old dreams obsolete or complete as new, sometimes unexpected desires and values begin to make themselves felt. It is a season of re-orientation.

When sober-minded Saturn gets involved with dark-hearted Pluto, you'll have little patience for fluffy, frilly superficiality. This is a serious moment, something of a day of reckoning. Truths must be recognized and told. Lies must be illuminated, and demons named. You are ready. The situation is pressing. It will not go away or improve of its own accord. Take responsibility, move decisively, and do what must be done.

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

Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Jupiter

In effect: Nov 8, 1999 - Nov 28, 1999

Peak Date(s): Nov 17, 1999

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal Jupiter. The action peaks Nov 17, 1999.

Let's begin deciphering this configuration by recognizing that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House, which we encountered earlier in the report, for that is where Jupiter is currently making its influence felt. This suggests that events and opportunities involving travel, education, and a general expanding of your horizons are now occurring, and that you could definitely use the breath of fresh air they'll create if you go ahead and, in the spirit of Jupiter, take the leap of faith for which they're calling. But what's being triggered inside you? What part of you will benefit most deeply from such exploration and expansion? The answer lies with Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this time of questing adventure.

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

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

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

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The Details

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

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

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

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

These minor transits unfold quickly. It's a rare week that doesn't contain at least a few. A report that discussed them all in the kind of microscopic detail we've applied to the major events would be several inches thick. In order to cover the daily astrological kaleidoscope within the practical limitations of the space available, we've resorted to producing capsulized one-sentence nuggets that compress a lot of information into a few words. So, slow down, shift gears, and let them wash over you. Think of these images more as daily meditations than as the kind of full-blown explanations to which you've gotten accustomed in the previous sections of SKYLOG.

One brief reminder: remember that many astrological events have not one but several peaks of intensity, so you may find a given "Invitation" or "Means" coming up several times in the pages that follow.

Even minor astrological events commonly have an impact over several days. In the following month-by-month analysis, configurations are listed chronologically according to the days they "peak" -- but don't take that date narrowly. The most colorful events and profoundest realizations might easily occur a day or two later or earlier.

September Invitation Peaks

Sep 28, 1999 - Tr. Uranus Opposite Ascendant

Sep 28, 1999 - Tr. Uranus enters Seventh House

September Mean Peaks

(None this month.)

September The Details

Sep 01, 1999 - Tr. Mars Trine Uranus

Keywords: emotional swordsmanship enhances your usual emotionally brave originality.

Sep 03, 1999 - Tr. Sun Square Sun

Keywords: self-confident identity conflicts with your instinctive work-oriented nature.

Sep 03, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Mercury

Keywords: resourceful dialog clashes with your instinctive vocational conversation.

Sep 05, 1999 at 03:14 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

The Moon in a month passes through all twelve houses of your chart. In so doing, it correlates with the passing whimsies of mood. One afternoon you're bright and cheery, the following morning you're blue...but energetic again after lunch. It doesn't amount to much, and it's not really very important in practical terms -- with one exception: the passage of the Moon through the Twelfth House. During that time you are going through a kind of emotional moulting, ending one cycle and preparing to begin another. Your attentions and energies are turned inward. Accept that, handle it well, and the period -- usually a couple of days -- is quiet and contemplative. It may even be rather pleasant. But if you try to keep up your normal level of activity, you'll find yourself confused, flat, and prone to dumb accidents. So when the Moon enters your Twelfth House, make sure that you have some unstructured time. Minimize distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House Sep 05, 1999 at 03:14 AM, and emerges Sep 07, 1999 at 06:14 AM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Sep 05, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Sun

Keywords: resourceful communication clashes with your instinctive on-the-job personality.

Sep 06, 1999 - Tr. Sun Sextile Pluto

Keywords: self-respecting personality excites your native visionary intensity.

Sep 06, 1999 - Tr. Venus Opposite Moon

Keywords: resolute human connection is in tension with your inherent loving attitude.

Sep 07, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Pluto

Keywords: financially savvy conversation excites your native visionary intensity.

Sep 11, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Mars

Keywords: resourceful dialog is in tension with your inherent emotionally brave courage.

Sep 11, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Saturn

Keywords: resourceful conversation excites your native cautious composure.

Sep 13, 1999 - Tr. Mars Opposite Mercury

Keywords: self-protective assertiveness is in tension with your inherent work-oriented conversation.

Sep 13, 1999 - Tr. Sun Opposite Mars

Keywords: financially savvy personality is in tension with your inherent spooky assertiveness.

Sep 14, 1999 - Tr. Sun Sextile Saturn

Keywords: resourceful identity excites your native watchful composure.

Sep 14, 1999 - Tr. Venus Opposite Moon

Keywords: authoritative relating is in tension with your inherent interpersonally sensitive attitude.

Sep 15, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Uranus

Keywords: financially savvy communication opposes your inborn probing autonomy.

Sep 18, 1999 - Tr. Mars Opposite Sun

Keywords: sensitive swordsmanship opposes your inborn employment-oriented identity.

Sep 20, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Mercury

Keywords: curious conversation supports your typical on-the-job communication.

Sep 22, 1999 - Tr. Sun Opposite Uranus

Keywords: dignified nature opposes your inborn penetratingly real originality.

Sep 22, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Sun

Keywords: curious dialog enhances your usual professional identity.

Sep 23, 1999 - Tr. Venus Square Saturn

Keywords: commanding affection conflicts with your instinctive sensitive integrity.

Sep 24, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Pluto

Keywords: curious conversation conflicts with your instinctive long-term intensity.

Sep 24, 1999 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Neptune

Keywords: authoritative relating fuses with your natural assertive imagination.

Sep 27, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Moon

Keywords: open-minded dialog enhances your usual empathetic awareness.

Sep 29, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Neptune

Keywords: curious dialog stimulates your normal decisive inspiration.

Sep 30, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Mercury

Keywords: open-minded identity supports your typical employment-oriented conversation.

October Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

October Mean Peaks

(None this month.)

October The Details**Oct 01, 1999 - Tr. Mars Sextile Moon**

Keywords: spontaneous assertiveness excites your native loving awareness.

Oct 02, 1999 at 08:40 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Oct 02, 1999 at 08:40 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Oct 04, 1999 at 12:22 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Oct 02, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Jupiter

Keywords: open-minded dialog enhances your usual empathetic opportunity.

Oct 02, 1999 - Tr. Venus Opposite Jupiter

Keywords: commanding human connection opposes your inborn collaborative gambling.

Oct 03, 1999 - Tr. Mars Square Mars

Keywords: imaginative swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive spooky assertiveness.

Oct 03, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Sun

Keywords: curious identity supports your typical on-the-job nature.

Oct 04, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Venus

Keywords: clever conversation opposes your inborn intellectually hungry relating.

Oct 05, 1999 - Tr. Venus Trine Venus

Keywords: forceful affection supports your typical routine-shattering human connection.

Oct 05, 1999 - Tr. Mars Trine Neptune

Keywords: playful assertiveness supports your typical decisive contemplation.

Oct 06, 1999 - Tr. Sun Square Pluto

Keywords: inventive identity conflicts with your instinctive goal-oriented investigation.

Oct 09, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Midheaven

The mythological Mercury is the "Messenger of the Gods." The same is true of the transiting Mercury, which speeds around your chart, prompting conversations, dialogs, and sermons, both outgoing and incoming. It triggers the arrival of letters, faxes, and phone calls, and provokes the weaving of new data into your viewpoint. When it arrives at a sensitive point, your task is to listen, to ask questions, and to share intelligence.

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Oct 09, 1999. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Oct 12, 1999 - Tr. Mars Sextile Jupiter

Keywords: imaginative assertiveness stimulates your normal interpersonally sensitive opportunity.

Oct 12, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Moon

Keywords: clever identity enhances your usual collaborative attitude.

Oct 13, 1999 - Neptune goes Direct (at 01° Aq35' in your 06th House)

Aspects: Trine Mercury, Square Venus, Sextile Uranus, Square Midheaven.

Oct 14, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Pluto

Keywords: sensitive conversation enhances your usual visionary intensity.

Oct 15, 1999 - Tr. Mars Trine Venus

Keywords: creative swordsmanship supports your typical routine-shattering relating.

Oct 15, 1999 - Tr. Mars Square Uranus

Keywords: creative courage conflicts with your instinctive emotionally brave individuality.

Oct 15, 1999 - Tr. Sun Sextile Neptune

Keywords: curious identity stimulates your normal decisive imagination.

Oct 16, 1999 - Tr. Venus Square Mercury

Keywords: self-respecting affection clashes with your instinctive career communication.

Oct 19, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Moon

Keywords: sensitive dialog clashes with your instinctive loving sensitivity.

Oct 20, 1999 - Tr. Venus Square Sun

Keywords: self-assured human connection conflicts with your instinctive vocational identity.

Oct 20, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Jupiter

Keywords: inventive identity supports your typical cooperative gambling.

Oct 20, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Mars

Keywords: emotional communication enhances your usual penetratingly real swordsmanship.

Oct 21, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Conjunct Saturn

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated communication fuses with your natural watchful composure.

Oct 21, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Neptune

Keywords: cautious conversation clashes with your instinctive forceful inspiration.

Oct 22, 1999 - Tr. Sun Opposite Venus

Keywords: intelligent nature opposes your inborn routine-shattering human connection.

Oct 22, 1999 - Uranus goes Direct (at 12°Aq52' in your 06th House)

Aspects: Conjunct Moon, Trine Sun, Trine Mercury, Square Midheaven, Opposite Ascendant.

Oct 23, 1999 - Tr. Venus Sextile Pluto

Keywords: resourceful affection stimulates your normal long-term investigation.

Oct 26, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Jupiter

Keywords: emotional conversation conflicts with your instinctive cooperative exuberance.

Oct 29, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Uranus

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated communication supports your typical passionate autonomy.

Oct 29, 1999 at 02:42 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Oct 29, 1999 at 02:42 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Oct 31, 1999 at 05:45 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Oct 29, 1999 - Tr. Sun Opposite Midheaven

The transiting Sun is like a huge, dumb battery. Whatever it touches, it electrifies -- but never for very long or very deeply. That's simply because it's a fast-moving factor, never staying anywhere long enough to develop true depth or complexity of meaning. In a year, it circuits the chart once...which leaves it only a few days to spend in each of your chart's many sensitive zones. Whatever it touches, however, is temporarily pushed into action. And sometimes, if more serious astro-psychological energies have been building or brewing in that area of your life, the Sun's transit over that point might just be the trigger that sets big wheels turning. The critical point is that the Sun represents your ego, and when it collides with sensitive territories you need to act accordingly: not "egocentrically," but with an awareness of your rights, your needs, and your desires.

Sun aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Oct 29, 1999. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Sun. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Oct 30, 1999 - Tr. Venus Opposite Mars

Keywords: financially savvy relating is in tension with your inherent probing courage.

Oct 31, 1999 - Tr. Venus Sextile Saturn

Keywords: self-confident relating stimulates your normal self-protective composure.

November Invitation Peaks

Nov 13, 1999 - Tr. Saturn Square Ascendant

Nov 16, 1999 - Tr. Uranus enters Seventh House

Nov 16, 1999 - Tr. Uranus Opposite Ascendant

November Mean Peaks

Nov 01, 1999 - Tr. Jupiter Conjunct Venus

Nov 10, 1999 - Tr. Saturn Sextile Pluto

Nov 17, 1999 - Tr. Jupiter Sextile Jupiter

Nov 22, 1999 - Pr. Moon Sextile Neptune

November The Details**Nov 04, 1999 - Tr. Mars Opposite Pluto**

Keywords: playful swordsmanship is in tension with your inherent priority-clarifying investigation.

Nov 04, 1999 at 10:51 PM - Mercury turns Retrograde

Three, maybe four times in the course of a year, the planet Mercury spends three weeks or so going backwards in the sky, a period we call Mercury Retrograde. Practicality sometimes intervenes, but to the extent that you can arrange it, you are better off if you can avoid signing anything important during this period, buying anything mechanical (unless its failure would be of trivial consequence), initiating travel, or attempting significant communications by phone or mail. This, of course, is a lot to ask; and sticking to it too firmly starts to verge on Cosmic Paranoia. Still, there is a heightened tendency for objects, messages, and plans to go awry during this Retrograde time. Sometimes a little patience exercised now will make your life a lot easier in the long run. If steps simply must be taken, it doesn't mean everything is doomed to failure...just keep duplicates, have backups, double-check everything, and be prepared for petty annoyances. The first appearance of a Retrograde Mercury during the period of this report occurs Nov 04, 1999 at 10:51 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

Nov 06, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Pluto

Keywords: emotional personality enhances your usual group-dynamical intensity.

Nov 07, 1999 - Tr. Venus Opposite Uranus

Keywords: resourceful relating is in tension with your inherent probing originality.

Nov 10, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Uranus

Keywords: cautious dialog enhances your usual probing individuality.

Nov 11, 1999 - Tr. Sun Square Moon

Keywords: self-protective identity conflicts with your instinctive interpersonally sensitive attitude.

Nov 12, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Jupiter

Keywords: emotional communication clashes with your instinctive caring gambling.

Nov 13, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Mars

Keywords: watchful identity enhances your usual penetratingly real swordsmanship.

Nov 13, 1999 - Tr. Mars Sextile Mars

Keywords: dutiful swordsmanship stimulates your normal psychologically deep assertiveness.

Nov 14, 1999 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Saturn

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated identity combines with your characteristic self-protective composure.

Nov 14, 1999 - Tr. Mars Sextile Saturn

Keywords: supportive swordsmanship excites your native watchful integrity.

Nov 14, 1999 - Tr. Sun Square Neptune

Keywords: emotional identity clashes with your instinctive resolute contemplation.

Nov 15, 1999 - Tr. Venus Trine Mercury

Keywords: open-minded relating supports your typical on-the-job conversation.

Nov 16, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Neptune

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated dialog clashes with your instinctive decisive inspiration.

Nov 16, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Conjunct Saturn

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated conversation combines with your characteristic emotional composure.

Nov 17, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Trine Mars

Keywords: watchful communication supports your typical probing swordsmanship.

Nov 18, 1999 - Tr. Venus Trine Sun

Keywords: intelligent relating enhances your usual vocational nature.

Nov 18, 1999 - Tr. Mercury Square Moon

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated communication conflicts with your instinctive loving awareness.

Nov 19, 1999 - Tr. Sun Square Jupiter

Keywords: sensitive identity conflicts with your instinctive caring opportunity.

Nov 21, 1999 - Tr. Venus Square Pluto

Keywords: curious human connection clashes with your instinctive priority-clarifying intensity.

Nov 21, 1999 - Tr. Sun Trine Uranus

Keywords: self-protective personality supports your typical spooky autonomy.

Nov 24, 1999 - Tr. Mars Square Venus

Keywords: painstaking assertiveness clashes with your instinctive expansive human connection.

Nov 24, 1999 - Tr. Mars Sextile Uranus

Keywords: competent swordsmanship stimulates your normal penetratingly real originality.

Nov 25, 1999 at 11:14 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Nov 25, 1999 at 11:14 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Nov 28, 1999 at 00:33 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Nov 26, 1999 - Tr. Venus Trine Moon

Keywords: verbal relating enhances your usual interpersonally sensitive awareness.

Nov 29, 1999 - Tr. Venus Sextile Neptune

Keywords: curious relating stimulates your normal resolute contemplation.

Nov 29, 1999 - Tr. Sun Opposite Mercury

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