

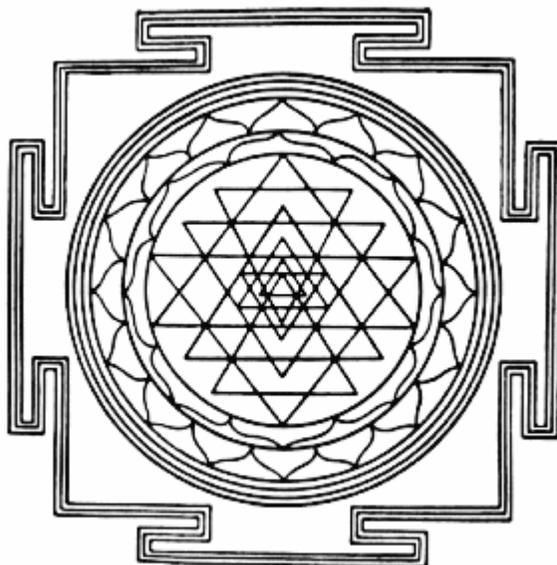
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Astrological Report for

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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. Saturn is Sextile Sun

In effect: Aug 9, 2006 - Aug 24, 2006

Peak Date(s): Aug 16, 2006

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 sextile your natal Sun: Aug 16, 2006.

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

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?

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

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. Neptune is Square Moon

In effect: Aug 9, 2006 - continuing

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

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

Let's begin deciphering this configuration with the understanding that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House. That's where Neptune 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 Neptune that you can muster. It's that kind of adventure, that kind of stretching, that is appropriate for you now. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Moon, which is being invited into development by the invigorating, exhilarating impact of these new

perceptions.

Astrology is the basic "programming language" of human consciousness. That may seem like a bold claim, but it's easily tested and proven. Pick someone who imagines he or she knows nothing at all about astrology. Ask them what the Moon means. After an initially dumbfounded look, you'll probably get an answer such as, "I dunno...feelings?" Which is quite correct. The mind naturally associates the Moon with darkness, with moonlight...and therefore with ghosts and romance, magic and tears, vulnerability and exhilaration: emotions. Deep inside us all is a subjective realm. Love and hate, joy and sorrow, dwell there. So do our daydreams and our creativity. If we could "average" a person's mood over a lifetime, we'd have an excellent profile of his or her Moon. When the Moon is triggered into development by a passing transit or progression, your inner life is stimulated. You feel stirred up. Powerful currents of emotional energy, for weal or woe, are released into your psyche. The very basis of happiness for you is evolving.

While the energies of the Moon 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 the Moon 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 the Moon, 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.

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

Tr. Saturn is Square Moon

In effect: Aug 19, 2006 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Aug 27, 2006

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 square your natal Moon. The energies crest Aug 27, 2006.

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

The natal Moon -- that, as we have seen, represents your inner life, your emotions, moods, and attitudes.

Your Eleventh House played a role earlier in the report; now we see it in the limelight again, once more telling us that your skill in forming necessary alliances and coalitions lies at the heart of the situation we're considering. Two reflections emerge. The first is that to succeed here you need to use all your social and political deftness...you can't do it alone, and the people upon whom you must rely are, to put it charitably, "human." The second is that to set appropriate priorities you must think deeply about what you want...which is to say, you need to know exactly what is worth fighting for and what you are willing to sacrifice. One hint: for you, the right answers nearly always have the tone of the Moon, a planet we described above.

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.

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

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

Tr. Saturn aligns with the Third House cusp

Date: Jun 26, 2006 - Continuing

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 conjunct your natal Third House cusp. The energies crest Jun 26, 2006.

The Third House -- as you may recall, we met it earlier in the report. It's turned on again, this time by the entry of Saturn into it. A quick refresher: as the "House of Communication" it asks you to speak out, but also to listen...and above all, to allow yourself to become aware of the unexpected. This is a house of adaptation and flexibility, and is typically associated with busy periods in which everything happens at double speed. Basically, your environment has an important message for you, and that message is of the nature of Saturn, as we described it above.

Pr. Midheaven is Opposite Pluto

In effect: Aug 31, 2006 - continuing

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

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

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

Currently the Midheaven is 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 the Midheaven, 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 Pluto, which is being invited into development by these professional or social openings.

How is the progressed Midheaven currently touching you? It is opposite your natal Pluto: sometime after the report period.. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

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.

Maintaining a healthy relationship with the force of Pluto is particularly central to your well-being in one key area: the Fourth House, which is where Pluto happened to be located when you took your first breath in Hampton, VA. 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 Pluto, 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.

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.

The Means

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

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

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

"The Means"

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

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

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

Let's continue.

Tr. Saturn is Sextile Pluto

In effect: in progress - Jun 5, 2006

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

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 sometime before the report period..

Let's first understand that the action is in the Second House, for that's where Saturn is currently passing through your chart. And what does that signify? That the circumstances driving your development, at least in terms of this particular configuration, have to do with self-confidence...but not simply in the conventional psychological way. Here the self-confidence -- or lack of it -- is rooted in the quality and appropriateness of your resource-base. To use this time well, act in the spirit of Saturn, as we just described it, and claim what you need for your journey, whether this be money, connections, equipment, or skills. But what's the deeper issue? What part of your own life now hinges on your gathering the right tools, funds, and skills? To answer that, we turn our attention to Pluto, which is being invited into development by this quickening of your dignity, self-reliance, and aplomb.

The natal Pluto -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your own native capacity to probe into yourself and heal yourself. It always deals with the hurts associated with the humiliations and defeats that life has offered us, and the process of going beyond them.

Your Fourth House figured previously in this report. Now we see it triggered again -- a clue that in your present circumstances, one of the most active factors is the need for a radical clarification, in your own mind, of your personal needs and wishes. There is something inside you, something of the nature of Pluto, to which you must be true if you are to be happy. And it is now under accelerating developmental pressure. Some of this process may even involve some re-definition of your role in your family, broadly defined.

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.

Pr. Moon is Square Pluto

In effect: in progress - Jul 17, 2006

Peak Date(s): Jun 21, 2006

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is square your natal Pluto: Jun 21, 2006. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

The natal Pluto -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your own native capacity to probe into yourself and heal yourself. It always deals with the hurts associated with the humiliations and defeats that life has offered us, and the process of going beyond them.

Your Fourth House figured previously in this report. Now we see it triggered again -- a clue that in your present circumstances, one of the most active factors is the need for a radical clarification, in your own mind, of your personal needs and wishes. There is something inside you, something of the nature of Pluto, to which you must be true if you are to be happy. And it is now under accelerating developmental pressure. Some of this process may even involve some re-definition of your role in your family, broadly defined.

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

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a 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. Saturn is Trine Neptune

In effect: Jun 22, 2006 - Jul 9, 2006

Peak Date(s): Jul 1, 2006

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is trine your natal Neptune. The energies crest Jul 1, 2006.

Let's first understand that the action is in the Second House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. We've met this house before. As you may recall, it has to do with self-confidence, especially when that confidence is rooted in your personal resources -- and that means more than just money. The time has come to act in the spirit of Saturn, as we just described it, and to claim the skills and material you need. But what's the point? What are the real questions? The answer lies with Neptune, which is being invited into development during this time of solidification and consolidation in your life.

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.

Sustaining steady contact with the energy of Neptune, always good for you, now figures especially prominently in one critical dimension of your life: the Sixth House, which is where Neptune lies in your birthchart. What themes or issues come to the fore here? Responsibilities, duties, and the fulfillment of your commitments. But before we start sounding too much like the Boy Scout Handbook, let's remember that the pivotal issue of the Sixth House lies in recognizing the exact nature of your proper obligations, and not letting yourself be cowed into signing up for boring, self-sacrificial martyrdoms that are none of your business anyway. Clarifying the exact location of the thin line between humility and humiliation is on the front burner for you now. One rule of thumb: when your duties have the flavor of Neptune, you're on the right track.

When hard-headed Saturn is stirred into the same pot with visionary Neptune, a season of brain-storming has arrived. A happy confluence now exists between creative imagination and shrewd practicality. Keeping them in balance is the art. You'll have some great ideas -- but not as great as they may at first seem. And you'll also see some formidable obstacles -- but not as insurmountable as you may fear. There is a middle course between optimism and pessimism. It's called visionary realism. Practice it!

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 Trine Midheaven

In effect: in progress - Jun 26, 2006

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

The progressed Moon figures in our thinking again. As you may recall, the Moon

shows what you are feeling. It gives us insight into your mood, concerns, and general attitude...into "where your heart is," in other words.

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Midheaven: 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.

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief -- we all play some kind of role in our community. Sometimes you're paid for it; sometimes you do it for the principle of the matter. The public "hat" you wear is symbolized by the natal midheaven. Physically, it's the highest point in your birthchart, and it corresponds to the most outward, obvious dimensions of your life: your profession, your status, your social role. When it is stimulated by a transit or a progression, you are advised of some impending evolution or revolution in your style of hat, so to speak. Much depends on the nature of the progressed or transiting planet, but certainly some adjustments must be made in your outward life to reflect more adequately those inner developments which have already taken place.

In what way do those notions connect with your present circumstances? Understand that the Midheaven 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 Midheaven, as we just described it. Any work that will prove enduringly satisfying invokes the considerable energies of the Midheaven 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 a trine -- traditionally seen as a "good" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply enhancing or supportive. Generally speaking, with trines there is an opportunity...but to seize it, you must supply the initiative.

Tr. Saturn is Trine Mars

In effect: Jul 13, 2006 - Jul 29, 2006

Peak Date(s): Jul 21, 2006

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is trine your natal Mars. The energies crest Jul 21, 2006.

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

Sheer animal vitality -- that's Mars. In your natal chart, it represents your boldness and your pluckiness: what gets your blood flowing. Or boiling. All passions are linked to Mars. Anger and your ability to defend your boundaries are part of the picture. So is your inner fire -- your enthusiasm, your intensity, your sexual desire. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, Mars often signals a "go for it" situation developing in your life, but to make the best of it, you'll need to be brave and assertive. Such transits or progressions can also warn you of upcoming battles, and in general it's wiser to seize the initiative rather than surrender your power to the whimsies of circumstance.

Your Eleventh House played a role earlier in the report; now we see it in the limelight again, once more telling us that your skill in forming necessary alliances and coalitions lies at the heart of the situation we're considering. Two reflections emerge. The first is that to succeed here you need to use all your social and political deftness...you can't do it alone, and the people upon whom you must rely are, to put it charitably, "human." The second is that to set appropriate priorities you must think deeply about what you want...which is to say, you need to know exactly what is worth fighting for and what you are willing to sacrifice. One hint: for you, the right answers nearly always have the tone of Mars, a planet we described above.

When Mars collides with Saturn, your patience is tried. The situation is frustrating; you want to move quickly, but circumstances simply do not allow it. You may have to lose a battle to win a war; you might have to wait for someone else to make a move -- or to shoot himself in the foot. Think strategically; remember your ultimate goals in the situation, and don't allow temperamental impatience to trick you into an imprudent

blunder.

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

Tr. Neptune is Sextile Jupiter

In effect: Jul 22, 2006 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Aug 29, 2006

Neptune played a part earlier in this report, but it has another trick or two up its sleeve. You may remember that this planet refers to letting down barriers and allowing the creative unconscious to speak. When handled well, it triggers a "seed time" in which new inspirations arise. If handled poorly, one tends to go off half-cocked while enamored of unrealistic ideas. So sit tight, enter trance, pay attention to your dreams and, if you're so inclined, pray or meditate. Neptune currently is sextile your natal Jupiter. The inner opening process peaks Aug 29, 2006.

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 Neptune 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 Neptune, 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 Eleventh House played a role earlier in the report; now we see it in the limelight again, once more telling us that your skill in forming necessary alliances and coalitions lies at the heart of the situation we're considering. Two reflections emerge. The first is that to succeed here you need to use all your social and political deftness...you can't do it alone, and the people upon whom you must rely are, to put it charitably, "human." The second is that to set appropriate priorities you must think deeply about what you want...which is to say, you need to know exactly what is worth fighting for and what you are willing to sacrifice. One hint: for you, the right answers nearly always have the tone of Jupiter, a planet we described above.

When Jupiter consorts with Neptune, there's a cliché that should never be too far from your mind: all that glitters is not gold. Don't be tempted by "extraordinary possibilities" now, at least not without a careful look at the fine print, a consultation with a sober friend, and a painstaking effort to consider worst-case scenarios. What is really going on here is that a bright new vision is slowly forming inside you. It's real -- or more accurately, it's going to be real. Don't mistake its glowing emotional aura for something that is actually, physically, available in the present context.

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

Tr. Saturn is Trine Jupiter

In effect: Aug 23, 2006 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Aug 31, 2006

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is trine your natal Jupiter. The energies crest Aug 31, 2006.

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

The natal Jupiter -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for positive

thinking and abundance. More deeply, Jupiter is about your faith in life and in yourself.

Your Eleventh House played a role earlier in the report; now we see it in the limelight again, once more telling us that your skill in forming necessary alliances and coalitions lies at the heart of the situation we're considering. Two reflections emerge. The first is that to succeed here you need to use all your social and political deftness...you can't do it alone, and the people upon whom you must rely are, to put it charitably, "human." The second is that to set appropriate priorities you must think deeply about what you want...which is to say, you need to know exactly what is worth fighting for and what you are willing to sacrifice. One hint: for you, the right answers nearly always have the tone of Jupiter, a planet we described above.

When Jupiter interacts with Saturn, you experience an odd confluence of providential fortune (Jupiter) and daunting impediments (Saturn). Essentially, something very good is available to you now, but to attain it you must undertake a herculean effort. More profoundly, that effort itself will crystallize a very specific transformation in you: it will grant you the dignity of your advancing maturity.

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

The Details

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

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

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

Please remember that the fleeting, often forgettable influences we discuss in the

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

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

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

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

June Invitation Peaks

Jun 26, 2006 - Tr. Saturn enters Third House

June Mean Peaks

Jun 21, 2006 - Pr. Moon squares Pluto

June The Details

Jun 01, 2006 - Tr. Mars squares Uranus

Keywords: self-respecting courage clashes with your instinctive spontaneous autonomy.

Jun 01, 2006 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Ascendant

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

Mercury arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Jun 01, 2006, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's

not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Mercury. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

Jun 02, 2006 - Tr. Mercury trines Uranus

Keywords: assertive communication supports your typical self-expressive autonomy.

Jun 03, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mars

Keywords: withdrawn nature excites your native visionary assertiveness.

Jun 05, 2006 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Venus

Keywords: dignified assertiveness combines with your characteristic self-assured human connection.

Jun 06, 2006 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Sun

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

Jun 07, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Pluto

Keywords: decisive conversation conflicts with your instinctive watchful intensity.

Jun 08, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: withdrawn identity excites your native visionary gambling.

Jun 11, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: decisive dialog conflicts with your instinctive goal-oriented courage.

Jun 11, 2006 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Mercury

Keywords: spiritually open personality combines with your characteristic withdrawn communication.

Jun 13, 2006 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Moon

Keywords: goal-oriented affection fuses with your natural strategic awareness.

Jun 13, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Saturn

Keywords: priority-clarifying human connection stimulates your normal commanding integrity.

Jun 14, 2006 - Tr. Mars sextiles Pluto

Keywords: dignified swordsmanship stimulates your normal self-protective honesty.

Jun 14, 2006 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon

Keywords: forceful dialog excites your native goal-oriented awareness.

Jun 14, 2006 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: resolute communication combines with your characteristic commanding composure.

Jun 14, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: assertive communication clashes with your instinctive goal-oriented gambling.

Jun 18, 2006 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Ascendant

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

Sun arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Jun 18, 2006, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Sun. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

Jun 19, 2006 - Uranus turns Retrograde (at 14°Pi44' in your 10th House)

Aspects: Sextile Moon, Square Sun, Square Mercury, Trine Saturn, Square Neptune.

Jun 20, 2006 - Tr. Sun trines Uranus

Keywords: forceful personality enhances your usual spontaneous autonomy.

Jun 20, 2006 - Tr. Mars trines Neptune

Keywords: clever swordsmanship supports your typical painstaking inspiration.

Jun 22, 2006 at 03:40 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 Jun 22, 2006 at 03:40 AM, and emerges Jun 24, 2006 at 11:01 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Jun 24, 2006 - Tr. Mars trines Mars

Keywords: inventive courage enhances your usual group-dynamical swordsmanship.

Jun 24, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Venus

Keywords: withdrawn relating excites your native self-respecting human connection.

Jun 26, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: self-respecting dialog clashes with your instinctive creative originality.

Jun 28, 2006 - Tr. Sun squares Pluto

Keywords: assertive personality conflicts with your instinctive sensitive honesty.

Jun 29, 2006 - Tr. Venus trines Pluto

Keywords: spiritually open affection supports your typical psychologically sophisticated investigation.

Jun 30, 2006 - Tr. Mars sextiles Sun

Keywords: open-minded courage stimulates your normal meditative identity.

July Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

July Mean Peaks

Jul 01, 2006 - Tr. Saturn trines Neptune

Jul 21, 2006 - Tr. Saturn trines Mars

July The Details

Jul 01, 2006 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Venus

Keywords: self-assured dialog combines with your characteristic financially savvy relating.

Jul 02, 2006 - Tr. Mars squares Moon

Keywords: open-minded swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive visionary awareness.

Jul 02, 2006 - Tr. Venus opposes Neptune

Keywords: reclusive relating is in tension with your inherent painstaking contemplation.

Jul 03, 2006 - Tr. Mars trines Jupiter

Keywords: inventive swordsmanship supports your typical group-dynamical exuberance.

Jul 04, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mars

Keywords: private affection excites your native visionary assertiveness.

Jul 04, 2006 at 03:29 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 Jul 04, 2006 at 03:29 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" Jul 28, 2006 at 08:33 PM.

Jul 04, 2006 - Tr. Sun squares Mars

Keywords: authoritative nature clashes with your instinctive visionary assertiveness.

Jul 06, 2006 - Jupiter goes Direct (at 08°Sc59' in your 05th House)

Aspects: Square Venus, Trine Midheaven.

Jul 07, 2006 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Sun

Keywords: withdrawn human connection combines with your characteristic reclusive nature.

Jul 07, 2006 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Venus

Keywords: self-assured communication combines with your characteristic self-respecting human connection.

Jul 08, 2006 - Tr. Mars sextiles Mercury

Keywords: open-minded swordsmanship stimulates your normal meditative conversation.

Jul 08, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: spiritually open human connection stimulates your normal goal-oriented exuberance.

Jul 09, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Moon

Keywords: forceful nature stimulates your normal goal-oriented awareness.

Jul 09, 2006 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: forceful personality fuses with your natural authoritative integrity.

Jul 10, 2006 - Tr. Sun squares Jupiter

Keywords: commanding nature conflicts with your instinctive goal-oriented opportunity.

Jul 11, 2006 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Mercury

Keywords: withdrawn human connection combines with your characteristic spiritually open communication.

Jul 13, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: self-assured dialog conflicts with your instinctive self-expressive originality.

Jul 16, 2006 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Ascendant

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

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Jul 16, 2006, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Venus. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

Jul 17, 2006 - Tr. Venus trines Uranus

Keywords: decisive human connection supports your typical creative individuality.

Jul 19, 2006 at 09:15 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Jul 19, 2006 at 09:15 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Jul 22, 2006 at 05:36 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.

Jul 20, 2006 - Tr. Mars sextiles Uranus

Keywords: intelligent swordsmanship stimulates your normal spontaneous individuality.

Jul 21, 2006 - Tr. Sun squares Uranus

Keywords: self-assured identity clashes with your instinctive imaginative autonomy.

Jul 23, 2006 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Venus

Keywords: self-confident identity fuses with your natural self-respecting human connection.

Jul 24, 2006 - Tr. Venus squares Pluto

Keywords: commanding relating conflicts with your instinctive psychologically sophisticated investigation.

Jul 29, 2006 - Tr. Venus squares Mars

Keywords: resolute affection conflicts with your instinctive long-term courage.

Jul 29, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Pluto

Keywords: resourceful personality stimulates your normal watchful intensity.

Jul 31, 2006 - Tr. Mars opposes Midheaven

Mars, the God of War, is transiting through sensitive territories for you, suggesting some turbulent waters to be navigated. Always the trick with the red planet lies in realizing that the time has come to overcome a fear or a resistance in yourself, and to take what is legitimately yours. Your blood is up, and that's not a bad thing, unless you "chicken out" and misdirect the Martian energy toward some inappropriate target.

Mars aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Jul 31, 2006. 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 Mars. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

August Invitation Peaks

Aug 27, 2006 - Tr. Saturn squares Moon

August Mean Peaks

Aug 16, 2006 - Tr. Saturn sextiles Sun

Aug 29, 2006 - Tr. Neptune sextiles Jupiter

Aug 31, 2006 - Tr. Saturn trines Jupiter

August The Details

Aug 02, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Moon

Keywords: forceful human connection stimulates your normal long-term attitude.

Aug 02, 2006 - Tr. Sun trines Neptune

Keywords: open-minded personality supports your typical competent contemplation.

Aug 02, 2006 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: authoritative human connection fuses with your natural decisive composure.

Aug 02, 2006 - Tr. Venus squares Jupiter

Keywords: decisive human connection conflicts with your instinctive goal-oriented gambling.

Aug 05, 2006 - Tr. Sun trines Mars

Keywords: intelligent personality enhances your usual visionary swordsmanship.

Aug 08, 2006 - Tr. Mars squares Neptune

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive helpful imagination.

Aug 08, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Sun

Keywords: intelligent identity stimulates your normal spiritually open personality.

Aug 10, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: resourceful communication clashes with your instinctive child-like originality.

Aug 10, 2006 - Tr. Sun squares Moon

Keywords: verbal identity conflicts with your instinctive visionary attitude.

Aug 10, 2006 - Tr. Sun trines Jupiter

Keywords: curious nature enhances your usual group-dynamical exuberance.

Aug 11, 2006 - Tr. Venus squares Uranus

Keywords: financially savvy human connection conflicts with your instinctive spontaneous autonomy.

Aug 11, 2006 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Venus

Keywords: self-respecting communication combines with your characteristic resourceful affection.

Aug 13, 2006 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Venus

Keywords: self-respecting relating combines with your characteristic self-confident human connection.

Aug 13, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mercury

Keywords: curious nature stimulates your normal spiritually open conversation.

Aug 15, 2006 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto

Keywords: dignified conversation excites your native cautious honesty.

Aug 15, 2006 at 02:55 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Aug 15, 2006 at 02:55 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Aug 18, 2006 at 11:08 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Aug 17, 2006 - Tr. Mars squares Sun

Keywords: self-protective courage clashes with your instinctive reclusive nature.

Aug 17, 2006 - Tr. Mercury trines Neptune

Keywords: clever conversation supports your typical painstaking contemplation.

Aug 18, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto

Keywords: self-confident human connection excites your native emotional honesty.

Aug 18, 2006 - Tr. Mercury trines Mars

Keywords: verbal conversation enhances your usual strategic assertiveness.

Aug 19, 2006 - Tr. Mars trines Moon

Keywords: sensitive assertiveness supports your typical long-term attitude.

Aug 19, 2006 - Tr. Mars sextiles Saturn

Keywords: emotional swordsmanship excites your native forceful solitude.

Aug 20, 2006 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Sun

Keywords: open-minded communication stimulates your normal spiritually open nature.

Aug 21, 2006 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune

Keywords: curious affection enhances your usual dutiful imagination.

Aug 21, 2006 - Tr. Mercury squares Moon

Keywords: verbal communication conflicts with your instinctive long-term attitude.

Aug 21, 2006 - Tr. Mercury trines Jupiter

Keywords: intelligent dialog enhances your usual group-dynamical opportunity.

Aug 21, 2006 - Tr. Sun sextiles Uranus

Keywords: verbal nature stimulates your normal playful individuality.

Aug 23, 2006 - Tr. Venus trines Mars

Keywords: intelligent relating enhances your usual strategic courage.

Aug 23, 2006 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mercury

Keywords: intelligent dialog stimulates your normal withdrawn communication.

Aug 25, 2006 - Tr. Mars squares Mercury

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated assertiveness clashes with your instinctive private dialog.

Aug 25, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Sun

Keywords: inventive relating stimulates your normal reclusive personality.

Aug 26, 2006 - Tr. Venus squares Moon

Keywords: clever relating conflicts with your instinctive strategic awareness.

Aug 27, 2006 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Uranus

Keywords: open-minded communication excites your native spontaneous autonomy.

Aug 27, 2006 - Tr. Venus trines Jupiter

Keywords: intelligent affection enhances your usual visionary exuberance.

Aug 29, 2006 - Tr. Sun opposes Midheaven

The transiting Sun again -- this is the big searchlight that shines on each part of your chart in the course of a year, seeing if there's anything there that's just waiting for a little push...

Sun aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Aug 29, 2006. 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.

Aug 29, 2006 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mercury

Keywords: curious affection stimulates your normal quiet communication.

Aug 30, 2006 - Tr. Mercury opposes Midheaven

The transiting Mercury surfaces again...this, as you may recall, is the harbinger of messages and new information to which you need to pay attention.

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Aug 30, 2006. 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.