Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Sagittarius

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	In Comparison With	Sagittarius
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Centaur, the Archer, the Bow and Arrow, the Arrow with Bow Fragment
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: I see the goal. I reach the goal and see another.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let food be sought.
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: A beam of directed, focused Light
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Fire Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Mutable or Common Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R4, R5 and R6 constellationally
8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively), Aries transmits R6, R4 and R7 through Mars, Mercury and Uranus—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.		8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively) Sagittarius transmits R2, R3 and R6 through Jupiter, the Earth and Mars—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: rich blue
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by "Unity thro' Effort"		10. Creative Hierarchy number VI (manifested), the "Lunar Lords", or "Sacrificial Fires".
11. Associated with the inaugural <i>first</i> , the blinding, surmounting <i>third</i> , the revelatory <i>fifth</i> and the resurrecting <i>seventh</i> initiations, but especially with the <i>third</i> (EA 388-389) and <i>seventh</i> (EA 304) initiations—transfiguration and resurrection. The exalted Sun in Aries can be understood as relating to each of these initiations.		11. Associated with the instinct-directing, 'soul-ward' orienting, 'formabstractive' <i>first</i> initiation; with the fierily-baptizing, ideal-containing, de-glamorizing, sight-clarifying <i>second</i> initiation, and with the direction-choosing, outward-bound, adventuring, nirvanic <i>sixth</i> initiation—the initiation of Decision.
12. Correlated to the synthesizing <i>crown center</i> and the <i>ajna</i> center—considered as the center of personality direction. Also influencing the impulsive <i>solar plexus</i> and the propagative center of sexuality—the <i>sacral</i> center, in relation to which, the opposites are brought together. The fertility of the Ram suggests the sacral association. Some connection with the based of the spine center is also possible, as Mars and Mercury (Aries' first two rulers) rule kundalini "latent" and "in intelligent activity" respectively. Its hierarchical ruler, Uranus, transmits the seventh ray and is, thus, numerically <i>related</i> to this <i>seventh</i> (lowest) center.		with the insistently driving, aspiring, fiery solar plexus center; with the instinctively-hunting, passion-driven sacral center, and even with the center at the base of the spine, where the latent fire (Mars) awaits its rising (Mars rules kundalini "latent"); Earth (with its first ray monad and a symbol identical to the fourfold structure of the base center) is the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, connecting it to that lowest center. The personality-directing, clear-seeing, force controlling ajna center should also be influenced strongly by Sagittarius, at a relatively high point in the evolutionary process.

13. The zodiacal signs influence the 13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF Monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, 1191); the influence from Sagittarius guides TCF 1191): the influence from Aries impels the monad on its descent into material the Monad forth upon its aeonial immersion, and, again, through an inherently pilgrimage. The sense of *pure selfhood* flawless sense of direction, guides the monad which characterizes monadic awareness is upon its path of return. Sagittarius contributes enhanced by Aries. Further, Aries endows to the conviction of "monadic destiny", and the Monad with its inherent *omnipotence* destination. relative to the human energy system. 14. Within the spiritual triad—Sagittarius 14 Within the Triad—associated is focused in both buddhi and higher manas principally with atma, the spiritual will as it —the abstract mind. Sagittarius transmits the reflects divine will and law. Aries is also fourth ray, which relates to the fourth, or associated with the birth of ideas in *buddhi* buddhic, plane and the principle of buddhi. (or at least their reception from the buddhic Sagittarius is one of the *intuitive* signs. (EA realm) and also with their abstract 177) In Sagittarius, intuition (fourth ray, formulation within the sphere of higher second principle) governs aspiration (sixth manas. ray—which Sagittarius also transmits) (cf. EA 178) Sagittarius is at once philosophical (utilizing the abstract mind) and intuitive. The blend of buddhi and higher manas may be called "universal or spiritual mind" which Sagittarius expresses in relation to Mercury. (EA 369) 15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the 15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and soul-consciousness (and causal body) through the soul-consciousness (and causal body) which it expresses—Sagittarius can be seen through which it expresses—Aries governs as the will of the Solar Angel to inspire its the persistent will-to-incarnate "Let form personality to a state of aspiration through the again be sought", and the first impulses presentation of an elevating vision of future (emanating from the plane of mind) towards spiritual possibilities. As well, when the descent onto the physical plane. "Aries—is personality errs (as oft it does), Sagittarius connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of represents the 'guiding beam of light' which which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutionary periods which produce offers a secure sense of spiritual directionappearance upon the physical plane.) (EA 302) directing, at length, to the mountain of initiation. 16. Within the Personality—Sagittarius 16. Within the Personality—Aries can can be identified with the *directing*, thoughtbe identified with the ruling and assertive projecting power of the lower mental nature qualities of the mental nature; with the and its eventual responsiveness to intuitive *impulses* and *passions* of the astral nature; guidance; with the passional and eventual with the forceful but irregular vigor of the aspirational processes of the astral nature; etheric nature; and, generally, with the with the vibrancy and buoyancy of the etheric muscular strength of the dense physical nature; and with the general tendency to nature. Aries is especially related to the energetic activity of the dense physical lower mental vehicle. (EA 92) (The vehicular nature. Sagittarius is particularly associated focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.) with the integrated, one-pointed, disciplic personality.(The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.) 17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold 17. Stage of Meditative Consciousness: Meditative Process: Conception Inspiration. "Sagittarius—Inspiration—Preparation for initiation. Soul inspires personality life. Soul expresses itself through personality. The Initiate." (EA 229) 18. The Choice of Direction 18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	In Comparison With	Sagittarius
1. Expressive, principally, of the <i>first</i> or <i>will</i> aspect of divinity. "Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the will aspect." (EA 194) Some <i>third</i> aspect may enter in relation to activity and, depending upon whether the seventh ray is interpreted in terms of the <i>first</i> or <i>third</i> rays.		1. Expressive principally of the <i>third</i> aspect of divinity because it is the <i>third</i> fire sign. "From Aries comes cosmic fire; from Sagittarius comes planetary fire; and from Leo comes solar fire; and each of these fires 'clears the way by burning' for the expression of the three divine aspects: spirit (Aries), soul (Leo) and body (Sagittarius)." (EA 293) As the <i>third</i> fire sign, Sagittarius is identified with body or vehicle (EA 293)Expressive of the <i>second</i> or consciousness aspect, through its majority of soft-line constellation and planetary rays.
2. Cosmically, preeminently associated with the Great Bear: "Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the Great Bear, but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The Pointers;" (EA 195) "The Great Bear—Aries—Pluto—Shamballa." (EA 416) "Aries—Libra—The Sun (which are an expression of the Great Bear) bring about that focussing of energy in the life of the disciple which makes it possible for him to function consciously and with intention upon the Path of Initiation." (EA 466) "Aries, the initiator of impulses (either the impulse to incarnate or the impulse to return to the originating source) is closely in touch with one of the stars in the Great Bear to which we give the name 'Pointer' in common parlance. This Pointer is a 'major star of direction' because through it (in this world cycle) flows the will to unify and to bring about synthesis." (EA 482)		2. Definite cosmic association with the Pleiades and probably with the Little Bear (particularly Polaris—the Pole Star). "Pleiades—Gemini/Sagittarius—Mercury" (EA 50) "Gemini—Sagittarius—Mercury" (which are an expression of the Pleiades) enable the Probationary Disciple to pass on to the Path of Accepted Discipleship." " The Pointers; these point to the Pole star which is at this time a major "star of direction"." (EA 195) It should be noted that Sagittarius is a major sign of direction. If Leo and Aries rule the two Pointers, then the third fire sign, Sagittarius, should be connected with Polaris. Also, Sirius, Gemini and Sagittarius probably formed a triangle at the time of man's individualization. (cf. EA 355) Sagittarius and Betelgeuse are related to the third cosmic path: "Source—Betelgeuse, via the sign Sagittarius." (EA 1257)
3. Three Constellations Connected with Aries: a) Cassiopeia—the Enthroned Queen; b) Cetus—the Sea Monster; c) Perseus—the One Who Subdues (cf. LOH 35-36)		3. Three Constellations Connected with Sagittarius: a) Lyra—the Seven Stringed Harp; b) Ara—the Altar; c) Draco—the Serpent of Wisdom (LOH 166-167)

Relationships Between Three Levels of Planetary Rulers and Planets in Exaltation, Fall and Detriment

1	1. Mars is the exoteric ruler of Aries	In Comparison	
		With	Sagittarius
4	2. Mercury is the esoteric ruler of Aries.		2. Mercury is in detriment in Sagittarius

Subtle Relationships Between Ray, Zodiacal and Planetary Energies

Aries	In Comparison With	Sagittarius
1. Aries transmits the <i>first</i> ray constellationally. Aries is also the <i>first</i> sign of the zodiac on both the reversed and clockwise wheels, and on the wheel which numbers the signs by polarity (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.) All this reinforces the association of Aries with the <i>first</i> ray.	In Comparison With	1. Earth, the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, transmits the <i>first</i> ray monadically. (EA 619) Mars (and its School) are expressive of the <i>first</i> ray. (TCF 1179)

2. Aries transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally.	2. Jupiter, the exoteric ruler, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray through "ritualistic worship" (EA 648, 660)
3. Counting from Pisces clockwise, Aries becomes the <i>twelfth</i> sign, and is thus, by numerological addition, numerically resonant with the number <i>three</i> and with the <i>third</i> ray. "Let form again be sought." Aries plunges into the material world at the outset of every new cycle.	3. Sagittarius is the <i>ninth</i> sign of the zodiac on the reversed wheel. <i>Nine</i> is the number of the <i>third ray</i> . The <i>third</i> ray has a 900 year cycle. (EPI 348-349). The Earth, esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, transmits the <i>third</i> ray as its personality ray. Mars serves as the astral body to a <i>third</i> ray Entity.
4. Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.	4. Sagittarius transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray constellationally—with especial strength. Numbering the signs by polarities (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.), Sagittarius is the sixth in order, giving it numerical affinity with the <i>sixth</i> ray. Jupiter, the exoteric ruler, has possible <i>sixth</i> ray associations through enthusiasm and the "worship" aspect of ritual. Mars, the hierarchical ruler, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.
5. Mars also transmits the <i>first</i> ray, because its "School" trains "those whose work is along the lines of the destroyer." (TCF 1179). It is the <i>first</i> ray which is the Ray of the Destroyer.	5. See #1 above.
6. Mars manifests as the astral body of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity and, hence, is aligned with the transmission of the <i>third</i> ray. The physical body of Mars must be more the third than seventh ray. (EPII 99)	6. See #3 above.
7. Mars is closely associated with the <i>fifth</i> ray, because it governs the five senses and rules science. (EA 215)	7. Sagittarius transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray constellationally. Further, Sagittarius is the <i>fifth</i> sign on the clock-wise wheel (numbering from Aries) and hence, has numerical affinity with the <i>fifth</i> ray. Mars, the hierarchical ruler, has strong <i>fifth</i> ray relations, through its orange color and its connection to science and the five senses.
8. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray.	8. Sagittarius transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray constellationally. Further, Sagittarius is the <i>fourth</i> sign of the zodiac upon the clockwise wheel, numbering from Pisces. (cf. also EA 357) Earth has a close relationship to the <i>fourth</i> ray through its planetary order (fourth from the Sun if Vulcan is counted) and its symbol (the fourfold, even-armed cross within a circle). Mars, the "God of War" must be related to the <i>lower</i> aspect of the <i>fourth</i> ray—that which produces the conflict which precedes harmony.
9. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, has a strong affinity with <i>third</i> ray, just as has the Moon. (cf. EA 280). Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, participates in the expression of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity	9. See #3 above.

10. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, possibly transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray monadically (as Lord of Manas). Further, Mercury rules the <i>fifth</i> race and is connected with the <i>fifth</i> scheme and the <i>fifth</i> round. "The fifth race is born under Mercury. (the Aryan race. A.A.B.) (SD II. 32., EA 663)	10. See #7 above.
11. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray, probably as its soul ray.	11. See #2 above.
12. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, the <i>first</i> sign, transmits the <i>first</i> ray "esoterically", i.e., monadically. (EPI 421)	12. See #1 above.
13. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, is closely connected to the <i>third</i> ray which it probably transmits as the personality ray. (cf. EA 200, 238)	13. See #3 above.
14. Uranus stands for "exoteric science" which is on the <i>fifth</i> ray (EA 149)	14. See #7 above.
15. Uranus stands in a line of transmission along the second ray from Sirius and Pisces. Further, Uranus participates, probably as the mental body, in the expression of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity. (EPII 99)	15. Jupiter, the exoteric ruler of Sagittarius, transmits the <i>second</i> ray, most probably through its soul. Earth, the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, transmits the <i>second</i> ray through its <i>second</i> ray soul (EA 619).
16. The Sun, exalted in Aries, is the veiling transmitter of the <i>second</i> ray, and, as a star, transmits the <i>second</i> ray in its own right (through its personality and its soul). Its <i>primary</i> or <i>major</i> monadic ray may also be the second.	16. See #15 immediately above.
17. Vulcan often substitutes for the Sun, and the Sun is exalted in Aries. Vulcan is related to the "heart of the sun", and hence, in some mysterious way, to the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 393)	17. See #15 above.

General Qualitative Comparisons, Contrasts and Pragmatic Descriptors

	Aries	In Comparison With		Sagittarius
1.	Sanat Kumara as the "Eternal Youth"		1. Plane	Sanat Kumara as the "Director" or extary Evolution
2. Lives	Sanat Kumara as the First among the s of Shamballa		2. Mour	Jupiter as the First among the Gods of nt Olympus
3.	"Cosmic Fire" (EA 293)		3.	"Planetary Fire" (EA 293)
4.	Associated with Pure Being—Reality		4.	Associated with a Vision of Reality
5.	The Spirit of Man; Monad		5. const	The Lunar Lords; Personality (as ituted of lunar elementals)
6.	The Resurrected Christ		6.	The One-pointed Disciple
7.	The Initiator (EA 621)		7.	Sagittarius: "the Seeker" (EA 349)

8. The Son/Sun of God	8. The Three Wise Men (who "followed a star")
9. The Agni Yogi	9. The Bhakti or Gnani Yogi
10. The Potentate	10. The Prophet
11. The General	11. The Guru
12. The Dictator	12. The Motivator
13. The Soldier	13. The Philosopher
14. The Commander	14. The Scout
15. The Sword	15. The Bible
16. The Foot Soldier	16. The Archer
17. The Infantry	17. The Cavalry
18. The Conquistador	18. The Missionary
19. The Sword	19. The Crossbow or Bow and Arrow
20. Firing Point-Blank	20. The Marksman, Sharpshooter, Sniper
21. A Law unto Himself	21. The Moralist, the Ethicist
22. The 'Spontanist'	22. The Planner
23. The Ram	23. The Centaur; the Archer and his Horse; the Bow and Arrow; the Arrow Itself (with but a fragment of a bow)
24. Pegasus, the "Winged Horse"	24. The Horse—to become the Unicorn
25. Will	25. Intuition
26. Vigorous mental activity (Mercury rules esoterically)	26. Intuitive response (Mercury, in its reasoning aspect, is in detriment, through strengthened in its intuitive aspect)
27. Related to <i>super</i> -Nature; the imposition of Spirit upon matter.	27. Related to Nature, itself—hence, the esoteric rulership of Earth, taken as the symbol of Nature
28. Inherently associate with the Solar Lords—the Sun is exalted in Aries	28. Inherently associated with the Lunar Lords, as Sagittarius has special rulership over the Creative Hierarchy of lunar elementals. (EA 35)
29. Revelation bestowed by Aries: " the final revelation of the nature of knowledge and the purpose of incarnation" (EA 210)	29. Revelation bestowed by Sagittarius: "the revelation of the purpose of soul control over the lower kingdoms in nature, via the human centre of energy." (EA 211)
30. Aries—for the Undeveloped Man: "Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction." (EA 332)	30. Sagittarius—for the Undeveloped Man: "Self-centeredness. Experimental approach." (EA 333)
31. Aries—for the Advanced Man: "Directed personality effort. Desire." (EA 332)	31. Sagittarius—for the Advanced Man: "One-pointedness. Directed approach." (EA 333)
32. Aries—for the Disciple/Initiate: "Recognition and work with the Plan. Will." (EA 332)	32. Sagittarius—for the Disciple/Initiate: "The Director of man. The controller of the Gate. (EA 333)
33. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Aries: When the Sun is in Aries, an individual may cultivate response to the will of the soul and, even, to the influence of the monad. He should undertake initiatives under the direction of the spiritual factors within his nature.	33. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Sagittarius: When the Sun is in Sagittarius the disciple may "endeavour to practice 'one-pointedness' along some one line" (EA 564)

34. The Life of the Christ from an	34. The Life of the Christ from a
Aretian Perspective: "Aries.—This sign, which is the sign of beginnings, provided the impulse and energy which enabled Him to inaugurate the Christian era; it initiated, through Him, the 'age of Love' which is only now beginning to take form, and its potency is now so great that it has brought about (paradoxically)	Sagittarian Perspective: "The Sagittarian energy enabled Him to say, when confronted with full knowledge of the imminent sacrifice which He would have to make: 'I must go up to Jerusalem,' and, we read, He then 'set His face' and trod the Path of the Saviour, leading to the liberation of humanity." (EA 565)
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35. Universality (EA 288)	35. One-pointed attitudes (EA 288)
36. Liberation from matter via the Will	36. Liberation from matter via the Mind
37. Will	37. Intuition
38. Penetration	38. Invocation
39. The vision of the immediate foreground	39. The long-range point of view
40. The 'Presentist'	40. The Futurist
41. Weak eyesight	41. Often, unusually strong eyesight
42. Short-term objectives	42. Long-term objectives
43. The frenzied, ill-coordinated attack	43. The steady-aim and release
44. <i>'Ram</i> page'	44. Targeted assault
45. Blind, lacking a good sense of direction (ESE)	45. Greater sense of direction from the first (though errancy is initially found)
46. Friction and irritation	46. Temperance and balance (FC)
47. Immoderation	47. Moderation (FC)
48. Assertiveness—readiness to <i>fight</i>	48. Instantaneous <i>flight</i> when danger is encountered. Equipped with the power to escape
49. Thus, the courage to face and confront	49. Skittishness (MC)
50. Crude initial attempts	50. Skillful and pointed insertion of energy
51. The Mace	51. The Spear
52. Destructive (under Mars)—as the pioneer destroys nature in order to make his way forward	52. Preservative (under Jupiter)—as the adventurous lover of the wilderness seeks to preserve it in its natural states. The ecological consciousness (related to Earth)
53. Destroying boundaries (Saturn falls)	53. Transcending boundaries (Jupiter rules)
54. Leading through imposition and control	54. Leading through inspiration
55. Controlling	55. Freeing and demanding freedom
56. Persistent forward movement	56. Proceeding "by leaps and bounds"
57. Blind impulsiveness (ESE)	57. Foresight
58. Blundering in; learning by doing	58. Seeing the end from the beginning
59. Over-expenditure of energy (considering the nature of the task)	59. Virtuosity in the expenditure of energy
60. Making the dream happen—here and now	60. Following the dream, wherever it may lead

Similarities and Points of Cooperation Between the Influences of the Aries and Sagittarius

- A. There are a great many similarities between the signs Aries and Sagittarius: both are fire signs, both are ruled by Mars, Aries exoterically and Sagittarius hierarchically.
- B. Both have a keen spirit of adventure and forward movement. Both signs produce crusaders, explorers, adventurers
- C. Both, via the sixth ray transmitted by Mars, are highly idealistic and willing to fight for their values. Both signs influence those who wage war on behalf of their ideals. Although Aries has much been associated with the foot soldier and Sagittarius with the more far-seeing General. Both have ample powers of command, especially when at length, Aries develops clear vision and wide mindedness and Sagittarius develops courage.
- D. Both are signs of liberation. Aries liberates through dynamic will and effort, Sagittarius liberates through broad and comprehensive understanding.
- E. Both signs are strongly related to the solar plexus from whence passions and ideals spring. They are equally related to the Ajna centre with its sense of vision and personality direction.
- F. Both are characterized by the spirit of progress and enterprise. Both move swiftly and tend towards a hopeful energetic facing of all obstacles.
- G. There is an inherent spirit of optimism for those born in or under both of these signs (though, perhaps, Jupiterian Sagittarius is moreso).
- H. Both as fire signs are essentially related to self-hood, for fire is the Life. The natives of both signs are therefore both ardent, passionate and on fire to achieve their objectives.
- I. Both signs also are related to the path: Aries to the fiery path or burning ground and Sagittarius to all paths. Sagittarius, it is said, "produces those conditions whereby the Path itself achieves glorification". (EA 130)
- J. In the early days of evolution, the natives of both signs tend towards intolerance though Sagittarians, under Jupiter, more easily develop a wider perspective. In the latter days both signs are characterized by a broad and commanding vision. Also Aries and Sagittarius are often animated by the religious or philosophical spirit.
- K. Under normal circumstances an attitude of onward and ever upward characterizes those born in both signs. Both are signs of powerful aspiration. We see that the wild "brood mares" created in Aries, (symbolizing the rampant thought-form making potential of the untamed lower mind), are a bit like the Stymphalian birds in Sagittarius whose destructive nature is also related to the though-form making potential, turned destructive.