

Zodiacal Relations between Aries and the other Eleven Signs of the Zodiac

Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Taurus

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	With	Taurus
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Bull
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: I see, and when the eye is opened, all is illumined.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let struggle be undismayed
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: The penetrating Light of the Path
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Earth Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Fixed Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R4 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), Taurus transmits R5 and R1 through Venus and Vulcan—its two planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: deep blue
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by “Unity thro’ Effort”		10. Creative Hierarchy number III (unmanifested), characterized by “Light thro’ Knowledge”
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 de-glamorizing <i>second</i> initiation and the ‘ego-shattering’, shroud-splitting, intuition-invoking (EA 205-206) <i>fourth</i> initiation. The blinding light of the <i>third</i> initiation and the Vulcanian destruction of the <i>first</i> also suggest a Taurean relationship to these degrees. There is, as well, a possible relationship with the revelatory <i>fifth</i> —revelation in the blazing “light of day” (CF. R&I 644)

<p>12. Correlated to the synthesizing <i>crown</i> center 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.</p>		<p>12. Associated with the form-building <i>throat</i> center and the form-envisioning and impression-registering <i>ajna</i> center. A <i>sacral</i> center connection is also reasonable, as Taurus is one of the major signs of <i>sex</i>, and is related to the tangibility of the physical form—created through the instrumentality of the <i>sacral</i> center. As Vulcan is associated with the “heart of the sun” (the correspondence of which is the <i>heart within the head</i>) Taurus must be correlated, as it must with the <i>solar plexus</i>, because “aspirational idealism in its highest possible expression is also achieved in Taurus” (EA 391), and the solar plexus is the center of aspiration. For completion, <i>fourth</i> ray Taurus, is numerically related to the <i>four</i>-petalled base center and the heart chakra—the <i>fourth</i>!</p>
<p>.13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Aries impels the monad forth upon its aeonial pilgrimage. The sense of <i>pure selfhood</i> which characterizes monadic awareness is enhanced by Aries. Further, Aries endows the monad with its inherent <i>omnipotence</i> relative to the human energy system.</p>		<p>.13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Taurus endows it with a portion of the “Greatest Light” which is resident within Shamballa—the place of “unfettered enlightenment”. Taurus endows the monad with its inherent <i>omniscience</i> relative to the human energy system</p>
<p>.14. Within the spiritual triad—associated principally with <i>atma</i>, the spiritual will as it reflects divine will and law. Aries is also associated with the birth of ideas in <i>buddhi</i> (or at least their <i>reception</i> from the buddhic realm) and also with their abstract formulation within the sphere of higher <i>manas</i>.</p>		<p>.14. Within the spiritual triad—Taurus is associated principally with <i>buddhi</i> as it bestows <i>wisdom</i> and the “<i>clear cold light</i>” of pure reason which is resonant to the “Greatest Light” of the <i>monad</i>. There is some association with <i>atma</i> as well, because Taurus and Vulcan are resonant to and expressive of Shamballa.</p>

<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Aries governs the persistent will-to-incarnate “Let form again be sought”, and the first impulses (emanating from the plane of mind) towards descent onto the physical plane. “<i>Aries</i>—is connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutory periods which produce appearance upon the physical plane.” (EA 302)</p>	<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Taurus governs the causal body considered as a ‘treasury of transpersonal quality’ garnered from personal experience in the three lower worlds. Taurus is associated with soul-<i>light</i> and, through Vulcan, with the Jewel in the Lotus and the <i>light</i> emanating from that Jewel.</p>
<p>16. Within the Personality—Aries can be identified with the <i>ruling</i> and <i>assertive</i> qualities of the mental nature; with the <i>impulses</i> and <i>passions</i> of the astral nature; with the forceful but <i>irregular vigor</i> of the etheric nature; and, generally, with the <i>muscular strength</i> of the dense physical nature. Aries is especially related to the lower mental vehicle. (EA 92) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>	<p>16. Within the Personality—Taurus can be identified with the <i>luminosity</i> and <i>determination</i> of the mental nature, for Taurus facilitates the state called the “mind held stead in the light”; with the strong <i>desires, passions, incentives, aspirations</i> of the astral nature; with the pranic <i>vitality</i> of the etheric nature; and, often, with the <i>tamasic inertia</i> of the dense physical nature. Taurus is especially related to the astral vehicle. (CF. EA 92, 380) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>
<p>17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold Meditative Process: Conception</p>	<p>17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold Meditative Process: Magnetization</p>
<p>18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)</p>	<p>18. The Choice of Values (Desire)</p>

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	With	Taurus
<p>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.</p>		<p>1. Expressive of the <i>third</i> aspect of divinity because of its identification with <i>light</i>, but of the <i>second</i> aspect through association with the principles of <i>consciousness</i> and of <i>wisdom</i>. The <i>first</i> aspect is distributed through its ruling planet Vulcan.</p>
<p>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) “<i>Aries—Libra—The Sun</i> (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)</p>		<p>2. Cosmically, preeminently associated with the Pleiades. “...the constellation Taurus, the Bull, being found in the Pleiades.” (EA 111) “Aquarius relates humanity to the Pleiades and therefore to Taurus in an unusual manner.” (EA 200) “There is at this time, owing to the influx of the Shamballa force, the establishing of a peculiar relation or alignment between the constellation, Taurus (with its own specific alignment with the Pleiades and Great Bear) the planet, Pluto, and our Earth.” (EA 376) “A new light enters in. The Seven Sisters play their part (the Pleiades are in Taurus, the first sign of the Fixed Cross) and then three lights shine forth. And thus one radiant sun appears.” (EA 562).</p>
<p>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).</p>		<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Taurus: a) Orion—the Hunter; b) Eridanus—“The River of the Judge”; c) Auriga—the Charioteer</p>