

CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION FOR THE STUDENT WEBINAR SERIES ON CHART DELINEATION

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STUDENT TASK: LOOK AT YOUR ASCENDANT, SUN, MOON

The Ascendant

- Ascendant is the method soul uses to express its purpose
- This is the most important point in the chart
 - Its rulers rule the entire chart
 - What are your Asc rulers?
- How are you able to harness the higher level of the Asc sign?
- Do you have examples of how you have started to:
 - Raise lower sign key phrase to the higher key phrase
- What do you find our about yourself when you:
 - Review sign weaknesses, strengths, and traits to develop
 - Look at aspects the sign rulers make to the Ascendant

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The Sun

- Expresses the personality level
- How are you able to harness the higher level of the Sun sign?
- Do you have examples of how you have started to:
 - Raise lower sign key phrase to the higher key phrase
- What do you find out about yourself when you:
 - o Review sign weaknesses, strengths, traits to develop
 - Look at what aspects the sign rulers make to the Sun
 - o Look at what the Sun might be veiling
- Does the Sun make aspect to the Ascendant?
- Have you begun to balance the Sun-Earth axis?
 - What do the house and sign axes tell us about this interaction?

The Moon

- Explore past influences and old habits
- What does Moon sign tell you about imprisoning patterns?
 - We overcome them with the sign's esoteric key phrase
 - O Do you have examples of working with the soul key phrase?
- What are the weaknesses of the Moon's sign?
 - Countered by the sign's strengths and traits to develop
 - Countered by the traits of the esoteric ruler
- Look at what aspects the sign rulers make to the Moon
- Does the Moon make aspect to either the Sun or Ascendant?
- Look at what the Moon might be veiling

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The Angles

- Ascendant (1st cusp) is opposite Descendant (7th cusp)
 - Exoteric issue is balancing the self and significant other
 - Esoteric purpose is to integrate personality and soul
 - What signs are they in?
- Midheaven (10th cusp) is opposite Nadir (4th cusp)
 - Exoteric issue balancing the career and home life
 - Esoteric purpose is to use sacred foundations for spiritual responsibilities
 - What signs are they in?
- What does the sign axis tell us about Asc/Dsc or MC/IC?



BUILDING BLOCKS TO HELP YOU UNCOVER THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR CHART

The Soul

- Soul is consciousness, or awareness
 - Once consciousness is sparked
 - o It sees, hears, and invites more all the time
- Awareness asks for more awareness
 - It wants to make things simple and clear
 - o Consciousness brings wisdom, Soul lives it
- Soul is the source of:
 - Our true vocation, our greatest sense of meaningfulness
 - Selflessness and altruism, our most joyous activities
 - Sense of the sacred, our true conscience

The Personality

- Personality is a synthesis of our lower vehicles
 - o The physical nature and vital activity
 - Our emotional states and feelings
 - The mind
- It coordinates them and a viable, powerful person emerges
 - Expressing the evolutionary progression and conscious effort achieved in previous lifetimes
- It can be selfish and self-seeking at first
 - Until soul begins to filter in and influence it
- Eventually it integrates with the Soul
 - To express a higher calling in the world of form

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Personality Dynamics

- Positive Dynamics, the primary means of
 - o Expressing the soul within the 3 worlds of human evolution
 - Establishing personal identity
 - Establishing genuine self-reliance, distinction from the masses
 - Establishing a preliminary vocation
- Negative Dynamics, the primary means of
 - Standing in the way of the soul
 - Evading/failing to respond to the higher calling of the soul
 - Limiting expansion and refusing to grow
 - Expressing selfishness and separateness
 - Self-centering and self-referencing



THE ENVIRONMENT

Quick Look at Overall Implications

- What does the environment look like?
 - Houses, quadrants, and hemispheres
 - Where are the planets focused?
- What elements are there the most of?
 - Can you relate to expressing those characteristics?
 - What element(s) might be lacking?
- What is the primary mode of operation?
 - Changeable, initiatory, or stubborn?
- What do these things tell you about yourself?
 - O Do you agree or disagree with the counts?
 - o If not, why not?

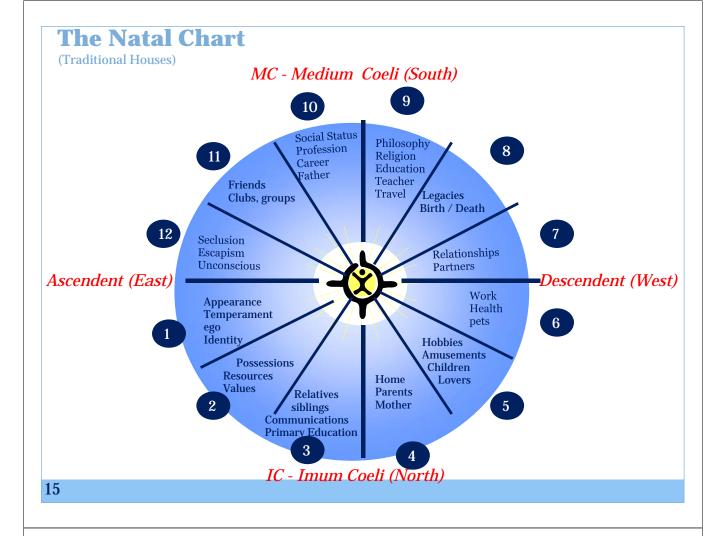
Houses and Hemispheres

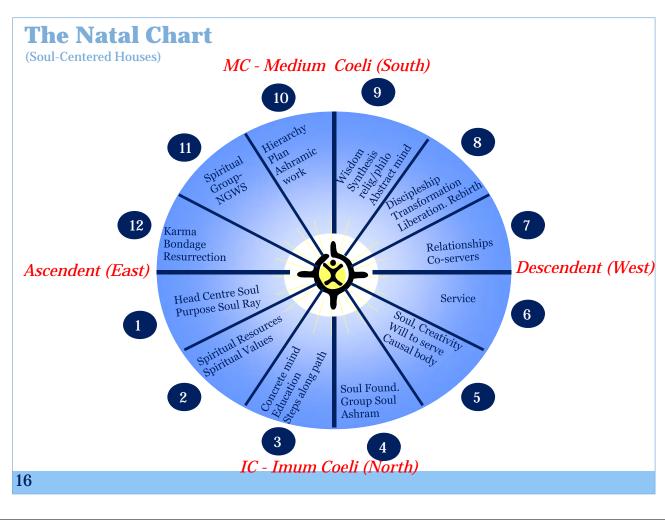
- No matter what level we are at
 - We'll feel the lower levels
 - Most of us still work with personality-level environments
 - Houses have both lower & higher purpose
 - Even as we begin to feel the increasing influence of the soul
 - We still manifest our esoteric work in the outer world
- Planets in different hemispheres show tendencies
 - Northern (introvert, recharging primarily via quiet interludes)
 - Southern (extrovert, recharging primarily via contact with others)
 - Eastern (self-initiated activities, either alone or in a group)
 - Western (group affiliation, following group-initiated activities)

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Quadrants

- Different quadrants help pinpoint our focus
 - First Quadrant, Houses 1 to 3:
 - personal identity, self development
 - Second Quadrant, Houses 4 to 6:
 - o personal expression, family relations, inner security
 - Third Quadrant, Houses 7 to 9:
 - social identity, worldly issues
 - Fourth Quadrant, Houses 10 to 12:
 - social expression, contribution to public service





Astrological Relationships become an Astrological Alphabet

Signs	Houses	Signs	Houses
γ Aries	First	≗ Libra	Seventh
∀ Taurus	Second	M Scorpio	Eighth
І Gemini	Third	→ Sagittarius	Ninth
© Cancer	Fourth	^γ _∞ Capricorn	Tenth
ව Leo	Fifth	<i>∞</i> Aquarius	Eleventh
₩ Virgo	Sixth		Twelfth

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INFLUENCE OF THE SIGNS

Exoteric vs Esoteric Keynotes

Sign	Esoteric Keynote (from the angle of the soul)
γ Aries	I come forth, and from the plane of mind I rule
∀ Taurus	I see, and when the Eye is opened all is illumined
П Gemini	I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self I grow and glow
© Cancer	I build a lighted house and therein dwell
ଣ Leo	I am That and That I am.
₩ Virgo	I am the Mother and the Child, I, God, I Matter am
	Υ Aries ႘ Taurus I Gemini Cancer

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Exoteric vs Esoteric Keynotes

Exoteric Keynote (from the angle of form)	Sign	Esoteric Keynote (from the angle of the soul)
Let choice be made	≏ Libra	I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force
Let maya flourish and let deception rule	M Scorpio	Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant
Let food be sought	→ Sagittarius	I see the goal; I reach that goal and then I see another
Let ambition rule and let the door stand wide	∿ Capricorn	Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back
Let desire in form be the ruler	<i>∞</i> Aquarius	Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men
Go forth into matter	ℋ Pisces	I leave the Father's house and turning back, I save.

Review of the Elements Fire, Earth, Air, Water

- The elements give us some of our interesting characteristics
 - We of course have all signs to some degree
 - o But may find that we have an uneven proportion of elements
 - That color our personal characteristics
 - o Are we enthusiastic, sensual, intellectual, or sensitive?
- Compatible elements form trines and sextiles in a chart
 - These are the soft aspects, bringing benefits and opportunities
 - But we may tend to take them for granted

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Review of the Fire Signs Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

- Fire is animated, enthusiastic energy
 - o Confident, fiery, excitable, spontaneous
 - o But may be too forceful, impatient, and seem insensitive
- They are masculine, like the air signs
 - Yang energy; outgoing, expressive, and giving
 - They represent the day
- They are compatible with Air signs

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Traits for the Fire Signs

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Negative Traits	Sign	Traits
Aries Negative traits: Arrogant, Stubborn, Impulsive, Confrontational, Tendency to leave projects mid-way.	γ Aries	Aries Positive traits: Adventurous, Courageous, Lively, Positive, Passionate.
Leo Negative traits: Headstrong, Egoistic, Dominating, Impatient, Arrogant.	ଣ Leo	Leo Positive traits: Kind and big- hearted, Energetic, Optimistic, Straightforward, Loyal.
Sagittarius Negative traits: Careless, Tactless, Superficial, Inconsistent, Overconfident.	→ Sagittarius	Sagittarius Positive traits: Optimistic, Intellectual, Philosophical, Generous, Adventurous.

Review of the Earth Signs Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

- Earth is practical, stable, dependable
 - o Sensual, patient, resourceful, persistent, matter-of-fact
 - o But may be too cautious, rigid, or adhere too much to routine
- They are feminine, like the Water signs
 - Yin energy; passive, receptive, containing
 - They represent the night
- They are compatible with Water signs

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Traits for the Earth Signs

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Negative Traits	Sign	Positive Traits
Taurus Negative traits: Stubborn, Self-indulgent, Lazy, Materialistic, Possessive.	∀ Taurus	Taurus Positive traits: Dependable, Down to earth, Patient, Independent, Persistent.
Virgo Negative traits: Overcritical, Fastidious, Harsh, Conservative, Judgmental.	₩ Virgo	Virgo Positive traits: Meticulous, Intelligent, Practical, Analytical, Reliable.
Capricorn Negative traits: Cautious, Pessimistic, Stubborn, Self-centred , Detached.	% Capricorn	Capricorn Positive traits: Practical, Ambitious, Prudent, Disciplined, Patient.

Review of the Air Signs Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

- Air is intellectual, a good communicator
 - Logical, broadminded, objective, most social of all the elements
 - o But may be too detached, or over-value intellectual abilities
- They are masculine, like the fire signs
 - Yang energy; outgoing, expressive, and giving
 - They represent the day
- They are compatible with Fire signs

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Traits for the Air Signs

Negative Traits	Sign	Positive Traits
Gemini Negative traits: Inconsistent, Superficial, Indecisive, Lack of Focus, Nervous.	II Gemini	Gemini Positive traits: Versatile, Enthusiastic, Eloquent, Witty, Intellectual.
Libra Negative traits: Superficial, Detached, Unreliable, Laid-back, Indecisive.	≏ Libra	Libra Positive traits: Tactful, Romantic, Charming, Diplomatic, Balanced.
Aquarius Negative traits: Loyal, Unpredictable, Inconsistent, Detached, Stubborn.	<i>∞</i> Aquarius	Aquarius Positive traits: Friendly, Humanitarian, Intelligent, Inventive, Independent.

Review of the Water Signs Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

- Water is emotional, nurturing, conforming
 - o Sensitive, moody, intuitive, imaginative, empathic
 - o But may be too sensitive, vulnerable, reactive, fearful
- They are feminine, like the Earth signs
 - Yin energy; passive, receptive, containing
 - They represent the night
- They are compatible with Earth signs

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Traits for the Water Signs

Negative Traits		Sign	Positive Traits
Cancer Negative traits: Moody, Clingy, Overemotional, Suspicious, Born nagger.	6)	Cancer	Cancer Positive traits: Imaginative, Intuitive, Loving , Emotional, Protective.
Scorpio Negative traits: Jealous, Secretive, Resentful, Controlling, Moody.	m,	Scorpio	Scorpio Positive traits: Determined, Fearless, Loyal, Ambitious, Intuitive.
Pisces Negative traits: Escapist, Idealistic, Over-sensitive, Pessimistic, Lazy.)(Pisces	Pisces Positive traits: Imaginative, Kind, Compassionate, Intuitive, Sensitive.

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Review of the Modes Cardinal, Fixed, Mutable

- These are modes of operating
 - We all have, to some degree or other, all signs and modes
 - But one mode will usually be stronger than the others
 - And show our overarching method of how we accomplish things
 - o Are we go-getters, a bit stubborn, or always changing our mind?
- They form crosses in our chart that present challenges
 - These are the hard aspects, oppositions and squares
 - They make us work hard for what we achieve but it's worth the effort
- Should <u>not</u> be confused with the 3 Crosses of evolution
 - The Mutable Cross is the evolutionary stage for ordinary man
 - The Fixed Cross is the evolutionary stage for advanced humanity
 - The Cardinal Cross is the evolutionary stage for Initiates and upward

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Review of the Cardinal Signs Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn

- Exoterically, they are forceful, initiating, important
 - o Other key words are will, drive, action, ambition
 - o But while they are initiating, they may lack follow-through
- Esoterically, develops directed, soul controlled activity
 - Aries is the will to do/create, establishing mental control
 - Cancer is developing intuition and soul sensitivity
 - Libra is developing balance through mental control
 - Capricorn is developing spiritual awareness, leading to initiation

Review of the Fixed Signs Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius

- Exoterically, they are steadfast, stubborn, determined
 - o Other keywords are want, desire, stability, endurance
 - But these tend to make them too inflexible
- Esoterically, activity involves soul development/control
 - Taurus is developing the soul light
 - Leo is developing self mastery
 - Scorpio is resolving conflict/duality, overcoming desire/illusion
 - Aquarius is developing group awareness and world service

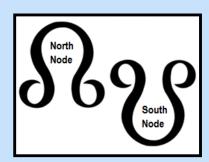
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Review of the Mutable Signs Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces

- Exoterically, they are adaptable, versatile, serving
 - Other keywords are active, flexible, changeable
 - A drawback is that they may be too inconsistent
- Esoterically, the form life is developed thru incarnation
 - Gemini is developing control of the opposites
 - Virgo is nurturing the soul in the heart
 - Sagittarius is developing one-pointed aspiration
 - Pisces is developing soul consciousness



THE NODAL AXIS



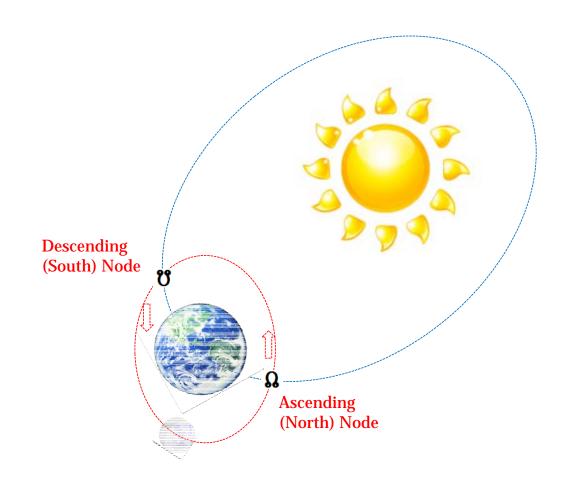
The Nodal Axis in a Chart

- The Moon is, among other things, karmic in nature
 - It represents a repository of our past actions and patterns
 - So the nodal axis carries influences of that energy with it
- The North Node represents potential new qualities
 - Faculties as well as spiritual goals to develop this lifetime
 - Using new experiences to help overcome personality issues
- The South Node is previously achieved integration
 - o Past life qualities developed, or the path of least resistance
 - Using past experiences to achieve greater personality integration
 - Like a bag of past achievements we bring to this incarnation
- By nature of it being an axis, it can be quite dynamic
 - Highlighting the axes involved in a chart (by sign and house)

What are the Moon Nodes?

- The lunar nodes are points where the orbit of the Moon crosses the orbit of the Earth
 - The ascending node, or North Node is where the Moon crosses moving in a northerly fashion
 - While the descending node, or South Node is where it crosses moving southward
- They typically move backwards, or retrograde in a chart
 - Although occasionally seem to station and move direct
- They take 18 years to complete one cycle
 - O So are in a sign about 1.5 years at a time

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Nodes in the Signs

- Aries-Libra: karmic opportunities to help establish mental control over the personality, and eventual soul control over the personality.
- Taurus-Scorpio: karmic opportunities to use the wisdom of the soul to overcome desire through right relationships.
- Gemini-Sagittarius: karmic opportunities to establish control of the opposites and resolve duality.
- Cancer-Capricorn: karmic opportunities to hone and nurture the sensitivity and intuition of the soul.
- Leo-Aquarius: karmic opportunities in self-mastery leading to group awareness and selfless world service.
- Virgo-Pisces: karmic opportunities to nurture the Christ within the heart and bring it into conscious manifestation.

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Nodes in the Houses

- First-Seventh: working on the balance between the self and the significant other; transforming your relationship between your personality and soul.
- Second-Eighth: learning to enjoy the world of the senses without being consumed by it; using higher spiritual values directed by the soul to transmute the lower desires of the personality.
- Third-Ninth: keeping curiosity about life alive, while having clear priorities about what is most important for you to learn; accessing and using the ancient wisdom via the higher mind.
- Fourth-Tenth: making room for both home and career; using your sacred foundations to build on spiritual responsibilities.
- Fifth-Eleventh: balancing the human need for friendship/affiliation with the need for self development/creativity; using the soul's creative expression to perform service to Humanity.
- Sixth-Twelfth: bringing your dreams to earth to make the world a better place; transmuting fears by providing selfless service to humanity.



CHIRON



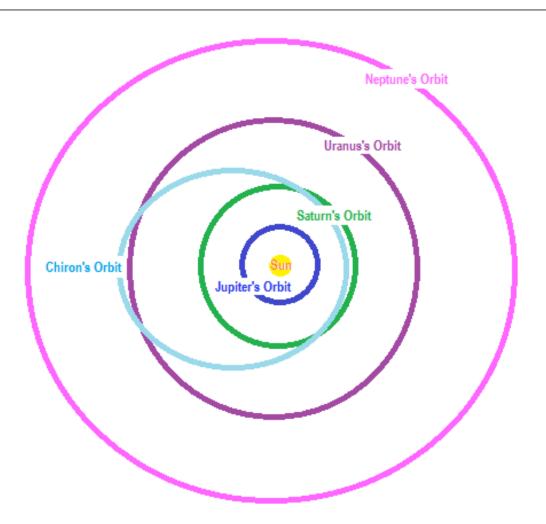
Chiron in Mythology

- Chiron was a Centaur, but different from the others
 - His father was Saturn, or Cronos
 - o So Chiron was immortal, also intelligent and kind
 - * While other centaurs were usually rowdy and uncouth
 - By some accounts he was taught by Apollo and Artemis
- He was valued as an astrologer, oracle, and teacher
 - Also his skill with healing and medicine
 - * But when wounded, he was unable to heal himself
 - o His students included heroes, kings, and healers
 - × Ajax, Theseus, Achilles, Jason, Perseus, Hercules
 - **Asclepius** (considered the god or father of medicine)

Chiron's Orbit

- Chiron has a highly elongated, or elliptical orbit
 - He'll be in Aries for only about 1.5 years
 - But in Libra for about 7 years
 - Taking abt 50 years to transit all signs
- His orbit is primarily found between Saturn and Uranus
- But touches just inside Saturn's to just outside Uranus' orbit
 - For this reason he's considered the bridge
 - **The archetype of the antahkarana**
 - Mediating between personality limitations (Saturn) and spiritual intuition (Uranus)

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Chiron's Purpose in our Chart

- A Maverick (unexpected, unorthodox)
 - A catalyst for change, new doorways, loss of old ways
- Deals with where we need to adjust or correct an area
- Centaur (duality, union of opposites, synergy)
- He was wounded, knew great pain, but overcame it
 - So as the wounded healer, is able to help others
 - In the chart, exposes areas where we harbor wounds
 - Can be catharsis or great pain
 - Also exposes areas where healing is needed or possible
 - Or where we can help heal
- Sage (a guide, mentor, beloved teacher); Ray II Energy
- Discovered in 1977 and immediately put into practice
 - Associated with the signs Virgo, Libra, and Sagittarius



THE SEVEN RAYS



Review of the Seven Rays

- The One Life expresses through seven energy streams
 - They are first differentiated into the divine triplicity
 - The 3 Rays of Aspect, Rays 1, 2, and 3
 - Spirit, Consciousness, and Form
 - And then the lower quaternary, the 4 Rays of Attribute
 - Rays 4, 5, 6, and 7 stemming from Ray 3
 - Embody the quality and character of the incarnating Logos
 - Providing the entire field of expression for the manifested Deity
- They manifest in our Solar System via triangles of 3 signs
 - According to cyclic law, one sign will dominate at any one time

Ray Strengths & Weaknesses Ray Personality & Soul Qualities

R	ay	Strengths	Weaknesses	Signs	Personality	Soul Qualities
1	Will- Power	ambitious self reliant	arrogant proud	Aries	The power and will of the warrior leader	Power used in spiritual leadership and intelligent initiative
		steadfast persistent	rebellious dominating	Leo	The power/ will of the King, ruling by divine right	Spiritual Power + Love used in spiritual leadership.
		courageous responsible	aloof impatient	Capricorn	The power and will of the executive.	Power used in wide spiritual governership and rule.
2	Love- Wisdom	empathetic considerate	over-sensitive needs approval	Gemini	Chatters/ thinks without discrimination	Inclusive and wise Messenger of the Gods
		generous conscientious	fear filled dependent	Virgo	Wise in the ways of acquiring material wealth.	Christ Consciousness begins to show - the wise server
		friendly inclusive	self-pitying	Pisces	Indiscriminate love for everyone.	Inclusive love/compassion for all humanity
3	Active Intellig-	understanding creative	manipulating deceitful	Cancer	Intelligent with family matters and security.	Intelligent/ intuitive nurturing, protection of the masses.
	ence	comprehensive communicative	devious restless	Libra	Intelligent in avoiding conflict to maintain peace.	The wise and intelligent arbiter of the law - mediatorship.
		discriminating enterprising	talkative critical	Capricorn	Intelligent in achieving the ambitions.	The highly intelligent and able executive of God's Plan.

For more info: EP I, p201-212 lists the ray virtues, vices, and virtues to acquire

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Ray Strengths & Weaknesses Ray Personality & Soul Qualities

R	ay	Strengths	Weaknesses	Signs	Personality	Soul Qualities
4	through	balanced artistic	ambivalent indecisive	Taurus	Conflict - always at war, unstable life, ruled by senses	Harmonious + balanced creative force used for the higher good.
	Conflict	humorous colourful	compromising mood swings	Scorpio	Conflict - always at war, on attack, in defence mode	Harmony established through courageous, intelligent leadership
		rhythmic peacemaker	indulgent frustrated	Sagittarius	Conflict thru overindulgence and lack of responsibility.	Harmony brought to others by directing them to the Path.
5	Concrete Mind	analytical technical	insensitive critical	Leo	The acute intellect of ego, getting its way.	The acute intellect of the skilled leader, who leads God's army.
		pragmatic inventive	unforgiving quibbling	Sagittarius	The acute intellect used to acquire material benefit.	The acute intellect of the visionary or true teacher
		accurate persevering	separative non-social	Aquarius	The acute intellect ego, selfishly working.	Acute intellect of the scientist working for world good.
6	Devotion &	loyal devout	over-dependent blind faith	Virgo	Devoted to duty + acquiring material benefit.	Devoted to the ideal of perfection in form
	Idealism	aspiring mystical	intolerant fanatical	Sagittarius	Devoted to a self indulgent lifestyle	Devoted to the highest ideal, the highest vision.
		zealous enthusiastic	dogmatic sentimental	Pisces	Devoted to 'swimming' thru life without restraint.	Devoted to God and to saving the suffering.
7	Ceremon y	organised efficient	rigid perfectionist	Aries	Organises life, follows rules, to win and be first.	Brilliant organisational powers of the skilled leader.
	Order, Magic	meticulous self-reliant	intolerant bored	Cancer	Organises life, follows rules to meet security needs.	Brilliant organisational skills across large groups of people.
		enchanting magical	extravagant deceptive	Capricorn	Organises life, follows rules	Brilliant organisational powers +

Signs, Rulers and their Rays

	Signs	Exoteric	Esoteric
Υ	Aries (R1, 7)	Mars (R6 non-sacred)	Mercury (R4 sacred)
४	Taurus (R4)	Venus (R5 sacred)	Vulcan (R1 sacred)
п	Gemini (R2)	Mercury (R4 sacred)	Venus (R5 sacred)
ဓ	Cancer (R3, 7)	Moon (R4 non-sacred)	Neptune (R6 sacred)
શ	Leo (R1, 5)	Sun (R2 non-sacred)	Sun (veiling Neptune, R6)
m	Virgo (R2, 6)	Mercury (R4 sacred)	Moon (veiling Vulcan, R1)

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Signs, Rulers and their Rays

Signs	Exoteric	Esoteric
<u> </u>	Venus (R5 sacred)	Uranus (R7 sacred)
M _→ Scorpio (R4)	Mars (R6 non-sacred) Pluto (R1 non-sacred)	Mars (R6 non-sacred)
✓ Sagittarius (R4, 5, 6)	Jupiter (R2 sacred)	Earth (R3 non-sacred)
[™] Capricorn (R1, 3, 7)	Saturn (R3 sacred)	Saturn (R3 sacred)
æ Aquarius (R5)	Saturn (R3 sacred) Uranus (R7 sacred)	Jupiter (R2 sacred)
H Pisces (R2, 6)	Jupiter (R2 sacred) Neptune (R6 sacred)	Pluto (R1 non-sacred)





Soul Expression

First Ray

Freedom
Visionary and benevolent leadership
Liberate from all that hinders
Act as beneficent destroyer Govern
by enacting the Law

Second Ray

Compassion
Gift of Understanding and Wisdom
Teach others lovingly and wisely
Healing
The Light
Bring /Illumination
Power to Save

Third Ray

Philanthropy
Manifest i deas
Comprehend and formulate Abstract
Ideas
Communicate Spiritual Values
Philosophy

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Soul Expression

Fourth Ray

Revelation and expression of Beauty Unification Divine intermediary Power to penetrate the depths

Fifth Ray

Dispenser of Knowledge Reveal the Divine Mystery Discovery of Truth

Sixth Ray

Visionary
Upholder of Truth
Power to Uplift
Power to Abstract
Divine Mystic

Seventh Ray

Creator of the Form

Divine Alchemical Worker

Power to Vivify

Create Transformation through

Structure and Design

Rays that Compliment Each Other

Principled 1st, 4th

Truth 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Light 2nd, 5th

Mind 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Motion 3rd, 4th

Relational 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Wholes 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Parts 3rd, 4th, 5th

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Rays with Opposite Behaviors

1st Ray's isolation & fearlessness 2nd Ray's inclusion and sensitivity

2nd Ray's wise use of slow action 3rd Ray's busy-ness and speed

3rd Ray's calculating 4th Ray's honesty

4th Ray's emotionalism 5th Ray's lack of emotion

5th Ray's concrete mentalism 3rd Ray's flexible mind

1st Ray's directness 3rd Ray's circularity

2nd Ray's smothering love 1st Ray's independence

Essential Gift or Service of the Rays

1st ray To Liberate or Free

2nd ray To Illumine

3rd ray To convey the Mind of God

To give concept form

4th ray To At-One, or to Unify

5th ray To Reveal

6th ray To Uplift, or to Redeem

7th ray To Bring to Form

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RETROGRADES



A Transiting Affair

- In normal, cyclic, everyday life, most planets retrograde from time to time (Sun, Earth, and Moon do not retrograde)
 - We call these transits, the daily movement of the planets
 - They effect everyone via these transits and resulting retrogrades
 - Depending on where the transit falls within our natal charts
 - They interact with our natal planets, make aspect, form relationships, and trigger events relating to the houses and planets they transit
 - Transit may only last from a few hours to a few years, they can awaken something that was previously dormant in our charts
- In all cases, we only have a fleeting, elusive expression of a transiting planet unless it actually makes contact in our natal chart
 - ✓ It can be felt in general terms, but not in specifics
 - It is only when it makes contact with something in our natal chart that it can stimulate or trigger some kind of expression

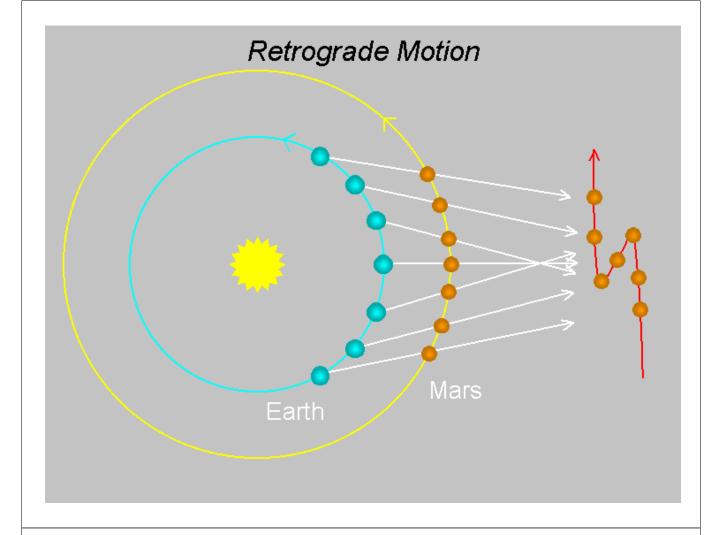
Retrograde Planets The Natal Experience

- So we can experience a transiting planet going direct or retrograde
 - ✓ But it depends on where the transit falls within our natal charts
- Or we could be born with some retrograde planets in our chart
- Natal retrograde planets will be felt differently than a direct planet
 - They will be inhibited somehow
- Maybe we experience it more internally, carefully, reflectively
 - Are we constantly looking back over what we've already done, making sure it's right?
 - Do we frequently get the opposite or unexpected impact from something we did?
 - Are we learning from the experience of our retrograde planets?
 - Can we look at it from the perspective of the Soul, observing the inner causes of some outer effects?

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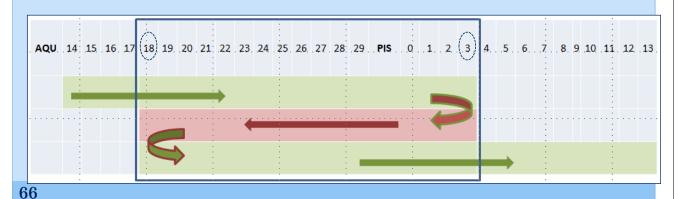
Why a Planet Goes Retrograde

- Appear to move retrograde based on position of Earth & Planet
 - Always when the planet is opposite the Sun (conjunct the Earth)
 - The Earth catches up with an outer planet, then passes it
 - Also when an inner planet catches up with the Earth
 - This is observed to us on Earth as the planet moving backwards
- Planets closest to the Earth (Mars & Venus) retrograde least often



3rd Time is the Charm

- There are 3 distinct passes in a retrograde cycle
 - the first pass over a span of degrees as the planet moves forward
 - the second pass over those same degrees as it goes retrograde
 - and finally the third pass as it moves direct once more
- So the cycle includes all 3 passes, and spans the degrees hit 3 times



Retrograde Planets

- Inner planets in retrograde
 - Mercury retrogrades the most often, abt 22 days every 4 months
 - Venus retrogrades for 42 days every 19 months
- Outer Planets usually retrograde longer and more often
 - Mars retrogrades for 72 days every 25.6 months
 - ✓ Jupiter retrogrades for 121 days every 13.1 months
 - Saturn retrogrades for 138 days every 12.4 months
 - **✓ Uranus retrogrades for 151 days every 12.15 months**
 - Neptune retrogrades for 158 days every 12.07 months

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Impact of a Planet in Retrograde

- Outer planets are retrograde a significant amount of time
 - ✓ So we won't discuss them in detail for this webinar
 - But the same principles apply to them as with the planets we will be discussing
- In all cases, retrogrades will be felt differently for those people who have them in their natal chart
- But it's hard to qualify what will be different, or how each one of us might express a retrograde planet
 - They might call for more reflection on actions than usual
 - ✓ This can result in more internalization of the planetary expression
 - Or it could be inhibited in some other way

Energy of the more Personal Planets

- Mercury: Intellect, communication, lower mind
- **Venus:** Love, refinement, values, right relations
- Mars: Desire, anger, activity, motivation, reaction
- Jupiter: Expansion, opportunity, higher education/beliefs
- Saturn: Responsibility, authority, structure, limitation

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Mercury Intellect, Communication, Lower Mind

- In a fire sign, he is usually bright, excitable, intuitive, expressive
 - Rx he may be more intuitive & creative, but it will probably be less obvious about how that is expressed.
- In an earth sign, he is apt to be logical, down-to-earth, practical
 - Rx he may be less logical and more intuitive and creative.
- In an air sign, he is likely cerebral, intellectual, and interactive
 - Rx he may be less of these things, quieter, intuitive instead of intellectual
- In a water sign, he is already intuitive, sensitive, or imaginative
 - ✓ So being Rx will enhance these things, yet may internalize them

Venus Love, Refinement, Values, Relationships

- In a fire sign, she approaches relationships impulsively, generously, optimistically
 - Rx the passion may be restrained; it will still be felt, but won't be expressed as uninhibitedly
- In an earth sign, she approaches relationships sensually, critically, seriously
 - Rx she may be shy and unassuming about it
- In an air sign, she approaches relationships full on with a lively personality, a talent for putting people at ease, and unreserved friendliness
 - ✓ Rx these traits will be curbed somehow
- In a water sign, she approaches relationships with deep affections, seductively, or with emotional dependence
 - Rx these traits can have a darker side, bring insecurity or suspicions, or they could be internalized some other way

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Mars Desire, Anger, Activity, Reaction

- In a fire sign, he will react impulsively, enthusiastically, energetically
 - Rx will curb the enthusiasm/energy, and tame the impulsiveness.
- In an earth sign, he will react sensually, industriously, ambitiously
 - Rx will inhibit those traits somehow
- In an air sign, he will react curiously, sociably, inventively
 - Rx may obstruct his ability to adequately express that curiosity, to behave sociably, or to press forward with the inventiveness
- In a water sign, will react hyper-sensitively, jealously, or compassionately
 - Rx that could enhance inner feelings of frustration or anger and fuel negative emotional reactions

Jupiter Expansion, Beliefs, Higher Education

- In a fire sign, he brings expansion/integration impulsively, enthusiastically, generously
 - Rx it will dim these traits somewhat
- In an earth sign, he brings expansion/integration through over-indulgence, discrimination, and ambitiousness
 - Rx it will inhibit the ambitiousness, impair the ability to effectively discriminate, and hopefully curb any over-indulgence
- In an air sign, he brings expansion/integration through versatility, sociability, and philanthropic pursuits
 - Rx it will inhibit the full expression of those qualities
- In a water sign, he brings expansion/integration through idealism, keen insight, and social consciousness
 - Rx it will internalize these traits, and expression might be difficult

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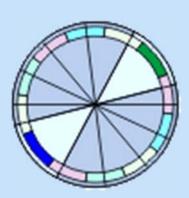
Saturn Responsibility, Authority, Structure, Limits

- In a fire sign, he brings about opportunity and structure through determination, creative discipline, or orthodox religion
 - Rx will tighten the structure, making it more restrictive
- In an earth sign, he brings about opportunity and structure through perseverance, perfectionism, and organization
 - Rx may mitigate the perfectionism and curb both the perseverance and impulse to organize everything
- In an air sign, he brings about opportunity and structure through intellectual discipline, deliberation, and stubbornness
 - Rx those traits will probably be less disciplined, deliberate, stubborn
- In a water sign, he brings about opportunity and structure with sternness, a penetrating mind, and devotion to fellow humanity
 - Rx will blur the borders that provide this kind of structure, not able to effectively contain this elusive energy





INTERCEPTIONS



Alan Leo, Cancer-Capricorn Intercepted (Geocentric, Tropical, Regiomontanus) Alan Leo (W.F. Allan) ^{16°} <mark>8</mark> 27' Natal Chart Aug 7 1860 NS, Tue 5:52:41 am GMT +0:00 29° Ⅲ ፠ Westminster 51°N30'G 000°W09' 16° 11° 09° Geocentric ŏ Tropical 27' 19' Regiomontanus 291 15° Q True Node 10 R^{04'} H ^{29°} 18° *08° _{Q 25′} 08' 14° <mark>Q</mark> 52' ^{20°} № 11′ _R 27° 🎧 36' ઈ ≈ 25° 27° ឦ 36' As 36' 18° m 08' 4 44' ^{16°} **№** 27'

Signs Locked in a House

- Intercepted signs are locked in a house as if they are in a closet.
 - One key to the closet can be the ruler of the intercepted sign
- With intercepted planets, it is important to release their energies
 - ✓ Because they rule the cusp of other houses
 - ✓ This takes time and work
- At first it appears as if the early environment does not encourage the development of energies described by the intercepted planet(s)
 - ✓ At least not to the degree that you need them.
 - ✓ This is frustrating because it also affects the areas of your life that these intercepted planets may rule

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Unlocking Interceptions

- Transiting planets can help to unlock the closet
 - ✓ They create a temporary relationship with the intercepted planet
 - ✓ Triggering events that help:
 - Open the interception
 - Release the planet's energy
 - Promote a more fuller expression of intercepted planets/signs
- Also look at the ruling planets for the intercepted signs
 - ✓ Do they form aspects with any planets intercepted in the sign?
 - If so, is that relationship friendly or challenging?
- Experience and personal growth help as well
 - ✓ As we get older and learn to better express higher qualities
 - ✓ And in doing so more fully express Soul qualities of the intercepted signs, rulers of those signs, and the planets intercepted

Signs Repeated on Two Cusps

- Not only are two signs intercepted
 - ✓ Inhibiting the expression of those 2 signs
 - And planets in those signs
- But it then forces two other signs on two cusps each
 - ✓ Giving double emphasis to the repeated axis
 - ✓ Highlighting the area that needs extra work
- When this happens, the first cusp is usually the primary focus
 - The second, repeated cusp follows the lead of the first
 - And can be considered dependent on the first house for its fulfillment, using the experience already being worked in the prior house

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Understanding the Sign Axes

- Aries-Libra is aggression versus harmony; self versus society. It is establishing balance/soul control over the personality.
- Taurus-Scorpio axis is practical versus compulsive; possessive versus intensive. It is using wisdom of the soul to establish right relationships.
- Gemini-Sagittarius axis is versatility versus overextending; knowledge versus wisdom. It is establishing control of the opposites through spiritual action.
- Cancer-Capricorn nurturing versus authority; sensitivity versus responsibility. It is nurturing the intuition of the soul in preparation for initiation.
- Leo-Aquarius axis is personal versus impersonal; creative versus unconventional. It is self-mastery leading to group awareness and selfless world service.
- Virgo-Pisces is analytical versus idealistic; discriminating versus fanatical. It is nurturing the Christ within the heart and consciously manifesting it.

A Closer Look at the Intercepted Signs (Aries to Virgo)

- Aries environment discourages self expression, aggressiveness, initiation and independence. Be meek and mild don't try new things.
- Taurus Environment does not provide enough love, affection, warmth, validation, material needs or sense of self worth. Discouraged from being possessive and taken for granted and put down.
- Gemini Inadequate learning facilities. Interrupted education illness, learning disabled, care of siblings, etc.
- Cancer Too much or not enough emotional/material security.
- Leo Suppressed creativity. Discouraged from having romantic partners or children. Unsatisfactory romantic affairs and social life.
- Virgo Critical environment says you can never do anything right. Don't ask questions, just do not allowed to analyze.

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A Closer Look at the Intercepted Signs (Libra to Pisces)

- Libra not provided with opportunities for relating to people. Discouraged from socializing. Not being aggressive and independent, you stay at home.
- Scorpio Repressed sexuality and strong emotions (rage, jealousy) The
 environment may not provide us with self understanding or other people's
 values. Have a deep need to get involved with occult or metaphysical
 studies. Blocked inheritance.
- Sagittarius No provision for post secondary education. Discouraged from taking risks. Strict or different religious upbringing.
- Capricorn Insufficient respect, recognition, status and help with goals.
 Lack of job opportunities. Discouraged from going for goals.
- Aquarius Environment discourages individuality, having friends its too rigid for you. Feel trapped and need to break free.
- Pisces Environment discourages having faith in yourself or getting in touch with your intuition or going for your dreams.



MAJOR CONFIGURATIONS

Seeing the Big Picture

- We look at individual planets, but also configurations
 - ✓ Are aspects friendly in nature or adversarial?
 - ✓ What signs and houses are involved?
- How are we expressing that energy?
 - Are we working at the higher or lower expressions?
 - ✓ Can we see how both work together in our make up?
- How does it all fit together?

No Planet Stands Alone

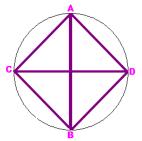
- A planet is like a child in a big, extended family
 - ✓ Yes, they are that person, and the child of those parents
 - ✓ But they are also an important part of a larger family
 - ✓ And family dynamics will always influence the whole
- So we explore relationships (aspects) between planets
 - ✓ Are the planets themselves compatible in nature?
 - ✓ Are the aspects friendly or aggravating in nature?
- We're looking to see how everything interacts as a whole

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Primary Aspects

Aspect	Nature of Aspect	True Angle
Conjunction	Combined power	0° apart
Square	A challenge	90° apart
Trine	A benefit	120° apart
Opposition	Awareness	180° apart

A Grand Cross



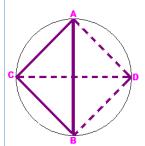
A Grand Cross (or Grand Square) is formed when one set of opposing planets (A to B) are at 90 degrees from another set of opposing planets (C to D). This forms a cross within the natal chart; also a square at the outer edges.

Exoterically, it tends to bring conflicting energies to awareness through the two oppositions, motivating action through the stress of the squares to resolve the issues presented by the planets, signs, and houses involved.

Esoterically, the goal is to balance both axes and find the way to the center of the Cross, wielding all 4 energies in synergy with the soul controlling the hub. Then the person no longer regards the energies as opposites or squares, but as integrated activity of their combined energies and mode of activity (Cardinal, Fixed, or Mutable).

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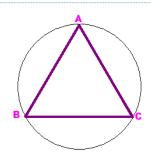
A T-Square



A T-Square means there are 3 of the 4 points necessary for a Grand Cross. It indicates the missing leg of a Grand Cross needs attention. Instead of continuously having all 4 points represented and being able to work with them at all times, with the T-Square it will be in fits and starts.

The 3 points in the natal chart work together as best they can until a transiting planet wanders across the area of the missing point and activates the Grand Cross. Because the person isn't normally used to the impact of the full cross, it may prove to be challenging at the weak point until they can truly use the synergy of the integrated cross.

A Grand Trine



A Grand Trine means a planet is represented in all 3 signs of an element, and all 3 are trine to each other (A to C, C to B, B to A). We can benefit from them depending on the house and planets involved.

The planets will normally work together with extraordinary compatibility, understanding and creativity. The problem is we may take them for granted; so may need to make the effort to consciously use the energy effectively so it won't lie dormant.

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TRANSITS

Transits - Life Moves On

- Life is cyclic there are a myriad of cycles swirling around us
 - Some we notice outwardly, day and night, lunar cycles, seasons
 - Some are personal to our little microcosm, like birthdays
- All effect us in their own way
- Many impacts are on the inner planes, subtly prompting us
 - ✓ These can be opportunities for growth or change
 - Or may seem at times like major crises
- But it's all the natural rhythm of life
 - ✓ We have phases (child, teen, young adult, mid life, old age)
 - And the planets in our natal chart aid the progress of each phase

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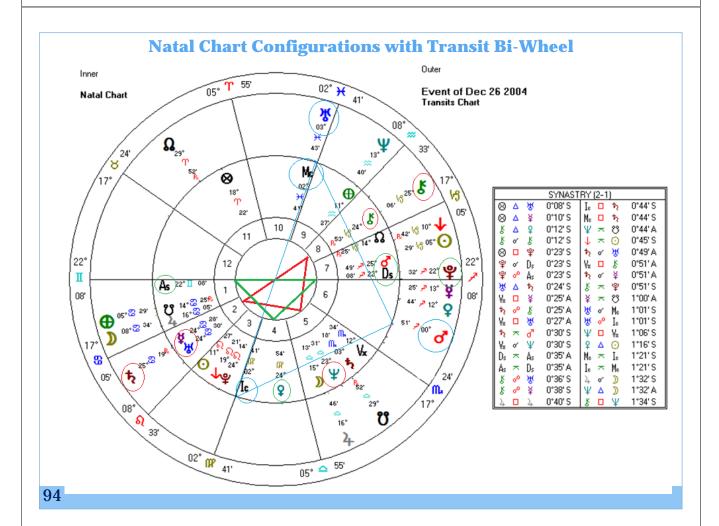
How Does it Impact the Natal Chart

- Transits in themselves are global in nature
 - ✓ The Moon goes through all 12 signs every 28 days
 - ✓ Sun, Earth, and the inner planets all move relatively quickly
- But they only become personal in relation to our natal chart
 - ✓ I have a Mutable T-Square
 - Asc at 22 Gem, Mars at 25 Sag; squared by Ven at 24 Vir
 - So any transit to 22-25 Virgo completes the Cross
 - And any transit to 22-25 Mutable signs stimulates the T-square
 - ✓ I also have a Cardinal T-Square
 - Merc/Uran at 24 Can, Chi at 24 Cap; Nep at 23 Lib
 - Any transits to 23-24 Aries completes the Cross
 - And any transit to 23-24 Cardinal signs stimulates the T-square
- Something is always going on

Transiting Cycles of the Outer Planets

- Some have relatively normal orbits with predictable transits
 - ✓ Saturn has a 29.5 year orbit, with milestones abt every 7 years
 - ✓ Uranus has an 84 year orbit, with milestones abt ages 21, 42, 63
 - ✓ Neptune has a 164.8 year orbit, with milestones abt ages 42, 84
- Others have highly elliptical orbits, so their phases differ widely
 - Chiron has a 50 year orbit, in Libra abt 1.5 years, in Aries abt 7
 - ✓ Pluto has a 248 year orbit, in Taurus abt 31 years, in Scorpio only 12
- Several points in our lifetime some of these cycles converge
 - Creating multiple stress points at one time (about age 21, 42, 63, 84)
 - Or setting up in rapid succession for a series of one two punches
- By observing their placement in our chart the patterns emerge
 - ✓ The patterns are similar for everyone these are normal cycles
 - But the signs/houses are unique to both our inner and outer growth

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PROGRESSIONS

Progressions

- Two types of progressions we typically look at
 - Secondary Progressions
 - Ratio is based on the primary movement of the planet
 - So outer planets progress much slower than inner planets would
 - Solar Arc Directed
 - Moves every planet/point 1 degree for every year of life
 - o So at age 30, all planets are 1 sign ahead; age 60 are 2 signs ahead
- With both, the assumption is that we learn and grow as we age
 - And so begin to work with the energy of the progressed signs
 - ✓ It doesn't negate the natal energy, but augments it

We are a Living, Evolving Entity

- The Natal Chart shows our make-up at birth
 - ✓ What energies we needed for our work this lifetime
 - ✓ As we age and evolve we get hints through our progressions
 - ✓ And see how transits activate our charts at any given time
- Are we working from the personality or soul level?
- Ideally we are using this energy at the higher levels
 - ✓ The path of least resistance may kick in at stressful times
 - ✓ Yet ultimately those are our greatest lessons
 - Allowing us to transform lower traits into higher correspondences

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Outer-Planetary Transits or Progressions

The outer planets are movers and shakers, frequently causing disorder in our lives; the following tips might help you understand this energy better:

- Exoterically, using **Saturn** transits positively brings increased responsibility, positions of authority, sound structures, and planned limitations; challenging transits could involve stress from too much responsibility, fighting with authority, being limited, or a crumbling of your foundations. Esoterically, Ray 3 (Active Intelligence) brings abstract views, sincerity, clarity of intellect, patience, caution, and planning. Guard against its vices, including mental pride, deviousness, inaccuracy, obstinacy, and criticalness.
- Exoterically, using **Chiron** transits positively involves encountering (or being) a teacher or mentor and uncovering and healing deep wounds; challenging transits could involve encountering unpleasant situations that you will eventually see as a learning or healing experience. Esoterically, Ray 2 (Love-Wisdom) brings calm, strength, endurance, patience, love of truth, intuition, and serenity. Guard against its vices, including coldness, indifference, self-pity, fear, and love of being loved.

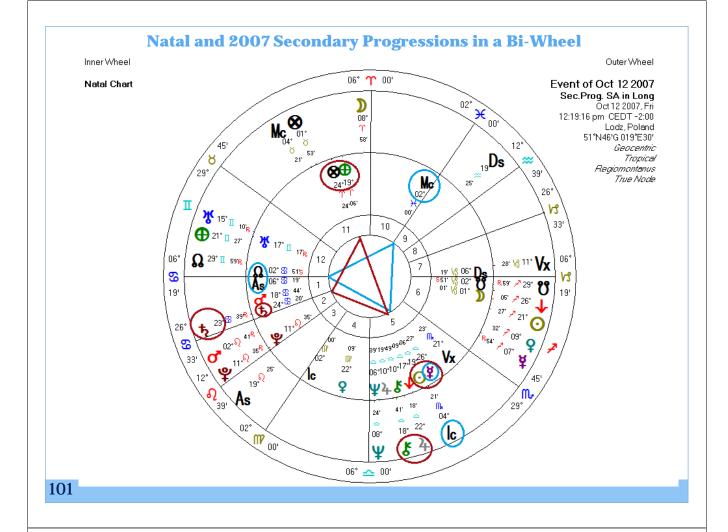
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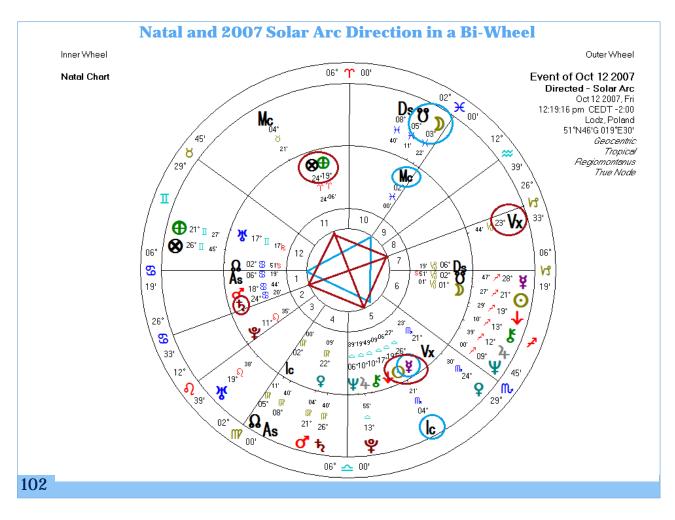
- Exoterically, using **Uranus** transits positively involves doing humanitarian work, being progressive and innovative in your work and life, exploring subjects that awaken your consciousness, and fostering brotherhood between everyone; challenging transits could involve rebellions, sudden and drastic changes, attitudes of being detached from situations, or perceptions of being cold in your feelings towards others. Esoterically, Ray 7 (Ceremonial Order) brings strength, perseverance, courage, courtesy, detail, self-reliance, and practicality. Guard against its vices, including formality, bigotry, pride, superficial judgments, and narrowness.
- Exoterically, using **Neptune** transits positively involves encountering mystical or psychic experiences that further your faith in a higher being; challenging transits could involve finding an escape mechanism from your troubles through drugs, alcohol, or possibly even insanity. Esoterically, Ray 6 (Idealism and Devotion) brings single-mindedness, tenderness, intuition, loyalty, reverence, and loving. Guard against its vices, including selfishness, jealousy, sentimentality, deceptiveness, fiery anger, narrowness, and fanaticism.

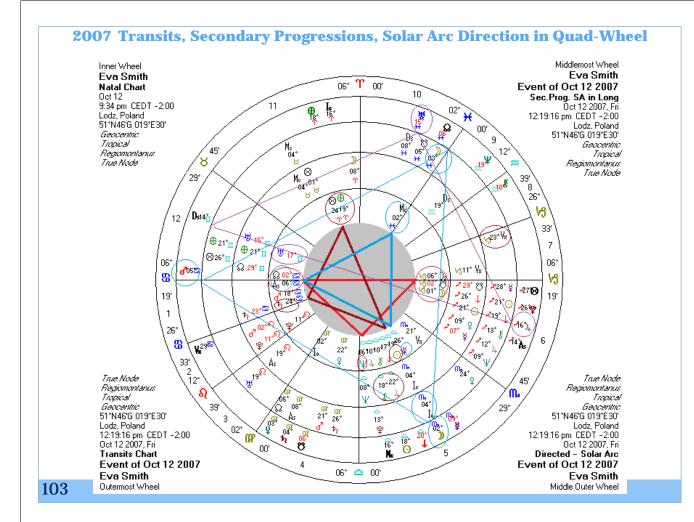
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Outer-Planetary Transits or Progressions

• Exoterically, using **Pluto** transits positively involves self-initiated changes that need to be made and learning to use power wisely; challenging transits could involve changes happening to you unexpectedly, a misuse of oppressive power that impacts you, or a death that is close to you. Esoterically, Ray 1 (Will and Power) brings strength, courage, steadfastness, truthfulness, fearlessness, trustworthiness, and large-mindedness. Guard against its vices, including ruthlessness, hardness, coldness, pride, arrogance, ambitiousness, tyranny, cruelty, and a need to be controlling.









IN SUMMARY

Observe the Influences in Your Life

- We've covered some main points about Esoteric Astrology
 - Our outer life is exoteric and mundane, but gains us experience
 - Our inner life can be working with or against our outer life
- Work with these for a while, become comfortable with them
 - Ascendant as emerging soul purpose
 - Sun as the personality (is it cooperating with the soul?)
 - Moon as the past, path of least resistance, and prison of the soul
 - How the 7 Rays work through the planets and signs
 - How positive & negative traits of planets/signs/rays impact us
- Observe these influences in your own life & those around you
 - What do you learn about yourself by doing this?
 - Does it help you understand your family, friends & colleagues better?

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Live, Experience, Learn

- We are here to live, learn, and face tests and trials
- We experience life as a myriad of cycles going on
 - Multiple overlapping and interacting cycles influence us every day
 - **✓** Impacting our outer lives while stimulating our inner lives
- These are rhythmic, lifetime experiences
 - Designed to create crisis, shake things up, and provide opportunity
 - Designed to stimulate soul growth and expand our consciousness
- As life happens, look at the bigger picture
 - Understand the energies of your natal chart
 - And how transits and progressions impact your chart
 - Look to see what else is going on simultaneously

Reflect on Your Life's Rhythm

- Reflect on various times in your life
 - Were there any significant periods that impacted your spiritual life?
- How are you handling significant transits/progressions?
 - Are you going with the flow, moving in the right direction spiritually?
 - Is your inner life well integrated?
 - ✓ Or is it aggravated by your outer life events?
 - Are you effectively using some of the higher energies involved?
- It's all part of the rhythm of life
 - Experiencing life, spiraling upward in a return to spiritual awareness
 - Do we except the challenges, or fall back to familiar territory?

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Recommended Esoteric Astrology Books

- A Treatise on the Seven Rays (Vol I to V)
 - By Alice Bailey
- Om, Union through Astrology
 - By Leoni Hodgson
- Soul Centered Astrology
 - o By Alan Oken
- Astrology, the Divine Science
 - By Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas