**1st House – House of Aries**
March 21 – April 20

**Exoteric** – physical body, appearance, mask worn to get approval, personal interests, self-expression, self-image, rules the head.

**Esoteric** – soul purpose and expression, head center.

The 1st house symbolizes birth in a physical body, in a new incarnation and it also represents the beginning of human experience.

If there are planets in the first house they will express in a prominent way.

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**Aries – R1, R7, cardinal, fire**

**Aries / March 21 - April 20**

- Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac and like the first breath of Spring, Aries is associated with new things, fresh energy and new beginnings. Individuals born under this sign are active, dynamic, lively, forceful, adventurous, bold, courageous and pioneering. They can also be selfish or self-centered, boastful, impulsive and impatient.
**Strengths:** Adventurous and energetic, pioneering and courageous, daring and confident, dynamic, sharp, quick

**Weaknesses:** Selfish and quick-tempered, impulsive and impatient, headstrong, forceful

**Esoteric Aries:** The warrior at the edge of a new frontier. Born to pioneer or initiate something bold or new that may require standing alone and remaining strong. Being a risk-taker; facing feelings of separation to come forth in the world and demonstrate leadership.

**ARIES**

The house which Aries rules in your natal chart is where you will be challenged to be bold and pioneering; where new things will keep emerging. Where you will need to express leadership and take initiative.
Mars

- Mars – R6 The rebellious personality – God of War
- forceful, dynamic, and very powerful, strength, intensity, determination and courage
- arrow depicts a forward motion and an erect penis symbol of virility and procreation, related to sex.
- keyword - personal drive
- It is a non-sacred planet.
- Rules the solar plexus chakra and is related to the sacral.
- It is associated with our passionate nature.
- Red – bloodstream, passion, anger

Mars in the Elements:

- **Mars in a fire sign** – operates through direct physical action (fire), energy will be dispersed through action.

- **Mars in earth** - needs to express its will and assertive power through concrete achievement, which requires patience and persistence.

- **Mars in air** – try to assert through the expression of ideas

- **Mars in water** – functions subtly, harnessing emotional power in some cases and asserting self towards desires that are not fully conscious in other cases. (like guilt trips), indirect and subtle.
**Esoteric Ruler MERCURY – R4 –**

**Messenger of the Gods – Hermes**

- It is associated with communication, nervous transmission, and thought transformation. It leads to mental agility and fluidity of mind.
- A sacred planet.
- It is the illuminating principle releasing the mind and directing the life; the person becomes conscious of the underlying soul in all things, situations, and people and reorients his attitude and thinking.
- The switch is from doing for the sake of doing, to mental control of the physical form for the work of the soul.
- Intuitive mind, (4th ray Buddhic plane) and relates and harmonizes ideas with form.
- It is often called ‘The Star of Intuition’ as well as ‘The Star of Conflict’. It forms a bridge between the personal self and the soul. It exerts a bridging influence (horizontal, vertical, or both) in the life of every individual.
**Mercury in the elements:**

- **Mercury in fire** – direct, dynamic, indicates that one’s thoughts are influenced by one’s aspirations, one’s beliefs, hopes and personal plans.

- **Mercury in earth** – one’s thoughts are influenced by practical needs, chew to make it digestible.

- **Mercury in air** – quick, reveals one’s thoughts are relatively free and unfettered by emotional and practical needs; abstract, concepts, very much at home, speak well allowing for objectivity.

- **Mercury (air) in water** – a mode of communication strongly influenced by one’s deepest yearnings and subconscious predispositions. Kama-manas. Air and water.

**Focus change from Mars to Mercury**

- Aspects between Mars and Mercury in your chart relate to mental acuity.

- If they are conjunct you could be excitable, feisty, or quick-witted.

- Harmonious aspects (sextile, trine, quintile) could indicate you are agile, analytic, or communicative.

- Inharmonious (crosses, quincunx) aspects could indicate you are fitful, irritable, or impatient.
7th House – House of Libra – R3, air, cardinal
September 23 - October 22

- Libra is the seventh sign of the Zodiac and associated with autumn.
- Libra rules and influences sexual organs, kidney, bladder and urinary tract.
- Code of Ethics for Libra is Right Human Relations
- R3, cardinal, air
- rules diaphragm - divides
**Strengths:** Diplomacy, mediation, fairness, objectivity, equilibrium poise, peace-making, sense of justice, right human relations, cooperative, companionable, peace-loving, persuasive, refined, artistic, sociable, suave.

**Weaknesses:** Indecision, gullibility, too easily influenced or weak, difficulty with confrontation or being assertive, judgmental, over compliance – peace at any price, dependent on partner, loves intrigue, pouting, easily deterred, hypocritical.
- All mental signs tend to criticize

**Esoteric Libra:** In Libra one chooses rightly between opposing factions and brings balance and right human relations into play. Through powers of cooperation, tact and diplomacy, Libra finds "win-win" situations that serve the highest good.

**LIBRA**

The house where Libra rules is where you are challenged to establish right relations; find harmony and balance; where you may have to make difficult decisions or choices.
Exoteric Ruler – Venus

- It is a sacred planet

- It is about what one values and appreciates, discernment. It is related to the mental and aesthetic faculties. It is love-wisdom, union of heart and mind. Mind filled with light (5th ray). It directs the love principle through the power of mind (R5,2) In undeveloped man, Venus is instinctual mind or affection which is brotherly love in embryo.

- Venus is about love, magnetism, appreciation and loving intelligence. It is the love of the beautiful and seeing the beautiful in all things, refinement, esoterically wisdom

- can be viewed as the female sex symbol - the receptacle for the male energies of Α (polar opposite of Taurus – ruled by Venus)
• **To the soul** - it represents opportunity to beautify the lower self, both in the mind and in the emotions, refined thought, an aspect of refined beauty in mind and form.

• Venus relates to all that has been through the refiner’s fire of the personal life. It is related to the mental and aesthetic faculties of the soul which extract quality from the lower personal life. It harvests soul essence from all experiences. It represents the fashion in which the Soul “beautifies” the lower self.

• Venus - It is involved with buddhic plane, pure love, pure reason. It is related to the stage of contemplation, marriage of the highest and lowest.

• It is associated with the life of the Solar Angel, Son of Mind and also rules the higher order of devas.

• Venus relates certain pairs of opposites that have been erroneously connected in the minds of men with sex and sex life and with the relation of the physical opposites, male and female.

• Venus is called earth’s alter ego in occult literature. Venus is to Earth what the higher self is to the personality. Venus, the mental energy of humanity, established relation between man and man, between nation and nation.
Venus in Taurus, Libra and Gemini

**Exoteric Ruler of Taurus and Libra**
- *Exoteric* – rules personal love, affection, money, the arts, the feminine, beauty.
- Venus is mind expressing itself through intelligent desire for that is the goal of knowledge for ordinary man.

**Esoteric Ruler of Gemini**
- *Esoteric* – symbolizes intelligent love, how and where true divine love can be developed and expressed through the direction power of the intelligent mind.

Esoteric Ruler – Uranus

R7 – 84 year orbit, about 7 years in each sign

- A sacred planet
- It is a planet of the mind.
- It is connected to the Central Spiritual Sun
- It only registers in advanced state of development because it unfolds spiritual consciousness in contradistinction to the human.
- It is an initiator, a rod of power. A lightening bolt, radical, revolutionary, unpredictable, illumines the future and demands that one initiate and create the new. But it is perfectly timed; Uranus and the old, predictable – Saturn.
Uranus is a shocker. It brings unexpected change, flashes of insight, rebelliousness, and originality. Under the lightening like Uranian influence, the soul can restructure and transform the personal life so that it becomes a true reflector of transpersonal quality.

It is the planet of revolution and the modern age. It rules electricity, technology, computers, all sciences, and everything on the cutting edge.

It is the planet of eccentricity, genius, inventiveness and everything that happens out of the blue (working out in the Aquarian age). It brings brilliant, intuitive ideas from the higher mind to reveal everything in a startlingly new perspective by shattering, reforming and breaking apart; it restructures and brings the illumination to change social structures. It initiates a new order (1\textsuperscript{st} & 7\textsuperscript{th} rays), an urge to better conditions.
• It is a planet that is unpredictable. It makes you odd, eccentric, deviate from the norm (7th R), eg. Heavy metal.

• It is the battle between the new, unpredictable; Uranus and the old, predictable – Saturn.

• To the soul – represents opportunity to make all things new.

• It brings in crisis of the burning ground; it is abrupt and destroys what is not the ideal pattern (archetype).

• It also gives the power to shatter confining structures within the lower self so that the soul can restructure and transform the personal life.

• The task of Uranus is to awaken and evoke intuitive response.

Focus change from Venus to Uranus

• Aspects between Venus and Uranus in your chart relate to free expression of feelings.

• If they are conjunct you could be exotic, freedom-loving, unconventional

• harmonious aspects (sextile, trine, quintile) could indicate you are bewitching, enchanting, exceptional

• inharmonious (crosses, quincunx) aspects could indicate you are amoral, erratic, queer
Aries-Libra ~ Cultivating Balance in Relationships
Creating new ways to be in relationships while maintaining our individuality

Aries and Libra are part of the Cardinal Cross
Aries Initiates Action – Libra Initiates Relationships
Aries – Libra
Exoterically, Excessive Action

- If the fiery force of Aries is improperly controlled, its headstrong impulsiveness unbalances airy Libra.
- Boisterous activity upsets delicately wrought arrangements, provoking a slap back at the offender.
- The Arian who demands absolute liberty for himself while disregarding the wishes of others, soon finds that he has rejected all meaningful relationships, and has nothing worth being free for.
- The Libran compulsion to be conventionally correct can amount to self-betrayal and denial of spontaneity.
Aries - Libra

The warrior must learn from the peace-maker; yet the appeasing for the sake of peace Libran needs to learn to stand on principle like the Arian.

Aries – Libra

Exoterically, Deficient Action

- A deficiency of Arian incentive or of Libran social consciousness again unbalances the scales
- If Martian self-assertiveness is lacking, then we might also see an imbalance in the Venusian creativity that could be stifled by convention
- Similarly, indifference to the feelings and needs of others can lead to lethargy and non-accomplishment
- The Libran can be very sensitive to slights If feelings are ruffled, he may refuse to budge
- This fear of disapproval accounts for his sitting on the fence when the Arian would kick it down
- Both signs can swing erratically back and forth between extremes of vivacity and lethargy

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Aries - Libra

Aries is more about adversarial relationships while Libra is all about cooperative relationships and partnerships.

Aries – Libra

Resolution

- When Aries and Libra are joined in creative synthesis, a person realizes that it is necessary to achieve self-knowledge in order to relate meaningfully to others.
- Conversely, it is only through entering into relationships that he becomes truly aware of himself.
- People can function in harmony only because they are separate individuals with unique destinies to fulfill.
- The Aries/Libra polarity demonstrates that love does not clutch and bind, but is a freely expressed relationship between independent entities.
- Libra manifests the effects of causes that Aries starts.
- Man is forever meeting himself in the people and circumstances he encounters.

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On the Higher Spiral

Establishing mental control, then balance and soul control over the personality. Aries represents the resurrection of Spirit from matter; while Libra is the balanced expression of Spirit in matter.

Aries – Libra
Relationship

- Exoteric - For Ordinary Humanity
  - Unstable embryonic beginnings leading to the balancing of the lower psychic nature and its expression through form
  - Embryonic desire for expression consummates in the passion of satisfaction. Lower love controls

- Esoteric - For Disciples and Initiates
  - The achieved equilibrium, at the point of rest, provides the mental impetus for soul control
  - Passion is transmuted into love and the initial desire of Aries becomes the full expression of love-wisdom
  - Desire to manifest becomes the aspiration to be

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Aries – Libra
Points of Cooperation

- Aries and Libra are essentially one sign and govern the pathway to Shamballa
  - Aries rules the crown and Libra the base of the spine
  - When the relationship between them is clear the path of resurrection has been established
  - Kundalini can flow from the base of the spine to the crown
- Aries and Libra are both signs relating to the Law:
  - Aries governs the Law of self-hood
    - Ultimately the Oneself is a law unto Itself.
  - Libra governs the law resulting from social contract
  - They govern the relationship between the self and others

Makara Comparison of Signs by Michael Robbins

Aries – Libra
Points of Cooperation

- Aries and Libra are both found upon the Cardinal Cross and these signs govern initiative:
  - Aries governs individualistic self-related initiative
  - Libra governs social initiatives.
- Aries and Libra are governed by hard-line rays
  - R1 and R7 for Aries and R3 for Libra.
- They are similarly related through the planet Uranus
  - Esoteric ruler of Libra; Hierarchical ruler of Aries.
- Both signs are peculiarly associated with rights:
  - Aries the rights of the individual (a free agent)
  - Libra the rights of the individual within society.

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- Aries initiates the battle of the sexes
  - the relationship between Spirit and Matter
  - Libra in the early days governs uncontrolled human love and passion.
- Both signs are associated with the path:
  - Aries rules the burning ground
  - Libra the noble middle path or the razor-edged path

Aries – Libra
Summary

- Aries is initiating.
  - It’s the great creative process working out, at first directed toward material things, later toward a higher purpose.
- Libra typifies equilibrium.
  - It’s an interlude where duality is known and the life of the soul/form are balanced in all things (the law, sex, money)
- Aries is the will to create, establishing mental control
- Libra is achieving continual balance thru mental control.
- The axis needs to be balanced and recognized as having a joint purpose of establishing balance, mental control.
  - Then soul control over the personality.
Libra is a sign of balancing, of careful weighing of values, and of achieving the right equilibrium between the pairs of opposites.

It might be regarded as the sign in which the first real vision of the Path appears and of the goal towards which the disciple must ultimately direct his steps.

This Path is the narrow razor-edged Path which runs between the pairs of opposites and which—if it is to be safely trodden—requires the development of a sense of values and the power to rightly use the balancing, analytical faculty of the mind.

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I come forth, and from the plane of mind I rule.  

I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force.

**Aries.**—The Light of Life Itself. This is the dim point of light found at the center of the cycle of manifestation, faint and flickering. It is the "searchlight of the Logos, seeking that which can be used" for divine expression.

**Libra.**—The Light that moves to rest. This is the light that oscillates until a point of balance is achieved. It is the light which is distinguished by a moving up and down.
Eva, 12 Oct, strong Libra-Aries Sun-Earth axis

(geocentric, tropical, placidus)

Cardinal T-Square
With Sun-Earth axis