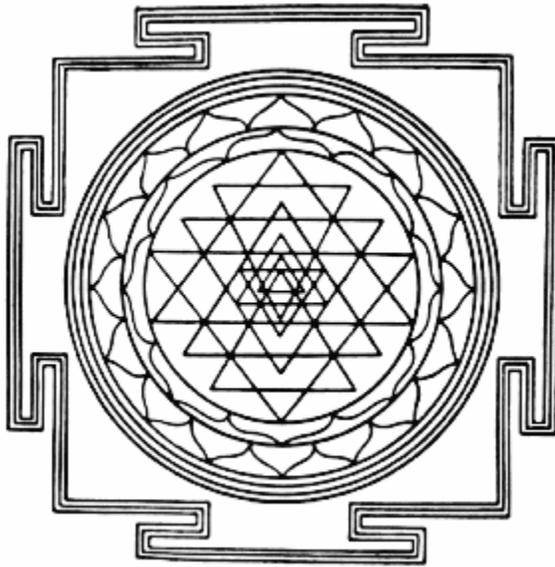


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Ascendant	Libra	13°Li49'		12 18°Vi38'

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Traditional astrologers "make predictions." Often they are correct. But right or wrong, "predictions" turn you into a marionette, with the planets holding your strings. And in my opinion, that is not a very inspiring description of the way the cosmos works, nor a very accurate one. You are vastly more powerful than that. You can, to a great extent, shape your own life. That at least is my belief. The future isn't crystallized. It's a wavering, quivering web of possibilities. How will they manifest? Much depends upon how you wield the magical wild card we call your freedom.

So, what's the use of astrology? In a nutshell, it can help you make better choices. The planets never give a definitive answer to the question "What will happen to me?" Instead, they ask the question. But they ask the question in a very specific way: "Given everything you are, all the bridges you've crossed, all the contracts you've signed, there are several possibilities for what you might do next..." In other words, "Here's the menu. What are you having?"

Question mark.

And the question mark is the most important part of the whole inquiry, because that's where the uncertainty -- and your freedom -- lies. But the planets do even more. They offer advice. In a sense, they recommend certain choices over others. They seem biased toward your evolution. They often suggest that you take the less familiar path, the one that moves you into richer fields of your own potentiality. The planets express this rather philosophical bias in a very concrete way. Typically, when you make a less energetic response to a planetary question, the results, while initially comfortable, rapidly turn painful. Sometimes the pain is immediate and dramatic, as in the collapse of an important relationship. Other times, it's more subtle, as in the degeneration of life into deadening boredom and ritual. Either way, sooner or later we know you made a wrong turn somewhere.

In the pages that follow, we will be exploring the coming months of your life from this planetary perspective. There are three parts to the report, and any or all of them may be included here, depending on which have been requested. First, the big questions. In the part of the report called THE INVITATION, we try to get that "mountain-top" perspective that enables us to make sense of the details. In THE MEANS, we turn our attention to some secondary factors that offer suggestions, help, and support in responding to those big questions. And finally, we'll look at the report period month-by-month, day-by-day, to get some ground-level insight into THE DETAILS. Your report may be for three, six, nine, or twelve months and may include any or all three sections

just described. For this reason, and because some years in your life are astrologically more active than others, report length can vary quite a bit.

Throughout the following text, I'll be endeavoring to write in plain English, but if you're unfamiliar with the jargon of astrology, you'll encounter a few words that may require definition. A "transiting" planet, for example, refers to the actual, current position of that planet in the sky. Sometimes the transiting planets form critical geometric angles with the "natal" planets in the birthchart, triggering developmental questions in your life. These critical angles are called "aspects."

The "progressed" planets function in much the same way as the transiting planets, but we approach them a little differently. They're like a script that's been built into your birthchart. Just as we know that an oak tree will emerge from an acorn and bring forth its leaves in season, similarly each person's birthchart contains within it the seeds of certain predictable developmental stages. Progressions spell out those stages.

So sit back, open your mind, and engage your heart. It's time to consider...

The Invitation

Some years loom large in our memories decades down the road; others are blurry, easily forgotten. That universal human reality is reflected in the movements of the planets -- astrologically speaking, one year is often far more significant than another, just as in life. Most of the really important celestial factors move rather slowly; thus, it's not unusual to experience a time in which none of them have gone critical, when we can calmly keep on putting one foot after the other, on "cruise control."

Well, for you this is definitely not that kind of year. Something truly pivotal is occurring...

Tr. Uranus is Sextile Moon

In effect: Sep 25, 2003 - Dec 20, 2003

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

The planet Uranus is presently stirring the pot of your life, and that always promises a tumultuous passage, peppered with unexpected developments and encounters. Outwardly, Uranus is the wild card, bringing unpredictable and unforeseen events into the picture. Inwardly, it signals a time of accelerated individuation...that is, a time in which who you really are and what you truly want are rapidly emerging and defining themselves. A portion of what you imagined to be your identity has, in fact, little to do with you; it is a side-effect of your social training, nothing more. And, like training wheels on a kid's bike, you are now ready to dump it. This has an unsettling effect upon not only yourself, but also those around you. Often during Uranian periods there is a distinct "changing of

the guard" in our social circles; old relationships end, new ones appear. Claim your right to be yourself -- that's the essence of the transiting Uranus. Whatever it touches, changes. Trust the changes! Like a hard wind blowing the sand off a buried city, they are revealing who you actually have been all along. That's Uranus in general. Specifically, Uranus is sextile your natal Moon: sometime after the report period..

First, factor in that the action and the developmental invitation are unfolding in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Uranus is now passing. Immediately, the focus on Fifth House energies suggests that you are currently entering an existential territory that requires creativity, unabashed self-expression, and experimental audacity. Your "inner child" is a little cranky now, demanding some fun and some self-indulgence, all of which is entirely necessary and appropriate to your journey at the present time. Thus, life's pleasures -- games, vacations, sports, loving interactions -- deserve attention now. Whether you know it or not, you need a boost...and you'll get it in part from the "playmates" and "new toys" of the nature of Uranus that are now passingly, fleetingly available to you. Don't let them get away! But what's the core issue? What part of your own health hinges on this renewal? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Moon, which is being invited into development by this period of playful, celebratory creativity.

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

It's helpful, of course, for you to embrace the power of the Moon positively in all departments of your life. But ever since you were born, one area has always stood out in that regard -- the Third House, which is where the Moon was located when you took your first breath in Washington,DC. There, in the area of communication, that energy is most critical. What you say, how clearly you express it, and how well you are heard are the issues currently experiencing developmental pressure. Finding your voice and using it are basic spiritual concerns for you; now they are being invited to take a quantum leap.

The aspect pervading the event we've just considered is, as we observed, a sextile. Technically, that refers to a geometric angle of 60 degrees between the natal planet and the moving one. Sextiles are traditionally viewed as "good" aspects. Certainly, they're exciting. There is a mood of eagerness regarding the process we're exploring here -- and that's glorious, provided you're wary of the excessive impulsiveness that sextiles sometimes breed. In any case, the spinning wheel of circumstances can be counted on to

provide some fortuitous, unexpected opportunities for you during this period. You'll have to be quick to seize them, though. They're real, but they're short-lived.

Tr. Saturn is Square Ascendant

In effect: Oct 4, 2003 - Nov 16, 2003

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

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances -- but is it the bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn is square your natal Ascendant: sometime after the report period..

Let's begin deciphering this configuration with the understanding that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House. That's where Saturn is currently making its influence felt, thus bringing events to bear upon you. Typically, when the "House of Long Journeys" is stimulated, life is eventful and expansive in tone. You are challenged to stretch out toward new experiential horizons through travel and educational efforts -- to toss hand grenades into the well-oiled machinery of your life. Why? Because deep down inside, you are starting to get bored with yourself! The key question with which you must wrestle is this: which adventure is the right one? Astrology cannot answer precisely, but here's one helpful hint -- to travel the right new road and thus refresh your spirit, you will need every ounce of the energy of Saturn that you can muster. It's that kind of adventure, that kind of stretching, that is appropriate for you now. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by the invigorating, exhilarating impact of these new perceptions.

Like the rest of us, you are a complicated, paradoxical individual, full of contradictions and undercurrents. That's human. But another part of being human is that, like the rest of us, you need to get out of bed in the morning and put on a streamlined, simplified social mask that allows you to function in the social beehive. There's no way that you can have a truly intimate relationship with every face you see in your daily life,

nor would you likely want such connections. So we all keep much of what we really are behind our astrological Ascendant, which symbolizes that mask. Physically, it is simply the sign that was dawning in the east at the instant of your birth...and symbolically it represents how you "dawn" on people who don't know you very well. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, the Ascendant signals the need to make some adjustments in the way you present yourself in the social world, so that your outer appearance remains reasonably aligned with who you have become inwardly. The work is superficial; which is not to say unimportant. Often it has to do with changing how you hold your body, the way you speak, and the clothes you wear.

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

Tr. Neptune is Trine Ascendant

In effect: Jan 31, 2004 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Feb 27, 2004

The planet Neptune is presently tinting and shading your biography, adding its dreamlike quality to the existential stew. Close your eyes; there's a world in there. That's Neptune, the planet of consciousness itself. Now open your eyes. There's a world out there too, and it's hard to ignore it. In fact, the outer world has become so pressing in its demands that you've partly lost contact with the inner one. But Neptune, transiting through sensitive territories for you now, is fixing that. Your inner world is so full it's brimming over, overflowing its banks into your daily life. If you resist the process, you'll find a host of Neptune problems plaguing you: losing the car keys, forgetting to pay the electric bill, having the attention span of a three-year-old on a sugar jag. But there's an alternative: trust the process. Slow down. Meditate. Let the images come. Mould opinions. Breathe in, breathe out. Why? Because your unconscious mind has a message for you. It has to do with the possibility of happiness for you over the next few years, about how old sources of joy are drying up and -- critically -- about new ones you must learn to recognize. How do you receive the message? You stop resisting. You simply let it in. That's Neptune in the broad sense. How is it effecting you specifically? Neptune is trine your natal Ascendant: Feb 27, 2004.

First we must recognize that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Neptune is currently passing. Immediately that realization places our attention on two fundamental areas: The first is your home and family, which may well be making their needs felt now

in the "key" of Neptune. And the second, often confused by the first, is your own happiness and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. Under this kind of stimulation, a person often benefits from considering his or her deepest beliefs and attitudes from a conventional psycho-therapeutic perspective -- which in essence is to say, "Figure out what mom and dad taught you," and drop what is no longer consistent with your own course. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by these familial and emotional pressures.

The natal Ascendant -- that, as we have seen, represents your style, how you go about translating your inner worlds into the two-dimensional framework of daily social interactions.

As we said, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the trine, which refers to a 120 degree angle between the natal planet and the moving one. Trines are traditionally viewed as positive aspects, and in fact they generally do correlate with opportunities. Additionally, their existence implies that support is available to you, if you are willing to move to claim it. And therein lies the rub with the so-called "good" aspects. They're not very dynamic. Just as pain is a more powerful motivator than contentment, the trick with trines lies in taking advantage of them before the wheel turns and their potential vanishes. With regard to the developments we described in the previous few paragraphs: a door is now open, a red carpet rolled out...but don't count on everything remaining that way forever.

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

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

Tr. Jupiter aligns with the Twelfth House cusp

Date: Dec 21, 2003; Jan 16, 2004 - Continuing

The planet Jupiter is currently coloring your circumstances. Before we say exactly how, let's attempt to understand the more general significance of any Jupiter event. Essentially, this is a call to recognize an opportunity. Traditional astrologers view it more starkly -- to them, it is simply the planet of luck. And that is often the case: the toast does tend to land butter-side up when Jupiter is crossing sensitive territories. But the real, evolutionary meaning lies deeper. One key is that Jupiter is future-oriented...it is concerned with bright, unexplored possibilities. Stripped to its bones, Jupiter always asks one primary question: how have you been underestimating yourself? Its transits signal a time when new opportunities come into existence, but to seize them you must recognize

that you deserve them, that you are capable of rising to them, and that old deals and compromises are finished. Trust yourself, have faith in life, and go for it: that's the spirit of Jupiter. How is it affecting you? Jupiter is conjunct your natal Twelfth House cusp: Dec 21, 2003; Jan 16, 2004.

Release -- that is the spirit of the Twelfth House. Being the last house in the cycle, it refers to endings. Even very young philosophers soon realize that perhaps the only notion more terrifying than death is the prospect of immortality. Old folks who have lived well and wisely often welcome life's ending, not with a bitter death-wish, but rather with a sense of completion, a spirit of faith, and an acceptance of the wheel's inexorable turning. There is no suggestion, even with an astrological heavyweight like Jupiter entering your Twelfth House, that you are physically dying, but rather that a long chapter of your life is coming to a close.

The immediate question, of course, is what's next? But don't be too quick to ask it. What lies ahead is not merely unknown; it is unknowable. Under Twelfth House stimulation, your essence is changing. Your attention is being drawn away from the outer world, drawn down deep inside you to feed the vision-building process. In feelings, in dreams, in flights of imagination, the roots of your next cycle of experience are being forged. You can help the process by providing yourself with some quiet time -- perhaps by seeking the guidance of oracles, the comfort of religion, or the perspective of meditation or contemplation -- and most of all by scrutinizing and releasing certain attitudes characteristic of Jupiter...attitudes which were once appropriate, but which now are no longer really relevant to the new person you are becoming.

The main strategic concern here is to avoid damaging what is inherently a natural, almost instinctive mechanism. You probably feel disenchanted with some wide territories in your life. Don't overreact to those feelings! People often get themselves into trouble during these periods with "conversion experiences" -- seemingly fantastic opportunities in work, love, or money...opportunities which prove in the end to be costly mirages and little more. Be especially wary of any "opportunity" of the nature of Jupiter which may come along. For you, this is vision-gathering time...and a time for gracefully disentangling yourself from circumstances which no longer feed your spirit. Be patient; soon enough you'll get some signals, both from inside yourself and from the world around you, regarding an entirely new set of possibilities.

Tr. Pluto is Opposite Venus

In effect: Dec 31, 2003 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Jan 31, 2004

The planet Pluto is shading the spirit of your life nowadays, and in a nutshell that means that you are being challenged to heal. Pluto, as you probably know, is the lord of the underworld...or to put it more succinctly, the God of Hell. And it is disquieting, to say the least, to imagine that this deity is currently dining at your table. But take heart! The "hell" inside you needs airing out, and that is essentially what this transit is about. You've been hurt. You've been used, abused, rejected, exploited, lied to...the whole sad litany. And, like the rest of us, you've sometimes had to keep the proverbial stiff upper lip and

simply get on with your life. But where does all that hurt go? Down deep into the unconscious mind, where it stays until you're clear enough and strong enough to handle resurrecting it and really going beyond it. Pluto's action is to bring up buried emotions. Its tone is intense. It often feels moody and confrontative. It can destabilize and disrupt the areas of your life that it's touching. The best course is to resolve to go deeper and deeper, truth above kindness and resolution over comfort. It's not easy, but in the end the energizing and empowering of the psyche make the process worthwhile. What is Pluto actually doing? Currently it is opposite your natal Venus. Although Pluto is a slow-moving planet and usually unfolds its story over a period of two or three years, during the period of this report the action peaks Jan 31, 2004.

Let's first consider that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Third House, for that's where Pluto is currently located in your chart. And what does that mean? That new information is coming your way, and that it may be somewhat shocking, unexpected, or at least fresh. It will modify your plans and make you aware of new possibilities. The news may come to you through any of the media or through a messenger, either of which may possess the tone of Pluto, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is scheduled to be impacted most strongly by this new data? To answer that, we turn our attention to Venus, which is being invited into development by this flood of input.

Venus is the goddess of love, of peace, and of the arts. In each domain, balance is the ideal. Deep in your psyche, there is a place that seeks the comfort of balance and equilibrium, whether through shared fondness with another human being, an hour's peace in the garden, or the rapture that sometimes arises as we immerse our hearts and minds in something beautiful. That inner circuit is your natal Venus. When it is stimulated, we often see experiences arising which prophesy a change in your relationships, in what gives you serenity, or in your aesthetic experiences.

How does all that relate to your present circumstances? Recognize that Venus occupies the Ninth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to the human need for adventure, variety, and escape from the ordinary. Periodically in your life it becomes necessary to "throw a monkey wrench" into your daily routines, to flee the scene and thereby gain the kind of "mountain-top" philosophical perspective necessary to keep your biography on a meaningful course. Under this current aspect, you have entered such a period. One final hint: those ventures, vacations, and journeys work best for you if they invoke the tone of Venus, as we just encountered it.

When Venus gets hooked up with Pluto, the progress of love (Venus) depends utterly upon the profundity of your psychological understanding (Pluto). A season of secrets revealed is upon you, and not all of them are pleasant. At a time such as this, your optimal path lies in the direction of facing squarely the lacerations and abrasions of your own personal history and those of one about whom you care very much. Most challengingly, you need to make a mammoth effort to keep the two clearly separated.

The geometric angle or "aspect" involved in the process we are studying is, as we said, the opposition. Not surprisingly, this suggests that the natal planet and the moving one are 180 degrees apart. Tension is thus woven into the spirit of this period of your life.

The two forces we described are polarized, which often translates emotionally into a feeling of being damned if you do, and damned if you don't. How can you break the logjam? Recognize that any impossibilities you are experiencing in this area probably arise from an incomplete or biased perspective. The opposition aspect always calls for a leap into a new, more accepting level of consciousness. Something is missing in your view of the problem -- and that missing link (here's the corker...) lies in the wisdom embodied by those people or situations that are now antagonizing you. It's not that they're right and you're wrong; only that the truth that can carry you beyond this impasse lies somewhere between the two positions.

Pr. Midheaven aligns with the Eleventh House cusp

Date: Jan 19, 2004 - Continuing

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

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

What is so critical about your progressed Midheaven? It enters the Eleventh: Jan 19, 2004. Since the Midheaven typically takes about three decades to progress through a house, this signifies that the entire basis of your career or public identity is shifting, and that it will be reflecting the tone of the Eleventh for a long time to come. Let's investigate it.

Setting priorities -- that's the core of the Eleventh House process. Where do you go from here? What do you really want? A paradox lies at the heart of this phase of your journey. You've accomplished a lot...in many ways you're in an enviable position, harvesting the fruits of long effort. But there's a sense of anticlimax woven into your accomplishments. The truth of it is that your dreams are coming true -- but they are old, burned-out dreams from long ago. You are running on momentum from the past, and that's nothing to be ashamed of. However, with the Midheaven entering this part of the

chart, you are now invited to host a strategy-session with yourself.

Behind the well-oiled machinery of your life, behind the web of social relationships and responsibilities you've woven, there is a basic sense of directionlessness, rendered invisible to others by the successful, energetic appearance of your life. Outwardly, the old answers still work fine, but the truth is they don't satisfy you any more. You've outgrown them. Can you seize the chance to make a quantum leap? Can you take the initiative and claim a new level of creativity, of public respect, of visionary inspiration and leadership?

Those are the questions woven into the foundation of your current circumstances. To answer them in a positive, sustainable, life-enhancing way you need to figure out exactly what you want...and the answer lies right in the crosshairs of the Midheaven, as we just described it. Tremendous physical and creative energies are available to you, along with a wide array of resources and useful alliances...if only you'll tap into the main line of conscious, self-aware choice in the spirit of the Midheaven. It boils down to one eternal truth: to get what you want, you must know what you want.

Pr. Ascendant aligns with the Second House cusp

Date: Jan 21, 2004 - Continuing

"Style" -- the word, even if you're a very stylish individual, conveys something rather superficial and transitory. Yet none of us can avoid it: all of us, from the chic Parisian model to the most homespun field hippie, radiate style. It's the inevitable outward expression of our inner processes. If we didn't have style, no one would know we were here. Astrologically, your style is symbolized by the Ascendent, which is simply the sign that was rising in the east at the time you were born...or the sign that was "dawning" -- which is a good way to say it, because the Ascendent represents how you "dawn" on people: the first impression you make, the way you initially, spontaneously present yourself. Like every other aspect of your being, your style must evolve for you to avoid becoming stagnant. And that process is represented by your progressed ascendent, which is currently making some delicate transitions.

Often the changes we make under this kind of astrological influence have to do with very simple things: the kinds of clothes we wear, our way of speaking, hairstyle, body posture, our "manners." It's important to get the changes right, even though they are basically superficial adjustments. Why? Picture this: you're spending the evening with an old friend whom you've not seen for many years. Reflexively, unconsciously, you drift back into playing your old role. How do you feel? A little distant from yourself? Vaguely phony? The word "goofy" comes to mind. Now, imagine the evening stretched into weeks, months, years. That is the pitfall you are invited to avoid this year! The changes you've been creating in your deep psyche, all those profound realizations and insights you've been generating, must be translated into the surface of your character...into style. Authenticity is the aim. Succeed, and you'll feel more at ease with yourself, more spontaneous, and more comfortable in the social situations that occupy so many of the hours of our lives.

What is so critical about your progressed Ascendent? It enters the Second: Jan 21,

2004. Since the Ascendant typically takes decades to progress through a house, this signifies that your entire style is shifting, and that the tone of your self-expression will be reflecting the symbolism of the Second for a long time to come. Let's investigate it.

Traditionally the "House of Money," the Second House actually represents a broader territory: resources. And money is just one example of that category. The friends to whom you turn, the skills upon which you rely...all that enables you to function competently in the world falls in the domain of the Second House. And if your resources are sufficient to meet the demands of your environment, you'll also feel the positive emotional dimension of this house: self-confidence. Of course, the other side of the coin is self-doubt, the sense of "faking it" or being an "imposter."

When the Second House is stimulated, as it certainly is now through the entry of the Ascendant into it, the initial feeling is often rather frightening, not unlike the sensation of suddenly realizing that the ice upon which you are standing is beginning to crack. But don't panic! The sense of insecurity that you're experiencing is not insurmountable. To address it, though, you must first take it seriously. You are, in fact, on thin ice...but you can thicken it. How? By acquiring the actual resources that are objectively required for survival in the environment you've recently created for yourself -- and those resources are of the nature of the Ascendant, as we just described it. In doing so, however, it helps to be wary of two pitfalls. The first is a massive failure of nerve, in which you cash in your chips and attempt somehow to flee back into your own past. Such a retreat is simply unnecessary, an overreaction. You have some practical problems now, but they're solvable. The second pitfall lies in viewing the emotions of self-doubt you are experiencing as a psychological or attitudinal problem. They're not! They are simply your brain's way of registering its objective assessment of a certain vulnerability in your position.

Typically, when the Second House is under developmental stimulation, you are invited to embark upon a period of building, and of solidification and consolidation. You are proving yourself to yourself; and the proof, to be convincing, must be practical and concrete. You'll work hard and harvest the rewards of your effort. In short, you need a victory.

Pr. Moon aligns with the Seventh House cusp

Date: Feb 22, 2004 - Continuing

You don't need to be an astrologer to know what the Moon means. Just engage your imagination. Immediately, the mind free-associates. Moon: night...feelings...falling in love...seeing a ghost... And that's pretty much what astrologers throughout history have said: the Moon represents your interior life, your "heart." Like all astrological factors, the Moon progresses, taking a little over a quarter of a century to make one circuit around the chart. It typically spends a couple of years in each sign or house, and eventually forms aspects with all the planets. How do we read it? Simple: at any given moment the progressed Moon tells us where your heart is. Or, to be a little less schmaltzy about it, the Moon says where your attention is. What is concerning you. Where your growth experiences are unfolding -- which is often to say where you're experiencing challenges,

upsets, or opportunities to regroup and express yourself in new ways. Being an emotional factor, the progressed Moon always refers to areas of heightened sensitivity. Intuition comes to the forefront. Instincts must be followed. Somehow the unconscious mind has gotten ahead of conscious awareness, and now conscious awareness is catching up, following the trail of intuitive clues and impulses laid down by the wise, dark interior of your spirit.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It aligns with the Seventh: Feb 22, 2004.

Partnership -- that's the heart of the Seventh House. Relationships are the central theme, but only those which meet certain specific criteria. Seventh House relationships represent bonds between people who view each other as equals. They are open-ended, which is to say they are not dependent for their continuation on passing circumstances. And they always have a certain magic, a sense of a special rapport. They are not necessarily erotic or romantic bonds; close friendships count too.

When you experience Seventh House stimulation, as you certainly are now with the Moon entering it, at least one point is certain: you have reached a juncture in your life in which, if you are to go forward, you must get some help. Being human, you wear blinders -- there are certain truths and realities you are inclined to miss, just as the artist might miss a business opportunity while the businessperson is missing a glorious sunset. Most of the time such blinders are, in fact, an advantage: they enable us to focus on our own journeys. But when the Seventh House is triggered, you must internalize another person's point of view -- a person in this case whose nature is that of the Moon.

These people always appear right on schedule. Generally, we are drawn to them like iron to a magnet...at first. But then the work begins. Learn to listen, to compromise, and to share. Don't be too cautious about depending on those you love. Sometimes the help you are offered is quite practical -- someone comes into your life with knowledge or connections that can benefit. Other times, the help is harder to pin down: your partner heals something in you, or inspires you. Whatever form the tale takes, everything hinges upon your ability to recognize your natural soulmates and then to trust them.

Tr. Uranus is Square Mars

In effect: Feb 24, 2004 - continuing

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

Uranus came up earlier in this report. Now we encounter it again. As you may recall, this planet represents the "wild card" in life, and often correlates with unexpected events. Behind the roller-coaster ride, the real issue is your ability to claim your true individuality, even if that involves destabilizing certain aspects of your existing circumstances. Uranus currently is square your natal Mars. The action peaks sometime after the report period..

First, factor in that the movement and the evolutionary invitation are occurring in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Uranus is currently passing. We've met the symbolism of this house before: creativity, unabashed self-

expression, and sheer playfulness. You've reached a point in your journey where you need your batteries recharged, your "inner child" re-invigorated. A general loosening up is required. Life's pleasures -- sports, games, vacations, new friends, loving interactions -- need to figure in your experience now. But what part of your being most requires this rejuvenation? The answer lies with Mars, which is being invited into development during this playful time of renewal and discovery.

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

Your Second House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon your personal resources and the resultant feelings of self-confidence and legitimacy that they engender. And what are the natures of the resources most pivotal to this self-esteem building process? A large part of the answer lies with Mars, a planet whose basic skills, tools, and connections always figure critically in your efforts to improve yourself or your position.

When Mars colludes with Uranus, a kind of personal revolution is in the air. Emotionally, an atmosphere of tension and annoyance often arises. Behind the smokescreen, a ragged but positive developmental process is unfolding: over the years, you have surrendered far too much of your autonomy and individuality. That's hurt you, and you're justifiably angry about it, even though it's at least partly your own "fault." So: don't just get mad...Get free! Express yourself. Claim what is yours. And let the chips fall where they may.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square -- traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

The Means

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

Life and memory work that way. We prioritize certain kinds of events, experiencing

them more vividly and remembering them far longer than the trivial and the predictable. The details of a typical Monday morning aren't going to last as long in the memory banks as images of your moment of glory or your darkest hour.

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

"The Means"

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

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

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

Let's continue.

Tr. Jupiter is Square Mars

In effect: Sep 9, 2003 - Sep 19, 2003

Peak Date(s): Sep 14, 2003

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is square your natal Mars. The action peaks Sep 14, 2003.

Currently Jupiter is navigating your Eleventh House, suggesting that your own circumstances and possibilities are currently tied into larger developments involving organizations, committees, or your "crowd." This inevitably involves the use of a certain political adroitness on your part and the capacity to forge and nurture coalitions and alliances, even if they're just among three or four people. But behind the group dynamics, there's a deeper layer. What are your priorities? What do you really want? Certainly, those desires are currently evolving and their motion is in the direction of Jupiter, as we just described it. In a nutshell: know what you want and choose your allies accordingly. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to Mars, which is being invited into development by these strategic alliances.

The natal Mars -- that, as we have seen, indicates your courage, or at least an area of your life where you'll need it!

Your Second House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon your personal resources and the resultant feelings of self-confidence and legitimacy that they engender. And what are the natures of the resources most pivotal to this self-esteem building process? A large part of the answer lies with Mars, a planet whose basic skills, tools, and connections always figure critically in your efforts to improve yourself or your position.

When Jupiter energies interact with Mars energies, opportunity coincides with the need for assertiveness. There is something here for you to claim; but to succeed, you'll have to be brave. A "paper tiger" figures somehow in the situation: something that's not nearly as scary as it may initially appear.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a square -- traditionally seen as a "bad" aspect, but more accurately seen as simply frictional. Squares generally suggest tough choices, external pressures, and at least some stress.

Pr. Mercury is Sextile Mars

In effect: Sep 12, 2003 - continuing

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

"Living in reality" may be a noble ideal, but it's not a very realistic one. "Reality" is notoriously elusive: ask any quantum physicist. The world "out there" and the world in which we actually live -- the one we construct in our heads -- have only a tangential relationship. All of us, you included, peer at the universe through the heavy filters of our own personal biases, interests, and appetites. As they say in India, "When the pickpocket meets the saint, he sees pockets." Thus, we're always in an awkward position: we navigate our bodies around the real world based on a map we carry between our ears. And the two are not in perfect accord. Sometimes when we imagine ourselves to be going to Oregon and we wind up in New Jersey -- translated, sometimes we blunder, sincerely imagining ourselves to be making a brilliant move. All because our map was wrong.

Clearly, one of life's primary tasks is the constant updating of our interior map. And that's Mercury-work. Mercury: the ancient "Messenger of the Gods," the planet of learning, thinking, speaking, and listening. Gradually our inner map evolves -- and that evolution is measured and guided by the progressed mercury. When it comes to a sensitive zone, we are asked to change our minds...which is much easier to say than to do. Always, it involves letting go of some previously-defended position, letting in new and often unsettling information. In this Mercury-intensive period of your life, your greatest allies are curiosity, open-mindedness, and flexibility -- and your worst enemy is dogmatic rigidity. Another word, by the way, for dogmatic rigidity is consistency. And that's something we often value. For now, however, think of consistency in less flattering terms; think of it as your right to be no smarter next year than you were last year.

Currently Mercury is maneuvering through your Twelfth House, which is the last

house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. Your key to success here lies in sorting out what parts of your life and circumstances have truly run their course and are therefore ready to be released. That's hard, sometimes, since like the rest of us you're in part a creature of habit and are therefore subject to getting too attached to the familiar. Of what should you be letting go? Part of the answer lies with Mercury, as we just described it: the part of you that's ready to "die and be reborn" is tangled up with that kind of energy and attitude. But we can go further. There is also some ending and releasing going in connection with Mars, which is being invited into development by these essential and apt conclusions -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by outside events if you're slow to recognize their necessity.

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

The natal Mars -- that, as we have seen, indicates your courage, or at least an area of your life where you'll need it!

Your Second House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon your personal resources and the resultant feelings of self-confidence and legitimacy that they engender. And what are the natures of the resources most pivotal to this self-esteem building process? A large part of the answer lies with Mars, a planet whose basic skills, tools, and connections always figure critically in your efforts to improve yourself or your position.

When Mercury interacts with Mars, the energies of the mind (Mercury) blend with the Mars-spirit of intensity, passion, and conflict. The result is a charged-up, slightly nervous "buzz" that pervades the period. There is an attitude of enthusiasm, but also a tendency toward expressing yourself in terms which others may view as overly polemical, argumentative, or extreme.

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

Pr. Moon is Trine Mercury

In effect: in progress - Oct 19, 2003

Peak Date(s): Sep 22, 2003

The progressed Moon figures in our thinking again. As you may recall, the Moon shows what you are feeling. It gives us insight into your mood, concerns, and general attitude...into "where your heart is," in other words.

Our first step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which the Moon is now passing. This tells us that duties and responsibilities are currently being

emphasized in your life, and that their mood is the same as that of the Moon, which we just described. The effect of these external, often somewhat self-sacrificial requirements is to pull your attention away from yourself and place it on the needs of others. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is being stimulated into development by these services you're offering others? To answer that, we turn our attention to Mercury, which is being triggered by this period of hard work, giving, and supporting.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Mercury: Sep 22, 2003. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

Your quickness, your alertness, your curiosity -- those are the dimensions of your life dominated by the planet Mercury. To say that Mercury represents your intelligence is quite accurate, but it's more connected to the natural style of your intelligence: not so much how smart you are as what interests you, and how your intelligence can be employed most pleasurably and efficiently. Intimately linked to such cerebral concerns is the question of your ability to communicate, since ideally there is some relationship between speech and forethought. Thus Mercury, the traditional Messenger of the Gods, is associated with both thought and conversation. When stimulated by a passing transit or progression, Mercury tends to speed up the flow of data in your life. You learn. You listen. You speak. Often events move at a hasty pace, and there's a feeling of excitement mixed with over-extension.

In what way do those notions connect with your present circumstances? Understand that Mercury occupies the Tenth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to issues of career, status, and your public role...concerns which are currently undergoing considerable developmental pressure and change. All positive steps in terms of profession or your place in the community hold one point in common: they move you further and further in the direction of Mercury, as we just described it. Any work that will prove enduringly satisfying invokes the considerable energies of Mercury in you; any work that does not embody them will turn out to be transitory or deadening.

When the Moon is alloyed with Mercury, a mood (Moon) of curiosity and restlessness (Mercury) fills the psyche. Boredom, never a pleasant prospect, becomes intolerable. You are, quite appropriately, hungry now for mental stimulation, for learning, and for fascinating conversations with intelligent, open-minded people. Trust your own inquisitiveness; it will lead you in unexpected, but delightful directions.

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

Tr. Jupiter is Trine Saturn

In effect: Sep 30, 2003 - Oct 11, 2003

Peak Date(s): Oct 5, 2003

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Saturn. The action peaks Oct 5, 2003.

Currently Jupiter is navigating familiar territory -- your Eleventh House, which we discussed earlier. This, to refresh your memory, is the house of group dynamics, tying your personal affairs to larger developments involving organizations or coalitions -- your "friends" in the widest sense. To make the right moves, you'll need to know exactly what you want. Those desires, just to help you separate the wheat from all the chaff, are now in the spirit and direction of Jupiter, as we described it above. Getting what you want is the difficulty, as is generally the case in life. In the present environment, to succeed you'll need to form strategic alliances, often with people of the nature of Jupiter. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by Saturn, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

Getting kicked out of the nest, one way or another, is an elemental part of life. Faced with the stark, unyielding actualities of the "real world," you either die then and there or get on with the cunning, calculating business of staying alive. To accomplish either of those ends, you activate the energies of your natal Saturn: your self-discipline, your patience, and your practicality...if you choose survival. And if you choose to give up, you withdraw into fear and probably get into a mood of despair and defeat. When Saturn is triggered by passing transits or progressions, it signals a time in which hard work is appropriate, necessary, and the best insurance for happiness. Often it suggests that the circumstances or even people who have been a significant part of your past must now be left behind, making way for a more mature expression of your identity.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental inter-dependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Saturn in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Saturn, and that should help you recognize them.

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

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

Pr. Venus is Sextile Uranus

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Oct 16, 2003

"Love." What a word. Eskimos, it is said, distinguish two hundred different kinds of snow, each with its own name. Perhaps we should take a cue from them and cash in our word "love," replacing it with dozens of more specific concepts. It would still baffle us, inspire us, give us sleepless nights -- but at least we might then be able to communicate with each other more clearly. The love an infant feels for his or her mother...the consuming, volatile love of our teen years...the affection between old friends...the quiet affinity between those who have been well-married for decades: why do we put them all under the dominion of the same syllable? They're certainly different human experiences. Love evolves. Our capacity to feel that emotion takes on new resonances as we mature, and it drops old resonances.

Astrologers measure that evolution through the motions of the Progressed Venus. When it comes to a sensitive zone in your birthchart, you are invited to open yourself to new dimensions of human relationships. Typically, the passage of progressed Venus over a critical point coincides with visible alterations in our sphere of intimacy: friendships, business or creative partnerships, romantic bonds...all come to crossroads. Sometimes they come to endings. Other times they slough off deadening rituals and experience renewal, even renaissance. Many times such Venusian events mark the arrival of new people in our lives, people whose destinies are entwined with our own. Always, though, behind the outward relationship events, there is a deeper layer of meaning in these progressions: you are now asked to deepen the way you love, to love with yet another dimension of your being, to call still another part of your soul into the service of love. And, as always, it's possible to miss the point, squandering the Venusian force in wheel-spinning romances or soap-opera related interpersonal dramas.

Currently Venus is steering a course through your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," and any planet passing through that part of your natal chart suggests that external developmental pressures are now arising which have the effect of modifying your place in the world. Something is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status -- the way you look to people who don't really know you very well. What is it? We can't say exactly, but to respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Venus, as we just described it. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to Uranus, which is being invited into development by these professional or social openings.

How is the progressed Venus currently touching you? It is sextile your natal Uranus: Oct 16, 2003. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

There's a wild card in everyone, a rebellious, independent, free-spirited force that hates neckties and phony courtesies and all the slick moves that keep corporations and families from splitting apart. Astrologers call it Uranus. Stripped to its essence, this part

of your astrological psyche is concerned primarily with the process of individuation, which boils down to whittling away all the parts of yourself which have arisen almost accidentally as side effects of your social background. When stimulated by transits or progressions, Uranus triggers your rebellions. It asks you to shed something unauthentic, unreal, or limiting in your life. Often it brings lightning-quick developments and unexpected circumstances. Almost always, there is a confrontation between you and some figure of authority, past or present.

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

When Venusian energies unite with Uranian ones, the unexpected (Uranus) makes itself felt in the intimate sphere (Venus). Improbable encounters occur. Warp-speed evolutions unfold in love, friendship, and working relationships. Behind the fireworks, what is happening is that you are rapidly disentangling your real essence from your polite, conventional, socially-programmed "personality." When that happens, inevitably all interpersonal contracts come up for review.

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

Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Midheaven

In effect: Nov 11, 2003 - Feb 26, 2004

Peak Date(s): Nov 19, 2003; Feb 18, 2004

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal Midheaven. The action peaks Nov 19, 2003; Feb 18, 2004.

Currently Jupiter is navigating familiar territory -- your Eleventh House, which we discussed earlier. This, to refresh your memory, is the house of group dynamics, tying your personal affairs to larger developments involving organizations or coalitions -- your "friends" in the widest sense. To make the right moves, you'll need to know exactly what you want. Those desires, just to help you separate the wheat from all the chaff, are now in the spirit and direction of Jupiter, as we described it above. Getting what you want is the difficulty, as is generally the case in life. In the present environment, to succeed you'll need to form strategic alliances, often with people of the nature of Jupiter. However, the core issue -- the part of your life that's at stake here -- is represented by the Midheaven, which is being invited into development during this time of the joining of destinies.

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief -- we all play some kind of role in our community.

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

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

Tr. Saturn is Sextile Saturn

In effect: Jan 5, 2004 - Feb 1, 2004

Peak Date(s): Jan 17, 2004

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is sextile your natal Saturn. The energies crest Jan 17, 2004.

Let's begin deciphering this configuration by recognizing that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House, which we encountered earlier in the report, for that is where Saturn is currently making its influence felt. This suggests that events and opportunities involving travel, education, and a general expanding of your horizons are now occurring, and that you could definitely use the breath of fresh air they'll create if you go ahead and, in the spirit of Saturn, take the leap of faith for which they're calling. But what's being triggered inside you? What part of you will benefit most deeply from such exploration and expansion? The answer lies with Saturn, which is being invited into development during this time of questing adventure.

The natal Saturn -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your capacity for self-discipline and patience. Generally, it marks an area where you will be challenged to achieve excellence...or tempted to give up and sink into sorrow and self-pity.

Your Seventh House occupied our thoughts earlier in these pages; now we see it triggered again, suggesting that at the center of the circumstances we're considering there exists a fundamental inter-dependency: what you must do, you cannot do alone. A pair of ideas figure here: The first is that by emphasizing the spirit of Saturn in your closest relationships, you improve them. The second is that your natural partners are themselves people of the nature of Saturn, and that should help you recognize them.

When Saturn interacts with its own natal position, as we observe here, commitment is the highest path, and the one which brings the most joy in the long run. At some level, a vow is called for now...at least a vow to yourself. It will take effort, and the effort will be costly and exhausting. But it will be worth it. We hear so much about "being in touch

with the inner child." Good advice, but not now. Saturn is about being in touch with the inner adult, which is to say, being in touch with determination, patience, and your own core moral values.

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

Pr. Moon is Opposite Ascendant

In effect: Jan 27, 2004 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Feb 22, 2004

The progressed Moon figures in our thinking again. As you may recall, the Moon shows what you are feeling. It gives us insight into your mood, concerns, and general attitude...into "where your heart is," in other words.

Our initial step is to realize that the motion and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House. We've met that house before, and it figures in our analysis again, for that is the house through which the Moon is currently passing. Obligations and responsibilities are emphasized now in your life, and the mood they create is the same as that of the Moon, which we just described. But what are the core questions? What part of you is being called into the service of others? The answer lies with the Ascendant, which is being triggered during this season of giving, of supporting others, and of plain hard work.

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is opposite your natal Ascendant: Feb 22, 2004. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

The natal Ascendant -- that, as we have seen, represents your style, how you go about translating your inner worlds into the two-dimensional framework of daily social interactions.

Your Twelfth House demanded our attention above; now we see it playing a part again, once more suggesting that the quality of your inner life is what's really at stake in the situation we're considering. Under such a stimulus, many times the most appropriate step includes a strategic retreat...and a realization that something inside you is wise enough, spiritual enough, transcendent enough to sustain losses with impunity, even with generosity. To move positively in the present environment, renew your sense of the sacred by withdrawing and immersing yourself in the spirit of the Ascendant, a planet which is functioning something like an inner guide for you in this lifetime.

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by an opposition, which suggests some kind of tension or tug-of-war between them. You are asked to adjust your position, to adapt to the demands of the world around you, and to find a middle-ground between the various opposing needs and values.

Pr. Mercury is Sextile Sun

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Feb 28, 2004

We encountered the progressed Mercury earlier. As you may remember, this represents your evolving capacity to perceive and communicate. When it comes to sensitive zones, you are challenged to see and understand things in a new, more mature way, and to find words -- and listeners -- for the expression of those perceptions. Its action is to accelerate, to complicate, and to conceptualize. The progressed Mercury has already figured in this report, but it's active in another way as well.

Currently Mercury is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Mercury, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with the Sun, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

How is the progressed Mercury currently touching you? It is sextile your natal Sun: Feb 28, 2004. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

The Sun, as astronomers tell us, is the center of the solar system. Everything spins around it. With its enormous gravity, the Sun holds the entire system together. In a parallel way, the astrological Sun represents the gravitational center of your personality. Your ego. Your identity. The part of you that gets up in the morning and, without even a single sip of coffee, knows its name, rank, and serial number. Those same astronomers inform us that without the Sun's radiant energy, life as we understand it would cease to exist. Again, astrological meaning follows astronomical fact: the Sun symbolizes that spark of life inside you, your elemental vitality. Enthusiasm, energy, recuperative powers -- all these are solar themes. Thus, when the natal Sun is triggered in an important way, two critical questions come up for review: who are you, and what really makes you want to get out of bed in the morning?

Your Tenth House came up earlier; now we see it in the spotlight again, once more informing us that the deepest, most essential factors in the situation we're considering all revolve around your role in the world -- your profession or job, your political (or metapolitical!) activities...in general, the image that strangers have of you. And what do right choices look like here? A large part of the answer lies with the Sun, a planet we described above, whose basic nature and values underlie what we might call your "Cosmic Job Description."

When the Sun interacts with Mercury, the arrival of a body of personally-relevant

(Sun) information (Mercury) is safely predicted. That is to say, a message comes which is not merely interesting or even simply useful, but which is directly pertinent to the unfolding of your own story-line. Be open to it. Absorb and integrate it, and you will go forward in a new direction, informed and therefore empowered.

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

The Details

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

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

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

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

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

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

Even minor astrological events commonly have an impact over several days. In the following month-by-month analysis, configurations are listed chronologically according to the days they "peak" -- but don't take that date narrowly. The most colorful events and

profoundest realizations might easily occur a day or two later or earlier.

September Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

September Mean Peaks

Sep 14, 2003 - Tr. Jupiter squares Mars

Sep 22, 2003 - Pr. Moon trines Mercury

September The Details

Sep 01, 2003 - Tr. Mars squares Mars

Keywords: child-like courage clashes with your instinctive financially savvy swordsmanship.

Sep 05, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Pluto

Keywords: private conversation fuses with your natural quiet intensity.

Sep 07, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Venus

Keywords: withdrawn conversation clashes with your instinctive exploratory relating.

Sep 08, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Venus

Keywords: withdrawn affection conflicts with your instinctive exploratory human connection.

Sep 09, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Pluto

Keywords: reclusive affection fuses with your natural private honesty.

Sep 12, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Neptune

Keywords: quiet relating stimulates your normal self-assured imagination.

Sep 14, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Moon

Keywords: quiet relating clashes with your instinctive verbal attitude.

Sep 14, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Venus

Keywords: withdrawn personality conflicts with your instinctive adventuresome affection.

Sep 16, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: quiet relating fuses with your natural reclusive autonomy.

Sep 16, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Pluto

Keywords: reclusive personality combines with your characteristic private intensity.

Sep 16, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Jupiter

Keywords: quiet relating combines with your characteristic spiritually open gambling.

Sep 18, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Sun

Keywords: private relating excites your native work-oriented nature.

Sep 18, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mars

Keywords: meditative relating stimulates your normal self-confident swordsmanship.

Sep 19, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Neptune

Keywords: private identity excites your native self-confident contemplation.

Sep 21, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Moon

Keywords: quiet nature conflicts with your instinctive verbal sensitivity.

Sep 21, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mercury

Keywords: meditative relating stimulates your normal on-the-job conversation.

Sep 24, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: spiritually open personality combines with your characteristic meditative individuality.

Sep 24, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Jupiter

Keywords: private personality combines with your characteristic meditative gambling.

Sep 24, 2003 at 08:54 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

The Moon in a month passes through all twelve houses of your chart. In so doing, it correlates with the passing whimsies of mood. One afternoon you're bright and cheery, the following morning you're blue...but energetic again after lunch. It doesn't amount to much, and it's not really very important in practical terms -- with one exception: the passage of the Moon through the Twelfth House. During that time you are going through a kind of emotional moulting, ending one cycle and preparing to begin another. Your attentions and energies are turned inward. Accept that, handle it well, and the period -- usually a couple of days -- is quiet and contemplative. It may even be rather pleasant. But if you try to keep up your normal level of activity, you'll find yourself confused, flat, and prone to dumb accidents. So when the Moon enters your Twelfth House, make sure that you have some unstructured time. Minimize distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House Sep 24, 2003 at 08:54 PM, and emerges Sep 26, 2003 at 02:31 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

Sep 26, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Ascendant

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

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Sep 26, 2003, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Venus. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction

on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

Sep 26, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Sun

Keywords: private nature stimulates your normal on-the-job personality.

Sep 27, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mars

Keywords: private personality excites your native self-confident assertiveness.

October Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

October Mean Peaks

Oct 05, 2003 - Tr. Jupiter trines Saturn

Oct 16, 2003 - Pr. Venus sextiles Uranus

October The Details

Oct 01, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mercury

Keywords: reclusive personality excites your native vocational dialog.

Oct 01, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Venus

Keywords: meditative communication conflicts with your instinctive questing human connection.

Oct 02, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Pluto

Keywords: spiritually open communication combines with your characteristic meditative intensity.

Oct 02, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Venus

Keywords: commanding relating supports your typical intellectually hungry human connection.

Oct 04, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Neptune

Keywords: private communication stimulates your normal resourceful contemplation.

Oct 05, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Moon

Keywords: spiritually open dialog clashes with your instinctive intelligent sensitivity.

Oct 07, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Ascendant

The transiting Sun is like a huge, dumb battery. Whatever it touches, it electrifies -- but never for very long or very deeply. That's simply because it's a fast-moving factor, never staying anywhere long enough to develop true depth or complexity of meaning. In a year, it circuits the chart once...which leaves it only a few days to spend in each of your chart's many sensitive zones. Whatever it touches, however, is temporarily pushed into

action. And sometimes, if more serious astro-psychological energies have been building or brewing in that area of your life, the Sun's transit over that point might just be the trigger that sets big wheels turning. The critical point is that the Sun represents your ego, and when it collides with sensitive territories you need to act accordingly: not "egocentrically," but with an awareness of your rights, your needs, and your desires.

Sun arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendent Oct 07, 2003, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Sun. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

Oct 07, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Uranus

Keywords: quiet communication fuses with your natural spiritually open originality.

Oct 07, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Jupiter

Keywords: withdrawn conversation combines with your characteristic private gambling.

Oct 08, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Moon

Keywords: decisive human connection stimulates your normal open-minded attitude.

Oct 08, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Sun

Keywords: quiet communication excites your native vocational personality.

Oct 09, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mars

Keywords: reclusive dialog excites your native resourceful assertiveness.

Oct 11, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mercury

Keywords: withdrawn communication stimulates your normal career conversation.

Oct 12, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Sun

Keywords: decisive relating clashes with your instinctive professional personality.

Oct 14, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Ascendant

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

Mercury arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendent Oct 14, 2003, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Mercury. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

Oct 14, 2003 - Tr. Sun trines Venus

Keywords: assertive identity supports your typical intellectually hungry human connection.

Oct 15, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Mercury

Keywords: decisive affection conflicts with your instinctive work-oriented communication.

Oct 16, 2003 - Tr. Venus opposes Saturn

Keywords: authoritative affection opposes your inborn loving integrity.

Oct 19, 2003 - Tr. Mercury trines Venus

Keywords: resolute conversation enhances your usual exploratory affection.

Oct 21, 2003 - Tr. Mars squares Mars

Keywords: creative swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive self-respecting courage.

Oct 22, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Moon

Keywords: commanding nature stimulates your normal inventive sensitivity.

Oct 22, 2003 at 07:24 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Oct 22, 2003 at 07:24 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Oct 24, 2003 at 01:08 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Oct 22, 2003 - Neptune goes Direct (at 10°Aq24' in your 04th House)

Aspects: Opposite Sun, Opposite Mercury, Square Saturn, Trine Ascendant.

Oct 23, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon

Keywords: forceful communication stimulates your normal intelligent attitude.

Oct 25, 2003 - Saturn turns Retrograde (at 13°Ca14' in your 09th House)

Aspects: Sextile Saturn, Conjunct Midheaven, Square Ascendant.

Oct 26, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Sun

Keywords: authoritative dialog conflicts with your instinctive employment-oriented identity.

Oct 27, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Sun

Keywords: assertive nature clashes with your instinctive work-oriented identity.

Oct 28, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Pluto

Keywords: dignified human connection stimulates your normal spiritually open honesty.

Oct 29, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Mercury

Keywords: decisive communication conflicts with your instinctive employment-oriented conversation.

Oct 29, 2003 - Tr. Mercury opposes Saturn

Keywords: forceful conversation is in tension with your inherent caring composure.

Oct 30, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Neptune

Keywords: financially savvy human connection fuses with your natural self-respecting contemplation.

Oct 31, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Mercury

Keywords: assertive personality clashes with your instinctive career dialog.

Oct 31, 2003 - Tr. Sun opposes Saturn

Keywords: resolute personality is in tension with your inherent collaborative integrity.

November Invitation Peaks

(None this month.)

November Mean Peaks

Nov 19, 2003 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Midheaven

November The Details

Nov 03, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Uranus

Keywords: resourceful affection excites your native reclusive originality.

Nov 03, 2003 - Tr. Mars sextiles Saturn

Keywords: spontaneous swordsmanship stimulates your normal caring integrity.

Nov 03, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: self-assured relating stimulates your normal private gambling.

Nov 05, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Sun

Keywords: self-assured relating supports your typical vocational personality.

Nov 05, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Mars

Keywords: self-confident human connection combines with your characteristic resourceful assertiveness.

Nov 07, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Pluto

Keywords: self-respecting dialog excites your native meditative honesty.

Nov 08, 2003 - Uranus goes Direct (at 28°Aq54' in your 05th House)

Aspects: Sextile Moon, Trine Venus, Square Mars, Square Neptune.

Nov 09, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Mercury

Keywords: financially savvy human connection enhances your usual career dialog.

Nov 09, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Neptune

Keywords: self-respecting dialog combines with your characteristic self-confident imagination.

Nov 12, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Uranus

Keywords: self-assured dialog excites your native reclusive individuality.

Nov 13, 2003 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: financially savvy dialog excites your native withdrawn opportunity.

Nov 14, 2003 - Tr. Mercury trines Sun

Keywords: dignified conversation supports your typical professional identity.

Nov 14, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Mars

Keywords: self-respecting conversation combines with your characteristic financially savvy assertiveness.

Nov 15, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Pluto

Keywords: financially savvy nature excites your native quiet investigation.

Nov 17, 2003 - Tr. Mercury trines Mercury

Keywords: dignified communication supports your typical career conversation.

Nov 18, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Neptune

Keywords: self-assured personality fuses with your natural financially savvy contemplation.

Nov 18, 2003 at 05:03 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Nov 18, 2003 at 05:03 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Nov 20, 2003 at 11:57 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Nov 19, 2003 - Tr. Venus opposes Venus

Keywords: curious human connection is in tension with your inherent expansive affection.

Nov 21, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Pluto

Keywords: open-minded relating clashes with your instinctive spiritually open investigation.

Nov 23, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Uranus

Keywords: dignified nature stimulates your normal reclusive individuality.

Nov 24, 2003 - Tr. Sun sextiles Jupiter

Keywords: self-respecting nature excites your native quiet opportunity.

Nov 25, 2003 - Tr. Venus conjuncts Moon

Keywords: clever affection combines with your characteristic intelligent sensitivity.

Nov 25, 2003 - Tr. Sun trines Sun

Keywords: financially savvy nature enhances your usual work-oriented personality.

Nov 26, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Mars

Keywords: dignified identity fuses with your natural self-confident swordsmanship.

Nov 26, 2003 - Tr. Mercury opposes Venus

Keywords: clever dialog is in tension with your inherent routine-shattering relating.

Nov 27, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Uranus

Keywords: open-minded affection conflicts with your instinctive quiet individuality.

Nov 27, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Pluto

Keywords: curious communication clashes with your instinctive quiet investigation.

Nov 28, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Jupiter

Keywords: curious relating clashes with your instinctive withdrawn gambling.

Nov 30, 2003 - Tr. Sun trines Mercury

Keywords: financially savvy identity supports your typical work-oriented dialog.

December Invitation Peaks

Dec 21, 2003 - Tr. Jupiter enters Twelfth House

December Mean Peaks

(None this month.)

December The Details

Dec 01, 2003 - Tr. Mars squares Venus

Keywords: supportive swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive expansive relating.

Dec 01, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Moon

Keywords: inventive dialog fuses with your natural intelligent sensitivity.

Dec 03, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: verbal dialog conflicts with your instinctive withdrawn individuality.

Dec 03, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Saturn

Keywords: curious human connection enhances your usual loving integrity.

Dec 03, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: curious communication clashes with your instinctive withdrawn opportunity.

Dec 04, 2003 - Tr. Mars opposes Pluto

Keywords: responsible assertiveness opposes your inborn reclusive investigation.

Dec 09, 2003 - Tr. Mars trines Neptune

Keywords: supportive swordsmanship supports your typical self-respecting inspiration.

Dec 09, 2003 - Tr. Venus opposes Midheaven

The transiting Venus emerges again, suggesting experiences coming to you centered on other people with whom you are involved, and also encouraging you to relax and release tension now, perhaps with the help of music, art, or natural beauty.

Venus aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Dec 09, 2003. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Venus. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Dec 09, 2003 - Tr. Mercury trines Saturn

Keywords: clever conversation enhances your usual loving composure.

Dec 13, 2003 - Tr. Sun opposes Venus

Keywords: intelligent identity opposes your inborn expansive human connection.

Dec 13, 2003 - Tr. Mars squares Moon

Keywords: supportive assertiveness clashes with your instinctive clever attitude.

Dec 15, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Pluto

Keywords: verbal nature clashes with your instinctive meditative investigation.

Dec 15, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Pluto

Keywords: cautious relating enhances your usual reclusive intensity.

Dec 16, 2003 at 00:27 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Dec 16, 2003 at 00:27 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Dec 17, 2003 at 08:54 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Dec 17, 2003 at 08:54 AM - Mercury turns Retrograde

Three, maybe four times in the course of a year, the planet Mercury spends three weeks or so going backwards in the sky, a period we call Mercury Retrograde. Practicality sometimes intervenes, but to the extent that you can arrange it, you are better off if you can avoid signing anything important during this period, buying anything mechanical (unless its failure would be of trivial consequence), initiating travel, or attempting significant communications by phone or mail. This, of course, is a lot to ask; and sticking to it too firmly starts to verge on Cosmic Paranoia. Still, there is a heightened tendency for objects, messages, and plans to go awry during this Retrograde time. Sometimes a little patience exercised now will make your life a lot easier in the long run. If steps simply must be taken, it doesn't mean everything is doomed to failure...just keep duplicates, have backups, double-check everything, and be prepared for petty annoyances. The first appearance of a Retrograde Mercury during the period of this report occurs Dec 17, 2003 at 08:54 AM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

Dec 17, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Neptune

Keywords: sensitive relating excites your native self-respecting contemplation.

Dec 17, 2003 - Tr. Mars opposes Uranus

Keywords: helpful swordsmanship opposes your inborn meditative individuality.

Dec 19, 2003 - Tr. Mars opposes Jupiter

Keywords: responsible swordsmanship is in tension with your inherent meditative opportunity.

Dec 20, 2003 - Tr. Sun conjuncts Moon

Keywords: clever identity combines with your characteristic inventive attitude.

Dec 21, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Uranus

Keywords: sensitive human connection supports your typical reclusive individuality.

Dec 22, 2003 - Tr. Mars trines Sun

Keywords: helpful swordsmanship enhances your usual vocational identity.

Dec 22, 2003 - Tr. Venus trines Jupiter

Keywords: sensitive affection enhances your usual withdrawn exuberance.

Dec 22, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Uranus

Keywords: open-minded identity clashes with your instinctive reclusive autonomy.

Dec 23, 2003 - Tr. Mars trines Mars

Keywords: responsible courage enhances your usual self-respecting swordsmanship.

Dec 23, 2003 - Tr. Sun squares Jupiter

Keywords: intelligent personality conflicts with your instinctive quiet gambling.

Dec 23, 2003 - Tr. Venus opposes Sun

Keywords: watchful human connection is in tension with your inherent professional identity.

Dec 24, 2003 - Tr. Mercury trines Saturn

Keywords: clever conversation supports your typical interpersonally sensitive integrity.

Dec 24, 2003 - Tr. Venus sextiles Mars

Keywords: cautious affection excites your native self-assured assertiveness.

Dec 27, 2003 - Tr. Venus opposes Mercury

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated relating opposes your inborn work-oriented dialog.

Dec 27, 2003 - Tr. Venus squares Saturn

Keywords: self-protective relating clashes with your instinctive loving solitude.

Dec 29, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: clever conversation conflicts with your instinctive private exuberance.

Dec 29, 2003 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: curious communication clashes with your instinctive reclusive originality.

Dec 29, 2003 - Tr. Mars trines Mercury

Keywords: competent courage enhances your usual career dialog.

Dec 30, 2003 - Tr. Sun trines Saturn

Keywords: intelligent identity enhances your usual collaborative composure.

Dec 31, 2003 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Moon

Keywords: clever communication fuses with your natural open-minded attitude.

January Invitation Peaks

Jan 16, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter enters Twelfth House

Jan 19, 2004 - Pr. Midheaven enters Eleventh House

Jan 21, 2004 - Pr. Ascendant enters Second House

Jan 31, 2004 - Tr. Pluto opposes Venus

January Mean Peaks

Jan 17, 2004 - Tr. Saturn sextiles Saturn

January The Details

Jan 03, 2004 - Jupiter turns Retrograde (at 18°Vi54' in your 12th House)

Aspects: Square Venus, Conjunction Pluto, Sextile Midheaven.

Jan 06, 2004 - Tr. Sun opposes Midheaven

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

Sun aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Jan 06, 2004. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Sun. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Jan 07, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Venus

Keywords: self-expressive affection enhances your usual exploratory relating.

Jan 08, 2004 - Tr. Mars opposes Ascendant

Mars, the God of War, is transiting through sensitive territories for you, suggesting some turbulent waters to be navigated. Always the trick with the red planet lies in realizing that the time has come to overcome a fear or a resistance in yourself, and to take

what is legitimately yours. Your blood is up, and that's not a bad thing, unless you "chicken out" and misdirect the Martian energy toward some inappropriate target.

Mars enters your Seventh House Jan 08, 2004. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Mars. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Jan 11, 2004 - Tr. Venus squares Neptune

Keywords: child-like affection clashes with your instinctive dignified inspiration.

Jan 12, 2004 at 06:03 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Jan 12, 2004 at 06:03 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Jan 14, 2004 at 03:17 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Jan 12, 2004 - Tr. Mercury conjuncts Moon

Keywords: inventive dialog combines with your characteristic curious sensitivity.

Jan 13, 2004 - Tr. Venus sextiles Moon

Keywords: creative human connection excites your native clever attitude.

Jan 13, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Pluto

Keywords: emotional nature enhances your usual withdrawn investigation.

Jan 15, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Uranus

Keywords: verbal communication conflicts with your instinctive meditative autonomy.

Jan 15, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Jupiter

Keywords: curious communication clashes with your instinctive reclusive opportunity.

Jan 16, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Neptune

Keywords: self-protective identity stimulates your normal dignified imagination.

Jan 17, 2004 - Tr. Venus squares Mars

Keywords: spontaneous human connection conflicts with your instinctive self-assured swordsmanship.

Jan 20, 2004 - Tr. Mars sextiles Venus

Keywords: interpersonally sensitive swordsmanship stimulates your normal questing relating.

Jan 21, 2004 - Tr. Venus sextiles Saturn

Keywords: self-expressive relating stimulates your normal collaborative composure.

Jan 21, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Uranus

Keywords: sensitive identity supports your typical spiritually open autonomy.

Jan 22, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Jupiter

Keywords: watchful identity supports your typical meditative opportunity.

Jan 22, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Saturn

Keywords: open-minded conversation supports your typical interpersonally sensitive composure.

Jan 23, 2004 - Tr. Sun opposes Sun

Keywords: emotional identity opposes your inborn professional nature.

Jan 24, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Mars

Keywords: watchful identity excites your native dignified swordsmanship.

Jan 27, 2004 - Tr. Mercury opposes Midheaven

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

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Jan 27, 2004. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

Jan 28, 2004 - Tr. Sun opposes Mercury

Keywords: cautious identity opposes your inborn professional conversation.

Jan 28, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Saturn

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated identity clashes with your instinctive loving solitude.

Jan 31, 2004 - Tr. Mars trines Moon

Keywords: caring swordsmanship supports your typical curious awareness.

February Invitation Peaks

Feb 22, 2004 - Pr. Moon enters Seventh House

February Mean Peaks

Feb 18, 2004 - Tr. Jupiter sextiles Midheaven

Feb 22, 2004 - Pr. Moon opposes Ascendant
Feb 27, 2004 - Tr. Neptune trines Ascendant
Feb 28, 2004 - Pr. Mercury sextiles Sun

February The Details

Feb 01, 2004 - Tr. Venus squares Venus

Keywords: helpful affection conflicts with your instinctive intellectually hungry human connection.

Feb 02, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Pluto

Keywords: cautious dialog enhances your usual withdrawn honesty.

Feb 02, 2004 - Tr. Venus opposes Pluto

Keywords: dutiful relating is in tension with your inherent reclusive intensity.

Feb 04, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Neptune

Keywords: psychologically sophisticated communication stimulates your normal dignified imagination.

Feb 04, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Neptune

Keywords: responsible human connection enhances your usual resourceful inspiration.

Feb 07, 2004 - Tr. Venus squares Moon

Keywords: painstaking affection conflicts with your instinctive inventive awareness.

Feb 07, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Uranus

Keywords: watchful communication enhances your usual private autonomy.

Feb 07, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Jupiter

Keywords: emotional dialog enhances your usual withdrawn opportunity.

Feb 08, 2004 at 11:54 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Feb 08, 2004 at 11:54 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Feb 10, 2004 at 08:40 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

Feb 08, 2004 - Tr. Mars squares Sun

Keywords: empathetic assertiveness conflicts with your instinctive professional nature.

Feb 09, 2004 - Tr. Venus opposes Uranus

Keywords: responsible human connection is in tension with your inherent meditative autonomy.

Feb 09, 2004 - Tr. Mercury opposes Sun

Keywords: self-protective communication is in tension with your inherent on-the-job nature.

Feb 09, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Mars

Keywords: cautious dialog excites your native self-respecting assertiveness.

Feb 09, 2004 - Tr. Venus opposes Jupiter

Keywords: responsible affection opposes your inborn withdrawn exuberance.

Feb 10, 2004 - Tr. Sun trines Venus

Keywords: imaginative identity supports your typical intellectually hungry affection.

Feb 11, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Sun

Keywords: responsible human connection enhances your usual on-the-job nature.

Feb 11, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Mars

Keywords: competent human connection enhances your usual self-confident swordsmanship.

Feb 12, 2004 - Tr. Mercury opposes Mercury

Keywords: watchful conversation is in tension with your inherent professional communication.

Feb 12, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Saturn

Keywords: emotional communication conflicts with your instinctive loving composure.

Feb 15, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Neptune

Keywords: playful personality conflicts with your instinctive dignified contemplation.

Feb 15, 2004 - Tr. Venus trines Mercury

Keywords: painstaking affection supports your typical vocational conversation.

Feb 15, 2004 - Tr. Mars squares Mercury

Keywords: empathetic swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive professional communication.

Feb 16, 2004 - Tr. Mars conjuncts Saturn

Keywords: collaborative swordsmanship fuses with your natural caring solitude.

Feb 17, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Moon

Keywords: self-expressive personality stimulates your normal curious attitude.

Feb 20, 2004 - Tr. Venus opposes Ascendant

The transiting Venus emerges again, suggesting experiences coming to you centered on other people with whom you are involved, and also encouraging you to relax and release tension now, perhaps with the help of music, art, or natural beauty.

Venus enters your Seventh House Feb 20, 2004. Traditionally the "House of Marriage," the Seventh House is actually a reference to anyone and everyone with whom you are open to intimacy. Whenever this part of the chart is stimulated, it's a signal that someone is coming into your life to adjust your attitude or your course, and that the adjustment is quite necessary and appropriate. Who is this person, and what is the message? We don't know exactly, but here's a clue: he, she, or it looks, feels, and sounds a lot like Venus. One bottom line: the quality of your deepest human connections

profoundly affects the quality of your life, and at least one of these human connections needs some attention during these days.

Feb 20, 2004 - Tr. Mercury trines Venus

Keywords: child-like dialog supports your typical adventuresome relating.

Feb 22, 2004 - Tr. Sun squares Mars

Keywords: self-expressive personality clashes with your instinctive resourceful assertiveness.

Feb 22, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Neptune

Keywords: playful conversation conflicts with your instinctive self-confident inspiration.

Feb 24, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Moon

Keywords: creative dialog excites your native inventive awareness.

Feb 26, 2004 - Tr. Venus sextiles Venus

Keywords: loving affection stimulates your normal expansive relating.

Feb 27, 2004 - Tr. Sun sextiles Saturn

Keywords: playful identity stimulates your normal caring composure.

Feb 27, 2004 - Tr. Mercury squares Mars

Keywords: self-expressive conversation conflicts with your instinctive dignified assertiveness.

Feb 29, 2004 - Tr. Mercury sextiles Saturn

Keywords: playful communication stimulates your normal loving composure.