

TRANSITING PLANETS THROUGH THE SIGNS

The study of planets transiting through zodiacal signs relates to the potential destiny of one's life, but it also relates to a larger environment — the cultures in which we live. This branch of astrology is referred to as Mundane Astrology — the study of the destiny of nations, cities, and organizations.

When he spoke of the stars, my beloved Guru Shelliji often reminded his disciples, "Everyone has free will, even if it is difficult to see anyone using it." He often pointed out that people are free to the degree that they are aware they have alternatives and can make choices.

Planetary forces are neutral, detached, and non-personal. Planetary forces and aspects do not make choices or decisions. Planetary forces are not compulsions. It is people who make decisions and choices. It is the mind that is compulsive. Planetary forces and aspects do not determine love, integrity, job, career, wealth, or goals. People do, and we always have choices.

The Fifth Cosmic Law of Astrology

The stars incline. They do not compel.

Though people have free will and can make choices, the karmic forces indicated by a natal chart limit an individual. However, no chart exists alone in a vacuum; a natal chart is affected and restrained by the horoscope of the city, state, and country in which it manifests. A country's chart is affected by the chart of the hemisphere it is in, which in turn is restrained by the horoscope of the world.

Whereas it is true that only what is in the natal chart can manifest into an individual's life, these overriding or super charts do determine the good that can be extracted from one's personal horoscope. For example, if a person has an excellent natal chart for making money and lives in a culture that is undergoing a major economic depression, the natal chart will be affected.



Planets in Signs Indicate Astral Karma that Modifies Awareness

Before moving forward into our study of planets transiting through signs, it is important to reemphasize the First Cosmic Principle: A planet in a sign symbolizes individual or group (astral) karma held-over from a past life. This lesson will be more meaningful to you when you understand that the zodiacal signs are astral modifiers. They hold our state of consciousness in a narrow, limited range of expression. Keep this vital insight in mind as you read this lesson.

The Sixth Cosmic Law of Astrology

An aspect that corresponds to one's natural temperament will take priority over an aspect that is less related to one's temperament.

The energy of an aspect follows the path of least resistance. It will follow to the seat of one's desires, interests, and values. This law holds true whether that seat of desire belongs to an individual, an organization, a city, or a nation.

While studying planets transiting through signs, it is helpful to remember the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth General Rules of Astrology, which can be restated as follows: Transiting planets, when angular or cardinal, are strong and will manifest in the outer world. When they are both cardinal and angular, they are extremely strong. Transiting planets in common or mutable signs manifest more weakly. Transiting planets in fixed signs or succedent houses manifest first in the mind.

Astrologers fall into six categories:

1. Those who say aspects affect only the mind.
2. Those who say aspects affect only external events.
3. Those who say aspects affect both areas.
4. Those who say aspects first affect the mind, then external events.
5. Those who say aspects first affect the external world, then the mind.
6. Those who say aspects affect both realms at the same time.

Astrologers who lean toward esoteric astrology recognize that cosmic forces first activate deep within our microcosm and then draw us to an event — or an event to us. The energy first manifests deep in the astral realm, then moves into the mental realm, then the dream state, and only then does it manifest on the physical plane.



My Guru has often said, "All is possible! Everything is possible! The future of each being is only a potential future. For the soul who is asleep, its potential future is its destiny. Ahh! But to the soul who is awake, the potential future is only a signpost on the path to Enlightenment."

The Seventh Cosmic Law of Astrology

There is no inevitability.



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PLUTO THROUGH THE SIGNS

Pluto is the Phoenix, the principle of regeneration or transformation after a collapse. Rediscovered in 1930, Pluto is small, yet powerful in its effect on the subconscious mind. It is currently the farthest known planet from our Sun. It also has the most eccentric orbit of any planet in our solar system, being the only planet that enters another planet's orbit (Neptune). When Pluto retrogrades, it remains retrograde for about five months at a time. It then goes direct for about seven months and retrogrades again. This retrograde pattern allows it to aspect natal planets up to five times in a transit cycle.

Pluto moves through the entire zodiac in about 245 years, though its speed through any specific sign varies remarkably. For example, it transited through Scorpio in about 12 years but took 32 years to transit through Taurus. These are the upper and lower limits of Pluto's movement through the signs. At the present time, it averages about 13 years through a sign.

Pluto is the need to understand fundamental causes and hidden motives. It rules over the subconscious mind, the masses, and nefarious organizations. Its effect is like a printing press — it multiplies; events are repeated two or three times. Pluto produces changes that are often irrevocable. It brings about the symbolic or actual death of old situations and surroundings and regenerates new conditions. Like Mars, it cuts people and events out of our life.

Pluto's passage into a new sign signals the beginning of a new generation with different subconscious karma and a new value system or viewpoint. The longer Pluto stays in a sign, the greater the change in group karma from the previous generation. The transit of Pluto into the various houses of a natal chart indicates a more personal pattern of transformation. It represents areas of subconscious karma that will affect a change in one's personal viewpoint and values.

In regards to the dates used in this text for when a planet enters or exits a sign, it should be understood that the dates given are the first time a planet enters a new sign and the first time it leaves. You should know that after these dates, a planet often retrogrades and reenters the previous sign for a short time.

For example, in 1995 Pluto left Scorpio and entered Sagittarius for a few months. It then went retrograde and transited back into Scorpio for several months. Then it went direct and reentered Sagittarius. In 2008 it will transit into Capricorn for a few months, go retrograde, and then reenter Sagittarius for several months. It will then go direct and transit Capricorn for sixteen years.



PLUTO IN TAURUS (1851-1883) Keyword — Functional

This position produced subconscious endurance and the need for economic security. This generational group was artistic and sensual. When in a hard or afflicted aspect, the group consciousness was stubborn.

PLUTO IN GEMINI (1883-1913) Keyword — Sweeping Adjustments

This position caused the subconscious to be restless, critical, and sarcastic. This generation produced personalities who were expectant, excited, impatient, abrupt, and reckless. When afflicted, the group became shrewd, reckless, and impulsive.

PLUTO IN CANCER (1913-1938) Keyword — Cataclysm

This position created the subconscious need for emotional security. The personalities were intuitive with strong emotions and instincts. There was a need to control. When afflicted, the group consciousness was morbid, depressed, and resentful. This position gave a tendency toward extraordinary cruelty.

PLUTO IN LEO (1938-1957) Keyword — Force

This produced the subconscious feeling of power, authority, and extreme egocentricity. This group was self-confident, pretentious, and pompous. They enjoyed pleasures and entertainment. When afflicted, it caused sexual exploitation, perverse pleasures, and a need to dominate people.

PLUTO IN VIRGO (1957-1971) Keyword — Scientific Progression

This gave the subconscious need for order and neatness. The group consciousness was artistic, prudish, and technical. There was a lack of self-worth. When afflicted, it causes the group mind to be excessively critical and negative.

PLUTO IN LIBRA (1971-1983) Keyword — Group Perception

This produced the subconscious need for harmony and beauty. They felt the lack of justice in the world and a strong sense of responsibility. When afflicted, the group mind becomes fickle and unable to adapt.



PLUTO IN SCORPIO (1983-1995) Keyword — Group Karma

This position gave subconscious emotionality, which easily flowed into the conscious mind. The group personality was intense, having powerful minds and strong likes and dislikes. There was a need to discover hidden meanings. When afflicted, the group mind becomes ruthless, cruel, and harsh.

PLUTO IN SAGITTARIUS (1995-2008) Keyword — Philosophical Renewal

This position creates the subconscious need for knowledge and fair play. The mind is positive and philosophical with a deep need for the magical, mystical, and religious. When afflicted, the group mind develops anti-religious, anti-legal, and anti-medical attitudes.

PLUTO IN CAPRICORN (2008-2024) Keyword — Construction

This will produce the subconscious need for order, along with the desire to direct and build. The group mind will be firm and serious, with a deeply conservative attitude. They will be thrifty and have the belief that work is good. When afflicted, the mind will move into a brooding, depressed, and insensitive state.

PLUTO IN AQUARIUS (2024-2043) Keyword — Liberation

This planetary energy will give the subconscious a need for freedom and will strongly affect group karma. The immature mind will feel that freedom is doing whatever it wants, but the mature mind will know that true freedom carries responsibility. This group mind will feel that it is above the law of karma because of the magic of electronics. If these minds mature, they will realize that freedom comes from self-discipline, renunciation, and becoming one with the law of karma. It is a time when the masses will revolt against political and religious organizations, seeking freedom yet again.



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NEPTUNE THROUGH THE SIGNS

Neptune transits through the entire zodiac every 168 years. It spends approximately 14 years in each sign. The transiting Neptune retrogrades for about five months at a time. It then goes direct for about seven months before retrograding again.

NEPTUNE IN ARIES (1861-1874)

NEPTUNE IN TAURUS (1874-1887)

NEPTUNE IN GEMINI (1887-1901)

NEPTUNE IN CANCER (1901-1915) This position gave people an emotional and overly sensitive and protective attitude. People with Neptune in Cancer can easily become self-indulgent, negative, or cynical. They are idealistic, but if Neptune is afflicted, that idealism becomes unrealistic.

NEPTUNE IN LEO (1915-1929) This position produced a mind-set that is idealistic, romantic, artistic, and dramatic, with a tendency to exaggeration. These people crave the spotlight and power yet are reluctant to accept responsibility or commitment. If power does come, it is often used excessively and is dictatorial.

NEPTUNE IN VIRGO (1929-1942) This position produced personalities that were difficult to relate to. It imparted vague and negative attitudes that led to fraud or deception. It brought health problems that were problematic to diagnose. These people are easily deceived in matters of health and work.

NEPTUNE IN LIBRA (1942-1956) This position released a battle between compassion and humanitarianism on the one hand, and laziness and confusion on the other. There is a danger of deception through dealings with the public.

NEPTUNE IN SCORPIO (1956-1970) This position produced magnetic, intense, and inquiring minds. These people do battle with intensity and passion, fighting against almost everything. Deception can occur in sexual matters.



NEPTUNE IN SAGITTARIUS (1970-1984) This position gave a sense of purpose. These people have good judgment in most areas and need to seek life's meaning. However, they think that they are right about everything.

NEPTUNE IN CAPRICORN (1984-1998) This produced minds that are virtuous, traditional, and orthodox. These people are responsible, striving and practical but are self-deceived about their own personalities. They fail to clearly see their life goals and their responsibilities.

NEPTUNE IN AQUARIUS (1998-2011) Neptune first entered Aquarius in January 1998 and will remain there until 2011. It will produce personalities that are detached and philosophically and politically oriented. These people live more on the mental plane and will be unrealistic idealists, relating more to thoughts than to people's needs.

NEPTUNE IN PISCES (2011-2025) Neptune was in Pisces from 1848 to 1861. It will reenter Pisces in 2011 and remain there until 2025. Those born during this cycle will be philosophical and idealistic. If they can become focused, they will become inspired. If they cannot ground themselves, their inspiration will not lead to practical results. They will simply chase their individual dreams collectively, like the gold rush that occurred during the last cycle of Neptune through Pisces. It is interesting to note that on December 21, 2012 (when Neptune reaches 0 degrees Pisces, 48 minutes), the Mayan calendar ends.



URANUS THROUGH THE SIGNS

Uranus transits the zodiac in about 84 years and spends about seven years in each sign. Uranus retrogrades about five months at a time and then goes direct for about seven months.

The Seventh General Principle

The laws of astrology are not fixed. Thus, they are adaptable.

Life is a mixture of satisfaction and frustration. In a long period of work, there will also be rest. In a period of sadness, there will also be laughter. In a quiet period, pressing problems can arise. Life is like this because of contradictory aspects.

URANUS IN ARIES (1927-1934) Uranus will be in Aries again from 2011-2018, causing the personalities to be resourceful, independent, assertive and self-willed. At certain times, they will be hostile and angry, but only for short periods.

URANUS IN TAURUS (1934-1942) This position caused people to be artistic, talented, resourceful, practical, creative, and magnetic, especially in dealing with money matters. If the life is not held in some degree of balance, difficulties can manifest with love and money. The problems are often caused by jealousy. Stubbornness can also cause difficulties with one's finances.

URANUS IN GEMINI (1942-1948) This position caused the personality to be imaginative, resourceful, and innovative. They have powerful and extraordinary mind states, giving short spurts of genius. These people need to consider the feelings of others.

URANUS IN CANCER (1948-1955) This position caused the personality to be emotional, erratic, and temperamental. These minds are sensitive and intuitive in those areas where they have no vested interest. Difficulties can arise from parents and home life.

URANUS IN LEO (1955-1962) This position caused these personalities to be lacking in self-discipline and to be unconventional in seeking freedom. They are determined to have their own way. If extreme emotions are not contained, these people will hurt others and in so doing will hinder the attainment of their goals.



URANUS IN VIRGO (1962-1968) This position caused people to be discriminatory, analytical, practical, studious, inventive, and artistic. Unexpected dangers can arise at work or with health in strange and unusual ways. The mind can be overly negative or too detailed, which brings difficulties in relationships.

URANUS IN LIBRA (1968-1974) This position created personalities that are charming and magnetic. They are also self-willed and excessively independent. These people seem to avoid responsibilities at work and with friends.

URANUS IN SCORPIO (1974-1981) This position caused people to be intense, daring, and rebellious. The mind is jealous, possessive, and not very tolerant of other people's weaknesses.

URANUS IN SAGITTARIUS (1981-1988) Uranus also transited through Sagittarius from 1898-1904. This position created free spirits who are humorous, optimistic, sensitive, and liberal. If Uranus is afflicted natively, the mind becomes cynical, zealous, and rebellious.

URANUS IN CAPRICORN (1988-1995) and (1904-1912) This position causes the personality to be brilliant, interesting, and magnetic. They have a deep interest in government, law, and engineering. They wish to build something permanent. Strongly afflicted, this position produces restlessness and disrespect for authority.

URANUS IN AQUARIUS (1995 to 2003) and (1912-1919) This position causes the personality to be penetrating, inventive, eccentric, and independent. It causes the person to lose contact with the concrete world and become impractical, unconventional, and radical. There is an interest in electronics, new sciences, space travel, astronomy, and astrology.

URANUS IN PISCES (2003-2011) and (1919-1927) This position causes the personality to be changeable, idealistic, imaginative, and intuitive. The danger with this transit is that it can lead to inappropriate self-sacrifice and a tendency to lose oneself in excess. These people should guard the physical body when near the ocean. If the natal Uranus is afflicted, danger can arise while sleeping. It can cause minuscule holes to develop in the aura, allowing thought-forms to affect the mind negatively.

SATURN THROUGH THE SIGNS

Saturn transits the zodiac every 29.5 years, spending about two years in each sign. Saturn retrogrades about every eight months, for about four months.

The Eighth Cosmic Law of Astrology

Contradictory aspects do not cancel each other out. Each aspect manifests its energy according to the soul's disposition.

SATURN IN ARIES Saturn entered Aries in 1937, 1967, and 1996. It causes the personality to be ambitious and power-orientated yet diplomatic and organized. These people are confident, assured, and exercise authority. If the natal Saturn is afflicted, the person will remain gloomy or depressed. Everything in life manifests late.

SATURN IN TAURUS Saturn entered Taurus in 1939, 1969 and again in 1998. It causes a quiet, kind, and easygoing personality. The mind is firm, persistent, and strong-willed. Benefits often come through older people.

SATURN IN GEMINI Saturn entered Gemini in 1942, 1971, and 2001. This position causes people to hold onto childhood difficulties, which cause moodiness and depression. Difficulties often arise that are associated with brethren, neighbors, short journeys, and education. Through patience and focus, these problems can be softened. This transit brings benefits because it focuses the mind.

SATURN IN CANCER Saturn entered Cancer in 1944, 1973, and 2003. This transit causes the personality to be sensitive and emotional. Sometimes events or conditions arise during this transit that produce difficulties in later life. Problems also tend to arise regarding the home life and family. Problems with work and job can manifest, causing loss of reputation and finances. During this transit, it is important to be aware of the difference between imagination and reality. It is a period of hard work, and failing to put forth effort will create future problems. Be cautious of relationships, as others will easily exhaust your energy. Also the stomach and digestive system need to be watched.



SATURN IN LEO This cycle occurred in 1946, 1975, and again in July 2005. This transit gives power, responsibility, and authority, or it can take it away. It makes a steadfast and self-contained personality. Although it brings favors from those in higher positions, it can also bring serious problems in dealing with children and love affairs. It is a time for working, not for playing. Delays will likely occur in most areas of life during this transit. Troubles can arise because of passions in any life area. Health troubles can develop in the circulatory system and with the heart, often caused by exhaustion. Beware of becoming too serious during this transit. The capacity for joy may be impaired. The one exception is if one finds joy in work.

SATURN IN VIRGO This cycle occurred in late 1948 and 1977, and will occur again in 2007. It causes the personality to be analytical, serious, critical, and orderly. The personality can become reflective, especially when this transit occurs in the latter part of life. During this transit, the personality can move from reluctance to seriousness, from seriousness to gloom, and from gloom to depression. The vitality needs to be kept up and the health watched.

SATURN IN LIBRA This cycle occurred in 1950 and 1980, and will occur again in 2009. It causes the personality to be demanding. It is favorable for dealing with older people and partnerships if the natal Saturn is aspected positively.

SATURN IN SCORPIO This cycle began in late 1953 and 1982. It will enter Scorpio again in 2012, causing the personality to be strong-willed and forceful. The mind loves to exercise power during this transit. This can cause the person to gain more authority. However, it brings very strong likes and dislikes. Because of this, people will oppose the person, causing delays in plans. Be gentler; life calls for restraint during this cycle.

SATURN IN SAGITTARIUS This cycle occurred in 1956 and 1985, and will occur again in 2015. It causes the personality to be philosophical and interested in religion, foreign cultures, and higher studies. The mind is inquisitive, curious, and investigative. This transit can focus the mind, which if carried out will bring reward.

SATURN IN CAPRICORN This cycle occurred in 1959 and 1988. Saturn will enter Capricorn again in 2018, causing the personality to be independent and ambitious with a strong individuality. The person strives for power yet feels isolated and lonely. With self-control and cheerfulness, success will manifest.

SATURN IN AQUARIUS This cycle occurred in 1962 and 1991. It will occur again in 2021, causing the personality to change and bring good fortune from companies, friends, associations, and groups. It gives good judgment of human nature. Danger can come from so-called friends or organizations if the natal Saturn is afflicted.

SATURN IN PISCES This cycle occurred in 1935, 1964, and 1994, producing a personality that causes problems at work. The reputation needs to be watched during this cycle or there may be loss of popularity and undeserved scandal. These people are thought to be egotistical, critical, and unsympathetic. They should strive to overcome making errors because of emotions.

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JUPITER THROUGH THE SIGNS

Jupiter transits the zodiac every 12 years and spends about one year in each sign. Jupiter goes retrograde about every 9 months and stays retrograde for about 4 months.

The Ninth Cosmic Law of Astrology

One's environment — internal and external — plays a major role in the manifestation of an aspect. (It is easier to drown in a lake than a desert.)

JUPITER IN ARIES Jupiter entered Aries in 1987 and 1999. It will transit Aries again in 2011. This position causes the personality to be warm, dignified, sincere, and friendly. One's social nature develops, bringing popularity.

JUPITER IN TAURUS Jupiter entered Taurus in 1988 and 1999. It will transit it again in 2012. It gives a sense of harmony, good taste, beauty, and a loving nature. However, the person will be more reserved.

JUPITER IN GEMINI Jupiter transited Gemini in 1989 and 2001. It will enter Gemini again in 2013. This transit causes the personality to improve and the intellect to bloom. The personality becomes more refined and harmonious. Insight develops that is well-suited for guiding or advising others. The person will develop common sense and tact and will be able to learn from experience. Be careful in expressing views on religion or philosophy if the natal Jupiter is afflicted.

JUPITER IN CANCER Jupiter entered Cancer in 1989 and 2001. This transit improves intuition and imagination. It often benefits the person through land, buildings, and an emotionally positive family life.

JUPITER IN LEO Jupiter entered Leo in 1990 and 2002. This transit causes the personality to become honorable, good-natured, and dignified, bringing many friends and acquaintances. This position gives deep feelings and a strong love nature. Much work can be accomplished under this aspect.



JUPITER IN VIRGO Jupiter entered Virgo in 1991 and 2003. In this sign, Jupiter gives the personality a sense of order and method. The personality is less devotional, more intellectual and analytical. Jupiter in this position is good for work, employment, and business matters. Health will improve if Jupiter is well aspected natively.

JUPITER IN LIBRA Jupiter entered Libra in 1992 and 2004. This transit causes the personality to develop qualities that bring companionship, friendship, popularity, and respect.

JUPITER IN SCORPIO Jupiter entered Scorpio in 1993 and in 2005. This transit fills the personality with enthusiasm, warmth, and loyalty. There is an increase of emotions and feelings and the development of a strong will. There will be an inclination to explore occult or esoteric subjects.

JUPITER IN SAGITTARIUS Jupiter entered Sagittarius in 1994 and will transit it again in 2006, causing strong positive feelings about religion, philosophy, and medicine. There is a philanthropic inclination. The person is often humorous, generous, and compassionate.

JUPITER IN CAPRICORN Jupiter entered Capricorn in 1995 and will enter it again in 2007, improving the personality through the expression of greater positivity. There is a stronger will and an ability to work harder than usual, which brings greater success. This is good time to advance the career. It brings a strong need to gain power.

JUPITER IN AQUARIUS Jupiter transited Aquarius in 1996 and will enter it again in 2008, causing the person to meet more people and make more friends. Friends and organizations bring benefit and success during this cycle. Dreams and goals will be realized during this transit. The person can become talkative, friendly, and social. However, if the natal Jupiter is afflicted, the personality can become strange or bizarre and refuse to follow acceptable social norms.

JUPITER IN PISCES Jupiter transited Pisces in 1997 and will enter it again in 2009. This position can cause the personality to become passive and fretful. It can also bring generosity, warmth, and benevolence.

MARS THROUGH THE SIGNS

Mars transits through the zodiac every two years, spending an average of two months in each sign. If it retrogrades while transiting a sign, it can remain there anywhere from four to six months. Mars is the fastest of all the outer planets. Thus, its influence is less intense and has a shorter duration, and its transits are less powerful than aspects formed by Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

The transiting Mars acts mainly as a triggering force for slower moving transits that are close to partile. It activates these aspects most often by conjunction or opposition. I suggest that the student use only the conjunction and opposition of Mars when beginning to delineate charts. As greater knowledge and skill are gained, one can begin to prudently use the other aspects.

The Eighth General Principle

Mars, Uranus, and Pluto tend to fire before they partile.

The Ninth General Principle

When any planet is at or near station point during a lunation (new or full moon), that station point becomes intensified.

Mars indicates events that will manifest impulsively. It retrogrades once in each transit of the zodiac. The sign in which Mars goes retrograde should be watched closely, as this sign and its house rulership in a natal chart will have a major influence on the two-year Mars transit cycle. Look through an ephemeris and discover when Mars will retrograde and in which sign. Then relate this to the house ruled by that sign in the natal chart you have under consideration.

MARS IN ARIES gives a person energy, enterprise, and decision-making power. This causes the person to become fearless, self-reliant, and adventurous. There can be lack of restraint, leading to imprudence and confrontation. The person can be easily offended and quick to act or react. Although there is good vitality at this time, there is also risk of fever, headache, infection, and accidents.

MARS IN TAURUS can cause the personality to become stubborn and rigid or, if well aspected, persistent. Once a course of action has been decided it is difficult to change direction. There is a tendency to be hostile and resentful during this transit.



MARS IN GEMINI gives forcefulness of thought and decisiveness of speech. There is the danger of aggressiveness and sarcasm. The mind is scattered and needs to be focused if one's goals are to be reached.

MARS IN CANCER causes the person to be independent and to rebel against rules and authority figures. There can be a "falling out" during this transit that can lead to being fired. (Check what happened two years earlier.) There can be digestive problems, as well as problems with family and home life. There is danger from fire or scalding if Mars is afflicted natively.

MARS IN LEO gives strength of will and an energetic and active personality. The person is open, candid, generous, and sincere, wanting and often getting recognition. But business success can bring loss of friendships. These losses manifest because of actions that are too forceful or dictatorial. There are also hazards from impulsiveness in romance during this cycle.

MARS IN VIRGO causes the personality to become practical and capable. When Mars forms a positive aspect, the personality becomes diplomatic. When it forms a hard aspect, there is a tendency to become shrewd. Because of the ability to pay attention to details, this can be a productive period. There is a need to be less reserved and guarded and to refrain from finding fault with everything.

MARS IN LIBRA causes the person to become enthusiastic and to deal well with friends, partners, and associates. This position imparts an attractive personality that naturally draws people to the aura of the person. There can be difficulties with the kidneys and loins if Mars is afflicted natively.

MARS IN SCORPIO causes the mind to become determined, strong-willed, and ambitious. One can be easily swayed by emotions and moods and may express sharp criticism of other's "faults." One may become devoted to a cause or person. There is an intense sense of dignity and pride that can offend and cause trouble in relationships.

MARS IN SAGITTARIUS causes the personality to become fiery, energetic, impulsive, and enthusiastic. However, the person needs to learn moderation, prudence, and restraint. There is a tendency to be emotional and to become fixated on an ideal or goal. This position often brings an interest in religion, law, and other cultures. The person will be unorthodox, and the speech will be too direct, self-righteous, and harsh.

MARS IN CAPRICORN produces an ambitious and determined being who is practical and hardworking. It develops a great capacity for accomplishment through strong executive ability and a sense of authority. This can arouse hostility, rivalry, or strong criticism from one's superiors. Older people and government officials can bring problems. There is a danger of rheumatic or skin complaints.

MARS IN AQUARIUS causes the personality to become quick, swift, and unyielding. The person can be gruff and abrupt as well as belligerent and egotistic. Greater success will come with restraint, learning to give ground, and learning to give gracefully. The mind becomes "burned out" through hyper mental activity, bringing danger of nervous conditions. Problems can arise from friends and organizations during this transit.

MARS IN PISCES gives power and the capacity to attain one's goals, yet there is an innate fearfulness in this transit. It causes people to act in spurts and to hide their accomplishments. During this transit, people become confused, impulsive, and careless. Difficulties may arise through secret animosities. If a person has or did have bad habits, there is danger that these habits can get worse or reoccur.

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TRANSITING PLANETS THROUGH THE HOUSES

Before discussing Pluto and the other outer planets through the houses, I would like to restate the Second Cosmic Principle: A planet in a house points out an individual's earth karma held over from past lives. A planet in a house points out the life area where that karma will manifest.

Negative karma can be dissolved or softened by internal ritual, concentration, meditation, and mantra. If problems arise during a transit, detachment with visualization, linked to meditation, is the best means of softening it. The value of astrology is to know **when** an aspect will activate and to soften or dissolve that force long before it fires. Whatever technique is used to dissolve that force, one should remember the Second Cosmic Law: $I \times D = F$. Positive karma can also be strengthened by using this same formula.

There are four important questions to be analyzed and understood when studying a planet transiting through a house.

1. What natal house does the transiting planet rule?
2. What is the natal house position of the transiting planet?
3. What are the transiting planet's natal aspects?
4. Through what house is the planet transiting?



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PLUTO THROUGH THE HOUSES

The planetary influence of Pluto forcefully breaks down existing structures. It creates new constructions and arrangements to replace the old. Pluto is never subtle; its dynamic effects can be clearly seen. Whether it is the breakdown of a machine or the breakup of a family, a marriage, or a business relationship, there is total replacement of the old with the new. Thus, astrologers say that Pluto deals with death and regeneration.

Please note that this does not mean literal death but rather the symbolic death of some condition or event. The old dies and is replaced by the new in a period of radical change. The new conditions cannot come into manifestation until the old conditions are first completely swept away.

The transit of Pluto through a house strongly affects the karma and the people and events symbolically indicated by that house. As with all planets, Pluto influences the astral energies within the body-mind complex, bringing about profound internal and external changes.

The house Pluto is transiting reveals the area in which fundamental changes will occur. Pluto will highlight the imbalances of this life area to such an extent that it is no longer possible to astrally or mentally bring it into balance. Thus, the forces of Pluto begin a demolition of the old mindset that has been resistant to change. This causes renewal — a rebuilding of the internal structures that brings about a major clearing out and change in the external world.

During this death and renewal of the psyche, the person engages in a power struggle with other people. This power struggle is about ego, though it will be projected onto other events. When the conscious mind becomes quiet, we can see that the subconscious mind wants to control everything and everyone. This is the primary cause of ego struggles. Only by changing our subconscious thoughts and emotions can we be at peace with the world and with ourselves. The uncontrolled ego and its immature urges are the source of all human problems.

When Pluto forms an aspect to a natal planet while transiting a house, it releases the following forces:

1. Transformational changes. Pluto says, "Out with the old. In with the new." My Guru often said to me, "In the seeds of birth are the seeds of its own destruction." I have added, "In the seeds of destruction are the seeds of positive rebirth."



2. Magnified willpower and purposeful action.
3. Intensified awareness of the meaning of the planet(s) aspected by Pluto.
4. The ending of old conditions and the beginning of new, dynamic conditions, which are symbolized by the planet aspected by Pluto.
5. Efforts directed toward self-improvement on a deep psychological level.
6. Interest in the occult, metaphysics, or science.
7. Active involvement in corporate affairs, business, and money matters.

A person may appear and drastically change one's life — for better or for worse. This person is symbolized by the sign through which Pluto is transiting. Plutonian people seek to control. They bring major renovations. The positivity or negativity of the change depends on the transiting aspects that Pluto makes to natal planets and the natal aspects of Pluto and these planets.

Pluto relates to secret societies, organized crime, subversive organizations, undercover agencies, and revolutionary groups. During any hard transit of Pluto, it is wise to avoid these groups and people who belong to them.

PLUTO THROUGH THE FIRST HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the first house are the personality, the physical body, one's outlook on the world, and one's natural temperament. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the first house.

This transit brings increased awareness of the self and an unfoldment of intuition. It may cause a person to explore the deeper dimensions of life. Thus, there may be an attraction to the occult, astrology, yoga, or other subjects whose disciplines enhance personal resourcefulness and emphasize self-improvement. A person with this transit will face challenges to the ego. Self-awareness, detachment, and self-control are needed to activate the more positive facets of this transit.

The forces manifesting under Pluto's transit of the first house reshape the fundamental features of the personality. Therefore, they affect almost every area of one's life. These powerful forces of transformation bring about better communication with the subconscious mind, which molds the personality. Although it can be uncomfortable, we mature psychologically when we develop our awareness of the drives that have subconsciously shaped our personality. By understanding the basis of the subconscious mind, a positive rebirth can manifest in the personality.

The mind becomes notably negative or positive during major Pluto transits. This, in turn, activates forces that change the internal and external environments. These changes will be more positive if the reality behind the subconscious ego forces is unmasked.

PLUTO THROUGH THE SECOND HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the second house are financial affairs, one's memory banks, and one's resources — physical, mental, and spiritual. These are the areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the second house.

This transit gives insight into money, possessions, and resources. The wish for financial power and wealth often manifests and, if won, brings responsibility. This transit also manifests as dealings with other people's money and possessions — taxes, corporate business, insurance, and inheritance.

The mind will experience a drastic transformation of ideals and values when Pluto transits the second house. One's attitude toward property and wealth will change. This can affect assets either positively or negatively. Under this transit, expenses can be more costly than expected. There may be an urge to give objects away. Be careful. Do not be foolish. Remember that money is the prana of the social world.

PLUTO THROUGH THE THIRD HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the third house are brethren, neighbors, and short journeys and inclinations. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the third house.

This transit begins a cycle of intense psychological transformation. It produces new thought patterns and brings new values because of the changes that are occurring in the subconscious mind. The person will develop new and different patterns of communication, often becoming more direct and forceful. This brings about major changes in everyday life: new friendships are formed, circumstances are changed, and new responses to life are required.

Beliefs, values, and ideals that were once unquestioned are now questioned. What has been taken for granted in one's environment may now become the focus of obstacles and changes. The person may feel weighed down and need to make changes in their everyday thought patterns.



Travel and all forms of communication need to be closely watched. These activities will trigger changes that could have extensive consequences lasting for years. Do not take anything for granted. Think twice before speaking, and think thrice before writing. Events and relationships that were regarded as permanent begin to dissolve away. How these “deaths” are handled can determine the mental environment for the next five to ten years. Problems that arise now will tend to reoccur.

People often fall into the rut of daily existence. Their minds go on automatic and they are unaware of what they say and do. The mind must be fed if it is to stay alive. My Guru often said, “That which is not fed dies.” All things (internal and external) must be fed or they dissolve away. The events, changes, and challenges of this transit force a person to question what they once considered normal. This can be uncomfortable, but it is an important way in which we mature. This questioning may cause a renewed interest in esoteric studies, philosophy, or religion.

Negative aspects that form during the transit of Pluto through the third house can cause difficulties, dangers, or accidents while traveling. It also indicates problems that can arise from signing documents. Be cautious. Problems with brothers, sisters, or neighbors can also occur.

PLUTO THROUGH THE FOURTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the fourth house are the family, the home environment, the mother, and the end of things. These are the main areas affected by a transit of Pluto through the fourth house.

With this transit, the wish to renovate the home or make changes in the family life will arise, and these changes can be more drastic than expected. Often there is concern over family money matters. As Pluto transits the fourth house, intense fundamental psychological changes will manifest relating to fourth house symbols.

If there has been a reliance on parents or a family member, or if they have been possessive, a power struggle may develop that will change the relationship. The home life will be transformed. These changes might include extensive physical repairs, moving, and/or separation from family members. Problems that began in childhood will now resurface, revealing their negative effects on adult life. This realization compels changes in the fourth house environment that will be more extensive than expected.

If Pluto forms a hard aspect to a natal planet as it transits the fourth house, and if that planet is afflicted natively, forces could be released that are beyond personal control, including the possibility of separation from one of the parents.

PLUTO THROUGH THE FIFTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the fifth house are children, love affairs, speculation, creativity, gambling, sports, and entertainment. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the fifth house.

Intense interest in gambling, speculation, romance, and creativity manifest during this transit. There is strong personal charisma. Deep forces drive the person toward pleasure, recreation, and intensified sexual activity. Pregnancy may be on the agenda. If positive aspects are formed, this will be a productive and creative period.

Under this transit, the subconscious malfunctions regarding the love life. Be careful, or this will be cause for regrets. Love affairs will be intense and involved. If a long-lasting relationship or love affair has been challenging, it will most likely end after repeated conflicts. Gaming, gambling and dangerous sports will fascinate, as will anything that is intense and dangerous. Be aware and beware. Do not go to extremes, or regrets will likely follow.

Because the fifth house governs so many significant areas of life, this transit of Pluto is more intense than its transit of other houses. This transit can cause problems in almost all areas of life. The most common problems will be tensions in the love life and concerns over children. Do not be too controlling, but do not allow children to control you. Be wise.

This can be a difficult period for dealing with children for two reasons. First, if the natal planet ruling the fifth house is afflicted, children may be accident-prone, and this transit can be a critical cycle regarding their health. Second, relationships with children during this transit can have powerful and long lasting effects.

PLUTO THROUGH THE SIXTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the sixth house are work, health, and small animals. It also deals with hygiene, servants, and service personnel. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the sixth house.

Important changes on the job, in the work area, and in one's health can manifest during this transit and may be irreversible. Be very careful of your health during this transit. Do not overtax the body or mind. There may be health problems associated with the sexual organs. If a physical problem has been ignored for a long time, it will have to be dealt with now. It would be wise to examine one's diet and exercise program. A total rejuvenation of the mind and body is possible. However, try to make it a conscious act rather than a karmic crisis.



The workplace becomes noisy, crowded, and dirty, — sometimes because of repairs or renovations. Work often has to be redone. Added willpower is needed to reach one's professional goals. The boss is likely to make changes because of tension in the workplace.

Because of downsizing or the boss's hostility, a person may be required to find another job. Therefore, use skill, tact, and gentleness in dealing with bosses and co-workers. A new job will most likely have Plutonian features.

Be careful in speech and actions during this transit. Be careful of dealing with secret societies, subversive groups, or undercover agents at work or around the work area. Big Brother may actually be watching.

PLUTO THROUGH THE SEVENTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the seventh house are marriage, cohabitation, the public, business partnerships, and open enemies. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the seventh house.

This transit causes ego struggles with known enemies and a change of attitude about personal or business relationships. Problems could arise through litigation over corporate money, taxes, joint finances, alimony, or inheritance. The rupture or ending of a personal or business partnership is likely, or it may go through important and intense changes. Business partnerships include professional consultants such as CPAs, lawyers, psychologists, and doctors. Avoid ego battles with these people and with known enemies. If battles arise, these people will use devious and underhanded methods that could be damaging to you. This transit often symbolizes an intense change in the marriage or live-in relationship that could now reach a crisis. Relationships will be redefined.

It may be necessary to have more self-control and to live with new restrictions in business and personal relationships. An inharmonious partnership or relationship that has lasted for some time will most likely end under this transit. Meetings with professional consultants on a one-to-one basis can bring important life changes. A stranger could transform the person's life at this time.

If Pluto forms a hard aspect, this transit is not favorable for marriage or partnerships. Sexual problems, lawsuits, intense and repetitious conflicts, rivalries, jealousies, and serious accusations can occur.

PLUTO THROUGH THE EIGHTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the eighth house are legacies, the money of the spouse, astral experiences, the occult, and all matters connected with death, dying, and rebirth. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the eighth house.

This transit increases sexual passions and the desire to control. There will be dissolution of old conditions in life and an influx of new intense experiences in the areas of sexuality, money, and the occult. This transit causes people to become involved with other people's money through taxes, insurance, inheritance, executorships, or joint property.

Pluto and the eighth house both symbolize death and resurrection, the goods of the dead, and other people's money. They also represent unions, organized crime, and insurance companies. Under this transit, these areas will hold more significance than usual in one's life. One may be attending many funerals, which will affect one's attitude and can drastically transform the life. However, far more often, "death" relates to the ending of events, conditions, and mutually held property. This includes insurance policies, wills, trusts, credit union accounts, and tainted money. Concerns over the assets of the spouse or business partner can also cause trouble.

Because of the events and attitudes caused by the transit of Pluto through the eighth house, people may begin to search for deeper answers. This awakens an interest in esoteric and metaphysical studies. Beware of people and organizations that deal with the hard occult.

When afflicted, this transit brings about a loss or separation from key people in our lives. During this transit, people often fall under the control of a person or an organization, often to their own detriment. Organizations and people dealing with money should be watched closely. Be careful of incurring debt.

PLUTO THROUGH THE NINTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the ninth house are higher education, law, religion, philosophy, foreign cultures and countries, and long journeys. These are the main areas affected by a transit of Pluto through the ninth house.

This transit can produce deep intuitive experiences that will affect the philosophical and religious outlook. They also bring an interest in metaphysics and arcane or higher



education. Pluto transiting the ninth house can manifest higher knowledge through the intellectual faculties, but it also manifests life-changing experiences. The wisdom and knowledge gained now will be valuable for the rest of one's life. Intense mystical experiences may occur while traveling. Clairaudient or clairvoyant awareness and insight can manifest.

Pluto transiting the ninth house will bring ninth house matters to the forefront. There are two dangers that need to be watched. The first is self-righteousness — acting without taking the values and ideas of others into consideration. The second is ideological obsessions, which can lead to involvement in radical religious or political groups. Often people become involved in fund-raising for schools, churches, or other not-for-profit organizations under this transit.

The mind now focuses on deeper subjects because of a series of trials or troubles. In the end, these tests will reveal the need to rid oneself of ideals, ideas, and worldviews that originated in childhood. Often the person becomes interested in profound religious or mystical philosophies that seek a deeper insight into the meaning of Life and the meaning of one's own life. From these interests, wisdom will be gained and the person will learn to handle life more maturely.

When afflicted, this transit brings about drastic and unalterable changes in philosophical or religious convictions, though not always for the better. There can be danger while traveling long distances or in dealing with other cultures. If there are afflicted natal aspects in or to the ninth house, Pluto's transit will more than likely bring problems with the law, religion, education, or travel.

PLUTO THROUGH THE TENTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the tenth house are career and profession, the father, authoritarian figures, and the government. The tenth house is also the house of destiny, honor, and fame. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the tenth house.

Pluto transiting the tenth house of attainment causes one to attempt to rise in one's career because Pluto awakens hidden ambitions. The need for position, power, and the longing to govern one's own life are awakened. This ambition to improve the career can bring many changes — internal and external — that will shift one's life direction. It is important to try to avoid anarchy while these changes are taking place. Resist unethical impulses and the use of deception or pretense in pursuing success.

This transit brings contact with powerful people in positions of authority. It expands the willpower to succeed in one's career. Career changes happen — for better or worse — because of technology. Power struggles in one's career can manifest because of conflicts with bosses, governments, or parents (most likely the father). Secrecy about the career or in dealing with governments is likely. There will be significant transformations in the personality.

One's job or career may change several times over a ten year period under this transit. Do not become discouraged. Looking back, you may see that each change was a stepping-stone. Through reflection on one's values and life goals and the meaning of Life itself, this transit can produce an era of great success. However, if heavily afflicted, this transit can cause serious reversals in one's career, status, and fortune.

PLUTO THROUGH THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the eleventh house are friends, associates, organizations, and aspirations. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the eleventh house.

Friendships and relationships with groups or organizations that have out-lived their usefulness will come to an end. New friendships are formed and new organizations are sought. This transit often brings about friendships with influential people and organizations, or problems with them. An intellectual interest in science, technology, astronomy, and astrology is awakened. One will revise one's dreams and goals for this incarnation.

As one's ideals change, it will be reflected in the people, groups, and movements with whom one is associated. The person should overcome the impulse to join with organizations or individuals merely because they are compelling or influential. They should seek associations that reflect their deepest dreams. Actions and events once enjoyed will no longer seem interesting because the goals once followed are no longer valued.

One will seek out new friends and join new organizations under this transit. In the past, there was contentment with the ordinary, but now organizations and friends who provide intense emotional energy will be sought. However, these encounters may turn out to be distasteful. Either way, it is likely that someone who will exert a strong influence will enter the life.



If Pluto forms a hard aspect or the natal planet it aspects is afflicted, this transit can cause the loss of friends and the breaking of ties. If afflicted, it is also difficult to realize one's goals while Pluto transits the eleventh house.

PLUTO THROUGH THE TWELFTH HOUSE

The key areas symbolized by the twelfth house are one's own undoing, delusions, illusions, and self-deception. Yet it is also the house of self-help — the doorway to the collective unconscious. The twelfth house is the house of secret sorrows, hidden enemies, and unexpected or unforeseen problems. It is the house of confinement, seclusion, and exile. It deals with hospitals and large animals. These are the main areas that will be affected by a transit of Pluto through the twelfth house.

The force of Pluto transiting the twelfth house is mainly psychological. It is a deep subconscious patterning that reveals facets of the mind that have been buried deep within the psyche. These unconscious forces now need to be confronted and made conscious. They are the forces that destabilize our conscious intentions and impede our ability to achieve goals in life. As long as they remain subconscious, they control us. It is essential at this time to confront these subconscious attitudes and values face-to-face, even if they are distasteful. The person who moves through adult life with childish subconscious behavioral patterns cannot create a fruitful and happy life. This transit cycle is the time to break free from the ties that bind.

In the past, we have all done things consciously or unconsciously that have hurt or alienated someone. We have most likely forgotten about it, but the person who was hurt has not forgotten. This person is referred to as a "hidden" or "secret" enemy, and they will seek to hinder and discredit the person who has hurt them. Unconscious and subconsciously motivated actions from the past that have brought about karmic conditions will manifest at this time. These forces can be disruptive and troubling, yet they offer the opportunity to learn from our past mistakes, offer atonement if need be, and experience the revelation of compassion for others and ourselves.

The transit of Pluto through the twelfth house stimulates and triggers conditions and events that force a person to face the truth of their past and their personality. Everyone's mind has secret feelings of guilt that need to be recognized, brought to the surface, dealt with, and balanced so we can move to a deeper spiritual awakening. These guilty feelings usually revolve around unsuccessful relationships and repressed memories. What we cannot face is pushed into the subconscious and held there. This is the karma that will manifest while Pluto transits the twelfth house, forcing the person to deal with its karmic effects, especially on a psychological level.

Subconscious forces will arise forcefully at this time. There will be an interest in meditation, yoga, and the occult, which can result in profound spiritual insight. However, if Pluto forms hard aspects while transiting the twelfth house, it can bring danger of confinement, particularly mental confinement. Harm can come from hidden enemies, secret intrigues, and the exposure of secret amorous affairs. One needs to also beware of poisons, alcohol, and drugs.

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STUDY QUESTIONS – LESSON TWO

1. To what does the study of transiting planets through the signs relate?
2. What is the fifth Cosmic Law of Astrology?
3. What overriding charts affect the manifestation of a natal chart?
4. What are zodiacal signs, and how do they affect consciousness?
5. What is the seventh Cosmic Law of Astrology?
6. What types of change does Pluto bring?
7. What does Pluto's passage into a new sign indicate?
8. What does Pluto's transit through a house of a natal chart indicate?
9. Is there a common thread in the negative expression of Neptune in the signs?
10. When did transiting Neptune enter Aquarius, and when will it leave?
11. When did transiting Uranus enter Pisces, and when will it leave?
12. How long does Uranus transit through a sign?
13. How long does Saturn transit through a sign?
14. List three difficulties or types of problems that Saturn transiting through Leo can bring.
15. How long does Jupiter transit through a sign?
16. How long does Mars transit through a sign?
17. Which two Mars aspects most often trigger a slower moving transit?



18. What is the significance of the sign in which Mars retrogrades?
19. What is the value of astrology?
20. What four important questions are asked about a planet transiting a house?
21. Why do astrologers say Pluto deals with death and regeneration?
22. What does the house that Pluto is transiting reveal?
23. List three types of experiences linked to a Pluto transit.