

SATURN THROUGH THE HOUSES

Saturn transits through the entire zodiac every thirty years. It moves about one degree per month, transiting each sign for approximately 2 1/2 years. To determine the time Saturn will spend in a specific house, calculate the number of degrees in the house. This will give you the approximate number of months during which Saturn's transit will be active.

Like all the outer planets, Saturn's transit through a house will be most noticeable when it forms an aspect to a natal planet or sensitive point. This will modify the transit according to the nature of the natal planet it activates. Saturn typically retrogrades over the first and last few degrees of each sign. Planets found in these degrees of a natal chart will be more intensely affected by Saturn because they are more likely to be aspected three times during a transit cycle.

The Twelfth General Principle

Saturn aspects usually fire late or after partile. When Saturn fires early, the seriousness of the event will not be realized until after the partile.

The value of esoteric astrology is to look at your transits well ahead of their manifestation so you can do something about them before they manifest. This is called softening your karma.

In preparing for the transit of Saturn through a house, ask yourself, "What happened thirty years ago when Saturn last transited this house?" Similar events will manifest at this time, but depending on how much you have spiritually matured, these events will be softer and easier to balance.

A person who lives to be sixty will experience two complete transits of Saturn through their horoscope. A person who lives to be seventy or eighty will experience two complete cycles plus the transit of four to eight additional houses. A person living to be over ninety will experience three complete transits of Saturn through their horoscope.

It has been said that the first and third transits of Saturn through a chart are not as favorable as the second. During the first cycle, the person is often too young to benefit from the wisdom that can be gained. During the third, the person is often too old.



If Saturn's second transit through the horoscope is more positive than its first, the third cycle is usually even more positive. But if the second cycle is more difficult than the first, the third transit is likely to be harder still. The ancient astrologers said two cycles are good, but three are better. Two cycles are good for gaining earthly wisdom, but three are better for gaining wisdom divine.

SATURN THROUGH THE FIRST HOUSE

Almost everything is delayed when Saturn transits the first house, but wisdom teaches us to realize that life's delays are not life's denials. This aspect can make people heavy, sad, and way too serious. There is also a tendency to become determined and ambitious.

Responsibilities become heavier and more difficult with Saturn in the first house, which makes it harder to achieve one's goals. It is difficult, and perhaps unwise, to begin new, long-range undertakings at this time. Saturn brings heavy responsibilities into life and the person is likely to have more than they can handle during this cycle.

There are two major obstacles that tend to manifest. The first is lack of energy — an inability to cope that causes people to withdraw from the world. The second is depression. This transit makes people supersensitive, reclusive, and dejected.

At some point in our lives (or past-lives), each of us has experienced the disappointment and restriction of Saturn. These past experiences have produced negative attitudes and actions that need to be corrected as Saturn transits the first house. Sadness, depression, and dejection are significant symbolic states of consciousness that the person has not yet learned to adjust or correct. These states of consciousness relate to life areas that are symbolized by Saturn's placement in the natal chart and the sign through which it is transiting. One should not be disappointed or troubled if these psychological states manifest. They are typical expressions of Saturn karma.

People need to look at their life before Saturn enters the first house and reflect on an important question: How often do they get depressed? Are they depressed more or less all the time? If a person is depressed off and on, this transit is likely to produce a bout of depression that is much stronger and longer lasting than usual. If they are more or less always depressed, this transit can be a major setback for what they are trying to accomplish in their life at this time. But remember, Saturn symbolizes delays — not denials.



A person will struggle to discover who they are during this transit. Over the past fourteen years (and in past-lives), they gained knowledge about the external world. During this transit, they need to become more introspective, more aware of their mental processes, more conscious of what is going on in their inner universe. If they do, they will discover that some of the roles they have taken on need to be adjusted or improved in their head. After they have made the necessary internal adjustments, they can harmoniously rebuild their external life. If they do, this transit will form a solid foundation for the next fourteen years, during which Saturn will transit the first six houses of the natal chart and activate subjective areas of one's life.

This transit will have a strong effect. It brings challenges, difficulties, delays, and heavy obligations. If Saturn is afflicted, it tends toward misfortune because of negligence or lack of energy. An afflicted Saturn symbolizes depression, disappointment, sorrow, and the possibility of heavy loss. Nonetheless, if one meets these challenges steadily and persistently, achievements can be remarkable. If one is cautious and skillful, the heavy responsibilities that accompany this transit will bring success later in life. The key for gaining the greatest amount of good from this cycle is to ask yourself, "What do I need, and what price am I willing to pay for it?" Then fight on...

SATURN THROUGH THE SECOND HOUSE

The lesson to be learned from Saturn's transit of the second house is a realization of what one truly values psychologically and materially. Depending on the nature of Saturn in the natal chart, its transit of the second house activates an interest in financial matters or the need for money. Independent of the amount that flows in, there usually seems to be a need for more money under this aspect.

Some astrologers say this transit brings financial difficulties. This is misleading unless the natal Saturn and natal second house are afflicted, in which case money problems would have been with the person most of their life. What I have found is that people feel poor or financially lacking under the influence of Saturn in the second house and strive to make more money, usually with great success, unless they get depressed and lazy.

Resources may flow in during this transit, but people need to be cautious of not squandering their wealth. There is a tendency to give away or sell valuable property, furniture, or assets for a fraction of their value, only to regret it later. The ancient books on astrology state that the transit of Saturn through the second house suggests great loss of money or possessions. This can be true, but I have found that much more often it manifests as a feeling of lack or being poor rather than actual loss. It makes a person feel



financially endangered because their assets appear to be (or may be) dwindling, which produces an urge to earn more money and acquire more possessions.

A person should be prudent about money matters when Saturn is in the second house, or loss can occur. Organize your financial life so more time can be spent balancing and reorganizing your psychological life. Prevent economic worries that can cause you to stop thinking clearly or evaluating your life. Do not allow these worries to prevent you from finding your genuine values.

SATURN THROUGH THE THIRD HOUSE

This is a cycle during which the mind needs to learn to adapt, adjust, and acclimatize. Transiting Saturn in the third house can signal difficulties in communications and delays while traveling. These difficulties often arise with relatives and create stress.

Transiting Saturn in the third house produces an intense and quiet mental attitude. One needs to be cautious that their personality does not become too heavy or grave. It is an excellent period for deep study or mastering a language or subject. Concerns and problems manifest with brothers and sisters, other relatives, and neighbors. These problems can cause discouragement and even depression. This makes it difficult to communicate, which increases the potential for conflict and makes problems that do arise even worse.

Third house transits affect a person's attitude and mental habits. The main problem of Saturn in the third house comes from the way the mind is now working. It may be sluggish, cautious, apprehensive, guarded, unconstructive, or dejected. This leaves people around the native feeling the native does not like them or trust them. Thus, other people pull away. There is a need to recognize these negative traits in the mind and correct them or at least adjust them. One needs to resolve the error of the mind before attempting to change external circumstances.

When a person does realize what is happening in their head, they may find it hard to accept their personality. This can easily produce discouragement or depression, which can cause one's attitudes, habits, and patterns of communication to change extensively. A person may encounter obstacles when dealing with other people because others cannot easily accept the new patterns.

If afflicted, people can have serious problems with brothers and sisters; there is danger of accidents while taking short trips; and there can be serious misunderstandings with neighbors. The mind can also malfunction, causing a range of mental problems, the most common of which is serious depression.



SATURN THROUGH THE FOURTH HOUSE

This transit brings trouble and loss into the domestic area of a person's life. There may be problems with the physical home or heavy responsibilities may develop in the home life. These difficulties may occur because of family members moving in or out of the house, heavy expenses, a second mortgage, necessary repairs, or simply because of boredom. It is not an advisable time for moving or redecorating the home because there are likely to be long delays and unforeseen expenses under this transit.

People usually need to get more rest while Saturn is in the fourth house. They also need to actively cultivate a cheerful environment in their home. The health of the family will need to be guarded closely, especially the health of the parents. This can be an emotional cycle because it spotlights the domestic life, where people experience some of the most private and personal events in their life. Depending on the natal chart, the effects of this transit can range anywhere from an easy reorganization of the home life to a grueling, severe restructuring of family relationships.

Problems that do arise during this transit and are not resolved will come back to haunt a person later in life. The fourth house symbolizes the foundation of a chart. It is called the *nadir*. Problems that manifest while Saturn or any malefic planet transits this house must be solved not just internally but externally as well. The fourth house symbolizes the end of things in a person's life and thus the beginning of a new cycle. Anything left unresolved at this time will bring opposition or be an impediment to realizing one's goals about fifteen years from now, when Saturn enters the tenth house, which is called the *zenith*.

It is not unusual to take on serious responsibilities in the home under this aspect. This should be done wisely so the relationship is not destructive or confining. Like a parent's love, it should be a love moving toward separation.

When afflicted, difficulties manifest through parents, older people, the home environment, or family. Over-sensitivity will cause all sorts of problems and losses. Very heavy responsibilities will arise, and one needs to be cautious of misfortune or obstacles arising in areas that are close to the place of birth.

SATURN THROUGH THE FIFTH HOUSE

This transit activates the areas of life related to children, love affairs, gaming, gambling, speculation, and creativity. These areas can become quite difficult under this aspect. Lovers and/or children may present an intense responsibility at this time or feel like a burden.



Transiting Saturn through the fifth house usually produces great stress in the love life, often causing relationships to break up. It is an undesirable time to have or to carry a child. Children (if their ages permit) often leave the home under this aspect or there is a serious disintegration or emotional separation between parent and child.

This transit causes people to become inhibited romantically and in love affairs. People and situations linked to the fifth house seem to become a burden. Sometimes people feel that the opportunity to have a romantic relationship is being hindered by other people's actions.

Some people simply withdraw from all personal or intimate contact with people. The truth is they are unconsciously evading people with whom they would like to form a close relationship because of fear. If love affairs do arise, there is often a marked age difference.

A person should not gamble, speculate, or take unnecessary risks at this time, as the results will prove unsatisfactory. Speculation often fails. An investment that one believes will bring rapid financial remuneration usually does not manifest or is delayed and happens several years later.

If Saturn is afflicted, serious problems can arise from or with children, babies, and lovers and in one's pursuit of pleasure or entertainment. Love affairs go sour and break up, producing worry and strain. Loss can arise from speculation, romance, gambling, gaming, and there can be problems related to childbearing.

Anything achieved under this transit will only be accomplished with effort, a disciplined mind, and hard work. Saturn's transit through the fifth house of leisure and recreation will most likely not be enjoyable. It is a time for learning, maturing, and growing up.

SATURN THROUGH THE SIXTH HOUSE

The sixth house is the house of work and service. Saturn transiting the sixth house will generate heavy professional responsibilities and cause a person to work much harder. There may be difficulties and problems with symbolic servants, i.e., waiters, cab drivers, bus drivers, grocery cashiers, bank clerks, cleaning staff, etc. More importantly, it may be impossible to meet the expectations of one's boss during this cycle for two reasons. The first is that one's workload will be overwhelming or will feel like it is. The second is people feel that they cannot possibly handle any added responsibilities because there is a lack of energy. These two problems can bring difficulties that may result in the termination of the person's position.



The sixth house also symbolizes your health. Many people are cold and clammy or have chills under this transit. It is hard, if not impossible, to be warm and comfortable. Keep in mind that your physical body is an instrument. It should be dedicated to helping others and attaining spiritual evolution. You need to guard it under this transit. Do not become overtaxed. Watch your diet. Do not waste your physical energy. Do not scatter it. You need to preserve it and give the body and mind the extra energy they need to solve any problems that arise in the sixth house. If your health breaks down, you will not be able to accomplish your goals. This is why your health must come first.

You will prefer to work alone during this transit, which can limit your professional success. Watch what others would consider a disapproving personality or it will be costly. In addition to all this, difficulties can arise with, or because of, relatives, such as uncles and aunts. Keep in mind that there will be little or no rewards at this time. However, if you persevere and keep working, the rewards will be most satisfying and meaningful later on.

If Saturn is afflicted in the sixth house, one should be careful of neglecting any aspect of their health. Loss of business opportunities often occurs because of health problems. The sign Saturn is in natally and by transit will indicate the nature of health problems. The sixth house indicates poor digestion, poor circulation, exhaustion, and constipation, which can be a source of major problems.

SATURN THROUGH THE SEVENTH HOUSE

The seventh house rules personal and professional partnerships. It is the house of marriage, the public, and open enemies. Saturn's transit of this house will assess your patience and ability to remain calm, cool, and levelheaded when others challenge you and your freedom.

This transit produces discontentment and inhibitions associated with your everyday social life. Bosses and associates will cause additional burdens to be placed upon you, closing off relationships. This will test the fabric of your strength. These relationships and their demands will be seen as the key cause of your difficulties. Resolving these demands and difficulties will necessitate enormous concentration and energy. Because of the stress they produce, some of your closest relationships will be terminated, but not before heavy sadness manifests. Even an agreeable marriage will be tested at this time.



Saturn entering your seventh house ends a course of action that began approximately fifteen years ago when Saturn initially entered your first house. The emphasis of Saturn's transit of the first six houses focused on your relationship with yourself and your reactions to yourself. With the movement of Saturn into the seventh house, you enter into a new fifteen-year cycle. Here the emphasis will be more focused on understanding others and the development of skills for dealing with one-to-one relationships, such as marriage, intimate associations, love affairs, and business partnerships.

The transiting Saturn passing through the seventh house tends to cause misunderstandings with the public. Marital complications and coldness often arise. You are moving from focusing on your inner world and problems to your outer world and its problems. You need to pay more attention to your relationships. This is done most effectively by asking two key questions: Precisely, what are other people's expectations concerning you? Precisely, what are your expectations concerning them?

If afflicted, this transit can symbolize serious loss through contracts and litigation, generally caused by competitors. It is not the best period for establishing a partnership, marriage, or business. It can cause coldness on the part of one's marital or business partner. The transit of Saturn through the seventh house frequently corresponds with the termination of a marriage or love affair. If the natal Saturn and the ruler of the natal seventh house are heavily afflicted and/or a person has little self-control, divorce or separation is likely to occur during this cycle. The transit of Saturn through the seventh house when it is heavily afflicted also symbolizes sorrow and grief, as well as the possible death of a spouse or devoted business partner.

SATURN THROUGH THE EIGHTH HOUSE

This transit focuses on two vital areas of life. The first deals with finances and assets held in joint tenancy. The second deals with fundamental concepts of transformation, which includes the concept of death and dying.

In the first arena, there will be a need to adjust to other people's principles, values, and ideals and potentially to the loss of their wealth. The goal is to adjust to values and ideals that are different from yours and, if possible, to harmoniously integrate them into your life. If problems arise, you will become conscious of them only after deep-seated clashes caused by your inability to accept other people's values.

In the second area, you will come face-to-face with an awareness of your own mortality. You may suddenly become disturbed about your mortality or the mortality of others. You will devote more time to thinking about death and the afterlife. You may



even experience a change in your consciousness. This is often reflected by a deeper interest in mysticism, the occult, or life-changing philosophies.

During this transit, one evaluates the changes they have experienced and the adjustments they have made over the last seventeen years since Saturn crossed the ascendant. They are looking for the cosmic design in the belief that it will give them insight about the meaning of this incarnation and where it is taking them. The past seventeen years can include years from this incarnation or from a past-life if the person is less than fifteen years old. Remember, it is not our age but the horizon of our awareness that allows us to gain insight from our experience and soften our karma. Thus, we can be of greater help to others.

The eighth house is also the second house of the spouse. Your spouse or business partners might have a difficult time financially, which may affect your income. They may have money but be unwilling to part with it because of their own fears. Thus, try not to depend on financial support from others during this transit. Long before it begins, you should establish a sound financial foothold for yourself so you do not need financial support. As you do this, you will become aware of your own limitations. You will also realize the need for cooperation, for your sake and for the sake of your partner.

If afflicted, the transiting Saturn passing through the eighth house brings difficulties and emotionality over financial matters with partners. Difficulties often arise around wills, legacies, and insurance. If the ruler of the natal eighth house and the natal Saturn are both afflicted, this transit will bring about key changes from deep within you.

Many people become fearful they will die during this transit. This is more often a fear than a reality. It depends on the aspects to the ruler of the natal eighth house and aspects to and from the eighth house. Many factors must come together at the same time to produce physical death. But being the house of death, it is likely that this aspect will cause you to visit funeral parlors and cemeteries more often than usual because of the loss of a family member, business partner, friend, or co-worker.

SATURN THROUGH THE NINTH HOUSE

Saturn in the ninth house often indicates a period of serious study. Esoteric studies, metaphysics, philosophy, law, and medicine will excite the mind. People are drawn to them formally or informally. This aspect also indicates legal complications and long journeys that can cause disappointments, delays, and obstacles to one's goals. If one travels, the journey is usually related to work, study, or most likely, meeting responsibilities and commitments.



The ninth house is the partner's third. One often finds the mind of the marital or business partner to be negative or pessimistic. Saturn transiting the ninth house will cause one's mind to become more serious and focused. Thus, your beliefs about life will become more intense as you reflect upon yourself and your place in life. This will reveal the pathway by which you can reach your goals. If there is a danger associated with Saturn in the ninth house, it is that you think you know everything. Thus, your mind closes down, which closes the door to future discoveries and thus to wisdom.

This transit is not a suitable cycle for idealism. It is a time for realistically dealing with the world. Your studies should be practical and down-to-earth. What you learn now will be of significant help when Saturn enters your tenth house a few years from now.

Under affliction, serious legal problems or difficulties with religious figures can arise. The ancient astrologers stated that transiting Saturn in the ninth house causes long journeys to be perilous. This can be true if the ruler of the natal ninth house is heavily afflicted and is most likely to occur when the transiting Saturn conjuncts that natal planet.

SATURN THROUGH THE TENTH HOUSE

The transit of Saturn through the tenth house presents serious struggles around one's career, social status, and life goals. These struggles most often manifest with one's boss, supervisor, elders, or people in positions of authority. If these relationships are handled well, it can be a time of great accomplishment, but often the rewards come years later.

Saturn in the tenth house is a time when you pick up or are given heavy responsibilities. However, the positivity or negativity that comes from this transit will be a direct result of your maturity and effort over the past seven to fourteen years. It is harvest time. That which you have externally sown, you will reap during Saturn's transit of the tenth house.

If you have worked unselfishly, efficiently, and with clarity of purpose, the harvest will be superb. However, if you have been selfish, ineffectual, or lacking direction, it may be very frustrating because you will not be mentally equipped to deal with the challenges and added responsibilities that are going to manifest into your life at this time.

Saturn across the cusp of the tenth house (midheaven) can be a difficult period in one's career because new responsibilities are usually placed upon us. In addition, responsibilities often arise around older members of the family. Saturn's natal placement

and aspects to the ruler of the natal tenth house will determine the intensity of these responsibilities. The challenge of this cycle is to refrain from becoming so focused on career and status (or necessary family responsibilities) that you overlook intimate relationships. The lesson to be learned is to find the balance.

If Saturn in the tenth house is heavily afflicted, it is a sign of serious difficulties that can lead to misfortune because of unresolved problems from the past. These problems will now reappear, causing obstructions to the fulfillment of your personal and professional goals.

SATURN THROUGH THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

The eleventh house is the house of friends, hopes, wishes, and ambitions. It is also the house of affiliations. During Saturn's transit of the tenth house, one had the opportunity to stand out as an individual personality. During its transit of the eleventh house, there is a new lesson to be learned. One must develop the ability to assimilate the values and ideals of a group with which you are affiliated into your personality or life. Unfortunately, you will feel the group's conditions are excessive to say the least, during this aspect.

We all need help from other people to accomplish our goals. The problem is that you will find it challenging to work harmoniously with others during this transit, and they will feel it is impossible for you to become part of their group. The emotions that manifest will cause you to feel that the group in which you are trying to be a part is interfering with you and hindering your work. Saturn makes one fixed and rigid. With Saturn in the eleventh house, you feel things should be done your way. You get offended if someone asks you to see another point of view or embrace a different set of values and ideals.

Saturn in the eleventh house indicates that the groups with which you are affiliated will place extra work or responsibility on you. Because you do not want or need added responsibilities at this time, problems arise that must be resolved. Seek to work harmoniously with everyone. Try to balance your needs with their needs. Try to balance your goals with their goals. Fulfill your commitments to the group, and in the end you will be happy that you cooperated and found a compromise.

Saturn transiting through the eleventh house can also indicate the loss of friends, usually because they crawl into the woodwork. It causes delays and frustrations in the pursuit of one's dreams, hopes, and wishes. It can also bring new friends into one's life, though there is usually a marked age difference and they often delay one's goals or ambitions.



If Saturn is afflicted, it can indicate the loss or separation from a dear, close friend. There might be heavy delays or even a denial of your goals. Problems can arise related to the parents' finances, stepchildren, or the economics of one's employer.

SATURN THROUGH THE TWELFTH HOUSE

This transit is the end of a thirty-year cycle. All the unresolved problems existing in the houses from the last transit of Saturn around the chart must be resolved before it crosses the ascendant once again and transits into the first house. Thus, for many people this cycle is full of diverse problems manifesting one after the other. Do not judge. Just appraise and use the new data to resolve any problems left over from the last thirty years.

It is important during this transit to understand your victories and your failures. If the last thirty years of your life have not met your standard for success, you will find you are now forced to correct internal, psychological attitudes so you can remove the last impediments to future success. Because this is the end of a cycle, you should remember that your actions are unlikely to yield much at this time. But as one cycle ends, a new cycle begins.

This is a time when you feel you have (or actually do have) many opponents and much opposition. It will be hard during this transit to receive credit for anything you do. Thus, you might feel like entering seclusion. Transiting Saturn through the twelfth house produces self-confinement, sadness, negativity, and a feeling that someone else is confining you. If you are evolved and mature, it can be a wonderful period for the manifestation of spiritual realizations. Meaningful self-help will improve your life.

The essentials of your life begin to waste away during this transit. Strategies that used to work are no longer effective. Plans and actions that worked in the past are no longer fruitful. It becomes worse as individuals leave and abandon your circle of influence. It is a poor time for beginning any new venture or undertaking. The key reason for this is that the tide is coming in, not going out. There is little or no subconscious power at this time. There is little creative energy in the mind and one is compelled to deal with multiple problems, both internally and externally.

When Saturn is afflicted in the twelfth house, many people experience deep guilt and despair caused by their regrets about the past. This despair and guilt cause people to become preoccupied with what they consider to be their failures. People need to be careful when Saturn is in the twelfth house. They should avoid emotions that lead them into situations that will cause greater disappointment, sorrow, or psychological imprisonment.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TRANSITING JUPITER

The textbooks say ancient astrologers believed Jupiter brought only favorable and positive events into a person's life. Therefore, they called it the Greater Benefic. Once again, nothing in this world is all good or all bad. You know the positivity or negativity of a planetary force depends largely on its natal house position, natal aspects, the house it rules, and its location by degree. But more than anything else, it depends on past karmic actions, attitude, viewpoint, and the ability to adjust, adapt, and acclimatize to planetary energy. Difficulties do manifest through Jupiter, but even under a hard transit, a person's attitude will be quite optimistic.

When Jupiter moves through a house, the events ruled by that house move forward and develop easily. Jupiter has a wonderful positive effect on a person's attitude, which spills over into all areas of their life. This optimistic attitude and easygoing manner are the key reasons that positivity manifests into one's life.

Jupiter controls some of the most prominent facets of our psychological life, such as our philosophy, religious beliefs, and spiritual aspirations. It brings conscious improvement, greater self-confidence, joyfulness, and charm, which are all magic portals for gaining one's aspirations.

The house Jupiter is transiting shows an area of life that you are seeking to master and unfold. Because these areas are so easily mastered under Jupiter's influence, it causes a person to go to extremes. Remember that Jupiter is known as the expander; it wants to expand everything with which it comes into contact. This is why it is easy to lose restraint or go to extremes. Though most Jupiter transits are rewarding, there is still the possibility that a person will become careless or excessive.

Jupiter rules religion, long-distance travel, foreign countries, higher education, and the law. Jupiter's nature is expansive. Whatever it comes into contact with, it seeks to expand astrally, mentally, and physically. People symbolized by Jupiter include professors, doctors, lawyers, priests, voyagers, grandfathers, and gurus. Any aspect involving Jupiter will cause people to become more philosophical, optimistic, sociable, and wiser. However, as said before, one needs to be cautious because it is easy to go to extremes and become excessive or indulgent under Jupiter's influence.



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Jupiter moves through the entire zodiac every twelve years. When examining a horoscope for Jupiter transits, see what house and sign it is currently in. Then ask yourself what happened twelve years ago. There will be a repetitious pattern to the house and sign position where you find Jupiter then and now.

Jupiter moves through a sign in about twelve months. This means that Jupiter moves approximately 2.5 degrees per month. If you calculate the number of degrees between Jupiter's current position and the next house cusp it will cross, the answer reveals how many degrees Jupiter must travel before it leaves that house. Divide this figure by 2.5 and it gives you the number of months that remain before Jupiter leaves that house. For example, if Jupiter is in 15 degrees Cancer and the next house cusp is 5 degrees Leo, it must travel 20 degrees before leaving that house. (20 divided by 2.5 = 8 months.) To calculate the number of months Jupiter will transit a specific house, multiply the number of degrees in the house by 2.5 degrees.

JUPITER THROUGH THE FIRST HOUSE

Jupiter's transit of the first house brings a cheerful disposition and greater happiness. Depending on Jupiter's natal configuration, it may improve the health. It can also cause a person to gain weight, especially if the natal ascendant is a water sign or if the ruler of the natal ascendant or the natal Jupiter is in water signs. It is a period of advancement, expansion, and social opportunities that are brought about through personal ability. It produces generosity and a positive attitude, which can lead to social, educational, or professional success.

People are less reserved under this transit of Jupiter because they feel more optimistic, self-confident, and friendly. This self-confidence increases the person's composure, bringing the ability to expand their views and improve their life. This causes people to be drawn into one's life who will bring benefits to them and their associates. These events will cause the person to see life, the world, and humanity much more clearly. As a result of this, the mind will spiritually mature and the person will discard immature attitudes and habits from the past. For all these reasons, this transit will be auspicious.

One can easily come to know their true Self under this transit. The attitude is positive and the levels of the mind expand, bringing wonderful events into life. It is an easy time to learn and succeed. Therefore, it is wise to make as many contacts with people as possible during this cycle because they will bring opportunities to improve one's mind and life.



Many astrologers say that any transit of Jupiter through a house is a positive lesson about that house. They say this because it brings insight into the spiritual or religious components of life. But if Jupiter is afflicted, it can cause a person to become careless, sloppy, and haughty, giving the impression that they know more than anyone else. If this happens, it will reduce the benefits that Jupiter can bring through any house.

JUPITER THROUGH THE SECOND HOUSE

This transit improves one's financial circumstances. It is a time for financial success, business expansion, and for gaining possessions. When one thinks of transiting Jupiter through the second house, one immediately thinks of money flowing into one's life. However, it is far more than this because the second house is not merely the house of money. It is the house of wealth.

Wealth includes thoughts, ideas, and memories, which are the touchstones for gaining and sustaining everything else in life. With Jupiter in the second house, the mind will automatically expand one's view of life and draw forth ideas, ideals, and memories from the past that will be favorable. When Jupiter is in the second house, one is manifesting, creating, and expanding that which is of value to them. If it is money, then money will expand or increase. If it is thoughts and ideas, then thoughts and ideas will increase. Whatever one values will be expanded. This is why it is important for people to reflect and be clear about what they value. Failing to do this or understand this important concept, a person will manifest things and events under this aspect that will hinder and interfere later in life with what they truly value.

Decide what your one goal is in life. Ask yourself what you need in order to achieve it. Then ask what will hinder you from attaining it. It is important to know how to gain what you need but more important to understand what will hinder you. Seek to realize how assets can be used to gain greater maturity and thus improve your life and the lives of those around you.

You will discover a great deal about yourself and your values during this transit. You will also learn much about people and life through your management of money and assets. Look at investing money not just as a strategy for future security but also as a spiritual means to gain greater self-understanding.

When afflicted, Jupiter often makes a person lazy and careless. There is a high possibility of mismanaging assets or making bad investments. Money may flow in but can just as easily flow out. There is danger of going to extremes. Remember, even your favorite food, taken in excess, can make you sick.

JUPITER THROUGH THE THIRD HOUSE

This transit improves the mind, making people more optimistic and desirous to make short journeys. People establish congenial relationships with family and neighbors. It is an excellent time for study and mental pursuits. A person's interactions with brothers, sisters, cousins, and neighbors will be exceptional and can bring benefits or help. As with most Jupiter transits, the key dangers are carelessness or laziness.

Jupiter in the third house causes a person to enlarge the number of acquaintances they have. This is often accomplished through writing and correspondence. A deep interest in communication arises that also leads to writing, whether through letters, articles, e-mails, or books. In order to communicate further, one often chooses to make many short trips or is required to make short journeys. Writing and traveling will improve a person's understanding of the world and themselves. The mind becomes more liberal regarding other people's opinions and values. One's attitude regarding the world and the people close to them becomes more broadminded.

People are less inclined to prejudice under this aspect. An attitude of open-mindedness and non-judgmental communication brings about opportunities to develop skills that will help one's career and everyday social life. Plans for the future become broader and more extensive. As a result of this, the person will realize that their limitations, which they thought were imposed by others are, in reality, self-imposed.

On a spiritual level, this transit will have a positive effect on one's consciousness and awareness, enabling childish attitudes and habits to fall away and the mind to break free from limitations. These insights and little enlightenments will transpire through study, short journeys, or everyday discussions. These events will also cause the mind to expand and draw in memories from past-lives.

JUPITER THROUGH THE FOURTH HOUSE

Jupiter through the fourth house signifies an important period in one's life. It is a time when events generally end in a positive fashion. This transit improves the home life. People often move into a larger or better house or they redecorate and improve their home. There is a desire for a comfortable, peaceful home life. Thus, people seek and usually find inner peace. People feel big-hearted and the family feels generous. Thus, benefits and gains come through the parents or other members of the family.



The fourth house deals with one's personal life, and Jupiter's transit here will improve it. If there have been domestic problems, they should now begin to rapidly improve. At the deepest levels of the mind, a Jupiter transit promotes your sense of self-confidence, bringing about the need to go out into the world and take control of your life. However, it would be wise to focus on gaining greater security in your home and personal life under this transit, making them into a haven. In so doing, you prevent personal problems from becoming external problems later in life when you strive for success in the world.

When afflicted, this transit can cause a person to be excessively influenced by other people's ideas and ideals. Thus, one can easily be led astray from their own goals. Success will be based on a happy, secure home environment. If the home life is kept balanced, one is much more likely to succeed in accomplishing their goals.

JUPITER THROUGH THE FIFTH HOUSE

Jupiter in the fifth house causes people to have too much self-confidence. It leads people to make grandiose plans that can quickly escalate to speculation and gambling, both romantically and financially. The person will be more popular and pleasure-oriented, becoming more attached to the enjoyments of this world. It is a favorable period for romance and bearing children, assuming the natal Jupiter and the ruler of the fifth house are favorable.

It is a time for the full expression of the inner self. The force of this transit encourages personal unfoldment and expanded insights. It increases self-assurance and self-expression. It allows people to express themselves romantically and creatively, which has the powerful and immediately positive result of enhancing contacts with people.

The creative aptitude is improved during this transit and one actively expresses their higher nature. New studies are undertaken and thus new means and methods for doing things will be realized. Financial matters will improve and romantic involvements will prove to be fulfilling. If a person has children, this transit will markedly expand and improve their relationship with them. What children do or accomplish will make the parent proud and children will be proud of their parent's accomplishments.

If Jupiter is natively afflicted, this transit can result in overindulgence, which creates barriers to the realization of one's goals. Over-speculation in financial matters and in romance can also be a major hindrance. Many people reveal a haughty, pompous personality under this transit, which will definitely hinder the attainment of one's ambitions.

JUPITER THROUGH THE SIXTH HOUSE

The transit of Jupiter through the sixth house improves one's work environment. There will be less strain, better work conditions, and more harmonious interplay with co-workers. One's health and attitude will improve. Dealings with service personnel will be more satisfying and pleasurable.

Jupiter's transit of the sixth house is an excellent time to attain greater success on the job. There is a natural tendency to pour more energy into one's work. The job becomes rewarding and meaningful, offering a new sense of value and direction. Though the person will accomplish much professionally, there can be problems in others areas. There is a danger that too much energy will go into the work life, creating conflicts in one's personal life because not enough energy is being directed there. Nonetheless, people will love their work and thus work harder and smarter, completing more work than ever before. This will come to the attention of one's supervisor, improving one's work conditions, and quite often resulting in a promotion or new job offer within the same company.

Unless the natal Jupiter and the ruler of the natal sixth house are afflicted, this transit brings added vitality and improves the health. It is an excellent period for healing the body. However, if Jupiter is afflicted natively, especially to the ruler of the natal sixth house, health problems can arise. These are usually linked to the blood/liver system. Be careful of gluttony and overindulgence, which can lead to gaining excessive weight. Fatty foods and excess sugar should be avoided because these can damage the pancreas. If afflicted, this cycle can also produce excessive ambition and competitiveness on the job. One can feel a rush to succeed that results in a person being careless and sloppy.

JUPITER THROUGH THE SEVENTH HOUSE

The seventh house deals with business partnerships, marriage, the general public, and competitors (sometimes referred to as recognized enemies). If one is involved in a personal or business partnership, this transit will cause the relationship to be more harmonious and profitable.

Transiting Jupiter through the seventh house produces a tendency toward partnership. It brings more satisfying contact and a better relationship with the public. The person becomes easygoing and has improved conversational skill. Thus, they gain more easily through partnerships; greater happiness comes as a result. Jupiter in the seventh house symbolizes that people with whom one forms associations will be more mature



and experienced. Whether these relationships are marriage, romantic, or professional, the new partner is likely to be older. In addition, the partner will already have an established reputation. Partnerships will require the person to let go of many childish views and habits. It will cause them to mature, bringing about an expansion of their consciousness and a shift in their values.

Unless the natal Jupiter or the ruler of the ninth house is afflicted, this is an excellent time to resolve lawsuits and misunderstandings. It is also a good time for dealing with doctors, lawyers, religionists, and people from foreign countries. It is an excellent time for long-distance travel. As with all Jupiter transits, be cautious of being careless or sloppy with your thinking and actions. If problems do arise, it is an excellent time for seeking support from professional people. Doctors, lawyers, religious leaders, consultants, teachers, and counselors will be of great help to you.

Jupiter symbolizes foreign countries and the people who live there. It also relates to people from different cultures and people who hold different attitudes, beliefs, and values. This transit indicates that one will establish meaningful contact and form associations with these people. This requires a person to enlarge their understanding of the world in order to communicate effectively with people who think differently than they do or who come from a different cultural background. This expanded understanding will be indispensable in any relationship and will help one attain their dreams and goals.

All Jupiter transits call for a degree of moderation in order to realize their benefits. Failing to use moderation under this transit can bring problems such as poor health, loss of a relationship, lawsuits, or more likely, strong misunderstandings because of carelessness or inattention to detail.

JUPITER THROUGH THE EIGHTH HOUSE

The old astrologers said that Jupiter's transit of this house brings money from other people through inheritance or other means. Jupiter transits the total horoscope in twelve years. It will probably transit the eighth house five to seven times during an incarnation. Do not expect an inheritance each time Jupiter moves through the eighth house. However, other people will help you financially, ideologically and spiritually during these cycles.

This transit often brings dynamic changes into a person's life. They are usually brought about by the release of deep psychological pressures. These changes can be irritating and annoying, but in time a person understands that they manifested events

that helped their life become fuller and better. This transit also brings a fuller comprehension and appreciation of the meaning of Life and one's place within it.

Transiting Jupiter in the eighth house brings financial gain through business partners, spouses, and the public. It is often a time of gain through legacies. In addition, it is a favorable time to merge resources and assets or to form associations in which capital is needed. It is also an excellent period to apply for a loan because people and institutions are now more willing to help you.

For some people this transit brings about a religious and/or spiritual renaissance. People benefit from studying mysticism or the esoteric sciences. It is a favorable period for dealing with dreams, visions, and exploring the astral world. It is also a time when people reflect in a meaningful way on death, dying, and the afterlife. The ancient books state that if death comes when Jupiter is transiting the eighth house, it will be a peaceful death with stronger attunement to the higher astral vibrations.

When afflicted, problems can manifest with other people's assets, legal documents, and financial institutions such as banks, insurance companies, and credit unions. Problems surrounding dreams or the use of hypnosis can also arise.

JUPITER THROUGH THE NINTH HOUSE

Jupiter is the natural ruler of the ninth house. Its transit brings a desire for deep study and long-distance travel. These expand and lift a person's fundamental view of life and their place within it. Nonetheless, one must be open and receptive to this expansion of awareness. Then it will lead to greater maturity and evolution.

People become more religious or philosophical at this time. It is a period of strong inspiration and expansion in the areas of life most meaningful to a person. It brings positive intuition, which manifests out of dreams or the meditative state, and is helpful in guiding one's life. It is a time when people have far-reaching ambitions that include the study of foreign cultures or long-distance travel. These can bring about added skills and offer an opportunity to formally or informally teach. This is also a superb period for writing because the ninth house governs publishing and publishing companies.

Because people wish to learn more under this aspect, they will read much more than usual. The subjects often include religion, metaphysics, philosophy, and yoga. The person will be taught in these areas through life circumstances and experiences. One may become closely associated with someone from a different culture or country through



business, study, or personal interaction. These people will come into their life with practical information and lofty wisdom, helping one resolve their problems. This will assist the person in letting go of their intolerance and antiquated attitudes so they can live a freer, happier life.

If Jupiter is afflicted in the ninth house, legal problems can arise, which at first appear straightforward and simple. However, they can become complicated and expand, as with all things Jupiter touches. Do not get careless or greedy. Problems can also come through interactions with lawyers, doctors, professors, foreigners, and religious leaders.

JUPITER THROUGH THE TENTH HOUSE

This transit of Jupiter brings honor, fame, and improvement to one's reputation. It causes a person to feel more self-assured about their success in life. In general, Jupiter through the tenth house brings good fortune to anything into which you put time and energy. It is a period of definite increase in material things. Benefits come through people in high places or government agencies.

The mind focuses on reputation, career, and profession during this transit. It is highly likely that a person will achieve their goals if they put forth effort and avoid excess. However, they need to watch their attitude because it will be easy for other people to resent them and their efforts. If this happens, the people around them will begin to set up barriers, making it harder for that person to succeed. This is truer of supervisors and bosses. Those in positions of authority may feel that the person's ego has become puffed-up and overblown. If the person can control their ego, from the bosses point of view — not their own, their achievements will be recognized and they will get the advancement they seek.

Jupiter in the tenth house of career relates to higher education, law, philosophy, medicine, religion, healing, and long-distance travel. Travel could be work related and will most likely bring a person into contact with foreign cultures and people. Thus, this transit can add to one's leadership qualities. When afflicted, the personality can become egotistical and hypercritical, which will rub people the wrong way and hurt one's chances of achieving their goals. One needs to be careful not to become haughty, dictatorial, or smug.

JUPITER THROUGH THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

Jupiter's transit through the eleventh house brings new friends. A person's hopes and dreams will manifest and the mind will become more centered and happy. People often join new clubs or organizations that bring benefits and new friends who are a positive force in one's life.

People become more optimistic and humanitarian during this transit. The mind is focused on hopes and wishes, finding new friends, and joining new organizations. These will be important. Old and new friends, together with organizations, will encourage the person and help them in the attainment of their goals and ambitions.

Life is rooted in reciprocity. With Jupiter in the eleventh house, a person also helps those around them in the attainment of their dreams and goals. The more friends a person has, the greater the potential for this transit to positively affect people. Helping and assisting others cultivates an even stronger wish to improve the world around you. However, if afflicted, the mind becomes too self-willed and perhaps too self-centered. Beware of these traits.

JUPITER THROUGH THE TWELFTH HOUSE

Jupiter is a favorable force in the twelfth house, as opposed to the other outer planets, which are quite difficult when they transit this house. Nevertheless, the advantages are not always immediately obvious. Jupiter through the twelfth house brings success over hidden enemies. It is a powerful and positive period for winning assistance from unseen sources. It is a positive period for adventure and exploring the unknown. Success often comes through large institutions. People may seek out solitude.

This transit causes people to become dispassionate. Thus, they come to see themselves, others, and the world more clearly, gaining deeper insight into the spiritual greatness of life. They will feel a need to communicate these truths to others. As this feeling becomes stronger, as their empathy for the suffering of others grows, they will realize a great truth: That which you do to another person is done to all humanity. Thus, they realize that to help one soul is to help all souls.

The heart will be gladdened because a friend from the past will reenter the life. They will be a great help in healing a part of the mind, allowing one to be of even more help to others. This will give deep comfort and added meaning to life.

People are inclined to study and practice various forms of yoga, metaphysics, or esoteric science during this transit and often become more involved in orthodox religion. If Jupiter is afflicted, there is a danger of becoming dissipated, usually through alcohol, drugs, or excessive food.



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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TRANSITING MARS

There is a corollary to the Second General Principle, which states there is a direct link between the speed of planetary motion and the intensity of a transit. This corollary states: The faster a planet moves, the less powerful it is by transit.

Only the slower moving planets (Pluto, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, and Jupiter) are used when making major predictions by transit. Because of their rapid speed, the inner planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, and Venus) are rarely used for making predictions by transit. But this is less true of Mars, especially its two-year conjunction to the Moon, and to a lesser degree its conjunction to its own natal position. As stated earlier, the transiting Mars indicates short-term events, usually lasting only a few days or weeks, whereas the slower moving planets indicate conditions that last for months and even years. Mars is primarily a triggering mechanism for the slower moving planets, which release the astral forces in the chart.

The Thirteenth General Principle

When a Mars transit occurs at the same time as a slower moving transit approaching partile to the same planet, Mars will cause the other transit to activate before partile and with greater force.

Mars is the planet of energy. It shows the immediate short-range focus and action of the mind. It reveals the drawing in of karmic events that manifest as physical restlessness, sexual passion, anger, irritation, and minor accidents. Mars is traditionally considered to be a harmful planet and is known as the Lesser Malefic. This is because the vibration of Mars, although neutral, brings the average person more problems than benefits. It should be emphasized that the fault is not with Mars or any planet. The problem is our inability to control the impulses of the mind. Planets themselves are neither harmonious nor inharmonious.

When astrologers say a planet is malefic, it simply means humanity as a whole has not sufficiently evolved to the point where it can respond to the planetary vibration in a harmonious way. In other words, the planetary force is controlling the undisciplined mind.



Mars: The Planet of Energy

Mars is the planet of undifferentiated energy — a necessary and essential part of life. Without it, your life, life itself could not exist. The energy of Mars is an essential component of the ego drive. If a person lacks this energy, he will have little drive and not much personality. A weak ego personality is insecure and easily threatened. When it is threatened, it becomes harsh, angry, and irritable. At the same time, a person who has too strong of an ego personality can be overbearing and too assertive. Any planetary energy not curbed by self-discipline and skillful means will activate to an extreme, which causes problems. This includes Jupiter and Venus, the greater and lesser benefic.

The archetypal manifestation of Mars is productive action and positive assertiveness. But without self-discipline, it easily becomes self-serving, rash, and disagreeable, leading to destructive attitudes and hostile actions. When selfless and altruistic, the energy of Mars is symbolized by the knight in shining armor, a noble soul using his strength in the service of others. When egocentric and selfish, it is symbolized by the rogue on the road, dangerous and potentially violent.

Mars energy seeks expression. The challenge is giving it healthy, appropriate expression. Many astrologers point out the best way to balance a strong Mars transit is to stay physically busy and have plenty of work to do. If there are no channels for its release, Mars displays its restless, negative side.

Most conflict arises when we encounter resistance from others, real or imaginary. This usually manifests because our ego is threatened or frustrated. The lesson of Mars is to learn how to deal with confrontation, handle our own frustration, and respond appropriately to other people's egos. We need to learn to communicate our thoughts and needs in a productive way. Everyone has an ego, some more fragile than others. You need to remember that people who annoy and frustrate you are usually under a Mars transit too. Otherwise you would not be upsetting one another.

When afflicted, Mars causes people to become impulsive and act foolishly, usually to their own detriment and often to the detriment of those around them. Other dangers of a heavy Mars transit, especially in an angular house or the sixth house, include accidents with automobiles, tools, or machinery. Be careful of sharp objects, fire, heat, burns, fever, and infections. Do not become impulsive.

Daily Motion of the Faster Moving Planets

The outer planets transit through a sign or house for years, except Mars, which only transits a sign or house for six to eight weeks unless it goes retrograde. These figures represent the approximate top daily speed of the faster moving planets.

Moon moves 12-15 degrees per day

Mercury moves 2 degrees per day

Venus moves 1.25 degrees per day

Sun moves 1 degree per day

Mars moves 3/4 of a degree per day

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MARS THROUGH THE HOUSES

The movement of Mars through a house tells you where the mind will be focused for a given period. It reveals where one's ego drive, motivation, anger, and restlessness will be stimulated and released. On average, Mars moves through a sign or house in six to eight weeks. The exception is when it goes retrograde. It can then remain in a sign for over seven months.

Mars goes station point retrograde about once every twenty-six months. When reading the transiting Mars in a horoscope, see where it will retrograde next. This reveals the most important house transit of Mars during that two-year cycle. It points out a period of impulsiveness and intensity. It reveals where one's impulses and drives will most intensely seek expression during that cycle. Though the energy release of a retrograde Mars may not be as forceful as the retrograde transits of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, it does reveal an important house area to watch. It would be wise to study any other transits related to that house and sign during that time.

When Mars activates a house, that arena of life is stimulated and people insist on dealing with it ardently. If one is not careful, this usually leads to arguments, disputes, and conflicts. The inability to express the positive qualities of Mars simply indicates that the mind is malcontent, frustrated, or fearful, consciously or unconsciously. Beware. Be aware.

MARS THROUGH THE FIRST HOUSE

Transiting Mars in the first house makes a person impulsive and restless. There is a yearning to do something, anything. The physical energy is elevated, but the mind cannot stay focused very long. This stimulates the temper and causes people to become argumentative. People work hard in the pursuit of their own desires but tend to overlook the needs of others. If the needs of others are overlooked, this transit can lead to heavy conflict.

More importantly, if you are insensitive to other people, you will have difficulty in every area of your life. The lesson to be learned during this transit is for the ego to understand the importance of feeding others and listening to their needs. If a person can do this, they will be able to overcome the influence of Mars on their personality and accomplish a great deal.



MARS THROUGH THE SECOND HOUSE

This transit can make you careless, extravagant, and wasteful with your finances. Many people spend impulsively. At the same time, contradictory to this impulse, there is a strong wish to increase one's wealth. Yet this transit makes a person impulsive, causing them to make unwise financial decisions and squander their money. In many cases, this is done to satisfy the ego because the ego drive of Mars has identified itself with possessions.

In other words, under this aspect your value as a person gets linked emotionally with what you own. The mind equates physical worth with ego worth. If you have money, you feel worthy, and therefore respectable. If you do not have money, you feel badly about yourself, become disheartened, and sometimes resentful. This is why the transiting Mars in the second house often leads to disagreements and arguments over money matters or assets, bringing about ruptures or separations.

MARS THROUGH THE THIRD HOUSE

The pace of your daily life will speed up. Your mental activity will be high. You will work longer and harder. If you control your ego, this transit will bring cooperation with others and much will be accomplished. The danger of this transit is that it causes you to become too sensitive about your ideas and beliefs, often feeling the need to defend them.

Your ego identifies itself with your values and opinions. Thus, you become defensive and argumentative. You are personally insulted if anyone disagrees with your beliefs. When you feel this way, you will try to bully and intimidate people to believe as you believe out of insecurity.

Watch your daily exchanges closely. Mars in the third house makes people talk louder and faster than usual. Be careful of promoting your ideas too forcefully and causing irritation. Letters, e-mails, and conversations can take on an argumentative tone. If people feel you are defiant, provocative, or abusive, you will lose their support. The key thought to keep in mind is that a hostile personality is a personality that is defensive and lacking confidence.

Mars in the third house will cause a person to travel more by car, bus, or train. People are more reckless when they drive. Be careful and slow down. If the natal Mars or the ruler of the third house is afflicted, this transit can lead to accidents. These accidents can result in a stiff neck or an infection of the lips, tongue, or throat. Slow down and be careful. The head is vulnerable to cuts and headaches. Energy levels are high, and

there is significant risk of disagreements and arguments with your brethren, neighbors, close relatives, and people with whom you have daily contact.

MARS THROUGH THE FOURTH HOUSE

The transit of Mars through the fourth house energizes the home life. People think and talk about redecorating the home or moving. One feels restless and there is potential for agitation or friction with people in the home or extended family. The natal aspects to Mars and the ruler of the fourth house will determine the force and nature of these events.

Your home and home life will take on greater importance. You will have passionate ideas about how you want them to be. You will be headstrong. If another person has strong opinions, it may lead to arguments. If you do not compromise, even stronger conflicts will manifest. It would be ideal, though probably unrealistic, to live alone for a couple of months. Sharing a home with you will be challenging at this time.

Mars is a bit more intense in the fourth house because it agitates energy from the deepest regions of the unconscious. It releases emotions and attitudes from childhood. People become obsessive, aggressive, and hard to live with. If you reflect on your childhood behavior, it should be clear just how difficult this transit could be.

MARS THROUGH THE FIFTH HOUSE

Mars in the fifth house increases romantic passions. It inclines people to overindulge in the pleasures of life, such as food, drink, and sex. This makes it a likely period for pregnancy. It is a difficult cycle for controlling emotions because they manifest so intensely here. Although it is a good period for artistic creativity, it is hard to keep focused.

Because the fifth is the house of pleasure, you will express yourself much more fully. Your mind will be shifted toward indulgence, not toward renunciation. One of these indulgences is sexual gratification, which will be fervent. Sex will be one of the most powerful drives in your life during this cycle. Be careful of how you try to express this drive. If Mars or the fifth house is afflicted, there can be serious consequences.

If you have children, they will be more difficult to deal with than usual. There will be misunderstandings and disagreements. There is danger of accidents befalling them. Be extra conscious of what they are doing. It is an inauspicious time for taking part in aggressive sports.



MARS THROUGH THE SIXTH HOUSE

Mars through the sixth house drives you to work harder than usual. Work conditions are often noisy or dirty because of repairs or renovations. People with whom you come into contact at work irritate you, and vice versa. Thus, trouble arises with co-workers. One reason for this is that you insist that you get all the recognition for work you do in cooperation with others. This can cause harsh feelings and bring about quarrels, which can also cause problems with your supervisor and add to your difficulties.

The ego is linked with one's workload during this transit. If you work vigorously and accomplish a great deal, you will have a strong sense of satisfaction. However, you need to be careful that the intensity you bring to your work does not upset your co-workers or boss. The sixth house is the house of service and servants — those who serve you and those you serve. Difficulties will arise with service personnel because of your attitude. You need to recognize other people's ego needs and respect them — in the work area and when dealing with service people. It would be wise to place their needs before yours during this transit. Also be careful of impulsively quitting your job or doing something foolish that causes you to be reprimanded or fired.

Nuisances can arise if you are an employer or boss. Workers will feel you are not bestowing the recognition they think they deserve for the work they have done or think they have done. Transiting Mars moving through this house can affect the health through fever and infection. It is also a triggering mechanism associated with accidents.

MARS THROUGH THE SEVENTH HOUSE

Mars through the seventh house produces strong misunderstandings and the potential for lawsuits. It is not a good period to set up business partnerships, get married, or start a live-in relationship. The transiting Mars in the seventh house produces quarrels, misunderstandings, arguments, and opposition from people. It symbolizes quarrels or conflicts with those closest to you — spouse, partners, co-workers, or lovers.

This is the house of open enemies. Mars here symbolizes the people with whom you are in conflict. If you do not back off and seek common ground, they will be happy to irritate you during this transit. This is true of a marriage, business partnership, or any one-to-one relationship. If you learn how to make concessions and stop putting yourself first, you will avoid dissension and conflict, and this will bring great success into your life in about six months.

MARS THROUGH THE EIGHTH HOUSE

The transit of Mars through the eighth house brings friction and arguments associated with joint assets and other people's money. This might involve the spouse or a business partner. Difficulties may arise with insurance companies, banks, or stockbrokers or over an inheritance.

The eighth house of shared values can cause disagreements about personal values or valuable objects. These disputes will cause you to revise your perspective. Literally and metaphorically, there will be a death of old values and the rebirth of new ones that will change your life. Your dream states will reflect these transformations by being more turbulent and frightening.

There can be fierce conflicts about how jointly held resources should be used in a marriage or partnership. People are rash and unwise with Mars in the eighth house. This causes assets to be wasted and leads to further disagreements. There is also a potential for aggravation caused by difficulties with parents.

Mars in the eighth house produces a drive for sexual activity rather than romance. A healthy sexual relationship can transform your views on life under this transit.

MARS THROUGH THE NINTH HOUSE

The transit of Mars through the ninth house drives you to learn more about life. It leads to deeper study and long-distance travel, which will be enjoyable and meaningful. However, if the ruler of the ninth house or planets in the ninth house are afflicted, travels could be difficult and unrewarding. More critically, it could symbolize accidents during your travels. Nonetheless, this transit makes you enthusiastic. Learning is easy and you can accomplish intellectual tasks that require great effort.

Mars in the ninth house stimulates and increases your dreams. They will be more adventurous, helpful, and revealing of subconscious thinking patterns. Your perspective and knowledge of the world will expand, producing a drive to communicate your new understanding and beliefs to others. The problem with Mars here is you will communicate these ideas too often, too directly, and too forcefully. In so doing, you will disturb people. Complications will then arise through your speech, which tends to be too direct and rash.

It is never good to force your philosophical insights onto other people. It is better for them to discover the mysteries of life in their own way and when they are ready. It is



important to realize that not everyone can or should think and believe as you do. It would be wiser to direct your energies toward lifting into higher, deeper realms so you can expand your consciousness. You should go deeper within and enter higher levels of consciousness. Stop wasting precious energy on trying to convert people or trying to bolster your own ideas.

Mars transiting the ninth house of law can bring conditions that lead to legal conflicts. If these are not handled wisely and prudently, they could lead to a court case. This is especially true if there are afflictions to the natal ruler of the ninth house or if there is an afflicted malefic in the ninth house.

MARS THROUGH THE TENTH HOUSE

Mars in the tenth house produces a drive to work harder and put forth greater effort. The ego drive of Mars is very comfortable in the tenth house of ambition, where it stirs you to achieve more in your career. If you have learned to work harmoniously with other people, it will likely bring advancement.

The work area is extra noisy, dirty, or unpleasant. There is often a dangerous friction or power struggle with superiors, which can cause setbacks in your career. The primary problem is your refusal to understand other people's ego needs. If you have learned to be aware of their needs and you give them room to breathe, this transit can be favorable to you and those around you.

Unless you exercise self-discipline and self-control, there will be conflicts with authoritarian people. Difficulties with co-workers arise because they feel threatened by your intensity or drive to get ahead. Supervisors, employers, parents, and government officials will interfere with your advancement if you keep arguing with them or indirectly threatening them. Conflicts with others, no matter what they are about, will block your efforts for advancement. The secret is to work with them and care for their needs and interests. If you can do this, they will be of great help to you and your career.

The transit of Mars here symbolizes positive energy. Do not use it to threaten people. Understand that they also have needs, goals, and concerns. This will help you to advance in your career now and in the years to come.

MARS THROUGH THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

Mars through the eleventh house produces friction between you, your friends, and the organizations through which you seek to fulfill your ambitions. Yet this transit produces events that cause you to establish a clearer idea of your aspirations. Friends gained during this cycle are likely to bring obstacles into your life. These obstacles will help to clarify your goals, which can only be attained by cooperating with friends and the organizations to which you are linked.

Do not allow your ego to daydream and lose clarity of purpose. If you do, conflicts arise that will frustrate the attainment of your life goals. This is a time for harmonious group effort where everyone benefits. The secret to success during this transit is to balance your self-interests with the self-interests of other people. Cooperation is the key to success.

Some might think this means finding people who have little or no ego and thus are easy to persuade. This is unlikely, and you will find that people who have little or no ego cannot help you reach your goals. The answer is to control your ego needs, which reduces the potential for conflicts between you and everyone else.

On a deeper level, the problem is resentment and anger, which has its roots in the ego. Most people do not want to work under anyone, for anyone, or with anyone. It is a childish emotion that almost everyone has. This transit calls for cooperation, but people will not change their attitude unless you do something mature to change yours. This type of conflict will reveal your deeper needs and aspirations. If you keep the collateral damage to a minimum, success will come later.

MARS THROUGH THE TWELFTH HOUSE

The transit of Mars through the twelfth house is a time to break free from real or imagery confinements that are bringing irritation and frustration. These limitations are caused by unconscious mental and physical behaviors from the childish past. This is the true enemy. Freedom is attained by becoming conscious of these unconscious emotional habits and the actions they engender.

Regrettably, these actions have turned people off in the past. Rather than saying anything to you, they simply became your hidden enemies, working against you without you knowing it. Thus, many of your aspirations have been hindered or blocked.

This transit brings hostility and loss caused by hidden enemies, false accusations, and self-deception. It is a stressful transit, especially if the natal rulers of the twelfth house or planets in the twelfth house are afflicted. People will not give you recognition for what you have accomplished. If you assert yourself to receive recognition, things often go wrong. People misunderstand you and hinder rather than help. The important thing to remember about a transit of the twelfth house is your own subconscious mind is your worst hidden enemy.

During this transit, you will recognize your enemy or you may realize a given person is working against you. It is best to refrain from confrontation at this time. As a mystic, it is best to confront your mind and personality first so they will work for you and not against you. The spiritual task is easy: Regain control over your ego so your energy will benefit everyone. Realize that you want your goal more than you want ego gratification. Know thy enemy. Beware. Most importantly, be aware.

STUDY QUESTIONS – LESSON FOUR

1. What is the value of esoteric astrology?
2. What does wisdom teach us to realize with Saturn in the 1st house?
3. What two major obstacles manifest with Saturn in the 1st house?
4. What are three typical expressions of Saturn karma?
5. What common malfunction of the mind occurs with Saturn in the 3rd house?
6. What happens to something left unresolved during a transit of the 4th house?
7. What is needed if one wants to achieve something while Saturn transits the 5th house?
8. What indicates the nature of a health problem that arises with Saturn in the 6th house?
9. What new cycle does a person enter into when Saturn transits the 7th house?
10. On what two vital areas does a transit of Saturn through the 8th house focus?
11. What allows people to gain insight from experience and soften their karma?
12. What danger is associated with Saturn in the 9th house?
13. What is reaped while Saturn transits the 10th house?
14. What is the lesson of Saturn transiting the 11th house?
15. How long does it take Jupiter to transit through a sign?
16. Why does positivity manifest into someone's life during a Jupiter transit?
17. Why is it easy to lose restraint under a Jupiter aspect?



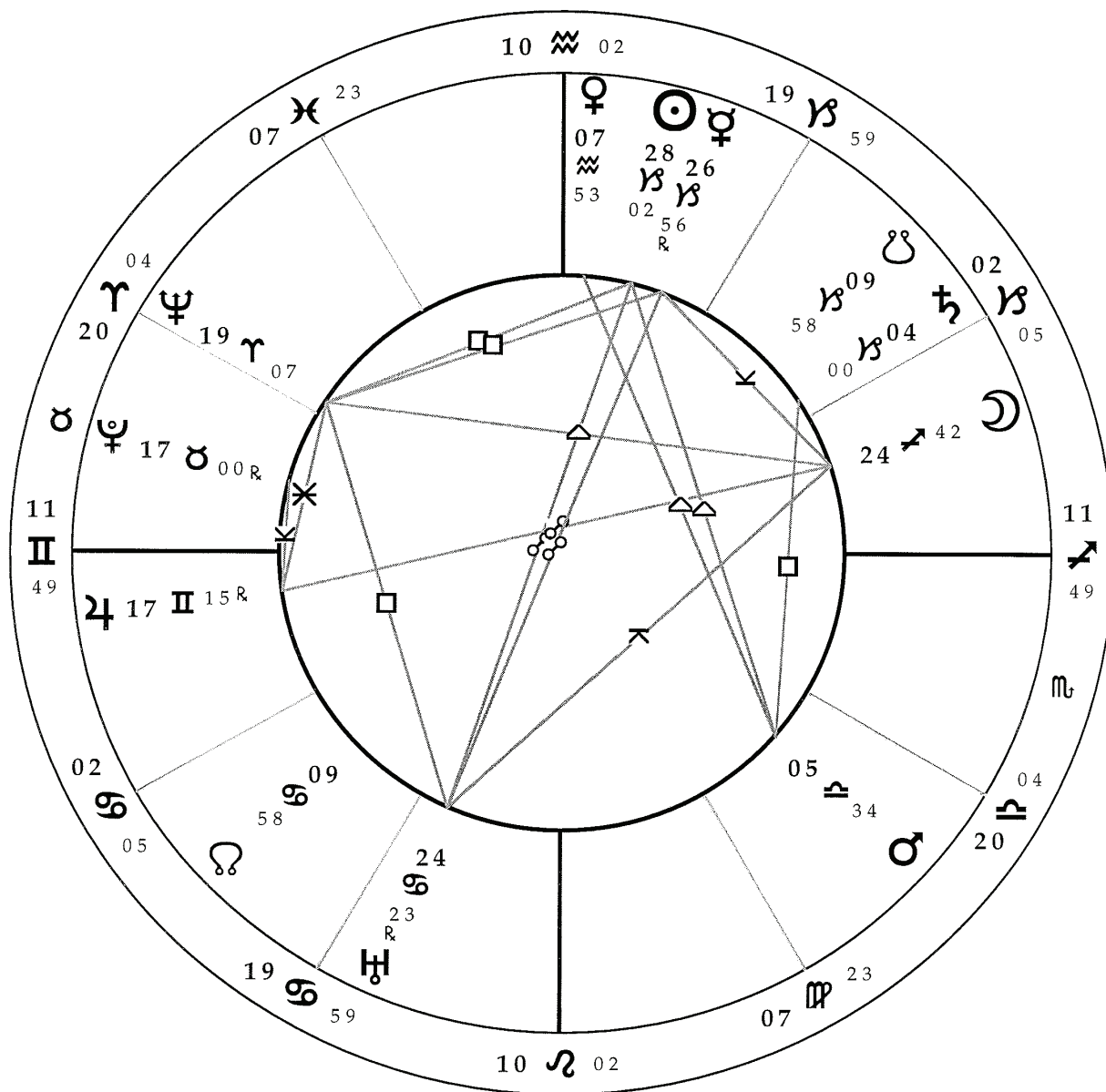
18. What is the nature of Jupiter?
19. Why is Jupiter's transit of the 1st house considered auspicious?
20. Why is it important to be clear about your values as Jupiter transits the 2nd house?
21. At the deepest levels of the mind, what does a Jupiter transit promote?
22. How can the transit of Jupiter in the 6th house bring conflict into one's personal life?
23. What do all Jupiter transits call for in order to experience their benefits?
24. Why are faster-moving planets not used when making major predictions?
25. What does it mean when astrologers say a planet is malefic?
26. What is the archetypal manifestation of Mars?
27. What is the challenge of expressing Mars energy?
28. What is the lesson of Mars?
29. What is important to remember about people who annoy and frustrate you?
30. What will the house through which Mars retrogrades reveal?
31. What is indicated by the inability to express the positive qualities of Mars?
32. How do you overcome the influence of Mars on the personality?
33. What is the key thought to remember when Mars is in the 3rd house?
34. Why is Mars more intense in the 4th house?
35. How do you avoid conflict when Mars is in the 7th house?

36. What problem arises while Mars is in the 9th house?
37. What is the primary problem of Mars in the 10th house?
38. What is the secret to success with Mars in the 10th house?
39. What is the secret to success with Mars in the 11th house?
40. What is the spiritual task of Mars in the 12th house?

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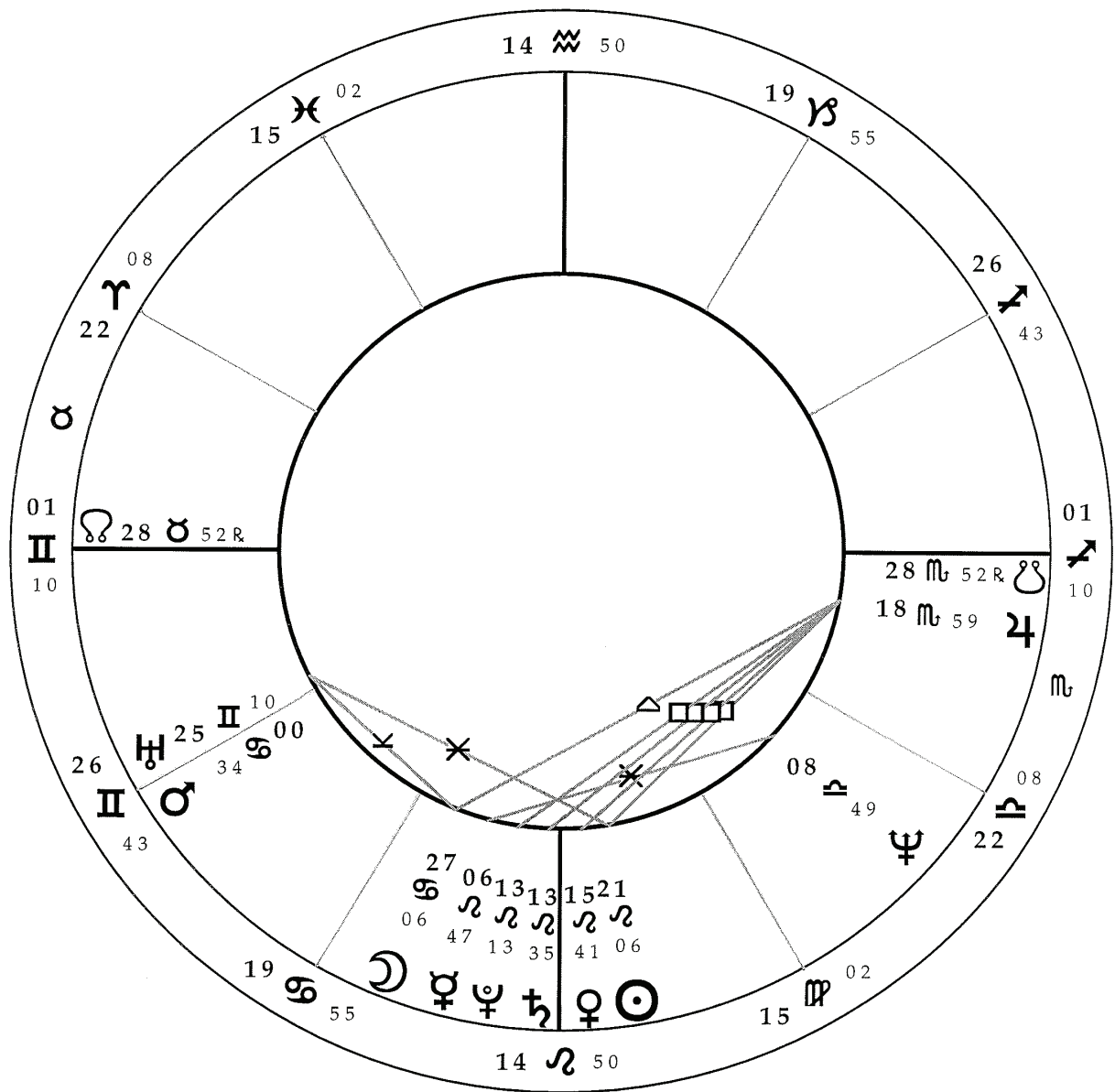
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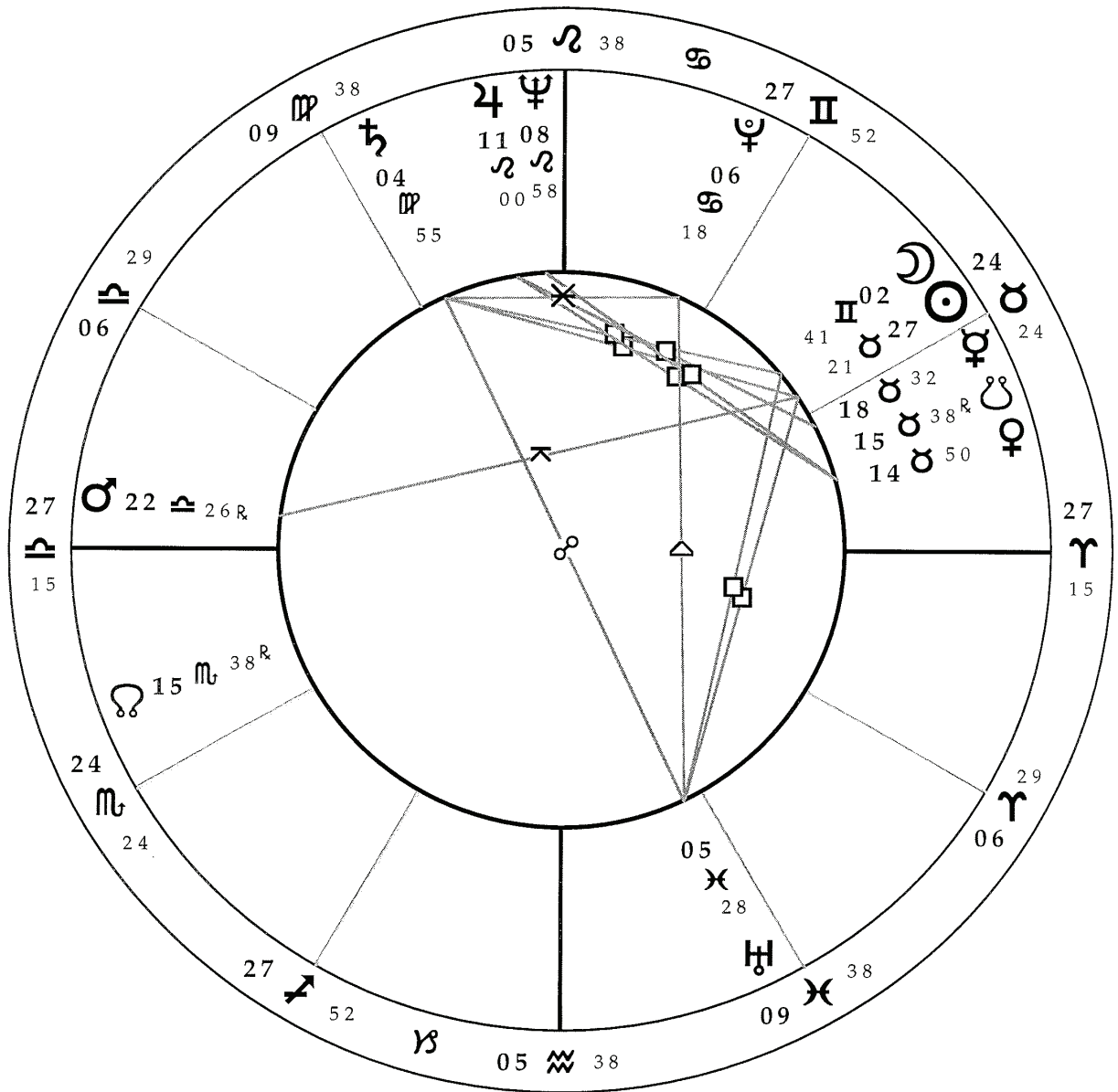
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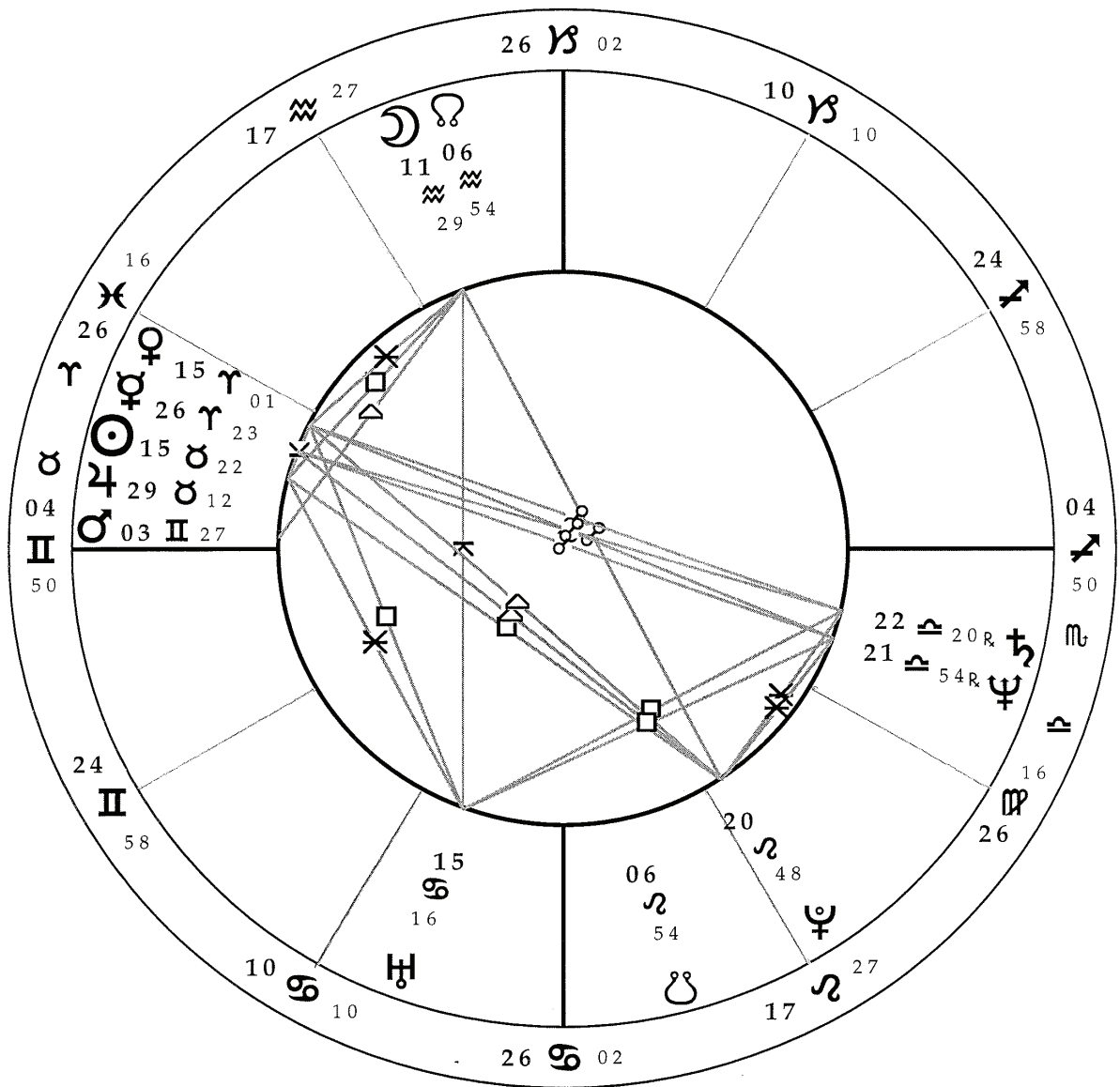
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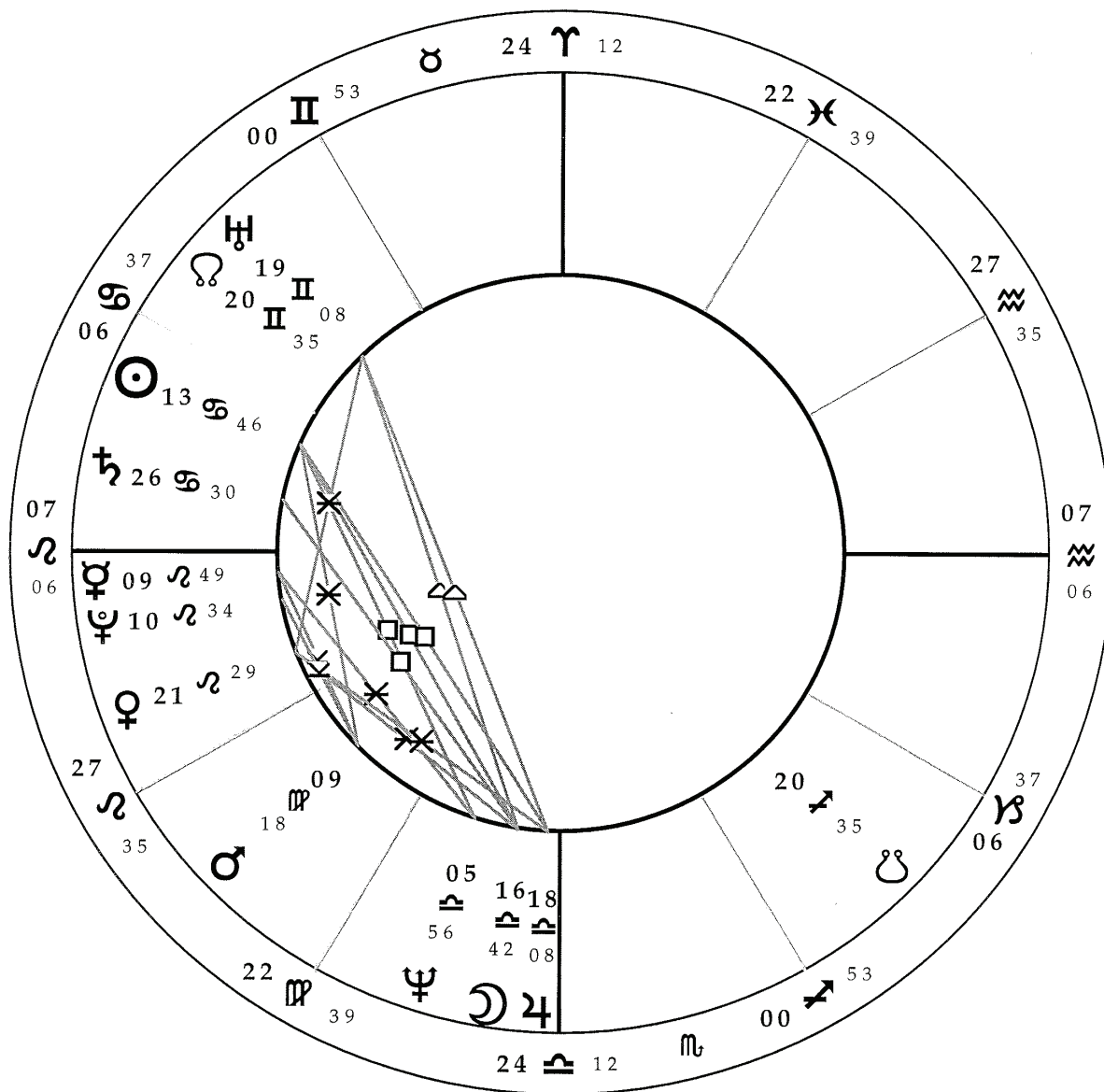
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