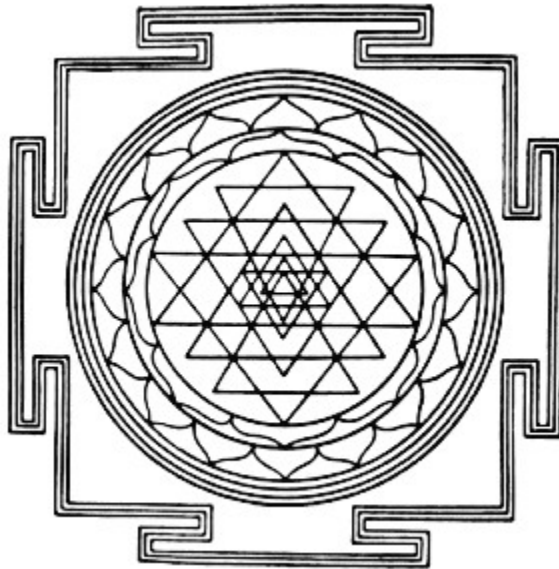


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### Steven Forrest

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

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

Question mark.

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

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

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

are called "aspects."

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

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

## The Invitation

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

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

### **Pr. Sun enters Virgo**

Date: Mar 25, 2009 - Continuing

Of all the changes the progressed Sun can make, arguably the most fundamental is the change from one sign to another. To say this marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life is too weak a statement -- a new "volume" of your life is a better metaphor. An entirely unprecedented set of motivations and needs are arising inside you. Much that used to satisfy you will now pall; new goals, aspirations, and experiences await you. We are all to some extent creatures of habit, and that is the problem you are now invited to recognize and solve. You are accustomed to thinking of yourself in certain ways, but many of those viewpoints, attitudes, and circumstances are no longer relevant to your journey. Can you hear the new inner voice? Can you turn a corner and release the hold of the past? These are the questions you face this year as you undertake this "mini-reincarnation."

The progressed Sun on Mar 25, 2009 leaves Leo and enters Virgo. The date is accurate, but a little misleading. Such a transition in fact unfolds over a period of two or three years. The old habits and patterns don't disappear magically one morning, nor do the new impulses immediately find mature expression. Recall that the progressed Sun takes thirty years to move through each sign -- those habits have had a long while to sink deeply into your self-image, and the new patterns must necessarily emerge slowly.

As we've seen, the progressed Sun is now leaving Leo, which tells us that underlying your overt biography is a hidden evolutionary agenda. Consciously or unconsciously, the universe has been set up to teach you the lessons of Leo. In fact, so many of the seemingly random factors of your life have been governed by this principle that you've grown adjusted to it,

thinking that life must simply always be that way. Now it's changing. Each sign is a reaction against the previous one, so these transitions tend to be dramatic. Let's consider where you've been, then have a look at where you're going. Leo is the Rosetta stone for unlocking your past. Let's explore it.

Leo represents playfulness, self-expression, and creative performance. It is, of course, the sign of the Lion, a creature with a predilection for roaring. Getting loose, shaking off inhibitions, celebrating one's true self -- these are the evolutionary themes of such a phase in one's life. The deeper aim is always to lose your fear of other people, to achieve a state of joyous, spontaneous participation in the human family, and to learn trust...both of oneself and of others. "Ego" gets too much bad press in some circles. How unspeakably boring it is to spend time with folks who are obsessed with appearing "spiritually correct"! There is a grace in simply letting ourselves rip, showing with unpremeditated honesty who we actually are and what we actually want. And that is pure Leo. During any Lion-dominated chapter of your life, you are asked to reveal yourself. Creativity is a helpful adjunct to the process, and you may find yourself drawn to painting, writing, or drama. The fear of embarrassment is the devil in Leo's universe; the God is the healthy, trusting, self-indulgent child within you.

Your spirit has been immersed in those lessons for so long it's hard for you to imagine yourself any other way. But a transformation is unfolding. There is a changing of the tide regarding these "Hand of God" factors in your life. The old lessons are now learned; new ones are arising. What is this fresh pattern? What are the new lessons, the new unifying factors, in the experiences that will shape the next three decades of your existence? As we have seen, the progressed Sun is now entering Virgo.

Virgo represents honest self-criticism. Certainly loving, respecting, and honoring oneself are noble ideals -- clearly no one can advance without inwardly feeling they deserve to. Yet Virgo symbolizes the other side of the coin: the idea that no problem can be solved until it is recognized. Under this influence, you come to a chapter in your life in which you are invited to appraise yourself critically and soberly. Beating oneself up is not the point; only the recognition of our weaknesses, the lies we've chosen to believe, the dark bargains we've made with existence. These steps are preliminary to any solutions. Often, during such a phase, you are confronted with two kinds of people and find your destiny temporarily linked to theirs. The first group seem to be characters out of a nightmare cartoon. They are outlandish caricatures of your own weaknesses...amplified, exaggerated, but still embarrassingly recognizable. The second kind of people you draw into your life are, to put it bluntly, your betters. They appear, not to humiliate you, but to inspire you. They are role models, teachers, heroes. They embody the answer to the personal problems or blockages you are recognizing. So swallow your pride, scrutinize yourself, and get on with the humbling work of becoming wise.

### **Tr. Pluto is Square Ascendant**

In effect: in progress - Jan 8, 2009

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

The planet Pluto is shading the spirit of your life nowadays, and in a nutshell that means that you are being challenged to heal. Pluto, as you probably know, is the lord of the underworld...or to put it more succinctly, the God of Hell. And it is disquieting, to say the least,

to imagine that this deity is currently dining at your table. But take heart! The "hell" inside you needs airing out, and that is essentially what this transit is about. You've been hurt. You've been used, abused, rejected, exploited, lied to...the whole sad litany. And, like the rest of us, you've sometimes had to keep the proverbial stiff upper lip and simply get on with your life. But where does all that hurt go? Down deep into the unconscious mind, where it stays until you're clear enough and strong enough to handle resurrecting it and really going beyond it. Pluto's action is to bring up buried emotions. Its tone is intense. It often feels moody and confrontative. It can destabilize and disrupt the areas of your life that it's touching. The best course is to resolve to go deeper and deeper, truth above kindness and resolution over comfort. It's not easy, but in the end the energizing and empowering of the psyche make the process worthwhile. What is Pluto actually doing? Currently it is square your natal Ascendant. Although Pluto is a slow-moving planet and usually unfolds its story over a period of two or three years, during the period of this report the action peaks sometime before the report period..

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

Like the rest of us, you are a complicated, paradoxical individual, full of contradictions and undercurrents. That's human. But another part of being human is that, like the rest of us, you need to get out of bed in the morning and put on a streamlined, simplified social mask that allows you to function in the social beehive. There's no way that you can have a truly intimate relationship with every face you see in your daily life, nor would you likely want such connections. So we all keep much of what we really are behind our astrological Ascendant, which symbolizes that mask. Physically, it is simply the sign that was dawning in the east at the instant of your birth...and symbolically it represents how you "dawn" on people who don't know you very well. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, the Ascendant signals the need to make some adjustments in the way you present yourself in the social world, so that your outer appearance remains reasonably aligned with who you have become inwardly. The work is superficial; which is not to say unimportant. Often it has to do with changing how you hold your body, the way you speak, and the clothes you wear.

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

indecision.

### **Tr. Neptune is Trine Sun**

In effect: Mar 17, 2009 - continuing

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

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

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

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

It's helpful, of course, for you to embrace the power of the Sun positively in all departments of your life. But ever since you were born, one area has always stood out in that regard -- the Third House, which is where the Sun was located when you took your first breath in Liverpool,

UK. There, in the area of communication, that energy is most critical. What you say, how clearly you express it, and how well you are heard are the issues currently experiencing developmental pressure. Finding your voice and using it are basic spiritual concerns for you; now they are being invited to take a quantum leap.

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

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

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

### **Tr. Uranus is Square Mercury**

In effect: in progress - Jan 11, 2009

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

The planet Uranus is presently stirring the pot of your life, and that always promises a tumultuous passage, peppered with unexpected developments and encounters. Outwardly, Uranus is the wild card, bringing unpredictable and unforeseen events into the picture. Inwardly, it signals a time of accelerated individuation...that is, a time in which who you really are and what you truly want are rapidly emerging and defining themselves. A portion of what you imagined to be your identity has, in fact, little to do with you; it is a side-effect of your social training, nothing more. And, like training wheels on a kid's bike, you are now ready to dump it. This has an unsettling effect upon not only yourself, but also those around you. Often during Uranian periods there is a distinct "changing of the guard" in our social circles; old relationships end, new ones appear. Claim your right to be yourself -- that's the essence of the transiting Uranus. Whatever it touches, changes. Trust the changes! Like a hard wind blowing the sand off a buried city, they are revealing who you actually have been all along. That's Uranus in general. Specifically, Uranus is square your natal Mercury: sometime before the report period..

Currently Uranus is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Uranus, as we just described it -- that part of you has

completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with Mercury, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

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

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Mercury.

When Mercury couples with Uranus, the combination is exciting, innovative, and original. A real element of genius is available to you now. Not that you'll necessarily go down in history alongside Michelangelo -- but you're quite capable of breaking out of accustomed, well-trodden patterns and creating truly novel ideas. Everything depends upon your ability to doubt, to question, and to speculate.

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

### **Tr. Pluto is Opposite Jupiter**

In effect: in progress - Feb 16, 2009

Peak Date(s): Jan 14, 2009

Pluto made an appearance earlier in this report, but now it has another message for you. Always this planet signals the existence of some emotional baggage to be released, some hurtful or humiliating piece of your personal history that needs to be remembered or reconsidered. The alternative is typically to re-enact some old wounding drama. Pluto currently is opposite your natal Jupiter. The action peaks Jan 14, 2009.

Currently Pluto is navigating your Tenth House. That's the traditional "House of Career," as we've already discovered, and it tells us that something of the nature of Pluto is brewing in your profession or vocation, or in your social status. To respond optimally to the potentials and challenges built into this event, you'll need to act according to the spirit of Pluto, as we just described it. Being true to yourself is the challenge, as is generally the case in life. But your

public life, with all its superficialities and practical pressures, is perhaps the hardest place in which to live up to that ideal. To succeed here, pay special attention to Jupiter, which is being invited into development during this time of professional or public reorientation.

Hope and faith are essential to sanity. Without at least a few bright dreams and expansive goals, a person grows flat and dull...becomes a time-server. The same can be said for self-confidence: we need it. And even if such assurance sometimes crosses the line into a sprinkle of arrogance, that's less troubling and limiting than sitting around afraid to take any risks at all. There is a gambler's circuit in your psyche that understands these notions perfectly well. Astrologers call it Jupiter. When stimulated by a passing transit or progression, it encourages you to extend yourself further into your world, to bet on yourself, and to recognize emerging opportunities. Be wary at the same time that you don't settle for glitter when gold may be just around the corner.

Maintaining a healthy relationship with the force of Jupiter is particularly central to your well-being in one key area: the Fourth House, which is where Jupiter happened to be located when you took your first breath in Liverpool, UK. There, in the domain of home and hearth and also of emotional and psychological processes, a strong response to this planet forges in you a clear sense of who you are and what you want. Happiness has different sources for different people. For you, much of it comes from experiences connected to Jupiter, as we just portrayed it. Claim them! Always sound advice -- but how you go about claiming them is currently evolving, partly as a result of changing external circumstances.

When Jupiter gets hooked up with Pluto, think big and claim a victory. One is available, if you move decisively and know exactly what you really want. And therein lies the rub. All of us experience humiliating losses, insults, and defeats in the course of life. As you adapt to living with them, an attitude of disempowerment or futility can creep in. Conquering that mind-set is the real aim here. The truth is that psychologically you need a triumph now -- and synchronistically, the universe is ready to cooperate.

The geometric angle or "aspect" involved in the process we are studying is, as we said, the opposition. Not surprisingly, this suggests that the natal planet and the moving one are 180 degrees apart. Tension is thus woven into the spirit of this period of your life. The two forces we described are polarized, which often translates emotionally into a feeling of being damned if you do, and damned if you don't. How can you break the logjam? Recognize that any impossibilities you are experiencing in this area probably arise from an incomplete or biased perspective. The opposition aspect always calls for a leap into a new, more accepting level of consciousness. Something is missing in your view of the problem -- and that missing link (here's the corker...) lies in the wisdom embodied by those people or situations that are now antagonizing you. It's not that they're right and you're wrong; only that the truth that can carry you beyond this impasse lies somewhere between the two positions.

### **Tr. Saturn is Square Mercury**

In effect: Feb 21, 2009 - Mar 19, 2009

Peak Date(s): Mar 6, 2009

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances -- but is it the

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bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn is square your natal Mercury: Mar 6, 2009.

Our first step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Saturn is now passing. This tells us that duties and responsibilities are currently being emphasized in your life, and that their mood is the same as that of Saturn, which we just described. The effect of these external, often somewhat self-sacrificial requirements is to pull your attention away from yourself and place it on the needs of others. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is being stimulated into development by these services you're offering others? To answer that, we turn our attention to Mercury, which is being triggered by this period of hard work, giving, and supporting.

The natal Mercury -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your intelligence, your capacity to communicate, and your fundamental curiosity.

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Mercury.

When Mercury mingles with Saturn, a thoughtful, reflective perspective enters the mind. This is a season of earnest study, of necessary but often rather plodding kinds of work. A precise, careful, conservative approach generally produces the best results. And, present cultural mythology aside, the cultivation of a degree of calculated pessimism often helps one evade costly blunders as these two planets interact.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter aligns with the Twelfth House cusp**

Date: Feb 21, 2009 - Continuing

The planet Jupiter is currently coloring your circumstances. Before we say exactly how, let's

attempt to understand the more general significance of any Jupiter event. Essentially, this is a call to recognize an opportunity. Traditional astrologers view it more starkly -- to them, it is simply the planet of luck. And that is often the case: the toast does tend to land butter-side up when Jupiter is crossing sensitive territories. But the real, evolutionary meaning lies deeper. One key is that Jupiter is future-oriented...it is concerned with bright, unexplored possibilities. Stripped to its bones, Jupiter always asks one primary question: how have you been underestimating yourself? Its transits signal a time when new opportunities come into existence, but to seize them you must recognize that you deserve them, that you are capable of rising to them, and that old deals and compromises are finished. Trust yourself, have faith in life, and go for it: that's the spirit of Jupiter. How is it affecting you? Jupiter is conjunct your natal Twelfth House cusp: Feb 21, 2009.

The Twelfth House -- we got acquainted with this piece of astrological symbolism earlier in the report. Now we meet it again, for Jupiter has just crossed its boundaries. Being the last house in the cycle, the Twelfth House refers to endings. Always, during Twelfth House stimulation, you are asked to release the past, to let go. A new vision, of the nature and spirit of Jupiter, is bubbling up from deep inside you...but it's way, way down in the depths of your psyche and will take a while to surface. Be patient. Be reflective, and meditative. And trust the process, even though you can't really understand it or predict where the tides will carry you. You've entered a season of trust, but not so much in the sense of trusting other people...more like trusting life.

## The Means

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

Life and memory work that way. We prioritize certain kinds of events, experiencing them more vividly and remembering them far longer than the trivial and the predictable. The details of a typical Monday morning aren't going to last as long in the memory banks as images of your moment of glory or your darkest hour.

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

### "The Means"

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

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

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

Let's continue.

### **Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Ascendant**

In effect: Jan 3, 2009 - Jan 12, 2009

Peak Date(s): Jan 7, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal Ascendant. The action peaks Jan 7, 2009.

Currently Jupiter is navigating your Eleventh House, suggesting that your own circumstances and possibilities are currently tied into larger developments involving

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

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

The aspect pervading the event we've just considered is, as we observed, a sextile. Technically, that refers to a geometric angle of 60 degrees between the natal planet and the moving one. Sextiles are traditionally viewed as "good" aspects. Certainly, they're exciting. There is a mood of eagerness regarding the process we're exploring here -- and that's glorious, provided you're wary of the excessive impulsiveness that sextiles sometimes breed. In any case, the spinning wheel of circumstances can be counted on to provide some fortuitous, unexpected opportunities for you during this period. You'll have to be quick to seize them, though. They're real, but they're short-lived.

### **Tr. Uranus is Sextile Venus**

In effect: in progress - Jan 7, 2009

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

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

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

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

experiences.

Always, it's advantageous for you to incorporate the force of Venus positively in all parts of your life. But one area has always stood out in that regard -- the First House, which is where Venus lies in your natal chart. There, in the area of assertiveness and personal power, the right use of that energy is most critical. In many situations you must react, respond, and play the cards you're dealt. But not in the First House. Here, you're in the driver's seat...and there are certain experiences you must claim for yourself, experiences of the nature of Venus, even if the people about whom you care call you selfish for doing so.

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Trine Uranus**

In effect: Jan 9, 2009 - Jan 18, 2009

Peak Date(s): Jan 13, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Uranus. The action peaks Jan 13, 2009.

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

There's a wild card in everyone, a rebellious, independent, free-spirited force that hates neckties and phony courtesies and all the slick moves that keep corporations and families from splitting apart. Astrologers call it Uranus. Stripped to its essence, this part of your astrological psyche is concerned primarily with the process of individuation, which boils down to whittling away all the parts of yourself which have arisen almost accidentally as side effects of your social background. When stimulated by transits or progressions, Uranus triggers your rebellions. It asks you to shed something unauthentic, unreal, or limiting in your life. Often it

brings lightning-quick developments and unexpected circumstances. Almost always, there is a confrontation between you and some figure of authority, past or present.

Good things in general come your way when you make a positive response to Uranus. But one area has always been prominent in that regard -- the Second House, where Uranus lies in your birthchart. There, in the area of providing yourself with a real basis for self-confidence, the optimal use of that energy is most critical. Sometimes it comes down to seeing to it that you have enough money. Other times, provisions, proper tools, or even skills are the focus. Always the key here is to recognize the intimate link between personal resources and personal assurance.

When Jupiter interacts with Uranus, unanticipated opportunities arise. It's as though the Cosmos manifests as Santa Claus; gifts are given to you, often completely "out of the blue." Accept them. The psycho-spiritual theme here lies in loving yourself enough to embrace abundance, and many times the test comes and passes so quickly that success depends more upon reflexive self-confidence than upon any philosophical "position papers" about self-esteem.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Opposite Mars**

In effect: Jan 11, 2009 - Jan 20, 2009

Peak Date(s): Jan 15, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is opposite your natal Mars. The action peaks Jan 15, 2009.

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

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

Preserving a sound alliance with Mars plays a leading role in one key area of your life: the Fifth House, which is where Mars lies in your birthchart. And what are the concerns here? Pleasant ones, generally: playfulness, creativity, and self-expression. Life is hard work -- human beings, yourself included, require periodic doses of renewal, peak experience, and simple joy. You can meet those needs in yourself in a variety of ways, but the ones that work best and most efficiently come from experiences connected with Mars, as we just portrayed them. And, in your current astrological circumstances, the need for that kind of re-charging is definitely up right now.

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Opposite Pluto**

In effect: Jan 19, 2009 - Jan 27, 2009

Peak Date(s): Jan 23, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is opposite your natal Pluto. The action peaks Jan 23, 2009.

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

Everyone has fears. Everyone has shames and wounded places. In you and me and everyone else, there are marks left by the times we've been lied to, abandoned, used, or exploited. It's not the world's cheeriest subject, but turning away only empowers those Plutonian hurts, gives them more latitude to influence your life. When your natal Pluto is triggered by a passing transit or progression, dark shadows are stirred within you. It's a signal that forgotten, unprocessed, or repressed elements of your personal history are asking to be investigated. The procedure requires intensity, honesty, and emotional courage. The results are worth the effort. If you work well with these energies, you emerge stronger, clearer, and often with renewed inspiration. If you hesitate, it's not unusual for the old wounding dramas to be re-enacted in your life.

Your Fifth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent capacity for playful, recreational, or creative self-renewal, and it operates best when those self-renewing activities emphasize the spirit of Pluto, as we just described it. That part of your psyche is under some pressure now. Take advantage of the energy and enjoy yourself!

When Jupiter gets hooked up with Pluto, think big and claim a victory. One is available, if you move decisively and know exactly what you really want. And therein lies the rub. All of us experience humiliating losses, insults, and defeats in the course of life. As you adapt to living with them, an attitude of disempowerment or futility can creep in. Conquering that mind-set is the real aim here. The truth is that psychologically you need a triumph now -- and synchronistically, the universe is ready to cooperate.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Trine Saturn**

In effect: Jan 23, 2009 - Jan 31, 2009

Peak Date(s): Jan 27, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Saturn. The action peaks Jan 27, 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Pr. Moon is Trine Neptune**

In effect: Feb 4, 2009 - Mar 26, 2009

Peak Date(s): Mar 1, 2009

You don't need to be an astrologer to know what the Moon means. Just engage your imagination. Immediately, the mind free-associates. Moon: night...feelings...falling in love...seeing a ghost... And that's pretty much what astrologers throughout history have said: the Moon represents your interior life, your "heart." Like all astrological factors, the Moon progresses, taking a little over a quarter of a century to make one circuit around the chart. It typically spends a couple of years in each sign or house, and eventually forms aspects with all the planets. How do we read it? Simple: at any given moment the progressed Moon tells us where your heart is. Or, to be a little less schmaltzy about it, the Moon says where your attention is. What is concerning you. Where your growth experiences are unfolding -- which is often to say where you're experiencing challenges, upsets, or opportunities to regroup and express yourself in new ways. Being an emotional factor, the progressed Moon always refers to areas of heightened sensitivity. Intuition comes to the forefront. Instincts must be followed. Somehow the unconscious mind has gotten ahead of conscious awareness, and now conscious awareness is catching up, following the trail of intuitive clues and impulses laid down by the wise, dark interior of your spirit.

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Neptune: Mar 1, 2009. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

Close your eyes. Don't think of anything at all. Just be aware of all that infinite, dark space. Welcome to Neptune. In your natal chart, it represents the part of you that knows how to enter trance, to meditate, or to "space out." Everybody's got one, and everybody experiences that part of their consciousness from time to time. When triggered by transits or progressions, Neptune asks you to let go, to allow material to enter your mind uncensored and unstructured. It's more akin to feeling than thinking, but neither word captures it perfectly. Dreaming is the closest analogy...a sort of free-associative state in which your own mind works like an unpredictable movie theater. Why bother? Because such an astrological event signals that your unconscious mind or, if you prefer, your soul has an important message and is trying to get in touch with you.

Sustaining steady contact with the energy of Neptune, always good for you, now figures especially prominently in one critical dimension of your life: the Sixth House, which is where Neptune lies in your birthchart. What themes or issues come to the fore here? Responsibilities, duties, and the fulfillment of your commitments. But before we start sounding too much like the Boy Scout Handbook, let's remember that the pivotal issue of the Sixth House lies in recognizing the exact nature of your proper obligations, and not letting yourself be cowed into signing up for boring, self-sacrificial martyrdoms that are none of your business anyway. Clarifying the exact location of the thin line between humility and humiliation is on the front burner for you now. One rule of thumb: when your duties have the flavor of Neptune, you're on the right track.

When the Moon blurs into Neptune, a season of strong dreams is upon you. Creativity and inspiration are at a peak. Cultivate them by giving yourself quiet, meditative time. In narrowly practical terms, your efficiency is down now. You are probably experiencing some forgetfulness. Don't worry, it will pass -- but so will the positive potential of this period. Grab it before it goes! Rarely will your visionary imagination be so fertile. Dream, and make note of your dreams. Soon enough a time will come to act on them.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Opposite Moon**

In effect: Feb 19, 2009 - Feb 28, 2009

Peak Date(s): Feb 24, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is opposite your natal Moon. The action peaks Feb 24, 2009.

Currently Jupiter is navigating familiar territory -- your Eleventh House, which we discussed earlier. This, to refresh your memory, is the house of group dynamics, tying your

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

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

Your Sixth House held our attention for a while earlier in these pages; now we see it making itself felt again. You have an inherent desire to be helpful and competent, and you express it best when you find ways to give people around you "gifts" of the nature of the Moon, as we just described it. That part of your nature is currently in the spotlight, so offer yourself and your gifts to those who need them. You'll grow wiser, and they'll be happier.

When the Moon interacts with Jupiter, the mood of life generally turns jovial and optimistic. There is an attitude of hopefulness and an alertness to possibility. It is a season of enhanced imagination, especially about your own potential future. In general, the best policy is to be bold in your dreaming, but cautious about signing on the dotted line. What you envision creatively now is probably quite sound, but it will want some editing in the cold light of dawn.

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

### **Tr. Saturn is Trine Venus**

In effect: Feb 23, 2009 - Mar 20, 2009

Peak Date(s): Mar 8, 2009

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is trine your natal Venus. The energies crest Mar 8, 2009.

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

The natal Venus -- that, as we have seen, is where you store your romantic and affiliative sensibilities, along with your aesthetic tastes.

Your First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Venus, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

When Venus collides with Saturn, a season of vows and boundaries in your intimate life is upon you. It's helpful now to remember that grown-up love is more than an emotion; it's also a commitment, a discipline, and a promise to be honored even in the face of difficulties or passing estrangements. Take some time alone now; you probably need it. Be clear and be serious, and don't let anyone trick you into taking positions you outgrew years ago.

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

### **Pr. Mercury is Trine Venus**

In effect: in progress - continuing

Peak Date(s): Mar 3, 2009

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

Clearly, one of life's primary tasks is the constant updating of our interior map. And that's Mercury-work. Mercury: the ancient "Messenger of the Gods," the planet of learning, thinking, speaking, and listening. Gradually our inner map evolves -- and that evolution is measured and guided by the progressed mercury. When it comes to a sensitive zone, we are asked to change our minds...which is much easier to say than to do. Always, it involves letting go of some

previously-defended position, letting in new and often unsettling information. In this Mercury-intensive period of your life, your greatest allies are curiosity, open-mindedness, and flexibility -- and your worst enemy is dogmatic rigidity. Another word, by the way, for dogmatic rigidity is consistency. And that's something we often value. For now, however, think of consistency in less flattering terms; think of it as your right to be no smarter next year than you were last year.

Our first step is to realize that the action and the developmental invitation are manifesting in the Sixth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Mercury is now passing. This tells us that duties and responsibilities are currently being emphasized in your life, and that their mood is the same as that of Mercury, which we just described. The effect of these external, often somewhat self-sacrificial requirements is to pull your attention away from yourself and place it on the needs of others. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is being stimulated into development by these services you're offering others? To answer that, we turn our attention to Venus, which is being triggered by this period of hard work, giving, and supporting.

How is the progressed Mercury currently touching you? It is trine your natal Venus: Mar 3, 2009. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-moving events and that the action simply peaks then; it will be in effect throughout the period of this report.

The natal Venus -- that, as we have seen, is where you store your romantic and affiliative sensibilities, along with your aesthetic tastes.

Your First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Venus, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

When Mercury interacts with Venus, an important dialog (Mercury) unfolds with a partner (Venus). The trick is to...Listen! Others, while not necessarily any smarter than you, have different experiences, different knowledge, and different mental patterns. Under this kind of influence, you benefit enormously from internalizing their alien perspectives.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Square Venus**

In effect: Mar 23, 2009 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Mar 28, 2009

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

Venus. The action peaks Mar 28, 2009.

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

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When Venusian energies splice together with Jupiterian ones, opportunity (Jupiter) comes to you through other people (Venus). Sometimes what we might call "dumb luck" makes itself felt, but it doesn't hurt to help it along by understanding the planetary "rules of the game." Basically, they boil down to this: you've got to ask for what you want, you've got to know that you deserve it, and you've got to look that way...which is to say, there's no room for being apologetic, ashamed, or defensive.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Trine Mercury**

In effect: Mar 24, 2009 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Mar 29, 2009

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is trine your natal Mercury. The action peaks Mar 29, 2009.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Jupiter, as we just described it -- that part of you has completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with Mercury, which is being

invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

The natal Mercury -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your intelligence, your capacity to communicate, and your fundamental curiosity.

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Mercury.

When Mercury hobnobs with Jupiter, an attitude of expansiveness (Jupiter) pervades the mind (Mercury). You are challenged now, like an optimistic Sherlock Holmes, to be alert to possibilities. Think inventively, think positively, and think big: that's the spirit. In some way, you have been underestimating your intelligence, verbal skills, or general competence. Recognize that, and change it.

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

## The Details

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

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

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

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

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

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

Even minor astrological events commonly have an impact over several days. In the following month-by-month analysis, configurations are listed chronologically according to the days they "peak" -- but don't take that date narrowly. The most colorful events and profoundest realizations might easily occur a day or two later or earlier.

### January Invitation Peaks

**Jan 14, 2009 - Tr. Pluto Opposite Jupiter**

### January Mean Peaks

**Jan 07, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Sextile Ascendant**

**Jan 13, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Trine Uranus**

**Jan 15, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Opposite Mars**

**Jan 23, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Opposite Pluto**

**Jan 27, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Trine Saturn**

### January The Details

**Jan 03, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Uranus**

Keywords: group-dynamical conversation supports your typical resourceful individuality.

**Jan 03, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Mars**

Keywords: group-dynamical dialog is in tension with your inherent creative assertiveness.

**Jan 05, 2009 - Tr. Venus Trine Jupiter**

Keywords: quiet human connection enhances your usual psychologically sophisticated exuberance.

**Jan 05, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Pluto**

Keywords: priority-clarifying communication is in tension with your inherent child-like investigation.

**Jan 05, 2009 - Tr. Venus Square Uranus**

Keywords: private human connection conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting individuality.

**Jan 06, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Saturn**

Keywords: priority-clarifying dialog supports your typical self-confident integrity.

**Jan 08, 2009 - Tr. Venus Square Saturn**

Keywords: withdrawn human connection conflicts with your instinctive self-confident integrity.

**Jan 08, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Venus**

Keywords: priority-clarifying identity enhances your usual decisive human connection.

**Jan 11, 2009 at 04:39 PM - Mercury turns Retrograde**

Three, maybe four times in the course of a year, the planet Mercury spends three weeks or so going backwards in the sky, a period we call Mercury Retrograde. Practicality sometimes

intervenes, but to the extent that you can arrange it, you are better off if you can avoid signing anything important during this period, buying anything mechanical (unless its failure would be of trivial consequence), initiating travel, or attempting significant communications by phone or mail. This, of course, is a lot to ask; and sticking to it too firmly starts to verge on Cosmic Paranoia. Still, there is a heightened tendency for objects, messages, and plans to go awry during this Retrograde time. Sometimes a little patience exercised now will make your life a lot easier in the long run. If steps simply must be taken, it doesn't mean everything is doomed to failure...just keep duplicates, have backups, double-check everything, and be prepared for petty annoyances. The first appearance of a Retrograde Mercury during the period of this report occurs Jan 11, 2009 at 04:39 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

**Jan 16, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Saturn**

Keywords: strategic conversation supports your typical self-respecting composure.

**Jan 17, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Neptune**

Keywords: strategic identity supports your typical painstaking contemplation.

**Jan 17, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Pluto**

Keywords: visionary conversation opposes your inborn imaginative intensity.

**Jan 19, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Mars**

Keywords: strategic communication opposes your inborn creative swordsmanship.

**Jan 19, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Uranus**

Keywords: group-dynamical communication enhances your usual dignified originality.

**Jan 20, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Venus**

Keywords: visionary swordsmanship supports your typical forceful relating.

**Jan 21, 2009 - Tr. Venus Sextile Venus**

Keywords: reclusive human connection stimulates your normal assertive relating.

**Jan 21, 2009 - Tr. Venus Square Mercury**

Keywords: private affection conflicts with your instinctive intelligent communication.

**Jan 21, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Uranus**

Keywords: visionary identity supports your typical resourceful originality.

**Jan 22, 2009 - Tr. Sun Opposite Mars**

Keywords: long-term identity opposes your inborn imaginative courage.

**Jan 23, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Neptune**

Keywords: long-term communication supports your typical supportive contemplation.

**Jan 24, 2009 - Tr. Sun Opposite Pluto**

Keywords: strategic identity opposes your inborn imaginative investigation.

**Jan 25, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Saturn**

Keywords: long-term nature enhances your usual self-assured solitude.

**Jan 26, 2009 at 04:56 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

The Moon in a month passes through all twelve houses of your chart. In so doing, it correlates with the passing whimsies of mood. One afternoon you're bright and cheery, the following morning you're blue...but energetic again after lunch. It doesn't amount to much, and it's not really very important in practical terms -- with one exception: the passage of the Moon through the Twelfth House. During that time you are going through a kind of emotional moulting, ending one cycle and preparing to begin another. Your attentions and energies are turned inward. Accept that, handle it well, and the period -- usually a couple of days -- is quiet and contemplative. It may even be rather pleasant. But if you try to keep up your normal level of activity, you'll find yourself confused, flat, and prone to dumb accidents. So when the Moon enters your Twelfth House, make sure that you have some unstructured time. Minimize distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House Jan 26, 2009 at 04:56 PM, and emerges Jan 30, 2009 at 04:25 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

**Jan 29, 2009 - Tr. Venus Square Sun**

Keywords: private human connection conflicts with your instinctive inventive identity.

**Jan 30, 2009 - Tr. Venus Opposite Neptune**

Keywords: spiritually open affection is in tension with your inherent dutiful imagination.

**Jan 31, 2009 - Tr. Sun Opposite Moon**

Keywords: reclusive nature opposes your inborn responsible awareness.

**Jan 31, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Neptune**

Keywords: goal-oriented swordsmanship enhances your usual supportive inspiration.

**February Invitation Peaks****Feb 21, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter enters Twelfth House****February Mean Peaks****Feb 24, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Opposite Moon**

### February The Details

**Feb 03, 2009 - Tr. Venus Conjunction Ascendant**

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

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Feb 03, 2009, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Venus. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

**Feb 05, 2009 - Tr. Venus Square Jupiter**

Keywords: commanding affection clashes with your instinctive sensitive exuberance.

**Feb 05, 2009 - Tr. Venus Sextile Uranus**

Keywords: assertive human connection stimulates your normal self-assured individuality.

**Feb 06, 2009 - Tr. Venus Trine Mars**

Keywords: forceful affection supports your typical child-like assertiveness.

**Feb 07, 2009 - Tr. Sun Square Venus**

Keywords: reclusive nature conflicts with your instinctive resolute relating.

**Feb 07, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Uranus**

Keywords: strategic assertiveness supports your typical self-assured originality.

**Feb 07, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Mercury**

Keywords: reclusive identity supports your typical clever conversation.

**Feb 07, 2009 - Tr. Mars Opposite Mars**

Keywords: strategic swordsmanship opposes your inborn imaginative assertiveness.

**Feb 08, 2009 - Tr. Venus Trine Pluto**

Keywords: forceful affection enhances your usual child-like honesty.

**Feb 09, 2009 - Tr. Venus Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: resolute relating stimulates your normal dignified solitude.

**Feb 10, 2009 - Tr. Mars Opposite Pluto**

Keywords: strategic swordsmanship is in tension with your inherent creative honesty.

**Feb 11, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Saturn**

Keywords: group-dynamical courage supports your typical self-confident integrity.

**Feb 11, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Neptune**

Keywords: strategic communication enhances your usual dutiful contemplation.

**Feb 14, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Sun**

Keywords: quiet personality enhances your usual open-minded nature.

**Feb 16, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Uranus**

Keywords: group-dynamical communication supports your typical resourceful originality.

**Feb 16, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Mars**

Keywords: goal-oriented conversation opposes your inborn spontaneous swordsmanship.

**Feb 18, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Pluto**

Keywords: visionary dialog is in tension with your inherent creative investigation.

**Feb 19, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Saturn**

Keywords: long-term dialog supports your typical resourceful integrity.

**Feb 19, 2009 - Tr. Mars Opposite Moon**

Keywords: reclusive swordsmanship opposes your inborn responsible sensitivity.

**Feb 20, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Jupiter**

Keywords: quiet personality enhances your usual cautious exuberance.

**Feb 20, 2009 - Tr. Venus Trine Moon**

Keywords: assertive relating enhances your usual helpful attitude.

**Feb 20, 2009 - Tr. Sun Square Uranus**

Keywords: reclusive nature conflicts with your instinctive self-confident individuality.

**Feb 23, 2009 at 00:01 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Feb 23, 2009 at 00:01 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Feb 26, 2009 at 10:23 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

**Feb 23, 2009 - Tr. Sun Square Saturn**

Keywords: meditative nature conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting solitude.

**Feb 24, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Moon**

Keywords: quiet communication opposes your inborn painstaking attitude.

**Feb 28, 2009 - Tr. Mars Square Venus**

Keywords: spiritually open swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive assertive human connection.

**Feb 28, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Mercury**

Keywords: reclusive courage enhances your usual inventive dialog.

**March Invitation Peaks****Mar 06, 2009 - Tr. Saturn Square Mercury****March Mean Peaks****Mar 01, 2009 - Pr. Moon Trine Neptune****Mar 03, 2009 - Pr. Mercury Trine Venus****Mar 08, 2009 - Tr. Saturn Trine Venus****Mar 28, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Square Venus****Mar 29, 2009 - Tr. Jupiter Trine Mercury****March The Details****Mar 01, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Square Venus**

Keywords: meditative dialog clashes with your instinctive decisive human connection.

**Mar 01, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Mercury**

Keywords: withdrawn dialog enhances your usual intelligent communication.

**Mar 06, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Sun**

Keywords: reclusive dialog enhances your usual inventive personality.

**Mar 08, 2009 - Tr. Sun Sextile Venus**

Keywords: meditative identity excites your native assertive human connection.

**Mar 09, 2009 - Tr. Sun Square Mercury**

Keywords: spiritually open personality clashes with your instinctive clever communication.

**Mar 09, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Jupiter**

Keywords: withdrawn dialog supports your typical emotional exuberance.

**Mar 10, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Square Uranus**

Keywords: spiritually open conversation clashes with your instinctive self-respecting individuality.

**Mar 10, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Sun**

Keywords: meditative courage supports your typical clever nature.

**Mar 11, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Square Saturn**

Keywords: spiritually open conversation conflicts with your instinctive dignified integrity.

**Mar 16, 2009 - Tr. Sun Square Sun**

Keywords: private identity clashes with your instinctive clever personality.

**Mar 17, 2009 - Tr. Mars Trine Jupiter**

Keywords: withdrawn assertiveness enhances your usual cautious opportunity.

**Mar 17, 2009 - Tr. Sun Opposite Neptune**

Keywords: reclusive nature is in tension with your inherent supportive inspiration.

**Mar 17, 2009 - Tr. Mars Square Uranus**

Keywords: meditative swordsmanship clashes with your instinctive resourceful originality.

**Mar 19, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Venus**

Keywords: withdrawn communication stimulates your normal assertive human connection.

**Mar 19, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Square Mercury**

Keywords: quiet communication conflicts with your instinctive clever conversation.

**Mar 20, 2009 - Tr. Venus Trine Moon**

Keywords: resolute affection supports your typical responsible sensitivity.

**Mar 21, 2009 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Ascendant**

The transiting Sun is like a huge, dumb battery. Whatever it touches, it electrifies -- but never for very long or very deeply. That's simply because it's a fast-moving factor, never staying anywhere long enough to develop true depth or complexity of meaning. In a year, it circuits the chart once...which leaves it only a few days to spend in each of your chart's many sensitive zones. Whatever it touches, however, is temporarily pushed into action. And sometimes, if more serious astro-psychological energies have been building or brewing in that area of your life, the Sun's transit over that point might just be the trigger that sets big wheels turning. The critical point is that the Sun represents your ego, and when it collides with sensitive territories you need to act accordingly: not "egocentrically," but with an awareness of your rights, your needs, and your desires.

Sun arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Mar 21, 2009, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Sun. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

**Mar 21, 2009 - Tr. Mars Square Saturn**

Keywords: private swordsmanship conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting integrity.

**Mar 22, 2009 - Tr. Sun Square Jupiter**

Keywords: decisive identity clashes with your instinctive self-protective gambling.

**Mar 22, 2009 at 08:07 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Mar 22, 2009 at 08:07 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Mar 26, 2009 at 06:02 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

**Mar 22, 2009 - Tr. Sun Sextile Uranus**

Keywords: authoritative personality stimulates your normal self-assured individuality.

**Mar 22, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Mars**

Keywords: resolute personality supports your typical self-expressive assertiveness.

**Mar 23, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Square Sun**

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

**Mar 24, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Neptune**

Keywords: private communication opposes your inborn responsible imagination.

**Mar 24, 2009 - Tr. Sun Trine Pluto**

Keywords: decisive identity supports your typical creative investigation.

**Mar 25, 2009 - Tr. Sun Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: resolute personality excites your native financially savvy composure.

**Mar 26, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Conjunction Ascendant**

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

Mercury arrives at a conjunction with your Ascendant Mar 26, 2009, and that always suggests a colorful, active few days. A new cycle of experience is beginning for you. It's not earth-shaking in its implications, but you'll be happier if you act positively in the spirit of Mercury. The ball is in your court. Decisive action, imprudent action, or inaction on your part now will have long-term effects, just as the experiences of childhood leave their mark on the adult character. Don't be afraid of a little apparent selfishness now. There are seasons of giving and seasons of taking; this one is for taking.

**Mar 26, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Square Jupiter**

Keywords: resolute conversation conflicts with your instinctive cautious gambling.

**Mar 26, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Uranus**

Keywords: resolute communication excites your native self-respecting originality.

**Mar 27, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Mars**

Keywords: authoritative communication supports your typical self-expressive courage.

**Mar 28, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Pluto**

Keywords: assertive conversation enhances your usual creative intensity.

**Mar 28, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: forceful conversation excites your native financially savvy composure.

**Mar 31, 2009 - Tr. Venus Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: forceful relating stimulates your normal self-respecting solitude.

**Mar 31, 2009 - Tr. Mercury Trine Moon**

Keywords: authoritative conversation supports your typical painstaking sensitivity.