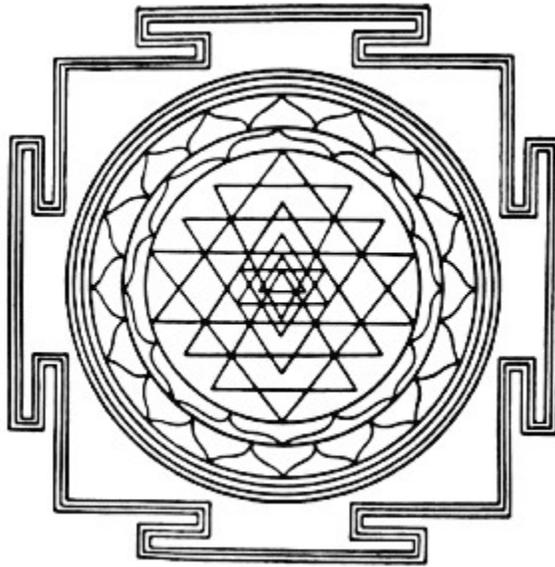


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Astrological Report for  
Richard Branson  
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### Steven Forrest

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...

### **Tr. Uranus is Trine Ascendant**

In effect: Sep 19, 2014 - Nov 11, 2014

Peak Date(s): Oct 15, 2014

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 trine your natal Ascendant: Oct 15, 2014.

Let's begin deciphering this configuration with the understanding that the action driving these existential developments is showing up in the part of your life we call the Ninth House. That's where Uranus is currently making its influence felt, thus bringing events to bear upon you. Typically, when the "House of Long Journeys" is stimulated, life is eventful and expansive in tone. You are challenged to stretch out toward new experiential horizons through travel and

educational efforts -- to toss hand grenades into the well-oiled machinery of your life. Why? Because deep down inside, you are starting to get bored with yourself! The key question with which you must wrestle is this: which adventure is the right one? Astrology cannot answer precisely, but here's one helpful hint -- to travel the right new road and thus refresh your spirit, you will need every ounce of the energy of Uranus that you can muster. It's that kind of adventure, that kind of stretching, that is appropriate for you now. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by the invigorating, exhilarating impact of these new perceptions.

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

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.

### **Tr. Saturn is Trine Sun**

In effect: Nov 2, 2014 - Nov 19, 2014

Peak Date(s): Nov 10, 2014

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances -- but is it the bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a

psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn is trine your natal Sun: Nov 10, 2014.

First we must recognize that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Saturn is currently passing. Immediately that realization places our attention on two fundamental areas: The first is your home and family, which may well be making their needs felt now in the "key" of Saturn. And the second, often confused by the first, is your own happiness and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. Under this kind of stimulation, a person often benefits from considering his or her deepest beliefs and attitudes from a conventional psycho-therapeutic perspective -- which in essence is to say, "Figure out what mom and dad taught you," and drop what is no longer consistent with your own course. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is at stake? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Sun, which is being invited into development by these familial and emotional pressures.

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?

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

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.

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. Saturn is Square Pluto**

In effect: in progress - Sep 1, 2014

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

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 square your natal Pluto. The energies crest sometime before the report period..

First let's note that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Fourth House, a dimension of your birthchart we've encountered before, for that's the house through which Saturn is currently passing. Two areas are immediately focalized: your domestic or familial environment (which is now likely to make its presence felt in the spirit and mood of Saturn) and that deep soul-feeling inside yourself to which you must be true if your life is to stay on course. We could call it your personal myth, or more simply your bliss. And again, in staying true to those levels of your being, you must now stay true to Saturn. But what are the core questions? What area of your life is most affected by these domestic or psychological developments? The answer lies with Pluto, which is being invited into development during this long talk with yourself and the resultant sorting out of your real essence from your family training.

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.

Always, it's advantageous for you to incorporate the force of Pluto positively in all parts of your life. But one area has always stood out in that regard -- the First House, which is where Pluto 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 Pluto, even if the people about whom you care call you selfish for doing so.

When sober-minded Saturn gets involved with dark-hearted Pluto, you'll have little patience for fluffy, frilly superficiality. This is a serious moment, something of a day of reckoning. Truths must be recognized and told. Lies must be illuminated, and demons named. You are ready. The situation is pressing. It will not go away or improve of its own accord. Take

responsibility, move decisively, and do what must be done.

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. Uranus is Opposite Neptune**

In effect: Sep 6, 2014 - Oct 28, 2014

Peak Date(s): Oct 2, 2014

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 opposite your natal Neptune. The action peaks Oct 2, 2014.

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

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.

It's helpful, of course, for you to embrace the power of Neptune 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 Neptune was located when you took your first breath in Blackheath, 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.

When Uranus dances with Neptune, prepare for a quantum leap in consciousness. Like the rest of us, you've got a pattern of neuron pathways in your head which you imagine to be the world. It's all based on assumptions and attitudes...but a few of them are completely wrong, and that disconcerting truth is doing its best to become evident to you now. Doubt everything, and go forward naked, alert, and alive.

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. Uranus is Opposite Mars**

In effect: in progress - Sep 7, 2014

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 opposite your natal Mars. The action peaks sometime before the report period..

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

Sheer animal vitality -- that's Mars. In your natal chart, it represents your boldness and your pluckiness: what gets your blood flowing. Or boiling. All passions are linked to Mars. Anger and your ability to defend your boundaries are part of the picture. So is your inner fire -- your enthusiasm, your intensity, your sexual desire. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, Mars often signals a "go for it" situation developing in your life, but to make the

best of it, you'll need to be brave and assertive. Such transits or progressions can also warn you of upcoming battles, and in general it's wiser to seize the initiative rather than surrender your power to the whimsies of circumstance.

Your 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 Mars.

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

The two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by 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. Neptune is Conjunct Jupiter**

In effect: in progress - Sep 15, 2014

Peak Date(s): sometime before 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 conjunct your natal Jupiter: sometime before the report period..

Let's start unraveling the symbolism by recognizing that the action and developmental invitation are most evident in that part of your life we call the Eighth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Neptune is currently passing. Typically, such an astrological event suggests a period of moody intensity as old hurt feelings come up for healing and regeneration. It is probable that you have someone in your life now, be it a bed partner or a dear friend, with whom you can speak frankly about difficult emotional topics...and can do so

in the spirit of Neptune, as we just described it. Often the person is himself or herself of that same planetary nature, or is at least going through a time in which that kind of force is making itself felt. What is less certain is whether you will cast politeness aside and actually broach the sensitive subjects. But what's the core issue? What part of your own life is being affected by these unconscious biases? To answer that, we turn our attention to Jupiter, which is being invited into development as these inner pressures mount.

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.

Bolstering the energies of Jupiter, never a bad idea, is particularly essential now, for Jupiter lies in your Eighth House, the traditional "House of Death." Mortality itself is usually not the issue; more accurately, the question here lies with all the fears with which you live and all the hurts and distortions the past has visited upon you. All of us sit on emotional volcanos. You, too. Now the time has come to look more closely at some uncomfortable memories...perhaps to share them with someone you trust implicitly. Take the spirit and attitude of Jupiter, as we just described it. That mood will carry you most deeply and efficiently into the unsettling material at hand.

When Jupiter consorts with Neptune, there's a cliché that should never be too far from your mind: all that glitters is not gold. Don't be tempted by "extraordinary possibilities" now, at least not without a careful look at the fine print, a consultation with a sober friend, and a painstaking effort to consider worst-case scenarios. What is really going on here is that a bright new vision is slowly forming inside you. It's real -- or more accurately, it's going to be real. Don't mistake its glowing emotional aura for something that is actually, physically, available in the present context.

As we mentioned, the aspect involved in the event we just described is the conjunction, which refers to a precise alignment between the natal planet and the moving trigger. Thus, the process emphasizes fusion, integration, and synthesis. Of all the possible aspects, the conjunction is the most intense. The explosion rattles your outward circumstances; but it originates inside you, and puts you in the driver's seat. It is appropriate for you to claim some new level of power, of self-expression, and of autonomy. If you don't, no one will do it for you; and the opportunity will evaporate.

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

Date: Sep 21, 2014 - 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 First House cusp: Sep 21, 2014.

The First House is about choices and commitments. It represents crossroads -- and the idea of burning your bridges behind you. When stimulated, as it is now through the entry of Jupiter into it, you are in the driver's seat...so you'd better take the wheel and steer! The pace of your life is accelerating rapidly. Don't let the speed of events blind you -- underlying the question "What choices should I make?" "Who am I" is another, more primal question.

While the First House always symbolizes an active period, it is more fundamentally a meditation upon identity. What you do and who you are...they're interwoven, of course. But more importantly, both are now being renewed and rewired, embracing more of the qualities of Jupiter, as we just described them. Certain unfamiliar experiences in this world can nourish you, make you glad to be alive. Others, perhaps very familiar, are now simply irrelevant. When the First House is cooking, one point is sure: to claim those nourishing experiences, you'll have to exercise the power of your will.

There is something of the nature of Jupiter you must conquer; you are being challenged to lead your life. If you do well, the paradox is that people will call you selfish. They'll shake their heads and ask what's gotten into you. You have entered a season of radical new beginnings. That implies endings, too, and the severing of ties with the past. When it comes to amputations, the swift, sharp blade is far kinder than the slow, dull one. Trust yourself. Move decisively. And don't look back.

## 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.

### **Pr. Moon is Square Mars**

In effect: in progress - Oct 6, 2014

Peak Date(s): Sep 10, 2014

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.

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is square your natal Mars: Sep 10, 2014. In thinking about this, remember that progressions are slow-motion events, and that this event simply peaks then; it will be affecting your mood for a period of two or three months on either side of that date.

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

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 Mars.

When the Moon interacts with Mars, the mood of life turns hot. Fiery energies course through the psyche, filling you with passionate intensity. Positively, the linking of these two factors can encourage you to take the initiative, to state your needs forcefully and unambiguously, and to defend what is rightfully yours. Be careful; this astrological linkage may incline you toward extremes of temper, unintentionally destructive exchanges with the people with whom you share your life, and possibly the sort of accidents which are created by unprocessed tension, anger, or anxiety.

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

### **Pr. Moon is Trine Saturn**

In effect: in progress - Sep 14, 2014

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

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

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

How is the progressed Moon currently impacting on you? It is trine your natal Saturn: sometime before the report period.. 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.

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.

Good things in general come your way when you make a positive response to Saturn. But one area has always been prominent in that regard -- the Second House, where Saturn 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 the Moon interacts with Saturn, the mood of life turns serious and quiet. Sadness, loneliness, and pessimism can arise, but they are not necessary. Essentially, this is a season of clear seeing in emotional matters. It calls for sober, realistic thinking and a willingness to be strong enough to call a spade a spade...even you'd prefer diamonds or hearts.

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 Conjunct Ascendant**

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In effect: Sep 16, 2014 - Sep 26, 2014  
Peak Date(s): Sep 21, 2014

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 conjunct your natal Ascendant. The action peaks Sep 21, 2014.

Currently Jupiter 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 Jupiter, 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 Ascendant, 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 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 two factors, as we mentioned, are linked by a conjunction -- the most powerful of the geometric aspects and one that suggests convergence, intensification, and often a new beginning.

### **Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Neptune**

In effect: Sep 18, 2014 - Sep 29, 2014  
Peak Date(s): Sep 23, 2014

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 Neptune. The action peaks Sep 23, 2014.

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 Neptune, 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 Neptune -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes pure consciousness. It is the mystical planet, the part of your being that receives inspiration and, depending on your metaphysical tastes, either inner guidance or divine direction.

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 Neptune.

When Jupiter consorts with Neptune, there's a cliché that should never be too far from your mind: all that glitters is not gold. Don't be tempted by "extraordinary possibilities" now, at least not without a careful look at the fine print, a consultation with a sober friend, and a painstaking effort to consider worst-case scenarios. What is really going on here is that a bright new vision is slowly forming inside you. It's real -- or more accurately, it's going to be real. Don't mistake its glowing emotional aura for something that is actually, physically, available in the present context.

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. Neptune is Trine Uranus**

In effect: in progress - Sep 27, 2014

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

Neptune played a part earlier in this report, but it has another trick or two up its sleeve. You may remember that this planet refers to letting down barriers and allowing the creative unconscious to speak. When handled well, it triggers a "seed time" in which new inspirations arise. If handled poorly, one tends to go off half-cocked while enamored of unrealistic ideas. So sit tight, enter trance, pay attention to your dreams and, if you're so inclined, pray or meditate. Neptune currently is trine your natal Uranus. The inner opening process peaks sometime before the report period..

Let's start unraveling the symbolism by first understanding that the action and the developmental invitation are most evident in the part of your life we call the Eighth House -- a familiar territory, since it figured earlier in our analysis. Again it demands our attention, for Neptune is currently passing through it. Moody intensity dominates as old emotional injuries come up for review and rehabilitation -- processes inseparable from an intimate dialog with a certain person with whom you can speak frankly about difficult topics, and can do so in the spirit of Neptune, which we just described. But what's being triggered most deeply inside you? The answer lies with Uranus, which is being invited into development during this season of probing psychological exploration and shared emotional risk.

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.

While the energies of Uranus that we just described are obviously positive qualities for everyone, they play an especially personal part in your own well-being, looming larger and larger in your life as you mature. That's because Uranus lies in your natal Eleventh House, which pertains to your future, to your healthiest priorities, and to your most sustainable long-term strategies, all of which are well-described by that planet. Under the current stimulation of Uranus, an evolution in your goals is occurring, rendering some old dreams obsolete or complete as new, sometimes unexpected desires and values begin to make themselves felt. It is a season of re-orientation.

When Uranus dances with Neptune, prepare for a quantum leap in consciousness. Like the rest of us, you've got a pattern of neuron pathways in your head which you imagine to be the world. It's all based on assumptions and attitudes...but a few of them are completely wrong, and that disconcerting truth is doing its best to become evident to you now. Doubt everything, and go forward naked, alert, and alive.

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 Sextile Mars**

In effect: Sep 29, 2014 - Oct 11, 2014

Peak Date(s): Oct 5, 2014

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 Mars. The action peaks Oct 5, 2014.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where Jupiter is currently located in your chart. We've met this house before. As you may remember, it has to do with the assertive choices you make and the confidence with which you present yourself. Something is now occurring in which your own action -- or inaction -- is the pivotal variable. But what's the point? What are the real questions? The answer lies with Mars, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

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

Your 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 Mars.

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Conjunct Pluto**

In effect: Oct 1, 2014 - Oct 14, 2014

Peak Date(s): Oct 7, 2014

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 conjunct your natal Pluto. The action peaks Oct 7, 2014.

Let's first understand that the action is in the First House, for that's where Jupiter is currently located in your chart. We've met this house before. As you may remember, it has to do with the assertive choices you make and the confidence with which you present yourself. Something is now occurring in which your own action -- or inaction -- is the pivotal variable. But what's the point? What are the real questions? The answer lies with Pluto, which is being invited into development during this new beginning in your life.

The natal Pluto -- that, as we have seen, symbolizes your own native capacity to probe into yourself and heal yourself. It always deals with the hurts associated with the humiliations and defeats that life has offered us, and the process of going beyond them.

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 Pluto, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

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 a conjunction -- the most powerful of the geometric aspects and one that suggests convergence, intensification, and often a new beginning.

## The Details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**September Invitation Peaks**

**Sep 21, 2014 - Tr. Jupiter enters First House**

**September Mean Peaks**

**Sep 10, 2014 - Pr. Moon Square Mars**

**Sep 21, 2014 - Tr. Jupiter Conjunct Ascendant**

**Sep 23, 2014 - Tr. Jupiter Sextile Neptune**

**September The Details**

**Sep 01, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Venus**

**Sep 04, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Mercury**

**Sep 06, 2014 - Tr. Mars Trine Sun**

**Sep 06, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Uranus**

**Sep 06, 2014 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Moon**

**Sep 08, 2014 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Saturn**

**Sep 10, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Uranus**

**Sep 10, 2014 - Tr. Venus Opposite Jupiter**

**Sep 12, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Conjunct Neptune**

**Sep 14, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Conjunct Mars**

**Sep 14, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Pluto**

**Sep 16, 2014 - Tr. Mars Square Moon**

**Sep 17, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Venus**

**Sep 17, 2014 at 04:10 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

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

distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House Sep 17, 2014 at 04:10 PM, and emerges Sep 20, 2014 at 03:57 AM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

**Sep 17, 2014 - Tr. Sun Sextile Sun**

**Sep 18, 2014 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Saturn**

**Sep 18, 2014 - Tr. Mars Trine Mercury**

**Sep 21, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Venus**

**Sep 21, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Sun**

**Sep 22, 2014 - Pluto goes Direct (at 11° Cp00' in your 05th House)**

Aspects: Square Mars, Sextile Jupiter, Trine Saturn, Opposite Uranus, Square Neptune.

**Sep 23, 2014 - Tr. Mars Square Jupiter**

**Sep 23, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Midheaven**

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 aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Sep 23, 2014. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

**Sep 25, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Venus**

**Sep 25, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Sun**

**Sep 26, 2014 - Tr. Sun Sextile Mercury**

**Sep 29, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Uranus**

**Sep 30, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Moon**

**October Invitation Peaks****Oct 02, 2014 - Tr. Uranus Opposite Neptune****October Mean Peaks****Oct 05, 2014 - Tr. Jupiter Sextile Mars****Oct 07, 2014 - Tr. Jupiter Conjunct Pluto****Oct 15, 2014 - Tr. Uranus Trine Ascendant****October The Details****Oct 02, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Mercury****Oct 04, 2014 at 12:56 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 Oct 04, 2014 at 12:56 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

**Oct 04, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Uranus****Oct 05, 2014 - Tr. Mars Sextile Neptune****Oct 06, 2014 - Tr. Mars Square Saturn****Oct 07, 2014 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Neptune****Oct 07, 2014 - Tr. Mars Sextile Mars****Oct 07, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Moon****Oct 08, 2014 - Tr. Mars Trine Pluto**

**Oct 09, 2014 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Mars**

**Oct 10, 2014 - Tr. Sun Sextile Pluto**

**Oct 11, 2014 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Neptune**

**Oct 13, 2014 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Mars**

**Oct 13, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Pluto**

**Oct 13, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Midheaven**

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

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Oct 13, 2014. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

**Oct 14, 2014 at 11:48 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Oct 14, 2014 at 11:48 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Oct 17, 2014 at 11:10 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

**Oct 15, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Sun**

**Oct 15, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Venus**

**Oct 17, 2014 - Tr. Sun Trine Venus**

**Oct 18, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Sun**

**Oct 18, 2014 - Tr. Mars Opposite Venus**

**Oct 19, 2014 - Tr. Venus Trine Venus**

**Oct 19, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Sun**

**Oct 20, 2014 - Tr. Sun Opposite Midheaven**

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 aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Oct 20, 2014. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Sun. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

#### **Oct 21, 2014 - Tr. Venus Opposite Midheaven**

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 aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Oct 21, 2014. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Venus. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

**Oct 23, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Pluto**

**Oct 24, 2014 - Tr. Sun Sextile Moon**

**Oct 24, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Moon**

**Oct 26, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Mercury**

**Oct 26, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Mercury**

**Oct 27, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Pluto**

**Oct 28, 2014 - Tr. Mars Trine Moon**

**Oct 28, 2014 - Tr. Venus Trine Uranus**

**Oct 29, 2014 - Tr. Venus Trine Jupiter**

**Oct 29, 2014 - Tr. Sun Trine Uranus**

**Oct 30, 2014 - Tr. Sun Trine Jupiter**

**November Invitation Peaks**

(None this month.)

**November Mean Peaks**

**Nov 10, 2014 - Tr. Saturn Trine Sun**

**November The Details**

**Nov 03, 2014 - Tr. Mars Opposite Uranus**

**Nov 04, 2014 - Tr. Mars Sextile Jupiter**

**Nov 04, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Venus**

**Nov 05, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Sun**

**Nov 05, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Saturn**

**Nov 06, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Pluto**

**Nov 06, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Opposite Midheaven**

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

Mercury aligns with your Fourth House cusp, the very bottom of your birthchart, Nov 06, 2014. As you might imagine, this point, being buried, represents inward, psychological experience, and often puts emphasis on the home or family. Claim renewal for yourself now, and hold quiet counsel with yourself. Don't let the pressure of events drive you faster than is good for you; you don't need rest so much now as active silence. Vision is rising up in you, if you let it. To attune yourself to this new enlivening, get away from society; be alone, or be with people in your own inner circle -- your real "family" -- and do it in the spirit of Mercury. That will put you in the proper attitude of receptivity.

**Nov 08, 2014 - Tr. Sun Sextile Saturn**

**Nov 09, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Pluto**

**Nov 09, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Moon**

**Nov 10, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Mercury**

**Nov 11, 2014 at 08:28 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Nov 11, 2014 at 08:28 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Nov 13, 2014 at 07:13 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.

**Nov 12, 2014 - Tr. Venus Trine Sun**

**Nov 13, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Uranus**

**Nov 13, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Jupiter**

**Nov 14, 2014 - Tr. Mars Square Neptune**

**Nov 15, 2014 - Neptune goes Direct (at 04°Pi48' in your 08th House)**

Aspects: Opposite Moon, Conjunct Jupiter, Trine Uranus.

**Nov 16, 2014 - Tr. Mars Trine Saturn**

**Nov 17, 2014 - Tr. Sun Trine Sun**

**Nov 17, 2014 - Tr. Mars Square Mars**

**Nov 17, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Moon**

**Nov 18, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Saturn**

**Nov 19, 2014 - Tr. Venus Trine Mercury**

**Nov 19, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Pluto**

**Nov 21, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Jupiter**

**Nov 23, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Moon**

**Nov 24, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Sun**

**Nov 25, 2014 - Tr. Sun Trine Mercury**

**Nov 28, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Neptune**

**Nov 28, 2014 - Tr. Mars Opposite Sun**

**Nov 28, 2014 - Tr. Sun Square Jupiter**

**Nov 28, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Square Moon**

**Nov 29, 2014 - Tr. Venus Square Saturn**

**Nov 29, 2014 - Tr. Venus Sextile Mars**

**Nov 29, 2014 - Tr. Mercury Trine Mercury**

**Nov 30, 2014 - Tr. Venus Trine Pluto**