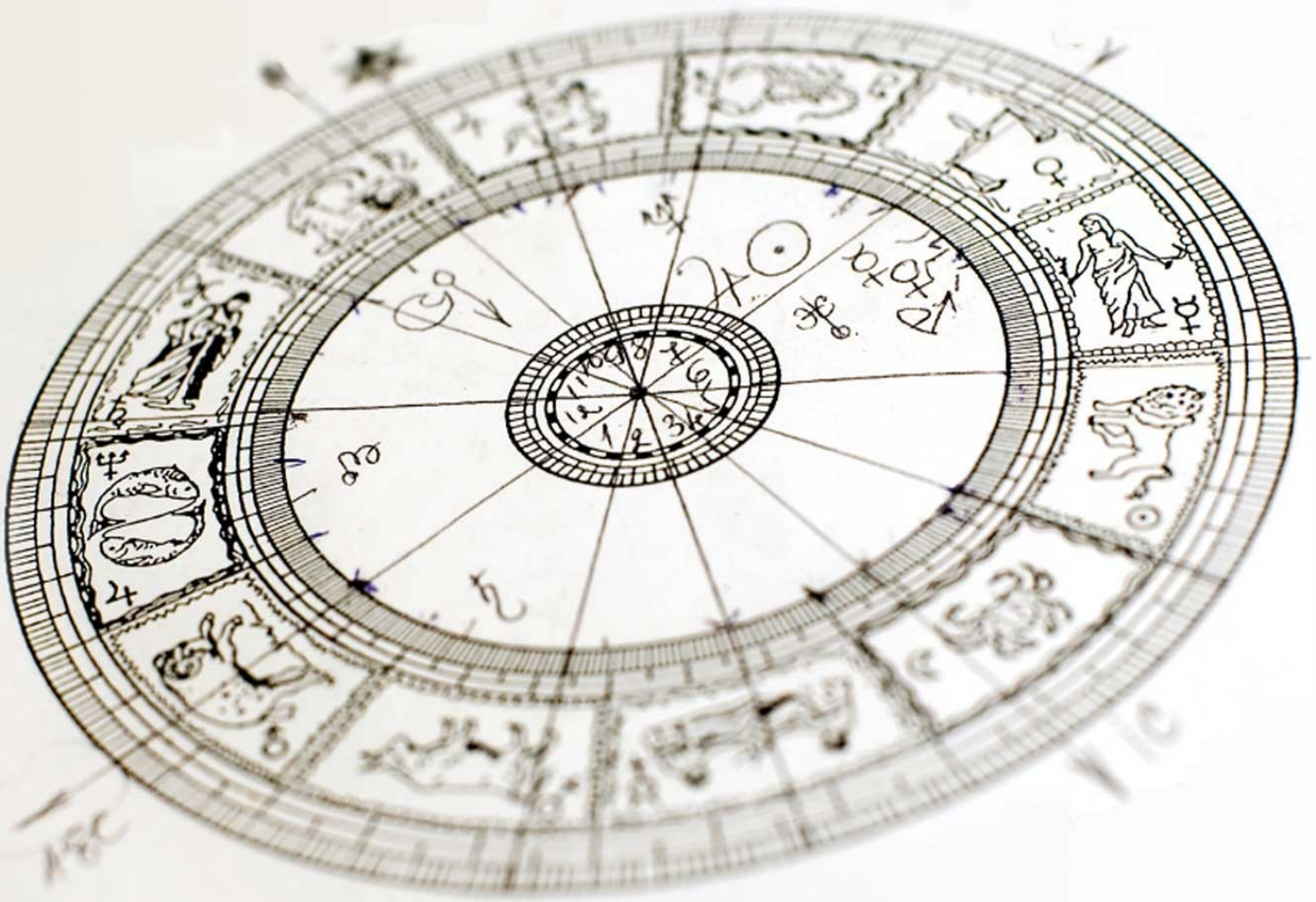


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Introduction

The following pages describe the major transits that you will be experiencing over the coming period. These pages can give you insight into the challenges that you will encounter and the underlying lessons that they offer you. There are literally hundreds of transits occurring for you each year, so this report focuses on those which occur more infrequently and therefore present the greatest challenges. These outer planet transits show the "backdrop" of important influences in the coming period.

The "Exact" transit dates and immediately prior to those dates are the times when the energies described will be felt most strongly and when actual events related to the transit are most likely to occur. Many transits will have three "Exact" dates listed. This is because the transiting planet goes retrograde (R) and then direct (D) again, causing three "hits." When this is the case, the issues associated with the transit will surface on the first hit, there will be some progress toward resolving these issues on the second hit, and the third hit will bring final resolution.

Read your transit report over once now to get a general overview of the coming period. Then, as the issues described in this report begin to appear in your life, you can refer back to this report for suggestions on how to best handle the changes that you are experiencing. Even the worst transit can be a valuable experience if you are fortunate enough to "get" the lesson that it offers.

The readings stress that you are the ultimate decider of your fate. Astrology can give you a "weather report" on the energies influencing you, but it is up to you to decide how you will react. Some people can benefit greatly under normally difficult transits because they eagerly meet the challenge head on. Others will not benefit from the most positive transits because they did not pursue opportunities presented to them.

Important note: Repetition in the report is normal with outer planet transits, as they go in and out of orb.

Now on to your personal transits report.

House Transits and Transiting Aspects

Jupiter is in the 1st: 09/01/1996, Moving Backwards at Degree 19 in a 41 Degree House

Jupiter is in the 1st house now, bringing great improvement to your environment, self-confidence and advantages. Relationships are a source of mutual benefit, personality is expansive.

Saturn is in the 3rd: 09/01/1996, Moving Backwards at Degree 17 in a 35 Degree House

Saturn is in the 3rd house now. This may be a time of responsibility or difficulty related to family members, communication and education. Travel may be difficult or restricted.

Uranus is in the 2nd: 09/01/1996, Moving Backwards at Degree 1 in a 49 Degree House

Uranus is in the 2nd house now. Expect changes in your material and financial status. Sudden gains or losses are possible. Remain flexible regarding possessions and income.

Neptune is in the 1st: 09/01/1996, Moving Backwards at Degree 36 in a 41 Degree House

Neptune is in the 1st house now. Uncertain and confusing circumstances can affect relationships. Things are not as they seem. Try to relate from reality. Avoid pretense.

Pluto is in the 11th: 09/01/1996, Moving Forwards at Degree 14 in a 17 Degree House

Pluto is in the 11th house now. Friendships and group activities will have a profoundly transforming effect. Hope, wishes and goals undergo transitions. Avoid manipulators.

Chiron is in the 9th: 09/01/1996, Moving Forwards at Degree 26 in a 35 Degree House

Chiron is transiting your 9th house. Your beliefs could become obsessive or fanatical now. Be willing to allow others to follow their own truths, even if different from yours.

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**Saturn sextile Jupiter: 09/12/1996, Exact
enters orb: 09/01/1996, 0.78 deg. orb - leaves orb: 09/22/1996, 0.75 deg. orb**

This is a good time for growth and for implementing new structures in your life. At this time you are able to blend the energy of Saturn (structure, self-discipline, responsibility) very easily with that of Jupiter (growth, expansion, higher learning, gambling). There may well be many opportunities presenting themselves to you, and you should take full advantage of them.

The growth that you undergo at this time will not be sudden or disruptive. It will be gradual and steady, and parts of your life that you build up now will have an enduring quality that will help them to survive the inevitable crises in your life later on. Nothing will be given to you for free now, and you will have to work for what you gain. Opportunity may knock, but it rarely knocks more than once. It is your responsibility to pursue your goals and to work hard for what you wish to achieve.

This is a favorable transit for all business matters, since you have a healthy mix of optimism and caution. You conduct yourself in a professional manner and are able to plan and manage projects well. You have more patience than usual and therefore can get your work done more efficiently and thoroughly. Your special efforts toward excellence will be appreciated by others at this time, and they will remember you when you seek their help later in furthering your career.

You can look at life rather philosophically now as you undergo intellectual and spiritual growth. You can understand that the best growth is slow and controlled rather than quick and rash, and you learn to work within the limitations that life provides. The foundations you lay now will have a steadying effect on your future.

**Jupiter sextile Neptune: 09/26/1996, Exact
enters orb: 09/04/1996, 0.82 deg. orb - leaves orb: 10/05/1996, 0.75 deg. orb**

You feel very optimistic about your future now, and you will set idealistic goals for yourself. This is wonderful, because by imagining that we are accomplishing the nearly impossible, we then become capable of doing so. Just be sure that you see the whole picture in a realistic light before setting major goals now.

It is important to you now that you serve others. This can take many forms--as many as there are people--and you may find yourself drawn to contribute your time or energy to a non-profit or other worthy cause. It is not difficult for you to make the kinds of personal sacrifices necessary for this kind of work. You have a sincere desire to help those less fortunate than yourself. You'll also receive good karma during this transit, as you are recognized for your past efforts.

Indeed, you will find yourself rearranging your spiritual belief system now. You may find that orthodox religion does not answer all of your questions any longer, and you have a desire to know more about Universal truths and philosophical matters. You

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may become interested in metaphysical subjects which you had previously ignored, such as astrology. It is possible that you will encounter a spiritual teacher during this transit, either in your daily life or through joining a spiritual group.

Be careful not to take many chances now. You feel so self-confident that you believe nothing could go wrong. Even though things may go very well now, don't quickly spend any resources you may receive with the confidence that more is on the way. You may guess wrong; avoid gambling during this transit.

**Chiron sextile Ascendant: 09/30/1996, Exact
enters orb: 09/19/1996, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 10/05/1996, 0.75 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. During this time you will closely examine your current choices in life and may make a major change in direction. Watch for new opportunities during this time, especially if they give you the chance to get or do something for which you've always longed. Be willing to grab any such offer that comes along, no matter what others may advise you to do. Some people fulfill life-long dreams under this transit, such as traveling to far away lands, finding their dream home, or meeting their soulmate. This is also a good time to explore a new approach to spirituality, and you may find yourself drawn to metaphysical subjects.

You may experience a number of disappointments and blows to the ego that reopen long-time scars you've carried from childhood. As you learn to heal these wounds and to feel good about yourself, you'll have healthier, more joyful relationships. These situations will also help you develop a more mature, "street-wise" perspective on life. This will serve to improve your survival skills and help you to view life more realistically. The more progress you can make toward healing these scars, the easier it will be for you when Chiron conjoins or squares your natal Ascendant in a few years.

You are highly creative now and may discover that you have undeveloped artistic talents. You are also inspired to cure the world's injustices now and will fight to save the underdog in society. Your physical appearance may also change radically during this transit. Your own health may suffer at this time as you undergo crises or other life disruptions. If so, you should seek holistic, alternative solutions to your problems (perhaps for the first time), especially if traditional methods do not seem to help. As you learn to heal yourself of illness, you also learn to teach others to do the same.

**Saturn square Mercury: 10/06/1996, Exact
enters orb: 09/10/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 10/20/1996, 1.00 deg. orb**

This is a time of intellectual conflict and disagreement with others. Others will challenge your point of view and communication in general will be problematic. You may feel you have to defend yourself and justify your beliefs. This may lead to feelings of depression because no one seems to understand you or be sympathetic to your

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views. You may even sever relationships with others (or at least think about it) because of such disagreements.

Refrain from making important decisions until this transit has passed because there is a greater danger of miscommunication. Your viewpoint is limited to your own outlook, and you may not be able to see the bigger picture now. You are also more pessimistic than usual and may not be able to recognize true opportunities when they come your way.

If you can be aware of this tension between you and others now, you can avoid conflict and work toward a mutually satisfactory resolution of any problems that arise. Be careful not to allow your thinking to become inflexible. The purpose of this transit is to prompt you to re-examine ideas and beliefs you have held for years to see if they are still valid to you.

Perhaps it is time to broaden your point of view in certain areas. The challenges you receive from others will help you do this. Do not ignore this call to restructure your thinking. If you do, the upcoming stressful transits of Saturn to your Mercury will be even more difficult times for you. If you can incorporate necessary changes now, you can save yourself some trouble later.

Problems with authority figures, as well as legal battles, are common with this transit. It can also indicate illness involving the lungs and organs of speech, such as laryngitis. Be sure to find time to relax and take care of your health during this time.

**Neptune trine Venus: 10/07/1996, 0.58 deg. orb
enters orb: 09/01/1996, 0.91 deg. orb - leaves orb: 10/07/1996, 0.58 deg. orb**

This once-in-a-lifetime transit arouses your sense of romanticism. You seek the highest level of romance in your relationships now, and you could begin a wonderfully romantic relationship during this transit. This new love will have greater depth, much like a union of two souls who have been long separated. Your relationship will be one of compassion and understanding, and your love will have a deeply spiritual quality to it. Of course, your new love has flaws as well, and you will eventually come to see them, but the experience of this broader spiritual love is very valuable to you, no matter what the outcome of the relationship.

If you are already involved in a satisfying love relationship, you will experience greater depth and understanding with your partner. You are very sensitive to the needs of others now, and seem to know sometimes what loved ones are feeling sometimes. You may experience a resurgence of romanticism in your existing relationship. At this time you can see your partner's beauty more clearly and appreciate it more.

You feel like helping those less fortunate than you, and you may volunteer your assistance to a charity or other worthy cause. This is also an excellent time to be artistically creative. If you are an artist, musician or writer, or have any artistic hobby,

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this is an excellent time to undertake new projects. You will approach your work more sensitively and with a greater appreciation for the objects you are creating.

Neptune square Midheaven: 10/07/1996, 1.93 deg. orb
enters orb: 09/20/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 10/07/1996, 1.93 deg. orb

During this once-in-a-lifetime transit you'll begin to lose confidence in your long-held goals in life. They may seem somehow empty and meaningless, or perhaps you've lost faith in your ability to reach them. Others may recognize that you are confused and disoriented, and they may try to take advantage of your vulnerable state. Avoid entering into contracts or making long-term commitments until the effects of this transit have passed and you are more able to aggressively defend your interests.

You have a renewed interest in spiritual, mystical or metaphysical subjects, and you may become involved in a spiritual group or movement. Beware of false prophets, and don't hesitate to question the teachings of spiritual leaders you meet now. You must not get so caught up in the "drug" of spirituality that you can't function effectively on the material plane.

Carefully watch your own motives during this time. You may suffer losses, especially in your business or career. You are probably to blame for these losses; if you are, be willing to admit it rather than blaming others. Learn from your mistakes and go on, rather than beating yourself or feeling sorry for yourself. Creating sympathy and guilt in others won't make the problems go away.

Jupiter oppose Sun: 10/08/1996, Exact
enters orb: 09/04/1996, 1.84 deg. orb - leaves orb: 10/16/1996, 1.00 deg. orb

This transit is usually a positive one, although it does have its dangers. You are likely to grow a great deal during this time, and you may achieve a certain level of success and be rewarded for your past years of preparation. The important thing is to remember when you are in the spotlight that material growth is not the only thing that matters. Many people have achieved "success" only to find they lacked the inner capacity to handle it.

There is the danger of overconfidence at this time, and perhaps even a little arrogance. Avoid a tendency to become rigidly opinionated (even fanatical) in your religious, cultural and educational views. Closely examine your motives to be sure you're not practicing hypocrisy. Be sure to work on an equal basis with others for mutual growth. Working with others now can help you to clearly identify and express your own individuality. You can learn a great deal from others around you at this time.

This transit also brings the tendency to gamble or spend extravagantly. It is fun to indulge yourself and enjoy it, but also remember to keep track of your financial limits. You may feel so overconfident that you assume the resources you have access to

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now will always be there. However, such is not the case. Spend wisely and don't overindulge in drink or merriment.

Some people have problems with authority figures at this time. Again, you may tend to have a chip on your shoulder now, and those in a position of power over you are very tempted to knock it off. Be careful not to "bite off more than you can chew." Acting belligerent around police officers, for example, is guaranteed to get you into trouble.

**Pluto square Mars: 10/20/1996, Exact
enters orb: 09/01/1996, 1.19 deg. orb - leaves orb: 11/16/1996, 1.00 deg. orb**

This once-in-a-lifetime transit is intensely powerful. Like all Pluto transits, the greatest difficulty is that there are power games at play in your life now. Either you are attempting to dominate and manipulate others for the gratification of your own ego, or this is being done to you. As a result, you may experience emotional, psychological and even physical altercations with people as you test each other's egos. Your life could be disrupted by powers beyond your control, such as war or natural disaster.

Your relationships are likely to be stormy now, and you may have to deal with a jealous, possessive or domineering partner (or become one yourself). Avoid being overly harsh or cruel to your partner; such conflicts could even become violent.

You have a strong drive to succeed now (whatever that means to you), and it is entirely possible that you will achieve many of your goals during this transit. However, if you step on the backs of others in order to reach your objectives, your ill-gotten gains will not last long, and soon the wheel of karma will turn against you. You have a tremendous amount of energy and will work hard for what you want. Just be careful not to exhaust yourself so that you are more susceptible to accidents and illness.

The best use of the tremendous urge to transform that this transit brings is to devote time to worthy causes that benefit society as a whole rather than yourself only. Otherwise, while you may seem to gain wealth and recognition now, you will later lose it all and more. You attract volatile people and situations to you during this time, and this could result in a physical altercation. Avoid venting anger while driving and stay away from guns and explosives now. Be careful to avoid shady characters or underworld organizations now. The outcome of such dealings may not be as lucrative as you expect. This is also an unfavorable time for dealings with authority figures, such as law enforcement officers.

Chiron is in the 10th: 11/01/1996, Moving Forwards at Degree 0 in a 23 Degree House

Chiron is now in your 10th house. Your career may be a source of disappointment and frustration to you now, especially if you have unrealistic expectations of success. Don't be such a perfectionist.

**Chiron conjunct Midheaven: 11/01/1996, Exact
enters orb: 10/18/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 11/08/1996, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only once in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. Your focus is on your career during this time, and you may receive public recognition for your achievements (perhaps for the first time). In order to do so, you may be forced to take actions in your life that those closest to you are likely to disapprove of. If you've suffered from a lack of confidence in the past, now is the time to re-examine your self-esteem problems (usually formed in childhood) and heal them once and for all. Events which occur now (especially those involving one or both of your parents) will reopen these old wounds, as those around you judge and criticize you.

You may have conflicts with people who are in positions of authority over you (at work and elsewhere). If you learn to stand up for yourself in these situations yet keep a cool head, you will eventually prevail. You may have to decide whether to sacrifice your integrity for a job (or a relationship) or to keep quiet and reap the benefits. If your integrity is questioned, act like an honorable, respectable person, and others will be more likely to treat you like one. If the "powers that be" seem to be against you, remember you can be more effective working within the system than without. Continue to do your job responsibly, and your work will either be rewarded or you'll find a better career that gives you more autonomy and freedom of movement.

Events may occur which will cause you to re-evaluate your plans and life goals. If faced with disappointments or setbacks, don't go into denial, hoping they'll go away. Make whatever changes you must to adapt to your new reality, even if it means tightening your belt or taking on new responsibilities. You're likely to work a lot now without many visible results, but be assured that the foundation you are building in your life now will be there when you need it later. You are drawn to alternative methods of health care, such as acupuncture or herbs, and may even consider a new career as a healer.

**Chiron sextile Uranus: 11/03/1996, Exact
enters orb: 10/23/1996, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 11/08/1996, 0.75 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. During this time you will become very much aware of your own uniqueness. You feel rebellious now, and you may entertain ideas and plans which you previously thought to be too weird or eccentric. You're drawn to new ideas and are willing to go out on a limb to speak out in favor of alternative methods or lifestyles. You have more than enough charm and charisma now to convince others of your point. This is an excellent time to study or practice metaphysical sciences, examine past-life memories, or try holistic health care. You may even find the opportunity for a new career in one of these fields.

If you've felt stuck in a rut, this transit will surely bring major changes in your life. You must be free to be you now, and you'll let nothing stand in your way, especially if

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you've not been allowed (or allowed yourself) personal freedom in the past. You need to express yourself your way despite constraints imposed by others. While seeking a more appropriate way to express your uniqueness, you may travel to foreign lands, move residences, or change jobs. Your motto now is "I gotta be me!" You may find yourself detaching from loved ones as you explore your newfound individuality, but the best and truest friends you have will understand and support you. Old friends who you haven't seen for years may resurface to play key roles in your life now. You'll have to work harder than usual to form or maintain commitments now, as they will often conflict with your need for freedom.

If childhood wounds have left you with a fear of being yourself, this transit will help break through such blocks. Instead of repeating past mistakes, you can break unhealthy habits and patterns and make necessary changes in your life. The more progress you can make toward healing these scars, the easier it will be for you when Chiron conjoins or squares your natal Uranus in a few years. Get involved in political or social organizations working to change the world for the better. This will help you positively channel your transformative energies. You have the power now to change anything in your life, but you must remember that not everything needs to change. Once you've learned to break the shackles of the past and be yourself, you can also help others do the same.

**Chiron trine Moon: 11/15/1996, Exact
enters orb: 11/01/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 11/23/1996, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. During this time, you will grow a great deal through your interactions with women, especially your mother or other female relatives. It's possible that your mother will somehow monopolize your energy and/or resources, as you are required to nurture her. Your own intuition is unusually accurate now, and you may even have spiritual or psychic experiences or explore past-life memories at this time. No matter what your own sex, you will develop a new perspective regarding women and femininity in general. This, in turn, will allow you to finally break free of destructive habits and patterns and change your relationships instead of continually repeating the same mistakes. This is an excellent time to re-examine your negative behavior related to childhood wounds (especially relating to your mother) that have never healed. The more progress you can make toward healing these scars, the easier it will be for you when Chiron squares or opposes your natal Moon in a few years. Instead of emphasizing who (or what) you don't have, give thanks for the blessings your life contains.

You are highly creative now, and you can inspire artistic expression in others. You are more aware of the needs of others than your own now, and more perceptive of subtle body language and other non-verbal communication. At this time you may seek out the company of children, as a parent or teacher. If you do not have children, you will probably entertain the idea now. Or you may attract adults who need mothering (or who will mother you). Your current desire to learn and grow from your early childhood experiences allows you to heal your own inner child through parenting. Any contact

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with children now, even at a summer camp, will be both challenging and rewarding: challenging because it will bring up painful memories of your early life, and rewarding because of the opportunity to heal very old wounds. You would be good at mediation and creative problem-solving now, whether for yourself or for others.

You may consider moving residences now, either because you think the change offers greater personal growth, or because of the needs of an important female in your life.

Because you are very sensitive to your environment, your new location should be very nurturing. Now is a good time to heal your body as well as your emotions by breaking unhealthy habits such as smoking, overeating, or drinking too much coffee or alcohol. As you heal your family connections, all your unhealthy habits will become easier to shake. This is also an excellent time to try alternative forms of health care, such as herbs or acupuncture. Once you've learned to heal yourself, you may even consider a new profession in the healing arts. During this time you may also discover that you have undeveloped artistic talents and skills, and the creations you produce now will be very unique.

Pluto is in the 12th: 12/02/1996, Moving Forwards at Degree 0 in a 15 Degree House

Pluto is in the 12th house now. This is a time to purge the old hang-ups and psychological barriers, or be undone by them. Try therapy if these behavior problems begin to cause difficulty.

**Chiron square Saturn: 12/08/1996, Exact
enters orb: 11/21/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 12/17/1996, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. During this time you will closely re-examine your level of commitment in various areas of your life (especially your relationships). You may end a long-time partnership after realizing you initially made the commitment for all the "wrong" reasons (usually as a result of duty, obligation, or even tradition). You may feel insecure, as though your world is changing around you, whether you want it to or not. If you have shirked your responsibilities toward others in the past, they are likely to come back and haunt you.

This gives you the opportunity to do things differently now and deal with others fairly and honestly.

You may change careers during this time, especially if someone else, such as your family or spouse chose your current profession for you. If you've enjoyed a relatively secure and stable existence, you may have to tighten your belt and modify your lifestyle in order to adapt to the changing world around you. Events in your life are likely to bring many latent problems to the surface to be resolved, and every decision seems crucial and life changing. One or both of your parents may seem overly critical or preoccupied with success and status. Many painful childhood memories are likely to emerge as you clear all the old skeletons from your emotional closet. Health problems are possible, especially those related to bones and teeth.

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During this time you'll focus on building the foundation for a new future--one based on your own ideas and life goals, rather than those thrust upon you by others. You realize that you create your reality, and you're ready to work hard to manifest your own personal and professional success. Your challenge is to work within "the system" to achieve the results you desire, rather than trying to fight City Hall. Once you learn to find and pursue your own destiny, you'll be able to share your experience and help others do the same.

**Jupiter square Midheaven: 12/22/1996, Exact
enters orb: 12/13/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 12/27/1996, 1.00 deg. orb**

At this time you will set high goals and try to achieve something of significance in your career. You are no longer content to maintain the status quo because your sense of ambition is more powerful than usual and you have the self-confidence to take on a larger task. In fact, one of the negative sides of this transit is the danger of an inflated ego.

You feel more competent than usual, and you will set your goals high. You are willing to work hard for what you want, even to the point of neglecting your home life. Be careful that you do not become overconfident and take poorly calculated risks. Also, avoid a tendency to promise more than you can realistically deliver. Pay closer attention to details than ever, since you are prone to overlooking them at this time.

You want more "elbow room" in your professional life, and you may want to change jobs or expand your business in order to achieve greater freedom of expression. Just be sure to stay within your budget--and keep it conservative. If you will exercise caution in your judgment, you could well achieve your goals with this transit. For best results, just be sure to develop a little self-discipline and keep your ego and overconfidence to a minimum.

**Jupiter trine Venus: 12/28/1996, Exact
enters orb: 12/19/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 01/01/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This is a very pleasant, light-hearted transit. Your social life is quite enjoyable now, and you want to spend time with loved ones. It is a good time for a vacation or just plain having fun. You are inclined to feel pleasantly lazy and not interested in work at this time anyway, so you may as well enjoy it. If you must work, you may be able to travel as well or at least have interaction with foreign cultures. You feel generous toward others, and you find it easier than usual to be considerate and understanding of shortcomings.

You are optimistic and cheerful and can make others feel good if they are unhappy or depressed, and people enjoy your company now. You may do many favors for others now, and these will be returned later. This transit can indicate a new love affair, but it is more likely a passing fling. If a relationship does begin under this transit, you can

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be sure to learn a great deal from your partner. This is also a good time to work out the kinks in existing relationships.

This transit can bring money or other possessions that you value. But it also brings such a feeling of ease that you may spend it all immediately. Try to bear in mind that such wealth will not always come to you this easily. Invest your new-found wealth wisely. Your creative abilities are heightened now and you find it easier to obtain recognition for your efforts (especially if you work with art or music). This is also an excellent time to seek grants or hold fund-raisers. It is also favorable for education, as well as for legal matters.

Don't overdo on shopping sprees. Your taste is rather lavish now, and you may look at what you buy with a rather jaundiced eye later. You may also be self-indulgent at this time. Be careful not to eat or drink too much.

**Jupiter conjunct Saturn: 01/12/1997, Exact
enters orb: 01/03/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 01/16/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit occurs once every 12 years and provides many opportunities for growth. Now is a good time to examine your own self-restrictions as well as those placed upon you by outside circumstances. You may feel a burning desire to break free of such restrictions and to experience areas of life that have been denied you until now because of the way your life has been structured. Or, you may find it easier to change and grow within the current structures you have established.

If you feel the need to break free, it will manifest as a persistent sense of restlessness and frustration. Anything that you have neglected to handle will come to the surface and demand attention. In this way, the responsibilities of life may become unbearable and you will seek to rebel against them. You will confront your deepest fears of the unknown and will seek new and exciting experiences.

This transit often is indicative of a change of career or residence. It is often a time of breaking up old relationships which you feel have restricted you in some way and forming new ones that allow you greater freedom. Although these changes may seem scary at the time, you know at a deep inner level that they are necessary. Later when you look back on this time, you will realize that everything that happened and every choice you made led to greater growth and progress for you.

If you do not feel the need to rebel, you will still make needed changes to the structure of your life. You will look for and grab new opportunities for growth and expansion. If you are in business, you may expand it at this time. Whatever changes you make will be carefully considered, and you will be careful not to over-extend yourself. This is also a fortunate time for all legal matters.

If you have lived a rigid, unsatisfying life up until now, you are more likely to respond in the way first mentioned (by rebelling against responsibility). If you have built freedom

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and flexibility into your life, you are more likely to respond in the second way (making needed changes to your existing structures in life). Whatever the case, your best use of this time is to examine your life and decide what is working and what is not and why.

Jupiter is in the 2nd: 01/20/1997, Moving Forwards at Degree 0 in a 49 Degree House

Jupiter is in the 2nd house now, increasing opportunities to expand income and material possessions. Career or investment interests may pay off handsomely, but overspending is a pitfall.

**Chiron sextile Mars: 01/24/1997, Exact
enters orb: 12/31/1996, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/14/1997, 0.44 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. You'll have a great deal of energy now, and you may begin some rather ambitious projects. Chances are you'll have a great deal of support for your efforts now, and you can create some great opportunities for your future success. If you've been dependent on others for your support, this is an excellent time to start a new life of your own. You're willing to fight for what you want now, and you won't take "no" for an answer. It may seem that no matter what you do, you can't fail. Events that occur now will teach you to assert yourself without hurting others.

During this time you'll re-examine your attitude toward sex and violence. You're also likely to review your patterns in relationships, especially those connected with anger and violence (usually related to childhood wounds that have never fully healed). It's easier now for you to recognize the ways in which you've attracted this energy to you and how you've given your power away to others. This allows you to break these bad habits instead of continually repeating them. Once these long-time scars are healed, your relationships and your sex life will be much more harmonious. The more progress you can make toward healing these scars, the easier it will be for you when Chiron conjoints or squares your natal Mars in a few years.

You may feel compelled to "save the world" now, and indeed you have a lot of energy to devote to worthwhile projects. Indeed, "righteous indignation" is a healthy outlet for your warrior energies. Just remember that humanitarian efforts are most successful when individual egos are not allowed to interfere. Be prepared to lose some battles, as well as win some. The important thing is that you are willing to stand up for what you believe in. Once you've learned this lesson, you may find that you have a talent for empowering others to fight their own personal battles to heal their life-long wounds.

**Pluto sextile Jupiter: 01/25/1997, Exact
enters orb: 12/10/1996, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 03/09/1997, 0.50 deg. orb**

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This transit will happen only once in your lifetime (maybe twice if it occurs at a very early age). This is a very fortunate transit for all business dealings and professional matters. Working with others in groups toward a common goal would benefit you greatly now. In general it is an excellent time to apply yourself to your idealistic goals in life and work hard to achieve them. You may encounter opportunities to get ahead in your chosen career and to achieve the success you've worked so hard for.

You feel very optimistic now and genuinely want to change the world. More than at any other time in your life you are aware of the universe as a whole and your role in it. Flaws in our sociological structure are very apparent to you now, and you want to do something--anything that will make a difference to the greater whole of mankind.

This is an excellent time to study such subjects as science, religion, philosophy, law or medicine. You are especially attracted to healing now, although you recognize that humans and society need healing in many ways, not just physically. At this time you will develop some deep insights into the meaning of life, and you will be able to help others understand as well. This is an excellent time to study or practice yoga, meditation and the metaphysical or mystical arts. You may even have psychic or paranormal experiences.

If you have any unfinished business with the law or other authority figures, now is an excellent time to settle it. The outcome is sure to be a good one for you. Also, this is a good time to clear up problems at work--and even to ask for a raise if you've been wanting one. This is also a good time to obtain grants or loans for your own business.

**Saturn square Mercury: 01/27/1997, Exact
enters orb: 12/28/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/07/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This is a time of intellectual conflict and disagreement with others. Others will challenge your point of view and communication in general will be problematic. You may feel you have to defend yourself and justify your beliefs. This may lead to feelings of depression because no one seems to understand you or be sympathetic to your views. You may even sever relationships with others (or at least think about it) because of such disagreements.

Refrain from making important decisions until this transit has passed because there is a greater danger of miscommunication. Your viewpoint is limited to your own outlook, and you may not be able to see the bigger picture now. You are also more pessimistic than usual and may not be able to recognize true opportunities when they come your way.

If you can be aware of this tension between you and others now, you can avoid conflict and work toward a mutually satisfactory resolution of any problems that arise. Be careful not to allow your thinking to become inflexible. The purpose of this transit is to prompt you to re-examine ideas and beliefs you have held for years to see if they are still valid to you.

Perhaps it is time to broaden your point of view in certain areas. The challenges you receive from others will help you do this. Do not ignore this call to restructure your thinking. If you do, the upcoming stressful transits of Saturn to your Mercury will be even more difficult times for you. If you can incorporate necessary changes now, you can save yourself some trouble later.

Problems with authority figures, as well as legal battles, are common with this transit. It can also indicate illness involving the lungs and organs of speech, such as laryngitis. Be sure to find time to relax and take care of your health during this time.

**Neptune conjunct Saturn: 01/27/1997, Exact
enters orb: 12/01/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/24/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This is one of the most difficult transits of Neptune since its energies do not harmonize well with those of Saturn. But this just means you have to work at expressing its positive side by learning the lessons it offers you. Fortunately, this transit will not occur twice in your lifetime.

At this time you will find that your perspective on life has many flaws, and there is still a great deal that you do not understand. You may experience crises or disappointments, or you may just feel a growing uneasiness and insecurity. You may suddenly develop fears which seem irrational to others and become a "worry-wart." Your sense of inner security is being dissolved in order that it may be replaced by a totally new one. You must undergo this transformation, so be as easy on yourself as you can while you are doing so. Reduce the stress level in your life and surround yourself with people and an environment with which you feel comfortable. Outer security will become important to you while you undergo your transformation of inner security.

At this time Neptune will show you that there is much beyond this material world of ours and the arbitrary rules we make. We are living only one of many possible realities, and this realization threatens to shatter all your previously held misconceptions about the nature of the Universe. This transit signifies the darkest hour before the dawn of a new consciousness. This is an excellent time to practice yoga and meditation.

Don't make any important decisions now or sign long-term contracts. Neptune transits are not known for their clarity of thought. Stay away from people who are overly negative or depressing. You need calmness to help you achieve the peace of mind you seek. Beliefs which you've adhered to all your life will slowly dissolve. New truths about the workings of the Universe will be revealed to you at this time.

As with many Neptune transits, this one can affect your health. This is because you are physically and psychologically weaker. Watch your diet carefully, get plenty of

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rest, and avoid using alcohol or drugs. If you have not had a recent check-up, now would be a good time.

**Uranus conjunct Jupiter: 02/01/1997, Exact
enters orb: 12/28/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/19/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

Traditionally, this is a time of great luck and good fortune; whether you are able to hold onto any such windfalls is another question. This transit occurs once every 84 years and therefore usually only once in a person's lifetime. And indeed you may be presented with opportunities that have a "now or never" quality about them.

You are most certainly feeling restless now and want to break out of your old routine and widen your perspective on life. Unless you find your job extremely stimulating, you may seek a promotion or change in career during this transit. The change you make will undoubtedly be for the best, although it may seem rather radical at the time.

Now would be an excellent time for travel, and you have increased curiosity about and contact with foreign lands or people from other cultures. You will not have much time to be bored during this transit, nor will you be in the mood for it. Because you are receptive to new philosophies and ways of viewing the universe, you will achieve higher understanding of your role in a larger Universal plan. Your sense of intuition is stimulated by this transit, and you may receive psychic insights or have spiritual experiences. At the very least, your interest in metaphysical sciences (including astrology) will grow.

Since you are basically optimistic and feel nothing can go wrong, you are more open to new ideas and concepts. This optimism is healthy, but don't let it become overconfidence. If you are receiving windfalls now, don't spend like they will always be there. In fact, with this transit it is possible to lose wealth as quickly as you receive it--expect the unexpected. Be sure you are prepared to let go of any riches you receive now, for they are probably temporary.

You enjoy a good challenge during this transit and may feel like directing some of your energy to fighting for social reform and civil rights. Your freedom is very important to you now and so you have a healthy respect for others' need for same.

**Jupiter conjunct Jupiter: 02/12/1997, Exact
enters orb: 02/03/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/16/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit comes along only once every 12 years and signals the beginning of a new cycle of growth. In traditional astrology, it can signify tremendous luck and unexpected windfalls, but the results are usually more subtle.

You will be exposed to new philosophies now and this will broaden your outlook on life. It is possible that you will travel to foreign lands or that you will meet and learn from people from such places. Your understanding of the world will increase as you

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are very eager to explore new ways of thinking. You are more aware of your role as a world citizen and feel more like contributing to the good of the earth in general.

Although you feel more giving now, you may also be more demanding. It is possible to be both, as long as you keep a balance. You are highly optimistic and giving now, and at the same time you are intent upon furthering your own personal progress. More than ever, this is a time of "what you get is what you give." You have a heightened sense of justice now, and this is a good time to settle legal disputes.

You can expect to meet new people who will be of great benefit to you during this new 12-year cycle. This is an excellent time to return to school or take refresher courses in subjects of interest to you. You will encounter new opportunities and increased freedom, and it is very likely that you will at least have the opportunity to travel.

Although this transit can indeed bring financial gain, it is wise to remember that opportunity only knocks once. You may feel over-confident now and may sit back and wait for the good things to come to you. If you do so, you will surely miss some great chances for success. Now is a good time to expand your business or make a carefully considered investment. Although you may feel as though nothing can go wrong, this is not a good time to gamble or to over-extend yourself. Be careful not to promise more than you can deliver. Also be careful not to over-indulge in food or drink.

**Chiron trine Mercury: 02/14/1997, 1.10 deg. orb
enters orb: 01/14/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/14/1997, 1.10 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. Your mind is likely to be very active now, and you're full of new, innovative ideas and insights. You communicate very clearly, sometimes getting your point across without the use of words. This is an excellent time to study new concepts or to attend college, especially if you're returning at a later age. Your mind is inquisitive now, and you would be good at anything involving research or technical studies. You are highly intuitive, and events during this time will teach you to harmoniously blend your own thoughts and the voice of intuition. You may even dabble in metaphysics, magic, or past-life memories.

If too much emphasis was placed on academic achievement during your childhood (or if you were treated as an intellectual inferior), now is the time to break through such early conditioning and develop renewed confidence in yourself and your mental abilities. It will also significantly improve your relationships since you'll have the self-confidence to discuss your needs (and theirs) and avoid communication problems that you've had in the past. The more progress you can make toward healing these scars, the easier it will be for you when Chiron squares or opposes your natal Mercury in a few years. Your first impressions are usually correct, since you can see through others' pretenses more easily now. It's also a good time to tell others what's really on your mind. Just remember that the first step in creating the wonderful reality you desire is to learn to appreciate what you already have.

Once your curiosity kicks in and the ideas start pouring in, you may have the opportunity to begin a new business venture (especially in the areas of writing, the media, education, or counseling). This is a good time to explore holistic health practices, and you may look into a career in the healing professions. You have the patience to work harmoniously with people who have physical, mental or emotional handicaps. During this transit you'll find that you can heal with words alone. Once you've learned to clear your mind, pace yourself and avoid stress, you can teach others to do likewise.

**Saturn sextile Jupiter: 02/15/1997, Exact
enters orb: 01/31/1997, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 02/22/1997, 0.75 deg. orb**

This is a good time for growth and for implementing new structures in your life. At this time you are able to blend the energy of Saturn (structure, self-discipline, responsibility) very easily with that of Jupiter (growth, expansion, higher learning, gambling). There may well be many opportunities presenting themselves to you, and you should take full advantage of them.

The growth that you undergo at this time will not be sudden or disruptive. It will be gradual and steady, and parts of your life that you build up now will have an enduring quality that will help them to survive the inevitable crises in your life later on. Nothing will be given to you for free now, and you will have to work for what you gain. Opportunity may knock, but it rarely knocks more than once. It is your responsibility to pursue your goals and to work hard for what you wish to achieve.

This is a favorable transit for all business matters, since you have a healthy mix of optimism and caution. You conduct yourself in a professional manner and are able to plan and manage projects well. You have more patience than usual and therefore can get your work done more efficiently and thoroughly. Your special efforts toward excellence will be appreciated by others at this time, and they will remember you when you seek their help later in furthering your career.

You can look at life rather philosophically now as you undergo intellectual and spiritual growth. You can understand that the best growth is slow and controlled rather than quick and rash, and you learn to work within the limitations that life provides. The foundations you lay now will have a steadying effect on your future.

**Jupiter square Neptune: 02/28/1997, Exact
enters orb: 02/19/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 03/04/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

During this transit you will find that you are often challenged to defend your ideals. In response, you feel more of a need than ever to express your spiritual views in concrete ways. While this presents you with even more challenges, it also helps you to question your own beliefs and to abandon those which are no longer valid in favor of new, more realistic ideals.

This is a time when you will feel like giving freely of your time and resources to those who are in need. Do not become discouraged when you find that some of those you attempt to help now may not want to improve their situation in life. There are others who are more deserving of your helping hand because they are willing to also help themselves. This transit offers you the opportunity to learn to tell the difference. Concentrate your charitable efforts on those who want to "learn to fish" rather than those you want you to continue to "fish" for them.

Like most Jupiter-Neptune contacts, this transit can bring about a dangerous over-optimism--that is, you may feel that no matter what you do, nothing can go wrong. This can cause you to make unwise decisions and to take risks you normally wouldn't. Be particularly careful in financial dealings; be sure you read the fine print, and don't rely on "get-rich-quick" schemes. You will be more inclined to gamble now and to trust others whom you wouldn't ordinarily associate with. Also, you may experience difficulties related to travel, education, religion, or drugs and alcohol.

One final note of caution--beware of false prophets. This transit is a typical time to encounter people who will peddle religious or spiritual ideals in exchange for real material gain for themselves. Be sure a worthy cause is truly worthy before contributing to it.

In summary, this transit offers you many chances for growth through challenges to your existing spiritual ideals. Although at this time you may feel as though you don't know what to believe, by the time this transit is over you will have expanded your mind (and heart) to include many realities other than your own.

**Chiron sextile Mars: 03/07/1997, Exact
enters orb: 02/14/1997, 0.44 deg. orb - leaves orb: 03/22/1997, 0.75 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. You'll have a great deal of energy now, and you may begin some rather ambitious projects. Chances are you'll have a great deal of support for your efforts now, and you can create some great opportunities for your future success. If you've been dependent on others for your support, this is an excellent time to start a new life of your own. You're willing to fight for what you want now, and you won't take "no" for an answer. It may seem that no matter what you do, you can't fail. Events that occur now will teach you to assert yourself without hurting others.

During this time you'll re-examine your attitude toward sex and violence. You're also likely to review your patterns in relationships, especially those connected with anger and violence (usually related to childhood wounds that have never fully healed). It's easier now for you to recognize the ways in which you've attracted this energy to you and how you've given your power away to others. This allows you to break these bad habits instead of continually repeating them. Once these long-time scars are healed, your relationships and your sex life will be much more harmonious. The more progress

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you can make toward healing these scars, the easier it will be for you when Chiron conjoints or squares your natal Mars in a few years.

You may feel compelled to "save the world" now, and indeed you have a lot of energy to devote to worthwhile projects. Indeed, "righteous indignation" is a healthy outlet for your warrior energies. Just remember that humanitarian efforts are most successful when individual egos are not allowed to interfere. Be prepared to lose some battles, as well as win some. The important thing is that you are willing to stand up for what you believe in. Once you've learned this lesson, you may find that you have a talent for empowering others to fight their own personal battles to heal their life-long wounds.

Pluto square Pluto: 03/09/1997, 0.44 deg. orb
enters orb: 12/22/1996, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 04/24/1997, 1.00 deg. orb

This transit occurs only once in your lifetime, and is a time during which you will make breaks with memories and patterns of the past. You may have to face dark secrets about yourself or your family, or even be involved in a scandal.

Many people and things will disappear from your life at this time. How this happens will depend on whether you are willing to voluntarily make changes and face truths about yourself and your past. If you will do so, you will clear a foundation upon which to build a new future, free of the restrictions of the past. If you will not, you will lose many things that you value--your home, loved ones, job. You may also encounter power struggles with people who are trying to resist the changes you feel you must make.

You may feel a renewed interest in occult matters at this time. It is a good idea to pursue these avenues if you are seeking truth and self-discovery. However, stay away from magic, voodoo or any practices which seek to control or dominate others. The outcome of any such endeavor would not be positive during this transit.

Events in your life will prompt you to develop greater self-understanding. Problem areas include corporate affairs, taxes, insurance, divorce settlements and inheritances. If things seem to be crumbling around you, consider it urban renewal. Be patient; the new strengths that you build on the leveled foundation will be more solid than ever.

Saturn square Sun: 03/26/1997, Exact
enters orb: 03/10/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 04/03/1997, 1.00 deg. orb

Saturn will only square your natal Sun twice during its 28- to 30-year cycle. This will be a time of testing during which you will encounter numerous difficult challenges. It may seem that whenever you make plans and begin to carry them out, there are always obstacles or resistance to your achieving your goals. As a result of this frustration, you may feel discouraged, depressed or even have a sense of powerlessness--as though you have little control over your own life.

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Another frequent manifestation of this transit is problems with authority figures--it could be parents, employers, or governmental officials. You will receive more resistance from these people now and will feel as though they, too, are trying to restrict you and control your life. Your energy level is likely to be low now, which complicates things. The secret to making it through this time is to be patient and just "stick it out," although your energy level is lower than usual.

Be willing to readjust your plans and goals in life according to the outcome of this testing period. The truly valid and strong elements of your personal and professional life will survive; you must be willing to let the rest go. As your present reality begins to change, be willing to change with it. This is the most effective way to handle the transit. You may have to release some of your long-held fears and anxieties and start out on a new path altogether.

This transit indicates a time of hard work and increased responsibility. Your social life is likely to take a back seat to your career goals. Avoid being critical or harsh toward others, especially children. They, too, need to feel loved and appreciated.

Although you may feel like a failure now, this is not the case. You are merely seeking the appropriate course for your life, and these "defeats" teach you more than anything else. Be cautious of your health and make changes in your lifestyle to allow for times of peace and relaxation. During this time you are susceptible to physical ailments resulting from stress.

**Pluto sextile Jupiter: 04/21/1997, Exact
enters orb: 03/09/1997, 0.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 05/21/1997, 0.75 deg. orb**

This transit will happen only once in your lifetime (maybe twice if it occurs at a very early age). This is a very fortunate transit for all business dealings and professional matters. Working with others in groups toward a common goal would benefit you greatly now. In general it is an excellent time to apply yourself to your idealistic goals in life and work hard to achieve them. You may encounter opportunities to get ahead in your chosen career and to achieve the success you've worked so hard for.

You feel very optimistic now and genuinely want to change the world. More than at any other time in your life you are aware of the universe as a whole and your role in it.

Flaws in our sociological structure are very apparent to you now, and you want to do something--anything that will make a difference to the greater whole of mankind.

This is an excellent time to study such subjects as science, religion, philosophy, law or medicine. You are especially attracted to healing now, although you recognize that humans and society need healing in many ways, not just physically. At this time you will develop some deep insights into the meaning of life, and you will be able to help others understand as well. This is an excellent time to study or practice yoga,

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If you have any unfinished business with the law or other authority figures, now is an excellent time to settle it. The outcome is sure to be a good one for you. Also, this is a good time to clear up problems at work--and even to ask for a raise if you've been wanting one. This is also a good time to obtain grants or loans for your own business.

**Jupiter sextile Ascendant: 04/22/1997, Exact
enters orb: 04/12/1997, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 04/28/1997, 0.75 deg. orb**

At this time your friends are literally your greatest asset; it is an excellent time for working with a group or even just a few partners, and you may have the opportunity to do so during this time. These opportunities will come from the most unsuspected quarters--from friends who were previously only casual acquaintances.

This transit can also indicate a time of travel. Whether you travel physically or through your mind, your awareness of the world will broaden. Perhaps you will meet new friends who are from radically different cultures than yours and will grow to understand that foreigners are merely different, not strange. You may form lasting friendships with people of varied backgrounds at this time. You are open-minded enough now to drop any previously held prejudices and accept people as they are.

It is also possible that an old friend will re-enter your life, bringing a business opportunity of some sort. Or you may follow a lead given by a friend that turns out to be a fantastic opportunity for growth (economic or personal). At this time you also feel quite benevolent toward others and are willing to help any who need your assistance.

You will experience a sort of "instant karma" with those around you. Whatever you put out--which right now is mostly kindness and generosity--you will get back very quickly, although not always from the same source. You feel optimistic and confident now, and you can't sit by and just watch others who are suffering.

It is obvious to others during this time that you will deal with them honorably and equitably. In turn, they feel they can treat you in the same fashion. Business negotiations and legal affairs should go very well at this time. Just don't let your optimism lead you to promise more than you can deliver.

**Chiron square Saturn: 05/03/1997, Exact
enters orb: 04/06/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 05/17/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. During this time you will closely re-examine your level of commitment in various areas of your life (especially your relationships). You may end a long-time partnership after realizing you initially made the commitment for all the "wrong" reasons (usually as a result of duty, obligation, or even tradition). You may feel insecure, as though your world is

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changing around you, whether you want it to or not. If you have shirked your responsibilities toward others in the past, they are likely to come back and haunt you.

This gives you the opportunity to do things differently now and deal with others fairly and honestly.

You may change careers during this time, especially if someone else, such as your family or spouse chose your current profession for you. If you've enjoyed a relatively secure and stable existence, you may have to tighten your belt and modify your lifestyle in order to adapt to the changing world around you. Events in your life are likely to bring many latent problems to the surface to be resolved, and every decision seems crucial and life changing. One or both of your parents may seem overly critical or preoccupied with success and status. Many painful childhood memories are likely to emerge as you clear all the old skeletons from your emotional closet. Health problems are possible, especially those related to bones and teeth.

During this time you'll focus on building the foundation for a new future--one based on your own ideas and life goals, rather than those thrust upon you by others. You realize that you create your reality, and you're ready to work hard to manifest your own personal and professional success. Your challenge is to work within "the system" to achieve the results you desire, rather than trying to fight City Hall. Once you learn to find and pursue your own destiny, you'll be able to share your experience and help others do the same.

Uranus square Neptune: 05/03/1997, Exact

This transit only occurs twice in each 84-year cycle of Uranus. You may become obsessed with ideas which are a radical departure from your norm, and you may even allow such an ideal or philosophy to control you at this time. This transit can signify a time of drug and psychedelic use. Because you are more confused and ungrounded now, be extremely careful in your use of drugs and alcohol. Low energy, illness and absentmindedness are other frequent problems.

You do your best to avoid confrontations at this time and may retreat into a fantasy world of "allrightness" when in fact there are problems that should be faced and persons who should be confronted. At this time you may find it difficult to have a firm grip on reality. You are especially attracted to abstract philosophical ideals that demand change in the name of some higher righteousness. For instance, you may have an increased interest in occult sciences and mystical disciplines at this time.

This is a good time to study such subjects, if you can keep your sense of reality, but avoid participating in other-worldly practices, such as the Ouija board or seances.

You should also stay away from anything resembling a cult.

If you will confront the real world and accept the challenges it brings, this time can be quite enlightening. However, if you try to avoid reality, it will bring about the state of escapism that you seek. While this will help you avoid and ignore the unpleasant

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**Jupiter trine Midheaven: 06/10/1997, 1.11 deg. orb
enters orb: 05/17/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 06/10/1997, 1.11 deg. orb**

As with most Jupiter trines, this transit brings renewed optimism and self-confidence. You feel that you can accomplish a great deal and are willing to work hard to do it. You will become a model for others, who will respect you and follow your guidance and leadership. They will trust in you because of your self-confidence and positive attitude. Many achieve professional success, such as a promotion or new job, during this transit.

You are likely to gain financially under this transit, and you are not likely to spend it quickly and foolishly. This would be a good time to invest in a new business, expanding an old one, or even in your home. Depending on whether there are other transits that support this one, you may not experience any real material gain, but will merely feel tranquil and content. While this transit is considered "lucky," you must provide the incentive to achieve concrete results at this time.

You feel good about yourself and therefore attract others to you. At this time you feel

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disposed to offer a shoulder for friends to lean on and to cheer them up if they are depressed. You feel generous and cooperative, and you could work out any hard feelings with family members now. This is also a good time to handle legal affairs or to travel.

As with most Jupiter transits, the only danger here is that you will overdo. Remember, you yourself are only human. Be reasonable with demands you make on yourself.

Jupiter oppose Uranus: 06/10/1997, 1.38 deg. orb
enters orb: 05/21/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 06/10/1997, 1.38 deg. orb

This transit occurs only once in the 12-year cycle of Jupiter and is usually a time of needed change. You have a strong need for personal freedom now, whether you realize it or not, and you may become distant and unreliable if you feel crowded. Although it may not seem pleasant while you are undergoing this transit, in retrospect you will realize the value of the changes you are going through now. Many of these changes will be instigated by you; others will be thrust upon you.

If you have been tolerating a restrictive or oppressive situation (or person), you will no longer be able to do so. You may feel as though you are stuck in a rut of sorts and will seek experiences (and people) who are different from whatever is normal for you. You may suddenly break away from friendships, your job, or anything else in your life which has restricted your freedom of expression. Instead of being overcome with grief over the loss of these parts of your life, you will feel a sense of intense relief, as though you have been liberated.

If change is being thrust upon you (for example, your lover wants out but you want the relationship to continue), it will be easier in the long run if you can loosen your grip rather than tighten it. Others may also try to provoke change in your life by convincing you that you need it. Change will inevitably occur in your life now; your challenge is to direct it by developing patience and discipline. Don't expect more than is reasonable, and don't promise more than you can deliver.

One danger of this transit is that in your haste to throw away everyone (and thing) which has stifled you, you may "throw the baby out with the bath water" by also eliminating persons and things from your life which still have great value. Those relationships you have which are solid and are still contributing to your growth will survive this transit, even though they may be tested.

Saturn trine Ascendant: 06/13/1997, Exact
enters orb: 05/22/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 06/28/1997, 1.00 deg. orb

During this transit you will seek to establish yourself as a responsible and respectable person. You will work hard to organize your life, both personal and professional, and keep it running smoothly. You are consistent and reliable in your relationships, and others know they can depend on you. Rather than rebelling or trying to surprise

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others with your rash actions, you are likely to be more conservative and disciplined now.

At this time you understand the need to acquire experience in your career, and you are more willing than usual to work hard to get ahead. Others will help you, not because you coerce them but because they can see that you are competent and reliable enough to handle increased responsibility. Although you want to succeed, you only want what you deserve and earn. You want to be totally fair and don't want to be in debt to anyone. This is an excellent time for resolving legal matters. It is also important to you now that you can be totally self-sufficient.

In your relationships you are likely to need more time alone. You are more cautious in forming new relationships and are more shy than usual. While you don't have to accept every invitation you are offered now, be careful not to overlook a new friend who can help you. Many people meet a teacher or mentor during this transit, usually someone who is older than you. You probably won't recognize this person at first as a teacher because they will not fit your usual description of the word.

The only drawback with this transit is that you will tend to resist changes as they begin to take place in your life. You think conservatively and will look to old ways of solving problems rather than coming up with new ones. This is not a problem if you remember to remain flexible.

Chiron trine Moon: 06/24/1997, 0.64 deg. orb
enters orb: 05/14/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 07/13/1997, 1.00 deg. orb

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Jupiter sextile Ascendant: 07/29/1997, Exact
enters orb: 07/16/1997, 1.50 deg. orb - leaves orb: 08/04/1997, 0.75 deg. orb

At this time your friends are literally your greatest asset; it is an excellent time for working with a group or even just a few partners, and you may have the opportunity to do so during this time. These opportunities will come from the most unsuspected quarters--from friends who were previously only casual acquaintances.

This transit can also indicate a time of travel. Whether you travel physically or through your mind, your awareness of the world will broaden. Perhaps you will meet new friends who are from radically different cultures than yours and will grow to understand that foreigners are merely different, not strange. You may form lasting friendships with people of varied backgrounds at this time. You are open-minded enough now to drop any previously held prejudices and accept people as they are.

It is also possible that an old friend will re-enter your life, bringing a business opportunity of some sort. Or you may follow a lead given by a friend that turns out to

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be a fantastic opportunity for growth (economic or personal). At this time you also feel quite benevolent toward others and are willing to help any who need your assistance.

You will experience a sort of "instant karma" with those around you. Whatever you put out--which right now is mostly kindness and generosity--you will get back very quickly, although not always from the same source. You feel optimistic and confident now, and you can't sit by and just watch others who are suffering.

It is obvious to others during this time that you will deal with them honorably and equitably. In turn, they feel they can treat you in the same fashion. Business negotiations and legal affairs should go very well at this time. Just don't let your optimism lead you to promise more than you can deliver.

**Chiron square Saturn: 08/11/1997, Exact
enters orb: 07/06/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 08/22/1997, 1.00 deg. orb**

This transit will occur only twice in each 50-year cycle of Chiron. During this time you will closely re-examine your level of commitment in various areas of your life (especially your relationships). You may end a long-time partnership after realizing you initially made the commitment for all the "wrong" reasons (usually as a result of duty, obligation, or even tradition). You may feel insecure, as though your world is changing around you, whether you want it to or not. If you have shirked your responsibilities toward others in the past, they are likely to come back and haunt you.

This gives you the opportunity to do things differently now and deal with others fairly and honestly.

You may change careers during this time, especially if someone else, such as your family or spouse chose your current profession for you. If you've enjoyed a relatively secure and stable existence, you may have to tighten your belt and modify your lifestyle in order to adapt to the changing world around you. Events in your life are likely to bring many latent problems to the surface to be resolved, and every decision seems crucial and life changing. One or both of your parents may seem overly critical or preoccupied with success and status. Many painful childhood memories are likely to emerge as you clear all the old skeletons from your emotional closet. Health problems are possible, especially those related to bones and teeth.

During this time you'll focus on building the foundation for a new future--one based on your own ideas and life goals, rather than those thrust upon you by others. You realize that you create your reality, and you're ready to work hard to manifest your own personal and professional success. Your challenge is to work within "the system" to achieve the results you desire, rather than trying to fight City Hall. Once you learn to find and pursue your own destiny, you'll be able to share your experience and help others do the same.

**Pluto square Mars: 08/14/1997, 1.17 deg. orb
enters orb: 06/15/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 08/14/1997, 1.17 deg. orb**

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**Neptune conjunct Saturn: 08/18/1997, Exact
enters orb: 05/23/1997, 2.00 deg. orb - leaves orb: 09/01/1997, 0.27 deg. orb**

This is one of the most difficult transits of Neptune since its energies do not harmonize well with those of Saturn. But this just means you have to work at expressing its positive side by learning the lessons it offers you. Fortunately, this transit will not occur twice in your lifetime.

At this time you will find that your perspective on life has many flaws, and there is still a great deal that you do not understand. You may experience crises or disappointments, or you may just feel a growing uneasiness and insecurity. You may suddenly develop fears which seem irrational to others and become a "worry-wart."

Your sense of inner security is being dissolved in order that it may be replaced by a totally new one. You must undergo this transformation, so be as easy on yourself as you can while you are doing so. Reduce the stress level in your life and surround yourself with people and an environment with which you feel comfortable. Outer security will become important to you while you undergo your transformation of inner security.

At this time Neptune will show you that there is much beyond this material world of ours and the arbitrary rules we make. We are living only one of many possible realities, and this realization threatens to shatter all your previously held misconceptions about the nature of the Universe. This transit signifies the darkest hour before the dawn of a new consciousness. This is an excellent time to practice yoga and meditation.

Don't make any important decisions now or sign long-term contracts. Neptune transits are not known for their clarity of thought. Stay away from people who are overly negative or depressing. You need calmness to help you achieve the peace of mind you seek. Beliefs which you've adhered to all your life will slowly dissolve. New truths about the workings of the Universe will be revealed to you at this time.

As with many Neptune transits, this one can affect your health. This is because you are physically and psychologically weaker. Watch your diet carefully, get plenty of rest, and avoid using alcohol or drugs. If you have not had a recent check-up, now would be a good time.