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Transits of the Year 2008

for John McCain

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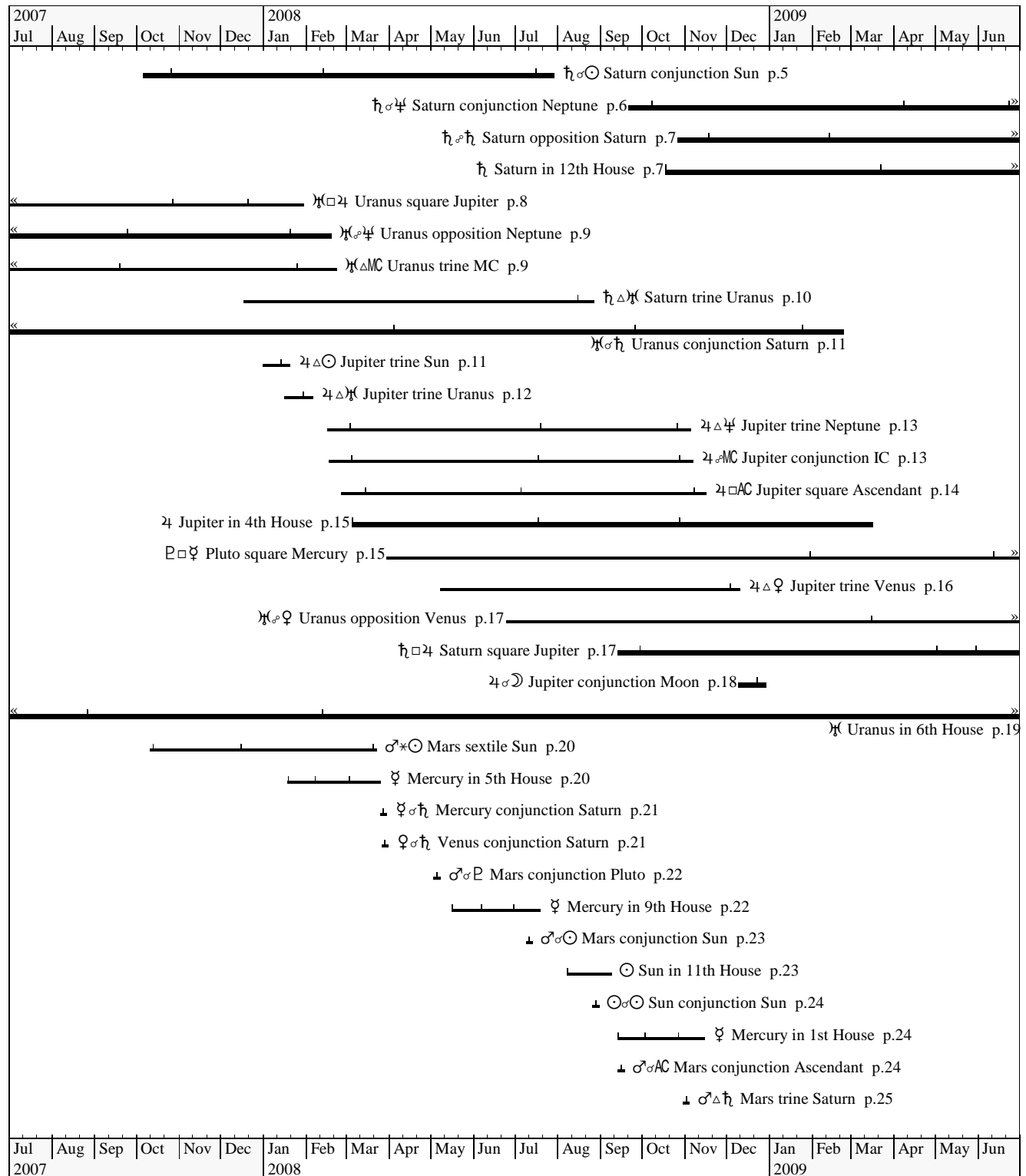
for **John McCain** (male)

birthdate: **Aug 29, 1936**
 place: **Cocosolo, Panama**
 long: **79w53** lat: **9n23**

local time **09:00**
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 sid. time **07:10:51**

Sun **Virgo** 6°01'35
 Ascendant **Libra** 17°56'25
 houses: **Placidus**

The selected transits for this year



2007						2008						2009											
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun

The most important transits of the year

Saturn conjunction Sun	5
Saturn conjunction Neptune	6
Saturn opposition Saturn	7
Saturn in 12th House	7

The prevalent transits of each month

January 2008

Uranus square Jupiter	8
Uranus opposition Neptune	9
Uranus trine MC	9
Jupiter trine Sun	11
Jupiter trine Uranus	12
Mercury in 5th House	20

February 2008

Saturn conjunction Sun	5
Uranus in 6th House	19
Mercury in 5th House	20

March 2008

Jupiter trine Neptune	13
Jupiter conjunction IC	13
Jupiter square Ascendant	14
Jupiter in 4th House	15
Pluto square Mercury	15
Mars sextile Sun	20
Mercury in 5th House	20
Mercury conjunction Saturn	21
Venus conjunction Saturn	21

April 2008

Uranus conjunction Saturn	11
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May 2008

Mars conjunction Pluto	22
Mercury in 9th House	22

June 2008

Uranus opposition Venus	17
Mercury in 9th House	22

July 2008

Saturn conjunction Sun	5
Jupiter trine Neptune	13
Jupiter conjunction IC	13
Jupiter square Ascendant	14
Jupiter in 4th House	15
Mercury in 9th House	22
Mars conjunction Sun	23

August 2008

Saturn trine Uranus	10
Sun in 11th House	23
Sun conjunction Sun	24

September 2008

Uranus conjunction Saturn	11
Saturn square Jupiter	17
Mercury in 1st House	24
Mars conjunction Ascendant	24

October 2008

Saturn conjunction Neptune	6
Saturn in 12th House	7
Jupiter trine Neptune	13
Jupiter conjunction IC	13
Jupiter in 4th House	15
Mercury in 1st House	24

November 2008

Saturn opposition Saturn	7
Jupiter square Ascendant	14
Mars trine Saturn	25

December 2008

Jupiter trine Venus	16
Jupiter conjunction Moon	18

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To every thing there is a season

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3, 1 - 8

I. INTRODUCTION

To every thing there is a season, and it probably isn't a coincidence either that you are reading your Transits of the Year just now. Just as your watch may show you whether it's time to get up, to go off for work or to have a break, the cosmic clock in the sky is hinting at what is important in your life just now. This clock, however, has got more than ten hands - the planets -, and its scale - your birth chart - isn't too easy to read, either. The Transits of the Year are meant to help you there.

The Transits of the Year relate to the transits of the current planets over all relevant points in your birth chart. The observation of transits is among the oldest techniques in astrology. The fact

that transits do indeed hint at important tendencies and issues of life is one of the few things that all astrologers will agree upon. However, pointing at a certain issue is not the same as predicting an event. Let's just stay with the above example of the watch: If it shows seven a.m. it may be time to get up, but the watch itself doesn't cause the getting up - you can and must decide for yourself what to do.

Therefore our analysis doesn't aim at predicting future events. The meaning of modern astrology is to teach people to understand those forces that permeate not only man and his world, but also each and every one of us in a special way. Astrology isn't meant to suggest certain decisions to you but rather to give you the information that can make it easier for you to make the right decisions - wisely suited to each individual situation in which you find yourself during your life.

How to use

If you are looking at your "Transits of the Year" for the first time, it is advisable that you read, after the introduction, only chapter II. There you will find interpretations of the most important transits for this year.

The other chapters of the "Transits of the Year" should not be read just one after the other. Why? Unfortunately, the transits to your natal chart - just like the important events in your life - do not happen neatly one after another; on the contrary, they usually come as quite a disorderly mess. Often there are many different forces at work simultaneously, which can be of quite a controversial nature. Some issues have a long range that extends over several months or even years, others are much more shortlived and last only a couple of days - but then again these may be all the more intense. There are so many different things happening during one

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♄ ☉ Saturn conjunction Sun

year that it would only be confusing if you tried to understand and take it in all at once.

Therefore we recommend that you peruse your "Transits of the Year" according to the motto: "To every thing there is a season." It might be a good idea to choose a certain period which is especially interesting to you, for instance the current or the next month, and to concentrate upon the according issues. Your "Transits of the Year" offers you a range of comfortable means to such a time-related, selective approach: On page three you will find an index of current topics for each month with reference to the respective pages; on page two all transits are depicted in a graphical table, again with references to the according texts. The bars show the duration of each transit, the small marks on the bars indicate exactly when the transiting planet is crossing the respective point of your natal chart. The same graphical bars appear on each page, but only for the transits described on that page. The appendix will give you a more extensive explanation of the graphical presentation.

While reading about the issues thus selected, please try to bear in mind the main topics of the whole year. If you repeat this procedure you will be able to get a good view of the relevant issues of a certain period of time. However, you will repeatedly be requested to accept quite controversial things coming up side by side. It happens often in life that we have to cope with enormous contradictions - on the whole as well as with small things. And probably maturity and wisdom consist mostly in being able to accept the contradictions and imperfections of the human existence.

II. THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE YEAR

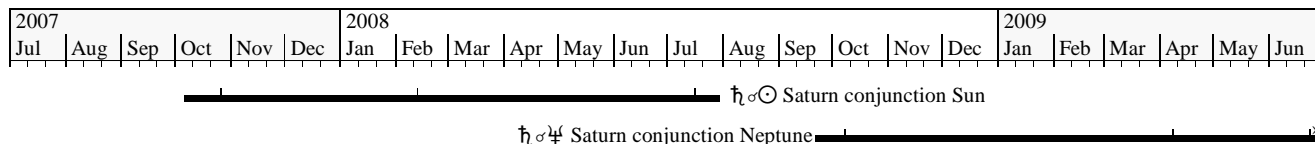
In this chapter you will find interpretations of the most important transits to your natal chart. They are long ranging, basic issues which will often be relevant to you for several months and sometimes even years.

* Saturn Conjunct Sun

Beginning of October 2007 until end of July 2008: This transit can bring both fulfillment and difficulty. Roughly fourteen years ago, when transiting Saturn opposed your Sun, you went through a period of adversity and low vitality. But at the same time you made new beginnings, which are having results now. These efforts will either reach a climax and be successful, or you will realize that they have failed. In any case this is a time of tremendous responsibility and hard work, either to guarantee the successful conclusion of your old projects and endeavors or to salvage the best from the failures.

In those areas of your life that you have handled successfully - in your job, your domestic life, or whatever - the responsibility of bringing your activities to a successful climax will limit your freedom of movement. Even if you know that events are turning out as you want, you may feel restless under the burdens. Try to be patient and concentrate wholly upon the tasks at hand.

Do not take on any new projects at this time that are not directly connected to what you are already doing. The additional responsibility could be too much for you and could cause health problems, especially with your heart and circulatory system. When you have successfully completed all your



current projects, you may start new ones. This is a time of perseverance, hard work and heavy responsibility.

Those areas of your life that have not worked out as expected should not be regarded as complete failures. Several years ago when you embarked on these projects, you may not have understood as much as you understand now. This transit will make you aware of this fact. Don't start out on a new course until you have cleared up whatever has not worked out. Otherwise you will only work hard to no avail and cause possible damage to your health. This can be a time of personal and professional defeats.

The energy of Saturn holds back the energy of the Sun, which is your basic life energy. Saturn confines and restricts it so that you can do only certain things. As a result, you may feel cut off from others and lonely, but do not be too concerned about this. Even if this transit coincides with the breaking up of a relationship, which it may, it means that the relationship itself is distracting you from matters that you must attend to now. This is a time for concentrating energy, not scattering it.

*** Saturn Conjunct Neptune**

End of September 2008 until mid July 2009: During this transit you may have to contend with negative moods that can be quite upsetting. This transit often results in confusion, self-doubt, uncertainty and a general tendency to look at life from the worst possible point of view. At its worst, it can make you completely uncertain about what is real in your life, resulting in a sense of fear and free-floating anxiety. This is because Saturn rules what we normally think of as reality, while Neptune rules the ideal, the illusory and the

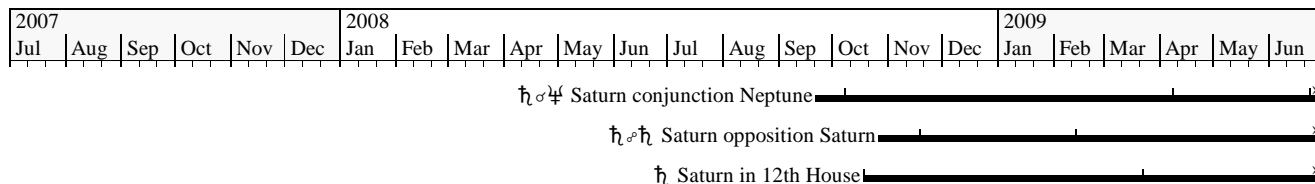
apparently unreal. It is apparently unreal because what Neptune rules is actually another order of reality. When the two planets are combined, the two categories of reality blend and become difficult to separate. It is important to remember that this transit usually makes things appear worse than they actually are.

Your confidence and sense of well-being are at a low at this time, and you should not take your own gloomy evaluations too seriously. You seem to be aware of only those facets of life that you are afraid of and totally unaware of those things that can comfort and reinforce you.

You should particularly watch your health at this time. Saturn-Neptune combinations are sometimes connected with chronic illnesses that become visible only when it is almost too late to do anything about them. If you feel that any part of your body is not quite as it should be, have it checked by a physician. Even with this transit, the chances are that it is nothing, but don't take the chance!

Strange as it may seem, there is a constructive side to this transit, although most people usually experience the negative side. But if you are very well attuned to your inner needs and secure enough not to be led astray by illusions, even fearful ones, then this transit can give you the ability to make extraordinary self-sacrifices. One effect of this transit is to detach you from the material universe. In that case you may become disoriented and afraid, as described already, or you may find that the demands of the material universe no longer concern you particularly, and you can sacrifice your material needs to spiritual needs.

Either way, your perception of reality at this time is quite different from what it normally is,



which you should take into consideration when making any plans for the future.

* Saturn Opposition Saturn

End of October 2008 until end of August 2009: Your reaction to this transit depends a great deal upon how you have handled your life during the past several years. Fourteen years ago, when Saturn last conjoined your natal Saturn, you made a series of new beginnings and entered a new phase of awareness about life. You may have changed jobs or even entered an entirely new field of work. Old relationships may have broken up and new ones begun. If things went well for you, you probably had a feeling that now you were on the right path.

Seven years ago, those new beginnings encountered their first period of trial, which, whether or not you were aware of it, tested the strength and validity of what you had been doing. This took place during the last square of Saturn to your natal Saturn. If you did not clear away the structures and patterns in your life that were working badly then, this transit will be quite difficult. The old failures that you have not handled properly in the last several years will make your life exceedingly difficult now. However, everything that you have handled well will reach a culmination and prove more fruitful than ever before. This is the high-water mark of the Saturn-Saturn cycle.

In your work you may reach a peak of success, which will be accompanied by increased responsibility. In that case you will work extremely hard but very successfully. On the other hand, you may receive abundant evidence that you are working in the wrong area altogether. This would be manifested by extreme difficulties in your work sit-

uation, such as finding your efforts blocked by coworkers or superiors. If your superiors disapprove of your performance, you should completely reevaluate your work. Even if you are doing good work, this may be a signal that the job is inadequate from your point of view. This should not be an occasion for self-doubt and despair. Rest assured that you are supposed to be doing something else.

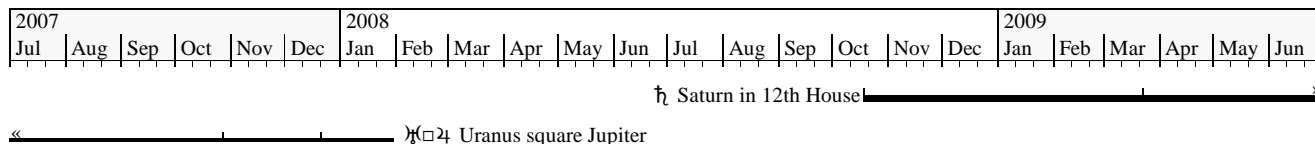
In a similar way, relationships that were not straightened out several years ago during the last square will also prove very difficult at this time and may very well break up completely.

If your affairs are working out positively, this transit represents a material peak in your life. The structures you were going to build in this Saturn cycle have been built. By this time you have made the impact upon others that you were supposed to make. It is as if you have said to the world, "Here is what I am." Now, during the next fourteen years, the world will reply, "And here are the consequences of what you are."

If your experience of this transit has not been so successful, during the next fourteen years you will gather your resources for the next try, beginning at the next conjunction of Saturn with your natal Saturn. However, there can be productive periods during that time if you can clear out whatever isn't working now.

* Saturn in the Twelfth House

October 2008 until 2011: At this time the decks are cleared for new action. Now you should be finishing up anything that was not done completely during the last several years. This is not a good time for starting new projects, for the energy just



isn't there even if you think that you want to start anew.

Even if you don't want to take some project through this final finishing-up phase, circumstances will compel you to. Important elements of your life may begin to pass away, and activities that used to work well no longer do. Your ways of handling people and situations no longer achieve the desired response. You get the impression that in order to succeed you will have to change everything, yet you don't know how to make the changes. People tend to "withdraw" into themselves during this time so that they can get more in tune with what is happening. It is very important that you use this time to understand what you have accomplished and what you have failed to accomplish. Do not judge or evaluate; simply observe and recognize.

If your life has not succeeded according to your expectations during the last several years when Saturn transited your natal tenth and eleventh houses, now you have an opportunity to clear away the barriers that prevented you from achieving what you wanted. But this effort will not bear fruit immediately. This is the end of a cycle, not yet the beginning of a new one.

It is tempting to fall into despair over the "failures" that seem to haunt you now. During this time you are more likely to feel guilty and to brood about your inadequacies. But these feelings are neither productive nor therapeutic. Recognize that this is the time to clear away leftovers from the past and to make ready for a new start. You will feel pressures for tremendous changes both in the direction of your life and in the manner of proceeding in that direction. Heed these pressures, for they are the first signs of the new order that is about to begin in your life. You will go through a new cycle

of defining your individuality within yourself and with respect to others and of experiencing its effectiveness before the world. Cut your losses, if any, and look forward rather than backward.

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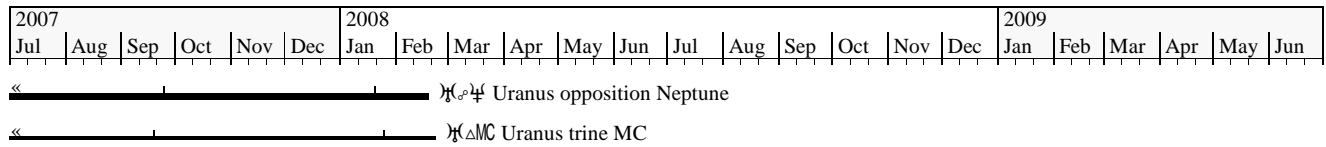
III. FURTHER TRANSITS OF THE SLOW MOVING PLANETS

*Hereafter you will find, in chronological order, the remaining transits of the slow moving planets. The more important ones are marked with a * in the headline; also, the according bars denoting their respective time spans on top of the pages are a bit stronger than the other ones.*

As already mentioned in the introduction, this chapter is not meant to be read all at once. Please choose a certain time and read about the according issues either by looking them up in the index (page three) or by using the graphical table (page two) which will also refer you to the according pages.

Uranus Square Jupiter

A transit approaching its end, from end of August 2006, remaining until end of January 2008: This transit brings a great feeling of exuberance and optimism, which is fine, but it can lead you to be foolishly overconfident and to take unwarranted financial and material risks. This combination brings out the gambler in almost anyone. However, like all Uranus transits, it is hard to know exactly what to expect from this one, and you may find yourself in trouble if you don't restrain your opti-



mism a bit. Nothing at all may happen, but you just don't know. So proceed with caution, especially in financial matters, and be careful not to leave any loose ends.

Even if you don't take risks, this transit can sometimes cause unexpected expenses or financial shortages. But that happens because you have failed to take into account some factor that could cause trouble for you at this time.

Jupiter symbolizes your ability to go along with the social and economic system in which you live and to make it work for you. The square from Uranus provides a series of unexpected events that test your ability to handle your relationship with the system.

If you have a realistic attitude toward the way the world works, what you can and cannot do effectively, especially in financial matters, this transit will not do any particular damage. It may even bring a sudden chance to take advantage of a situation. Just make sure that it's a real opportunity. If you are not clear about your limitations, this transit could bring some unpleasant surprises.

At the same time, this transit may symbolize striking out against the system. You may adopt a different set of values from the prevailing culture and pursue a lifestyle that is quite different from the way you have lived. If you do, you may experience considerable disapproval from your friends and others around you at this time. But this is not a violent rebellion, it is just that you have begun to experience the world differently from those around you. As a result your point of view is different. You wish to be free of the narrowness that you see in others.

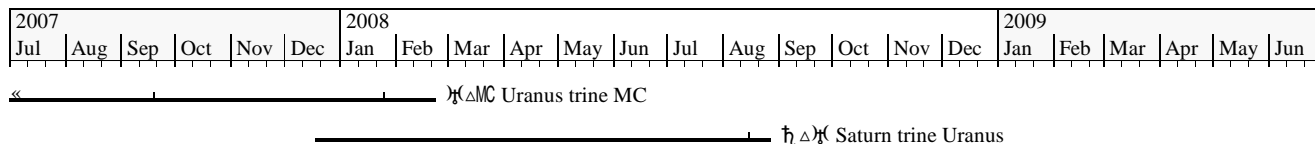
* Uranus Opposition Neptune

End of July 2006 until mid February 2008: How you will react to this transit will depend upon how well you have learned certain of life's lessons. If you are extremely materialistic and so caught up in the mundane concerns of daily life that you cannot see or conceive of anything higher - whether it be a religion, a system of ideals or whatever - you will experience this transit as extremely confusing. Events will occur that simply do not fit into your scheme, and you will become confused and perhaps act in ways that you consider very unwise. You may suddenly start chasing after wild and impractical dreams, become involved with persons who are very out of touch with reality and generally get your goals thoroughly scrambled.

All of this arises because this transit exposes you to higher dimensions of existence, to a world that doesn't work like the one you have been taught to see. Nevertheless this higher world is real and important, in that it gives life meaning even though seemingly far removed from it. If you have always frowned on idealistic notions of higher metaphysical dimensions, this transit will confuse and upset you, because it reveals these dimensions to you. But if you have learned that the universe does not stop with what you can see and feel with your senses, this transit will allow you to experience profound revelations and understanding. Your degree of enlightenment or confusion depends entirely upon how well prepared you are.

Uranus Trine Midheaven

End of July 2006 until end of February 2008: This transit represents a period in your life when you can make creative changes in both your professional and your personal life. In your career, sud-



den opportunities may come about that enable you to move in radically new and different directions. Often this transit signifies a change in career to a field that is strongly Uranian, such as scientific or technical professions, including electronics, computers and engineering. This transit can also signify an interest in the occult, especially astrology.

But this transit has a larger significance. At this time you are able to change your life direction and do something that more truly expresses your individuality. The problem for most people is that this new field may be quite different from what you were taught was a "proper" profession. Most people's focus in this regard is too narrow. It is very important now to let yourself explore any field of endeavor that attracts you, regardless of how well it fits your preconceptions of a career. Please note that your new direction may not be a career in the usual sense but a field to which you devote your life, although it is unrelated to making a living. One's avocation may well be one's true calling.

The only restriction is that your new direction should be ethical and legal, simply because Uranus can create serious problems with the law if you are not careful about legality. Our society has a significant mistrust of persons who are excessively Uranian.

This is also a time in your life when you will be innovative in whatever you do. Your thinking is fresh and original, and you do not try to solve new problems with old solutions, either in your profession or in your personal life. Thus you will be attracted to new techniques and new ideas, especially for your own personal development.

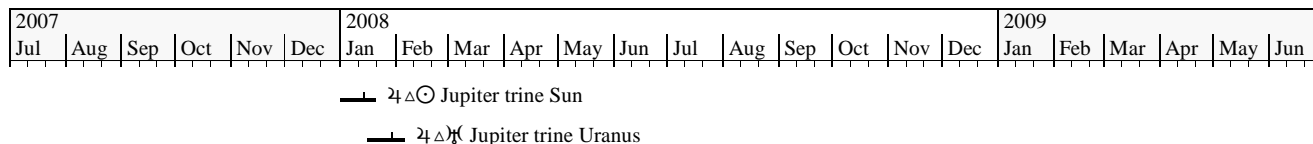
Saturn Trine Uranus

Mid December 2007 until end of August 2008: This is a time of stability and creative balance between the old and the new in your life. You are able to live within a structure and also engage in new and stimulating experiences, which keep you from becoming stale. Any changes you have made or any structures that have been changed in the last several years, since Saturn last squared your natal Uranus, can become a permanent part of your life now. These changes are no longer challenges, but interesting aspects of your life.

You have a feeling of patience about what is happening. You can see the need for change, but you do not feel like rushing out and overthrowing everything. You can make the change in an orderly manner. You can present ideas to others in a very careful, logical way that still manages to impress them with the originality of your thinking. Your employers and superiors will especially appreciate your disciplined approach to new and original ideas.

Any task that requires long and disciplined application - learning a new skill, studying a new body of knowledge or simply working patiently at a long task - is favored by this transit, as long as it is leading up to some kind of creative change. Tedious tasks that leave no room for new experiences will not be so useful to you at this time. You should be working for change, even if slowly and patiently.

In fact you must not allow yourself to fall into a rut. Otherwise the next square in this cycle could prove to be very difficult. Even change can become routine, if you go around in circles with the same changes. That is not the proper function of



This transit usually indicates good health and a feeling of well-being, although you may be inclined to put on weight if you are not careful. You may not feel inclined toward physical activity, but it would be a good idea to get some exercise. Make a particular effort to be outdoors. Hiking is a very beneficial activity at this time.

If you are inclined to physical activity, especially athletics, don't take foolish risks through overconfidence. This is not an accident prone transit, in fact it is rather "lucky" for most people. But it does tend to make you overestimate your energies, and if another influence is operating that makes you accident-prone, this transit could have a bad effect.

This is an excellent time for all financial matters. You will feel like making your surroundings appear more elegant, and you may spend quite a lot of money doing so. This is perfectly fine, and you should think positively in all ways, but don't let this concern with material acquisition blind you to some very real possibilities for inner growth.

Travel, either physically or mentally, often accompanies this transit. Take this time to broaden your understanding of the world around you. You have a strong interest in ideas that are different from what you normally know and encounter, and you are much more tolerant of different ways of living. Even people's usually irritating traits do not bother you at this time. Also your sense of humor is much greater than usual, and you can appreciate the dance of life in all its glory.

Jupiter Trine Uranus

16 January 2008 until 6 February 2008: This transit gives you a strong need to express yourself

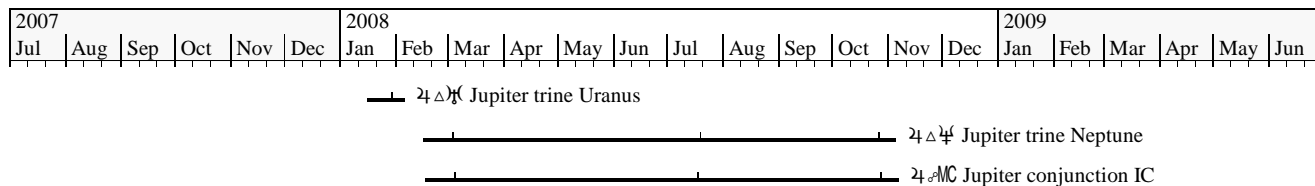
by doing something that is different from your normal routine. You need to experience a new kind of freedom in your life and to discover dimensions of living that you have not known before. This may take the form of a search for inner truth on the metaphysical or philosophical level, or it may take the more external form of a new activity in your life.

You are much more receptive to new ideas with this transit, and you should be a bit careful about getting into something solely because it is a novelty. However, for the most part this desire for the new is constructive and will probably be quite good for you. This is one of the transits that prevent you in a positive way from getting into a rut.

Sometimes this transit can denote a sudden opportunity or a piece of good luck that seems to come completely out of the blue and take you by surprise. Often it is a sudden change or an event that gives you a new chance in some way. It could be a sudden windfall or promotion or even a sudden chance encounter that works out to your benefit. If such an event occurs, take advantage of it. This is one of the few times when you shouldn't stop to ponder carefully before acting. Such a decision often requires split-second action.

This is also one of the few transits that can be very lucky in gambling. But remember that this transit will have this effect only if you are reasonably fortunate in such matters anyway. If you are usually unlucky at gambling, this transit will probably not affect you positively.

This transit also enables you to grasp new ideas quickly. You can learn subjects faster under this influence than at other times, and you see very quickly the patterns in anything. On occasion this



transit can signify a fortunate discovery or invention.

Jupiter Trine Neptune

Mid February 2008 until beginning of November 2008: This transit stimulates the idealistic and possibly the spiritual side of your personality. You seek out the more subtle manifestations of truth and are unusually inclined to inquire directly into the secrets of life. Religious, spiritual, and mystical subjects attract you, and studying them could indeed bring much needed insight into your life. It is quite possible that this transit will signify someone coming into your life who will act as a teacher or guide in your quest for meaning. It is also possible that you will play this role for someone else. The only recommendation is to be careful not to overidealize such a person and not to allow yourself to be overidealized, for this could lead to disappointment later on. In spite of this problem, the chances are that everything will work out very favorably in the long run.

In a related way, this transit arouses the humanitarian side of your personality. You have great compassion for the sufferings of others and want very much to do something about them. You may become involved in charitable work for others, either on the personal or on the institutional level. And if you need help from someone, you will probably get it.

About the only negative side of this transit is that you may get into such a pleasant dreamy state that you have little ambition or desire to achieve anything of significance. Neptune, either natively or in transit, is not inclined to fulfill ego drives, and you may notice a slackening of this drive in your own life. By the same token this transit can lure

you into feeling that everything is just fine, even when you really have to do certain things or face serious problems.

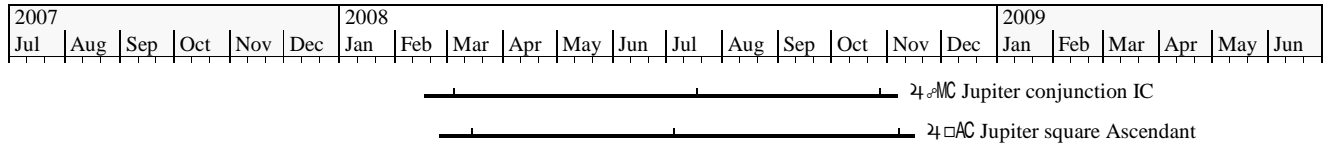
The desire to gamble or speculate is another aspect of this transit. As long as you realize that it is possible to lose and that you must use some planning and foresight, it should be all right. But don't let a feeling of overconfidence and the desire to take unnecessary risks get you into a losing situation.

Jupiter Conjunct IC

Mid February 2008 until beginning of November 2008: This is a time for expansion and growth in your innermost personal life, a time when you will seek security at home and with your immediate family. It may be necessary to reexamine your past life to find out what it can teach you about yourself. But this should not be a source of anxiety. In fact, you should feel quite good about what you learn at this time. Your parents may be able to assist you considerably in this process.

The symbolism of this transit is that you incorporate more and more of the outer world into your innermost life. On the material level, you may buy a larger, more elegant or more spacious home. Certainly it would be a good expression of this symbolism to improve your existing home and make it more comfortable.

At this time you should do everything to ensure that your personal life is as comfortable and secure as possible. You need to have a feeling of inner peace and security in order to continue to move out in the world. In fact you should not think so much about outward success now as about the more personal and inward needs that we have discussed



here. And you should realize that your real need now is not land or a larger home, but a feeling of strength and inner growth.

This is the time to tie up any loose ends in your personal life, straighten out any relationships that are not working well, any leftovers from your past life that are still affecting the present adversely. To do this you may have to speak to others very openly about yourself and your innermost thoughts.

So this is a good time to settle and put down roots. The feeling of belonging to a place and a group of people is very important to you now. You don't have to do this in a way that limits your freedom of movement, and with Jupiter here it is very unlikely that you will do so. But everyone needs a solid home base so that they can feel at peace in their other activities. If you don't make an effort to construct such a base now, you will have difficulty later when your principal concerns are turning elsewhere.

Jupiter Square Ascendant

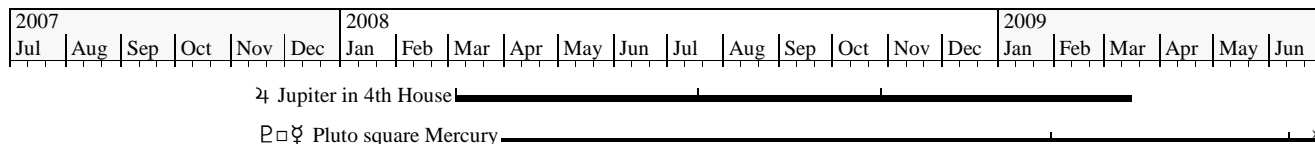
End of February 2008 until mid November 2008: This is usually an excellent transit for most kinds of relationships, but there are some pitfalls. Basically this transit signifies a desire to grow and advance through contacts with others. Probably you are willing to give as much as you get, although in some people this transit triggers a desire for advantages through others without giving anything in return. In fact as they get ahead, such people act arrogantly toward everyone, even those who helped them. This causes others to reject them, and when they hit hard times there is no one to help them out.

But this result is totally unnecessary, and all you have to do to avoid it is to keep a sense of humility and recognize what others have done for you. With this transit you have the potential to become a truly better person, but only if you keep these warnings in mind.

Quite frequently this transit brings a seemingly "lucky" chance through a friend or associate. But it is not luck so much as the fact that you are very sharply on the lookout for opportunities that can benefit you. Your sense of timing is very acute, and your sensitivity to others and their needs is greater than usual. That is one reason why it is so bad to ignore others' needs, because you don't even have the excuse of ignorance.

Benefits can come to you in either your personal and domestic life or in your work. There may be an opportunity to make money or to make improvements in your home that will make it much more pleasant. Or you may meet people who will help you learn more about the world and expand your view of it in various ways. You have to be willing to let this happen, however, which means you must be receptive. This is another area in which being arrogant brings the risk that you will get nothing of lasting value out of this transit.

In all negotiations and transactions with others, you have a pronounced tendency to overlook details and to assume that everything will work out. But it won't if you don't pay attention to the details. The little matters of human relationships, either professional or personal, are not beneath you. Attend to them properly.



* Jupiter in the Fourth House

March 2008 until March 2009: This is a time when you will seek inner peace and security. The fourth house is the house of all aspects of your innermost life -- your home, your personal life, your family, your past and your innermost sense of self. Jupiter here will help you improve all of these areas of your life.

On an external level, you may express this transit by purchasing real estate or a new home. Land and houses are an external symbol of the desire for a stable inner world. Or you may expand, redecorate or otherwise improve your present home, thereby increasing its value. This is quite a good time to invest in real estate, even if you are not planning to live there.

This transit supports your domestic life, and during this period one or another domestic problem should be cleared up, usually because something new comes to light that helps you straighten things out. You feel generous and open to your family, and they respond to you in the same way. If you have any problems at all during this time, your family is where you should turn for solace. They will be able to help you. Your relationship with your parents is also good, and they may be a source of benefit to you in some way.

There are times in your life when you have no choice but to go out into the world and forge ahead. At this time, however, you have a choice. If you wish to go out into the world, your personal life will not cause problems that distract you from your quest. But it might be even better to concentrate your energies on your personal life rather than making a great effort to get ahead in the world. Now is a time when you can make your home, fam-

ily and personal life more secure than ever and guarantee that it will always be a source of support and comfort.

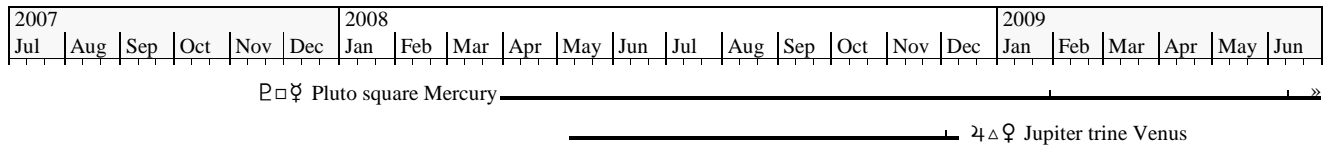
This is the time to put down roots, if you are ever going to. You will find that having a real sense of belonging to a place, a community and family will help prevent many psychological crises when circumstances get rough in the future. If you handle this transit properly, you are not likely to ever feel alone, lost or alienated. Security in life is a real need, and now is a time when you can do a great deal to gain it.

At the most psychological level, this transit helps to increase your sense of inner confidence. You are more in touch with your inner self now than at most times, and you are able to handle truths about yourself that you are normally reluctant to face, thereby preventing them from becoming a problem in the future. What you know you are is seldom a problem. The difficulties stem from what you are afraid that you are.

Pluto Square Mercury

An approaching transit, from end of March 2008, until mid September 2010: This transit can represent a period in which your ideas about the world in general are challenged significantly. Or it can represent a time when your thinking is deepened tremendously, enabling you to deal with ideas that formerly would have been too deep. In this case you will probably try to persuade others of what you believe.

Your routine day-to-day interactions with the world -- conversations, letters and other such exchanges -- may develop into fairly intense encounters as you try to force your ideals upon others from



a fanatical conviction of your own righteousness, or as others try to do the same with you. Once again the issue is knowing precisely what your limits are and what you really think. You also need to learn to allow other's ideas to coexist with yours. It is not good either to automatically bow before someone else's opinions or to demand that others bow to yours. If your experiences seem to invalidate your earlier beliefs, do not try to delude yourself that this isn't so. Face the facts and try to find out what is really happening. This transit can be a learning experience in the most positive sense. While you may find that your internal intellectual structure has to change greatly, the change should be for the better.

On the other hand you may become attracted to new ideas that have very intense emotional overtones. Ideas that are deep and mysterious are very compelling to you now, and you want to plumb the depths of the universe. If you heed one warning, this can do you little harm and can give you new insight and understanding about the universe. But the ideas you are attracted to may convey power in some way, as does the study of magic in the field of the occult. You may become conscious that knowledge is power, but you must be very careful how you use this power. Magic in particular, but all powerful knowledge in general can produce tragic consequences if not handled properly.

Also, when you are teaching others, avoid the temptation to mold them into your own image. Your purpose is to show people the way, not push them down it.

Jupiter Trine Venus

Beginning of May 2008 until mid December 2008: This is one of the most pleasant transits of

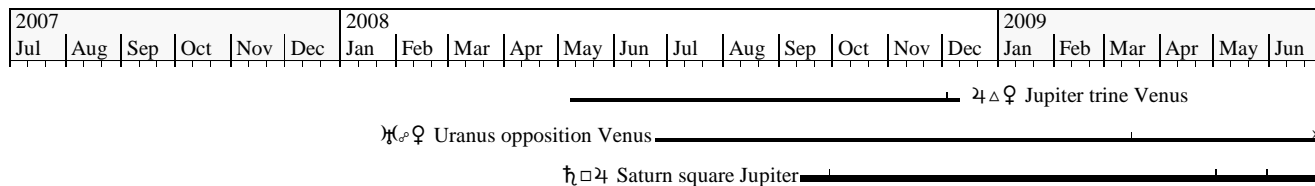
all, in a light and passing way. You feel very light-hearted and sociable now and want to spend as much time as possible with others. This is a good transit for taking a vacation, attending social gatherings, or participating in other forms of amusement and fun. It is not conducive to any kind of serious effort, because you are inclined to feel pleasantly lazy and unenterprising. There is also a very strong self-indulgent streak to this transit. Be very careful not to eat or drink too much. Even with the pleasantness of this transit, you may feel bad afterward.

Fortunately you have the ability to make others feel good if they are unhappy or depressed, and as a result, people enjoy being around you at this time. You may have the chance to do favors for others that will eventually be returned. And since you feel generous and giving, you will not mind doing them.

Sometimes this transit can signify the beginning of a new love interest, but it is much more likely to mean a passing, flirtatious encounter. A relationship that does begin under this transit will probably be quite good for you.

In some instances this transit has a way of drawing money or other material resources to you. But don't sit around planning how to spend a sudden windfall from heaven, as many people do with this transit. It is a possibility, but only one among many and not the most likely.

Actually it is more likely that you will spend money on objects that you consider beautiful. Others may not appreciate your taste at this time, however, because it tends toward the flashy or gaudy. Be careful that you don't get stuck with something that will offend your own taste in a soberer moment.



You have a great desire for beauty, however, and if your taste is sound you will surround yourself with objects that you can enjoy for years and that will also gain in value.

Uranus Opposition Venus

An approaching transit, from end of June 2008, until beginning of February 2010: Your love life and relationships will be the sources of change in your life at this time. A loved one may become restless and begin to question the basis of your relationship. He or she may demand more freedom and ask that the relationship be changed considerably. This is not the time for you to become rigid and possessive, however. If you try to hold on now, you are likely to lose everything. A good relationship probably will not break up, but all kinds of tension will surface that you and your partner may not have dealt with before. You should allow this to happen and not try to smooth over feelings that should be expressed.

It is also possible that you may be the one who becomes restless and demands a change in the relationship. You may begin to feel that it has become boring, so you seek out a new relationship that will provide the excitement that you feel is lacking. Under the influence of this transit, people often form relationships that would seem highly improbable to themselves and others under other circumstances. You may form a relationship with someone who is very different in age, background or culture or with someone who is already committed to another. Often a relationship begins between two people who cannot really get together, as exemplified by a young woman falling in love with a married man who has no real intention of leaving his wife.

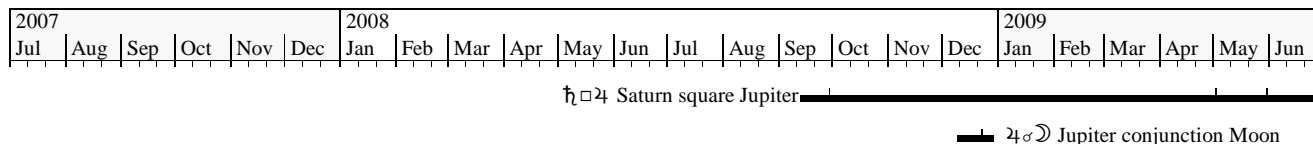
The problem is that there is a real ambiguity in your mind about yourself and your relationships. You want to be close to people and to be free at the same time. Consequently you will be attracted to relationships that either express your desire for freedom or that are impossible to consummate, as described above. For this reason you should not expect any relationship formed under this transit to last very long. It could last, but you should not expect it. This is a good time to enjoy the present. Don't live in the future!

It would be much better to use the energy of this transit to redefine and change your existing relationships, if they have anything at all to offer, so that they are a more complete expression of yourself and your loved ones. The best relationships are those in which the compromises that you make do not require you to become a different person.

If you are working in a creative art form, this will be a tremendously stimulating period. You may not get much actual work done, but you will be exposed to new ideas and techniques, which later you will be able to integrate into your overall technique.

* Saturn Square Jupiter

Mid September 2008 until end of June 2009: During this transit your opportunities may be curtailed and your freedom of action may be quite limited. Restrictions seem to come from nowhere, and you may have to work very hard just to maintain your accustomed level, let alone improve it. This transit can be quite unfavorable financially, especially if you have not been very careful in recent years. It tests how well you have put your life together in almost every area, but especially in



matters related to finances, business and your profession. You may discover that many aspects of your life cannot withstand real adversity.

Approximately seven years ago, many new activities began in your life. Now they are being tested to see whether they have any real importance in your life. Anything that does not withstand this test should be abandoned or substantially changed. It will be possible to hold on to something that clearly does not work, in spite of opposition from others and restrictions from your surroundings. And if you do that, after this transit, it may appear to be working out all right. But that is only because the current challenge is over. However, in about seven years anything you have clung to will be tested again and will cause far more trouble than it does now. In other words, if something isn't working now, let it go!

Typically this transit produces extreme restlessness. Jupiter's drive for freedom is relentlessly curbed by the restrictions of Saturn, and you feel very strongly that you must break out of these restrictions. You may experience job or residence changes and the breakup of personal relationships that seem to interfere unduly with your freedom. However these changes are usually just hasty reactions to this transit. You would be much better off to calmly evaluate what is and isn't working in your life and to consciously eliminate the elements that do not work. Don't just react blindly because of frustration. That will only make matters worse when Saturn comes to the opposition or conjunction of your natal Jupiter.

You may experience great frustration in your work. First determine whether you are just being impatient, or whether your work really doesn't allow you the necessary scope for development. Ei-

ther way it would be better not to make up your mind until after this transit is over.

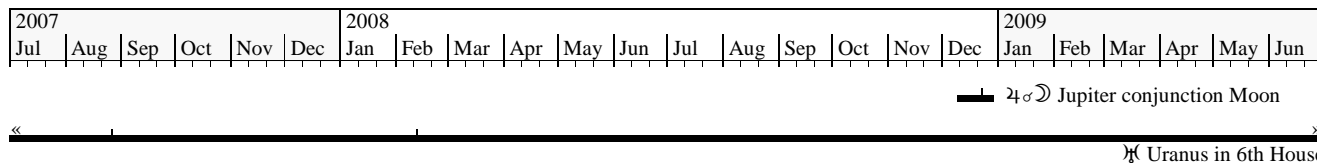
* Jupiter Conjunction Moon

10 December 2008 until 30 December 2008: This is an extremely positive transit. You feel emotionally secure and in touch with your feelings, which you can express clearly and honestly, both to yourself and to others. At the same time you have an enormous feeling of generosity, which enables you to give to others much more freely than usual without feeling diminished in any way. This combination of influences relates to the nurturing function within you, the desire to protect and care for as well as the desire to be supported. You can nurture another at this time, or if you need help yourself, you will get it.

Your home and personal life are very important to you under this transit, and you will work to make this area as positive as possible. You may simply make your home more comfortable and elegant, or on a more psychological level you may bring friends and neighbors to your home in order to make them feel good, as well as yourself.

At this time you will realize how your past has positively contributed to your present situation, and you will want to be surrounded by things that remind you of your past. This is a good time to go home and see old friends and loved ones.

Regardless of your own sex, you may receive some benefit from a woman who offers to help or care for you in some way. Often her function in your life will be to reveal to you what is within and to make you more self-sufficient. This person could even be a man, but he would affect you in a maternal way.



About the only negative side of this transit comes from its symbolic connection with nutrition and digestion. Psychologically, you are in a period of incorporation and assimilation, of taking into yourself whatever can nourish and support you. Obviously the physical correlate of this is gaining weight, which can happen if you are not careful. Fatty foods are especially difficult, so try to avoid them.

*** Uranus in the Sixth House**

April 2007 until 2015: This transit indicates that you will take a new attitude toward work and form a new relationship with it. You will also seek out opportunities to become free from the excessive demands of others. Among the common manifestations of this transit are a change of job, although not usually of profession, changes within the job that give you more freedom, or a general revolt against duties and obligations in your life that you regard as oppressive. You are not especially happy with what you feel you have to do now.

The proper, that is, the most creative, response to this transit would be to make changes in the areas of your life that seem to binding and obligating. You are probably too caught up in certain patterns, so you must break free and find new kinds of work and service roles that allow you greater freedom for new experiences. Your job may have degenerated into a dull routine, or you may feel overly involved in taking care of others, with no time to be yourself.

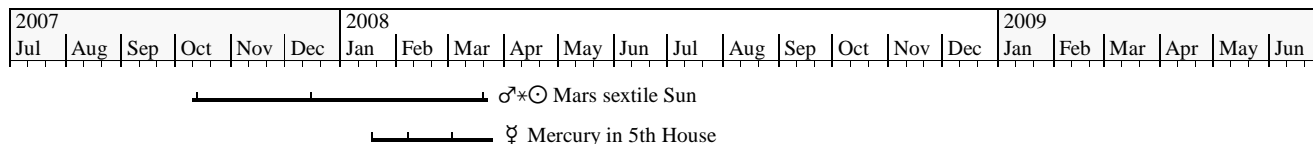
The wildly rebellious response that Uranus often calls up is probably too destructive in the long run to be profitable. In your job the best thing to do is to look for new responsibilities that offer different challenges. If that is impossible, seek a new job.

Sometimes this transit may signify that you have to learn new techniques in connection with our work. You may encounter an increasing amount of work with computers, for example, or other kinds of data processing and electronic apparatus. And if you have never worked with these machines before, that may be quite a challenge.

Whatever the challenge is, deal with it in as conscious and controlled a manner as possible. Do not simply try to repress the tension that is often associated with this transit. Sometimes people feel that there is no way to escape their duties, or they are afraid to try. So they attempt to go on as if nothing were happening. Then the Uranian energy is repressed at the conscious level and is expressed physically as a health problem, which forces the person to alter his or her work pattern and lessen or change responsibilities. The sixth house is the house of the body's physical efficiency as well as your mental efficiency at work. If you do not make changes consciously, your body will force you to make them. Heart trouble, accidents, nerve problems or the need for an operation are typical manifestations of the Uranian energy through your body. These can be avoided by allowing the transit to revolutionize your work and your attitudes toward duty.

IV. SELECT TRANSITS OF THE SWIFT MOVING PLANETS

The following presents you with a choice of the transits of the swift moving planets, again in chronological order. The transits of the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars are very numerous. However, they



are only significant if there is a topical or chronological connection with important transits of the slow moving planets. All transits of the swift moving planets that you will find hereafter fulfill that condition.

After most transits there is a note in small print that refers you to the according transits of slow moving planets. The transits of the swift moving planets often trigger off a related transit of a slow moving one. During the days of a current transit of a swift moving planet, the issues of a related transit of a slow moving planet can become especially important, even if that transit lasts for months or even years.

This chapter is also not meant to be read all at once. Please choose a certain time span and read about the according issues either by looking them up in the index (page three) or by using the graphical table (page two).

Mars Sextile Sun

Beginning of October 2007 until end of March 2008, especially on 13 October 2007, 16 December 2007 and 20 March 2008: This transit stimulates your physical vitality, giving you the chance to work hard and accomplish much. Your health is good under this transit, and you are able to approach everything you do with vigor and self-confidence. And this carries over to the psychological level as well, as an ability to assert yourself toward others and stand up for your views in any controversy.

New opportunities to be personally effective often open up under this transit. For example, in your job you might get a chance to take on an important responsibility, which will lead later to a

promotion or increased salary. This is a good time to demonstrate that you can work on your own and do it well. But you can also work with groups now, because your energies complement the group's energies.

You know what you want and how to get it without forcing people to resist you. You simply take advantage of every chance that you get and use it to the utmost.

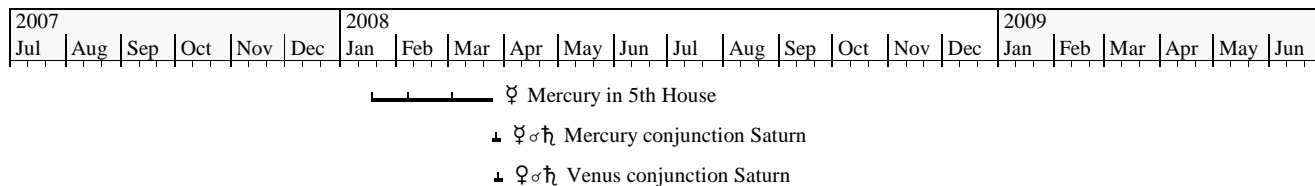
If you have to debate or argue with anyone, your self-confidence will put you in a good position. Business and commercial negotiations are similarly favored. If you need to bargain a price down or get more favorable terms, you can do it because you are clear about what you want.

This transit is related to Saturn conjunction Sun on p. 5 and can function as a trigger for it.

Mercury in the Fifth House

Mid January 2008 until end of March 2008: This is a good time for expressing your thoughts to yourself and for communicating them to others. In this respect it is rather like the transit of Mercury through the first house. You can make clear to people your stand on any matter and explain very effectively any issue that is on your mind. You will also be inclined to use your mind for amusement, that is for reading, writing and playing games that require mental agility.

Often the ideas that come into your head now will have no special function except that they are fun to play with. Just be careful not to transfer this playful spirit to your communications with others to the extent that you play with people for your own amusement. Astrologers often fail to recog-



nize that Mercury is the planet of pranks, and in this house it is very likely to make you feel prankish. The danger is that with this house you are more inclined to release your inner energy outward than to allow energy input to come from others. Thus you may be rather insensitive to people's needs if you are not careful. This is particularly important to remember if you feel like playing a joke on someone. Also, in conversations with others you may be a very poor listener at this time.

Mercury Conjunct Saturn

On 28 March 2008: During this period you are likely to proceed with considerable caution, which has both good and difficult effects. You are much more conscious than usual of the distinctions between things, making it hard to see the "forest for the trees." This extends to your attitudes toward others, so that you may be inclined to concentrate on people's negative characteristics and to overlook their positive traits. Under this transit you may have to say farewell to someone who is leaving your life now, and this may leave a mark on you for some time to come.

On the positive side, this transit can give you great intellectual precision. If you have to do any work that requires extreme precision of thought and planning, now is the time. It will work especially well if you have previously outlined the general plan and left the detailed planning until now. On the other hand, this is not a good time to make plans that require a broad overall view. Your viewpoint is likely to be too cautious and narrow at this time.

Your critical faculty is extremely sharp, and you can immediately see the flaws in other people's arguments as well as your own. But be sure you

use this insight constructively to correct these flaws rather than to undermine your own or another person's confidence in the ideas put forth.

At its worst, this transit can make communication with others quite difficult. Certain elements of your personality that you are afraid to expose seem so close to the surface now that everything you say is affected by them. You are afraid that you might give something away by speaking, so you say nothing. But because of the negative thinking that often accompanies this transit, this is precisely the time when you must speak. What you don't say now can certainly hurt someone.

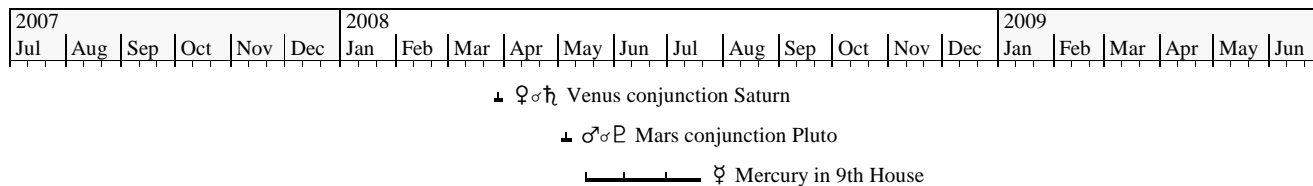
And of course you should deal with the problem of negative thinking at this time. You are so conscious of the flaws, the bad and difficult aspects of life, that you may not be able to see the underlying unity in any structure. Do not take your gloomy viewpoint too seriously today except as a check to any overly optimistic thinking at other times.

This transit is related to Uranus conjunction Saturn on p. 11 and can function as a trigger for it.

Venus Conjunct Saturn

On 29 March 2008: Under this transit, love and affection are strongly tempered by practical considerations. Sometimes under this transit you will ask an older person's advice about relationships, for you are reflecting about the state of your life and what the relationship means to it.

Unlike other Venus transits, there is little tendency toward self-indulgence with this one. Your actions are characterized by restraint, which is usually good if you have to economize or recognize the limitations of your pocketbook.



Under some conditions, this transit can indicate difficulties with your love relationships. You may not feel warm or affectionate, and you may alienate loved ones by seeming to be indifferent. The real problem is that you are lonesome and unable to bridge the gap between you and others. Fortunately this is not a long-lasting transit.

A relationship that comes about under this transit may be a long-lived but not flamboyant one, characterized by loyalty and soberness.

This transit is related to Uranus conjunction Saturn on p. 11 and can function as a trigger for it.

Mars Conjunction Pluto

On 6 May 2008: With this transit you will be tempted to take over and run whatever is happening around you. This transit is a strong stimulus to any kind of ambition, but the danger is that its energy can be rather violent and disruptive. It represents a ruthless burst of ego energy that does not take kindly to limitation. And it is not only that you will try to have power over others, but that you may also be the victim of someone else's power play. In cases of violent assault, this or a similar transit usually occurs in both the victim's and the assailant's chart. But that is not a typical occurrence with this transit. One indication is not enough to account for an incident of violence, and you needn't anticipate it. However, it gives you some idea of the strength of these energies. You should be warned, though, to avoid dangerous neighborhoods during the few days that this transit is in effect.

Positively speaking, this transit is excellent for doing any kind of heavy work, particularly if it involves making major changes of any kind what-

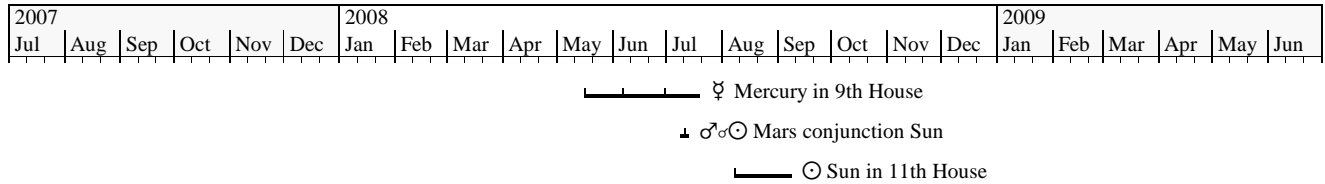
ever. Even if you think you are totally uninterested in power, you will get a great deal of satisfaction out of having and using power. There is no reason why you shouldn't be able to use this power creatively. Just don't try to kid yourself that you aren't thinking of your own interests during this transit. You are, and there is nothing wrong in that unless your interests conflict with everyone else's.

There is danger now of severe ego conflicts, of which violent assault is an extreme example. Your strong energies attract people who have similar energies, and before you know it, you may have quite a power struggle on your hands. As forcefully but benignly as possible, you must convince others that your interests and their interests are interdependent.

Whatever task you take on, you will be able to work long and hard to accomplish it. You have the opportunity either to accomplish a great deal or to wreak havoc, if you are not conscious of your own energies under this transit.

Mercury in the Ninth House

Mid May 2008 until mid July 2008: This is a good time for any kind of study and education, because you are intellectually eager for knowledge and new experiences. You want to take a larger view of life in order to see how the various parts fit together to make up the whole. Any new and interesting phenomenon from a world outside your own is likely to attract your attention at this time. Subjects relating to foreign places, the law, philosophy or higher knowledge of any kind will engage your attention. It is possible that you may have some dealings with officials connected with the law, although you should not fear this possibility particularly.



It is a good time to travel, because your curiosity makes travel very interesting to you. But to get the most from the experience, you should expose yourself to a life as different from your own as possible. You are also quite open to alternative lifestyles at this time.

This transit is good for all kinds of conversation and communication with others, especially about rather abstract ideas, general philosophy and approaches to life. It is easier now to make your position in these areas clear to others. Also you will be inclined to listen more carefully to what others have to say about these ideas, and you will be especially interested if their beliefs differ from your own. Consequently you are much more tolerant than usual of different opinions.

Mars Conjunct Sun

On 11 July 2008: Your ego energies are high, which means that you can stand up for yourself against almost anyone today. You have great confidence and will not easily allow someone to take advantage of you. Unfortunately this may also mean that you will get into fights and arguments. Try to remember that other people have egos too. You don't have to defeat others in order to maintain yourself. You should be especially careful in your dealings with supervisors. They will not expect you to be as assertive toward them as you are likely to be today.

You have a great deal of physical energy also, which means you can work hard and long. You prefer physical work to mental work, because it uses your energy more completely. After extensive mental work you may still feel very restless and in turn irritable. There is the danger of getting carried away with your energy and taking unnecessary

risks or overstraining yourself. Certainly fear of an accident should not make you avoid activity. In fact if you suppress this energy it is most likely to come out negatively in arguments, fights, accidents or injuries.

However, if you use these energies intelligently, you should be able to accomplish far more worthwhile work than on other days.

This transit is related to Saturn conjunction Sun on p. 5 and can function as a trigger for it.

Sun in the Eleventh House

Beginning of August 2008 until beginning of September 2008: At this time your attention is turned toward the groups you belong to, both formally and otherwise, to their values and ideals and your relationship to those values and ideals as well as your own. Friendships and other relationships are important to you now, and you are examining the role they play in your life. What kinds of interaction do you have with others and how well do you fulfill each other's needs?

At this time it is usually best to work and cooperate with other people. At other times you have found it necessary to be alone in order to find out who you are and the chief purposes of your life. Now you must ask these same questions in conjunction with others. Engaging in group efforts and projects in your personal and professional life will be the most effective way to accomplish this aim. Socialize extensively and study the people you associate with, for they are a reflection of yourself. What is true of your friends is also true of you, for the most part.

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- ☉ Sun in 11th House
- ☉☉ Sun conjunction Sun
- ☿ Mercury in 1st House
- ♂♁ Mars conjunction Ascendant

Among your friends, strive to establish who you are. Without becoming domineering, you should let them know what kind of person you are, so that you can fit into the group dynamic without violating your integrity.

Sun Conjunct Sun

On 29 August 2008: Happy birthday! Today the Sun returns to the position it was in when you were born.

As would seem appropriate with this transit, today is a day of new beginnings. A new year in your own personal calendar has begun, and the influences you feel today will affect the entire year to come. However, this does not mean that the whole year will be disappointing if today doesn't work out exactly as planned.

You are receiving a new impulse from the energy center within you, as symbolized by the Sun. Therefore any new venture that you start at this time will ride the crest of this new energy and will very likely come to an acceptable conclusion. Whatever you do or begin today will bear the stamp of your individuality more than anything else. This is the day to assert yourself anew.

Mercury in the First House

Mid September 2008 until mid November 2008: This is a good time for expressing your point of view to people. You are able to put a great deal of yourself into whatever you say, so it is somehow more authentically yourself speaking. At the same time, you have the capacity to examine yourself with somewhat greater objectivity and detachment than usual. Your mind will be more active, and it

is important to keep it occupied with useful projects, because you can accomplish a great deal with your mind at this time.

One effect of Mercury is that your mind and consciousness jumps from issue to issue very rapidly, which may confuse the people around you a bit. You aren't trying to be deceptive, but your mind is likely to move so fast under this influence that you seem to be constantly changing. Again it is really the focus of your attention that changes. Mercury does not settle on any one issue for very long, which is one of the greater deficiencies of this energy, because it never really gets into an issue deeply. Try to control this tendency, for it can be a waste of energy.

You may also react with nervousness or anxiety. This usually means that you are becoming too involved in some mental problem. Try to relax and get your mind away from serious subjects to something light and entertaining.

Often with this transit you will have a strong urge to get out and travel, although not usually for long distances. This is fine if it is convenient and you feel like doing this. You could encounter rather profitable and interesting experience in your travels. Usually this is a good time to be involved in negotiations or contract discussions of any kind.

Mars Conjunct Ascendant

On 16 September 2008: The symbolism of this transit is self-assertion with regard to others. It is not enough that you are yourself and able to do your thing. With this transit, you have to show other people that you are someone to be reckoned with. Or you may have to defend yourself against an attack from someone, whether or not you have

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There are connections with Saturn opposition Saturn on p. 7 and Uranus conjunction Saturn on p.11. The transit can function as a trigger for these.

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APPENDIX

Legend for the graphical table

In the graphical table on page two, each transit is represented by a horizontal bar. The name of the transit appears underneath each bar, along with the page number where you will find the corresponding text.

Important transits are depicted as heavy bars - whether transits are classified as important depends mainly on the constellations of your personal natal chart. If you look at the calendar scale on the upper or lower edge of the table, it will show you exactly when and for how long a certain transit is in effect; the duration of each transit is also given in words at the beginning of the corresponding paragraph in the text. The small marks on the bars indicate when a transit becomes exact, i.e. the exact time that a transiting planet crosses the relevant point in your natal chart. If you bring a ruler vertically to these marks, you can read the exact date from the calendar scale.

Please bear in mind that the duration of transits can in no way be given exactly. Especially with long-term transits, the importance of a certain issue can become noticeable a long time beforehand. Transits relating to the ascendant, midheaven or houses depend strongly on the exactness of the time of birth. If your time of birth is uncertain by more than fifteen minutes, you ought to skip the corresponding paragraphs.

For the technically minded: In determining the start of a transit, we use the entry of any planet into an orb of 1° to 3°, depending on the planet and aspect in question; the transit ends at the exit from an orb of 1° to 1°30', again depending on the planet and aspect. Multiple exact transits are considered to be in effect for the whole period between the first entry and last exit. The index on page three refers to all transits only under those months in which they become exact, even if their duration extends over several months.

The texts and the computer program

The text of "Transits of the Year" was written by Robert Hand, one of the world's most famous and renowned astrological authors. Rob Hand lives on Cape Cod in the USA; he is especially concerned with the philosophical and historical dimensions of astrology. Originally the text was written to be used in a computer report published by Para Research Inc, later renamed to Astral Research Inc. A slightly extended version of the text has been published in the book "Planets in Transit". For use in "Transits of the Year", the original text was slightly shortened and edited. The introductory and intermittent paragraphs in italics originate from the Astrodienst team.

The computer program for "Transits of the Year" was created by Alois Treindl, director of Astrodienst Zürich. It is written in Prolog and C and uses concepts of expert systems and artificial intelligence to choose and evaluate the transits to the individual birth chart.

"Transits of the Year" does not deal with all the transits occurring during a year; rather, the most important ones - depending on the respective natal chart - are chosen and interpreted. Also, interpretation of certain transits may vary according to the age of the person in question and the presence or absence of certain factors in the natal chart; interpretation may also depend on other transits in operation at the time.

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Further reading

The "Personal Horoscope Calendar" offers you interpretations for each day of any given year, again using individual transits and the text material written by Robert Hand. In contrast to the "Transits of the Year", all transits of the swift moving planets and the transits of Chiron are considered. An included complete ephemeris of the respective period may be especially interesting for astrologers. A sample copy for one month is also available. (These new reports may not yet be available at all distributors in countries other than Switzerland).

In order to arrive at your own transit interpretation, you may find the following books helpful:

"Planets in Transit", by Robert Hand. This book provided the text basis for "Transits of the Year" and lends itself especially well to studying on your own.

"Transits, The Time Of Your Life", by Betty Lundsted. This book discusses only the transits of the slow moving planets and of Mars.