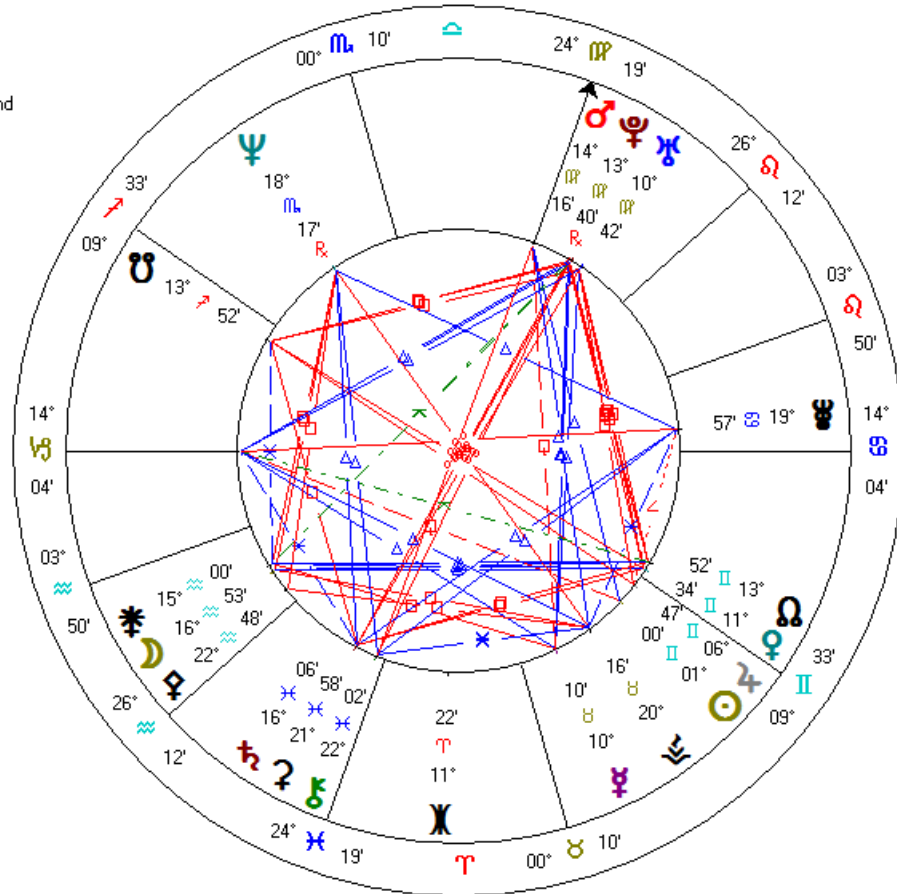


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 Venus: 11 degrees Gemini
 Mars: 14 degrees Virgo
 Jupiter: 06 degrees Gemini
 Saturn: 16 degrees Pisces
 Uranus: 10 degrees Virgo
 Neptune: 18 degrees Scorpio
 Pluto: 13 degrees Virgo
 Ascendant: 14 degrees Capricorn
 Chiron: 22 degrees Pisces
 North Node: 13 degrees Gemini

Personal Chart
for
Jo Bloggs
Created 11th February 2013

This chart looks into your next annual cycle, which will impact your chart over the next 12 months.

An annual cycle is the passage of the Sun, Venus and Mercury, which all have cycles of approximately 12 months and it is these cycles that I will work through, starting with the first of these to impact a point in your chart and ending with the last. As they each take around 12 months to orbit your chart, during a 12 month period they will cross every point in your chart, aligning with the energy of the planet or point that they pass over and for a period of time connect, with their energies fusing.

The time frame of this Report will be determined by when, in the next 12 month cycle, the Sun, Venus and Mercury will influence your personal planets.

These are the *minor transits* that we all experience year after year, after year and represent the natural rhythm and flow of our lives. They are very cyclical and over the years your natural biorhythms will have adjusted to them naturally, without you even being consciously aware. Because Mercury and Venus can never be more than 2 signs away from the Sun, we tend to have similar influences at similar times of year. That's why, over the years, you'll find that the same themes occur at the same times of the year. This is a natural rhythm or pattern that allows you to adjust to the astrological clock or seasons of your year, in the same way that you adjust to the climatic seasons of your year. Unlike climatic seasons, where everyone in the same hemisphere is in the same season, at the same time, your astrological seasons are unique to you, determined by the time of year you were born. They are your default system, regardless of where you are in the world and what climatic season you're in.

As well as that, there are other cycles taking place that are even more powerful, but don't reoccur on an annual basis, because the planets involved are slower moving, though still in their own cycle. Because these planets take more than a year to orbit the Sun and complete a cycle through your chart, during the 12 month annual cycle you may, or may not have other, more powerful transits taking place. These are the *major transits* of Saturn and Jupiter and of Mars who sits halfway between having an annual cycle and having a major impact, because his cycle takes around 22 months. Mars, Jupiter and Saturn aren't part of our annual astrological seasons, they are part of the seasons of our life and can occur at any time of the year and in Mars' case up to 2 years apart, Jupiter's case up to 12 years apart and in Saturn's case up to 3 decades apart. The further the time distance between one transit repeating again the longer it is likely to last and the more powerful the impact on you and your life is likely to be.

With the time frame of this Chart, which covers the next annual cycle that will take you out to early 2014, there will be a combination of major and minor transits. Major transits are powerful and have a big impact on the focus of your life, at any given time. Because these aren't part of the cyclical pattern of our lives, they stand out as

different, creating a break from the norm and rise above the natural pattern of the year. To make sure you don't miss these *major transits*, when one falls it will be preceded with **(Major transit)**.

So sit back, take your time and read through, ahead of time the journey that this Chart will take you on and into the transits that will colour and shape your coming year. However continue to refer to it throughout the year, for it's by being aware of when the planets are passing points in your chart that you're able to work in partnership with external forces, to gain the best possible advantage.

A transit is the coming together of energy from a passing or orbiting planet, with the energy in your birth chart. When this happens energy is released, which impacts on your life, but it also brings you back to the core message the planet in question is where it is in your chart for. Astrology cannot predict what the outcome of that energy release will be or how you'll use that energy, but it can tell you the nature of that energy, so you're better able to understand it and use it effectively in your life.

It's by knowing when these transits will be impacting your chart and what that transit is all about, that you're able to gain control of your life and your year, making the most of the opportunities and understand any challenges. It is like having a handbook, road map or instruction manual, for the coming year.

That is why I recommended that, although you may want to read this straight away, that you refer to it, throughout the coming year, especially as you approach the time of a new transit. A good idea is to scan down to the *major transits*, because it is these transits that will shape the year and define it as unique and different from any other year. It is for this reason that I have indicated them in red, so that you're able to scroll down and quickly find them.

You'll notice that there are times when there are two or more transits taking place at the same time, or even overlapping. When this happens, it often intensifies the experience of a transit. It's as though they need to shout to be heard, rather than being drowned out, by the other transit. A *major transit*, however, will always be more powerful and dominant than a *minor transit*. In fact, if there are major transits taking place at the same time as a minor transit, the minor transit may not even be felt at all. If that's the case and you're aware, by reading about it here that there is a minor transit taking place and if you don't feel its energy, still act as though you do and follow the message of that transit, for deep down, if you resonate with its energy, it will positively affect your life.

You'll also notice that there may be times when there are several dates connected to a transit. This is because the planet in question is retrograding. If there are **two or three dates under a transit this will be because of a retrograde phase and will be the same transit being repeated.** As if trying to get your attention, after having already completed a transit, a transiting planet comes back. The second time is always more powerful, because you've already experienced this before and if it's the middle of 3 dates the planet will be in retrograde motion, so you have hindsight on your side, allowing you to understand things in retrospect. You'll come into the transit for the second time, a lot wiser and a lot more prepared to make it work, bringing the opportunity for second chances. If you're lucky enough for this to happen three times,

then it is the third time that is even more powerful and is an especially good omen. This is where the saying 'third time lucky' comes from. If there are only 2 dates under a retrograde transit it's either because the first contact was last year, the final contact is next year or the planet concerned will turn direct or retrograde right when it's in aspect, so instead of passing over and coming back it will come to a standstill and turn. If that happens, you'll notice that one of the transits will last for a lot longer than the other, for a planet has to come to a standstill in order to turn direct or retrograde, increasing the power of that transit considerably.

For any planet to retrograde over a point in your sky means that they're trying to get your attention. Also because of the time that's taken to turn from direct to retrograde and back, these transits are often longer than they would otherwise be, making them even more powerful. It also pays, during that time that you refer to your 2013 Year Ahead Report to see which area of your solar chart the planet in question is impacting, which will bias the energy that way.

You may also notice that there are gaps or periods where there are no transits. That isn't because I've left something out, it's because there are no personal transits taking place at the time. It's very rare to find a birth chart where the planets are evenly distributed, so it's very normal to have periods where there are no transits taking place and other times when things are very busy. It's within these quiet periods that you're able to catch your breath and focus on what is happening, for you as a Sign, which is why I have included with this, your 2013 Year Ahead Report.

Jupiter conjunct Jupiter 06 degrees Gemini (Major transit)

3.00 am 11th January to 2.00 am 20th February 2013

In Astrology there are a group of transits that are known as 'lucky transits'. Within this group, the luckiest of all transits possible is a Jupiter/Jupiter conjunction. This is a Jupiter return, the luckiest and most eagerly awaited transits in our charts.

Because it is the luckiest transit possible, a Jupiter return has come to symbolise our luckiest time in a decade and it is, but in ways that go beyond the obvious.

It's not sudden windfalls, lotto wins or wild and absolute strokes of good fortune that happen and often people sit around waiting for just such a happening and are disappointed. However, there is something far more special going on and it's the true meaning and significance of this transit, that you need to understand, so you're able to make the most of it.

When you were born, as you took your first breath, Jupiter was in Gemini. From that very moment that is the Jupiter that relates specifically to you and forever will mark the passage of the Jupiter cycles in your life.

Jupiter is the planet of luck and good fortune, but he does this by expanding our world. He gives us our confidence, courage and a drive to find more, experience more and be more. He gets us to take risks and to evolve and to constantly reinvent ourselves and stretch ourselves. We don't ever arrive at the perfect place and what was right for us at 20 isn't at 30, 40, 50 or 60 and so on. We grow and expect more, both from life and from ourselves. Jupiter expands our world and he expands our abilities.

A Jupiter cycle starts with Jupiter at his exact point, he occupied in your birth chart. A Jupiter cycle lasts around 11 to 12 years and we all complete our first Jupiter cycle, at around 11 to 12 years of age. That's when we experience our first Jupiter return and from that point, we start a new Jupiter cycle. This one is different from the last and like a spiral, we are always going upwards.

As we near the end of one Jupiter cycle, we go into a period of evaluation and retrospect. We analyse and do an autopsy, without realising it, on what has been, while at the same time, preparing for a new cycle.

We all have Jupiter returns at the same ages. The first, as I said, is at around 11 to 12, the second 23 to 24, the third 35 to 36, the fourth 47 to 48, 59 to 60, 71 to 72 and so on. Everyone your age, is preparing for a Jupiter return, at some point between the 12th June 2012 and the 26th June 2013.

When Jupiter moved into Gemini on the 12th June 2012 your Jupiter return technically began, for Jupiter returned to the energy in your birth chart. Throughout the time that Jupiter is in Gemini, from the 12th June 2012 to the 26th June 2013, you will feel this sense of new beginnings and that you've moved into a new reality and a new cycle, a new Jupiter cycle.

When Jupiter returns to the exact same degree, you will experience your own personal Jupiter return. This is a milestone period in anyone's life and often presents as a defining moment in your or a defining point in your life.

It's then that you literally lay the seeds for the coming decade.

This is the most expansive, courage filled and progressive moment in a decade. It's a time to follow your dreams with all you've got and move forward with courage, confidence and the knowledge that with Jupiter behind you, you cannot fail.

So many, many happy Jupiter returns! To have a Jupiter return in this Report, makes this the most important year for you, in over a decade, with your future literally standing on the foundations you are building now.

Venus conjunct Moon 16 degrees Aquarius

11.00 am 15th February to 6.00 am 16th February 2013

This transit is a beauty of a transit. A Venus/Moon conjunction is dreamy and romantic. It normally only happens once a year and it brings out the romantic in you. It brings a strong emotional response to the things that you want. It doesn't have any of the heavy mandates of many of the other planets and it's one of those times when you just find joy wherever you go.

You notice songs on the radio, the sunset looks more beautiful and memories and special events seem more important, in short you'll be a lot more sentimental and you'll also have a much clearer read on your heart, with your heart and intuition linked. This gives you a much clearer sense of what you want and because of that increases your chances of turning desires into reality, for knowing what you want is usually the biggest stumbling block to getting what you want.

It is by having your heart and your emotions working as one, that you're not only able to align yourself with your desires you're able to see what you want and therefore know how to make it happen. This could create a real line in the sand or a wake up call.

Mercury conjunct Saturn 16 degrees Pisces

00.00 am 17th February to 00.00 am 18th February 2013

2.00 am 2nd March to 5.00 am 3rd March 2013

7.00 pm 3rd April to 4.00 pm 4th April 2013

Mercury is the planet that rules the mind and intellect. When Mercury is active in your chart, you're naturally smarter, more alert and on the ball.

Here, when Mercury aligns with your Saturn, the very literal translation of this transit is 'Strength of Mind'. You can expect to be exceptionally clear headed and disciplined or it could be that this is what's required, that there are things happening that require extra focus and concentration. Saturn is a very solid, even energy and if anything, he can make you too rigid and single or fixed minded. You'll be mentally on the ball, focused and determined.

This is a very dry and unemotional conjunction, where mind, intellect and strength combine. It's a powerful time and no matter what is happening in your life or no matter what you want to achieve, you'll have the intellect, courage and discipline to see it through.

A Mercury/Saturn conjunction is an annual one, so not a major transit, but it's there to be used. It's a strong sense of knowledge, understanding and knowing where you stand. You're likely to be very single minded, with a strong sense of conviction. There's nothing emotional about this transit, it's logical, determined and strong.

During this transit you can make changes and decisions with confidence. You'll know your own mind and know exactly what you want. This is not a time for compromise or for anyone to question your ideas. You'll know what you want, how you want it and exactly how you're going to get it.

It's a time for focused thoughts and dedication. It's an annual transit but if you can channel it into your professional or personal goals, it can give you a significant boost and advantage.

Mars conjunct Saturn 16 degrees Pisces

10.00 pm 22nd February to 5.00 am 24th February 2013

A Mars/Saturn conjunction only takes place once every 2 years and is a coming together of two energies that are intrinsically incompatible.

These two planets concerned just don't see eye to eye. They meet up every other year, but no matter how many times they meet up, they'll never get on. So it's pointless trying to even get them to try, but then, even if you could you would lose the real treasure that this transit holds.

Saturn is the part of your chart that rules your sticking to detail, applying discipline and following the rules. In fact, he is the rulebook that came with your life. He's also the planet that teaches you your tough lessons, so by now, you'll know at some level that you don't mess with this guy.

Mars is passionate, fiery and unruly. His only use for a rulebook is to set fire to it and use it as a flaming torch as he goes into battle. He's uncontrollable, untameable energy and it's Mars that pushes us forward and gives us our fighting spirit, spunk, competitive drives and ambitions. Without Mars we would never have the passion to conquer the world.

Too much Saturn and we stay stuck. Too much Mars and we have too much aggression and we'll always be starting things and never finishing them. Imagine though, having both these energies?

Mars and Saturn don't get on, but no one said anything about you being able to listen to both.

If can manage to balance these energies and make sure that one doesn't get out of control at the expense of the other, this can be a powerful point, in a 2 year period, where you can really stick to task, stay focused, but at the same time, remain impassioned and driven.

It's essential that you take control, because these guys won't do it, they'll each be pushing their own cause. They'll just get into a fight and that energy will spill over into your world. You'll find anyway, that you're extra argumentative, but avoid that at all costs, because the more this energy is wasted, the less you have to use on what's really important.

If you've had a long held wish, dream or passion, then this is the time to schedule some time to really focus on it seriously.

Mars conjunct Chiron 22 degrees Pisces

2.00 pm 2nd March to 9.00 pm 3rd March 2013

We all have a part of us that feels pain, that we try and cover up and pretend it's not there, but by doing that, we cover up the opportunity to tap into Chiron's real purpose, which is to provide healing, love and spiritual development through healing.

Mars on the other hand, is the planet of passion, drive and assertiveness. He's a warrior and is the planet of War.

Mars aligns with your Chiron once every 2 years.

Mars is the Warrior of the Zodiac. He fights on our behalf and gives us our drive and push to fight for ourselves, a passion or a cause. At other times, he just gets us to fight.

An ancient North American Indian prophesy, foretold that when the Planet of Healing was discovered, the ancient Sacred Warrior teachings would return to the earth.

When Mars the Warrior joins forces with the spirit of the ancient Sacred Warrior within your spirit, there'll be a passion and a fighting urge to wage the battles that your spirit needs to fight.

Whether it's your relationship, your job, a sense of emptiness, money, children.... The list goes on. Your passions will be aroused, but although they'll hitch a ride on the theme of the moment, they come from a deeper place.

You'll feel this transit for about a week to 10 days either side, so when you do feel your passions rise and that warrior spirit come out to battle, don't look at the trigger, look at what it evokes, for this is a powerful and exceptional opportunity to tap into your own Spiritual Warrior.

It's a connection with our inner Spiritual Warrior that is the most sought after of all human spiritual pursuits. Some people spend their whole lives, climbing mountains, visiting Buddhist Shrines, in the pursuit and search for the Spiritual Warrior energy.

Yet right there, in your own life, once every 2 years, Mars and Chiron give you an opportunity. Tap into that and you'll belong to a rare brand of human beings, who are more powerful and more in control of their lives, than you could ever imagine.

This then is a very spiritual and unique transit that needs to be given the respect it deserves.

Flex those warrior muscles and refuse to see this as a time when everyone seems to be pushing your buttons.

Sun conjunct Saturn 16 degrees Pisces

00.00 am 7th March to 00.00 am 8th March 2013

A Sun/Saturn conjunction takes place once a year, when the Sun moves across your natal Saturn.

Saturn is the anchor and strength in your chart. When any planet or cosmic body crosses this point, you automatically feel a sense of strength, optimism and courage. No matter what is happening in life, you have an inner belief and knowledge that you'll be able to deal with it.

The Sun, being the most powerful influence in your chart, brings a very potent and powerful dose of Saturn energy to the surface.

This is a very realistic and honest transit, in that it has none of the grandeur or 'big thinking' of other optimistic transits. The confidence you have is one that can be relied on, for it comes from an ability to recognise your strengths, talents and weaknesses. You know your own capabilities and because of that, you have confidence that you're not going to take any needless risks and you'll also know when to delegate and steer away from areas that are not your strength.

Because of a heightened sense of optimism and discipline, you're more likely to take steps towards your goals, projects or initiatives, that self doubt may have previously held you back from.

This is no 'will of the wisp' transit, rather one that is solid and strong and can be relied on. Any project started at this time, is likely to succeed, due to the fact that you're initiating it with the right kind of information and the right attitude. Whatever you put your energy into, during this time and up to 5 to 6 days either side, is likely to bring the results that you hope for.

This is an excellent time to take the initiative and give something a go.

Venus conjunct Saturn 16 degrees Pisces

11.00 am 11th March to 6.00 am 12th March 2013

By rights, Venus and Saturn energy are incompatible, but here, in a conjunction, they are working together.

Venus is the planet of love, desire and indulgence. Saturn is the planet of restraint, conviction and hard, disciplined focus. He's also the planet that brings us the hard lessons we need to learn. Where Venus advocates excess and self gratification, Saturn advocates delay of gratification and putting serious matters ahead of the less serious matters that Venus rules.

Here love and desire are tempered with very strong, but practical consideration. You're more sober and more serious about affairs of the heart and more restrained in both expressing affection and going after the things you desire.

Because of this, you may have to curb some of your enthusiasm for the things you desire and the way you love, but more importantly, you're able to bring the elements of focus, patience and steadfastness.

Both have to compromise here, in order to work together. This is not a major transit, for Venus crosses your Saturn once a year. If it was the other way round, with Saturn crossing your Venus, which only happens once every 30 years, this would be a lot stronger, more powerful and last a lot longer.

As it is, this is only in effect for less than 24 hours, with an orb of influence extending 5 to 6 days either side. During this time you'll be asked to be a little more serious, but that in itself is not a bad thing, in fact it can give you the focus you need to look objectively at what you want. Venus isn't prepared to give up her total premise, which is to bring love and pleasure into your life, but she does concede that sometimes Saturn does have a point and that if you want something, then you've got to be prepared to get serious, do what needs to be done and if you're focused on what you want and are prepared to delay gratification and give up the idea of quick fixes, then you'll gain much from this transit.

In a way, this is a sober look at your love life and the things that you desire the most, but sometimes that's what we need in order to take it to the next level.

Venus rules all things of the heart, including creativity and personal passions. Here Saturn allows Venus to still express these things, but in a focused and orderly way. You may have to get real, while keeping the element of joy and desire alive in your heart, but you've also got the focus, patience and dedication to take it to the next level.

All in all, although this isn't the light hearted transit that Venus usually brings, it does provide the solid backing to take those desires to levels where they can stand the test of time and bring more long lasting rewards.

This is also a good time to seek out people who are older, have more influence or the experience to help you get the things you want. If any relationship starts during this transit, it's likely to have a foundation that is solid, secure and more likely than not, long lasting and able to stand the test of time.

It's a time to get serious about love.

Sun conjunct Chiron 22 degrees Pisces

00.00 am 13th March to 00.00 am 14th March 2013

Chiron is the wounded healer in your chart and represents the part of you that will evolve and grow as a spirit, through healing and dealing with parts of you that aren't complete, painful or repressed. Some say that it represents past lives and it's within Chiron that we hold our karmic lessons, to be worked through in this life time.

The Sun is the greatest source of life in the solar system and when he crosses your natal Chiron, which he does once a year, he gives you the opportunity to shine the light on any of those dark, unhealed parts and heal with his powerful solar warmth and light.

This is a very positive transit if you work with it. There may be things you don't want to acknowledge, or accept and there have probably been many years that you've turned down the Sun's offer. I hope this isn't one of them.

Here you have a chance to heal, by acknowledging the wounded parts of your spirit and allowing the Sun to apply his healing rays. If you work with this transit and you actively allow this process to take place, there will be an almost instant and surprising sense of self empowerment and a realisation that something has changed. A great deal of personal growth can be achieved, but just by having a part of your spirit healed, your whole being is flooded with this sense of wholeness and peace of mind, which after all is the ultimate goal.

So much energy is taken up keeping those parts hidden, that when we don't have to do that anymore, we have that energy at our disposal and we feel as though we have more energy, than we've had in years.

Chiron heals, but the ultimate truth that Chiron brings is that he heals through love, especially self love. The ultimate expression of self love is the act of forgiveness.

Saturn opposition Mercury 10 degrees Taurus (Major transit)

7.00 am 16th March to 1.00 am 4th April 2013

12.00 pm 1st October to 1 pm 10th October 2013

Any Saturn opposition has two things in common. The first is that it's a once in a 30 year event, so therefore of major life importance. The second is that there will always be growth, brought about by frustration and resistance.

In this case, Mercury is the planet that rules your mind, intellect and thought processes. He also rules the way you interact and communicate with others.

Saturn's sole role in our charts and in our lives is to confront us and to literally save us from ourselves. Saturn knows he's not the most popular guy in the zodiac, but then, he isn't entered into a popularity contest. His role is that of a parent. He cares for you, knows what's best for you and doesn't really care how much you hate him at the time, for he's doing what's he's doing out of a love and out of a need to fulfil his duty. That of ensuring you claim and live the most authentic life possible.

When Saturn opposes your Mercury, one of two things, or more likely both at the same time, happen. Firstly, the ideas you want to express and the words you need to say, are blocked. You either find that you're drawn into relationships, work partnerships or simply chance encounters, where you're having to struggle to get your voice heard.

It is just as likely to appear in a relationship that you've been in for 30 years, as it is between someone you've met 5 minutes ago. It manifests as an inability and frustration over expressing yourself.

The key thing here is that instead of getting stressed about this, get excited. For what is happening, is that within you, there is an enormous amount of personal growth taking place and the events that are happening externally, are simply convenient mirrors that will enable you to break through this process. In short, you need these encounters, for without them; you'd never have the strength to break free.

It's not about the situation, or the people involved. It's about you and life's magnificent ability to manifest situations, which will help you work through a process, which will help you move to the next level of self expression.

The second way this can manifest and as I said, this often happens in tandem with what I've said above, is that the conflict isn't with other people or situations, it's with yourself. The very ideas and attitudes that have been so much a part of you that you didn't even know they were there, are suddenly so foreign and alien to you, that you're almost repulsed by them.

During this transit, some people say that they don't know what they think anymore, that what they used to believe in, they don't anymore.

Again, this is a natural process and however it presents; it's your thought processes that are taking a giant step forward, in terms of development, helped along by Saturn's unrelenting push. Throughout your life, other planets will exert influence, but all they do is provide the opportunity, which you can easily opt out of.

If you like, Saturn is the planet of last resort, for he mops up and finishes what other planets start. This is one planet you can't get away from.

Saturn transits can be challenging, but if you work through them, they always bring enormous self growth and when you're out the other side they are often the best things that could ever happen.

Venus conjunct Chiron 22 degrees Pisces

7.00 am 16th March to 2.00 am 17th March 2013

Chiron is a very special part of our chart and when it is being activated by another planet, as it is now, there is a chance for real healing and personal growth. Chiron doesn't deal with the material world, with his domain being that of the human spirit.

Chiron is the planet of healing, but more importantly, healing through love. It was foretold by the ancients, that a planet of healing would be discovered and it was then that the ancient wisdom would come forward, into the present day.

Venus crosses over your natal Chiron once a year and when that happens, you have a chance, in a very literal sense, to heal the wounds of the heart. Venus is the planet of love and although Chiron is the planet of healing, it is ultimately healing through love, both universal and personal.

Sometimes in order to heal we have to feel pain and if this Venus/Chiron conjunction can really perform the magic it's capable of performing, sometimes there has to be some pain. This healing doesn't just exist in the moment, it's past hurts especially, that this conjunction can heal.

Here you're being asked to trust, trust that your heart is strong, resilient and doesn't have to be wrapped up, over protected. If you deny yourself the chance to feel pain, you can never heal it. The world is full of people who never healed past pains, because they can't cross that threshold that they have to cross. Like a sound barrier, it may be bumpy as you pass through, but what's on the other side is a heart that is so free and capable of love, that it literally draws in authentic love, from every quarter.

The other aspect of this conjunction is the real aspect of healing. Astrologers that specialise in Chiron and there are whole books written about him, the main premise is that it is by holding in our pains, feelings and hurts, that results in physical disease and that by realising the blocks, you eliminate the body's ability to hold onto disease.

This may be a minor, small transit, but it's one, that if you work with it, can literally change not just your present, but your future as well.

If I could sum up this transit in one word, that word would be 'feel'.

Jupiter conjunct Venus 11 degrees Gemini (Major transit)

6.00 am 27th March to 11.00 am 2nd April 2013

A Jupiter/Venus conjunction is said to be the luckiest of all transits, second only to a Jupiter return and a Jupiter/Sun conjunction. Some argue which should be at the top, but in reality, all three share the title. Whenever Venus and Jupiter meet up, it's always a special time, but it's when Jupiter moves over your Venus, which only happens once every 12 years, that you really feel the power of this transit.

Jupiter transits, which you will be right in the grip of, are a little confusing at first glance. They are said to be the luckiest of all transits, so it's not uncommon for even Astrologers to stand back and wait for strokes of good fortune and lucky breaks.

Don't get me wrong, they do happen during these transits, but it's the exception rather than the rule.

The real power of a Jupiter transit is the power of expansion. Venus in your chart rules your heart and the things that you desire. It's the seat of your thirst and need for love, but also for creative expression of the heart.

When Jupiter crosses over this point, which he does once every 12 years, he expands that natural urge that is already there. It's as though your heart is suddenly and insatiably hungry and thirsty for the things that will fulfil it.

In a literal sense it may bring a new romantic partner into your life, so great is your need for true love and true joy.

This is the kind of transit that can bring your soul mate into your life, but I have to caution that, that is a major generalisation and although it certainly can happen, isn't the rule. The real gift of this transit is to open your heart. If you're in a relationship, the urge will be there to either reconnect and find that old spark, or you might want to get out altogether. If single, that drive will be there to find that special someone and if there isn't anyone in your life, rather than this being a transit that is full of love and joy, you may experience it as a sense of loss or lack.

However this presents, it's a wake up call for the heart and a time when you need to really re evaluate how you honour your need for love and joy.

Jupiter is a very slow moving planet, so although your exact Jupiter/Venus conjunction only lasts a matter of days, its influence is felt for many months either side.

It's like a plane flying overhead. You hear the plane approaching and it's at that point that it's in 'orb' – you're aware of it. It gets louder as it approaches and is loudest when it's directly overhead, then as it moves off, the sound decreases until you can't hear it at all.

This is exactly the same principle with the planets. So, in terms of Jupiter crossing your natal Venus and opening and awakening your heart, you'll 'hear' or 'feel' this about a month before hand and it will take a month or so afterwards, to move out of range.

Venus is the planet whose job it is to ensure that we experience pleasure, love, joy and spontaneity. Broken down to its core essence, Venus rules desire. Her role in our chart is to keep our sense of desire alive. She works with the heart and the things that we crave. It is said that she rules love and money, but it's much more than that. She rules all the things that we desire, by making us want them so much, that they become real.

Jupiter crosses this point once a decade, connects to that energy that is already there, namely the things you desire and need and literally expands them and makes you lucky beyond belief.

Whether it's romantic love, desire for material objects or simply a state of mind, so long as it's something that you want, you're more likely to get it, than at any other point in 12 years.

A Jupiter/Venus conjunction is one of the most powerful and fortunate transits for relationships.

Not only does it promote growth and expansion within the relationship, but it also helps overcome difficulties in a way that, rather than avoid them, you are able to grow through them, to a stage where the relationship is strengthened.

Venus is the planet in your chart that rules the heart in all its facets, from romantic love, through to creative passions. If it's close to your heart and brings you pleasure and joy, then it falls under the domain of Venus. Jupiter is the planet of luck and expansion, when he crosses your Venus, which he does once every 12 years, all those desires are expanded, both in their importance and their ability to grow.

Throughout the time that Jupiter is in Gemini, from the 12th June 2012 to the 26th June 2013, these planets will be working together, but it will be more powerfully felt, during this exact alignment.

There is a rule of thumb in Astrology, that any relationship begun during this transit will be blessed for the whole of its life, ensuring a connection that will stand the test of time and continue to grow. If you're in a relationship, Jupiter and Venus will work to expand what is already there. In many cases, this means the taking of a relationship to the next level, in the form of an engagement or marriage.

Either way, you're incredibly lucky in love, with what's written in your heart now, over the whole time that Jupiter is in Aries will manifest into reality.

The Astrology books of old, give a warning with this transit, but my belief is that it's too short to worry about that and as far as warnings go, it's not one to worry about. They preach caution, because this is a transit of excesses. Because, literally, it means that your desires are expanded, this can cause you to indulge too much in the things you desire, leading to over indulgence. But in my view, I think that for the most part, we tend to deny ourselves too many indulgences. So long as the indulgences aren't harmful, then I say – indulge away.

You'll naturally be drawn aspects of beauty, both in your surroundings and in your everyday life. From where I stand, the only negative associated with this transit is that it doesn't happen often enough.

Jupiter conjunct North Node 13 degrees Gemini

7.00 am 8th April to 8.00 pm 13th April 2013

Any Jupiter transit is a major transit, especially a conjunction, which only happens once every 12 years.

Jupiter is the planet of luck, good fortune and expansion. But the real key to understanding and working with Jupiter is the concept of expansion. When you see the word luck, we tend to think of winning lotto or sudden windfalls falling from the sky. Although that is possible during a Jupiter transit, it's more likely to be luck that come from work, effort and focus in the past. Jupiter expands what is there, so if nothing is there, no matter how many times you expand it, it's still nothing.

On the other hand, no matter how small something is, if you expand it, it will grow. In any Jupiter transit, Jupiter expands whatever is there and because of that, luck appears to happen. In reality it all comes down to good timing.

Your North Node is a very special part of your chart. It is not a planet or heavenly body, it's a point in the sky. As the earth spins around the Sun, it rotates slightly and at any given time, true geographical north changes. It takes roughly 18 to 20 years for True North to align with every point in your chart.

On the day you were born, true north, or the North Node, was at 13 degrees Gemini. Forever, in your consciousness this is the point to you, your compass will always read as True North. Just as in a real compass, no matter which direction you turn, or where you go, because it will always point North and you'll never get lost. Therefore your North Node is the direction you are aiming for, no matter how lost you get. It's your reference point and by aligning yourself to your True North, you'll never get lost and never wander from your true path.

You have this with you, every moment of every day, down there somewhere. When Jupiter crosses this point, which he does once every 12 years, he expands that sense within you. While this will be felt most powerfully when the transit is exact, this is going to have a big impact for the whole time that Jupiter is in Gemini, from the 12th June 2012 to the 26th June 2013.

This creates a huge and massive increase in the power of your sense of your direction. You know where you're going and every cell in your body comes alive with an expansion and surge of energy. You're confident, ambitious and highly motivated. Your future becomes so real and so mammoth in proportions, that it becomes clear, defined and very, very real. This is the exact opposite of lacking direction, motivation or a sense of hope for your future.

Hope drips from the ceiling in this transit. You should feel this building for up to 6 weeks before hand and while it's exact, you're as close to defining and identifying your future goals, than at any point in a decade.

You're optimistic, driven, excited and full of hope, now that your future is literally screaming to you and blazoned in lights that you can't fail to be aware of it. This is a very powerful point in a decade when your future not only looks very bright, but very close, clear and expansive.

This is one of the luckiest and most powerful points in a decade, when your future is so close, you could touch it.

Mercury conjunct Chiron 22 degrees Pisces

7.00 pm 8th April to 2.00 pm 9th April 2013

Chiron is the guardian of healing and knowledge. He is said to be the part of your chart that is wounded and in need of healing and that it's by that healing that you'll create spiritual evolvment and personal growth.

Mercury crosses your Chiron once a year and gives you the opportunity to heal and connect, through communicating with others. It's a time to talk through old issues and to connect to loved ones and yourself. In a very literal sense, it's words that will heal.

Mercury is a very unemotional and rational energy, so you're able to look at areas of your life that you feel pain, in a way that isn't overly dramatic, self blaming or too emotive to make sense of it. You can identify in a very logical way that accepts things for what they are and is then prepared to use dialogue and authentic connecting to heal those hurts or pains.

This is especially powerful in personal relationships, either in the one you're in, or to put closure and resolution to past relationships or to heal those that are still in the process of healing.

Any new connections formed around that time, will be drawn in by Chiron's energy and are likely to have aspects of soul mate or past life connections. Maybe someone may come into your life as a healer, simply by the words they use, at the right time.

Jupiter square Mars 14 degrees Virgo (Major transit)

8.00 pm 13th April to 3.00 am 19th April 2013

Any transit involving Jupiter is always a lucky and fortunate transit, even a traditionally challenging transit such as a square. In this case, Jupiter is in a square position to your natal Mars.

Here energy, passion and motivation are being pushed on by expansive and lucky Jupiter energy. What this will do is make you very exuberant and at times, feeling as though you're almost bouncing off the walls, so strong is your need for activity.

With this transit, there is always a danger of undoing all the good that this transit can bring. In this case, that danger comes from overdoing it. Because your energy levels will be high and you'll feel that push to act on that need for action, you could find yourself acting without thinking.

There's a sense of exuberance here that could see you taking unnecessary risks, or acting before you have all the information, or before conditions are right. Over confidence could lead to taking on situations that are beyond your capabilities.

This is a powerful transit that only takes place twice every 12 years, so is a very, very important time. It's important then, that you handle this transit in such a way, that you gain maximum benefit.

So long as you're aware of the pitfalls, in that you could be pushed to act too confidently and so long as you apply some caution and think things through carefully, then you'll gain enormously from this time. Even though this transit will be more powerful when it's exact, the whole time that Jupiter is in Gemini, from the 12th June 2012 to the 26th June 2013, will be coloured by this transit.

I guess the real key to mastering this transit and using it to your maximum advantage, is to take hold of this energy and to make sure that it's focused, not scattered over a

wide, ineffective playing field. Don't let caution stop you altogether, just make sure, before you bound into the fray, that you have your facts straight and you're putting your energy into the best possible area.

Venus conjunct Mercury 10 degrees Taurus

10.00 pm 23rd April to 6.00 pm 24th April 2013

A Venus/Mercury conjunction has some practical purpose, but is an especially pleasant one, a time when heart and mind are working as one.

Venus is the planet of desire, pleasure and love. Mercury is the planet that rules the mind, intellect and conversation. In the very narrowest of definitions, this is a transit that inspires 'beautiful thoughts'.

Your mind will be geared to pleasure with pleasant times to be found through conversation. You'll enjoy talking to other people. Although this will spill into your business and professional day, especially if your work involves interacting with people, it's more likely that it's your personal life that will benefit. Your heart has a voice and you're able to have heart and mind working as one.

This is an especially pleasant transit for your personal relationships. Because of the pleasure to be gained through conversation, you'll naturally be drawn towards talking and expressing yourself, bringing words and love together. However, this is a very light and pleasure filled transit, so you won't be interested in negativity or any heavy issues. This is simply a chance to reconnect with your spouse, children, friends or acquaintances.

You'll genuinely exude an aura that says you are genuinely enjoying simply chatting and talking. This will make others feel good and warm to you. It's through this sense of pleasant, even idle 'chit chat', that you'll gain a sense of connection.

This is a minor transit, that will be gone within a day or so, but if you use this vibe and don't ignore it and you actually take time out of your day to indulge this desire, then you can make a huge difference.

If there were a 'magic pill' for your relationship, this would be it. If you're single, you'll probably find that you feel very flirty. If you're ready for love, then this is going to make you very attractive to the opposite sex.

Jupiter square Saturn 16 degrees Pisces (Major transit)

5.00 am 24th April to 5.00 am 29th April 2013

Any transit, no matter what it is, involving Jupiter, is a major transit. Jupiter is the planet that controls and regulates our growth and personal expansion.

Jupiter is known as the planet of luck, because he brings expansion, both to the area of your chart he's moving through, but also to the planet that he's aspecting in your chart. He's a slow, giant of a planet, the largest planet in the solar system and a huge influence in our charts. He takes 12 years to orbit the Sun and spends around 12 months in each sign. Because of this, Jupiter transits are few and far between. Where

you may get a transit twice a year, from a faster moving planet, Jupiter transits are years apart, longer and more powerful. They have a profound effect on our life and because this is an area where we can grow, then this needs to be a major focus.

I have to be honest and tell you that this can be a challenging transit. You'll feel this building several weeks before hand and will be at its most powerful during the actual transit. It will start with a general feeling that something just isn't right. You won't be able to put your finger on it, but somehow certain things just don't fit any more.

At this point, you've reached a moment in your life when Jupiter and Saturn, together, perform one of the most important jobs possible, in your life. They do exactly what you're feeling, they making sure that everything fits. To do this, they apply pressure.

Where Jupiter is pulling, Saturn is pushing and they're squeezing out the boundaries of your life. This can feel like being squashed in your own skin, with these two giants inside. Talk about a squeeze.

What you're going through is one of the most important processes possible. They'll test this on every single area of your life and where they find situations, relationships or part of your life, that are no longer appropriate or healthy or helpful, they'll draw your attention, so you can work at ending or changing them. At the same time, over the years, things have developed that need more focus than they did in the past, in which case they'll alert you that you need to pay more attention to this area.

If we never went through this process, we'd set our compass as a young adult and we'd never change course. What a limiting life that would be.

There is nothing you can do to speed this process, in fact, the whole essence is that this is a slow, gradual and therefore 'painless' experience. You may feel restless, but what you may find the hardest is that this can be so vague, that you can't define it. It can be frustrating. This is when you can be heard muttering 'I don't know what's wrong with me, I'm so... this... or that....'.

Don't waste your time trying to find answers. The more you can submit to the process, accept that Jupiter and Saturn are working to update your life and freshen it, the more this natural process can take place on its own. I should imagine that your fridge knows this feeling very well, when you come along to clean it out. I'm sure it's got really fond of that mouldy piece of cheese and is hanging on to it for dear life.

This is simply a time of major realignment that will take several months to fully play out, but will be at its most powerful point, during the actual Jupiter/Saturn square. You'll feel this energy the whole time that Jupiter is in Gemini, from the 12th June 2012 to the 26th June 2013.

Jupiter trine Moon 16 degrees Aquarius (Major transit)

5.00 am 24th April to 5.00 am 29th April 2013

The Moon represents your emotional centre as well as the way that you interpret things through more intuitive means. How well this emotional part of you is being supported, in any given year, has a major impact on your reality. This is a transit that

doesn't impact on things in a real or tangible way, but creates the filter through which we see and rationalise everything that happens to us. Because of that, this can make a considerable impact on our life, even change the direction it's taking, because of a change in attitude

If you are in a good mood, then everything in the world looks brighter, more promising, more positive and you're more willing to take a risk. Quite literally, this is what this transit does, it puts you in a very good mood. Jupiter, planet of luck, expansion and good fortune, is impacting on your emotional centre in the most positive and powerful way possible.

This boosts your confidence, inflates your ego, which despite what you may have been led to believe is a very good thing and generally gives you a more positive outlook on life. After the Sun, the most powerful force in your chart is the Moon, which is often described as your shadow personality.

You'll feel this buoyant sense of support and optimism for the whole time that Jupiter is in Gemini, from the 12th June 2012 to the 26th June 2013.

Sun conjunct Mercury 10 degrees Taurus

5.00 pm 30th April to 6.00 pm 1st May 2013

This is an annual transit and brings a time when again, you're smart and on the ball. Here the Sun provides insight into the workings of your mind. It's a time when you'll feel decisive and know your own mind. During that time, you'll have a sense of clarity and lightness of mind. You'll feel the surge of power as it seeps back into all your brain cells. It's as though light is flooding every area that was grey or clouded in fog.

This is a great transit for both your business and personal worlds. This happens once a year and is a time when you have a clear insight into your own thought processes. You'll have a very real advantage in all your dealings.

The Sun gives vision and clarity here to your thought processes and your intellectual abilities. This is a very smart, on the ball, vibe that is excellent for any business matters or personal communication. You're aware and onto everything that you'll ace, whatever you're doing. It's one of those days that you just can't stand yourself, you're just so damned slick!

Mars conjunct Mercury 10 degrees Taurus

11.00 am 4th May to 7.00 pm 5th May 2013

Mars is the planet of drive, passion and energy and Mercury is the planet of mental clarity, intellectual thought and communication.

Once every 2 years, Mars aligns with Mercury and the energies from these two planets merge into one. This is an extremely powerful and positive transit and is extremely valuable, for any project or work that requires energetic thoughts and passionate and creative ideas.

Your brain and your mind, quite literally are electrified. No matter what your natural talents, you'll feel inspired and passionate, both in your ideas and in your ability to express them.

This is an extremely powerful and lucky transit to have at your disposal in your professional life, as you'll be inspired and stimulated. Others will be drawn to this new 'X' factor you possess and because you're so passionate in your thinking and your ability to express your thoughts, others will be naturally drawn up in this magical aura.

In all forms of expression, in writing and communication, you'll be colourful, descriptive and passionate. If you're a student, or writing is part of your job or a hobby, you'll be inspired, with your ideas both flowing and dazzling.

In both your personal and business life, this is a time for all these magical vibes to stimulate your mind, while at the same time, sharing it with others. Expect to impress and excel at whatever requires original and creative thought.

Mercury conjunct Mercury 10 degrees Taurus

3.00 am 7th May to 2.00 pm 7th May 2013

This is a Mercury return. Once a year Mercury, planet of communication and smart thinking returns to the exact position he occupied in the heavens, when you were born. This is a time when you're at your smartest, most articulate, most switched on and best able to express yourself.

Knowing ahead of time when your mind is going to be at its smartest point, gives you the knowledge of when to schedule things you need to be smart for. During a Mercury return you'll be at peak intellectual form with anything that requires logical thought, intelligence or an ability to communicate effectively. This is the top time, in the year, when you're at your smartest. In a time when your brainpower and ability to reason is already heightened, this is the time when you can have most confidence in your own mind. Schedule meetings, enter negotiations or have important talks with confidence.

Your mind is razor sharp and working at its peak.

Venus conjunct Sun 01 degrees Gemini

11.00 pm 10th May to 7.00 pm 11th May 2013

11.00 am 22nd May to 12.00 pm 23rd May 2013

When Venus aligns with your Sun, you have one of your most romantic and pleasurable days of the year. When it comes to love, romance and pleasure, there are 3 top days in every year. This is No. 2.

This is a time when things just go well. We've all had them, but just didn't know why. It's those days when everything goes well and life seems to be in rhythm with your steps. Your relationship runs well and your job hums along. You're more attractive; both physically and in that things are naturally drawn to you. It's just a nice time when everything good in your life happens.

In your personal life it's love that you'll draw, while at the same time, you'll be doing very well professionally. In fact, in every area of your life things will just feel as though they're all coming together.

This is when Venus, planet of love and desire is in your sign and during the 4 weeks that she will spend here, this is the time when this will be most potent for you and you get your most concentrated form of Venus energy. This is when the laws of attraction and working powerfully in your favour, giving you a very unfair advantage.

Venus conjunct Jupiter 06 degrees Gemini

1.00 am 15th May to 8.00 am 15th May 2013

Any transit involving Venus is always a pleasant one. Even if the aspect is difficult, it just seems to bring out even more of Venus' magic. However, of all the possible transits for Venus to be in, this is the best of the best.

Jupiter is the planet of luck and expansion. Venus, already a magical planet, is enhanced even more.

This is a very, very lucky transit and in fact, apart from Jupiter crossing your Venus, which can only happen once every 12 years, this is always considered the luckiest day(s) of your year.

This evokes very pleasant feelings internally, which you exude out to. Others are attracted your way and the whole world seems to want to do you a favour. Out of all the 365 days of the year, this is the day that the laws of attraction are working in your favour, for it is a basic law of nature that what feel internally and exude out, is what you attract back.

One likely outcome of this transit is a lucky windfall. However, this isn't common and not the usual way this manifests. However, even if you don't buy raffle or lotto tickets, if you get the opportunity, then this is the day to take a small punt, with your luck running high.

It's more likely though, that you'll simply be lucky in life. You're lucky in both money and love, mainly due to the infectious good mood, which is almost contagious.

You're likely to find that your self discipline is very low, but then why fight it. In fact, it's by the relaxation of some of your own rules, that you'll put yourself in situations where luck can find you.

In the very literal translation of this transit, it is a time when your desires and your confidence are expanded.

In relationships, ancients always spoke of this as the perfect time for a wedding and if you're lucky enough to fall in love under this transit, then your union will be blessed and long lasting.

The only negative aspect of this transit is that it's all too short. It's something to be looked forward to, in the same way that you would look forward to your birthday.

Whatever your demands, make sure that you leave plenty of time to enjoy this exceptional day, which is one of THE most magical of the year.

Mercury conjunct Sun 01 degrees Gemini

8.00 pm 16th May to 7.00 am 17th May 2013

A Mercury/Sun conjunction is an annual transit, so not a major transit, but it's there to be used. It's a strong sense of knowledge, understanding and knowing where you stand. You're likely to be very single minded, with a strong sense of conviction. There's nothing emotional about this transit at all, it's logical, determined and strong.

Mercury rules the mind and your logical and unemotive thought processes. When Mercury crosses your Sun, your insight is sharpened. You think more clearly and you're able to reason and apply logic to all your thought processes. It's one of your smartest periods of the year. During this transit you can make changes and decisions with confidence. You'll know your own mind and know exactly what you want.

It is not just when Mercury crosses over your Sun that you will be sharp and on the ball, but the whole time that Mercury is in your Sun sign, which he will be from the 16th May to the 31st May 2013.

This is a good time for all business or professional dealings, because your mind is functioning at its peak. It's a time of clarity of thought and the ability for clear, intelligent and logical thinking. It's Mercury, because he's the one moving, that is the more powerful, so it's a time to apply smart thinking to every aspect of your life and for opening the communication lines, networking and making contacts. Sharp and articulate, you're on a roll.

In business, you'll be smart and on the ball and in your personal life, the communication lines are open.

Venus conjunct Venus 11 degrees Gemini

2.00 am 19th May to 10.00 pm 19th May 2013

A Venus/Venus conjunction is a magical and awesome Venus Return. At the moment of your birth Venus was at 11 degrees Gemini. That stamped you and for the rest of your life, when it comes to love, pleasure and desire, you view these things through Gemini senses. When Venus returns to Gemini each year, then things really start happening because this is the Venus you know and relate to.

When Venus returns to the exact same degree as she occupies in your Birth Chart you'll experience your Venus Return. It's at that point, that the desire you have internally, mirror exactly what Venus wants to give you.

When it comes to the heart and things you desire, this is the time of the year that you're more likely to get it, than at any other time.

We all experience a Venus Return once a year and is a time that we're magnetic and more likely to attract love, money and the things that we desire, than at any other time

of the year. Even though you weren't aware of it at the time, your desires will have been heightened, with a strong sense of what you want.

During this time, you're a virtual magnet for whatever you want. Venus, in your chart, rules love and desire. When orbiting Venus is at the same degree, they are in perfect harmony with each other. This is the point, in the whole year when you're most magnetic, most attractive and most likely to attract what your heart desires the most.

The laws of attraction are always in motion, but it's during your Venus Return that they are at their most potent and powerful point, in any given year.

Mercury conjunct Jupiter 06 degrees Gemini

4.00 am 19th May to 3.00 pm 19th May 2013

This is a lucky and fortunate little transit. This is minor, rather than a major transit so the things that it brings won't be life changing, but as a tool, it is very, very handy.

Mercury is the planet that rules your mind. He rules the way you think, reason and communicate. Jupiter, on the other hand, is considered to be the planet of luck, because he expands whatever he comes across.

In this transit, quite literally, your mind is expanded. Your ability to communicate, both in your expression and command of language, is expansive and bold. You'll find yourself coming up with words you didn't even know you knew. You'll be articulate, informed and charming. This is one of those transits that you're likely to find yourself saying 'Did I say that? I'd better write that down before I forget it'.

Your ability to come up with ideas and think through issues and problems will also be expanded. You'll not only come up with more ideas, but they're more likely to be brilliant, some even bordering on genius.

You'll respond to questions and problems quickly and effortlessly, not only solving them but coming up with creative and inspired new angles.

Because of this, this is a very lucky time for all business and career matters and if want to pitch your ideas to someone else, because you're applying for a job, selling or in marketing, or simply dealing with clients, this is a day when you're going to be a star.

The key to Astrology lies in timing. Schedule any important meetings around this time and put your mind to work, at coming up with brilliant new strategies and ideas.

Smart moves are here to help in the very areas that you want to expand. Jupiter is the part of your chart that rules your luck and good fortune. With Mercury giving you the intellectual edge, you're more likely to get what you want, through your ability to use your mind creatively.

Mercury conjunct Venus 11 degrees Gemini

1.00 pm 21st May to 1.00 am 22nd May 2013

Venus is the planet of love, desire and pleasure. When Mercury energy combines with this, you have a strong element of smart and decisive moves, able to be applied to the things that you want. In terms of personal relationships and romance, you'll find it easier to express your feelings and emotions. In business or simply going after the things you want, your heart and mind will be working as one. This will be a time of 'If you can see it, you can get it'.

Mercury is the planet that rules the intellect and the logical mind. As Mercury moves around the heavens, when he crosses a point in your chart, he supplies the element of rational and logical thought, to the area ruled by the planet he's passing over. In this case it is Venus, planet of love and desire.

When Mercury crosses Venus, he applies a sense of reality and intelligence. This is a positive transit, so Mercury is working with you. Now that you've identified the things you desire or want, Mercury is there to lend a hand, to help you get it. With the desire still alive in your heart you're not content to let it just sit there, you'll be spurred into action, mental action or to speak out, giving your heart a voice.

This transit makes you more articulate. You're able to express what you feel, making this a time to open up the communication lines. Quite literally, you have heart and mind working as one.

Sun conjunct Jupiter 06 degrees Gemini

4.00 pm 27th May to 5.00 pm 28th May 2013

Once a year the Sun crosses your natal Jupiter and shines a light into the part of your chart that rules your luck, good fortune and expansion.

Jupiter is the planet that is the bow of our ship. Where he leads, everything else in our life follows. This is our sense of purpose and the real reason we are here.

We go through the motions of paying our bills, doing our duties, taking care of our responsibilities, but what for? What's your overall dream and goal? Where is your life leading and what do you want to achieve? This is the realm of your dreams and what you want out of life for yourself.

On this day, when the Sun crosses your Jupiter, he provides insight into this area, giving you a greater sense of insight, understanding and purpose.

This is a very positive transit and is a time when you feel very close to your dreams. You know what you want and any changes, choices or attitudes you need to adopt, will come as second nature. This is like stumbling in the dark and all of a sudden, someone comes along and turns the light on. It doesn't matter how long that light is on, for once you have a glimpse of the map, a new sense of direction and resolve sets in.

Sun conjunct Venus 11 degrees Gemini

9.00 pm 1st June to 10.00 pm 2nd June 2013

A Sun/Venus conjunction is perfect for love, romance and pleasure. It's a pleasant transit that takes place once a year, when everything seems to go well and when you have clear look into your heart, revealing what it really feels and wants.

This happens once a year and any time Venus is involved, it's a real Red Letter day. Venus in your chart is the part of you that experiences and expresses love, desire and is the key to the pleasure centre of your being. When the Sun crosses your Venus, he adds the same elements mentioned above, of insight, vision and clarity.

There is a rule of thumb regarding the things that we desire and it's that 9/10th of getting what we want is knowing what we want. The actual getting something, once we've identified it, is the easy part.

You'll feel this about 6 days before hand, so work with it. What the Sun and Venus will be doing is working together to identify exactly what it is you want. Astrology isn't a predictive science; it simply gives you the right timing and an understanding of the influences at play. It's then up to you how you're going to use that energy. The real key in understanding your chart is the knowledge it gives you and the power to work with these transits. The true tragedy is not knowing these are available and they're therefore wasted.

Actively work with the Sun and Venus to really nail down what you want. Venus rules desire and more likely than not the things that she'll be focusing on are affairs of the heart, your passions and material possessions.

Mars conjunct Sun 01 degrees Gemini

9.00 am 2nd June to 6.00 pm 3rd June 2013

This is a very high powered and potent transit.

Mars has an orbit of just over 22 months, so crosses your Sun once every 2 years. This is not an everyday occurrence, so needs your full attention. This is when Mars, planet of drive, passion and ambition is in your sign and though he will be here for 6 weeks this is when this will be felt most potently for you.

Mars energy is potent, passionate, driven and explosive. We need Mars in our chart, for he is that rocket beneath us that gets us going and pushes us forward. When he crosses our Sun, we experience Mars in his most potent form possible.

This has distinct advantages and opportunities, but is a transit where it's recommended that you read the 'warning label'.

This is powerful energy, but it does need to be controlled. You'll feel fired up and ready for battle. This is amazing power to have in your professional world, making this the ideal time to launch forward with new projects or passions.

The only real danger comes if you have nothing to channel this energy into, for it has to go somewhere. Left with no form of expression, it becomes like a bored child – very naughty!

Take this energy with both hands and if you were ever waiting for the right time, when you had the energy or the motivation to go after your dreams, this is the moment you've been waiting for.

Mars conjunct Jupiter 06 degrees Gemini

10.00 am 9th June to 8.00 pm 10th June 2013

It is only once every 2 years that Mars crosses your natal Jupiter, so is a significant transit.

Mars is the planet of drive, passion, ambition and competitiveness. He's the planet that gives us the passion, fire and drive to fight for what we want. He's the impassioned Warrior of the Zodiac. As he passes your Jupiter, which he does once every 2 years, he injects all that energy into the part of your chart that drives you forward. It's a time of heightened drives and a huge amount of ambition. It's a very successful time, when your motivation is at an all time high.

Mars rules all our passions, so if it's love or a romantic affair, you'll be just as impassioned and just as blessed.

Jupiter is the planet of luck, expansion and good fortune. During this transit, the things that you're passionate about will expand, while at the same time, you'll be lucky and more fortunate, if you follow your passions. This is the ideal time to go after that special dream and goal, that's been hiding in your heart.

Mars is known as the planet of success and Jupiter is the planet of luck, aligned like this, they foretell a successful and lucky period.

Mars conjunct Venus 11 degrees Gemini

12.00 pm 16th June to 10.00 pm 17th June 2013

Venus is the planet of love, desire, romance and pleasure. She doesn't care about the lessons you need to learn, or challenges you have to overcome, nor whether you should be pushing forward on business or family matters, she doesn't care about any of those things; they're the domain of other planets. Her role in your chart is very simple – it's desire.

Mars has an orbit of 22 months and once every other year he'll align with your natal Venus. As this transit only takes place once every 2 years, it is considered a significant transit and therefore, its influence in your life will be significant.

Mars is the planet of drive, passion and fire. He'll align with the part of your chart that rules your desires so literally you have a coming together of passion and desire. Mars and Venus energy, when combined, create an enormous amount of sexual chemistry and electricity. They also ignite your creative passions and talents. It's a sense of your heart almost bursting with desire.

This is a truly awesome transit. Your motivation and passions are so high, that almost anything you want, you'll get it, because of the desire to have it, with the laws of

attraction doing the rest. It's a very special transit and any year that has Mars crossing your Venus, is blessed.

This is an especially fortunate transit for your relationships. Venus rules all aspects of desire and if it's not a person you're falling in love with, it could be a return to a past passion, pleasure or creative talent. If you used to dance, paint, write or do anything creative, that urge will be strong to recapture that again.

What it's really about is the passionate expression of your heart.

If you've got a dream, a passion or a love, whatever you do, open your heart and let it in.

A Mars/Venus conjunction is a very passionate, fiery and romantic placement. It's also one of passion for creativity. This transit needs an outlet and it will find it in either a romantic liaison, or the drive to fulfil a creative passion.

Here, desire and passion combine in a way that creates energy and enthusiasm. It's the things that get you excited that will be almost impossible to resist.

Mars and Venus energies are very closely interrelated and when they come together in any transit, there is always an 'interesting' mix of dynamics at play.

Venus conjunct Uranus 10 degrees Virgo

9.00 am 31st July to 5.00 am 1st August 2013

Venus aligns with your Uranus once a year, so is not a major transit, but it is a delightful one, especially if you enjoy adding a little more excitement, spontaneity and freedom into your connection and to the things in life that bring you pleasure.

Uranus is the planet of surprise happenings, the unexpected and a break from conformity. Venus is the planet that rules affairs of the heart, pleasure, creativity and the things that bring you personal joy.

You'll be intolerant of anything than hems you in and you'll crave excitement and a break from the norm. If you're in a relationship, your tolerance levels for anything dull or routine will be low. This is a 'let's do something different' kind of vibe that breaks away any barriers that could be holding your connection in a rut. You'll be more willing to experiment and to try something new.

Uranus is the planet of surprise and unexpected happenings. Therefore it's a great time to surprise your lover, or to receive a surprise.

If single, you'll be attracted to people that are exotic or different from you, with an element of the radical or the nonconformist. Love may also sneak up on you when you least expect it.

This is also said to be a good time for money matters, either with a surprise gain, or that sense of nonconformity that Uranus brings, giving you the courage to take risks

you normally wouldn't take. This isn't a good time for being reckless with money, but it is a time for being open to new and different ways of investing it.

If this transit could be summed up in one phrase, it would be to expect the unexpected when it comes to the realms of love and pleasure. It's also a time to ditch the routine and declare war on conformity and simply going through the motions.

Venus conjunct Pluto 13 degrees Virgo

9.00 pm 2nd August to 5.00 pm 3rd August 2013

A Venus/Pluto conjunction is very sensual and intense. Pluto is dark, smouldering Scorpio energy and as such is mysterious, dark and often has a sense of danger and heightened sense of mystery attached to it. Any new love affair started during this transit is likely to stay intense and passionate. In an existing connection, you can add this energy; in exactly the same way you'd add sugar to your coffee.

You'll feel this about a week either side. As well as affairs of the heart, this will govern all the pleasures you desire, with your feelings likely to be intense.

This is most likely to be played out within your relationships, with a change in dynamics or a shift in direction likely. Your feelings are likely to be more intense. Any relationship birthed during a Venus/Pluto conjunction will always be filled with passion. If you're already in a relationship, then hook into this exciting vibe while it's here.

Venus is the planet of desire and Pluto is the planet of change and revolution and when they get together, they create a kind of boldness and courage that makes it much more likely that you'll refuse to be limited by the things that would normally limit you. Your desires get a kick start that makes them hard to ignore, giving you a sense of impulsiveness that cause you to take a leap of faith or throw yourself into something in a way that makes it feel as though you've lost control of your heart and you're running to catch up with it.

We need this dose of temporary insanity every once in a while!

Venus conjunct Mars 14 degrees Virgo

5.00 pm 3rd August to 2.00 pm 4th August 2013

Once a year, Venus, planet of love and desire, crosses your natal Mars. In the solar system, there are planets that work well together, others that don't and in a category all on their own, there are two that can only perform at their best when they are together and that is Venus and Mars.

In our charts, they represent our male and female energies. Mars rules drive and passion and Venus rules love and desire. In Greek Mythology, which gave birth to modern Astrology, Mars is ruled by Ares, god of war and Venus by Aphrodite, goddess of love. In mythology they were lovers and when they link up in the heavens, they stage a lover's reunion. Our passions, libido, drive and desires are all increased and heightened.

While they are aligned you don't have to actively do anything, except keep an open heart and follow your passions. In fact the less you can interfere the better, letting things happen on their own.

In this transit, desire and passion will join forces and both your passions and your desires run high. This is a wonderful time for both romantic love and your creative passions. This is a time of increased passion, motivation and desire. In relationships and love affairs, this is a time of heightened and intense feelings. In personal or creative drives, you'll be inspired, fired up and very excited about life.

Mercury conjunct Uranus 10 degrees Virgo

2.00 pm 29th August to 3.00 am 30th August 2013

Mercury is the planet of communication and intelligence and Uranus is the planet of radical new ideas, breaking the mould and conventions, exploring new ground, new waves of thinking and seeing the world. Mercury and Uranus are very similar energies in Astrological 'speak', Uranus is the higher octave of Mercury, both operating through the mind, Mercury more focused on the mundane ordinary aspect of life and Uranus on higher ideals and thinking.

During this time, you're alert to new ideas and you're able to process information, in a way you can't really explain. It's as though your brain is actually functioning outside its normal parameters. You just know things without knowing why. Most of the time, because we can't explain this, we dismiss it, not during this transit!

During this time you've got a direct link to information that you're normally not privy to. Don't second guess it, over think it or because you can't explain it, dismiss it. Trust these feelings and insights, no matter how improbable. Sudden flashes of insight could come from out of the blue. Just follow them and see where they lead and hook into a sense of curiosity that envelopes this transit.

Mercury conjunct Pluto 13 degrees Virgo

5.00 am 31st August to 6.00 pm 31st August 2013

Mercury is the planet of communication and intelligence, a very logical, smart and rational energy. Pluto on the other hand is a very impulsive and irrational energy, operating through deep forces, meaning that this energy is likely to stir a sense of mystery and curiosity. If your mind was a corridor full of closets, the closets closest to the entrance would be where you store the information and resources you need on a daily basis, however Pluto would be heading for those in the darkest corners, to see what was inside.

This transit brings an urge to get to the bottom of any secrets or mysteries and in fact, it's the things that we don't know the answer to, that hold the greatest fascination.

Life, it seems, is one big field trip, with all sorts of treasures to be found under rocks and hidden deep behind the closed doors of your own mind.

You could curl up in front of TV and watch a good murder mystery or get a page turning 'who done it' and distract your way through this transit, but by far the most valuable use of your time, would be to uncover your own mystery.

Ask yourself some tough questions, then set about finding the answers. This is one time when you'll be able to delve deeper than ever before. Use this to get to the bottom of anything that you feel is holding you back from true authenticity.

Mercury conjunct Mars 14 degrees Virgo

6.00 pm 31st August to 7.00 am 1st September 2013

Mars is the planet that provides our motivation, passion and fighting spirit. It's Mars who makes us competitive and prepared to fight. Mercury, on the other hand, is the 'brains' of the solar system. His role is to promote intellectual abilities and the ability to reason and think logically. Mars is a hot, passionate and fiery energy whereas Mercury is cool, intelligent and logical.

While Mercury is crossing your Mars, your natural fighting spirit and inner passions will be joined by the brains and intellect, to 'think' your way into getting what you want. This is a particularly good transit for any business or work matters, because you're both passionate and smart, key ingredients for success.

Here, smart thinking combines with your passions, ambitions and the part of you that is competitive. In business, this is one time when you can confidently go after what you want. Not only will your passions be accentuated but with Mercury, you'll be smarter and more on the ball.

Although this is more likely to play out in your professional life, it's still a handy transit to have for your personal life. It's the things you're passionate about, that you'll be able to get very easily under this transit.

Mercury is an unemotive planet and brings clarity and focus of thought. In a time when your passions are running hot, this will give you the focus to rationalise and make the smart moves to ensure that your passions are pointed in the right direction.

In a time of heightened feelings, this will be the voice of reason that you need, especially when it comes to making sure that you get what you want.

This will be a good time for signing documents or entering into negotiations and talks, especially if it involves your ambitions or passions and when your weapon of choice, will be your mind and words.

Sun conjunct Uranus 10 degrees Virgo

8.00 pm 2nd September to 9.00 pm 3rd September 2013

This is a transit that takes place once a year and is transit that is difficult to predict how it will play out, simply because it is a time when you need to expect the unexpected.

If you could predict it, it wouldn't be unexpected. The whole essence of this conjunction is that things are moving in your world to put you in the right place, at the right time. This is a condition known as synchronicity, with what appear to be random acts of coincidence or chance, having a divine hand pulling the strings, with fate in control. It's the decision to turn left instead of right, or to stop and talk to that stranger at a social function. Something unusual happens, to put us in the right place, at the right time.

With any Uranus transit, you never see it coming, you never know what, how or where to expect anything, but you always end up, after that fact saying, 'that was lucky'.

Be very open and allow yourself to be ready for what life might have up its sleeve, keeping your schedule free enough so that you can respond to messages received or a new sense of awareness that develops.

Sun conjunct Pluto 13 degrees Virgo

10.00 pm 5th September to 11.00 pm 6th September 2013

This is one transit that I like to call the 'Let's kick some butt' transit. For when the Sun crosses your natal Pluto, it brings a lot of intensity and need to act out, whatever it is you're focused on.

This is an annual transit, so isn't a major transit, but can be very useful.

It can be as mundane as a broken appliance that you know you should get around to fixing and never quite find the time, or it could, to the other extreme, be the dream or goal you've always wanted to give a go.

The energy of this transit is that of, let's just do it. Let's not talk about it, let's just throw ourselves into it. This doesn't come from your head, but a sense of impulsiveness and compulsion. No sooner does a thought run through your head, than you want to act on it.

This transit in itself is either good or bad and simply becomes what it is used for. If someone cuts you off at the lights, it's just as easily going to see you telling a complete stranger exactly what you think of them, as it is to see you joining the Save the Whales campaign, because you read a pamphlet at the local mall.

The energy itself has no discretion, so it's up to you, to channel it into the things that matter.

Sun conjunct Mars 14 degrees Virgo

11.00 pm 6th September to 00.00 am 8th September 2013

The Sun gives insight, vision and understanding and in this transit, it's your passions and drives that are given this advantage. The Sun is the giver of all light, but he doesn't just light the way, he creates an atmosphere of optimism and encouragement.

You're able to see what you're striving for, giving you a clear target to aim Mars' energy at.

Mars is the planet that gives you your competitive drive, ambitions, goals and the need to fight with passion. In this alignment, the Sun will give insight into Mars' role in your chart and will wake him up, if he's been dormant.

You'll find that you'll feel very passionate and competitive. This is a powerful time for any personal or professional projects, for you're not only feeling inspired, but you're also very clear on the direction you need to take. This is also good for all personal relationships, as it not only injects more passion, but a lot more understanding and clarity.

You'll feel this transit for a week either side.

Jupiter trine Saturn 16 degrees Pisces (Major transit)

8.00 pm 13th September to 7.00 pm 20th September 2013

9.00 am 25th December 2013 to 10.00 am 2nd January 2014

Any transit, no matter what it is, involving Jupiter, is a major transit. Jupiter is the planet that controls and regulates our growth and personal expansion.

He's known as the planet of luck, because he brings expansion, both to the area of your chart he's moving through, but also to the planet that he's aspecting in your chart. He's a slow, giant of a planet, the largest planet in the solar system and a huge influence in our charts. He takes 12 years to orbit the Sun and spends time in each sign. Because of this, Jupiter transits are few and far between. Where you may get a transit twice a year, from a faster moving planet, Jupiter transits are years apart, longer and more powerful. They have a profound effect on our life and because this is an area where we can grow, then this needs to be a major focus.

While Jupiter is the planet that promotes growth and expansion in our life, Saturn is the planet that keeps us anchored to terra firma. He makes sure we don't get too big for our boots, don't take risks and that we are disciplined, controlled and focused. His job is also to bring us the tough lessons we need to learn, to gain experience.

Here you have the ability to expand and grow, but in a way that is controlled and disciplined, guaranteeing that you won't make mistakes or rush things. This is extremely powerful and is a time when you need to push forward with confidence. You can take great steps forward, without feeling that you're taking risks. With Jupiter and Saturn working together, it will be hard to act foolhardily, while at the same time, it would also be hard to stay stuck, unable to move forward.

This provides just the right levels of restraint and growth that will ensure success in almost anything you try. You're prepared to take your time, act deliberately and consciously. Saturn is said to promote the material world and Jupiter to promote growth. Literally, there is a lot of material growth. The only warning that I'm aware of, in this transit, is to not allow this material growth to stifle your freedom or sense of who you are spiritually. So long as you're working on your dreams and goals, not someone else's, then that will never be a problem.

While you will feel this most powerfully when this transit is exact, this is going to have an impact throughout Jupiter's transit through Cancer, from the 26th June 2013 to the 16th July 2014.

Venus conjunct Neptune 18 degrees Scorpio

1.00 pm 27th September to 10.00 am 28th September 2013

A Venus/Neptune conjunction takes place once a year and is a transit that needs to come with a sign, the kind they use in Shopping Malls, when they've just washed the floors – 'Caution – slippery surface'. This is because this transit is so 'mushy' that it leaves puddles. This is probably the most dreamy, unrealistic and emotional of all the transits.

The problem with this transit is exactly the same thing that makes it so magical. It's a time of total divorced from reality, as though life itself is one big daydream.

If you understand that life has simply spun an intoxicating web of illusion around you, then it is an incredibly beautiful, dreamy and pleasant transit. The only problem comes when you confuse this transit with reality.

You're supposed to enjoy this transit, for it's one of those transits that the universe gifts us each year, which is designed for total pleasure. It is hypnotic and dulls the senses.

So long as you realise that it's not reality you're dealing with, you don't make any commitments or major decisions during this time, then enjoy it, like a bottle of good wine. But just like when you consume alcohol, for this is the cosmic equivalent, we know not to drive or make any important choices during this time.

Other than that, simply enjoy this transit, as it's a wonderful escape from reality.

Jupiter trine Neptune 18 degrees Scorpio (Major transit)

3.00 pm 28th September to 00.00 am 8th October 2013

7.00 am 8th December to 5.00 pm 17th December 2013

A Jupiter/Neptune 'trine' takes place twice every 12 years, at 4 year intervals, 4 years either side of a Jupiter/Neptune conjunction. While you will feel this most powerfully when the transit is exact, this is going to have an impact for the whole time that Jupiter is in Cancer, from the 26th June 2013 and the 16th July 2014.

These are times in your life where your need for spiritual satisfaction, outweighs your need for material or physical satisfaction. You'll care more about your soul and its nurturance. It's also a time when your desire to care for and support others, will be enhanced.

It's common, during this transit, to seek out more enlightenment. You may be exploring more esoteric studies, or delving into the world of mediation or more metaphysical subjects.

For a human being to feel at peace there must be a balance between mind, body and spirit. This is simply a time in your life that you need to focus on the spiritual aspect of this trine.

Mercury conjunct Neptune 18 degrees Scorpio

11.00 am 19th October to 10.00 am 24th October 2013

4.00 pm 27th November to 8.00 am 28th November 2013

This is a transit that can go one of two ways, but more often than not, has a little bit of both.

Neptune is the planet that rules our dreams, fantasies and illusions. Because of this, it's not an energy that can be confined or is easy to understand. Mercury, on the other hand, is the planet of logic, reasoning and the mind. In essence, Mercury rules the brain and Neptune rules the spirit.

This is a time when you're very in touch with your spiritual and artistic side. You'll have a strong need to express and communicate the more abstract themes in life. If you're involved in artistic pursuits, or in fields of spirituality or metaphysics, you'll have a strong need to talk about those interests. This can lead to a very pleasant time, when you feel more connected to others and you'll naturally source out people who share your interests.

Neptune is also the planet that rules our imagination and stimulated by Mercury, giving it a sense of intelligence and logic, that acts like the navigational system in a guided weapon. This is when you're able to combine logic and dreams, fusing them together in a form that you're able to turn dreams into reality.

Mars conjunct Uranus 10 degrees Virgo

1.00 am 2nd November to 6.00 pm 3rd November 2013

This is a volatile and unpredictable transit, yet like all potentially challenging transits, it is worth its weight in gold, so long as you know what you're dealing with.

To understand this transit you've got to understand the energies at play. Mars is the warrior of the zodiac. He's a fighter, lover and competitor. He lives for battle and the smell of blood. He doesn't care about causes, just action and the thrill of battle. We need this guy, for he's our ambitions, drives, passions and competitive spirit.

Uranus is the planet of unexpected shifts in energy. Uranus is the planet of surprise happenings and non conformity. He's the planet that rebels against convention and is forever pushing the limits and testing life's boundaries. Uranus is the energy is always looking for the next discovery and is forever on the cutting edge of life.

Get these guys together and you can just feel the kick from the seismic boom this coupling produces. Here reckless passion and enthusiasm meets a need to break free from restriction.

On the negative note, you're so pumped up that accidents happen, you're careless and compulsive.

However, on the positive side, this is the kind of energy that pushes you free from any suction that is holding you stuck in a rut.

So long as you stay in control of this transit, are aware that there is a huge amount of volatility in the air, then this is one powerful transit.

It only happens once every 2 years and it definitely needs to be handled with caution, but it's exactly what you need to blast your way through any blocks, brick walls or security fences that are standing in between you and your most authentic life.

Mars conjunct Pluto 13 degrees Virgo

6.00 am 7th November to 00.00 am 9th November 2013

Mars energy is an energy that is fiery, passionate, combative and unfocused. We need Mars in our chart, for he is the energy that gets us to fight for what we want and to get worked up about what's important. Mars is our ambitious drives and our competitive streak. He's also the keeper of our passions and he works through impulse.

Mars energy is undisciplined and lacks control and focus. That's okay, because that's not his job. There are other planets in our chart that make sure that Mars is held in check, without breaking his spirit.

Pluto on the other hand, has energy that is not dissimilar to Mars and in fact both rule the same sign, Scorpio. Pluto is now the ruler of Scorpio, but before Pluto was discovered, in 1930, Mars was his ancient ruler. They were put together, because their energy is compatible, in fact a little too compatible.

Pluto is the planet of revolutionary change. His symbol is the Phoenix rising from the Ashes. He loves to pull down and demolish whatever is in front of him, so that other planets can come along, in his wake and build on what has been cleared of false edifices. We need Pluto in our lives, for without his slash and burn approach, we would hold on to things, well beyond their time, making no room for future growth.

Again, Pluto is held in check by other, more stable planets.

What happens then, when Mars and Pluto get together? For starters, your chart is suddenly awash with testosterone. This is a huge surge of power and because of this, you've got to approach this with caution. Imagine what this can produce channelled positively? You can create enormous change and you'll have enormous stores of power at your disposal. Left uncontrolled, it could cause quite a bit of havoc.

This is a relatively short transit, but its influence will extend for several days, if not weeks, either side. Even the most undisciplined of us can control ourselves for that amount of time. The real key here is to line up all those projects you haven't had the energy for and you'll plough through them.

You'll have little tolerance for anyone who tries to tell you what to do or for anyone or anything that you feel is constricting you or telling you what you can and can't do.

This is one transit that can bring the opportunity to accomplish much, or to wreck havoc. So long as you're aware of the energies at play and you take control, this energy can be pointed in any direction, you want to point it in and you'll be your own, living, breathing, walking, talking super hero. However if you don't point it in a specific direction, then it will pick its own and not always of your choosing.

Mars conjunct Mars 14 degrees Virgo

00.00 am 9th November to 6.00 pm 10th November 2013

A Mars/Mars conjunction is a very positive and powerful transit. At this point, Mars returns to the same point in the heavens that he occupied at the moment of your birth. This is a Mars Return.

Mars is the planet that gives you your passion, energy and drive. When he returns to his natal position, he is at his most potent and powerful point in a 2 year cycle.

This is a time when your motivation will be high, along with your passion and competitive drive. There will be an excess of energy in your system that can be channelled into beginning new projects and initiating new plans and goals.

The one cardinal rule with Mars energy is that it's got to go somewhere. You will have a problem if you don't channel this energy somewhere. If you've got nothing to get excited about, you'll find yourself getting very bored and restless. Mars, because he has to be doing something, will make mountains out of molehills or create challenges where there are none, simply to find something to plough this energy into.

It's idle hands that will cause a problem. But so long as you have a goal, ambition or quest to pour this energy into, you'll turn this into a very active and productive time.

As this is the beginning of a new 2 year Mars cycle, this is a time of new beginnings. It's time to get all those ideas off the drawing board and put them into action. Anything birthed or started during this time, will have the motivation and staying power, to see it through to completion. No matter what your dreams or goals for the future, this is the time to start putting them into action.

Because of this, this is a very fortunate and powerful time for all professional and career endeavours, with an orb of influence stretching out for several weeks either side.

Sun conjunct Neptune 18 degrees Scorpio

7.00 pm 10th November 7.00 pm 11th November 2013

The Sun is the brightest light in the solar system and when he crosses a point in your chart, the first thing that he always does is stimulate and awaken that planet. Your awareness becomes greater and your need to embrace the energy of the planet in your birth chart becomes stronger, as though the Sun has come along and woken up what has been in hibernation.

In this case, it is Neptune that is being stimulated. Neptune is the planet that rules both your own spiritual awareness and your ability to dream and imagine, but also your ability to see that in others. This is a very empathetic and caring part of your chart.

When the Sun crosses your natal Neptune your awareness of others' needs becomes stronger and also your own need to have your spiritual needs met, as well as your imagination being stimulated.

Neptune's energy very rarely has any boundaries and as your heart becomes stronger and bigger, especially to the plight and needs of others, it's very common during this transit to become swamped with this energy. It's common to have feelings of being overwhelmed by the needs of others, to a point that you want to turn and run for the hills.

This is a fleeting transit, gone in a few days, so it's not here to push you to go out to save the world. It's simply here to open your eyes. If nothing else, use this to appreciate what you have.

More likely than not, you'll simply be more aware of the things in life and your needs that are less materialistic and physical.

Above all, this is about waking up and stimulating your imagination, for what you can imagine, you can create.

Venus conjunct Ascendant 14 degrees Capricorn

11.00 am 21st November to 5.00 pm 22nd November 2013

1.00 am 24th January to 7.00 pm 27th January 2014

5.00 am 6th February to 4.00 am 10th February 2014

To understand the significance of Venus crossing your Ascendant, you've got to understand the role of your Ascendant.

The moment you were born and took your first breath, if you had been physically able to, you could have lifted your head and looked towards the eastern horizon, the same horizon where the Sun rises. At exactly that point, the constellation that is rising is your Ascendant (also known as your Rising Sign). That then is set in our psyche and will, for the rest of your life, be the direction you'll naturally turn to, to find your way.

We all have dark times, or times when we're confused and just like you'd use the rising Sun to find your direction, your spirit seeks the rising constellation in your chart. This happens without us even being aware and without any conscious thought and despite all the wrong turns and false starts we make, we will always keep heading in this direction. We would find it almost physically impossible not to.

Because of that, when a passing planet crosses over your Ascendant, you're already there. Not only is it the direction we would automatically move to, but by just being ourselves, we will immediately link up with the energy of that transiting planet.

This isn't a major transit, as it happens once a year, but it's important to know the dates because you can then work with the energy it creates. Venus rules love and

desire, so her influence is both on affairs of the heart and material possessions. Where the Sun gives you insight and clarity, Venus simply increases your desires to such a point that she makes the point in your chart she's crossing magnetic.

When Venus crosses your Ascendant, she will create a desire to attain or reach what you can already see. That desire will start a reaction that strong desire creates. You don't have to do much when Venus is involved, simply allow things to happen. When it comes to the direction you should be moving towards, if you go with this Venus energy, your future will be drawn to you at the same time as you'll be drawn to it. It works with exactly the same principle as a magnet and a nail.

Saturn trine Saturn 16 degrees Pisces (Major transit)

8.00 pm 21st November to 10.00 am 30th November 2013

To have Saturn supporting your natal Saturn, puts you in a powerful position, for the Saturn that is currently orbiting and impacting on your chart, is operating through the same elemental energy as your natal Saturn. This gives you a lot of focus and patience, when you're able to stick to task, stay focused and become a lot more personally empowered.

It is the sense that you are being supported, whether that manifests through someone in your life who is supporting you or it is just a general feeling of being supported, this is giving you a sense of confidence and courage that you wouldn't normally have. You're braver and bolder, ready to take on challenges that you might previously have shied away from.

You'll feel the strength and support from Saturn for the whole time that he is in Scorpio, fellow Water sign to your natal Saturn, from the 6th October 2012 to the 24th December 2014 and again from the 15th June to the 18th September 2015, but this will become even more powerful when this transit is exact and for several weeks either side.

Saturn square Moon 16 degrees Aquarius (Major transit)

8.00 pm 21st November to 10.00 am 30th November 2013

Twice every 30 years, Saturn will move into a square position with your Moon. This is very powerful transit, for your Moon is your emotional centre, the core essence of your spirit. It is the most vulnerable, sensitive and the most fragile part of you. Because of that, we protect it, by building walls around it and being very selective about who sees this part of us. We even protect this part of us, from ourselves. This is where we feel all the human emotions, on a very real and personal level.

No matter how talented, confident or strong we are, we always have some form of protection, of the true essence of who we are. Saturn, on the other hand, is totally unemotive and is the most strict, stern and disciplinarian influence in our charts. His sole role in our chart is to ensure that we grow as individuals and that we face things.

When Saturn and the Moon come face to face, in what can be a challenging transit, it can send our poor old emotional centre into a panic. For Saturn sees right through our

defences and it's as though he rips that protective covering from us and we feel emotionally naked and vulnerable.

Don't panic, yes this can be an emotionally challenging transit, but it's incredibly powerful and important, for without this transit, which happens only twice every 30 years, we would literally stay a prisoner, within ourselves. Saturn will be pushing you to take down those barricades and protective fences and get out into the world and connect with others.

Here, any attitudes and beliefs that are holding you back from our own success will be challenged. This is a challenging transit, but the possibilities that it brings are immense and powerful. Here Saturn pushes you to identify where your emotions, beliefs and attitudes are holding you back. He wants you to get out there into the world and succeed like you never have before.

Normally, your shadow beliefs and subconscious patterns that sabotage you, in the name of emotional protection, wouldn't be obvious. You would simply think that things didn't work out, without realising that deep in your subconscious, there was programming there, probably from past experiences that is holding you back.

Saturn now makes this all very, very obvious. Sometimes painfully obvious, but this, although it is challenging, could be the most incredible thing that has ever happened to you. Saturn is cruel in that he has to be cruel to be kind. He's tough and he doesn't back down. He will push and push at you, until you get it. He wants to wake you up to how your emotions are holding you back, because he wants you to move forward.

If you understand what is going on, this transit has the power to be one of the best things that ever happened to you, so long as you work with Saturn to remove those blocks. Any time we confront our emotions and try and remove blocks, we will meet resistance and there will be personal pain. But it's the kind of pain that is essential for growth.

Sun opposition Sun 01 degrees Gemini

5.00 pm 23rd November to 5.00 pm 24th November 2013

Happy Half Birthday! When the Sun is in direct opposition with your Sun, you are exactly half way through your Solar year.

An opposition is often a challenging transit, but the challenges it presents are coming from your own expectations, for this is often a time when you have to confront reality. 6 months ago, you began a new solar cycle with promise and more likely than not, with dreams and intentions. This is when you're called to account on how well you've held true to those good intentions.

This can be a reality check and always a wake up call, a time to get back on track by looking honestly and realistically at what's now a priority and what, with hindsight, isn't working. When you expect to feel pressure it is never as challenging as it is when you don't expect it, so pay attention to the 'fasten your seat belt' sign and wake up the messages necessary to get the second half of your solar year on track.

Often it's the uncomfortable feeling that comes from confronting the truth that makes us determined to make changes.

This is your half way point of the year when you come face to face with the reality of how well it's working for you and even if it's uncomfortable, this is your wake up call and chance to change course or get back on track.

For the Sun to be in opposition to your Sun, this also puts the Sun in your relationship sector, so this will be a time for not only confronting the truth from a personal angle, but within your relationships as well. With the spotlight turned on, this is about being authentic and putting things on the right path.

Saturn conjunct Neptune 18 degrees Scorpio (Major transit)

7.00 am 9th December to 3.00 pm 18th December 2013

Everyone born within the same generation as you will be experiencing this transit at some point between the 6th October 2012 to the 24th December 2014 and again from the 15th June to the 18th September 2015, for you are all part of the same club, the 'Neptune in Scorpio' club. When you were born Neptune, planet of dreams and fantasies was in Scorpio. For the rest of your life, this represents the part of you that has the ability to dream, imagine and create a vision of what can be. It is said that this is what separates us from the other animals. This is a part of who we are and as well as influencing our ability to dream and to imagine, Neptune also influences our spiritual beliefs, whatever they are.

While Neptune is a very mystical and dreamy planet he is often given a hard wrap. Astrologers call alcohol 'liquid Neptune', because it distorts our reality in the way that Neptune does. The key to working with Neptune is to have the right balance. Too much Neptune energy and we are walking around with our rose coloured glasses on, out of touch with reality and we get nothing done. Not enough Neptune and the world is a heartless place, with nothing to look forward to and no point to it at all. In between there is a happy medium that allows us to dream and imagine, to create visions and to believe in something. The most successful people in the world are dreamers and visionaries who can back that up with focus and determination, so we need Neptune, but in a controlled way.

This is where Saturn comes in. Here you couldn't find two more opposite extremes, for while Neptune is the planet of dreams and fantasies Saturn is the planet of reality, discipline and focus. If Neptune allows you to reach for the stars then Saturn makes sure your feet are on the ground. Working together, their combined might is awesome, with Neptune giving you the ability to dream and imagine and believe in something, while Saturn gives you the discipline, willpower and focus to turn those dreams into reality.

To start with this may feel quite a challenging transit and in fact, if you were to pick up an old Astrology book it would describe this as a very challenging transit. It can be for it challenges your beliefs, but to me this is taking it too much at face value. Here your beliefs, dreams and fantasies are being challenged, but not so they can be disproved, rather that you can commit to them.

This is like Saturn coming up to you and saying ‘so, you have a dream’? And what he does is stonewall you, create roadblocks and cause you to doubt yourself. He’s not trying to get you to ditch the dream, he’s testing your resolve, testing that you believe your own hype. Once he knows that you’re ready to walk the talk and stand behind the dream and that you’re not going to fold or buckle when you hit the first speed bump and you can prove you are committed, then he’ll lend his strength, resilience, willpower, focus and discipline and when that happens, anything is possible. This is when Neptune gives you the ability to reach for the stars and Saturn the ability to keep your feet on the ground.

This is a transit that only happens once every 3 decades and while it will come to a head and have the greatest impact while it is exact, it will be having an impact for the whole time that Saturn is in Scorpio, home of your natal Neptune, which he will be from the 6th October 2012 to the 24th December 2014 and again from the 15th June to the 18th September 2015.

You won’t be alone in this, for everyone born between the 25th December 1955 and the 12th March 1956, from the 19th October 1956 to the January 1970 or from the 3rd May to the 7th November 1970 will have their Neptune in Scorpio, but at what degree your Neptune is will determine when Saturn aligns and when you will have your personal Saturn/Neptune alignment, something that hasn’t happened since the mid 1980’s.

Mercury conjunct Ascendant 14 degrees Capricorn

6.00 pm 2nd January to 9.00 am 3rd January 2014

When Mercury, planet of communication and smart thinking crosses your Ascendant, you are naturally at one of your smartest point of the whole year, not only in your ability to reason intellectually, but to get a sense of where you’re going. Mercury gives you more intellectual ability and you’re able to see things clearly and objectively. As your Ascendant will always direct you to your future, you’ll have a very clear view of exactly where you’re going.

You need to trust the information you’re receiving, trusting your instincts and your own mind, and having the confidence to trust your own judgement.

This transit is a wonderful one to have in your chart for any business or work dealings. You’ll be able to sign documents, make decisions or enter into negotiations with confidence, knowing that there is nothing fuzzy about your thought processes. During this time, you get to tune into a frequency that is coming directly from your future. It’s as though you’re able to listen to your own future and eavesdrop on what is to come, able to read the map ahead of time.

If you listen carefully to the whispers from the universe and from your own internal system, then you can rationalise them, in a way that you’re able to replot your course to the right co ordinates.

Mercury rules your mind and your Ascendant points in the direction of your future. This is a time when you’ll not only know where you’re going, but exactly how to get there.

Sun conjunct Ascendant 14 degrees Capricorn

00.00 am 5th January to 00.00 am 6th January 2014

Once a year the Sun crosses your Ascendant, creating a situation where future is lit up and your vision is clear.

Your Ascendant is the direction your life should take and the True North you're always moving towards. When any planet crosses this point, it is amplified and works with your Ascendant to help find your way. In this case, with the Sun being the bringer of all light and insight, it may as well be standing in front of the path you're meant to take to reach your true potential and destiny, with a big flashing neon sign which says 'This way to your future'. It's that obvious. It won't come in any outside form, rather a sense of knowing within yourself and a sense of confidence, in knowing exactly which direction you should be moving.

This will give you a great sense of clarity; vision and insight into exactly what your future holds and exactly what moves you need to make to get there.

This is a powerful time of the year, to make sure that you're on track and on the right path and if not, to make any adjustments.

Mercury conjunct Moon 16 degrees Aquarius

2.00 am 22nd January to 5.00 pm 22nd January 2014

This is a transit that takes place once a year and is a valuable time to clear any emotions or unexpressed feelings.

This is not a good time for anything that requires you to be clear headed, unemotional and realistic. Avoid business meetings or any confrontational situations. Avoid making any decisions and try and reschedule, or put off until this transit has passed, any important negotiations or discussions.

The reason for the warning is that when Mercury aligns with your Moon, it brings a lot of emotions to the surface. This is a very necessary transit, for this is your chance to clear away any repressed feelings and emotions. Because of this, you may find yourself a little over emotional.

This is a very valuable transit for getting rid of emotions that left to fester, only cause trouble. It is no good, however, for making informed decisions, as you're likely to find that once this transit passes, your feelings are very different. Rather than having to go back and change your mind later, simply avoid making any decisions at this time. If you can't avoid it and because of your work, business or personal issues, you do have to be decisive, make sure you get plenty of advice and simply tell your friends, spouse or work mates, that you're feeling a little 'fuzzy headed' and you need their advice.

It is at the back end of this transit, as it is passing on, that you're able to understand, with a lot more clarity, exactly how you feel, with the ability to express your emotions clearly and articulately.

This is also a time when a sense of intelligence combines with a sense of imagination, giving you a very strategic and imaginative edge in almost any game you're playing.

Sun conjunct Moon 16 degrees Aquarius

11.00 am 5th February to 11.00 am 6th February 2014

Once a year, the Sun travels over the point in your chart where your Moon is located, in exactly the same way that it crosses your Sun once a year. In a way, this is your lunar birthday.

The Sun represents the ego, or conscious thought, whereas the Moon is your emotional centre. It's the inner you, that is ruled by feelings and the subconscious. When the Sun and Moon align, which they do once a year, you experience an integration of ego and emotion.

This is a very centred and focused time, when you're able to recognise your emotions and understand them. This is not one of those times when you're held ransom by your emotions, but then nor are you held ransom by the Sun's ability to see only reason. This provides true 3 dimensional insight.

This isn't a major transit and if you didn't know it was happening, it could easily pass over, unobserved. Knowing that this advantage is available makes this an excellent day to really look honestly into all aspects of your life, ensuring that they are authentic and in line with your real authentic self. With awareness and emotions working as one, you're able to get a real take on how you really feel.

When the Sun and Moon join together, this has the same energy as a New Moon, so is always an excellent time for a fresh start or new beginnings.

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