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## TO SELENE, THE MOON

*The Fumigation from Aromatics.*

*Hear, Goddess queen, diffusing silver light, bull-horn'd and wand'ring thro' the gloom of Night.  
With stars surrounded, and with circuit wide Night's torch extending, thro' the heav'ns you ride:  
Female and Male with borrow'd rays you shine, and now full-orb'd, now tending to decline.  
Mother of ages, fruit-producing Moon, whose amber orb makes Night's reflected noon:  
Lover of horses, splendid, queen of Night, all-seeing pow'r bedeck'd with starry light.  
Lover of vigilance, the foe of strife, in peace rejoicing, and a prudent life:  
Fair lamp of Night, its ornament and friend, who giv'st to Nature's works their destin'd end.  
Queen of the stars, all-wife Diana hail! Deck'd with a graceful robe and shining veil;  
Come, blessed Goddess, prudent, starry, bright, come moony-lamp with chaste and splendid light,  
Shine on these sacred rites with prosp'rous rays, and pleas'd accept thy suppliant's mystic praise.*

### **Planetary Ingresses**

At 9:16 a.m. Mountain time today, May 15, 2018, Uranus moves from Aries into Taurus. This is called an ingress, when a planet enters a new sign or house.

The most common use of ingresses is in mundane astrology, the branch that examines how planets affect a whole community or nation. In mundane astrology, solar ingresses, the quarterly ingresses of the Sun into the cardinal signs (Aries at the spring equinox, Cancer at the summer solstice, Libra at the fall equinox, and Capricorn at the winter solstice) define the qualities for the upcoming year (Sun at 0° Aries) or quarter (Sun at 0° of each of the seasonal signs). This is considered to affect communities, cities, states, nations, groups, or corporations.

But ingresses are relevant to each of us individually as well. When a planet moves into a new sign, that combination of energies is heightened for the course of the planet's journey through the sign. The period of time it takes that planet to transit, or move across, the first degree or two of the sign is a potent preview of how we experience these energies. If we have a planet or planets in that sign in our natal chart, then the energy is again heightened when the transiting planet comes near the positions of our natal planets. When a planet hits zero degrees of a sign, it gives us a taste of what we can expect during its sojourn in that portion of the zodiac, letting us anticipate and prepare for the future.

The faster planets, such as the Moon, Mercury, Venus, and the Sun, will ingress new signs regularly throughout the year. The Moon changes sign every two to three days, and the Sun ingresses a new sign each month. Mercury and Venus are never too far from the Sun. Mars spends roughly two months in a sign. Slower planets, such as Jupiter, Saturn, and the outer planets, including Uranus, change signs less frequently and stay longer in a sign, bringing more importance and a broader scope to their ingresses. In this paper we'll look at the Uranus' ingress to Taurus this morning, Moon's ingress into Gemini this afternoon, Mars's back-and-forth between Aquarius and Capricorn over the next few months, and Jupiter's ingress to its home sign of Sagittarius in the fall.

### **How Planetary Ingresses Affect Us**

To understand ingresses, we need to keep in mind the distinction between the planet that can move from one sign to another and our natal planets, which are a snapshot of the time we were born and

don't change. The moving planet in the sky today is the transiting planet. The planets in our birth chart are called natal planets. Our natal planets are ours from birth throughout our whole life. The transiting planet is a temporary influence that activates or irritates our natal placements.

The first thing we look at is what natal planets are in the sign that the transiting planet is entering. For instance, if the Moon has entered Gemini, do you have any planets in Gemini? You may also consider significant points such as the Ascendant, Midheaven, or Lunar Nodes. Those planets or points will be the most affected by the transit.

But what if we don't have any planets in a sign? The transit still affects us in two ways: by aspect or by house placement.

First, it can stimulate the energies of our natal planets by aspect (the angle at which one planet faces another). There are two types of aspects: easy and difficult.

Easy aspects allow things to move smoothly and in a supported manner, but sometimes can cause laziness or lack of motivation or ambition. Easy aspects are those in which the transiting planet and natal planet are in signs of the same element or gender. For instance, if you were born with Sun in Leo (you're a Leo), a transiting planet will be in an easy aspect to your natal Sun if it is in a fire sign (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius) or a masculine sign (air or fire signs). The exception to this is if the transiting planet is 180° opposite the natal planet—although the same gender, it can stimulate energies that are in many ways contrary to your natural way of thinking/doing/being.

Difficult aspects bring challenges, setbacks, or full-on destruction, which is often uncomfortable but may allow for faster growth or create an empty lot perfect for rebuilding. The easiest way to identify difficult aspects is to observe when the transiting planet is in a sign of the opposite element or gender (for fiery Leo, this would be the feminine elements: water and earth signs). As mentioned above, the sign opposite the natal planet, although sharing a gender, will always be considered difficult.

If a transiting planet is in the same sign as your natal planet, the influence will be in some ways easy and in others difficult.

#### Sign Elements and Genders

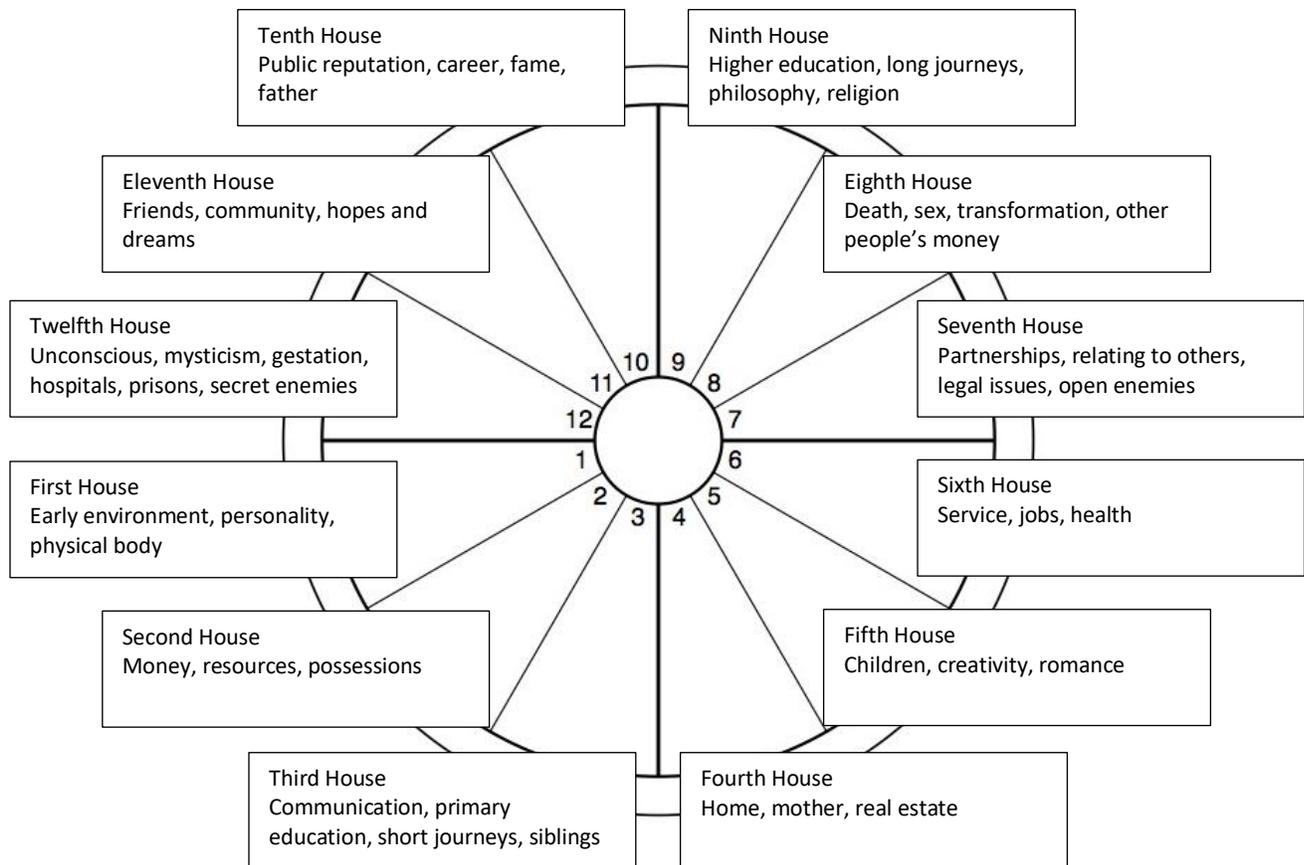
<b>Fire Signs</b> △ (masc., red)	Aries ♈	Leo ♌	Sagittarius ♐
<b>Earth Signs</b> ▽ (fem., green)	Taurus ♉	Virgo ♍	Capricorn ♐
<b>Air Signs</b> △ (masc., yellow)	Gemini ♊	Libra ♎	Aquarius ♒
<b>Water Signs</b> ▽ (fem., blue)	Cancer ♋	Scorpio ♏	Pisces ♓

The second way a transiting planet can affect us is through house placement. The astrological houses define the different areas of our self and life, such as resources, relationships, home, career, and friends, to name a few. The division of the chart into houses is based on the ascendant, or the ascendant and the midheaven. When using whole sign houses, where the house starts at 0° of the sign, then every time a planet enters a new sign, it enters a new house in our chart, bringing its energy to that area of our life. Using whole sign houses allows us to focus and concentrate the energy of the transiting planet's ingress.

If you prefer to use a quadrant house system, consider letting the entry of the planet into the sign be a preview of what's to come, and treat the quadrant house cusp as an intensifying of that energy, as when the transiting planet comes within orb of the natal planet.

The time of birth is needed to determine the ascendant, which is the basis of the house divisions. But what if you don't know your exact time of birth? You can use solar houses, which build from the Sun sign instead of the ascendant. In this system, your Sun sign (your sign) is the first house, the next sign in zodiacal order is your second house, and so on in progression. So, if your Sun sign is Leo, then Leo is your first house, Virgo is your second, Libra is your third, Scorpio is your fourth, Sagittarius is your fifth, Capricorn is your sixth, and so on through the signs of the zodiac.

### House Keywords



**Tip for experienced practitioners:** Look at the signs in your chart that are ruled by the transiting planet and observe how the qualities of the transit modify the natal energies.

## The Moon

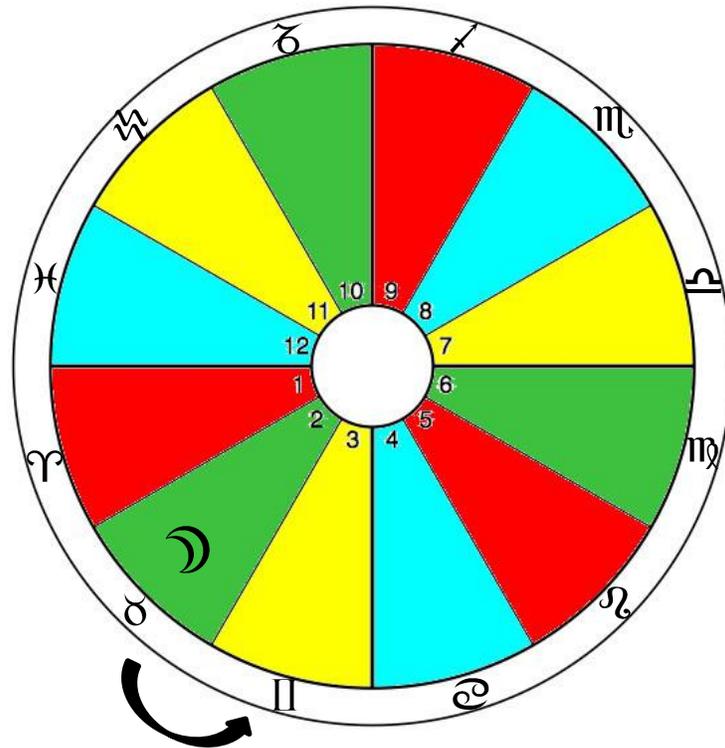
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*The Fumigation from Aromatics.*

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With stars surrounded, and with circuit wide Night's torch extending, thro' the heav'ns you ride:  
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Lover of vigilance, the foe of strife, in peace rejoicing, and a prudent life:  
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Come, blessed Goddess, prudent, starry, bright, come moony-lamp with chaste and splendid light,  
Shine on these sacred rites with prosp'rous rays, and pleas'd accept thy suppliant's mystic praise.*

### Planetary Keywords for the Moon

The Moon is the maternal archetype associated with emotion, intuition, the unconscious, and the soul. It is considered to generate moisture and cause relaxation.



### Moon in Taurus and Gemini

The Moon is in Taurus right now, an earth sign. The element earth is associated with the physical body and the material plane and is considered stable, dependable, and practical. Earth signs are of the feminine gender. Taurus expresses comfortable, stable, patient, and luxury-oriented qualities. These match well with the Moon's personality! The Moon is exalted in Taurus.

At 2:43 p.m. this evening, the Moon will move into Gemini. Gemini is an air sign. Air is a masculine element and all about the mind, intellect, thoughts, and words. Gemini pursues intelligence, is adaptable, quick-witted, and social. The Moon in this sign is not feeling her normal self at all, but flits from one topic to another, analyzing and discussing each. The transit from Taurus to Gemini could be thought of as an evening with friends—the Moon’s time in Taurus is all about the lazy enjoyment of a delicious multi-course dinner and your favorite beverages, then when she moves into Gemini the dishes have been cleared and you and your friends jump up for a walk and endless chatter about every subject under the sun.

### Time in the Sign

The Moon changes signs every two and a half days. It goes through the entire zodiac, all the signs and houses in your chart, each month. If you track its ingresses to different signs, you can observe how it affects your moods and energy as it moves around the zodiac. This can help you understand yourself better by anticipating your emotional states and seeing them more objectively as reflections of the Moon’s movement through your chart. Consult my article, [The Moon Through the Signs](#), on my blog, Completely Joyous, for more information.

### How the Moon Will Affect Me

Considering the qualities of the Moon and Gemini and comparing them to your chart, how does this planet in this sign affect you?

#### Planets in the Sign

My planets or points in Gemini are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Refer to your birth chart.) The Moon brings out the sensitive side of the planets you have in Gemini.

#### Aspects to Gemini

Gemini is an air sign, so masculine in gender. My Sun is in a \_\_\_\_\_  
(element) sign, so of the \_\_\_\_\_ gender. Same gender, except for an  
opposition, is an easy aspect, feeling comfortable and productive. Different gender is a  
difficult aspect, and feels challenging but growth oriented. (Use Sign Elements and Genders  
chart.)

Or, my Sun is in Sagittarius, opposite Gemini, creating a difficult aspect.

(This can be done for each planet or point in a chart, not just the Sun.)

#### Houses

Gemini is in the \_\_\_\_\_ house of my birth chart, and so indicates areas of  
life such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Use House Keywords chart.)

The Moon brings a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to these  
areas of life. (Use Planetary Keywords for the Moon section.)

### Moon Ingress Dates

The Moon enters Gemini at 2:43 p.m. today, May 15, 2018. The lunar ingress energy will last for about 2-4 hours. She will be in Gemini until 3:47 p.m. on Thursday, when she moves into Cancer.

### **Mars**

*TO MARS, THE GOD ARES*

*The Fumigation from Frankincense.*

*Magnanimous, unconquer'd, boistrous Mars, in darts rejoicing, and in bloody wars  
Fierce and untam'd, whose mighty pow'r can make the strongest walls from their foundations shake:  
Mortal destroying king, defil'd with gore, pleas'd with war's dreadful and tumultuous roar:  
Thee, human blood, and swords, and spears delight, and the dire ruin of mad savage fight.  
Stay, furious contests, and avenging strife, whose works with woe, embitter human life;  
To lovely Venus, and to Bacchus yield, to Ceres give the weapons of the field;  
Encourage peace, to gentle works inclin'd, and give abundance, with benignant mind.*

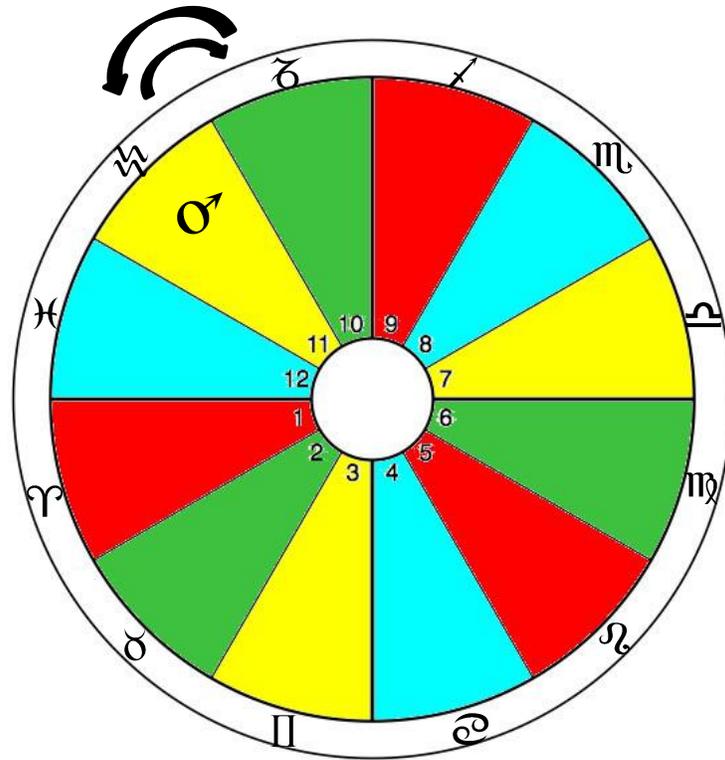
### Planetary Keywords for Mars

Mars, the fiery planet of the warrior, is associated with action, desire, drive, power, energy, aggression, sexuality, initiative, courage, and passion. It is dry and strongly heating, to the degree that is necessary for transformation from one form to another.

### Mars in Aquarius and Capricorn

Aquarius is an air sign and so of the masculine gender. Air qualities include the mind, intellect, thoughts, and communication. Keywords for Aquarius include revolutionary, abstract, detached, idealistic, humanitarian. Mars is reasonably happy in air signs, but, if he succumbs to the theoretical abstractness of Aquarius, his motivations become less passionate and more calculating. If Mars is the warrior, Aquarius is the general. Aquarius plots and theorizes with toy soldiers on maps, penciling in strategies, keeping the forest in mind and disregarding the trees. He doesn't want to get his hands dirty. Mars is the soldier down in the trenches. When in Aquarius, he becomes a soldier who thinks like the man in charge. He is swift, decisiveness, lacking compassion or consideration for the individual, but bending his will toward reforming the world in his ideal image.

Capricorn is an earth sign, and the place of Mars' exaltation, meaning that Mars is stronger and more industrious when in that sign. Capricorn is associated with characteristics such as ambition, discipline, and authority. Mars' ambition is heightened in Capricorn. While he brings his drive and motivation to pursuing his goals, Capricorn places him in the right support system to increase his productivity and achievement.



Time in Each Sign

Mars enters Aquarius late tonight, May 15, 2018. He goes retrograde (appears from our point of view to move backward) on June 26, and moves back into Capricorn on August 12. He will be retrograde through August 27, then will change direction and head forward through Capricorn until September 10, when he re-enters Aquarius. When Mars is retrograde, he asks us to review the areas of life he governs, and the qualities represented by the sign he is in. He might ask us to reexamine our goals, motivations, desires, and how and where we direct our energy. Retrograde planets move more slowly than when they are direct (moving forward).

How Mars Will Affect Me

Taking into consideration the qualities of Mars, how will his pacing between Aquarius and Capricorn affect you?

Planets in the Sign

My planets or points in Aquarius are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Refer to your birth chart.) Mars will overlay his warrior qualities onto these planets in my chart when in Aquarius.

My planets or points in Capricorn are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Refer to your birth chart.) Mars will overlay his warrior qualities onto these planets in my chart when in Capricorn.

Aspects to the Signs: Aquarius

Aquarius is an air sign, so masculine in gender. My Sun is in a \_\_\_\_\_  
 (element) sign, so of the \_\_\_\_\_ gender. Same gender, except for an

*opposition, is an easy aspect, feeling comfortable and productive. Different gender is a difficult aspect, and feels challenging but growth oriented. (Use Sign Elements and Genders chart.)*

*Or, my Sun is in Leo, opposite Aquarius, creating a difficult aspect.*

Aspects to the Signs: Capricorn

*Capricorn is an earth sign, so feminine in gender. My Sun is in a \_\_\_\_\_ (element) sign, so of the \_\_\_\_\_ gender. Same gender, except for an opposition, is an easy aspect, feeling comfortable and productive. Different gender is a difficult aspect, and feels challenging but growth oriented. (Use Sign Elements and Genders chart.)*

*Or, my Sun is in Cancer, opposite Capricorn, creating a difficult aspect.*

*(This can be done for each planet or point in a chart, not just the Sun.)*

Houses

*Aquarius is in the \_\_\_\_\_ house of my birth chart, and so indicates areas of life such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . (Use House Keywords chart.)*

*Capricorn is in the \_\_\_\_\_ house of my birth chart, and so indicates areas of life such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . (Use House Keywords chart.)*

*Mars brings a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to these areas of life. (Use Planetary Keywords for Mars section.)*

Mars Ingress Dates:

Enter Aquarius May 15, 2018, ingress energy lasts 2-5 days. In Aquarius for about three months.

Enter Capricorn, retrograde August 12. It is moving slowly and stays close to a standstill in the last two degrees of Capricorn for about a month.

Enters Aquarius September 10, ingress energy lasts 5-9 days. In Aquarius until November 15.

**Jupiter**

*TO JUPITER, THE GOD ZEUS*

*The Fumigation from Storax.*

*O Jove much-honor'd, Jove supremely great, to thee our holy rites we consecrate,  
Our pray'rs and expiations, king divine, for all things round thy head exalted shine.  
The earth is thine, and mountains swelling high, the sea profound, and all within the sky.  
Saturnian king, descending from above, magnanimous, commanding, sceptred Jove;  
All-parent, principle and end of all, whose pow'r almighty, shakes this earthly ball;  
Ev'n Nature trembles at thy mighty nod, loud-sounding, arm'd with light'ning, thund'ring God.*

*Source of abundance, purifying king, O various-form'd from whom all natures spring;  
Propitious hear my pray'r, give blameless health, with peace divine, and necessary wealth.*

Planetary Keywords for Jupiter

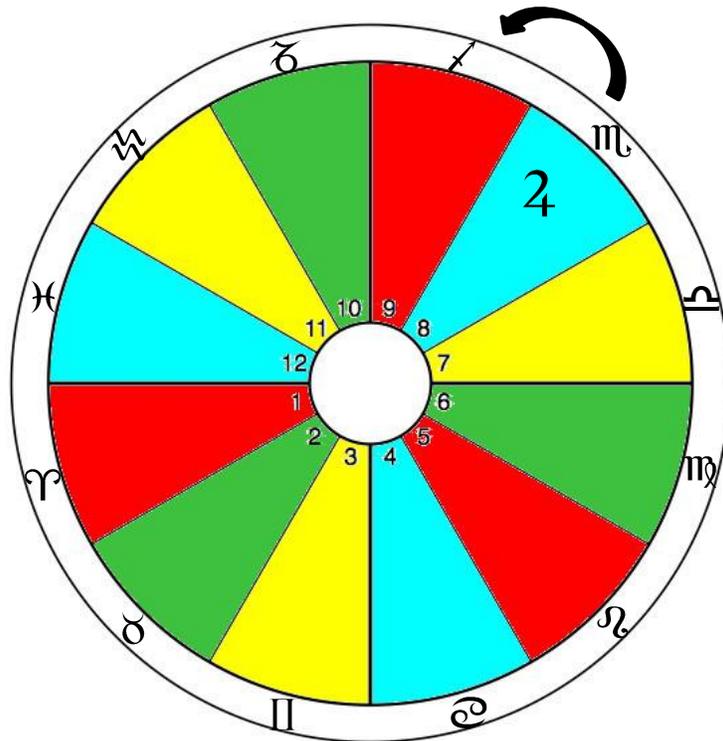
Jupiter is the teacher archetype and his qualities can include knowledge, greatness, authority, expansion, success, excess, joviality, and religion. The largest planet, Jupiter classically was described as promoting both warmth and moisture and as generating breezes that fertilize mind and body, literally and metaphorically.

Jupiter in Scorpio and Sagittarius

Jupiter is in Scorpio, and will move into one of its home signs, Sagittarius, on November 8, 2018.

Jupiter has been in Scorpio since October 2017. Scorpio is a water sign, and the element water is considered to be emotional, intuitive, nurturing, and relationship-oriented. Scorpio is known for qualities such as passion, intensity, secrecy, sexuality, transformation, and depth. Jupiter is Jove, or Zeus, the philandering king of the gods, but his boastful nature prevents him from keeping his liaisons a secret. Jupiter's deep dive into Scorpio can bring up and into the light secrets and repressions so they can be examined, understood, and released.

Jupiter enters the fire sign Sagittarius on November 8, 2018. The element fire is associated with will, determination, desire, and passion. Sagittarius is represented by the symbol of the archer, and is known for quickly apprehending foreign ideas and distant dreams. It loves to expand its sense of self through education and travel. Qualitatively, it is philosophical, exploratory, and integrative. Jupiter in Sagittarius is at his most generous, wise, and curious. He resizes your comfort zones so try something new!



### Time in Sagittarius

Jupiter takes about twelve years to go around the zodiac, and so spends generally one year per sign. He will be in Sagittarius for thirteen months.

### How Jupiter Will Affect Me

How will Jupiter's transition from Scorpio to Sagittarius affect you?

#### Planets in the Sign

My planets or points in Sagittarius are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Refer to your birth chart.) Jupiter will overlay his teacher qualities onto these planets in my chart when in Sagittarius.

#### Aspects to the Signs

Sagittarius is a fire sign, so masculine in gender. My Sun is in a \_\_\_\_\_  
(element) sign, so of the \_\_\_\_\_ gender. Same gender, except for an  
opposition, is an easy aspect, feeling comfortable and productive. Different gender is a  
difficult aspect, and feels challenging but growth oriented. (Use Sign Elements and Genders  
chart.)

Or, my Sun is in Gemini, opposite Sagittarius, creating a difficult aspect.

(This can be done for each planet or point in a chart, not just the Sun.)

#### Houses

Sagittarius is in the \_\_\_\_\_ house of my birth chart, and so indicates areas  
of life such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Use House Keywords chart.)

Jupiter brings a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to these areas  
of life. (Use Planetary Keywords for Jupiter section.)

### Jupiter Ingress Dates:

Enter Sagittarius November 8, ingress energy lasts 5-9 days. In Sagittarius until December 2, 2019.

## **Uranus**

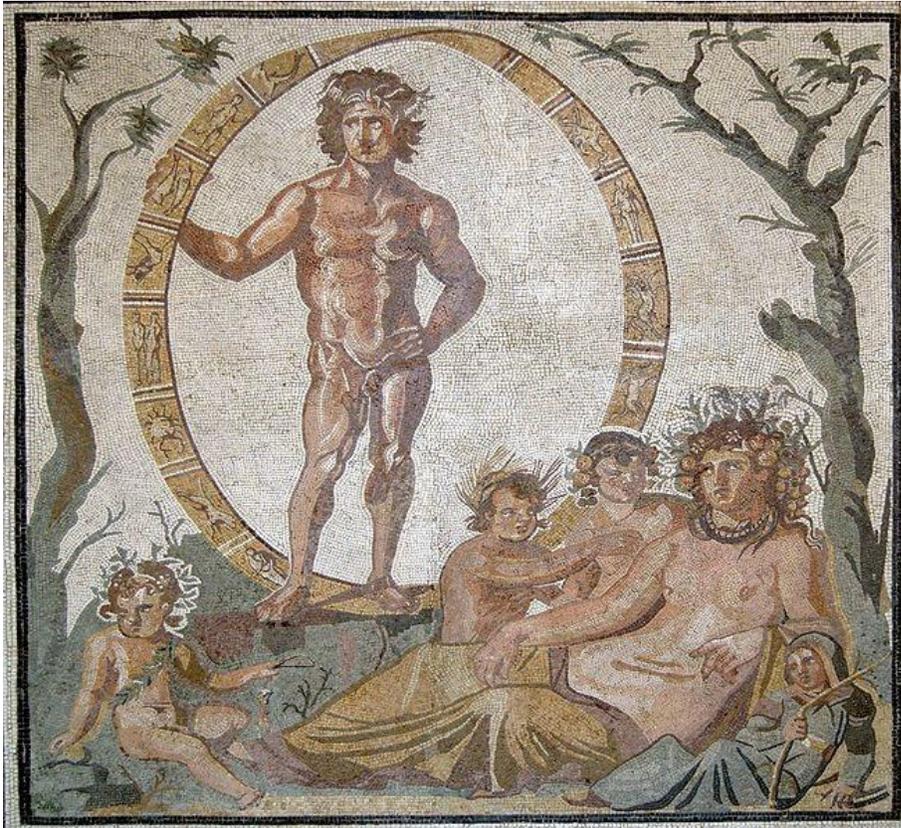
TO HEAVEN, THE GOD OURANOS

The Fumigation from Frankincense.

Great Heav'n, whose mighty frame no respite knows, father of all, from whom the world arose:  
Hear, bounteous parent, source and end of all, forever whirling round this earthly ball;  
Abode of Gods, whose guardian pow'r surrounds th' eternal World with ever during bounds;  
Whose ample bosom and encircling folds the dire necessity of nature holds.  
Ætherial, earthly, whose all-various frame azure and full of forms, no power can tame.  
All-seeing Heav'n, progenitor of Time, forever blessed, deity sublime,  
Propitious on a novel mystic shine, and crown his wishes with a life divine.

### Planetary Keywords for Uranus

Uranus was discovered by William Herschel in 1781. Although it had been observed before that time, its movement had not been tracked and it was considered to be a star. Astrologers based keywords for Uranus on the Greek god it was named after (Ouranos, Heaven, the sky god), important historical events that coincided with its discovery (between American and French Revolutions), and the planet's unique qualities (looks like it's knocked over on its side). Accordingly, it is considered to be innovative, unpredictable, revolutionary, and eccentric. Uranus is also associated with technology and the newest and greatest cutting edge inventions.



*Aeon-Uranus, Gaea and the Carpi, Greco-Roma mosaic 3rd century C.E., from the Staatliche Antikensammlungen und Glyptothek, Munich.*

### Uranus in Aries and Taurus

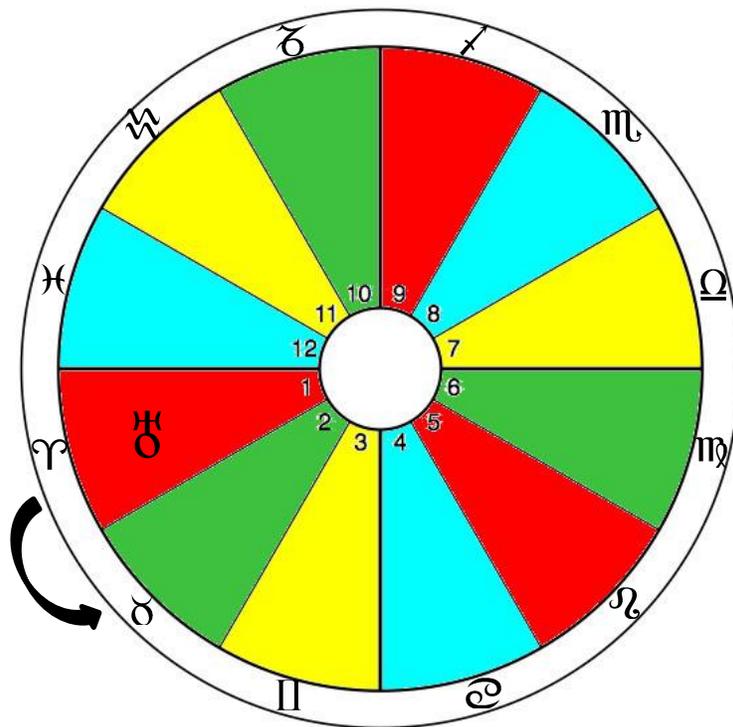
Uranus first moved into Aries in spring 2010. Aries is a fire sign. Fire is a masculine element and correlates to action, ambition, and passion. Aries is courageous, initiating, charismatic, and pioneering. In Aries, Uranus' willingness to fight for freedom is highlighted. He calls us to overthrow oppression and achieve independence. Uranus in Aries crackles with electric anticipation.

Taurus is an earth sign. The element earth is feminine and relates to the qualities of stability, reliability, commitment, and foundations. The sign Taurus is marked by qualities of dependability, sometimes stubbornness, pleasure, and materialism. Uranus' restless nature is bogged down in the tedium of the relaxed attitude of Taurus. When Uranus finds his footing in Taurus, he brings his innovation to the food

we eat and the way we treat our physical bodies. He encourages us to value what is eccentric and surprising. He can stimulate technological approaches to wealth. Uranus spends his time in Taurus establishing the infrastructure so the next phase of development can proceed.

In mythology, Uranus is the sky god and consort to Gaia, mother earth. He was one of the primordial gods. Uranus was the father of Saturn (Kronos), who in turn was the father of Jupiter (Zeus), who sired most of the other gods whose names have come to be associated with the planets. So Uranus is the great grandfather of Mars, the Sun, Mercury and others according to various myths. He also sired earlier races that predated the gods. The story goes that he locked these beings in the belly of the earth, Gaia. She was in pain, and arranged for her children the Titans to take revenge on their father. When Ouranos came at night to lie with her, four of the Titans held him down while the fifth, Saturn, used a sickle to castrate him. The blood that fell begat the Furies and the Giants.

Taurus is an earth sign, and is ruled by Venus, who in one story was born of the sea foam that arose when Ouranos' genitals were cast by Saturn into the ocean. Uranus moving into Taurus is reminiscent of the story of the sky god descending on an unwilling mother earth, who achieves her revenge. Uranus is given a double nature, before and after the castration. Before he is the all-powerful sky god who bends others to his will. Afterwards, the symbol of his power has been removed. Castration is associated with the concept of power in potential. Power that hasn't been realized, formed, or put to use. Things that are abstract, theoretical, and waiting to be developed. This leads to the Uranian idea of technology and innovation – ideas that work above the physical level, with little engagement on the material plane. This is a common concern in today's society, from the internet to addictive habits of cell phone use. Could Uranus in Taurus reconnect mind and body? Or will materiality again reject the unengaged intellect?



### Time in Each Sign

Although Uranus moved into Taurus today, he will go retrograde in August, and return to Aries in November, finalizing the details of his relocation before returning to Taurus in March 2019 for his seven-year sojourn.

### How Uranus Will Affect Me

Taking into consideration the qualities of Uranus, how will his entry into Taurus and his retrograde back to Aries affect you?

#### Planets in the Sign

My planets or points in Taurus are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Refer to your birth chart.) Uranus will overlay his revolutionary qualities onto these planets in my chart when in Taurus.

My planets or points in Aries are: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Refer to your birth chart.) Uranus will overlay his revolutionary qualities onto these planets in my chart when in Aries.

#### Aspects to the Signs: Taurus

Taurus is an earth sign, so feminine in gender. My Sun is in a \_\_\_\_\_ (element) sign, so of the \_\_\_\_\_ gender. Same gender, except for an opposition, is an easy aspect, feeling comfortable and productive. Different gender is a difficult aspect, and feels challenging but growth oriented. (Use Sign Elements and Genders chart.)

Or, my Sun is in Scorpio, opposite Taurus, creating a difficult aspect.

#### Aspects to the Signs: Aries

Aries is a fire sign, so masculine in gender. My Sun is in a \_\_\_\_\_ (element) sign, so of the \_\_\_\_\_ gender. Same gender, except for an opposition, is an easy aspect, feeling comfortable and productive. Different gender is a difficult aspect, and feels challenging but growth oriented. (Use Sign Elements and Genders chart.)

Or, my Sun is in Libra, opposite Aries, creating a difficult aspect.

(This can be done for each planet or point in a chart, not just the Sun.)

#### Houses

Taurus is in the \_\_\_\_\_ house of my birth chart, and so indicates areas of life such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . (Use House Keywords chart.)

Aries is in the \_\_\_\_\_ house of my birth chart, and so indicates areas of life such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . (Use House Keywords chart.)

*Uranus brings a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to these areas of life. (Use Planetary Keywords for Uranus section.)*

#### Uranus Ingress Dates:

Enter Taurus May 15, 2018, ingress energy lasts six weeks. In Taurus for almost six months before moving back into Aries.

Enter Aries, regtrograde, November 6. It is moving slowly and stays close to a standstill in the last two degrees of Aries for four months.

Enters Taurus March 6, 2019. Ingress energy lasts 5-6 weeks. In Taurus until July 2025.

### **So What Do I Do About These Planetary Ingresses?**

#### When to Work with the Planets

The period of the ingress is a great time to connect with the planetary energy and in particular to attune to how it works in that sign. Check the Ingress Dates section for each planet discussed to see the amount of time that the ingress energy lasts. Working with the planet for the duration of the ingress -- a couple of hours for the Moon; for Mars and Jupiter, once or twice daily for the requisite number of days; for Uranus, you have several weeks to acclimate to his energy. This gives you the strongest connection to that planet and opens up the most insight for what its transit will bring. Working with a planet during its planetary day and hour helps fine-tune your connection to the planet. For the planetary days, see the Planetary Correspondences chart, below. Dawn on the planet's day is always the hour of the planet. See sites like [Lunarium](#) or [Astrolabe](#) for additional hours of the planet during the day; it's necessary to enter your location to get the correct time.

#### Ways to Connect with the Planets

Working with the planets can be as spiritual or mundane as you like. Following is a list of techniques to experiment with. All are effective ways to connect with the planet's energies and invite them into your life in a beneficial and fruitful manner.

#### *Ritual Methods for Connecting with Planetary Energies*

Ritual and meditation, or a combination of the two, are commonly practiced and effective ways to connect with the planets.

Meditative techniques can include contemplating the planet or its correspondences (see Planetary Correspondences, below) to connect energetically and intuitively with the energy. Use or create a mala to chant the Divine Name of a planet (the qabalistic ones are listed below in the Planetary Correspondences chart, or do a web search on "Sanskrit mantras for the planets" to go down that rabbit hole). You can also create your own short affirmation for the planet based on its symbolic qualities to chant with a mala or hold in your mind during the course of the day. Another technique would be to use visualization and chanting to link the planet's energies to the appropriate energy center in your body.

Ritual work can include external trappings and props that bring physical reminders of its energy into your sphere of awareness, increasing your focus on the planet's energies. A ritual can include an

invocation or calling in of the planetary energy. Calls can be traditional, such as the Orphic Hymns listed at the head of each planet's section, or one you write yourself based on the standard qualities and correspondences of the planet. A petition is a request for something that you want—make sure what you ask for is covered by the planet's correspondences. So asking Mars for peace might go against the grain for him (talk to Venus about that one because she loves harmony), but asking him to help you stand up for yourself and protect your boundaries would be appropriate. Offerings or sacrifices are standard ways of propitiating a god who doesn't seem to be jiving with your best interests—if Mars is giving you a hard time, offering him something that he likes will soothe his temper.

### *Practical Methods for Connecting with Planetary Energies*

On the more practical side, doing everyday things that engage or reflect the potencies of the planet can assist you in connecting with the planet's energies. Try engaging in the pursuits governed by the planet you want to connect with. Mars is competitive and athletic, so exercising, playing sports, or playing games (it helps if you play to win) can invoke his qualities. For Jupiter, explore lofty philosophical discussions. Chase storms. Take a class or attend a formal religious service. To connect with Uranus, let your quirkiness out in public. Buck the system. Visit a science and technology museum. Touch a Van de Graaff generator and feel your hair stand on end.

Practicing the crafts of a planet can get you in the right planetary frame of mind. Mars likes working with his hands, blacksmithing or working with iron, and melting things down and reforming them. To connect with Jupiter, take a leadership role, learn and teach something, or travel and get to know new people. To invoke Uranian qualities, invent something, work with high-tech gear, or design a Rube Goldberg machine.

Another way of connecting is to speak with people who reflect the planet's qualities, for example, mothers for the Moon, soldiers for Mars, or teachers and priests for Jupiter, inventors and eccentrics for Uranus.

### A Sample Ritual

A simple ritual I like to do is to set up an altar for the planet, complete with an altar cloth and candle of the appropriate color and incense that the planet likes. This can become as elaborate as you like, but simple works too. I then say the Orphic hymn to the planet with reverence and perhaps letting my tone reflect a tinge of the energies of that planet—so the Moon invocation may be said dreamily, Mars would be recited fiercely, and Jupiter with magnanimous authority. I'll spend some time afterwards basking in the energy of the planet, or contemplating how I feel it affecting me or how I anticipate it interacting with my life. Feel free to ask the planet for what you need, keeping in mind the boundaries of its governance. This ritual doesn't take long, and I will probably do it every day that the ingress energy is acute (see the Ingress Dates section for each planet to get this timing). If possible, timing this ritual to the relevant planetary hour each day can be an additional way of reinforcing the energy. Journal insights and experiences to compare with and prepare yourself for the length of the planet's stay in this sign.

### A Sample Meditation

An internal rite for a planet might include meditating on the tarot card associated with the planet. Visualize the card as a doorway and step through the doorway into the landscape of the card. Once

there, engage your senses to clearly place yourself in and interact with the scene. You can converse with the tarot inhabitants and ask questions of anyone you meet. It can be helpful to request guidance for how best to put the planetary energy to use in your life. A more detailed description of this process is outlined in the “Entering a Card” section of the post [Tarot Meditations](#) on the Denver Tarot Convention blog. Or try out a pre-recorded [guided meditation](#) on my blog, Completely Joyous.

### Planetary Correspondences

	<b>Moon</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Venus</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mars</b>	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>Saturn</b>	<b>Uranus</b>
<b>Day</b>	Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Sunday	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	Wednesday
<b>Number</b>	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
<b>Color</b>	Violet, silver	Orange, rainbow	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue	Black, indigo	Gray, Blue, sky blue, rainbow
<b>Divine Name</b>	Shaddai El Chai	Elohim Tzabaoth	YHVH Tzabaoth	YHVH Eloah v'Da'ath	Elohim Gibor	El	YHVH Elohim	Yah
<b>Tarot Card</b>	The High Priestess	The Magician	The Empress	The Sun	The Tower	The Wheel of Fortune	The World	The Fool
<b>Incense/ Scent/ Herb</b>	Jasmine, sandalwood, violet	Storax, lavender, almond	Rose, orange blossom (neroli), vanilla	Acacia, frankincense, cinnamon	Tobacco, dragon's blood, clove	Pine, cedar, sage	Myrrh, cypress, patchouly	Coffee, nutmeg, guarana, mistletoe
<b>Metal</b>	Silver	Mercury	Copper	Gold	Iron	Tin	Lead	Zinc
<b>Stone</b>	Quartz	Fire opal	Emerald	Topaz	Ruby	Amethyst, sapphire	Star sapphire, pearl	Star ruby, turquoise

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