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Sun	Virgo	11°Vi59'	11th	01 20°Li16'
Moon	Scorpio	20°Sc54'	02nd	02 18°Sc50'
Mercury	Libra	02°Li33'	12th	03 19°Sg31'
Venus	Libra	20°Li13'	12th	04 21°Cp32'
Mars	Leo	01°Le37'	10th	05 23°Aq37'
Jupiter	Libra	12°Li23'	12th	06 23°Pi43'
Saturn	Libra	09°Li03'	12th	07 20°Ar16'
Uranus	Scorpio	26°Sc28'	02nd	08 18°Ta50'
Neptune	Sagittarius	22°Sg05'	03rd	09 19°Ge31'
Pluto	Libra	22°Li39'	01st	10 21°Ca32'
Midheaven	Cancer	21°Ca32'		11 23°Le37'
Ascendant	Libra	20°Li16'		12 23°Vi43'

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### Steven Forrest

Traditional astrologers "make predictions." Often they are correct. But right or wrong, "predictions" turn you into a marionette, with the planets holding your strings. And in my opinion, that is not a very inspiring description of the way the cosmos works, nor a very accurate one. You are vastly more powerful than that. You can, to a great extent, shape your own life. That at least is my belief. The future isn't crystallized. It's a wavering, quivering web of possibilities. How will they manifest? Much depends upon how you wield the magical wild card we call your freedom.

So, what's the use of astrology? In a nutshell, it can help you make better choices. The planets never give a definitive answer to the question "What will happen to me?" Instead, they ask the question. But they ask the question in a very specific way: "Given everything you are, all the bridges you've crossed, all the contracts you've signed, there are several possibilities for what you might do next..." In other words, "Here's the menu. What are you having?"

Question mark.

And the question mark is the most important part of the whole inquiry, because that's where the uncertainty -- and your freedom -- lies. But the planets do even more. They offer advice. In a sense, they recommend certain choices over others. They seem biased toward your evolution. They often suggest that you take the less familiar path, the one that moves you into richer fields of your own potentiality. The planets express this rather philosophical bias in a very concrete way. Typically, when you make a less energetic response to a planetary question, the results, while initially comfortable, rapidly turn painful. Sometimes the pain is immediate and dramatic, as in the collapse of an important relationship. Other times, it's more subtle, as in the degeneration of life into deadening boredom and ritual. Either way, sooner or later we know you made a wrong turn somewhere.

In the pages that follow, we will be exploring the coming months of your life from this planetary perspective. There are three parts to the report, and any or all of them may be included here, depending on which have been requested. First, the big questions. In the part of the report called THE INVITATION, we try to get that "mountain-top" perspective that enables us to make sense of the details. In THE MEANS, we turn our attention to some secondary factors that offer suggestions, help, and support in responding to those big questions. And finally, we'll look at the report period month-by-month, day-by-day, to get some ground-level insight into THE DETAILS. Your report may be for three, six, nine, or twelve months and may include any or all three sections just described. For this reason, and because some years in your life are astrologically more active than others, report length can vary quite a bit.

Throughout the following text, I'll be endeavoring to write in plain English, but if you're unfamiliar with the jargon of astrology, you'll encounter a few words that may require definition. A "transiting" planet, for example, refers to the actual, current position of that planet in the sky. Sometimes the transiting planets form critical geometric angles with the "natal" planets in the birthchart, triggering developmental questions in your life. These critical angles

are called "aspects."

The "progressed" planets function in much the same way as the transiting planets, but we approach them a little differently. They're like a script that's been built into your birthchart. Just as we know that an oak tree will emerge from an acorn and bring forth its leaves in season, similarly each person's birthchart contains within it the seeds of certain predictable developmental stages. Progressions spell out those stages.

So sit back, open your mind, and engage your heart. It's time to consider...

## The Invitation

Some years loom large in our memories decades down the road; others are blurry, easily forgotten. That universal human reality is reflected in the movements of the planets -- astrologically speaking, one year is often far more significant than another, just as in life. Most of the really important celestial factors move rather slowly; thus, it's not unusual to experience a time in which none of them have gone critical, when we can calmly keep on putting one foot after the other, on "cruise control."

Well, for you this is definitely not that kind of year. Something truly pivotal is occurring...

### **Tr. Saturn is Sextile Ascendant**

In effect: Aug 14, 2017 - Sep 4, 2017

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

The planet Saturn is currently casting a gray light on your circumstances -- but is it the bleak gray of sorrow or the clear, comforting gray of wisdom and digested experience? That's the choice. Saturn is classically viewed as the "bad" planet, the "Greater Malefic." Don't believe it! Used correctly, its transits can bring dignity and self-respect. Essentially, Saturn is about maturity. The part of your life that's being touched by the Saturnian energies needs to grow up...which, despite the lies we're all told, is not a process one mysteriously completes on one's twenty-first birthday. There is an area of your life where you have simply outgrown yourself, at least inwardly. The task now is to adjust your outward circumstances to reflect the maturity you've already attained psychically and invisibly. It is a material problem, not fundamentally a psychological one. To succeed, there is first a need to face reality squarely, even if it's unsavory. Then to make a hard choice...that is, to reach an emotional bottom line and not be crippled by your awareness of the ambiguities in your situation. And finally, in a spirit of commitment, persistence, and self-discipline, to claim those circumstances in your life which reflect the hard inner work you've been doing over the last few years. That's Saturn in general. Specifically, Saturn is sextile your natal Ascendant: sometime after the report period..

Let's first consider that the action and the developmental pressures are rooted in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. And what does that mean? That new information is coming your way, and that it may be somewhat shocking, unexpected,

or at least fresh. It will modify your plans and make you aware of new possibilities. The news may come to you through any of the media or through a messenger, either of which may possess the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what's the issue? What part of your own life is scheduled to be impacted most strongly by this new data? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by this flood of input.

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

The aspect pervading the event we've just considered is, as we observed, a sextile. Technically, that refers to a geometric angle of 60 degrees between the natal planet and the moving one. Sextiles are traditionally viewed as "good" aspects. Certainly, they're exciting. There is a mood of eagerness regarding the process we're exploring here -- and that's glorious, provided you're wary of the excessive impulsiveness that sextiles sometimes breed. In any case, the spinning wheel of circumstances can be counted on to provide some fortuitous, unexpected opportunities for you during this period. You'll have to be quick to seize them, though. They're real, but they're short-lived.

### **Tr. Neptune is Opposite Sun**

In effect: Aug 31, 2017 - continuing

Peak Date(s): Oct 9, 2017

The planet Neptune is presently tinting and shading your biography, adding its dreamlike quality to the existential stew. Close your eyes; there's a world in there. That's Neptune, the planet of consciousness itself. Now open your eyes. There's a world out there too, and it's hard to ignore it. In fact, the outer world has become so pressing in its demands that you've partly lost contact with the inner one. But Neptune, transiting through sensitive territories for you now, is fixing that. Your inner world is so full it's brimming over, overflowing its banks into your daily life. If you resist the process, you'll find a host of Neptune problems plaguing you: losing the car keys, forgetting to pay the electric bill, having the attention span of a three-year-old on a sugar jag. But there's an alternative: trust the process. Slow down. Meditate. Let the images come. Mould opinions. Breathe in, breathe out. Why? Because your unconscious mind has a message for you. It has to do with the possibility of happiness for you over the next few years, about how old sources of joy are drying up and -- critically -- about new ones you must learn to recognize. How do you receive the message? You stop resisting. You simply let it in. That's Neptune in the broad sense. How is it effecting you specifically? Neptune is opposite

your natal Sun: Oct 9, 2017.

First, factor in that the action and the developmental invitation are unfolding in the Fifth House, for that's the region of your birthchart through which Neptune is now passing. Immediately, the focus on Fifth House energies suggests that you are currently entering an existential territory that requires creativity, unabashed self-expression, and experimental audacity. Your "inner child" is a little cranky now, demanding some fun and some self-indulgence, all of which is entirely necessary and appropriate to your journey at the present time. Thus, life's pleasures -- games, vacations, sports, loving interactions -- deserve attention now. Whether you know it or not, you need a boost...and you'll get it in part from the "playmates" and "new toys" of the nature of Neptune that are now passingly, fleetingly available to you. Don't let them get away! But what's the core issue? What part of your own health hinges on this renewal? To answer that, we turn our attention to the Sun, which is being invited into development by this period of playful, celebratory creativity.

The Sun, as astronomers tell us, is the center of the solar system. Everything spins around it. With its enormous gravity, the Sun holds the entire system together. In a parallel way, the astrological Sun represents the gravitational center of your personality. Your ego. Your identity. The part of you that gets up in the morning and, without even a single sip of coffee, knows its name, rank, and serial number. Those same astronomers inform us that without the Sun's radiant energy, life as we understand it would cease to exist. Again, astrological meaning follows astronomical fact: the Sun symbolizes that spark of life inside you, your elemental vitality. Enthusiasm, energy, recuperative powers -- all these are solar themes. Thus, when the natal Sun is triggered in an important way, two critical questions come up for review: who are you, and what really makes you want to get out of bed in the morning?

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

The geometric angle or "aspect" involved in the process we are studying is, as we said, the opposition. Not surprisingly, this suggests that the natal planet and the moving one are 180 degrees apart. Tension is thus woven into the spirit of this period of your life. The two forces we described are polarized, which often translates emotionally into a feeling of being damned if you do, and damned if you don't. How can you break the logjam? Recognize that any impossibilities you are experiencing in this area probably arise from an incomplete or biased perspective. The opposition aspect always calls for a leap into a new, more accepting level of consciousness. Something is missing in your view of the problem -- and that missing link (here's the corker...) lies in the wisdom embodied by those people or situations that are now antagonizing you. It's not that they're right and you're wrong; only that the truth that can carry you beyond this impasse lies somewhere between the two positions.

What we've considered above is the underpinning of this phase of your life. It's truly elemental material -- the stuff of which milestones are made. There's no guarantee that astrological forces of such magnitude will be activated for everyone all the time. What follows is an analysis of some slightly less portentous dimensions of your astrological picture...less portentous, but still powerful enough to qualify as part of this year's "Invitation."

Try to see what follows in the light of all that's gone before...

### **Tr. Saturn is Conjunct Neptune**

In effect: in progress - Oct 13, 2017

Peak Date(s): Jul 21, 2017; Sep 27, 2017

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is conjunct your natal Neptune. The energies crest Jul 21, 2017; Sep 27, 2017.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Neptune, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

Close your eyes. Don't think of anything at all. Just be aware of all that infinite, dark space. Welcome to Neptune. In your natal chart, it represents the part of you that knows how to enter trance, to meditate, or to "space out." Everybody's got one, and everybody experiences that part of their consciousness from time to time. When triggered by transits or progressions, Neptune asks you to let go, to allow material to enter your mind uncensored and unstructured. It's more akin to feeling than thinking, but neither word captures it perfectly. Dreaming is the closest analogy...a sort of free-associative state in which your own mind works like an unpredictable movie theater. Why bother? Because such an astrological event signals that your unconscious mind or, if you prefer, your soul has an important message and is trying to get in touch with you.

It's helpful, of course, for you to embrace the power of Neptune positively in all departments of your life. But ever since you were born, one area has always stood out in that regard -- the Third House, which is where Neptune was located when you took your first breath in Houston, TX. There, in the area of communication, that energy is most critical. What you say, how clearly you express it, and how well you are heard are the issues currently experiencing developmental pressure. Finding your voice and using it are basic spiritual concerns for you; now they are being invited to take a quantum leap.

When hard-headed Saturn is stirred into the same pot with visionary Neptune, a season of brain-storming has arrived. A happy confluence now exists between creative imagination and shrewd practicality. Keeping them in balance is the art. You'll have some great ideas -- but not as great as they may at first seem. And you'll also see some formidable obstacles -- but not as

insurmountable as you may fear. There is a middle course between optimism and pessimism. It's called visionary realism. Practice it!

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

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

Date: Aug 21, 2017 - Continuing

The planet Jupiter is currently coloring your circumstances. Before we say exactly how, let's attempt to understand the more general significance of any Jupiter event. Essentially, this is a call to recognize an opportunity. Traditional astrologers view it more starkly -- to them, it is simply the planet of luck. And that is often the case: the toast does tend to land butter-side up when Jupiter is crossing sensitive territories. But the real, evolutionary meaning lies deeper. One key is that Jupiter is future-oriented...it is concerned with bright, unexplored possibilities. Stripped to its bones, Jupiter always asks one primary question: how have you been underestimating yourself? Its transits signal a time when new opportunities come into existence, but to seize them you must recognize that you deserve them, that you are capable of rising to them, and that old deals and compromises are finished. Trust yourself, have faith in life, and go for it: that's the spirit of Jupiter. How is it affecting you? Jupiter is conjunct your natal First House cusp: Aug 21, 2017.

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

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

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



## The Means

If you happen to have a cold on the day you win the lottery, will that taint your memory of the big event? Probably not. Ten years later, you will have forgotten your runny nose. Ten minutes later, more likely.

Life and memory work that way. We prioritize certain kinds of events, experiencing them more vividly and remembering them far longer than the trivial and the predictable. The details of a typical Monday morning aren't going to last as long in the memory banks as images of your moment of glory or your darkest hour.

In exactly the same way, not all astrological events have the same impact. What we have considered so far are all first-string milestones in your life. The rest of what we'll be considering is less central -- but that's not to say unimportant. What follows is a set of supplementary transits and progressions, presented chronologically. They're not quite as profound in their implications as what we've seen, but they're not without emotional and existential consequences. If what we have explored in the previous pages can be viewed as an evolutionary invitation, then, to that lofty end, what follows is....

### "The Means"

As you'll see, each of these events stands as significant in its own right. But their deepest meanings lie in the way they interact with what we've considered in the pages above, enhancing and sometimes complicating the broader developmental patterns.

Cards on the table: you can skim the next several pages and, I think, learn some things about the coming months that will prove prophetic...and more importantly, helpful. But the real magic lies in putting all the pieces together, synthesizing them in your heart into an emotional whole -- just like you've done with, say, memories of a special summer long ago. No computer can do that for you.

Your own creativity, your own reflections on the material we're covering, your own translations, additions, corrections, amendments, and meditations -- these are what make the difference.

Let's continue.

### **Tr. Saturn is Sextile Pluto**

In effect: in progress - Jul 31, 2017

Peak Date(s): Oct 7, 2017

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is sextile your natal Pluto. The energies crest Oct 7, 2017.

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently

located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Pluto, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

Everyone has fears. Everyone has shames and wounded places. In you and me and everyone else, there are marks left by the times we've been lied to, abandoned, used, or exploited. It's not the world's cheeriest subject, but turning away only empowers those Plutonian hurts, gives them more latitude to influence your life. When your natal Pluto is triggered by a passing transit or progression, dark shadows are stirred within you. It's a signal that forgotten, unprocessed, or repressed elements of your personal history are asking to be investigated. The procedure requires intensity, honesty, and emotional courage. The results are worth the effort. If you work well with these energies, you emerge stronger, clearer, and often with renewed inspiration. If you hesitate, it's not unusual for the old wounding dramas to be re-enacted in your life.

Always, it's advantageous for you to incorporate the force of Pluto positively in all parts of your life. But one area has always stood out in that regard -- the First House, which is where Pluto lies in your natal chart. There, in the area of assertiveness and personal power, the right use of that energy is most critical. In many situations you must react, respond, and play the cards you're dealt. But not in the First House. Here, you're in the driver's seat...and there are certain experiences you must claim for yourself, experiences of the nature of Pluto, even if the people about whom you care call you selfish for doing so.

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

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Conjunct Venus**

In effect: Aug 15, 2017 - Aug 27, 2017

Peak Date(s): Aug 21, 2017

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is conjunct your natal Venus. The action peaks Aug 21, 2017.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House, which is the last house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. Your key to success here lies in sorting out what parts of your life and circumstances have truly run their course and are therefore ready to be released. That's hard, sometimes, since like the rest of us you're in part a creature of habit

and are therefore subject to getting too attached to the familiar. Of what should you be letting go? Part of the answer lies with Jupiter, as we just described it: the part of you that's ready to "die and be reborn" is tangled up with that kind of energy and attitude. But we can go further. There is also some ending and releasing going in connection with Venus, which is being invited into development by these essential and apt conclusions -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by outside events if you're slow to recognize their necessity.

Venus is the goddess of love, of peace, and of the arts. In each domain, balance is the ideal. Deep in your psyche, there is a place that seeks the comfort of balance and equilibrium, whether through shared fondness with another human being, an hour's peace in the garden, or the rapture that sometimes arises as we immerse our hearts and minds in something beautiful. That inner circuit is your natal Venus. When it is stimulated, we often see experiences arising which prophesy a change in your relationships, in what gives you serenity, or in your aesthetic experiences.

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

When Venusian energies splice together with Jupiterian ones, opportunity (Jupiter) comes to you through other people (Venus). Sometimes what we might call "dumb luck" makes itself felt, but it doesn't hurt to help it along by understanding the planetary "rules of the game." Basically, they boil down to this: you've got to ask for what you want, you've got to know that you deserve it, and you've got to look that way...which is to say, there's no room for being apologetic, ashamed, or defensive.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Conjunct Ascendant**

In effect: Aug 15, 2017 - Aug 27, 2017

Peak Date(s): Aug 21, 2017

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is conjunct your natal Ascendant. The action peaks Aug 21, 2017.

Currently Jupiter is maneuvering through your Twelfth House. As we said earlier in the report, this is the final house of the cycle and often suggests endings and dissolutions. A meditative, accepting attitude is best now, letting go lightly of the things that are taken from you, knowing that despite appearances what is lost now has no place in the journey to come. What is to be released? A hint lies with Jupiter, as we just described it -- that part of you has

completed a major phase of its work and must now "graduate" to a new level. But we can go further. There is also a need for some release in connection with the Ascendant, which is being invited into development by these vital resolutions and these necessary deaths -- some of which, by the way, may be forced upon you by circumstance if you're overdue in appreciating their necessity.

The natal Ascendant -- that, as we have seen, represents your style, how you go about translating your inner worlds into the two-dimensional framework of daily social interactions.

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

### **Tr. Saturn is Sextile Venus**

In effect: Aug 18, 2017 - Sep 1, 2017

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

Saturn played a role earlier in this account. Now it emerges again, in a new way. To refresh your memory, Saturn is ultimately the planet of maturity. It always places a strong emphasis upon hard work, decisive choices, and persistence. Saturn currently is sextile your natal Venus. The energies crest sometime after the report period..

Let's first consider that the action is in the Third House, for that's where Saturn is currently located in your chart. This is familiar territory. New information is coming your way. It may be somewhat startling or unanticipated, and it will most likely come to you through a messenger whose nature or mood is in accord with the tone of Saturn, as we just described it. But what are the core questions? What part of you is most profoundly impacted by this new knowledge? The answer lies with Venus, which is being invited into development during this information-intensive period in your life.

The natal Venus -- that, as we have seen, is where you store your romantic and affiliative sensibilities, along with your aesthetic tastes.

Your Twelfth House demanded our attention above; now we see it playing a part again, once more suggesting that the quality of your inner life is what's really at stake in the situation we're considering. Under such a stimulus, many times the most appropriate step includes a strategic retreat...and a realization that something inside you is wise enough, spiritual enough, transcendent enough to sustain losses with impunity, even with generosity. To move positively in the present environment, renew your sense of the sacred by withdrawing and immersing yourself in the spirit of Venus, a planet which is functioning something like an inner guide for you in this lifetime.

When Venus collides with Saturn, a season of vows and boundaries in your intimate life is upon you. It's helpful now to remember that grown-up love is more than an emotion; it's also a commitment, a discipline, and a promise to be honored even in the face of difficulties or passing estrangements. Take some time alone now; you probably need it. Be clear and be serious, and don't let anyone trick you into taking positions you outgrew years ago.

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

**Tr. Jupiter is Square Midheaven**

In effect: Aug 23, 2017 - Sep 3, 2017

Peak Date(s): Aug 29, 2017

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is square your natal Midheaven. The action peaks Aug 29, 2017.

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

Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief -- we all play some kind of role in our community. Sometimes you're paid for it; sometimes you do it for the principle of the matter. The public "hat" you wear is symbolized by the natal midheaven. Physically, it's the highest point in your birthchart, and it corresponds to the most outward, obvious dimensions of your life: your profession, your status, your social role. When it is stimulated by a transit or a progression, you are advised of some impending evolution or revolution in your style of hat, so to speak. Much depends on the nature of the progressed or transiting planet, but certainly some adjustments must be made in your outward life to reflect more adequately those inner developments which have already taken place.

The aspect connected with the astrological process we're investigating here is the square, as we have seen. The square, traditionally characterized as an unfortunate aspect, describes a geometric angle of 90 degrees between the natal planet and the moving trigger. To call squares "bad" is misleading. More accurately, they are compelling. In the area of your life we're considering, a terrific friction has arisen. It's not comfortable, but it is an extremely effective motivator. The trick in using the energy creatively lies in moving decisively -- determining precisely what you want, claiming it, and letting the rest go. A season of tough choices is upon you. Regarding the process we described in the previous paragraphs, there are costs involved in all the courses available to you...the most costly, for all concerned, being the course of indecision.

**Tr. Jupiter is Sextile Neptune**

In effect: Aug 26, 2017 - Sep 6, 2017

Peak Date(s): Sep 1, 2017

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is sextile your natal Neptune. The action peaks Sep 1, 2017.

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

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

Your Third House figured previously in this report. Now we see it being triggered again, which tells us that one vitally important concern for you at present involves simple communication -- and that means listening as well as expressing yourself. Expect messages, perhaps even disconcerting ones, which embody the tone and nature of Neptune.

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

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

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

In effect: Aug 29, 2017 - Sep 9, 2017

Peak Date(s): Sep 4, 2017

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is conjunct your natal Pluto. The action peaks Sep 4, 2017.

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

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

Your First House came up earlier; now we see it stimulated again, once more suggesting that the deepest, most central factors in the situation we're considering all hinge upon the choices you make and the stands you take. "Who are you?" -- that's the essential question. And, at least for now, a big chunk of the answer lies with Pluto, a planet whose needs, interests, and predilections always figure prominently in your smartest, most self-aware moves.

When Jupiter gets hooked up with Pluto, think big and claim a victory. One is available, if you move decisively and know exactly what you really want. And therein lies the rub. All of us experience humiliating losses, insults, and defeats in the course of life. As you adapt to living with them, an attitude of disempowerment or futility can creep in. Conquering that mind-set is the real aim here. The truth is that psychologically you need a triumph now -- and synchronistically, the universe is ready to cooperate.

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

### **Tr. Jupiter is Square Mars**

In effect: Oct 13, 2017 - continuing

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

Jupiter figured earlier in this analysis. Now we meet it again. As you may recall, this is the planet of possibilities and the seizing of opportunities. Jupiter currently is square your natal Mars. The action peaks sometime after the report period..

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

Sheer animal vitality -- that's Mars. In your natal chart, it represents your boldness and your pluckiness: what gets your blood flowing. Or boiling. All passions are linked to Mars. Anger and your ability to defend your boundaries are part of the picture. So is your inner fire -- your enthusiasm, your intensity, your sexual desire. When triggered by a passing transit or progression, Mars often signals a "go for it" situation developing in your life, but to make the best of it, you'll need to be brave and assertive. Such transits or progressions can also warn you of upcoming battles, and in general it's wiser to seize the initiative rather than surrender your power to the whimsies of circumstance.

In what way do those notions connect with your present circumstances? Understand that Mars occupies the Tenth House of your natal chart, an area which refers to issues of career, status, and your public role...concerns which are currently undergoing considerable developmental pressure and change. All positive steps in terms of profession or your place in the community hold one point in common: they move you further and further in the direction of Mars, as we just described it. Any work that will prove enduringly satisfying invokes the

considerable energies of Mars in you; any work that does not embody them will turn out to be transitory or deadening.

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

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

## The Details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**July Invitation Peaks**

**Jul 21, 2017 - Tr. Saturn Conjunct Neptune**

**July Mean Peaks**

(None this month.)

**July The Details**

**Jul 15, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Sun**

Keywords: passionate relating clashes with your instinctive goal-oriented personality.

**Jul 15, 2017 - Tr. Venus Trine Jupiter**

Keywords: psychologically deep relating supports your typical meditative gambling.

**Jul 18, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Venus**

Keywords: professional dialog excites your native reclusive relating.

**Jul 18, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Square Moon**

Keywords: employment-oriented conversation conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting attitude.

**Jul 18, 2017 - Tr. Sun Trine Uranus**

Keywords: work-oriented identity enhances your usual self-assured originality.

**Jul 19, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Trine Neptune**

Keywords: employment-oriented dialog supports your typical clever imagination.

**Jul 19, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Pluto**

Keywords: vocational conversation stimulates your normal forceful intensity.

**Jul 22, 2017 - Tr. Mars Conjunct Mars**

Keywords: career courage fuses with your natural on-the-job swordsmanship.

**Jul 22, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Square Uranus**

Keywords: group-dynamical conversation conflicts with your instinctive self-assured individuality.

**Jul 22, 2017 - Tr. Venus Trine Venus**

Keywords: questing affection supports your typical quiet human connection.

**Jul 24, 2017 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Mars**

Keywords: vocational personality fuses with your natural work-oriented assertiveness.

**Jul 24, 2017 - Tr. Mars Sextile Mercury**

Keywords: career swordsmanship stimulates your normal spiritually open conversation.

**Jul 24, 2017 - Tr. Venus Opposite Neptune**

Keywords: adventuresome relating is in tension with your inherent intelligent contemplation.

**Jul 24, 2017 - Tr. Venus Trine Pluto**

Keywords: routine-shattering relating enhances your usual forceful intensity.

**Jul 25, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Mercury**

Keywords: career nature excites your native withdrawn communication.

**Jul 26, 2017 at 09:13 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

The Moon in a month passes through all twelve houses of your chart. In so doing, it correlates with the passing whimsies of mood. One afternoon you're bright and cheery, the following morning you're blue...but energetic again after lunch. It doesn't amount to much, and it's not really very important in practical terms -- with one exception: the passage of the Moon through the Twelfth House. During that time you are going through a kind of emotional moulting, ending one cycle and preparing to begin another. Your attentions and energies are turned inward. Accept that, handle it well, and the period -- usually a couple of days -- is quiet and contemplative. It may even be rather pleasant. But if you try to keep up your normal level of activity, you'll find yourself confused, flat, and prone to dumb accidents. So when the Moon enters your Twelfth House, make sure that you have some unstructured time. Minimize distractions. Put off any significant new beginnings for a couple of days. And take a few unhurried breaths. This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House Jul 26, 2017 at 09:13 PM, and emerges Jul 28, 2017 at 10:36 PM, when a new emotional cycle begins.

**Jul 31, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: vocational nature excites your native withdrawn integrity.

**August Invitation Peaks**

**Aug 21, 2017 - Tr. Jupiter enters First House**

**August Mean Peaks**

**Aug 21, 2017 - Tr. Jupiter Conjunct Venus**

**Aug 21, 2017 - Tr. Jupiter Conjunct Ascendant**

**Aug 29, 2017 - Tr. Jupiter Square Midheaven**

### August The Details

**Aug 02, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Mercury**

Keywords: exploratory human connection conflicts with your instinctive meditative communication.

**Aug 02, 2017 - Uranus turns Retrograde (at 28°Ar32' in your 07th House)**

Aspects: Square Mars, Trine Neptune, Opposite Pluto, Square Midheaven.

**Aug 03, 2017 - Tr. Mars Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: professional swordsmanship stimulates your normal private solitude.

**Aug 04, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Jupiter**

Keywords: career identity excites your native withdrawn opportunity.

**Aug 08, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Saturn**

Keywords: questing affection conflicts with your instinctive meditative integrity.

**Aug 08, 2017 - Tr. Mars Sextile Jupiter**

Keywords: vocational courage excites your native spiritually open gambling.

**Aug 10, 2017 - Tr. Venus Sextile Sun**

Keywords: exploratory human connection stimulates your normal long-term identity.

**Aug 10, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Jupiter**

Keywords: adventuresome human connection clashes with your instinctive spiritually open gambling.

**Aug 12, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Venus**

Keywords: professional personality excites your native private relating.

**Aug 12, 2017 at 05:56 PM - Mercury turns Retrograde**

Three, maybe four times in the course of a year, the planet Mercury spends three weeks or so going backwards in the sky, a period we call Mercury Retrograde. Practicality sometimes intervenes, but to the extent that you can arrange it, you are better off if you can avoid signing anything important during this period, buying anything mechanical (unless its failure would be of trivial consequence), initiating travel, or attempting significant communications by phone or mail. This, of course, is a lot to ask; and sticking to it too firmly starts to verge on Cosmic Paranoia. Still, there is a heightened tendency for objects, messages, and plans to go awry during this Retrograde time. Sometimes a little patience exercised now will make your life a lot easier in the long run. If steps simply must be taken, it doesn't mean everything is doomed to failure...just keep duplicates, have backups, double-check everything, and be prepared for petty annoyances. The first appearance of a Retrograde Mercury during the period of this report occurs Aug 12, 2017 at 05:56 PM. Those conditions persist until Mercury again goes "Direct" sometime after the report period..

**Aug 13, 2017 - Tr. Sun Square Moon**

Keywords: career personality conflicts with your instinctive self-assured sensitivity.

**Aug 14, 2017 - Tr. Sun Trine Neptune**

Keywords: work-oriented personality enhances your usual clever contemplation.

**Aug 15, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Pluto**

Keywords: professional personality stimulates your normal authoritative intensity.

**Aug 17, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Venus**

Keywords: routine-shattering affection conflicts with your instinctive reclusive relating.

**Aug 18, 2017 - Tr. Venus Trine Moon**

Keywords: exploratory human connection enhances your usual dignified sensitivity.

**Aug 18, 2017 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Midheaven**

Venus: Goddess of Love, Goddess of Peace...in her fast transits around your chart, she offers you counsel and support, sometimes through friendship, sometimes through more romantic kinds of intimacy. Her arrival at a sensitive zone also suggests that a time has come to relax and to receive solace or comfort, or to recharge your inner batteries through the perception of beauty. People come warmly into your space; a chance to "let your hair down" arises; paintings, music, and Technicolor sunsets abound.

Venus arrives at a conjunction with your Midheaven Aug 18, 2017, and that always suggests a time of public visibility or career-related activity. The Midheaven is the top of the chart and corresponds to the most outward, visible parts of your life. It's an active point, generally not very subtle. To make the most of it, pretend that "all the world's a stage" and that the part you're playing is that of Venus, as we just described it. Don't be shy. Ham it up a little, and make sure the people dozing in the back row don't miss any nuances.

**Aug 18, 2017 - Tr. Sun Square Uranus**

Keywords: strategic nature conflicts with your instinctive financially savvy individuality.

**Aug 19, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Pluto**

Keywords: on-the-job relating clashes with your instinctive decisive intensity.

**Aug 20, 2017 - Tr. Mars Sextile Venus**

Keywords: vocational courage excites your native reclusive affection.

**Aug 21, 2017 - Tr. Mars Square Moon**

Keywords: career courage conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting attitude.

**Aug 22, 2017 - Tr. Venus Trine Uranus**

Keywords: vocational affection enhances your usual self-confident individuality.

**Aug 23, 2017 at 06:49 AM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Aug 23, 2017 at 06:49 AM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Aug 25, 2017 at 07:25 AM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most

importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

**Aug 23, 2017 - Tr. Mars Trine Neptune**

Keywords: employment-oriented assertiveness enhances your usual clever imagination.

**Aug 24, 2017 - Tr. Mars Sextile Pluto**

Keywords: vocational assertiveness stimulates your normal decisive investigation.

**Aug 25, 2017 - Saturn goes Direct (at 21°Sg11' in your 03rd House)**

Aspects: Sextile Venus, Conjunct Neptune, Sextile Pluto, Sextile Ascendant.

**Aug 27, 2017 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Mars**

Keywords: on-the-job affection combines with your characteristic work-oriented courage.

**Aug 28, 2017 - Tr. Venus Sextile Mercury**

Keywords: work-oriented relating excites your native withdrawn conversation.

**Aug 30, 2017 - Tr. Mars Square Uranus**

Keywords: visionary courage clashes with your instinctive self-assured individuality.

### September Invitation Peaks

**Sep 27, 2017 - Tr. Saturn Conjunct Neptune**

### September Mean Peaks

**Sep 01, 2017 - Tr. Jupiter Sextile Neptune**

**Sep 04, 2017 - Tr. Jupiter Conjunct Pluto**

### September The Details

**Sep 02, 2017 - Tr. Venus Sextile Saturn**

Keywords: career human connection stimulates your normal meditative composure.

**Sep 04, 2017 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Sun**

Keywords: group-dynamical nature combines with your characteristic goal-oriented personality.

**Sep 05, 2017 - Tr. Venus Sextile Jupiter**

Keywords: career relating excites your native reclusive opportunity.

**Sep 11, 2017 - Tr. Venus Sextile Venus**

Keywords: career relating stimulates your normal meditative affection.

**Sep 12, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Moon**

Keywords: work-oriented human connection conflicts with your instinctive self-respecting attitude.

**Sep 13, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Moon**

Keywords: group-dynamical nature excites your native self-confident awareness.

**Sep 13, 2017 - Tr. Venus Trine Neptune**

Keywords: professional affection enhances your usual open-minded imagination.

**Sep 13, 2017 - Tr. Venus Sextile Pluto**

Keywords: work-oriented relating excites your native authoritative investigation.

**Sep 14, 2017 - Tr. Sun Square Neptune**

Keywords: goal-oriented nature clashes with your instinctive verbal inspiration.

**Sep 16, 2017 - Tr. Venus Square Uranus**

Keywords: group-dynamical human connection clashes with your instinctive dignified autonomy.

**Sep 18, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Uranus**

Keywords: quiet identity stimulates your normal resourceful autonomy.

**Sep 19, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Conjunct Sun**

Keywords: goal-oriented dialog combines with your characteristic long-term identity.

**Sep 19, 2017 at 03:47 PM - Tr. Moon enters Twelfth House**

This month, the transiting Moon crosses into your natal Twelfth House again Sep 19, 2017 at 03:47 PM. It emerges and a new emotional cycle begins Sep 21, 2017 at 04:21 PM. As we discussed earlier, this represents a brief period in which you serve your own ultimate interests best by relaxing a bit, taking some extra precautions against physical mishaps, and most importantly, delaying any major new starts, insofar as that's possible.

**Sep 23, 2017 - Tr. Mars Conjunct Sun**

Keywords: goal-oriented assertiveness combines with your characteristic long-term personality.

**Sep 24, 2017 - Tr. Sun Sextile Mars**

Keywords: quiet personality excites your native professional assertiveness.

**Sep 24, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Moon**

Keywords: visionary communication stimulates your normal self-confident attitude.

**Sep 25, 2017 - Tr. Sun Conjunct Mercury**

Keywords: reclusive nature fuses with your natural private communication.

**Sep 25, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Square Neptune**

Keywords: strategic dialog clashes with your instinctive intelligent imagination.

**Sep 27, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Uranus**

Keywords: reclusive conversation stimulates your normal resourceful autonomy.

**Sep 28, 2017 - Pluto goes Direct (at 16° Cp51' in your 03rd House)**

Aspects: Sextile Moon, Trine Sun, Square Venus, Square Jupiter, Square Saturn, Square Pluto, Opposite Midheaven, Square Ascendant.

**Sep 29, 2017 - Tr. Venus Conjunct Sun**

Keywords: visionary relating combines with your characteristic priority-clarifying personality.

**Sep 30, 2017 - Tr. Mercury Sextile Mars**

Keywords: quiet communication excites your native professional courage.