

This and That

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Rx planets pull away from personal commitment.

If the Moon is conjunct a retrograde planet at birth or thereafter, lack of opportunity means that a person is required to wait in his or her early years. The person becomes accustomed to waiting or accepts delays more easily, especially if Saturn is the retrograde planet.

If a planet is stationary, a turn in affairs will occur only when the planet changes degree. There is a period during which the planet is in the same degree but not necessarily in the same minute; it is gathering momentum. If turning retrograde, the planet is gathering momentum to look after something overlooked before; if turning direct, the planet is gathering momentum toward completion of a previously stalled situation. Either way, a change will occur.

Interceptions weaken a house, giving it a feeling of being hemmed in and held back. An intercepted planet shows a lifelong threat of outside interference in matters governed by the house it is in, especially if it is afflicted. Unbalanced progressed interceptions cause a planet to withdraw from others and go into seclusion intentionally. Mute signs keep secrets or withhold some unsavory detail. An INTERCEPTED planet is being held between two bars and is under restraint until it leaves the sign and gets the go-ahead.

Mutual receptions work together. The person can get out of what he or she gets into, or can change places with someone else, compromise an otherwise unsatisfactory arrangement, and return to normal. Mutual receptions give two avenues of expression and enlarge the sign noticeably throughout life. Above the horizon makes for success and makes more headway in life, especially with the Sun. If below the horizon, the mutual reception is less than perfect but worthwhile. In mutual reception, the mutual planet helps to overcome any difficulty, usually by change or exchange. It is to be counted on to improve whatever is unsatisfactory elsewhere. The person gets out of whatever he or she got into, or it changes some condition or situation to his or her advantage, often through the cooperation of someone else—and sooner, if both planets are in direct motion. Retrograde planets do not make themselves evident and do not help out. If one of the planets threatens the Asc. and is malefic, it can affect health. Uranus or Neptune malefic in the first threaten divorce.

Promitor: a planet promises what it usually signifies. The good aspect brings out the good, the bad aspects bring out its bad side. For example, under a bad aspect, Jupiter promises too much, such as obesity. Saturn under a good aspect promises desirable training; under a bad aspect, harsh discipline.

Unaspected Sun is initiation of power consciousness. The sign shows the spiritual or esoteric path; the house is where the start is made. If the unaspected Sun is in the 4th

house, the start is later in life. The negative aspects show people, experiences, or reactions that thwart fulfillment.

The MC is one's place in the world. East Point is character and hereditary problems. East Point and Anti-Vertex determine unique personality.

0 degrees: When a planet reaches 00.00 degrees, a new course has been set, either through one's own choice or by force. Anything in 0 degrees has to do with changes and a fresh start or new beginning.

29 degrees shows misfortune. 29 degrees of Taurus, Gemini, Leo, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces are unfortunate. A 29 Cancer south node heightens secretive tendencies and mystical inclinations, as it is in the Pisces decanate. 29 degrees of Aries is restraint through institutions, disturbances of the equilibrium, excitements and upsets, and emotional obstacles. Having the nodes and planets at the same degree is considered unfortunate.

For declination, use 1 degree orb. If parallel, planets work together, are in agreement with each other. Parallels are powerful, receiving each other mutually. Out of Bounds planets are too independent and are likely to overstep current rules and regulations, upsetting the status quo and leading to chaos on occasion.

A planet that is combust (within 3 degrees of the Sun) suffers from an overload of solar energy, so that the planet's thinking is confused.

ASPECTS: Quincunx is adjustment, sudden change. Sun quincunx Moon is passive action and can suddenly become aggressive. Sun semisextile Moon is conflict between the conscious will and emotions. Sun semisextile Jupiter is exaggeration, foolish optimism, egotism and extravagance. Jupiter semisextile Uranus in the 5th and 6th can be a lucky chance and a sudden change in destiny.

Jupiter and Pluto are a law unto themselves, and difficult aspects between them can show conflicts with authorities and arrest.

An opposition is a time of culmination. It is something that had its start at the conjunction; it's a time of ending, and a change can be made.

Saturn-Pluto aspects represent controlled use of power, lessons of survival (polio, TB, AIDS, etc.). The person feels persecuted. Sabotage of or by those in authority.

The Vertex-Anti-Vertex axis is the intersection of the ecliptic with the East-West points of the prime vertical. When the Vertex is conjunct the Mars-Uranus midpoint, there is a stepping up of energies and the person struggles for survival.

The Vertex and Pluto rule groups. If the Vertex is intercepted in the 8th, others can bring financial loss. Vertex or Pluto sesquiquadrate the Asc. is physical interference. Vertex

quincunx Mars is leadership. The Vertex is fated encounters. The anti-Vertex connects us to personal external events which call for action and should be paid attention to, in order to avoid a reaction with the Vertex. The Vertex ties the native to past karma or to past karmic factors. It is related to group factors and is the least personal of the angles. Aspects to the Vertex help to manifest and express meanings and function, but also limit its scope of action. An unaspected Vertex threatens the purpose, is stunted, and weakens relationships. If by progression an interception ceases and the Vertex or other planets pass out of the interception, especially if strong aspects are involved, the native becomes more outgoing but the natal influence remains somewhat.

The Nodes show where eclipses occur in the chart, and aspects to them are very important. The lunar nodes are points of intersection between the Moon's orbit and the plane of the ecliptic. The planes are separated by a 5 degree inclination, so that for half of its monthly cycle the Moon is above the ecliptic, and for the other half it is below. When the Moon moves from south to north, it is called the ascending or north node. The descending node is called the south node, and the two points are called the nodal axis. The mean nodes move retrograde around the zodiac every 18.6 years, about 3 minutes per day. The True Node is either Rx or Direct. The south node has to do with past life echoes, and the north node is lessons to be learned. Nodes indicate a person's capacity for growth within their own environment.

Pluto in the first house or rising is a concealing persona and can feel violated if you're not careful in dealing with them. The person's birth involved trauma or a brush with death. A strong Pluto signifies a dominant grandmother, or the person lived with the grandmother.

Pluto on either side of the Ascendant finds it difficult to achieve intimacy and makes it difficult to let others in, especially with the hard aspects. Pluto conjunct the Descendant often gives his or her power away. Pluto on the MC is where we want to go. Pluto on the IC is where we come from.

Pluto rising wants to hide and is concerned about survival.

Pluto in the 11th is accidentally in its fall. It attracts powerful friends and group associations, and must be careful to respect the rights of others. It can also bring occult friends and associations.

Pluto in Leo can be extravagant in spending and gambling.